

City of Gardiner

2015 Annual Report



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Dedication



The 2015 Annual Report is Dedicated to the Ambulance Advisory Committee

The City of Gardiner would like to dedicate the 2015 annual report to the ambulance advisory board. The ambulance advisory board is comprised of representatives from each of our nine partner communities, providing guidance to the operation of our ambulance service. During a time when our ambulance service was experiencing financial difficulties the ambulance board was instrumental in leading the effort to make the necessary changes to allow the ambulance service to be financially viable. The efforts of the board were instrumental in maintaining our current communities as part of the ambulance service and set the stage to add Dresden and Richmond back to our service area. Because of these efforts the financial picture for the ambulance service is in a much better position. We want to show our appreciation to the ambulance advisory board for their continued support and guidance of our ambulance service. We could not provide the level of service that we do without them.

City of Gardiner

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Gardiner, ME 04345

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**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30am to 4:30pm,
Wednesday, 9:30am to 7:00pm and Friday, 8:30am to 3:30pm**

Contact City Hall

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City Clerk/Registrar of Voters	Lisa Gilliam	582-4460	clerk@gardinermaine.com
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P&D, CEO, Assessing Admin Asst.	Dorothy Morang	582-6892	acoffice@gardinermaine.com
Police Chief	James M. Toman	582-5150	police@gardinermaine.com
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Public Works Supervisor	Tony LaPlante	582-4408	publicworks@gardinermaine.com
Sewer Clerk	Becky Sieberg	588-4070	sewerbill@gardinermaine.com
Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer	Kathleen Cutler	582-2223	taxcollector@gardinermaine.com
Wastewater Treatment	Doug Clark	582-1351	wwtp@gardinermaine.com

PUBLIC SAFETY NUMBERS

Police, Fire, Ambulance (emergency)	9-1-1
Police (non-emergency)	582-3211
Fire Department (non-emergency and burn permits)	582-4535
Augusta Regional Communications Center (Dispatch)	624-7076

Additional Phone Numbers

Gardiner Area High School	582-3150	Adult Education	582-8458
Gardiner Regional Middle School	582-1326	Superintendents Office	582-3774
Laura E. Richards Elementary School	582-3612	Boys and Girls Club	582-3774
Riverview Elementary School	582-3402	Gardiner Post Office	582-6160
		Gardiner Water District	582-5500



Mayor's Greeting

Thomas Harnett, Mayor

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Mayor of the City of Gardiner in 2015 and I look forward to serving you again in 2016. As Mayor, one of my responsibilities is to present you with an Annual Report for the City of Gardiner. This report for the calendar year of 2015 is issued under Maine law at 30A M.R.S.A. §2801 and will provide you with a record of the City's financial transactions; a statement of the City's assets and liabilities, including a list of taxpayers unable to meet their tax obligations; and a post audit report based on the complete report of the City's auditors. I will also use this opportunity to highlight some of the exciting things that are happening in the City of Gardiner. I encourage you to read the entire Annual Report and look for ways that you might be able to play a role on a City Board or Committee to help us continue to grow our beautiful little City nestled on the Kennebec. The City of Gardiner continues to move forward, due in large part to the hard work of our City employees. I appreciate all their effort and I also feel fortunate to work with an engaged and thoughtful City Council. Together we are taking on the challenges of providing essential City services in the face of what was another decrease in the amount of statutorily mandated revenue sharing coming to Gardiner from Augusta.

When I look back at 2015 I think of it as the year of the "F" due to four words, food, fire, family, and the future. Those four words played an important role in our community.

FOOD-Our community likes food and loves when it can obtain its food and beverages from local sources. Many of our residents have made it clear that they want Gardiner to be a food hub that attracts people to our City to sample its local flavor. Well, in 2015 we moved closer to that reality and were able to do it by working with our state and federal partners in encouraging and assisting new food based businesses, many of which have created good paying jobs right here. In 2015 alone, Gardiner with the help of its Economic Development Committee secured \$970,000 in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to aid the growth of three Gardiner food based businesses, the Gardiner Food Co-op and Cafe, Central Maine Meats, and Lost Orchard Brewing. We also welcomed Craft Beer Cellar which features Maine made craft beer, wines and other great products. Craft Beer Cellar was just one of the new businesses that choose Gardiner as its home. I see this aspect of our business community growing throughout our City and I look forward to it.

FIRE-Our beautiful community was disrupted by far too many fires in 2015. Very early in the year, buildings that were home to many of our senior citizens on Highland Avenue were virtually destroyed in a mid-winter fire. Fortunately, nobody was seriously injured and the fire was well handled by the City of Gardiner's Fire Department and those of our partner communities. Nonetheless, dozens of residents lost many or all their cherished possessions and needed to find new homes in which to live.

In July, we lost part of our historic downtown in another fire that left longtime residents without homes, destroyed personal property, and led to losses for our business community because of the disruption caused by the fire and its cleanup. Once again, our firefighters and those of our partner communities saved lives while risking theirs.

We also experienced a string of fires that destroyed at least three single family homes that left far too many without homes and life's basic necessities. One of those fires destroyed a single family home the day before Thanksgiving. Our City and area firefighters were there at a moment's notice.

Despite the heroic efforts of the men and women that fought these fires, families were uprooted, made temporarily homeless, and were often left with only the clothes they were wearing when they escaped what had been their homes. In response to that repeated devastation, we saw the best that Gardiner and our surrounding communities had to offer.

FAMILY-The outpouring of compassion that followed each of these tragic events made me proud and left me in awe. The generosity of our residents and neighbors helped countless people whose lives were forever changed in a moment, get back on their feet, find and furnish new places to live, and return to some sense of normalcy in quick order.

Community members, including businesses, donated money in both small and large amounts, fundraisers were held and well attended, and furniture and clothes were donated by the truckload. A fire fund was quickly established and contributions to it allowed us to meet the needs of all of those who lost so much so quickly. Gardiner proved itself to be the epitome of community and truly came together as a family.

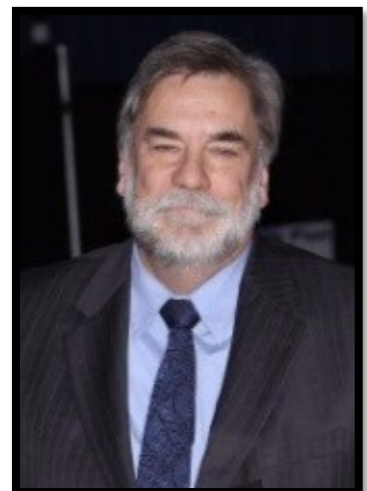
FUTURE-While I look back at 2015, I am reminded that as a community, the City of Gardiner is also always looking to its future. We treasure our past but know that we must continue to look ahead to improve our City and community for those who will follow us. To that end, we applied for and were successful in garnering \$400,000.00 in Brownfields grants to begin the reclamation and revitalization of the old T.W. Dick site and surrounding properties. While the property and its business were certainly an important piece of our collective history, it will be amazing and exciting to watch its rebirth in the form of housing, medical facilities, other businesses, and everything else that lies in-store.

In closing, I want to thank you for continuing to provide me with the opportunity to serve as the Mayor of what is truly an incredible City. I am excited about our future and I look forward to working with the City Council and the City staff to continue to provide needed services in a fiscally responsible manner. Please know that if you ever have any questions, concerns, or ideas about our community, I am only a phone call or an email away.

Be well,



Thom Harnett
Mayor

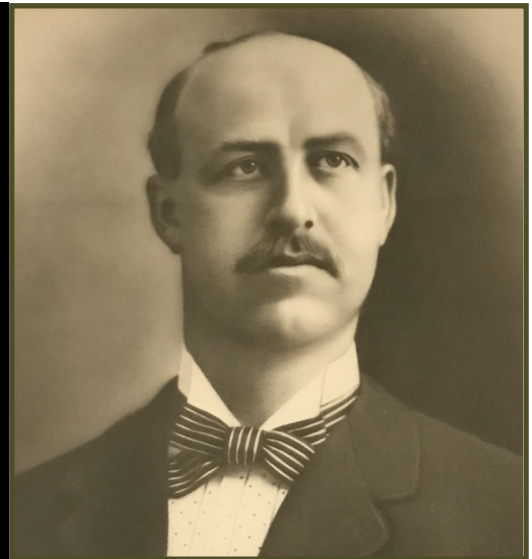




Gardiner Mayors

Robert Hallowell Gardiner	1850
Parker Sheldon	1851
Robert Thompson	1852
Edward Swan	1853
Noah Woods	1854-1858 & 1861-1862
Henry B. Hoskins	1859-1860
James Nash	1863-1864
Nathan O. Mitchell	1865-1866
George W. Wilcox	1867
Joshua Gray	1867-1870
D.C. Palmer	1871-1873 & 1879-1880
H.M. Wentworth	1874-1875
James B. Dingley	1876-1878 & 1893
Joseph E. Ladd	1881 & 1886
William Perkins	1882-1883
S.E. Johnson	1884-1885
John W. Berry	1887-1888
A.M. Spear	1889-1892
Oliver B. Clason	1894-1896
James Walker	1897-1898
Freeman Patten	1899-1900
Frederic Danforth	1901-1902
Edwin L. Bussell	1903-1904

Edwin L. Bussell, 1903-1904



Charles A. Knight	1905-1906
Will G. Atkins	1907-1908
Charles H. Gray	1909-1910
B.E. Lamb	1911-1917 & 1921-1923
C. J. Bragdon	1918-1920
Donald S. McNaughton	1924-1925
Wallace N. Price	1925-1926
William O. Cobb	1927-1934
Edwin P. Ladd	1935-1940
Phillip H. Hubbard	1940-1952
Percy K. Hanson	1953-1954
Dwight Emery	1955 & 1959-1962
Russell J. Leighton	1956-1958
Wallace E. Shepard, Sr.	1962-1967
Ralph M. Clark	1968-1969
Harold J. Shapiro	1970-1975
Robert D. Mooers	1976-1977
Irving B. Faunce	1978-1979
William F. MacDonald	1980-1985
Charles J. McLaughlin, Jr.	1986-1988
Brian MacMaster	1989-1990
Patricia C. Bourgoin	1991-1992
Brian Rines	1993-2006
Andrew MacLean	2007-2012
Thomas Harnett	2013-Present

Ralph M. Clark, 1968-1969





Gardiner City Council



Back Row: Terry Berry, Maureen Blanchard, Richard Heath, Scott Williams

Front Row: Pat Hart, Thom Harnett, Phil Hart, Jonathan Ault

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires/Seat</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>
Thom Harnett	2016/Mayor	mayor@gardinermaine.com	582-0905	52 Marston Road Gardiner, ME 04345
Terry Berry	2015/District 1	council1@gardinermaine.com	242-7216	64 Winter Street Gardiner, ME 04345
Pat Hart	2015/ District 2	council7@gardinermaine.com	582-4119	34 High Holborn Street Gardiner, ME 04345
Richard Heath	2015/District 3	council3@gardinermaine.com	582-8007	116 Dresden Avenue Gardiner, ME 04345
Philip Hart	2015/District 4	council6@gardinermaine.com	582-1401	PO Box 142 South Gardiner, ME 04359
Maureen Blanchard	2016/At-Large	council4@gardinermaine.com	582-4002	120 Dresden Avenue Gardiner, ME 04345
Jonathan Ault	2016/At-Large	council2@gardinermaine.com	458-3109	127 Cobbossee Avenue Gardiner, ME 04345
Scott Williams	2016/At-Large	council5@gardinermaine.com	313-1078	65 High Holborn Street Gardiner, ME 04345

City Councilors and the Mayor are nominated by petition. These petitions are filed with the clerk between the first Monday of August and the second Monday of September and elected by general election the second Tuesday in November.



City Manager's Annual Report

Scott Morelli, City Manager

This annual report provides a glimpse into the activities of your city government during the 2015 calendar year. As you will note when reading through this document, all departments continued to provide high level services to the public while striving for efficiency.

A prime example of such efficiency is the reorganization that occurred within the Planning and Economic Development department. Starting in January, the City contracted with Gardiner Main Street to use their executive director as the City's new, part-time Economic Development Coordinator. This position replaced the full-time Economic Development Director, who left staff in November 2014. The duties of the former director were meted out to the new coordinator, the reactivated Economic Development Committee, and the City Manager; and resulted in a savings of approx. \$35,000 annually. The department made significant accomplishments in 2015, including securing \$970,000 in CDBG grants for three Gardiner businesses: Gardiner Food Co-Op, Central Maine Meats, and Lost Orchard Brewing.

The City also acquired three of the four former T.W. Dick parcels via tax foreclosure in 2015 (we acquired the fourth, main lot in late 2014 via sewer foreclosure). The City used a portion of its \$400,000 Brownfields assessment grant funds to identify contaminants on these properties and come up with an estimate to remediate these environmental issues so that the sites can be redeveloped. We have applied for grant funding from the State of Maine, federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) to help cover the costs of the remediation. The City has also reached an option agreement with Developers Collaborative to construct a new medical facility for Maine General on the main lot once the site is cleaned up. We expect to hear about the grant funds in the first part of 2016.

The City also received an analysis from a consultant on the level of services it provides in the police, fire/ambulance, public works, and library departments. The report had several recommendations for each department but found that they were all operating efficiently and that their staffing levels and expenses were well in line with comparable communities. Council solicited feedback from the public on several occasions about what, if any, changes in the level of service provided by these departments would be palatable to help reduce the property tax burden. Most of the feedback was to maintain the existing level of service. Council will consider any possible changes during the FY17 budget process, beginning in April 2016.

Finally, as a result of the \$70,000+ savings from the reorganization of the front office in late 2014, the front interior of City Hall was completely renovated. This renovation allowed staff to work more closely together and for residents to have "one-stop service" by being greeted and assisted immediately as they enter City Hall. My thanks to our Buildings & Grounds staff for performing much of this work and for helping to create a more professional office environment for staff and citizens alike.

In closing, I'd like to thank our elected and appointed officials, our staff, and the many community volunteers that work hard every day to make Gardiner a great place to live and to work. I'd also like to give a special thanks to those who stepped up to help during the several fires we experienced in 2015, including within our downtown. It continues to be a privilege to serve the people of Gardiner as City Manager.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Morelli

City Manager





Assessing Department

Curt Lebel, City Assessor

The Assessing Department operates under the Finance Department of the City of Gardiner.

Assessing Department Staff

Curt Lebel, City Assessor

Dorothy Morang, Administrative Assistant

The City Assessor is responsible for determining the equalized value of real estate and personal property that is subject to municipal taxation. In Maine, a large portion of Municipal, School and County budgets are funded by the property tax. The City Assessor, acting as an agent of the State, governed by State Law and local management policy is responsible for the equitable distribution of the property tax between all the tax-

able properties within the City. Ongoing administrative duties involve the maintenance of property information on parcels within the City, municipal budget cap development, maintenance and determination of captured value of the City's Tax Increment Financing districts and production of GIS maps for City projects. Specific records include legal information regarding ownership, parcel maps, property record cards, sales information, etc.

Residential valuations for the Fiscal year 2015 assessment were largely stable, despite ongoing mortgage foreclosure activity. An assessment ratio study conducted by Maine Revenue Services showed a 1% change in the residential assessment ratio from the previous year and the average assessment ratio for 2014/2015 was 104%. The growth in taxable valuation base was 3.1 million over Fiscal year 2014.

Assessment Statistics for Fiscal Year 2015

Assessment Date: April 1, 2014

Homestead Exemptions: 1,202

Commitment Date: July 30, 2014

Veterans Exemptions: 194

Taxable Valuation: \$354,767,800

Blind Exemptions: 4

Net Assessment: \$7,308,216.68

Parsonages: 6

Tax Rate: .0206

Tree Growth Parcels: 10

Assessment Ratio: 100% Certified Ratio

Farmland Parcels: 9

Transfers Processed: 145 (Apr 13-Mar 14)

Open Space Parcels: 2

Permit Checks: 261

FY 2014 Municipal Levy Limit: \$3,550,580.27

FY 2014 Municipal Levy: \$3,006,152.52

FY 2012 Municipal Levy was: \$564,427.75 less than allowable limit.

Important Deadlines:

April 1st- All applications for exemption, or current use programs are due: statutory date of assessment.

May 1st- All business personal property declarations are due.



Finance Department

Denise Brown, Finance Director
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

This report is a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City of Gardiner for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. I encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the audited financial report, which contains a complete analysis of the city's financial position. This report is available on the city's website.

Financial Highlights of Fiscal Year 2015

The assets and deferred outflow of resources of the City of Gardiner, Maine exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$18,337,628 (net position) (Statement 1). Of this amount, \$1,454,663 (unrestricted net position) (Statement 1) may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

- The City of Gardiner, Maine's total net position increased \$1,558,816 (Statement 2). This represents an increase of \$648,799 in governmental activities and an increase of \$910,017 in business-type activities (Ambulance and Wastewater).
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City of Gardiner, Maine's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,960,831 (Statement 3), an increase of \$34,820 (Statement 4) in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,606,097 (Statement 3) or 28% of total General Fund expenditures of \$9,401,037 (Statement 4).
- The City of Gardiner, Maine issued three new notes in governmental activities totaling \$490,991 during the fiscal year. They consisted of a 4 year loan in the amount of \$23,991 for a Ford Police Interceptor, a 5 year loan in the amount of \$42,000 for a Chevy Silverado, and a six year loan for \$425,000 for the reconstruction of Highland Avenue. The City of Gardiner also refinanced three business-type Rural Development loans in the WasteWater Fund thru a 17 year State revolving loan in the amount of \$2,482,414. This will result in a savings of \$788,121.

Financial Overview

The General Fund is the city's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund, such as WasteWater and Ambulance.

The City of Gardiner adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Government-wide financial information distinguishes functions of the City of Gardiner that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the City include general government, public safety, public works, education, and community services. This information is designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City of Gardiner's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The City has two business-type activities; the operations of the ambulance service and the wastewater treatment plant.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

For the current fiscal year, revenues exceeded budgetary projections by \$441,842 and expenditures were below appropriations by \$247,303. This created a positive variance of \$689,145 to the fund balance. However, the budgeted use of prior year carry forwards and approved use of fund balance in the amount of \$691,883, along with other financing sources and uses, netted an increase of \$319,875 to the fund balance.

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE
Required Supplementary Information
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual - General Fund
General Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2015

		Budget			Variance with final budget positive (negative)
		Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues:					
Taxes	\$	8,208,217	8,208,217	8,346,187	137,970
Licenses and permits		22,000	22,000	22,611	611
Intergovernmental		824,530	824,530	1,064,530	240,000
Charges for services		47,212	47,212	55,096	7,884
Interest earned		4,000	4,000	3,052	(948)
Unclassified		92,782	92,782	149,107	56,325
Total revenues		9,198,741	9,198,741	9,640,583	441,842
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government		1,041,182	1,054,682	924,663	130,019
Welfare		39,288	39,288	35,473	3,815
Public safety		1,806,388	1,806,388	1,804,894	1,494
Public works		1,843,261	2,249,444	2,152,866	96,578
Community services		380,458	380,458	367,663	12,795
Education		3,340,650	3,340,650	3,340,650	-
County tax		343,704	343,704	343,704	-
Unclassified		339,738	339,738	337,136	2,602
Total expenditures		9,134,669	9,554,352	9,307,049	247,303
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		64,072	(355,611)	333,534	689,145
Other financing sources (uses):					
Use of fund balance		272,200	272,200	-	(272,200)
Use of carryforwards		-	419,683	-	(419,683)
Proceeds from long-term debt		-	-	425,000	425,000
Transfer from other funds		258,258	258,258	250,214	(8,044)
Transfer to other funds		(594,530)	(594,530)	(688,873)	(94,343)
Total other financing sources (uses)		(64,072)	355,611	(13,659)	(369,270)
Net change in fund balance		-	-	319,875	319,875
Fund balance, beginning of year				2,791,905	
Fund balance, end of year		\$		3,111,780	

*Debt service is budgeted in the department in which debt was incurred.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the City of Gardiner, Maine, assets exceeded liabilities by \$18,337,628 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

Net position increased \$1,558,816 during the current fiscal year. This change is broken out as follows:

Governmental activities: The City's governmental activities increased the net position by \$648,799.

Business-type activities: The City's two business-type activities, the ambulance service and wastewater treatment plant, increased the City of Gardiner, Maine's net position by \$910,017.

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE			
Statement of Net Position			
June 30, 2015			
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,294,025	-	2,294,025
Receivables:			
Taxes receivable	73,782	-	73,782
Tax liens	456,713	-	456,713
Accounts receivables, net of allowance	269,639	1,757,973	2,027,612
Notes receivable, net of allowance	184,160	-	184,160
Prepaid expenses	4,807	-	4,807
Internal balances	558,553	(558,553)	-
Capital assets, not being depreciated	1,391,166	1,180,426	2,571,592
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	12,397,576	10,219,371	22,616,947
Total assets	17,630,421	12,599,217	30,229,638
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	342,830	-	342,830
Total deferred outflows of resources	342,830	-	342,830
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	357,824	68,525	426,349
Accrued expenses	46,575	25,102	71,677
Taxes paid in advance	9,719	-	9,719
Due to other governments	3,730	-	3,730
Accrued interest	29,973	7,450	37,423
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Due within one year	718,526	338,139	1,056,665
Due in more than one year	6,371,329	3,305,159	9,676,488
Total liabilities	7,537,676	3,744,375	11,282,051
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	952,789	-	952,789
Total deferred inflows of resources	952,789	-	952,789
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	8,196,807	7,901,745	16,098,552
Restricted for:			
Permanent funds - Nonexpendable principal	307,399	-	307,399
Permanent funds - Expendable	106,105	-	106,105
Revolving loan funds	266,353	-	266,353
Grants	104,556	-	104,556
Unrestricted	501,566	953,097	1,454,663
Total net position	\$ 9,482,786	8,854,842	18,337,628

Fund Balance Overview

The focus of the City of Gardiner's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. *Unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Gardiner, Maine's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,960,831. Approximately 56% of this total amount (\$1,670,735) constitutes *unassigned fund balance*.

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2015

	General	TIF Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,770,030	-	523,995	2,294,025
Receivables:				
Taxes receivable	73,782	-	-	73,782
Tax liens	456,713	-	-	456,713
Accounts receivables	181,978	-	87,661	269,639
Notes receivable, net of allowance of \$15,500	-	-	184,160	184,160
Prepaid expenditures	4,807	-	-	4,807
Interfund loans receivable	1,400,262	-	83,660	1,483,922
Total assets	\$ 3,887,572	-	879,476	4,767,048
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	252,768	-	105,056	357,824
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	46,575	-	-	46,575
Interfund loans payable	-	913,950	11,419	925,369
Taxes paid in advance	9,719	-	-	9,719
Due to other governments	3,730	-	-	3,730
Total liabilities	312,792	913,950	116,475	1,343,217
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	463,000	-	-	463,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	463,000	-	-	463,000
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)				
Nonspendable	4,807	-	491,559	496,366
Restricted	-	-	292,854	292,854
Assigned	500,876	-	-	500,876
Unassigned	2,606,097	(913,950)	(21,412)	1,670,735
Total fund balances (deficit)	3,111,780	(913,950)	763,001	2,960,831
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance:	\$ 3,887,572	-	879,476	

The fund balance of the City of Gardiner, Maine's general fund increased \$319,875 during the current fiscal year.

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2015

	General	TIF Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 8,346,187	-	-	8,346,187
Licenses and permits	22,611	-	-	22,611
Intergovernmental	1,064,530	-	776,297	1,840,827
Charges for services	55,096	-	39,155	94,251
Interest earned	3,052	-	13,487	16,539
Unclassified	149,107	135,738	32,558	317,403
Total revenues	9,640,583	135,738	861,497	10,637,818
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	924,663	75,988	16,216	1,016,867
Welfare	35,473	-	6,176	41,649
Public safety	1,804,894	-	49,354	1,854,248
Public works	2,152,866	-	73,177	2,226,043
Community services	367,663	-	92,813	460,476
Education	3,340,650	-	-	3,340,650
County tax	343,704	-	-	343,704
Unclassified	337,136	-	27,639	364,775
Debt service	-	462,364	305,346	767,710
Capital expenditures	93,988	-	703,981	797,969
Total expenditures	9,401,037	538,352	1,274,702	11,214,091
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	239,546	(402,614)	(413,205)	(576,273)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from debt/capital leases	518,988	-	-	518,988
Transfers in	250,214	594,530	94,343	939,087
Transfers out	(688,873)	(158,109)	-	(846,982)
Total other financing sources	80,329	436,421	94,343	611,093
Net change in fund balances	319,875	33,807	(318,862)	34,820
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year	2,791,905	(947,757)	1,081,863	2,926,011
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	\$ 3,111,780	(913,950)	763,001	2,960,831

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The City of Gardiner, Maine's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2015, amounts to \$13,788,742 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, land improvements, vehicles, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the purchase of a Chevy Silverado, a Ford Police Interceptor, as well as public improvements to Highland Avenue.

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Gardiner, Maine had total bonded debt outstanding of \$9,251,376. Of this amount, \$3,467,634 is business-type activities and \$5,783,742 is for governmental activities.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a municipality may issue to 15 percent of its total state assessed valuation. The current debt limitation for the City of Gardiner, Maine is \$48,540,000 which is in excess of the City of Gardiner, Maine's outstanding general obligation debt of \$9,251,376.

Economic Factors

The volatility of State Revenue Sharing and Aid to Education continues as it has for the last decade. It is necessary to consider the possibility that State Revenue Sharing may never return and eventually even be eliminated. Gardiner and other service center communities must advocate at the State level that if our cities are not supported, our State will fail. Cities are built to create jobs and support them. Whether it is fire, police, roads, water, sewer, etc. The towns and cities of Maine must unite to support a greater, larger, State economy. Any model that leaves cities or towns out will fail. If all Revenue Sharing is lost and no changes are made to the system, Gardiner will suffer from significant cuts and increases to local taxes.

Next Year's Budget

The above economic factor greatly impacted the Council's decisions when preparing the City's budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Their primary budgetary objectives were to provide quality City services to its citizens, minimize any increase in the property tax rate, and examine the cost of individual services to determine applicable user and permit fees. To accomplish these goals, City staff scrutinized their budgets for savings, examined staffing levels, adopted user fees, and refined operational service delivery methods for efficiencies.

Financial Management

The Finance Department is committed to ensuring sound financial management of the public's funds by following the City's financial action plan, maintaining a sufficient fund balance, and adhering to the highest management standards. Functions of the finance department include accounting, human resource management, risk management, purchasing, debt administration, cash management, treasury, tax assessing, and tax collection. The finance staff is dedicated to providing the City Manager & City Council, all city departments, business owners, and the residents of Gardiner with fiscal support.

Questions concerning any of the information provided or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Director, 6 Church Street, Gardiner, Maine 04345.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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**

City Council
City of Gardiner, Maine

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gardiner, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Gardiner, Maine's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2015.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Gardiner, Maine's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Gardiner, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Gardiner, Maine's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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*, *CONTINUED***

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Gardiner, Maine's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.


We noted a certain matter that we reported to management of the City of Gardiner, Maine involving internal control over financial reporting that we have reported in the section "Other Comment."

The City of Gardiner, Maine's Response to the Other Comment

The City of Gardiner, Maine's response to the other comment identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The City of Gardiner, Maine's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



December 4, 2015
South Portland, Maine

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

City Council
City of Gardiner, Maine

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Gardiner, Maine's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City of Gardiner, Maine's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015. The City of Gardiner, Maine's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the City of Gardiner, Maine's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City of Gardiner, Maine's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City of Gardiner, Maine's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the City of Gardiner, Maine, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct a material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2015.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133, CONTINUED**

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the City of Gardiner, Maine is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City of Gardiner, Maine's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Gardiner, Maine's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gardiner, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Gardiner, Maine's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon date December 4, 2015, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for the purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133, CONTINUED**

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Rungen Keaton Ouellette

December 4, 2015
South Portland, Maine



CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, Continued

Section II - Findings Required to be Reported Under Government Auditing Standards

OTHER COMMENT (NOT A SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY)

Journal Entry Review

During our review of journal entries, we noted that journal entries do not have an approval process. Currently, the Finance Director prepares and posts journal entries without review and approval by someone else from management. We recommend that all recurring journal entries are summarized monthly, with supporting documentation, and reviewed and approved by the City Manager. We also recommend that all non-recurring entries be summarized monthly with supporting documentation as well as full explanation of the reason for the journal entry. These non-recurring entries should also be reviewed and approved by the City Manager.

Management Response: All journal entries are documented with explanations and put in a binder with supporting documentation for review. Most journal entries are recurring and are usually limited to two pages per month. The Finance Director will provide the designated councilor signing warrants for the month the opportunity to review the journal entries.





Office of the Tax Collector

Kathleen Cutler, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer

The Tax Collector operates under the Finance Department of the City of Gardiner

The Tax Collector is a public officer, appointed by the municipal officer, who has the duty of collecting taxes lawfully assessed within the municipality. The Tax Collector's duties include the preparation of the tax bills, administering the tax club, sending out the 30 Day Demand notices, filing liens and processing the foreclosures, working with mortgage holders to provide tax information, and assists residents with motor vehicle registrations, boats, snowmobiles and ATV's. It is our mission to provide every taxpayer with the highest level of customer service while exploring ways to control and minimize costs.

The City offers a Tax Club which allows residents the option to pay their taxes in nine (9) equal payments. All previous accounts must be paid in full before a Tax Club is issued. Tax Clubs may include both Real Estate and Personal Property. On average 150 residents participate in the tax club each year.

In FY15 we sent out 2,948 tax bills, 205 liens were filed, and 64 foreclosure notices were sent. To obtain a complete list of tax acquired properties please contact the office at (207) 582-2223 or email the request to taxcollector@gardinermaine.com.

In FY15 we registered 7,829 vehicles for a total of \$1,146,085.78.

As part of the office restructure the front office was redesigned to have a more open flow. An office reorganization was made to save the tax payers. Remaining staff have been cross trained to maximize each position and better serve the public.



Tax Collectors Report for FY15

Assessed Value	\$	354,767,800
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Tax Rate (per \$1,000)		20.60
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Commitment		7,308,217
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Less:

Abatements/Write Offs:		3,230
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Current Year Collections		7,012,777
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Current year taxes receivable at end of year		292,210
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Taxes and liens receivable - prior years		238,285
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Outstanding tax receivables at 6/30/15	\$	530,495
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Due dates:

1st half - September 15, 2014

2nd half - March 16, 2015

Interest rate on delinquent taxes: 7%

Collection rate: 96%

Outstanding Tax Receivables as of 6/30/2015

ABBOTT ,JACOB T & MELISSA B	\$ 48.95
ABRAM, RICHARD PERSONAL	\$ 695.72
ACKER, KATHRYN L	\$ 488.77
ADAMS, JOSHUA	\$ 1,216.48
ADAMS, LINDA	\$ 842.40
ALBERT, HERSCHEL	\$ 1,488.79
ALEXANDER, JAMES STANLEY	\$ 2,545.90
ALLARIE, MORGAN A	\$ 8.66
ANDREWS, LORNE M	\$ 1,002.53
ANTOGNONI, ROBERT	\$ 15.84
ARMSTRONG JOYCE	\$ 7,797.47
ASPIRE CORPORATION	\$ 99.60
ATKINS CATHERINE	\$ 9,896.40
AYER, RAYMOND L	\$ 3,043.44
BAILEY GEORGE E HEIRS OF	\$ 11,226.82
BALLEW, CASEY B	\$ 1,293.64
BARTER ,PHILLIP K &	\$ 1,595.43
BAUCOM, SHEILA	\$ 5,327.69
BECKWITH, LEONARD A	\$ 3,795.38
BENNER, LEWIS B	\$ 758.25
BENSEN, MICHAEL	\$ 350.96
BISHOP CHARLES JR	\$ 23,942.60
BLEASE, HEATHER	\$ 4,533.32
BOISSONNEAU ROGER L III	\$ 4,650.15
BOWE, TIMOTHY R	\$ 1,360.80
BRENDAHL, CRICKETT	\$ 2,470.00
BRIGHT, DONALD	\$ 1,014.24
BRYANT, CORRONE E	\$ 500.00
BUCKLEY ,PETER S & DEBORAH	\$ 2,494.46
BUECHLER KENNETH (PERSON	\$ 1,859.74
C B MAREIC INC	\$ 1,654.84
CALIANDRO, MICHELLE A	\$ 2,147.67
CENTRAL MAINE INSULATIONS	\$ 179.38
CLARY, EARL W JR	\$ 2,389.65
COLD CREEK PLANTATION LLC	\$ 1,076.76
COTE, CINDY L	\$ 3,790.20
COTTLE, ADAM	\$ 2,758.45
COTTRELL SUSAN	\$ 948.48
DAVIS ,MARK P & DENISE M	\$ 2,300.63
DAVIS, BRUCE	\$ 18,993.19
DAWSON, JOYCE L	\$ 3,433.62
DICENT VALERIO	\$ 17,525.64
DICK T W CO INC	\$ 29,889.41
DINGUS, JOHN W SR	\$ 5,547.62
DOLLEY DAVID A	\$ 9,620.93
EDWARDS ROBERTA C	\$ 9,469.61

ELLIOTT, ROBERT E II	\$ 6,432.05
FAULKNHAM JOHN C	\$ 1,715.85
FAULKNHAM, ROBERT	\$ 382.34
FAULKNHAM, ROBERT	\$ 3,521.84
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE	\$ 4,118.18
FITCH, RALPH JR	\$ 2,452.46
FLES, JACOB	\$ 4,237.72
FORTIN, MAX	\$ 1,209.40
FOWLER ,PAUL & STACIA	\$ 3,809.80
FOWLER, CLYDE A JR	\$ 3,600.74
FRIEDRICH, HOMER/FRIEDRICH	\$ 6,621.16
GALLUP, MEGAN L	\$ 5,182.40
GASINK DONALD J ESQ	\$ 12,603.77
GLIDDEN, FREDERICK G	\$ 3,142.42
GOEDECKE, STEVEN M	\$ 1,413.73
GOODRIDGE, SARA L	\$ 1,499.24
GOWELL MICHELLE	\$ 7,920.97
GREENLEAF JOHN	\$ 7,311.33
GRIEVE ,DAVID & ELAINE	\$ 708.81
HANSON, DARRYL	\$ 434.99
HIGGINSON, GARY K	\$ 2,720.21
HINSON DAVID A	\$ 6,677.50
HOWARD, DEBRA PERSONAL	\$ 3,590.75
JOHNSON, ROBERT S	\$ 1,554.82
JOSEPH, JASON S	\$ 700.46
KEY BANK	\$ 1,625.55
KHANSARI-NEJAD KAVEH D	\$ 13,364.05
KIRK, CHAD S	\$ 346.09
LEIGHTON, RICHARD S	\$ 4,305.67
LOVECHENKO, EUGENE	\$ 6,472.59
MACMASTER, JASON T	\$ 3,189.51
MACMASTER, MARY ANN	\$ 1,899.93
MACMASTER, MICHAEL	\$ 4,678.88
MCCORMICK, JEFFREY	\$ 3,636.31
MCFALLS ROBYN L	\$ 9,772.90
MCINTOSH, CAROL	\$ 226.12
MOODY, CALVIN S	\$ 2,329.78
MOODY, ROBERT R	\$ 3,316.34
MORGAN THE MORGAN FAMILY	\$ 2,394.94
MORRISSEY ,PATRICK &	\$ 4,524.89
NEWTON, TAMARA	\$ 1,256.40
NORTON JEROMIAH	\$ 9,402.70
NRT PROPERTIES LLC	\$ 1,137.99
OLORE, DIANA	\$ 8,489.21
PALMER, BRADY	\$ 3,232.02

Outstanding Tax Receivables as of 06/30/2015 continued...

PELLETIER, PAUL A	\$ 1,296.52
PERRY, YONG SOON	\$ 2,457.05
PILCHER, STEVEN	\$ 1,783.88
PRESBY, APRIL	\$ 3,940.12
PURINGTON, ADAM	\$ 4,820.04
PURINGTON, DANA	\$ 3,112.31
QUIGLEY, ROBERT D	\$ 18,689.56
QUIRION, EDMUND J	\$ 2,481.86
RAY CORPORATION	\$ 1,972.87
REED, VINCENT	\$ 1,241.99
RG RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	\$ 1,414.97
RICE, ADAM J PERSONAL	\$ 4,146.59
ROBINSON, CASEY JONES	\$ 351.93
ROY JOSEPH G PERSONAL REP	\$ 12,452.90
RSP CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$ 3,186.38
RTM GARDINER LLC	\$ 10,132.55
RUNYAN, NATALIE M	\$ 1,351.73
SANFORD, JAMES COLIN	\$ 1,750.71
SCHOOLS, BETTY J	\$ 2,674.64
SEREMET, WENDY P	\$ 1,617.89
SHAW, MARLENE F	\$ 249.68
SHEPARD, CAROLY H	\$ 10,487.85

SOLOMON, CHRISTINE L	\$ 5,013.97
STEBBINS, DANIEL	\$ 4,401.20
STEBBINS, MICHAEL E	\$ 2,838.71
STEVENS, ETHAN E	\$ 1,060.72
STONE, DEBRA J	\$ 14,174.90
TARDIFF, DEANA PERSONAL	\$ 1,232.70
THOMPSON, KENNETH A III	\$ 3,758.62
TRASK, LAUREN E	\$ 12.70
TRUMAN, DANIEL D	\$ 2,127.06
WALLER, ANDREW T	\$ 2,018.40
WENTWORTH, PAULA J	\$ 2,088.67
WHEELER, LAURIE	\$ 1,283.14
WIGHT, MELISSA L	\$ 1,283.14
WILLARD RICHARD G	\$ 885.63
WILLIAMS DEXTER A	\$ 241.62
WILLIAMS WILLIAM	\$ 115.00
WILLIAMS WILLIAMS S	\$ 1,661.36
WILLIAMS, ARLENE	\$ 1,122.48
WILLIAMS, CATHERINE L	\$ 1,406.84
WLODYLO, DEBRA WLODYLO	\$ 3,301.70
WORTHING, CLIFTON W	\$ 1,597.10
TOTAL	\$ 530,495.00

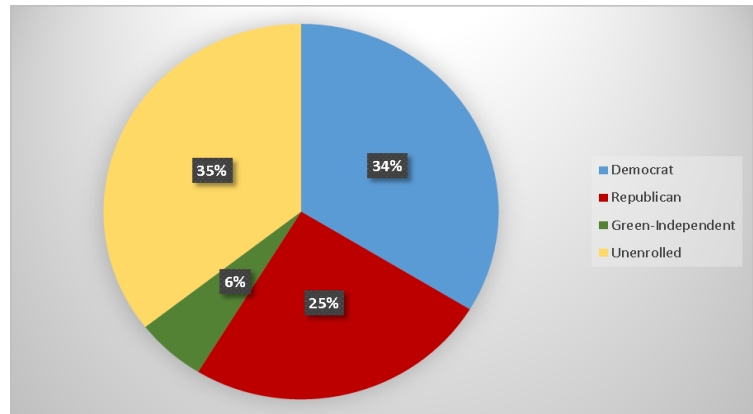




City Clerk

Lisa J. Gilliam, City Clerk/Registrar of Voters

4,325 Registered Voters in Gardiner



Office Staff

Lisa J. Gilliam, City Clerk
Kathleen Cutler, Tax Collector
Rebecca Sieberg, Sewer Clerk
Robin Plourde, Executive Assistant

I would like to thank Kathy Cutler and Becky Sieberg for their help in the weeks leading up to the election. Thank you to the Building and Grounds crew for assisting with the setup and cleanup of the election equipment. I also want to thank Catherine Pelletier and all of the Election Clerks who work at the polls and make the process run so smoothly. And finally a big thank you to the voters in Gardiner who help make the day a great success!

Election Day, November 3, 2015

Referendum, City Council & MSAD 11 Board

749 Ballots Cast - 18% Voter Turn-Out

Vital Records

In 2015, 74 new Gardiner residents were born. The City of Gardiner issued 46 marriage licenses with eight of those weddings performed here at City Hall! There were 66 recorded deaths.



Inland Fisheries Licenses and Registrations Sold in Calendar Year 2015

Combo Hunting/Fishing	113
Hunting	148
Fishing	176
Saltwater Fishing Registry	6
Over 70 Lifetime Licenses	2
Boats	253
ATVs	105
Snowmobiles	128

Dog Licenses

In 2015, the front office staff registered 919 dogs. Dog licenses are renewed every year. We begin selling new tags on October 15th and all dog registrations are due by December 31st. After a thirty day grace period (January 31st), a late fee of \$25 per dog is added to the registration fee. The licensing fee is \$6.00 for a dog that is neutered or spayed and \$10.00 for a dog that is not fixed. When licensing your dog you must show a current State of Maine rabies certificate. If your dog has been neutered or spayed in the last year please bring that certificate with you as well.



Department of Economic and Community Development Office of Planning and Development

 <https://www.facebook.com/growwithgardiner>

Department includes: Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Local Health Officer, E-911 Addressing Officer, Office Assistant, Director of Economic and Community Development.

Staff Listing

Patrick Wright, Economic Development Coordinator – econdev@gardinermaine.com or 207-582-6888

Coordinates business recruitment and retention efforts, City-wide marketing efforts, Libby Hill lot sales, assists businesses with grant funding opportunities, and works with Economic Development Committee (EDC).

Barb Skelton, Code Enforcement Officer/Assistant Planner – CEO@gardinermaine.com or 207-582-6892

Also performs duties of building inspector, plumbing inspector, local health officer, and E-911 addressing officer.

Dick Dolby, Alternate Code Enforcement Officer

Scott Morelli, City Manager – citymanager@gardinermaine.com or 207-582-4200

Provides staff and budgetary oversight, serves as Brownfields project coordinator and chairs the Brownfields Advisory Committee, and works with EDC.

Dorothy Morang, Administrative Assistant – acoffice@gardinermaine.com or 207-582-6892

Handles public inquiries, assists staff on all matters related to the department, and provides support to several boards and Committees.

Community & Economic Development

2015 saw major changes to the City's approach towards economic development. With the resignation of the Economic Development Director in late 2014, the City reevaluated all of the roles previously assigned to this position. The task was to determine if the City could achieve cost savings while maintaining an appropriate level of service for economic development. Ultimately, this plan resulted in re-structuring for a trial period. Most notably, the Brownfields assessment and cleanup efforts, staff supervision, and budget oversight would be handled by City Manager Scott Morelli; planning functions would be handled by a third-party consultant; and certain economic development functions would be handled by Patrick Wright through the Gardiner Main Street program.

This restructuring also re-constituted an Economic Development Committee (EDC) to help with the effort. The newly reconstituted EDC was formed and met for the first time as a committee on March 2, 2015. The EDC met ten times this year.

From the first meeting in March, the EDC discussed the future of the Revolving Loan Fund and a goal was formed to encourage healthy business growth for new and existing businesses, as well as very well qualified start-up businesses, to obtain working capital lines of credit. The committee successfully created a new program that provides opportunity for a line of credit, specifically aimed towards businesses with a seasonal or cyclical sales or in a period of growth. The EDC is currently working toward improving on-street parking in the downtown Gardiner area and have had ongoing discussions on how the committee can impact drug addiction education. We also anticipate applying for "Business Friendly Community" certification from the State of Maine in 2016. Finally, there is strong support among the EDC to establish Gardiner as a center for health and wellness and to keep an eye out for opportunities to promote the city as a place for good living.

The City was very successful in obtaining Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) on behalf of Gardiner businesses in 2015. Central Maine Meats, Lost Orchard Brewing Co., and Gardiner Food Co-op and Café each received grants tied to job creation from Maine Department of Economic and Community Development in partnership/joint application with the City. These grants totaled nearly \$1 million in direct support to these expanding start-up businesses. A common theme amongst these businesses is local foods, which is a great growth sector opportunity for Gardiner.

The City has also been very active in writing grants to clean up the former T.W. Dick sites on Summer Street. The City is seeking up to a half million in grant funding from various sources to cover the estimated remediation cost to mitigate significant environmental contamination that had been found on three of the four sites, which have over a hundred years of various industrial uses. Gaining a clean environmental bill of health is critical to redevelopment of the sites, two of which are currently slated for redevelopment as a 10-15,000 square foot medical arts facility.

Finally, two lots were sold at Libby Hill Business Park to Gardiner Transfer Company, LLC. The company has immediate plans to build a maintenance garage for its vehicles, and depending on a market study, may construct a waste transfer station.

Planning and Development

Purpose of the Department – as stated in the 2010 Land Use Ordinance:

- To protect the public health and safety, environmental quality and economic well-being of the city while allowing a maximum diversity of uses by controlling building site, placement of structures and land uses, and by imposing minimum controls on those uses which, by virtue of their external effects, could otherwise create nuisances or unsafe or unhealthy conditions.
- To provide for residential development in locations compatible with existing development and in a manner appropriate to the economical provision of community services and utilities.
- To provide for a variety of commercial and industrial uses in locations suited to the economical provision of essential community services and utilities and to avoid blight, congestion and inconvenience.

To prevent and control environmental pollution, to protect water quality, spawning grounds and wildlife habitat and to conserve shore cover and visual; as well as points of access to ponds, streams and rivers.

Code Enforcement Office

The Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) administers and enforces the City's Land Use Ordinance (LUO). The CEO reviews building and use permit applications and either issues an approval, denial, or referral to the Planning Board for further review. When violations of the LUO are found, the CEO issues violation letters requiring the property owner to correct the violation.

Next is a table summary of the number of permits reviewed and issued by the CEO in calendar year 2015. As you will note, Gardiner saw over \$8.6 million of new construction or improvements during the year.

Code Enforcement Office 2015 Permits Issued			
BUILDING PERMITS	No. of Permits Issued	Total Project/ Construction Costs	Total Permit Fees Assessed
Business/Commercial	16	\$ 4,498,768	\$ 2,777
Residential	80	\$ 3,513,286	\$ 8,016
<i>Building Permits Subtotal</i>	96	\$ 8,012,054	\$ 10,793
GENERAL PERMITS	No. of Permits Issued	Total Project/ Construction Costs	Total Permit Fees Assessed
Change of Use	2	\$ 279.00	\$ 25.00
Demolition/Mobile Home Removal	37	\$ -	\$ -
Excavation, Street Opening, Driveway Ent.	10	\$ -	\$ 550.00
Floodplain Management	7	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 200.00
Home Occupation	1	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 59.40
Public Sewer	2	\$ -	\$ 75.00
Shoreland Zoning	4	\$ 380,000.00	\$ 100.00
Sign	25	\$ 47,317.00	\$ 746.60
<i>General Permits Subtotal</i>	88	\$ 611,596.00	\$ 1,756.00
PLUMBING PERMITS	No. of Permits Issued	Total Project/ Construction Costs	Total Permit Fees Assessed
Internal	46	\$ -	\$ 3,630.00
Subsurface Wastewater	10	\$ -	\$ 2,535.00
<i>Plumbing Permits Subtotal</i>	56	\$ -	\$ 6,165.00
GRAND TOTAL ALL PERMITS	240	\$ 8,623,650.00	\$ 18,714.30

Planning & Development Committees

There are five committees directly linked to the City's planning and development functions. They are:

- Ordinance Review Committee
- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Comprehensive Plan Committee/Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee
- Historic Preservation Commission

The **Ordinance Review Committee** met thirteen times to discuss various changes to the Land Use Ordinance, including the implementation of components of the recently-adopted Comprehensive Plan. They reviewed 21 ordinance/zone changes. In October, the Mayor named this group the "Committee of the Year" for all of their hard work.

The **Planning Board** held eleven meetings to review five different applications and 21 ordinance/zone changes. They approved four of the applications (one was withdrawn).

The **Board of Appeals** met four times to review four applications, approving three and denying one.

The **Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee** met two times to prioritize the steps for ordinance changes.

Historic Preservation Commission

The Planning and Development office staff provided the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) with application review for proposals to alter buildings within the historic district. Staff distributed applications, gave assistance in preparing them, and provided maps, deeds, and other information needed for the application.

Administrative Assistant Dot Morang then reviewed the submitted applications to ensure completeness, before forwarding copies of the applications and supporting documentation to HPC members and posting notices of the meetings on the City's website and bulletin board. In addition, she arranged the meetings and prepared minutes. For approved projects, Ms. Morang prepared Certificates of Appropriateness (COA) and logged and filed original applications and supporting documentation, including a signed copy of the COA from the HPC chair.

The Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) attended HPC meetings to answer questions about proposed projects. The CEO issued COAs for authorized work allowed by ordinance.

2015 Certificates of Appropriateness

HPC Certificates of Appropriateness: 6 applications; 6 approved

CEO Certificates of Appropriateness: 9 approved

As the staff member of the HPC, the CEO ensured that Commission decisions complied with Gardiner's Historic Preservation Code and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment for Historic Properties. The Commission met five (5) times in 2015.





General Assistance

Robin Plourde, Director of General Assistant

The General Assistance Program is available Monday through Friday, as well as nights and weekends as needed, to assist eligible people who are in need of basic necessities such as rent, fuel, electricity, food and medication. All recipients must meet the state mandated requirements to be eligible and are responsible for meeting their own basic needs by any means available before applying for General Assistance. This program is not designed for ongoing assistance; but rather, it is intended for emergency purposes only.

Type of Assistance	# of Assists	Expenditures
Housing	20	\$8,658
Fuel	5	\$784
Electric	8	\$1,331
Household Supplies	7	\$154
Prescriptions	0	\$0
Burial	1	\$785
Total	41	\$11,712

State of Maine, DHHS (Reimbursement 70%) \$8,198

Number of Applications: 61





Gardiner Fire & Rescue

Message from the Chief

Alfred R. Nelson, Jr.

It is with great pleasure that I submit the Gardiner Fire & Rescue Department's 2015 Annual Report. The report outlines fire department activities, statistics, and delivery of service enhancements. Each year the department has a profound impact in the communities we serve by saving life and property. Gardiner firefighters take great pride in being fully prepared for any emergency situation we are called to.

Vision Statement

Gardiner Fire Department is dedicated to being the best community focused fire and rescue department that meets the ever changing needs of our community while ensuring a safe and secure environment for all through professional development, unity and teamwork.

Mission Statement

Gardiner Fire Department is committed to providing the highest level public safety services for our community. We protect lives and property through fire suppression, emergency medical response, disaster management, fire prevention and public education.

Statement of Core Values

We, the members of the Gardiner Fire Department are committed to the following values in our interactions with coworkers and customers:

- **Professionalism**– In application, appearance, attitude and standards
- **Integrity**– Demonstrate honesty and fairness
- **Compassion**– Demonstrate kindness and empathy
- **Responsibility and Accountability**– Professionally, personally and fiscally responsible for our actions
- **Respect**– For each other, our Department, the City Government and our customers, the citizens and visitors of the City of Gardiner
- **Diversity**– Be open minded and responsive to the uniqueness of our community without regard to age, gender, religion or ethnic origin
- **Commitment**– In all department endeavors
- **Teamwork**– Encourage unity and a cooperative attitude
- **Health and Safety** – Personal and professional health and safety is paramount in fulfilling the mission of the Gardiner Fire Department.

PERSONNEL

The Gardiner Fire and Rescue Department has maintained its force of 15 firefighter/paramedics. The crews work in three shifts and provide coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We staff 4 firefighter/paramedics each day providing both fire and EMS services.

Gardiner Fire & Rescue Staff

A Shift

Captain/Paramedic Nate Sutherburg
Lieutenant/Paramedic Josh Johnson
Firefighter/Advanced EMT Gary Hickey
Firefighter/Paramedic Jesse Thompson

B Shift

Captain/Paramedic Pat Saucier
Lieutenant/Paramedic Rick Sieberg
Firefighter/Paramedic Andy Santheson
Firefighter/Paramedic Josh Webb

C Shift

Captain/Paramedic Marcel DeForge
Lieutenant/Paramedic Dustin Barry
Firefighter/Advanced EMT M. Breau
Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Lodolce

Swing Shift

Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Melanson
Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Davis

NEW HIRES

In September the department welcomed FF/EMT-P Justin Lodolce. Justin comes to Gardiner Fire as a Paramedic and certified as Firefighter 1 & 2



Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention and Education

Fire Prevention and Education had yet another productive year. Captain Saucier reached out to over 500 children in our local schools teaching subjects such as: when to call for help, stop drop and roll, and Exit Drills in the Home (EDITH).

Training—Fire & EMS

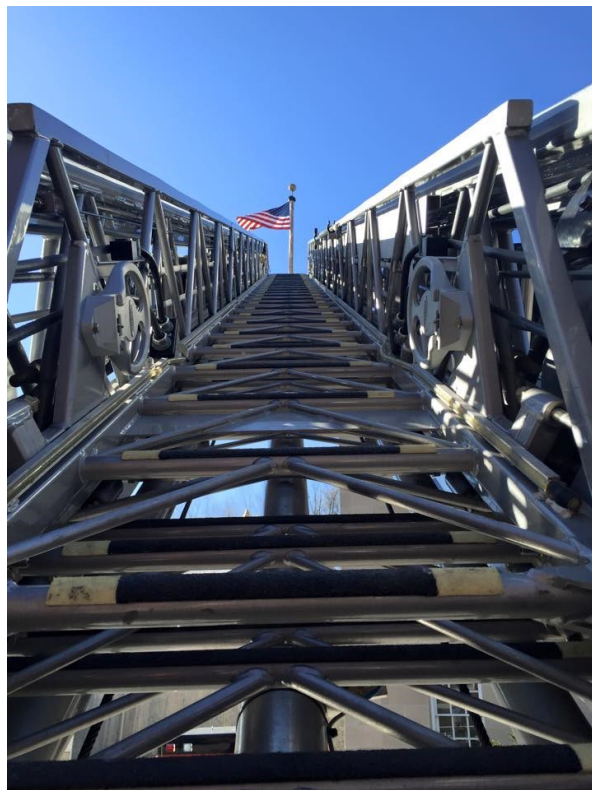
The Gardiner Fire Department conducts regular training through company drills and external training opportunities to maintain the skill sets necessary to suppress fire, conduct technical rescues and perform advanced life support. These skills are critical to the safe and efficient management of the wide variety of calls the department responds to. We are also required by law to meet training and safety standards to ensure employees have the ability to enter situations that are immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) in the safest possible manner.

Fire Training

Gardiner Firefighters participated in training for: covering fire suppression, downed firefighter rescue techniques, vehicle extrication and incident command to name a few.

EMS Training

Each year Advanced Life Support (ALS) providers are required to attend continuing education. Gardiner Fire & Rescue's provider mix is comprised of 13 EMT-Paramedics and two Advanced EMT's. In 2015 the department hosted a Pediatric Advanced Life Support and an Emergency Medical Patients assessment care and transport class. These classes in conjunction with on shift training keep our EMS professionals on the top of their game.



Responses

Gardiner Fire/Rescue serves a population of 26,343 encompassing 203 square miles. At present the ambulance service contracts include the towns of: Litchfield, West Gardiner, Farmingdale, Randolph, Chelsea, Dresden, Pittston and Richmond. In 2015, Gardiner Fire/Rescue responded to 2426 EMS calls and 187 fire calls.

In 2015 our EMS response area saw a 15% increase to 203 square miles. The population served by our ambulances increased by 3,383 and we are now serving a population of 26,343. These increases resulted in an 11% increase in demand for our fire and EMS crews.

Emergency Medical Call Totals (2426)

- 885 Basic Life Support (36.5%)
- -1364 Advanced Life Support (56.2%)
- - 177 Other (7.3%)

Fire Call Totals (187)

27 Structure Fires (fires in structures)
3 Water Rescues
6 Vehicle Fires
24 Hazardous Conditions/Spills/Leaks
14 Brush/Outside Fires
10 Carbon Monoxide Emergencies
5 Vehicle Crash/Extrications
4 Electrical Fires/Problems
23 Public Service/Assistance
20 Good Intent Calls
49 False Calls/Alarms
15 Other Calls for Service

I want to start by thanking the Gardiner Fire Department crews for their exemplary performance in 2015 and every year. We had some very significant fires in 2015. In February we had a fire in a 28 unit apartment building at 215 Highland Avenue. In the deep snow, fire and police crews were able to rescue people from the building and because of these efforts no significant injuries occurred at this fire. In July we had a large fire at 235 Water Street. Our crews did an amazing job limiting the progression of this fire and reducing the impact on our downtown businesses. On these and every structure fire we respond to we receive help from our surrounding communities. I want to give a special thanks to the fire departments of Pittston, Randolph, Farmingdale, West Gardiner, Augusta and Togus VA. Without their help the outcomes would be different.

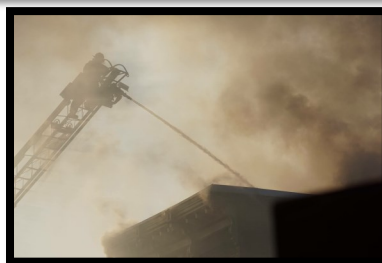
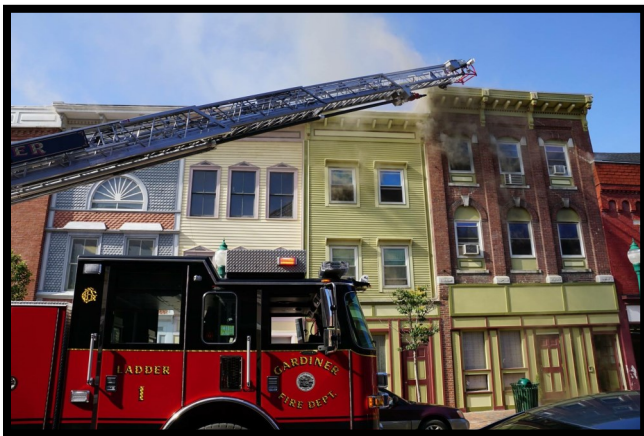
Gardiner Fire & Rescue is always eager to assist you any way we can. Should you have any questions do not hesitate to call.

Chief Nelson 207-582-4535 ext. 120, E-mail fire@gardinermaine.com
Captains Office 207-582-4535 ext. 121

February 2015
215 Highland Avenue



July 2015
235 Water Street





Gardiner Public Library

152 Water Street
Gardiner, Maine, 04345

www.gpl.lib.me.us

207-582-3312

The Gardiner Public Library is a true regional service for the Greater Gardiner Community. The library serves the municipalities of Gardiner, Litchfield, Randolph, Pittston and West Gardiner. The Town of Farmingdale currently is in a trial basis to become another partner town. The operating budget is part of the City's General Fund budget. In a unique private/public partnership, the library building and surrounding property is owned and maintained by the Gardiner Library Association. This nonprofit organization is a 501©3 nonprofit that cares for the property by holding many fundraisers, successfully acquiring grants and by the wonderful support of the community.

The library staff consists of Anne Davis, Director of Library and Information Services; Scott Handville, Assistant Director; Virginia Nichols, Children's Librarian; Ann Russell, Technology Librarian and Dawn Thistle, Youth Services/Archivist Librarian. The part time staff members are Robert Fagan, Audrey Littlefield, Sarah Duffy and Ross Littlefield. Staffing is augmented with 17 volunteers and a student intern from the University of Maine, Augusta.

FY15 library budget totaled \$380,458 with an additional budget supplied by the Gardiner Library Association.

The following statistics highlights how busy the library is:

- Staff conducted 87 children's programs attended by 1,173 people.
- Staff conducted 33 teen programs that were attended by 595 people.
- Staff conducted 46 adult programs attended by 717 people.
- The library staff maintains 23 computers and there are 14 computers available to the public.
- The library circulated 12,938 from other libraries to users of the library and fulfilled 9,341 requests for items from other libraries.
- There are more than 19,000 printed materials in the Children's Room and 22,300 printed items in the main library.
- Library users have free access to 9,300 e-titles through our download library. The library circulated 95,222 items from the library.



The library circulates books, magazines, music on CD, books on CD, movies in Blu-ray or in DVD format. The library belongs to a consortium of more than 90 libraries across the state and users may access the collection from any of these libraries with items requested coming to the GPL. This includes most public libraries, colleges and universities in Maine.

The library has just received a grant to purchase e-readers and e-titles so users may access online titles. There is an agreement with Waterville Library that allows Gardiner patrons to walk into that library and access the collection.

The library has laptops that may be borrowed and used within the library. The library also has computers available to the public so they may access health information, career guidance and keep in touch with families. Staff offer a faxing service for a nominal fee and there is a 24 hour free wireless network.

Staff is available for computer instruction. Users may also download e-books at home from our website with a valid library card. The Community Archives Room has a professional librarian to help you research your local history and your genealogy. There is free access to ancestry.com within the library network.

Work has been completed to restore our Community Archives Room so that there is better air quality and lighting for researchers. No tax dollars were used in this project. To date, the Gardiner Library Association has restored the entire interior space raising almost \$1million for these projects.





Gardiner Police Department

James Toman, Police Chief

MISSION STATEMENT

The Gardiner Police Department's mission is to enhance the quality of life and provide a sense of safety and security within the City of Gardiner. Through highly dedicated employees, we are committed to the protection of all who live, work, or visit our city.

James M. Toman
Chief

Sergeants
Stacey Blair
Normand Gove

Detective
Sgt. Todd Pilsbury

School Resource Officer
David Tims

Patrolmen
Allen Alexander
Christopher Balestra
Ian Dunn
Marcus Niedner
Samuel Quintana
Eric Testerman

Safety Officer
Jamie Dacyszyn

Public Safety Assistant
Tara Miley

Message from the Chief

Once again, Gardiner PD had over 14,000 calls for service in 2015, an average of over 39 calls for service a day. An analysis of those calls for service indicates 92% of all calls for service are responded to in five minutes or less. I am extremely proud of the department, and the quality of work the employees produce is outstanding. This year, the Police Department went through an extensive level of service review that was conducted by MRI consultants, a link to that report can be found on the City's website. As a department, we work very hard to provide professional, efficient, and quality service to the City of Gardiner. Thank you for the continued support that we receive from the City Manager, Mayor Harnett, the City Council, and the residents of Gardiner. For up-to-date information and to stay connected, please "like" the Gardiner Police Department's Facebook page. You can also receive free email and text alerts from Gardiner Public Safety via www.NIXLE.com, please sign up today. Lastly, please stay alert to your surroundings, lock up your valuables, and remember that we need you to assist us in preventing and solving crimes. If you see or hear something that is suspicious, call us immediately at 624-7076 or 911. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,
James M. Toman
Chief of Police

About the Department

The Gardiner Police Department maintains twenty-four hour police protection 365 days a year. The nine staff members (2 Sergeants and 7 Patrolman) that are assigned to patrol work a 12-hour fixed shift. We also have a full-time detective, an officer assigned as the school resource officer during the school year, and a full-time, civilian safety officer.

The detective is responsible for investigating all major crimes and incidents. His duties also include evidence collection, preservation, and accountability.

The school resource officer is an officer that is paid for by MSAD 11 to be in the schools while school is in session. This officer serves as a back up officer during the day and when school is not in session is assigned back to patrol.

The safety officer is a hybrid position that is responsible for animal control, parking enforcement, harbor management and school crossing guard at LER.

Year at a Glance

The Gardiner Police Department responded 14,255 calls for service in 2015. A call for service is defined as anything that the Gardiner Police Department has done and includes all citizen complaints. Calls for services resulted in:

- ♦ 539 offense reports
- ♦ major crimes including:
 - ♦ 1 Robbery
 - ♦ 46 Assaults
 - ♦ 156 Thefts
 - ♦ 21 Burglaries
- ♦ 353 Arrests (an arrest is defined as any time someone is issued a summons with an arraignment court date, any time an individual is arrested on a warrant, probation holds, etc.).
- ♦ 140 Traffic citations
- ♦ 173 Motor vehicle accidents (includes reportable and non-reportable damage)
- ♦ 250 Parking tickets

The department also issued 22 new Concealed Weapons Permits and 29 renewals/transfers.

Community Relations

- ♦ Facebook Page - Gardiner Police Department [Maine]
- ♦ Nightly business checks
- ♦ Prescription drug box available in Police Department lobby during normal business hours. Please disposed of your unused and unwanted meds here
- ♦ Car seat installation technician
- ♦ Free trigger lock program
- ♦ Good Day Gardiner Program
- ♦ Coffee with a Cop Program
- ♦ Property checks—we will check your property while you are away
- ♦ Bike rodeo



Grants

To ease the financial burden on the residents, the Gardiner Police Department pursues grant funding opportunities whenever possible. In 2015, we received \$2,047.50 from the Bureau of Highway Safety for OUI/Seatbelt/Speed details, \$540 from US Department of Health and Human Services for Underage Drinking Task Force, \$3,441 from the Justice Assistance Council, and \$3095 from Kennebec County EMA to purchase miscellaneous non-budgeted equipment.

Animal Control

The department responded to 202 animal complaint calls in 2015. Animal complaints include dog at large, feral cat complaints, noise, dangerous dog, animal cruelty, animal abandonment, and dog bite cases. The breakdown of complaints is as follows:

- ◆ Dog complaints-153
- ◆ Cat complaints-26
- ◆ Chicken complaints
- ◆ Horse complaints-2
- ◆ Cow complaints
- ◆ Miscellaneous complaints-21





Public Works Department

Tony LaPlante, Director

The Public Works Team:

Kendall Cromwell, Foreman

Dave Grover, Equipment Operator

Jay Jamison, Equipment Operator

Phil Hodgkins, Mechanic

Steve Willard, Truck Driver

Gerry Quintal, Truck Driver

John Gorman, Truck Driver

Buildings and Grounds Team:

Pat Chadwick, Foreman

Dan Robideau, Laborer

Rod Baker, Laborer

Chris Miller, Laborer

The Public Works and Building and Grounds departments operate on a 1,730,000 dollar budget. Our primary services are to maintain the roads, parks, and city buildings throughout the city. We also assist in a number of community events, operate the street lights and do the service work on the sewer collection system.

The Highland Ave. project was substantially completed in the late summer. This project included some storm water and sewer work and the road was resurfaced in partnership with the MDOT. Several other streets were repaved in the late summer early fall.

Fall clean-up was once again successful with many households taking advantage of our annual October event. The crew was busy for 4 weeks picking up debris.

We had an old fashioned Maine winter with over 100 inches of snow. February was the height of winter with 8 snow events as well as record cold. Our biggest storm was at the end of January with about 21 inches.

The spring sweeping and painting were delayed by heavy winter. We were able to start aggressively cleaning the roads in mid-April. The crews then concentrated on grading and shoulder work in late May. The crew also began prepping streets for paving, and doing needed sewer and storm water repairs.

In May we once again took part in a successful hazardous waste collection in collaboration with the City Of Augusta. This program helps keep chemicals out of the sewers and storm systems.



The Buildings and Grounds Dept. was busy maintaining all our parks and cemeteries. We mow and maintain over 30 areas throughout the city. This department also works closely with Gardiner Main street to help operate the many downtown events.

B&G also did a major renovation to the interior of City Hall. Many offices were reconfigured and a new customer service area was built.

Request for Service

Call the Public Works garage at 582-4408 and Sewer Department at 582-1351. ***For afterhours emergencies please call 624-7076***

Please locate the storm water basins near your property and keep them free of debris to assist the staff and if there is a problem please contact the Public Works Department.

It is our goal to do the best we can every day for the taxpayers of Gardiner.

Tony LaPlante
Public Works Director





Gardiner Wastewater Department

Doug Clark, Director

Here are some stats and info for the calendar year 2015 for the Gardiner WWTP and system.

In 2015 we collected and treated 372,005,000 gallons of sewerage. Approximately 10% of this flow was CSO or diverted mixed stormwater and sewerage taken into the plant and given preliminary, primary and disinfection during heavy rain events. Previous to the major plant upgrade of 2005 this additional flow would have been bypassed directly into the Kennebec River without any treatment at all.

1040 cubic yards of dried, dewatered biomass or sludge were produced at the plant and sent to Hawk Ridge Commercial Compost Facility operated by Casella Waste Systems for composting.

The Cobbossee Interceptor replacement project which was suspended due to soil and slope failure at the construction site was re-engineered to incorporate a new below ground pump station instead of the original gravity line replacement. The pump station was just successfully started up and is running flawlessly.

The 4.2 million dollar Combined Sewer Overflow/Retention & Treatment Basin (CSO/RTB) project broke ground in November of 2015 beginning a one year construction project which should eliminate all summer season bypasses into the confluence of Cobbossee Stream and Kennebec River from seasonal disinfection season which runs from May 10 to September 30 of each year. A new screen and solids processing device at the Maine Ave. Pump Station will improve treatment and make collection and removal of screenings by operators easier and more efficient. Also, as a result of construction, a new shower, changing and restroom facility will be built for boaters who spend overnights at the waterfront.

Approximately 12 motor homes and camper trailers were serviced at the plant allowing them to dump their waste holding tanks for free.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as Gardiner's Wastewater Director.

Sincerely,
Doug Clark

Wastewater Director:

Doug Clark

Wastewater Staff:

Art Robinson, Chief Operator
Zach Breton, Laboratory Technician
Larry Whitmore, Mechanic
Doug MacMaster, Operator

Request for Service:

Any resident with a Request for Service should call 215-3870 for Wastewater.

We invite any resident who would like a tour of the facility to call 215-3870 to make arrangements.





Gardiner Boards and Committees

Gardiner is privileged to have citizens with expertise in multiple fields. Please share your knowledge with us by joining a committee. Membership on a committee requires work and commitment but is also a rewarding experience. It offers an opportunity to participate in City affairs, to help shape policy, to work with interesting people, and to assist in the growth and prosperity of Gardiner. Committees may have vacancies at any given time, and a variety of residents' talents are welcomed. Applications are collected and made available to the City Council for appointment. If you are interested in joining a committee, applications are accessible at www.gardinermaine.com or City Hall.

Board of Appeals

John Burgess
Charles Bett
Harlan Brown
Charlene Kinnelly
Ted Potter
Kevin Sullivan

Comprehensive Plan

Judy Dorsey
Pat Hart
Kirk Mohney
Pam Mitchell
Dorothy Washburn
Debby Willis

Conservation Committee

Margaret Barter
Phil Barter
Toni Pied
Jane Swain
Michael Swain
Joan Vining
Dorothy Washburn
Jeff Wells
Tamara Whitmore

Economic Dev Committee

John Burgess
Kate Carnes
Ron Condon
Nate Cotnoir
Sue Crawford
Geri Doyle
Nathan Grant
Aashley Malsbury
Amy Rees
Alex Rosenberg

First Park Representative

Pat Hart

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Janet Slade
Victor Tessari

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CJ Betit
Maureen Blanchard
Susan Crawford
John Donohoe
Judy Dorsey
Geri Doyle
Phil Hart
Debbie King-Johnson
George Trask

Ordinance Review Comm

Joel Alexander
John Burgess
Pat Hart
Clare Marron
Jonathan Stonier
Debby Willis (Chair)

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Meg Carlson
Brian Files
Thom Harnett
Michael Perisho
Dale Staples
Scott Williams

Planning Board

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Zachary Hanley
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Quimby Trustee

Stacy Blair

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George Trask
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Malcom Harris
Peter Malyon
Rob Munzing
Rich Rambo

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Robert Harvey-Webster
Craig Nelson
Mike Pelletier
Alex Rosenberg

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Raymond Morang

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Nancy Frost	Farmingdale
Tina Gowell	Litchfield
Rusty Greenleaf	Gardiner
Robert Henderson, Jr.	Randolph
Steve Lilly	Dresden
Scott MacMaster	Richmond
Jim Pierce	Gardiner
Shawn Pierce	Richmond

Gardiner Public Library Board

Thomas Abbott	W Gardiner
Gail Coughlin	Randolph
Sarah Ricker	Pittston
John Shaw	Gardiner
Deb Sparrow	Gardiner
Helen Stevens	Gardiner
Joan Thomas	Litchfield

New Mills Dam

John Beane	Gardiner
Maureen Blanchrd	Gardiner
Ed Dahl	Gardiner
Jack Daniel	Richmond
David Kamila	Litchfield
Howard Klerk	Richmond
Lewis Loon	Richmond
Al Nelson	Gardiner
David Smith	Litchfield





Housing Committee

The City of Gardiner has had a Housing Committee, off and on, for a number of years. The current committee was re-established in 2013, with its inaugural meeting occurring in April. Shortly after our initial meeting, the chair resigned and the committee was stagnant for a number of months. We came together again in February of 2015, and from that point forward have been holding regular meetings.

Initially the committee reviewed the relevant housing items in the Comprehensive Plan as well as the Council Order to determine its objectives. City staff provided extensive housing data including information about the city's abandoned property and committee members supplied information about foreclosures. After going through the process of data gathering, the committee decided to first look at ways to improve the city's existing housing stock. As is indicative of Maine, our housing stock is old and much of it is in need of repair.

One way to address the need for home improvements is through energy efficiency measures. Our group, with the assistance of the city's Code Enforcement Officer, put together a flyer identifying available energy efficiency resources. The flyer is available at City Hall, in the Gardiner Public Library and was distributed to homeowners who are recipients of the Meals on Wheels program.

To encourage local residents to investigate energy efficiency options, the committee also sponsored an Adult Education Class. Speakers included an energy audit professional and a representative from Efficiency Maine. They discussed the value of an energy audit and available financial resources. The class experienced full audience participation and positive feedback.

In discussions with the city's Code Enforcement Officer, the committee learned that it would be beneficial for Council to adopt Property Maintenance Codes. With the ultimate goal of improving Gardiner's housing stock, the committee has been reviewing model maintenance codes which will be submitted to Council for consideration within the next several months.

As a way to welcome new Gardiner residents, the committee is in the process of designing a folder that will contain key information about our community. In preliminary stages, the concept is for local businesses to purchase advertisements to be included in the folder, thereby absorbing all associated costs with its production.

Finally, the committee tracks the work of the Legislature and how bills passed may impact Gardiner. As of this writing, we continue to wait for the release of the Senior Housing Bonds.

If you are interested in joining the Housing Committee, please feel free to contact me for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Crawford
Chair



New Mills Dam Committee

A Brief History:

The New Mills Dam is an un-mortared granite masonry dam built in 1880. The dam controls the water elevation in the Cobbossee Stream and Pleasant Pond. It previously provided municipal water supply and hydroelectric power generation for the Gardiner Water District (GWD). The GWD elected to abandon the dam in 1999 because it no longer draws water supply from the stream and no longer generates electricity. State Law provides for the affected municipalities to assume ownership. Of the four municipalities involved, Gardiner, West Gardiner, Richmond and Litchfield, all but West Gardiner joined an inter-local agreement to own and operate the dam. The New Mills Dam Committee was also created with 9 voting members; three from each municipality to oversee the maintenance and operation.

Funding and Expenses:

The committee created a reserve account in 2000 and funded it through annual payments from each municipality totaling \$10,000 each year for 10 years resulting in approximately \$100,000 by year 2010. As of 6-30-14 the account balance was \$ 94,343. Our expenses were minimal for the first 14 years due to the fact that our dam is managed on a day to day basis by KEI Power Management, Inc. (KEI). KEI operates a hydroelectric dam just downstream from our dam. They maintain the water levels according to a Water Level Agreement overseen by the Cobbossee Watershed District. They also make minor repairs at no cost to our committee because our impoundment provides their water supply. Any major repairs are paid for by our committee.

In calendar years 2014 and 2015 we undertook some major repairs. Hickey Logging removed a large quantity of accumulated logs and stumps from the upstream face of the dam. Bancroft Construction replaced all three wooden main gates with new steel gates and Commercial Divers Inc. performed a State required detailed underwater inspection. Our engineering firm Kleinschmidt Associates oversaw the work. We spent \$73,177 for all this work leaving a balance of \$21,177 in our account as of 6-30-15.

In 2015 the committee also decided to renew the annual funding requests from each municipality. We adjusted for inflation and set our annual budget at \$14,000. This is allocated to each town based on their property located on the pond and stream. Richmond and Litchfield pay \$5,110 (36.5%) and Gardiner pays \$3,780 (27%). We expect this level of funding to continue into the foreseeable future as we plan to spend approximately \$15,000 each year for the next several years to repair all the leaks we identified in the dam.

Prepared by David A. Kamila, Committee Chair 4-7-16



2015-16 Annual Report

The mission of Johnson Hall is to promote, create and inspire artistic excellence through the presentation of world-class entertainment and professional performing arts education and to drive cultural and economic growth for our community.



Programming

In the 2015-16 season at Johnson Hall we presented 42 performances during the season from September to June and brought in 3,010 audience members for these shows. From June through August we presented 10 Free Waterfront Concerts and brought over 3,000 attendees for the summer at the waterfront.

Artists in the Schools Program

We presented 10 performances free to area schools this year with great success. The program is growing each year and we are seeing a marked increase in school-aged children coming to Johnson Hall performances and events.

SPARK Theater Camp for Kids

Our newly revamped and rebranded children's theater camp drew in over 50 children from five towns for four weeks of theater camp. The new program has a strong emphasis on professional theater training and techniques for youth.

Renovations

This past year Johnson Hall began the early stages of our capital campaign to fully renovate the second and third floors of Johnson Hall. After engaging with capital campaign council we secured funding to hire a Capital Campaign Director.

Income and Expenses

Income July 2015-June 2016: \$270,670.80

Grants	\$22,800.00
Annual Fund	\$39,712.42
Tickets/tuition	\$64,892.54
Business sponsors	\$42,449.50
Support	\$25,000.00
Capital campaign	\$73,723.78
Interest	\$ 58.24
Rental	\$ 1,057.50
Concessions (net)	\$ 976.82

Expenses July 2015-June 2016: \$273,733.00

Programs	\$108,369.00
Operations	\$ 21,642.00
Personnel	\$ 90,011.00
Capital improvements	none
Development	\$ 53,711.00

Audience Attendance

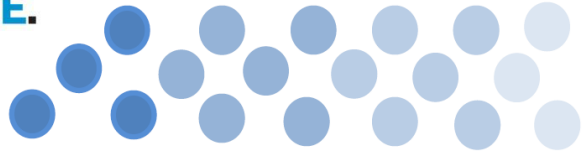
Performances	3,010
Waterfront Concerts	3,000

SPARK Attendance 72

Artists in the Schools
Students Served 1,876



GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



*Thank you to City of Gardiner for generously supporting the
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner!*

- The Club is our community center.
- Programs offered; child care, teen center, tutoring and sports.
- The Club is used for community voting, youth sports, birthday parties, family gatherings, Gardiner Rotary and community meetings.
- In 2015, the Club served 1,079 registered members ages six weeks to high school.
- 534 of these boys and girls were from Gardiner
- The Club has 54 full and part-time employees
- 27 of these employees are Gardiner residents
- 30+ Senior Citizens are participating in a new senior program, along with over 100 senior citizens attending four free dinners this year.
- Total yearly operating budget \$1,192,351.00
- City of Gardiner's contribution to the operating budget is \$51,572. This has been the same level funding for the past 5 years. This contribution calculates into \$8.94 per capita.

Christmas Tree Lighting 2010 vs. 2015





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Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Gardiner:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Some are pushing to raise the minimum wage, but I want Mainers to earn a maximum wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Another of my priorities is to lower the cost of student debt in Maine. If young people are struggling with too much student debt, they are unable to afford homes or vehicles. We are now offering programs to help them lower their debt, stay in Maine, begin their careers and start families.

To provide good-paying jobs for our young people, we must also work hard to reduce our energy costs. High energy costs are a major factor in driving out manufacturers, mills and other businesses that need low-cost electricity. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to heat and power their homes affordably and effectively.

And finally, we are making progress to address the drug pandemic in our state. It is my most important duty to keep the Maine people safe. While education, treatment and prevention efforts are important, we must get the dealers off the streets. I am pleased the Legislature has finally agreed to fund my proposal for more drug agents to stem the supply of deadly opiates flowing into our communities, but our law enforcement agencies are still understaffed. We must do more.

It is a pleasure serving as your Governor. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from 2015.

Growing the economy by encouraging job creation was and remains my top priority. The tax-relief bill signed into law at the close of last year contains three key provisions I authored to help foster job creation and provide small businesses with the certainty they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. Another provision I authored that became law last year gives a boost to both Maine's economy and traffic safety. This provision permanently changed the federal law that previously had forced the heaviest trucks onto our country roads and downtown streets, rather than allowing them to use Maine's federal Interstates. In addition, I was glad to help secure another significant award for the University of Maine's deepwater offshore wind initiative, which has the potential to advance an emerging industry and create thousands of good jobs in our state.

Maine's historic contributions to our nation's defense must continue. In 2015, I secured funding toward a much-needed additional Navy destroyer, likely to be built at Bath Iron Works. Modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that I have long advocated for were also completed, as were projects for the Maine National Guard.

I was also deeply involved in crafting the new education reform law to better empower states and communities in setting educational policy for their students. The law also extends a program I co-authored that provides additional assistance to rural schools, which has greatly benefitted our state. A \$250 tax deduction I authored in 2002 for teachers who spend their own money on classroom supplies was also made permanent last year.

As a result of a scientific evaluation of the nutritional value of potatoes required by a law that I wrote, the wholesome fresh potato finally was included in the federal WIC nutrition program. I also worked on other issues important to Maine's farmers and growers, including research on wild blueberries and pollinating bees.

As Chairman of the Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I have made combating veterans' homelessness a priority. This year's housing funding law includes \$60 million for 8,000 new supportive housing vouchers for homeless veterans. Since this program began in 2008, the number of homeless veterans nationwide has dropped by one third. Maine has received nearly 200 vouchers to support homeless veterans.

Last year, I became Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. My top three priorities for the committee are retirement security, investing more in biomedical research, and fighting fraud and financial abuses targeting our nation's seniors. I advocated for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. The Senate also unanimously passed my bill to support family caregivers. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance and has already received more than 1,000 calls.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2015 ended, I cast my 6,072nd consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Gardiner and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Constituent Service Center in Augusta at (207) 622-8414 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2016 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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Dear Friends of Gardiner:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a

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CHELLIE PINGREE
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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It's an honor to represent you in Congress. Thank you for the chance to update you on my work there and in Maine.

Like many here at home, I find the current partisan environment in Washington and Congress to be very frustrating. Attempts to take away people's health care, weaken environmental protections, and stoke controversy have been put ahead of more meaningful work to create jobs, help people through tough times, and give our children a better future.

Still, I have tried to find opportunities to work on issues where my colleagues across the aisle and I can find agreement. As a member of the minority party, I'm very proud that these efforts have earned several legislative victories that benefit the people of our state.

One of the most significant was passage of a Farm Bill containing many reforms I introduced to help the kind of small, diversified, family farms that we have here in Maine. These included more funding to help these farms meet the growing demand for healthy local food, as well as better insurance to fit their needs and helping SNAP recipients use benefits at farmers markets.

Another bill I introduced was signed into law, initiating a study of the York River to see if it is a good candidate for the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers program. The classification would help protect this important natural resource while potentially bringing more visitors to the area and an increased amount of federal investment for its conservation. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I've worked to secure other investments for the state as well, including \$20 million to replace a crumbling, unhealthy and outdated tribal school in Washington County.

But not all the work I do is from Washington. My offices in Portland and Waterville assist hundreds of constituents every year who have issues with federal agencies and programs—veterans benefits, Social Security, and Passports among them. If you have a problem where I might be of assistance, I encourage you to call (207) 774-4019. My staff and I welcome the opportunity to serve you.

Again, it's a pleasure to represent you in Congress. Please keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

This past year—my first as your Congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives—I am proud to have supported Maine families, local businesses and communities by working hard with Republicans and Democrats to promote policies that will preserve and create jobs and lower energy costs. I have worked to ensure our Veterans and active military members have the services they have earned and deserve, protected the individual rights and liberties they have fought for, and strengthened our national security to keep Americans safe and free.

I have fought tooth and nail to protect and create jobs for Maine. I stood up against the Washington political establishment, including Congressional leadership, to oppose granting fast-track authority to the President, a policy that allows him to facilitate massive international trade agreements that are unfair to American businesses, especially those in Maine. I am also extremely proud to have led the charge in successfully ending unfair and job-killing Canadian subsidies and to win a major victory for Maine by pushing into law a provision that will continue the FDA's use of paper inserts, efforts that combined to preserve hundreds of traditional Maine papermaking jobs.

As a proud member of the Military Veterans Caucus, I have been fighting for our Veterans by supporting several bills to increase funding for Veterans' health programs and hold the VA accountable. I also am proud to have introduced my own bill—the Helping Our Rural Veterans Receive Health Care Act—to give our rural Veterans easier access to their earned health care services by letting local hospitals care for them instead of VA centers far from home. I extend my thanks to all who have served.

In this first year, I also had one of my own bills signed into law. My critical and bipartisan Child Support Assistance Act will help children and their families receive legally due support in a timelier manner from delinquent parents. My District offices also helped hundreds of Maine families resolve issues with federal agencies and get the answers, benefits and services they deserved.

There is much more work to be done. Our Great State and Nation face many critical challenges. Please know that I am working hard, every day, to serve you and that I will continue to work here at home and in Washington for our families, local businesses and communities.

If you ever have any concerns or if I can provide assistance, please contact my Congressional Offices in Bangor (942-0583), Lewiston (784-0768), Presque Isle (764-1968) and Washington, DC (202-225-6306), or visit my website at poliquin.house.gov. It is an honor to represent you and our fellow Mainers in Congress.

Best wishes,

Bruce Poliquin
Member of Congress



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Gardiner and all of District 83 in the Maine House of Representatives during the 127th Legislature.

During the 2016 legislative session, our work has been focused on urgent legislation and bills carried over from last year's session. We are scheduled to complete our work in late April.

Our top priorities this session include strengthening our economy, growing good-paying jobs and addressing the state's pressing drug crisis. In January, we passed a \$3.7 million package to expand access to substance abuse treatment, boost prevention efforts and fund additional drug enforcement agents. This bill is an important first step, and we continue to work on measures to curb substance abuse in Maine.

As a lawmaker and member of the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, I remain committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to find the best possible solutions to the challenges we face as a state.

Please feel welcome to contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas you may have or if you need assistance with state government. Your input helps me to best represent our district in Augusta.

You can reach me by phone at 215-3501. You can also sign up to receive my email newsletter or contact me by emailing gay.grant@legislature.maine.gov. It is an honor to serve as your state representative.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gay M. Grant".

Gay Grant
State Representative

District 83: Gardiner and Farmingdale



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am so grateful that you've selected me to represent you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you've put your trust in me and I will continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the great state of Maine. Please let me provide you with a recap of the first session of the 127th Legislature as well as my hopes for the second session, which will begin in January 2016.

The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers.

We passed a biennial budget that ensured that more Maine families received a tax cut than did in the "largest tax cut in Maine history" in 2011. That same budget stopped taxes on military pensions, restructured portions of our welfare system, increased funding for nursing homes, and put more funding towards eliminating waitlists for services for brain-injured and intellectually disabled Mainers.

I'm looking forward to watching how the significant changes we've already made will better the everyday lives of Mainers. I serve in Augusta because I believe that I can have an impact on the direction of our district and state. As you know, more changes are necessary.

You have my sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or earle.mccormick@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

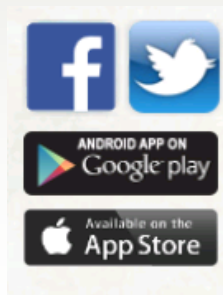
Sincerely,

Earle McCormick
State Senator, District 14

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www.gardinermaine.com and www.growwithgardiner.net

We encourage you to sign up to be notified by email of all city-wide announcements, projects, parking bans, city council meeting information, etc.. We also consolidated the most common requests under “Gardiner Resources”. At the request of residents, we are now offering the option to pay for taxes, sewer bills, purchase fall cleanup tickets, and even make donations to projects online. The audio/video for our meetings are available online and/or on demand if you miss the live streaming. Please follow our City Manager for the most up-to-date information if you have a Twitter account (@gardinermaine) and/or a Facebook account (<https://www.facebook.com/growwithgardiner>) .



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Centrally located in the heart of Maine and at the confluence of I-95 and I-295, the city of Gardiner offers history, convenience, and a wealth of shopping and outdoor activities to visitors seeking arts and entertainment, scenic recreational trails, a waterfront park and boat launch on the tidal Kennebec River. Gardiner is an unspoiled, authentic New England community with a historic downtown, and is located within hours of Maine's famous coast and mountain regions, and less than an hour's drive from Portland. Come see for yourself and experience Maine's best kept secret.

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