

**ARROWSIC
TOWN MEETING
at
Georgetown
Central School**

**Wednesday
June 15, 2005
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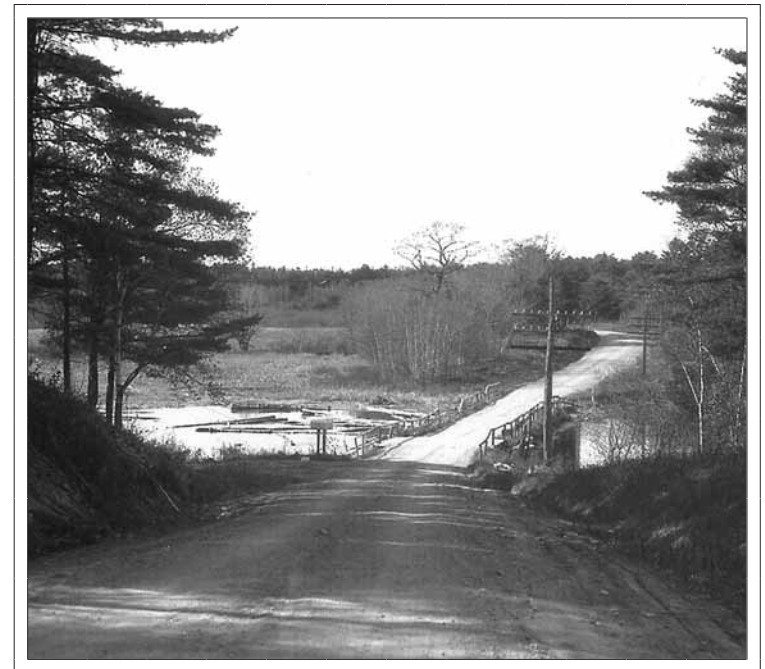
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Annual Report

of the Municipal Officers
of the Town of

Arrowsic

Maine



**Warrant for 2005–2006
Preliminary Report for 2004–2005
Audited Report for 2003–2004**

On the Cover

Looking north to the junction of Arrowsic Road and Spinney Mill Road. Photograph taken May 10, 1930, by Otis N. E. Card. (*Courtesy of Ed Pert, Georgetown.*)

3,000 square feet with the abutting Owner (Map 5/Lot 38). The new boundary line would increase the property area at the adjacent dwelling and increase the Town's frontage on Route 127.

Art. 55. To see if the Town will vote to allocate all revenues from dog license fees to a dedicated Animal Control Account, for the purpose of funding animal control work in town.

Art. 56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary to meet the Town's responsibilities for uncollectible ambulance fees (Actual 04-05 \$0.00).

Art. 57. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary to meet the Town's legislated responsibilities for providing General Assistance (Actual 04-05 \$165).

Art. 58. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to draw from **surplus** such funds as necessary for tax abatements due to overpaid taxes.

Art. 59. To see if the Town will vote to retain all proceeds from the sale of tax delinquent property in the dedicated Town Capital Improvement Fund.

Art. 60. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Art. 61. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 62. To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize for Annual Interest on all taxes paid 60 days after posting.

Selectmen recommend 5.0%. (State Maximum Allowed—6.5%.)

Art. 63. To see what date the Town will select for the 2006 Annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen recommend Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 6:30 PM.

LAWRENCE WILSON
MICHELE GAILLARD
SUZANNAH HEARD

Attest:
Josephine Ewing

2004-2005

Preliminary Report*

of the Municipal Officers
of the Town of

Arrowsic

Maine

Incorporated in 1841

*Includes unaudited Preliminary Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2005, and audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004

Annual Report Production
by Paul Schlein and Larry Wilson

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the Miscellaneous Expenses for the Conservation Commission.

FY 03–04		FY 04–05		FY 05–06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
250	122	250	96	250

Art. 46. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the dedicated Shellfish Conservation Fund for the miscellaneous expenses of the Shellfish Conservation Committee and the Shellfish Warden.

FY 03–04		FY 04–05		FY 05–06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
250	340	400	308	450

Art. 47. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Local Emergency Management Agency.

FY 03–04		FY 04–05		FY 05–06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
250	8	250	0	250

Art. 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** to provide legal services.

FY 03–04		FY 04–05		FY 05–06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
3,000	1920	3,000	3,703	3,500

Art. 49. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$4,000 from **surplus** for Town Hall improvements and maintenance.

Art. 50. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,000 from **surplus** for computer software upgrades.

Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to continue to allocate all revenues from the sale of shellfish licenses, and any fines received for violation of the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance, to the dedicated Shellfish Conservation Fund, to be used by the Shellfish Conservation Committee for shellfish management, conservation, and ordinance enforcement.

Art. 52. To see if the Town will vote to collect all Watercraft Excise Taxes in a dedicated Water Access Fund.

Art. 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend grants to be used for various municipal and planning-related services.

Art. 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to relocate the existing south boundary line of the Arrowsic Town Hall property (Map 5/Lot 36) by an exchange of equal size parcels of land of approximately

Snowmobile Registration money	Estimated	400
State grants or other funds not included above	Unknown(s)	
Homestead	Estimated	7,000

Art. 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Contingent and operating expenses for the ensuing year.

FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000

Art. 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for printing the annual Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
2,900	2,400	2,900	2,805	3,000

Art. 40 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the **Town Capital Improvement Fund** the sum of \$1,500 for one fireproof file cabinet.

Art. 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Insurance for the coming year.

FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
6,200	6,817	7,000	7,062	7,200

Art. 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Municipal Utilities for the coming year.

FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
3,000	3,026	3,200	3,000	3,500

Art. 43. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Planning Board.

FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
500	630	750	134	500

Art. 44. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Zoning Board of Appeals

FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
0	102	200	48	100

Art. 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for

Town of Arrowsic

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 www.arrowsic.org

Town Office Hours

Wednesdays, 3:00–5:30 PM
 Fridays, 8:30–11:00 AM

Committee Meeting Dates and Times

COMMITTEE.....	DATE.....	TIME
Board of Selectmen	2 nd & 4 th Monday.....	6 PM
Planning Board.....	1 st Monday	7 PM
Zoning Board of Appeals.....	As Needed	
Recycling/Solid Waste.....	As Needed	
Road Commission	1 st Tuesday	7 PM
Conservation Commission.....	3 rd Monday	7 PM
Town Property Management	3 rd Tuesday.....	7 PM
Shellfish Conservation Committee	2 nd Monday.....	4:30 PM

Elected Officials

TOWN CLERK

Josephine Ewing, 443-9795

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK FENCE VIEWERS

Lawrence Wilson, 443-6970, lwilson@gwi.net
Michele Gaillard, 442-7443, gaillard@gwi.net
Suzannah Heard, 443-6768, sukeyheard@clinic.net

TREASURER

Paul Schlein, 443-3209

TAX COLLECTOR

Elizabeth Rollins, 443-3658

FIRE CHIEF

Ike Heffron, 371-9093

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Nancy Brown Stump, Chairman, 442-7527

Jody Jones

Francis Smith Tolan

(Art. 34, continued)

	FY 03-04	FY 04-05	FY 05-06
Bath Area Senior Citizens, Inc.	250	250	250
Bath-Brunswick Hospice	1,000	1,000	1,000
Bath-Brunswick Mental Health (dba Sweetser)	572	572	572
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bath-Brunswick	500	600	600
Coastal Economic Development (CED)	325	325	325
Coastal Humane Society	549	548	548
Coastal Trans	300	300	300
Community Health & Nursing Serv. (CHANS)	350	350	350
Doubling Point Lighthouse	100	100	100
Elmhurst Assn. for Retarded Citizens, Inc.	500	500	500
Family Crisis Shelter	500	500	500
Jessie Albert Memorial Clinic	550	0	0
Maine Public Broadcasting	250	250	250
MidCoast Council for Bus. Development			100
Patten Free Library	5,390	5,390	6,916
Senior Spectrum (Meals on Wheels)	370	357	357
Tedford Shelter	150	150	150
The Park		200	200
The Range Light Keepers	100	100	100
Total	12,806	12,542	13,118

Art. 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** to fund Article 34.

Art. 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for dues in the coming year.

	FY 03-04 ACTUAL	FY 04-05 REQUEST	FY 05-06 ACTUAL	FY 05-06 REQUEST
Maine Municipal Assn.	1,052	1,052	1,078	1,094
Maine School Mgmt.*	110	110	0	0
Maine Welfare Dirc.	0	0	0	0
MTCTA	0	0	0	0
Total	1,162	1,162	1,078	1,094
Amount to be Raised				1,094

**Paid out of department budget*

Art. 37. Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of State funding listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature?

Municipal Revenue Sharing	Estimated	23,554
MDOT Block Grant	Estimated	12,370
State Aid to Education (including Federal pass-through funds and property tax relief)	Estimated	23,686
Tree Growth Reimbursement	Estimated	200
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	Estimated	175

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Grading	5,000
Asphalt Repair	1,000
Road Sign Replacement	1,000
Emergency	2,000
Snowplow	45,000
Paving—Old Stage Road	<u>85,000</u>
Total	144,000
Appropriations:	
Excise Tax	85,000
MDOT Block Grant	12,370
Surplus	<u>40,000</u>
Amount to be raised:	6,630

Art. 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover the costs of recycling and other related activities.

FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
3,500	3,000	4,500	2,656	4,500

Art. 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover the costs of solid waste disposal.

FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
19,000	19,000	22,500	17,068	23,500

Art. 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for FY 05-06 Auditor's Report and associated services.

FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
3,600	3,785	4,400	4,360	5,000

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to keep the Town alewife resource closed to harvesting during the 2006 season for conservation purposes.

Art. 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for disposal of septage waste for the ensuing fiscal year.

FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
3,600	1,686	2,400	2,921	3,000

Art. 34. To see which organizations the Town will support for the coming year.

	FY 03-04	FY 04-05	FY 05-06
Arrowsic Arrow	800	800	800
Bath Area Family YMCA	250	250	250

Appointed Officials

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Michael Kreindler, 442-7443
 Brian Detwiler (Alt.), 442-0094

PLANNING BOARD

Mary Hillery, Chairman, 442-8020
 Mary Louise Blanchard, Secretary
 Will Neilson
 Jean Kane (Alt.)

Roger Heard
 Chris Brett (Alt.)
 Steven Theodore (Alt.)

BOARD OF APPEALS

Mark Geiger, Chairman, 443-1072
 James Arsenault
 Lois Hewlett

Heather Baker
 Grace Stone

Wendy Briggs (Alt.)

RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Judy Jones, Chairman, 442-7612
 Heather Baker

Roz MacLean

John Hinds

STATE FIRE WARDEN

Ike Heffron, 371-9093

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

George Mead

Town Constable

Ike Heffron, 371-9093

DIRECTOR OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Ruth Fatscher, 443-8603

HEALTH OFFICER

Mildred Stafford, 443-5832

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Jean Kane, 443-4978

ELECTION CLERKS

Ann Barnes
Wendy Briggs
Nancy Brown Stump

Donald Beaton
Grace Stone
Ken Textor

ROAD COMMISSION

James Stump, Chairman, 442-7527

Brian Elwell

John Wood

Richard Elwell

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Josephine Ewing, Chairman, 443-9795

Noreen Blaiklock
Roger Heard
Mildred Stafford

William Blaiklock
Nancy Sferra
Frances Smith Tolan

TOWN HISTORIAN

Mildred Stafford, 443-5832

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Ike Heffron, 371-9093

TOWN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

James Arsenault, Co-chairman, 443-1510

Robert Ater, Co-chairman, 443-1519

Ann Ater
George Stafford

Mildred Stafford
Elizabeth Wilson

SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Peter Goodwin, Chairman, 443-7466

William Blaiklock
Richard Higgins

Lois Hewlett
Phil Packard

SHELLFISH WARDEN

John Hentz, 371-2732

SCHOLARSHIP FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jeremy Blaiklock, Chairman, 443-4630

Maria Grill
Paul Schlein

Roger Heard
Nancy Brown Stump

Town Website (www.arrowsic.org)

Paul Kalkstein, Webmaster, paulk@mainefolks.com

Ken Baker, Web Manager, h.kbaker@netzero.net

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept donations to the Arrowsic Scholarship Fund and to provide appropriate receipts thereof.

Note: For Articles 21–25, refer to the separate supplement, Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance **Section 1.3 Non-conformance**, to clarify non-conformance in the Shoreland and non-Shoreland Districts.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance **Section 3.2 Timber Harvesting and Land Clearing**, to provide detail for Timber Harvesting and Land Clearing within the Shoreland and Resource Protection Districts.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance **Section 3.7 Home Business**, to add the current definition of a Home Business to Section 3.7.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance **Section 5.7 Transitional Provision**, to delete Transitional Provision and substitute **Conflicts between Ordinance Provisions**.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance **Table III**, to clarify road and frontage setbacks.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance to move the definition of **Incidental Structure** to the definition of **Structure**.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for the ensuing year for an Assessors' Agent.

Art. 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or draw from Excise Tax, the MDOT Block Grant, and **surplus** for general maintenance and repair of Town Ways and other Properties for the ensuing year, including snow removal.

	FY 03–04	FY 04–05	FY 05–06
Raised	83,500	94,000	144,000
Excise Tax	70,000	60,000	85,000
MDOT Block Grant	12,370	12,370	12,370
Surplus	0	0	40,000

Road Commission Proposed Budget 2005–2006

General Maintenance	4,000
Culverts	1,000

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Art. 14. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the Transportation Cost Category, which consists of the Transportation account.

School Committee Recommends \$22,679.00

School Revenue Articles

Art. 15. To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the cost of funding public education K–12, as described in the Essential Programs and Services (EPS) Funding Act (State recommends \$394,991.44), and to see what sum the Town will raise as the local contribution in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends \$374,831.89

Art. 16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$277,255.11 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$208,557.28.

School Committee Recommends Yes

Explanation: This will bring the amount to be raised for FY 05–06 to \$652,087. The EPS model is not fully funded for FY 05–06 and does not adequately address all educational programs. The School Committee recommends additional local funds to continue the support of educational programs that Arrowsic has traditionally made available to all its students. (The additional local amount raised in 2004 was \$187,421.17.)

Art. 17. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, from the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education K–12, as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, and from additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of the schools.

School Committee Recommends \$699,584.00

Art. 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from **surplus** to fund the dedicated Scholarship Account.

School Committee Recommends \$6,600

Art. 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Scholarship Fund for the purpose of providing scholarships to worthy and deserving students from the Town pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited educational institution; to be selected by the Selectmen on the recommendations of the School Committee.

FY 03–04		FY 04–05		FY 05–06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
3,000	3,000	3,600	3,000	6,600

Elected State Officials

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LEGISLATURE

State Representative George R. Bishop, Jr.

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Senator Arthur Mayo III

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THE MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Citizens of Arrowsic,

It is a great pleasure and honor to serve as Arrowsic’s State Representative in the 122nd Maine Legislature. As your legislator I look forward to bringing our local views, needs and concerns to Augusta.

During the First Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature my colleagues and I will be dealing with major issues such as tax relief, another Medicaid budget shortfall, a \$733 million state budget shortfall and the immediate funding of the Maine Municipal Association’s referendum. There are approximately 2,000 pieces of legislation that have been submitted for our consideration during this session.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives has appointed me to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. I look forward to the challenges we will be dealing with in this committee such as state contracts and fiscal procedures, state government organization and municipal and local government.

Please feel free to call me with your thoughts and concerns. I can be reached at 633-3081 or in Augusta at 287-1440. During session you may leave a message on the toll-free House number at 1-800-423-2900. My e-mail address is gbishop@localnet.com. You may also write to me at 2 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0002 or 56 Townsend Lane, Boothbay, Maine 04537.

Sincerely,
 GEORGE R. BISHOP, JR.
 State Representative
 District 61: Arrowsic,
 Boothbay, Boothbay
 Harbor, Georgetown,
 Southport, and Westport
 Island

(Art. 9, continued)

	FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
	Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
Equip., Repairs	2,500	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
Supplies	200	350	200	200	350
Dues & Subs.	200	290	200	200	200
Meals	0	0	0	0	0
Equip., Testing	0	0	0	0	0
Training	1,500	400	2,300	1,200	1,500
Lost Wages	0	0	0	0	0
Medical	1,000	100	1,300	1,000	1,000
Comm. Eq. & Sup.	1,800	1,100	1,400	700	0
911 Phone	0	0	0	0	0
Special Project	0	0	0	0	1,500
Total	11,900	8,240	13,200	9,700	11,750
Rep, MEMA 97-98	0	0	0		0
Grants & Reimb.	0	0	0		0
Tax Commitment	11,900	8,240	12,200	9,700	11,750

Art. 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a contract with the City of Bath for structural fire coverage for the ensuing year.

FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000

Art. 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide the Town with Ambulance Service for the ensuing year.

FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST
4,500	2,700	4,500	3,600	4,500

School Expenditure Articles

Art. 12. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the Instruction Cost Category, which consists of the Academic Instruction and Special Education Instruction accounts.

School Committee Recommends \$661,431.00

Art. 13. To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the Administration Cost Category, which consists of the Board of Education, Office of the Superintendent, and Special Services Administration accounts.

School Committee Recommends \$15,474.00

(Art. 5, continued)

	FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
Fire Chief	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,600
Deputy Chief	750	750	1,000	1,000	1,000
Captain (1 @ \$200)	400	400	200	200	200
Fire Department Volunteers	0	0	0	0	0
Registrar Voters.....	300	300	300	300	300
Deputy Registrar.....	0	0	0	0	0
Election Wardens	300	300	300	300	200
Election Clerks	600	600	600	600	400
Election Counters	\$25 300	\$25 300	\$25 300	\$25 300	\$25 200
	\$10 0	\$10 0	\$10 0	\$10 0	\$10 0
Planning Board.....	500	500	500	500	500
School Committee	400	400	400	400	400
Road Commission	500	500	500	500	500
Recycling.....	450	450	450	450	450
Board of Appeals.....	0	0	500	500	500
Conservation Commission.....	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	25,950	25,950	27,000	27,000	27,100

Art. 6. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the Town Officers' Salaries.

	FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	ACTUAL	REQUEST	
29,921	27,323	30,555	29,809	31,246	

Art. 7. To see what amount of money or value the Town will vote to accept and expend from the following grants, donations, or reimbursements of monies or materials for FY 05-06:

Arrowsic Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary:

Recommend up to \$2,000.

Miscellaneous contributions, donations, and reimbursements:

Recommend up to \$2,000.

Reimbursed chargeable expenses:

Recommend actual Cash Value.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000 from surplus for the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund.

Art. 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Protection for FY 05-06.

	FY 03-04		FY 04-05		FY 05-06
	Request	Actual	Request	Actual	Request
Equip., Fuel	3,000	1,500	2,600	2,200	3,000
Equip., Purchases	1,700	2,500	1,700	1,700	1,700



THE MAINE SENATE

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

It is an honor to represent you, the citizens of District 9, in Augusta as your as your State Senator. These next two years of the 122nd Legislative Session are off to a fast start, and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you all some of the key issues facing us this session.

Perhaps the most critical problem before the Legislature is the matter of tax reform, and I am proud to say that, with the session not even a month old, we have produced a package that provides meaningful tax relief for the people of Maine. The Joint Select Committee on Tax Reform began working without delay, and the Legislature passed their proposal in record time. I believe the new tax structure we have created will go a long way in relieving the property tax burden on the people of our area. In addition, we have put the state on track to pay their fair share of education funding.

Similar to years past, we will be facing a budget shortfall again this session. The projected shortfall, approximately \$750 million, will have to be addressed in the coming budget. It is crucial that while attending to this budget gap, we do not forget the programs that are critical to the people of Maine. I intend to work together with my fellow legislators to ensure that the budget constraints are dealt with in a manner that will least jeopardize the services many needy Mainers have come to depend on.

In addition to tax reform and the budget, we have over 2,000 pieces of legislation facing us this session, and my overall goals remain the same— increased economic development for our people and communities, more affordable health care, better education funding for our K-12 schools and a clean and healthy Maine environment.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the above issues, or anything else you would like to bring to my attention, please do not hesitate to contact me at the State House toll-free at 1-800-423-6900 or 287-1515.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR F. MAYO III
 Senator
 District 19

2005 Selectmen’s Report

THEY SAY THAT WITH AGE COMES WISDOM. It has taken a number of years of mastering the mechanics of town government, but a certain level of confidence has been achieved. Our much-improved filing system also helps. Below are the major issues that occupied our time during 2004–2005.

Property Valuations, Assessing, and Taxation

After many years with only moderate increases in the value of Arrowsic properties, we are now in a period of very high real estate sales. Waterfront properties are selling at jaw-dropping prices. For the first time, an Arrowsic property was offered on the market for over a million dollars. Non-waterfront prices are inflating as well, although not as steeply. The State uses recent property sales to determine our town valuation, which in turn affects its contribution to various programs such as schools, homestead, and veteran’s exemptions. Both the State and the County see our rising cumulative property value and believe it indicates that we don’t need their support and can pay more for their services. Of course, the flaw in this logic is that we would all have to sell and move away to meet their profile!

We are not alone in this unenviable position, but due to several factors, including our size and lack of local schools, we have less control over our fate than most towns. The Legislature has responded with LD-1, a bill designed to provide some taxpayer relief. They have increased the qualification threshold for “circuit breaker” funds, increased the value of the Homestead Exemption (but fund a lower portion of it so it costs the town more), and recalculated State aid for education, increasing our share by \$5,000 this year to \$23,000.

The Selectmen see the connected issues of rising property values, increasing County taxes, and diminishing support from the State as a growing threat to the fiscal and social equilibrium of Arrowsic. Rising taxes are forcing some and encouraging others to sell property. Undeveloped parcels are being developed. Rising property prices are resulting in property splits and divisions, thereby increasing density. Long-established policies such as “school choice” are being re-considered as a means to lower education expenses. Town maintenance, repair, and road projects are put on hold to reduce expenditures. Technology upgrades needed to stay current are eliminated or postponed.

We believe that the issues of rising taxes and balancing the needs of the Town are of concern to us all. We hope that in the coming year many of you will become involved in the decision-making process, give feedback to your elected representatives, and help us formulate policies that will address the needs of the Town and its citizens. We encourage your attendance at Town Meeting on June 15 at the Georgetown Central School.

Warrant for Town Meeting

Sagadahoc, ss:

To Josephine Ewing, Town Clerk for the Town of Arrowsic, County of Sagadahoc, State of Maine:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Arrowsic qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Georgetown Central School on Wednesday the 15th of June, A.D. 2005, at six-thirty in the evening, to act on the following articles to wit:

Elections

Art. 1. To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To elect a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To elect by ballot, for a three-year term:
 Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor
 Surveyor of Lumber and Bark & Fence Viewer

To elect by ballot for a three-year term:
 School Committee Member

Art. 4. To elect:
 A Treasurer
 A Tax Collector
 Any other Town Officers

(Note: 04–05 “Actuals” reflect expenditures through May 7, 2005.)

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to pay the following salaries to the Town Officers:

	FY 03–04	FY 04–05	FY 05–06
Selectman Chairman.....	2,750	2,750	2,750
Selectmen (2 @ \$2,000)	4,000	4,000	4,000
Town Clerk.....	3,000	3,000	3,000
Treasurer	3,000	3,000	3,000
Tax Collector.....	3,000	3,000	3,000
LEMA Director	100	100	100
Shellfish Committee	0	0	0
Shellfish Warden	500	500	500
Codes Enforcement Officer	2,500	2,500	2,500
Constable.....	0	0	500
Animal Control Officer.....	500	500	500

(Art. 5, continued on next page)

Summary of Warrant Articles

Article	Description		Amount Requested	Amount Voted
5	Salaries		31,246	
8	Fire Department Capital	Surplus	5,000	
9	Fire Department Budget		11,750	
10	Structrual Fire Contract (Bath)		5,000	
11	Ambulance Service (Bath)		4,500	
15-16	Schools		652,087	
18	Scholarship Fund	Surplus	6,600	
19	Scholarships	Scholarship	6,600	
27	Assessor's Agent		4,500	
28	Roads	Surplus (\$40,000)	46,630	
29	Recycling		4,500	
30	Solid Waste		23,500	
31	Auditor's Report		5,000	
33	Septage		3,000	
34	Organizations	Surplus	13,118	
36	Dues		1,094	
38	Contingency		6,000	
39	Annual Report		3,000	
40	Fireproof File Cabinet	Capital	1,500	
41	Insurance		7,200	
42	Utilities		3,500	
43	Planning Board		500	
44	Zoning Board of Appeals		100	
45	Conservation Commission		250	
46	Shellfish Conservation Commission		450	
47	Local Emergency Management Agency		250	
48	Legal	Surplus	3,500	
49	Town Hall Maintenance & Improvement	Surplus	4,000	
50	Computer Software Upgrade	Surplus	1,000	
TOTAL OF ALL TOWN WARRANTS			855,375	
County Taxes			111,715	
TOTAL			967,090	
State Revenue Sharing			23,554	
Surplus + Dedicated Funds			74,718	
Scholarships			6,600	
Total of Above 3 lines			104,872	
Amount To Be Raised			862,218	
Previous Years			2004: 746,252	
			2003: 569,727	
			2002: 517,936	
			2001: 488,065	
			2000: 459,171	
			1999: 437,438	
			1998: 436,033	

School Budget

The School Committee determined that there were several more children enrolled from Arrowsic than budgeted. This caused a shortfall in the School budget of approximately \$20,000. The education budgeting process is not an exact science, due to post-budget tuition rates and fluctuating enrollment. A Special Town Meeting was scheduled for April 27, where the decision was made to use general surplus funds to pay the bills rather than raise and appropriate from taxes.

Town Hall

The Selectmen worked closely with the Town Property Management Committee to complete several repair and maintenance projects, some of which were required by our insurance company. We continue working slowly towards a goal of making the Town Hall safer and more efficient for those who work there. We received three used Dell computers from BIW that will allow us to better protect the integrity of Town data. We are working hard to replace our present DOS-based assessing program with a Windows-based system.

The Town Hall water supply was a recurring topic because of seasonal evidence of coliform bacteria in our test samples. We are investigating our options regarding treatment, but have removed the outside pump handle and installed signage at the taps inside the building as a precaution.

Personnel

The Selectmen continued to be involved in staffing and coordination of the Town committees. We instituted a more formal process for committee appointments and took greater responsibility for filling vacancies and vetting candidates. New members were appointed to the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Town Property Management Committee. The Selectmen appointed Ruth Fatscher as the Local Emergency Management Director, Brian Detwiler as the Alternate Codes Enforcement Officer, Ike Heffron as Constable and Animal Control Officer, Ken Baker as Web Manager, and Brian Elwell to the Road Commission.

Guests

In addition to Arrowsic residents who contributed to our meetings, we had several interesting visitors. Art Mayo, our State Senator, stopped by to give us information on LD-1. George Bishop, our new State Representative, met with us to find out the issues that mattered most to the Town. We had an enjoyable meeting with the Georgetown Selectmen to discuss matters of mutual interest. Union 47 Superintendent Shuttleworth accompanied the School Board and discussed budgets and school governance issues. Judy Colby George, a computer-mapping specialist, made a presentation on Global Information System (GIS) and its applications for the Town.

Consent Agreements

When violations to Town ordinances occur, the Selectmen are responsible for enforcing compliance and, if needed, assessing related fines. Negotiating an agreement can be complicated, time consuming, and expensive. We continue to rely on consent agreements to work our way through the process. This year we negotiated one consent agreement.

New Municipal Accounting Guidelines

With the help of our accountants at Purdy Powers, we completed the requirements of GASB #34, an amendment to generally accepted accounting practices for government entities. This alters the way our audited statements are presented and adds a report prepared by the Selectmen with analysis of our financial data. It's a real page-turner (*see page 34*)!

Historical Records

We transferred 86 property valuation books dating from 1889 to 1997 to the Sagadahoc History & Genealogy Room at the Patten Free Library for safekeeping. They are on permanent loan, but will be returned upon request of the Selectmen.

Dedicated Team

We have been assisted in our efforts by Town Clerk, Phine Ewing; Tax Collector, Liz Rollins; Treasurer, Paul Schlein; and the various appointed officials and committees that contribute so much to the operation of the Town. Their hard work is invaluable and makes Arrowsic a better place.

The Range Light Keepers

Preserving the Kennebec River Range Lights & Fiddler Reach Fog Signal



The Range Light Keepers wish to thank the Town of Arrowsic and GWI (Great Works Internet), for their continued support. Visit us at www.rlk.org.
Join us for the 2nd Annual

Arrowsic Day at the Range Lights

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005 1–3 PM Light Refreshments Served

Volunteers needed for fundraising and preservation programs

Contact the Range Light Keepers at 442-7443 and fogdog@rlk.org

Historic photographs of the Range Light Station by W. H. Ballard taken 1948



Friends of the Doubling Point Light

ARROWSIC IS FORTUNATE to have three historic lighthouses on its shores. Together with Perkins Island Light in Georgetown, these treasures make the Kennebec a unique River of Light. The Friends of Doubling Point Light congratulate the Citizens for Squirrel Point on their recent achievement toward gaining permanent rights of public access to this spectacular site. Progress is also being made in restoration at Perkins Island, and preservation continues at the fog bell and Range Lights, as it does at our site.

This past summer at Doubling Point Light, we retained the services of the Kennebec River Paint Company, Benjamin Day and Aiden Coffin, to repaint and stain the walkway and bell tower. Come visit the Lighthouse to enjoy the beautiful job they have done!



The Doubling Point Light in wintertime.

Taxpayers' List

Name	Map/Lot	Land	Building	Total	Exemption	Net Value	Tax
Ainsworth, Carol Trust of	004-012	\$66,000	\$91,400	\$157,400	\$0	\$157,400	\$1,888.80
Ainsworth, Carol; The Trust of	004-019	\$4,300	\$0	\$4,300	\$0	\$4,300	\$51.60
Akar, Hamdi Jr.	002-006	\$254,900	\$2,200	\$257,100	\$0	\$257,100	\$3,085.20
Allen, Brian & Jane et al.	003-047	\$75,300	\$16,500	\$91,800	\$0	\$91,800	\$1,101.60
Ames, Harold A. Jr. & Sylvia	003-038	\$54,600	\$73,500	\$128,100	\$5,000	\$123,100	\$1,477.20
Appel, James M.	003-039	\$83,800	\$58,400	\$142,200	\$5,000	\$137,200	\$1,646.40
Arsenault, James E. & Holley, Lisa	005-034	\$65,300	\$132,700	\$198,000	\$5,000	\$193,000	\$2,316.00
Arsenault, M.A. & P.J.	004-007	\$56,500	\$55,600	\$112,100	\$7,000	\$105,100	\$1,261.20
Ater, Michael J.	004-002-001	\$58,500	\$99,600	\$158,100	\$0	\$158,100	\$1,897.20
Ater, Robert G.	004-044-001	\$68,800	\$93,000	\$161,800	\$5,000	\$156,800	\$1,881.60
Baker, Kenneth & Heather	006-017	\$157,000	\$106,400	\$263,400	\$0	\$263,400	\$3,160.80
Barnes, Duncan & Ann (JT)	004-055-003	\$264,200	\$346,800	\$611,000	\$2,500	\$608,500	\$7,302.00
Bassett, Kenneth L.	005-002-002	\$52,700	\$123,900	\$176,600	\$0	\$176,600	\$2,119.20
Bassett, Leroy & Deborah	005-002	\$101,700	\$84,500	\$186,200	\$5,000	\$181,200	\$2,174.40
Beaton, Donald	003-002	\$219,100	\$16,100	\$235,200	\$5,000	\$230,200	\$2,762.40
Bejma, Anthony R & Hei-Mao	004-050-002	\$70,800	\$139,900	\$210,700	\$0	\$210,700	\$2,528.40
Belleville, Raymond & Carmen	002-019-005	\$180,400	\$121,700	\$302,100	\$2,500	\$299,600	\$3,595.20
Bertocci, Margaret	004-027	\$89,100	\$110,200	\$199,300	\$5,000	\$194,300	\$2,331.60
Bertocci, Margaret	004-027-002	\$8,800	\$0	\$8,800	\$0	\$8,800	\$105.60
Bertschy, Melanie	003-012	\$80,000	\$148,100	\$228,100	\$5,000	\$223,100	\$2,677.20
Beveridge, Kathryn R.	004-014-001	\$83,500	\$219,900	\$303,400	\$2,500	\$300,900	\$3,610.80
Biehler, Jonathan	005-011-006	\$65,600	\$91,900	\$157,500	\$0	\$157,500	\$1,890.00
Biehler, J.	005-004-007	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Blallock, Jeremy	005-038	\$68,500	\$65,900	\$134,400	\$5,000	\$129,400	\$1,552.80
Blallock, William	004-033	\$191,900	\$90,400	\$282,300	\$2,500	\$279,800	\$3,357.60
Blake, Lorrie A.	004-056	\$49,300	\$19,700	\$69,000	\$7,000	\$62,000	\$744.00
Blanchard, Mary Louise K.	003-005	\$90,900	\$274,300	\$365,200	\$2,500	\$362,700	\$4,352.40
Bonis, Howard L. & Susan W.	004-046-002	\$74,000	\$93,400	\$167,400	\$0	\$167,400	\$2,008.80
Boyce, Barbara	004-014-003	\$82,500	\$276,000	\$358,500	\$2,500	\$356,000	\$4,272.00

Name	Map/Lot	Land	Building	Total	Exemption	Net Value	Tax
Braun, Pamela S.	004-037	\$24,600	\$66,500	\$91,100	\$7,000	\$84,100	\$1,009.20
Brennan, Wm. & Margaret C. Trust	006-010	\$44,800	\$156,600	\$201,400	\$0	\$201,400	\$2,416.80
Brennan, Wm. & Margaret C. Trust	006-008	\$5,300	\$0	\$5,300	\$0	\$5,300	\$63.60
Brett, Chris	002-002	\$267,500	\$108,000	\$375,500	\$2,500	\$373,000	\$4,476.00
Bridge, Alexander & Clare M.	002-019-001	\$164,300	\$242,800	\$407,100	\$2,500	\$404,600	\$4,855.20
Briggs, Walter H. & Jane W.B.	004-014	\$152,400	\$288,500	\$440,900	\$2,500	\$438,400	\$5,260.80
Brooks, David M. & Sally A.	005-004-010	\$219,500	\$140,000	\$359,500	\$2,500	\$357,000	\$4,284.00
Brown, Michael & Louise	004-001	\$86,400	\$106,600	\$193,000	\$5,000	\$188,000	\$2,256.00
Brown, Paul & Charlotte	002-012	\$68,600	\$117,300	\$185,900	\$5,000	\$180,900	\$2,170.80
Brummer, Kathleen D.	005-023	\$58,900	\$134,600	\$193,500	\$5,000	\$188,500	\$2,262.00
Bryant, Donald A. & Barbara	006-001-006	\$171,200	\$159,600	\$330,800	\$2,500	\$328,300	\$3,939.60
Burdick, Michael	005-043-000-01	\$0	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$7,000	\$19,500	\$234.00
Burke, John and Joanne	005-004-024	\$84,700	\$123,400	\$208,100	\$5,000	\$203,100	\$2,437.20
Campbell, Sherman & Elizabeth	004-030-001	\$100,100	\$230,900	\$331,000	\$2,500	\$328,500	\$3,942.00
Carleton, C. Edward	005-024	\$55,900	\$34,300	\$90,200	\$0	\$90,200	\$1,082.40
Carlton Dale M.	004-051	\$56,400	\$126,400	\$182,800	\$5,000	\$177,800	\$2,133.60
Carlton, Ann M. & Dale M. (JT)	004-050-005	\$86,700	\$0	\$86,700	\$0	\$86,700	\$1,040.40
Carlton, Celia	005-016	\$38,000	\$28,000	\$66,000	\$7,000	\$59,000	\$708.00
Carlton, Celia	005-017	\$1,400	\$0	\$1,400	\$0	\$1,400	\$16.80
Carlton, Celia	005-025	\$117,700	\$0	\$117,700	\$0	\$117,700	\$1,412.40
Carter, John S. & Karim B.	004-029-003	\$58,300	\$0	\$58,300	\$0	\$58,300	\$699.60
Cassell, Ann L. & Michael	004-058	\$86,600	\$14,800	\$101,400	\$0	\$101,400	\$1,209.60
Caton Robert E.	006-009	\$24,600	\$37,000	\$61,600	\$0	\$61,600	\$739.20
Central Maine Power	005-035	\$314,500	\$0	\$314,500	\$0	\$314,500	\$3,774.00
Cerrone, Julie W.	003-003	\$224,100	\$97,200	\$321,300	\$0	\$321,300	\$3,855.60
Ceruti, Theresa	004-030	\$218,200	\$13,300	\$349,500	\$0	\$349,500	\$4,194.00
Chaffee, John & Barbara	004-008	\$57,500	\$58,600	\$116,100	\$12,000	\$104,100	\$1,249.20
Chapin, E. Barton III.	002-013	\$144,200	\$154,600	\$298,800	\$2,500	\$296,300	\$3,555.60
Coleman, Gene and	005-004-020	\$83,700	\$80,100	\$163,800	\$5,000	\$158,800	\$1,905.60
Collier, David M. & Susan J.	005-004-023	\$87,900	\$164,400	\$252,300	\$2,500	\$249,800	\$2,997.60
Conner, Patricia & Fatscher Ruth Ann	005-004-012	\$218,500	\$192,100	\$410,600	\$2,500	\$408,100	\$4,897.20
Cossart, Ed & Molly	005-004-011	\$218,500	\$160,400	\$378,900	\$2,500	\$376,400	\$4,516.80
Crabtree, Christian & Kathleen	002-019-002	\$78,500	\$105,600	\$184,100	\$0	\$184,100	\$2,209.20

Citizens for Squirrel Point Report

ON FEBRUARY 22, 2005, Federal Judge D. Brock Hornby ruled in favor of Citizens for Squirrel Point’s motion for summary judgment, returning the Squirrel Point Light property to the custody of the Coast Guard. This ruling represents a tremendous victory for the preservation of Squirrel Point, and the many Arrowsic residents, organizations, and others who supported it. A

particular vote of thanks go to Scott Boak and Jacqueline Rider, attorneys at Verrill & Dana of Portland who took on CSP’s case pro bono.

During 2005, Squirrel Point and its five acres should be awarded, under the provisions of the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act, to a qualified nonprofit organization that will restore and maintain it for educational, historic, recreational, cultural, and wildlife conservation programs for the general public. The selection process

is conducted through the National Parks Service, and interested nonprofits can view the application criteria and materials at <http://propertydisposal.gsa.gov/Property/Lighthouse/>.

Membership in CSP is free, although donations are gratefully accepted (CSP is a tax-exempt 501c3). Joining CSP will get you on our e-mail list for future updates on the status and future of the Light, as we turn our attention to its restoration and supporting the development of appropriate programs in a “friends of” capacity. Contact Lee Johnson, arrowsiclee@gwi.net, or Brian Detwiler, brianlyn@gwi.net.



Squirrel Point Light

2004–2005 Board of Directors:
 LEE JOHNSON, President
 WILL NEILSON, Vice President
 BRIAN DETWILER, Treasurer/Secretary
 TIM HARRISON
 ROGER HEARD
 FRED KAHRL
 NANCY SFERRA

Town Property Management Committee Report

THE TOWN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WORKED on a number of items this year:

- finishing the grounds around the Fire Department’s new brush truck building and preparing for the open house that was held on June 19, 2004
- changing the Town Hall septic system to eliminate the holding tank
- general clearing of brush and tree limbs around the Town Hall
- various maintenance items around the Town Hall, such as repair of the basement stairs, repair of the side exit ramp, furnace maintenance, storm window repairs, and fire extinguisher inspections

Several ideas have been put forth over the past year to improve the appearance and use of the Town Hall:

- Mike Kreindler developed a design for providing a pathway and stairs to the new brush truck building, to be built in the spring of 2005
- remodeling of the kitchen to a more useful area
- painting of the exterior
- renewing or replacing the Town’s historic sign

The Committee has developed a stable of volunteers to help with these projects and looks forward to its work this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
 BOB ATER, Chairman
 ANN ATER
 KEN BAKER
 MILLY STAFFORD
 GEORGE STAFFORD
 BETTY WILSON

Name	Map/Lot	Land	Building	Total	Exemption	Net Value	Tax
Cunningham, Paul & Lynn	004-053-003	\$163,200	\$173,400	\$336,600	\$2,500	\$334,100	\$4,009.20
Damon, Craig & Leslie	004-053	\$131,900	\$0	\$131,900	\$0	\$131,900	\$1,582.80
Davis, James F.	004-035	\$107,600	\$60,400	\$168,000	\$0	\$168,000	\$2,016.00
Davis, Sheldon K. & Nancy	003-005-001	\$89,800	\$88,500	\$178,300	\$5,000	\$173,300	\$2,079.60
Deniers, Thomas	004-050-008	\$78,300	\$91,800	\$170,100	\$5,000	\$165,100	\$1,981.20
Detwiler, Brian W., & Lyn C. (JT)	003-005-002	\$91,100	\$110,100	\$201,200	\$5,000	\$196,200	\$2,354.40
Dolan, James & Deborah	001-001	\$70,000	\$6,500	\$76,500	\$0	\$76,500	\$918.00
Downs, Georgia K.	004-029	\$221,900	\$120,500	\$342,400	\$2,500	\$339,900	\$4,078.80
Drake, Sally P.	005-011-001	\$70,100	\$82,600	\$152,700	\$5,000	\$147,700	\$1,772.40
Dresser, Arthur E. & Carol H.	003-037	\$59,100	\$162,400	\$221,500	\$5,000	\$216,500	\$2,598.00
Dube, Michael	005-005	\$180,200	\$0	\$180,200	\$0	\$180,200	\$2,162.40
Dunn, Floyd L. & Sally	003-027-001	\$77,700	\$53,200	\$130,900	\$5,000	\$125,900	\$1,510.80
Dunn, Floyd L. Jr.	003-027-004	\$1,800	\$0	\$1,800	\$0	\$1,800	\$21.60
Dunn, Floyd L. Sr.	003-027-003	\$73,000	\$0	\$73,000	\$0	\$73,000	\$876.00
Dunn, Floyd L. Sr. &	003-027	\$75,900	\$81,700	\$157,600	\$5,000	\$152,600	\$1,831.20
Durell, David	005-009	\$19,000	\$31,700	\$50,700	\$7,000	\$43,700	\$524.40
Edwards, Marllys & Modeste, Leon	002-011	\$208,300	\$0	\$208,300	\$0	\$208,300	\$2,499.60
Elkin, Susan	006-019	\$163,400	\$186,800	\$350,200	\$0	\$350,200	\$4,202.40
Elwell, Allen L. & Maryanne	004-023-001	\$45,700	\$107,000	\$152,700	\$5,000	\$147,700	\$1,772.40
Elwell, Frederick & Kim	006-023	\$52,400	\$63,600	\$116,000	\$7,000	\$109,000	\$1,308.00
Elwell, Julie Ann & Roy, Sharon	003-024-002	\$74,000	\$144,100	\$218,100	\$5,000	\$213,100	\$2,557.20
Elwell, Richard	004-023	\$69,000	\$0	\$69,000	\$0	\$69,000	\$828.00
Elwell, Richard	005-003	\$61,000	\$83,900	\$144,900	\$5,000	\$139,900	\$1,678.80
Elwell, Richard	003-032	\$47,500	\$17,900	\$65,400	\$0	\$65,400	\$784.80
Elwell, Robert A.	003-024	\$111,600	\$158,500	\$270,100	\$2,500	\$267,600	\$3,211.20
Elwell, Robert A.	003-024-001	\$64,200	\$53,600	\$117,800	\$0	\$117,800	\$1,413.60
Elwell, Ronald	003-025	\$53,200	\$84,900	\$138,100	\$0	\$138,100	\$1,657.20
Favro, Ronald C. & Susan D.	003-023	\$78,300	\$120,300	\$198,600	\$5,000	\$193,600	\$2,323.20
Favro, Phillip C. & Joan M.	004-052	\$37,500	\$88,000	\$125,500	\$0	\$125,500	\$1,506.00
Fitzherbert, David A. & Melody	004-039	\$36,700	\$29,300	\$66,000	\$7,000	\$59,000	\$708.00
Fleming, Lora E., et al	004-055-004	\$238,500	\$120,200	\$358,700	\$0	\$358,700	\$4,304.40
Forsleff Trust	003-028	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$36.00
Forsleff Trust	003-035	\$87,300	\$79,200	\$166,500	\$0	\$166,500	\$1,998.00

Name	Map/Lot	Land	Building	Total	Exemption	Net Value	Tax
Foster, David R. & Prudence E.	005-004-019	\$82,200	\$130,100	\$212,300	\$10,000	\$202,300	\$2,427.60
Frahm, Shirley	006-003	\$30,000	\$74,700	\$104,700	\$7,000	\$97,700	\$1,172.40
Futter, Margaret	005-042	\$127,800	\$0	\$127,800	\$0	\$127,800	\$1,533.60
Galuzza, James J. & Andrea L.	002-019-003	\$91,700	\$177,000	\$268,700	\$2,500	\$266,200	\$3,194.40
Gamble, Lincoln	002-016-001	\$264,300	\$154,900	\$419,200	\$0	\$419,200	\$5,030.40
Gamble, Lincoln	003-045	\$4,700	\$0	\$4,700	\$0	\$4,700	\$56.40
Gamble, Richard & Francis P.	004-059	\$176,200	\$0	\$176,200	\$0	\$176,200	\$2,114.40
Gear, Bud S.	006-001-005	\$118,700	\$0	\$118,700	\$0	\$118,700	\$1,424.40
Geiger, Mark C. & Jennifer L.	004-042	\$69,700	\$118,900	\$188,600	\$5,000	\$183,600	\$2,203.20
Gibbons, Leo & Cindy	005-032	\$52,900	\$90,700	\$143,600	\$0	\$143,600	\$1,723.20
Giberson, Debra	005-004-025	\$83,000	\$162,200	\$245,200	\$5,000	\$240,200	\$2,882.40
Gifford, Tamara	002-019-001-001	\$58,000	\$0	\$58,000	\$0	\$58,000	\$696.00
Giles, Samuel D. & Dorothy J.	004-050-001	\$71,200	\$125,100	\$196,300	\$5,000	\$191,300	\$2,295.60
Gill, Deborah S.	006-002	\$37,700	\$59,200	\$96,900	\$7,000	\$89,900	\$1,078.80
Gilliam, Gretchen	005-011-007	\$77,600	\$184,100	\$261,700	\$2,500	\$259,200	\$3,110.40
Gilliam, Gretchen	005-011-004	\$57,900	\$0	\$57,900	\$0	\$57,900	\$694.80
Ginn, Adah, Trustee	005-007	\$78,800	\$0	\$78,800	\$0	\$78,800	\$945.60
Goodwin, Peter	004-030-003	\$218,500	\$172,600	\$391,100	\$2,500	\$388,600	\$4,663.20
Gowell, Randall	003-010	\$82,300	\$109,000	\$191,300	\$5,000	\$186,300	\$2,235.60
Gowell, Randall R.	003-009	\$67,200	\$0	\$67,200	\$0	\$67,200	\$806.40
Gowen, Lillian	006-011	\$29,300	\$35,800	\$65,100	\$12,000	\$53,100	\$637.20
Graham, Kevin M. & Katherine	003-002-001	\$83,400	\$0	\$83,400	\$0	\$83,400	\$1,000.80
Grill, Christopher J.	002-009	\$256,800	\$148,500	\$405,300	\$2,500	\$402,800	\$4,833.60
Grunthaler, George H. Jr., Liv. Trust.	002-017-003	\$269,000	\$143,900	\$412,900	\$0	\$412,900	\$4,954.80
Guckenburg, Gregory V. & Mary L.	005-004-022	\$89,900	\$129,500	\$219,400	\$5,000	\$214,400	\$2,572.80
Gunston, Kenneth A. & Suzanne	006-001-002	\$171,200	\$155,500	\$326,700	\$2,500	\$324,200	\$3,890.40
Halica, John	003-004-001	\$75,100	\$114,700	\$189,800	\$5,000	\$184,800	\$2,217.60
Hanson, June Andrea	004-029-001	\$232,000	\$271,200	\$503,200	\$2,500	\$500,700	\$6,008.40
Harcourt, Patricia L.	005-001	\$32,600	\$13,400	\$46,000	\$0	\$46,000	\$552.00
Harkins, Timothy III & Eileen	004-047	\$68,300	\$132,100	\$200,400	\$5,000	\$195,400	\$2,344.80
Harper, Mark & Debra	004-053-002	\$76,700	\$99,300	\$176,000	\$0	\$176,000	\$2,112.00
Harrington, Edwin Jr.	005-027-002	\$36,900	\$5,700	\$42,600	\$0	\$42,600	\$511.20
Heard, Roger B. & Suzannah B.	004-057-001	\$160,300	\$170,300	\$330,600	\$2,500	\$328,100	\$3,937.20

Road Commission Report

THE COMMISSION CONTINUED THE YEARLY Bald Head Road work, including some ledge removal in the ditches to improve drainage. This upgrade work will continue this upcoming year with some increased attention to the south end.

The Commission had intended to return to its paving schedule in 2004–2005, paving the south end of Old Stage Road. However, the Commission has held off the paving work once again to ensure adequate funds and because we did not think the paving was in dire need. The Commission does intend to move forward with paving the south end of Old Stage Road probably in mid to late summer.

Dick Elwell provided the snowplowing this winter on a one-year contract. This was the hardest snowplow winter in a long time. When asked how many times they plowed this winter, Dick responded that you can just count the number of days from the first snow to the last, divide by two and that's the number of times they plowed and sanded. Dick's foresight in the storage of sand and salt and diligent maintenance of his equipment proved to be essential. The Commission has received numerous comments complimenting Dick and his crew on their work. For unknown reasons, some people seem to think that the roads should be clear and dry at all times. While that is not possible, even with the heavy snow, there were very few times when the town roads were difficult to travel.

Dick has confirmed what we all know to be true; that is, the cost of snowplowing and sanding has escalated dramatically. The cost of fuel, sand, salt, and equipment is at an all-time high. The Commission expects that Dick will agree to continue the snowplow contract in the upcoming year.

The Commission would again like to thank John McLuer for making replacement road signs as needed.

This past year, the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) held a public information meeting in Georgetown to present plans for replacing the Georgetown–Arrowsic bridge. To the best of the Commission's knowledge, the design of the bridge is in process. The funding for the bridge was not certain. There will likely be another public meeting prior to the beginning of construction.

And in the past year, MDOT underwent some organizational changes. Arrowsic is still serviced by the Rockland office and the Commission has not noticed any significant change in the attention paid to Route 127.

For the Road Commission,
JIM STUMP

Local Emergency Management Agency

ARROWSIC CONTINUES TO BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT on the Local Emergency Management Agency which meets bimonthly. John Starbird is the chairman of the LEPC, and I attend these meetings as well. I am also working closely with members of the Arrowsic Volunteer Fire Department to coordinate efforts in the event of a local emergency.

The results of the recent questionnaire have been tabulated so that we know what resources are available in the event of a disaster, and who may be in need of assistance during a disaster. We are in the process of planning responses to a variety of situations and hope to have those in place shortly. As always, we are looking for volunteers to be trained and ready in the event of an emergency, so if you would be interested call me at 443-8603.

RUTH FATSCHER
Director

General Assistance

IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2004–2005, THE TOWN PROVIDED financial assistance to one local family at a cost of \$164.80

Respectfully submitted,
MICHELE GAILLARD
Selectman and
General Assistance Director

Animal Control Officer's Report

IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, the Selectmen appointed Ike Heffron as Animal Control Officer, to replace Larry Mann, who resigned.

Name	Map/Lot	Land	Building	Total	Exemption	Net Value	Tax
Heath, Ralph & Paule, Suzanne	004-050-010	\$78,300	\$40,600	\$118,900	\$7,000	\$111,900	\$1,342.80
Hendrie, Nancy & Jones, Judith	003-036-001	\$153,300	\$126,600	\$279,900	\$2,500	\$277,400	\$3,328.80
Heselt, Carolyn A.	003-046	\$45,300	\$9,900	\$55,200	\$0	\$55,200	\$662.40
Hewlett, Herbert R. & Lois M. (JT)	005-004-004	\$86,700	\$133,000	\$219,700	\$5,000	\$214,700	\$2,576.40
Higgins, Richard A. & Alice T.	005-011	\$196,300	\$132,500	\$328,800	\$2,500	\$326,300	\$3,915.60
Higgison, Chake K. & Peyton	003-048	\$44,900	\$5,100	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$600.00
Hight, Richard & Julie	003-049	\$79,800	\$6,800	\$86,600	\$0	\$86,600	\$1,039.20
Hight, Richard & Julie	003-030	\$68,100	\$54,600	\$122,700	\$0	\$122,700	\$1,472.40
Hight, Richard Jr & Juli	003-050	\$25,600	\$11,900	\$37,500	\$0	\$37,500	\$450.00
Hilton, Wanda B.	005-026	\$52,600	\$45,600	\$98,200	\$7,000	\$91,200	\$1,094.40
Hinds, John F. & Holly M.	005-028	\$67,000	\$88,700	\$155,700	\$5,000	\$150,700	\$1,808.40
Hobbs, Jeffrey R.	003-017	\$257,500	\$3,800	\$261,300	\$0	\$261,300	\$3,135.60
Holland, Raymond	003-001	\$225,800	\$137,700	\$363,500	\$0	\$363,500	\$4,362.00
Hudson, Donald & Ewing, Josephine	003-031-001	\$171,800	\$186,300	\$358,100	\$2,500	\$355,600	\$4,267.20
Husson, Letty	006-021	\$106,500	\$69,100	\$175,600	\$0	\$175,600	\$2,107.20
Jenkins Family Trust	004-003	\$51,700	\$0	\$51,700	\$0	\$51,700	\$620.40
Jenkins Family Trust	004-044	\$67,500	\$42,700	\$110,200	\$0	\$110,200	\$1,322.40
Jenkins, Joseph A.	004-044-02	\$68,500	\$100,600	\$169,100	\$0	\$169,100	\$2,029.20
Johnson, Lee	002-003	\$270,000	\$136,600	\$406,600	\$2,500	\$404,100	\$4,849.20
Johnson, Robert A. Liv. Trust	004-028	\$221,100	\$147,700	\$368,800	\$0	\$368,800	\$4,425.60
Jones, Daniel & Annmarie	003-011	\$84,200	\$93,300	\$177,500	\$0	\$177,500	\$2,130.00
Jorgensen, Claire	005-007-001	\$103,500	\$0	\$103,500	\$0	\$103,500	\$1,242.00
Jorgensen, Claire Duffe et al.	005-022	\$256,400	\$0	\$256,400	\$0	\$256,400	\$3,076.80
Jorgensen, Mark	005-008	\$281,300	\$197,600	\$478,900	\$0	\$478,900	\$5,746.80
Kahrl, Julia G.	003-018	\$61,600	\$0	\$61,600	\$0	\$61,600	\$739.20
Kahrl, Julia G.	002-016	\$840,100	\$0	\$840,100	\$0	\$840,100	\$10,081.20
Kahrl, Julia G.	003-026	\$6,900	\$0	\$6,900	\$0	\$6,900	\$82.80
Kahrl, Julia G.	003-056	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$2.40
Kahrl, Julia G. et al	003-022	\$290,000	\$162,300	\$452,300	\$0	\$452,300	\$5,427.60
Kahrl, Julia G., c/o Wm. Perkins	003-020	\$201,500	\$0	\$201,500	\$0	\$201,500	\$2,418.00
Kahrl, Julia G., c/o Wm. Perkins	003-019-001	\$83,800	\$0	\$83,800	\$0	\$83,800	\$1,005.60
Kahrl, Thomas Jr. & Marguerite	002-016-002	\$215,600	\$59,300	\$274,900	\$0	\$274,900	\$3,298.80
Kalkstein, Paul & Marion	004-026	\$190,600	\$134,000	\$324,600	\$0	\$324,600	\$3,895.20

Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Report

THIS HAS BEEN A TRYING YEAR FOR THE AUXILIARY. Illnesses have plagued the members and those they were caring for. It got so bad that in October it was voted "to remain inactive indefinitely and meet at least once a year to conduct business and keep in touch."

The Auxiliary has been active since February 1960 and this has been a hard decision to make, but there just aren't enough members to continue.

So this may be the last report from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Arrowsic Fire Department.

Thank you all for your faithful support through the years.

Sincerely,
MILDRED R. STAFFORD
Secretary

Name	Map/Lot	Land	Building	Total	Exemption	Net Value	Tax
Kalkstein, Paul & Marion	004-029-002	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$96.00
Kane, Joseph A. Jr. & Jean R.	006-001-001	\$169,300	\$144,000	\$313,300	\$7,500	\$305,800	\$3,669.60
Kates, Diana Trustee	002-017-002	\$272,100	\$210,300	\$482,400	\$0	\$482,400	\$5,788.80
Kicken, Rudolf H.	004-055-002	\$263,500	\$233,000	\$496,500	\$0	\$496,500	\$5,958.00
Kicken, Rudolf H.	004-055-005	\$184,100	\$0	\$184,100	\$0	\$184,100	\$2,209.20
Kicken, Rudolf H.	004-055-006	\$115,100	\$0	\$115,100	\$0	\$115,100	\$1,381.20
Kidd, Mark R. & Nancy L.	004-050-009	\$78,400	\$77,500	\$155,900	\$5,000	\$150,900	\$1,810.80
Kimball, Duggan A. & Susan C.	002-019-007	\$127,600	\$154,800	\$282,400	\$2,500	\$279,900	\$3,358.80
King, Jeffrey H.	001-004	\$84,100	\$0	\$84,100	\$0	\$84,100	\$1,009.20
King, Stanley & Kathy	006-001-003	\$172,400	\$44,300	\$216,700	\$5,000	\$211,700	\$2,540.40
Kingsbury, Richard & Beverly	005-012	\$170,000	\$0	\$170,000	\$0	\$170,000	\$2,040.00
Kingsbury, Richard & Beverly	006-016	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$1.20
Kingsbury, Richard & Beverly	006-020	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$1.20
Kingsbury, Richard & Beverly	006-004	\$45,200	\$58,800	\$104,000	\$12,000	\$92,000	\$1,104.00
Klein, Peter	001-002	\$17,200	\$0	\$17,200	\$0	\$17,200	\$206.40
Knight, Michael & Bonnie	005-047	\$221,500	\$16,400	\$237,900	\$0	\$237,900	\$2,854.80
Knight, Mildred E.	006-012	\$25,800	\$54,400	\$80,200	\$7,000	\$73,200	\$878.40
Knowles, Robert L. & Eugenie	005-011-005	\$50,900	\$136,300	\$187,200	\$5,000	\$182,200	\$2,186.40
Kramer, Kenneth D.	002-019-009	\$64,800	\$0	\$64,800	\$0	\$64,800	\$777.60
Kramer, Kenneth D.	002-007	\$278,600	\$11,300	\$289,900	\$0	\$289,900	\$3,478.80
Kramer, Kenneth D.	002-019-008	\$94,600	\$0	\$94,600	\$0	\$94,600	\$1,135.20
Kreindler, Michael & Michele	004-024	\$250,800	\$186,800	\$437,600	\$2,500	\$435,100	\$5,221.20
Law, Donald	004-057-003	\$63,000	\$6,900	\$69,900	\$7,000	\$62,900	\$754.80
Lawrence, Rachel	006-007	\$30,800	\$36,100	\$66,900	\$7,000	\$59,900	\$718.80
Lebrun, Leonard A.	004-050-011	\$68,000	\$88,700	\$156,700	\$5,000	\$151,700	\$1,820.40
Levesque, Clarence & Rebecca	004-040	\$43,100	\$68,500	\$111,600	\$7,000	\$104,600	\$1,255.20
Loveitt, Wilbur	005-015	\$53,200	\$54,000	\$107,200	\$0	\$107,200	\$1,286.40
Lyden, David J.	006-014	\$41,800	\$58,700	\$100,500	\$7,000	\$93,500	\$1,122.00
MacDonald, Edward & Angela	005-045	\$96,700	\$0	\$96,700	\$0	\$96,700	\$1,160.40
MacKenzie, Mary Ann	004-045	\$60,500	\$85,100	\$145,600	\$0	\$145,600	\$1,747.20
MacLeod, Jessi Ruth, Rev. Trust	005-004-005	\$81,500	\$114,800	\$196,300	\$5,000	\$191,300	\$2,295.60
MacMahon, Joseph V. & Norma J. (TC)	004-048	\$77,900	\$77,200	\$155,100	\$5,000	\$150,100	\$1,561.20
Maley, Kenneth D. & Dorothy L.	004-050-004	\$72,100	\$69,800	\$141,900	\$5,000	\$136,900	\$1,642.80

Volunteer Fire Department Report

THE ARROWSIC FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD A GREAT YEAR, with many things happening to us as a group and town. Now spring is here, and we need it. The winter was long this year—we had a lot of storms and power outages. Your fire department had a busy year with calls and training.

Training hours have been logged in at about 85 hours for the year. We are down on hours this year due to storms and very cold temperatures. Our calls were also down this year, 36 calls altogether. We had 3 calls for mutual aid to West Bath, 6 to Woolwich, and 8 to Georgetown. We had 19 in Arrowsic

I want to say thank you to the Town Property Management Committee and all the people that gave time and material for the new forestry barn—this is a great place for the forestry gear. I thank you for all of your support. All that has been accomplished in such a small town as ours would not have been possible without you; we are a very lucky community.

Last spring, on Arrowsic Road, we had one brush fire that was large and fast moving and burned three quarters of an acre. We had assistance from West Bath, Woolwich, and Georgetown. We are seeing more car accidents this year along the Arrowsic Road. I have asked the State to look at this area and have it patrolled more. We also had a fire at Arrowsic Pottery on Old Stage Road, which could have been a bad fire, but was stopped fast. Bath and West Bath assisted.

George Mead, our new Deputy Chief, was added this year. We also were able to get our First Responder license. This was a big step and it will help out our own people in their time of need. We have added two new generator lights, new fire gear, and hose to our equipment.

I would like to take this time to tell you that I am very proud of all the people who have worked so hard on the Fire Department. They show up all hours of the day and night without even thinking twice about it. We are always looking for more town people to join our group. We meet two times a month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. There are many things to do, so stop by and see us!

Again, I want to thank the Town and all of the people for their great support of the Fire Department. Please call me if you would like more information about your fire department.

Thank you,
IKE HEFFRON
Fire Chief

Name	Map/Lot	Land	Building	Total	Exemption	Net Value	Tax
Mallett, David L.	003-004	\$92,200	\$155,100	\$247,300	\$0	\$247,300	\$2,967.60
Mann, Jeffrey & Laurie J.	004-050-006	\$101,300	\$68,600	\$169,900	\$5,000	\$164,900	\$1,978.80
Martin, James J & Marcella J.	003-041	\$100,500	\$91,300	\$191,800	\$0	\$191,800	\$2,301.60
Martin, M.T. & A.J. (JT)	003-012-001	\$77,800	\$179,300	\$257,100	\$2,500	\$254,600	\$3,055.20
McCarty, John Jr.	004-034	\$49,300	\$0	\$49,300	\$0	\$49,300	\$591.60
McCarty, John Jr.	005-039	\$86,400	\$0	\$86,400	\$0	\$86,400	\$1,036.80
McCarty, John Jr.	005-048	\$900	\$0	\$900	\$0	\$900	\$10.80
McClead, Seth A.	005-004-001	\$106,000	\$75,600	\$181,600	\$5,000	\$176,600	\$2,119.20
McDonald, Franklin	005-006	\$65,700	\$46,000	\$111,700	\$12,000	\$99,700	\$1,196.40
McGowan, Bonnie W.	004-030-002	\$223,600	\$118,500	\$342,100	\$2,500	\$339,600	\$4,075.20
McLaughlin, John & Wells, Craik	002-017-001	\$268,000	\$179,700	\$447,700	\$2,500	\$445,200	\$5,342.40
McLean, Daniel & Karen	004-027-001	\$57,300	\$0	\$57,300	\$0	\$57,300	\$687.60
McLean, Rosamond	004-050-003	\$75,200	\$88,900	\$164,100	\$5,000	\$159,100	\$1,909.20
McLuer, John & Pauline	005-004-008	\$81,100	\$110,500	\$191,600	\$5,000	\$186,600	\$2,239.20
Mead, Emma L.	003-054	\$8,200	\$0	\$8,200	\$0	\$8,200	\$98.40
Meade, Elliot	004-053-002-001	\$42,600	\$0	\$42,600	\$0	\$42,600	\$511.20
Miller, Allen Laird	002-004	\$267,100	\$195,100	\$462,200	\$2,500	\$459,700	\$5,516.40
Miller, Elaine B.	006-001-004	\$170,000	\$201,600	\$371,600	\$2,500	\$369,100	\$4,429.20
Mitchell, Robert D. & Cathryn L.	006-013	\$42,800	\$92,400	\$135,200	\$5,000	\$130,200	\$1,562.40
Moore, George	004-038	\$54,500	\$20,800	\$75,300	\$7,000	\$68,300	\$819.60
Mount, Pamela	004-050	\$82,400	\$68,300	\$150,700	\$5,000	\$145,700	\$1,748.40
Neilson, William L. & Pia B. (JT)	004-055	\$263,700	\$290,200	\$553,900	\$2,500	\$551,400	\$6,616.80
Nelson, Robert H.	006-001-007	\$177,400	\$129,100	\$306,500	\$2,500	\$304,000	\$3,648.00
Nelson, Robert H.	006-001-07A	\$0	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$0	\$13,200	\$158.40
Newcomb, Marcia P. Rev. Trust	006-018	\$82,500	\$128,500	\$211,000	\$5,000	\$206,000	\$2,472.00
Nodine, Annie	003-036	\$165,500	\$105,700	\$271,200	\$2,500	\$268,700	\$3,224.40
O'Donnell, Nanako & Natsuko	005-031	\$29,100	\$22,500	\$51,600	\$0	\$51,600	\$619.20
Olds, Patricia A.	003-031-003	\$75,400	\$90,100	\$165,500	\$0	\$165,500	\$1,986.00
O'Leary, June F. & Robert W.	004-002	\$60,500	\$90,500	\$151,000	\$5,000	\$146,000	\$1,752.00
O'Neil, Dennis & Kim	004-010	\$54,400	\$78,800	\$133,200	\$5,000	\$128,200	\$1,538.40
Packard, Phillip E.	003-044	\$107,400	\$60,000	\$167,400	\$10,000	\$157,400	\$1,888.80
Packard, Phillip E.	003-044-001	\$88,000	\$0	\$88,000	\$0	\$88,000	\$1,056.00
Page, Robert B.	002-019-006	\$93,600	\$133,200	\$226,800	\$0	\$226,800	\$2,721.60

Recycling/Solid Waste Committee Report

THE STATE OF MAINE HAS COMPILED STATISTICS about waste disposal for the past 10 years. During this period, the amount of trash Arrowsic residents have produced has risen from 121 tons in 1993 to 160 tons in 2004, an increase of 32%. At the same time recycling has remained essentially the same, 43.8 tons in 1993 and 42.5 tons in 2004. Currently it costs the town over twice as much to dispose of a ton of trash as it does to dispose of a ton of recyclables.

The residents of Arrowsic have made progress in moving some of the solid waste from the trash into recycling by increasing the mixed paper in the green bin at the Town Hall from 3.1 tons in 2003 to 4.6 tons in 2004, an increase of almost 50%. This goes a long way toward our goal of doubling the amount of mixed paper kept out of the waste stream. This is the good news; the bad news is that we are still producing 13 pounds of trash per person per week and only 3.4 pounds of recycling per person per week. Now the most important thing we can all do to change these figures is to concentrate on separating the heaviest items, newspapers and magazines, from the trash and putting them out for curbside pick up.

We are continuing to collect office grade paper, white only, and clean aluminum at the Town Hall in the unpainted shed.

Arrowsic participated with Bath and other surrounding towns in a collection of Household Hazardous Waste in April 2005. We will continue to participate in similar collections whenever possible.

We are lucky to have Craig Rogers continue as our hauler for solid waste and recycling. He and his employees have been reliable and conscientious.

Thanks to all residents for their cooperation in working toward our goal to increase recycling until half of our solid waste is recycled. If you are unsure about just how to recycle, both at the curb and at the Town Hall parking lot, there are handouts available at the Town Hall. Also at the Town Hall is information on Universal Waste disposal (such as TVs and computer monitors) for a modest charge at the Bath Landfill.

We are sorry that Jeff Mann has decided to resign from the Committee after 14 years of valiant service and invaluable advice. We will miss his perspective on "the way it was."

Remember to

- REDUCE—by making responsible choices when purchasing
- REUSE—by finding another use for outmoded items
- RECYCLE—by sorting items that are destined to be discarded

Recycling/Solid Waste Committee
HEATHER BAKER, JOHN HINDS,
JUDY JONES, ROZ MCLEAN

Name	Map/Lot	Land	Building	Total	Exemption	Net Value	Tax
Palmer, Lori & Craig	006-001-009	\$89,800	\$346,300	\$436,100	\$0	\$436,100	\$5,233.20
Paradis, Raymond R. & Anne P.	005-004-015	\$84,600	\$260,600	\$345,200	\$2,500	\$342,700	\$4,112.40
Parshley, Priscilla A.	005-044	\$174,000	\$4,000	\$178,000	\$0	\$178,000	\$2,136.00
Parson, Lea C.	002-005	\$265,900	\$79,800	\$345,700	\$0	\$345,700	\$4,148.40
Patzlaff, Gary H. & Nancy J.	005-011-008	\$68,900	\$47,000	\$115,900	\$7,000	\$108,900	\$1,306.80
Pelletier, R. & Pelletier-Walsh, L.	003-031	\$117,600	\$85,400	\$203,000	\$10,000	\$193,000	\$2,316.00
Peters, Jeffrey	005-004-009	\$219,900	\$280,400	\$500,300	\$0	\$500,300	\$6,003.60
Petroski, Henry & Catherine (JT)	004-016-001	\$218,900	\$125,700	\$344,600	\$0	\$344,600	\$4,135.20
Phinney, William T.	004-011	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$1.20
Pieh, Jerome & Lucy	004-018	\$222,700	\$117,800	\$340,500	\$2,500	\$338,000	\$4,056.00
Pinette, James	003-030-001	\$67,500	\$24,400	\$91,900	\$7,000	\$84,900	\$1,018.80
Pinette, Jeffery	004-054	\$50,600	\$11,000	\$61,600	\$0	\$61,600	\$739.20
Pinkham, Roger	003-007	\$221,300	\$36,400	\$257,700	\$0	\$257,700	\$3,092.40
Puff, David M. & Kathleen S.	004-053-001	\$178,300	\$123,700	\$302,000	\$2,500	\$299,500	\$3,594.00
Rancourt, Peter J. & Wendy M. (JT)	004-036	\$8,600	\$0	\$8,600	\$0	\$8,600	\$103.20
Rancourt, Peter J. & Wendy M. (JT)	004-036-001	\$52,900	\$11,400	\$64,300	\$0	\$64,300	\$771.60
Raven, R.R. & Cameron, K.P. (JT)	003-051	\$75,300	\$5,600	\$80,900	\$0	\$80,900	\$970.80
Reynolds, Harrison G. II & et al.	002-017-004	\$211,400	\$0	\$211,400	\$0	\$211,400	\$2,536.80
Robbins, Karen	004-049	\$58,400	\$0	\$58,400	\$0	\$58,400	\$700.80
Robbins, Karen	003-031-002	\$77,900	\$99,600	\$177,500	\$5,000	\$172,500	\$2,070.00
Robinson, Mathew and Helen	004-042-001	\$75,600	\$137,200	\$212,800	\$5,000	\$207,800	\$2,493.60
Rochow, Jennifer J.	003-006-001	\$220,400	\$15,700	\$236,100	\$0	\$236,100	\$2,833.20
Rollins, John F. & Elizabeth	003-019	\$110,400	\$169,800	\$280,200	\$7,500	\$272,700	\$3,272.40
Root, Donald N. & Mary J.	003-021	\$47,700	\$79,400	\$127,100	\$10,000	\$117,100	\$1,405.20
Ross, William	005-004-021	\$84,300	\$132,700	\$217,000	\$10,000	\$207,000	\$2,484.00
Safford, George & Lillian	005-002-001-01	\$52,500	\$27,100	\$79,600	\$12,000	\$67,600	\$811.20
Santerre, Robert F. & Virginia	004-057-002	\$159,300	\$459,800	\$619,100	\$2,500	\$616,600	\$7,399.20
Schlein, Paul & Mona	005-004-003	\$90,700	\$123,600	\$214,300	\$5,000	\$209,300	\$2,511.60
Schumaker, William & Jewett, Darla	005-004-018	\$81,900	\$155,200	\$237,100	\$5,000	\$232,100	\$2,785.20
Scott, Brian D. & Nancy J.	003-040	\$68,100	\$90,400	\$158,500	\$5,000	\$153,500	\$1,842.00
Sewall, Edward III	005-029	\$246,000	\$212,100	\$458,100	\$0	\$458,100	\$5,497.20
Sferra, Nancy J.	003-027-002	\$71,600	\$53,900	\$125,500	\$5,000	\$120,500	\$1,446.00
Shaw, Ronald C. & Joy C.	005-004-017	\$77,700	\$116,500	\$194,200	\$5,000	\$189,200	\$2,270.40

Patten Free Library—2004

Interesting fact—5,559 books, videos, books on tape, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and more, were checked out to 291 Arrowsic cardholders in 2004.

THE LIBRARY WAS THE PROUD RECIPIENT of the *first* Maine Library Excellence Award based on our Community Read programming each winter and the partnering it provides with other area organizations and businesses. *Kite Runner* is the newest title chosen for the Read. It is set in modern Afghanistan and provides many topics for threads of conversation as well as an opportunity to learn more about the culture, cuisine, and music of a country we are used to viewing on television in war-ravaged images.

Other programming highlights included the well-received summer reading program for children “Discover New Trails” and the History Room’s first Town Hall series of interactive discussions on town history for each of the six towns we serve.

A library newsletter is mailed twice a year to all Arrowsic households and this year an insert in the *Times Record* provided information in an annual report format.

Six-year-old computers were starting to fail, so the Library dipped into the capital reserve fund to update the server, install a firewall, and upgrade half the work stations, with the rest to follow next year. Wireless access has been increasing in popularity by folks coming in with their own laptops.

The newest service resource has been in inter-library loan—now *any* title in the Maine libraries database can be ordered by Patten cardholders and the numbers of these books arriving via the courier service is skyrocketing.

No report would be complete without mentioning the efforts of the Friends of the Library. This group has become an extraordinary support team for the overall operation of the Library. Their July 4th book sale raised close to \$12,000 and they use the proceeds to support the operating budget, the Community Read, the DVD collection, and several author talks each year.

The highest annual giving goal (15% of budget) was set with a challenge incentive posed by a \$5,000 match from BIW. As I write this several months before publication, we are well on our way to reaching the goal.

The Library’s Reading Room has been enhanced by the “visit” of the Zorach statue *Spirit of the Sea*. She has completed her restoration and is awaiting the completion of the rest of the fountain work this summer when she will be returned to her spot in the park.

So come for a visit, take part in a program, checkout a DVD or bestseller. Don’t forget to view our web site (www.patten.lib.me.us) to use a variety of research databases, renew or reserve a title, or order something from another library.

ANNE PHILLIPS
Director

Name	Map/Lot	Land	Building	Total	Exemption	Net Value	Tax
Shover, Evelyn	004-009	\$52,500	\$79,100	\$131,600	\$5,000	\$126,600	\$1,519.20
Shufelt, Ernest F.	005-032-001	\$52,500	\$83,400	\$135,900	\$0	\$135,900	\$1,650.80
Shultz, Robert E.	004-016	\$218,100	\$351,500	\$569,600	\$2,500	\$567,100	\$6,805.20
Simmons, Willard & Connie L.	005-002-001	\$52,500	\$18,400	\$70,900	\$12,000	\$58,900	\$706.80
Sokol, Damian & Kehl, Janet	004-057	\$170,900	\$85,100	\$256,000	\$0	\$256,000	\$3,072.00
Spencer, James A.E.	004-032	\$210,600	\$79,100	\$289,700	\$0	\$289,700	\$3,476.40
Spencer, James A.E. & Futtter, Margaret	005-040	\$129,200	\$0	\$129,200	\$0	\$129,200	\$1,550.40
Spencer, James A.E. & Futtter, Margaret	005-041	\$385,500	\$96,700	\$482,200	\$0	\$482,200	\$5,786.40
Sperling, Walter J. III & Alice H.	003-008	\$84,200	\$89,000	\$173,200	\$0	\$173,200	\$2,078.40
Spinney Mill Limited	004-021-001	\$332,900	\$204,100	\$537,000	\$0	\$537,000	\$6,444.00
Spinney Mill Trust	004-021	\$16,700	\$0	\$16,700	\$0	\$16,700	\$200.40
Squirrel Point Association	001-003	\$263,600	\$89,400	\$353,000	\$0	\$353,000	\$4,236.00
Stafford, George	004-020	\$177,500	\$45,700	\$223,200	\$10,000	\$213,200	\$2,558.40
Stafford, George	004-020-001	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$1.20
Stahl-MacLeod, G. & MacLeod, J.	005-004-002	\$100,000	\$203,100	\$303,100	\$2,500	\$300,600	\$3,607.20
Staub, Eric A. & Gay L. (JT)	004-041-001	\$53,100	\$105,500	\$158,600	\$5,000	\$153,600	\$1,843.20
Starbird, John S. Jr. & Jayne E.	005-004-006	\$82,500	\$111,400	\$193,900	\$5,000	\$188,900	\$2,266.80
Steene, Christine J.	003-015	\$47,800	\$46,900	\$94,700	\$0	\$94,700	\$1,136.40
Stinson, Carl W. & Lucy	003-055	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500	\$102.00
Stoebe, Jeffrey A. & Sarah (JT)	004-050-012	\$135,400	\$65,900	\$201,300	\$5,000	\$196,300	\$2,355.60
Stone, Grace W. & Albert E.	004-013	\$83,200	\$98,000	\$181,200	\$10,000	\$171,200	\$2,054.40
Stone, John	005-033-001	\$71,100	\$90,200	\$161,300	\$5,000	\$156,300	\$1,875.60
Stone, John F. Sr. & Lillian	005-033	\$153,000	\$0	\$153,000	\$0	\$153,000	\$1,836.00
Storin, Matthew V. & Keiko	005-004-014	\$220,900	\$150,700	\$371,600	\$0	\$371,600	\$4,459.20
Stuart, Scott E. & Lisa W.	005-011-003	\$68,100	\$91,900	\$160,000	\$5,000	\$155,000	\$1,860.00
Stump, James P. & Stump, Nancy B.	004-050-006-01	\$80,300	\$58,600	\$138,900	\$5,000	\$133,900	\$1,606.80
Sullivan, Kathleen	002-019-004	\$57,900	\$0	\$57,900	\$0	\$57,900	\$694.80
Sullivan, Michael	006-005	\$36,000	\$49,400	\$85,400	\$7,000	\$78,400	\$940.80
Sullivan, Timothy S.	006-006	\$165,000	\$80,500	\$245,500	\$5,000	\$240,500	\$2,886.00
Swearingen, Richard Troy	005-030	\$47,700	\$79,300	\$127,000	\$5,000	\$122,000	\$1,464.00
Tarbox, Christine & Charles	005-043	\$147,500	\$53,900	\$201,400	\$0	\$201,400	\$2,416.80
Tarbox, Christine & Charles	005-043-001	\$91,500	\$14,100	\$105,600	\$0	\$105,600	\$1,267.20
Tarbox, Christine & Charles	005-043-002	\$67,500	\$0	\$67,500	\$0	\$67,500	\$810.00

Name	Map/Lot	Land	Building	Total	Exemption	Net Value	Tax
Textor, Kenneth & Melissa	006-001-008	\$68,400	\$137,400	\$205,800	\$5,000	\$200,800	\$2,409.60
Theodore, Steven & Wiebke	002-019-002-001	\$78,500	\$220,700	\$299,200	\$0	\$299,200	\$3,590.40
Thibeault, Kathleen	003-006	\$3,600	\$0	\$3,600	\$0	\$3,600	\$43.20
Thomas, Robert B. & Kathryn W. (JT)	003-043	\$216,000	\$171,800	\$387,800	\$2,500	\$385,300	\$4,623.60
Tolan, James	005-011-002	\$77,000	\$132,300	\$209,300	\$5,000	\$204,300	\$2,451.60
Vitelli, Eloise & Kalish, Robert	003-013	\$97,700	\$95,500	\$193,200	\$5,000	\$188,200	\$2,258.40
Von Borries, Philippe	005-046	\$208,300	\$20,000	\$228,300	\$0	\$228,300	\$2,739.60
VonHuene, Andreas & Katherine Mead	005-019	\$233,400	\$120,400	\$353,800	\$2,500	\$351,300	\$4,215.60
Walsh, Thomas E. & Louise P.	003-031-00A	\$118,000	\$120,200	\$238,200	\$5,000	\$233,200	\$2,798.40
Ware, Douglas R, Parker, Elizabeth	004-012-001	\$68,300	\$46,600	\$114,900	\$0	\$114,900	\$1,378.80
Warner, John W. III & Linda M.	005-027	\$53,200	\$13,800	\$67,000	\$0	\$67,000	\$804.00
Warner, John W. III & Linda M.	005-027-001	\$54,800	\$23,300	\$78,100	\$0	\$78,100	\$937.20
Warner, John W. III & Linda M.	005-027-003	\$57,400	\$97,300	\$154,700	\$5,000	\$149,700	\$1,796.40
Wasilewski, Roman & Erica	002-014	\$166,100	\$191,700	\$357,800	\$2,500	\$355,300	\$4,263.60
Weiss, David R. & Sandra W.	005-010	\$146,700	\$232,300	\$379,000	\$2,500	\$376,500	\$4,518.00
West, Barbara & Barter, Marlene	005-004-013	\$218,100	\$119,000	\$337,100	\$2,500	\$334,600	\$4,015.20
White, John L. & Lesley M.	006-015	\$36,800	\$30,100	\$66,900	\$7,000	\$59,900	\$718.80
White, P.J. & Anderson, K.A.	005-014	\$170,500	\$0	\$170,500	\$0	\$170,500	\$2,046.00
White, Paul J.	005-014-001	\$168,700	\$0	\$168,700	\$0	\$168,700	\$2,024.40
Whitney, Rosemary F.	002-015	\$170,100	\$12,600	\$182,700	\$0	\$182,700	\$2,192.40
Wilkins, Lloyd & Mary	005-018	\$33,900	\$13,100	\$47,000	\$0	\$47,000	\$564.00
Wilson, Lawrence & Elizabeth	004-005	\$72,800	\$246,400	\$319,200	\$7,500	\$311,700	\$3,740.40
Winslow, Laurie B.	005-011-009	\$75,900	\$180,000	\$255,900	\$0	\$255,900	\$3,070.80
Wiseman, Elizabeth	004-055-001	\$263,200	\$491,000	\$754,200	\$2,500	\$751,700	\$9,020.40
Wood, John & Ho, Manli	004-015	\$126,500	\$68,900	\$195,400	\$5,000	\$190,400	\$2,284.80
Woodruff, Margaret S.	005-004-016	\$83,500	\$93,700	\$177,200	\$5,000	\$172,200	\$2,066.40
Yeaton, Guy	006-022	\$77,600	\$22,200	\$99,800	\$7,000	\$92,800	\$1,113.60

Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee Report

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR of fundraising for the Committee. Our yard sale last summer raised over \$500. The citizens of Arrowsic have been very generous with donations as well, giving close to \$1,000. In addition, we were able to invest a portion of the fund in a CD, in order to earn a better rate of interest. We are planning another yard sale in July, so please clean out your attics and garages and donate items for us to sell.

We have a great group of seniors this year, who are very appreciative of the scholarships available to them, and, we on the Committee, gratefully thank all who have helped grow the fund.

Respectfully submitted,
 JEREMY BLAIKLOCK, Chair

we wisely value. It is costly. And where more and more is being asked of teachers and schools without increased aid from the state and federal governments, we can expect those costs to rise. It can be argued that some of Arrowsic's increased cost may be an expense for our own good fortune. Consider that the Town's evaluation has risen from \$38,868,121 in FY95-96 to \$54,075,000 in FY04-05. This partially explains why our state subsidies have dropped. In 1995-1996, the State paid for \$211,324 of our \$423,121 total school budget (see audited town report). Whereas in 2004-2005, the State paid \$18,247 of our \$582,401 school budget. This means that the state once paid 49.9% of our school costs, whereas last year it paid only 3.1%.

Thanks

The Arrowsic School Committee commends Arrowsic on its endorsement of quality education options for our students. Year after year, taxpayers in town have been supportive, addressing the school budget with thoughtful and constructive discussion backed by precious tax dollars. As a town, we have demonstrated a willingness to go above and beyond mere obligation, and nowhere is it more obvious than in our support of scholarships for every senior from Arrowsic entering an accredited institution of higher education. Again and again, our graduates tell us that Arrowsic's commitment to the education of each student means a great deal; it has fostered a sense of community that follows them into the rest of their life.

Thanks are also due Arrowsic parents and citizens who work hard to supplement the schools' efforts: volunteering in classrooms; joining and administering parent-teacher organizations; advocating for children; attending sports events and concerts, plays, and debates. No wonder our children are above average. No wonder our kids take learning seriously and yet value play. No wonder our children are community-minded, working with the Arrowsic Fire Department, the hospital, the Girl Scouts. We have students who are poets and environmentalists, musicians and mathematicians, students who want to be engineers and chefs. We have a National Merit Scholar, a Salutatorian. And eight of our 11 seniors have already applied for the Arrowsic Scholarship. Our concern for our children's health and education is a vital part of what is wonderful about our town. Let us continue to celebrate our kids, providing for them the best that we can

The School Committee meets at the Union #47 Central Office in West Bath, usually one Friday a month at 8:45 AM (see town bulletin board, or call Union #47 Central Office at 443-1113, for meeting dates). The public is always welcome to attend.

The Arrowsic School Committee
NANCY BROWN STUMP, Chair
JODY JONES
FRANCIE TOLAN

Tax Collector's Report July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004

2002-2003 TAXES		
Uncollected as of June 30, 2003	17,435.34	
Interest	653.77	18,089.11
Principal collected	13,171.78	
Interest	653.77	
Tax liens deposited with Treasurer, Arrowsic	4,263.56	18,089.11
2000-01 ABATEMENTS		
Dunn, Floyd & Sally	251.34	251.34
2001-02 ABATEMENTS		
Dunn, Floyd & Sally	216.41	
Frahm, Shirley	25.40	
Hendrie, Nancy & Jones, Judith	26.42	
Klein, Peter	397.26	665.49
2002-03 ABATEMENTS		
Dunn, Floyd & Sally	215.77	
Fleming, Lora	232.00	
Frahm, Shirley	25.33	
Hendrie, Nancy & Jones, Judith	26.34	
Klein, Peter	363.66	863.10
2003-2004 TAXES		
Commitment	555,108.51	
Interest	612.50	
Overpayments	1,139.06	556,860.07
Principal collected	535,105.51	
Interest	612.50	
Overpayments	1,139.06	
Abatements	1,225.84	
Uncollected	18,777.16	556,860.07
2003-2004 ABATEMENTS		
Elkin, Susan	315.27	
Frahm, Shirley	26.75	
Hendrie, Nancy & Jones, Judith	27.82	
Hudson, Donald & Ewing, Josephine	856.00	1,225.84

2003–2004 Tax Collector's Report, *continued*

2003–2004 UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2004

* Bertschy, Melane	668.92	
* Caton, Robert E.	583.15	
Harcourt, Patricia	413.02	
* Hilton, Wanda B.	879.54	
* Kicken, Rudolf H.	2,400.29	
* Kicken, Rudolf H.	1,850.03	
* Kicken, Rudolf H.	1,156.67	
* Law, Donald	567.10	
* MacMahan, Joseph	1,236.92	
* Martin, M. T. & A. J	1,401.36	
* Mitchell, Robert	1,135.27	
* Parshley, Priscilla	967.97	
* Root, Donald	1,123.50	
Squirrel Point Association	2,984.23	
* Warner, John W.	658.05	
* Warner, John W.	751.14	
		18,777.16

* Paid in full before going to lien

FEES COLLECTED

Certified mail fees	53.04	
Lien fees	24.00	
		77.04
Retained by Tax Collector	24.00	
Paid to Treasurer, Arrowsic	53.04	
		77.04

2003–2004 EXCISE TAXES COLLECTED

Boat excise taxes	1,920.50	
Vehicle excise taxes	86,951.51	
		88,872.01
Paid to Treasurer, Arrowsic		88,872.01

REGISTRATION FEES COLLECTED

Vehicle registration fees	1,742.00	
Transfer fees	69.00	
		1,811.00
Retained by Motor Vehicle Agent		1,811.00

Are we sure that Bath costs will continue to be among the lowest, or will the State determine that tuition rates should be higher once Bath starts addressing \$25 million worth of deferred maintenance costs? Do the Bath schools provide the best educational option to every student?

Some of the same issues would face us were we to contract with Woolwich where six Arrowsic students now attend. While both Woolwich and Arrowsic are included in Union #47, we would have no governance rights at Woolwich School. We wonder if an influx of 32 more Arrowsic students might stretch that small school's resources? Woolwich has been on the State's new school construction list for some years, so there are facility issues at least.

The Arrowsic School Committee is mindful that the *Arrowsic Comprehensive Plan survey and the 2004 Union #47 and Bath School Department Governance Study* show that a majority of residents answering polls favor keeping school choice. Therefore, where there are no compelling assurances that either savings or feasibility are guaranteed in the contract option, the Arrowsic School Committee is not inclined to pursue a policy that would undermine school choice, especially where we cannot fully participate in deciding the level of services we want for our students. And by choice, we mean paying for a student's full State tuition rate at any public school or the State rate plus insured value at any secular private school.

Forming a CSD

Arrowsic, together with the rest of School Union #47, is investigating secondary education options. It is of no little concern that without the power to vote on policy and spending, even the Union can only attempt to persuade other school boards to act with consideration for our wishes and concerns. In October 2004, Arrowsic and the rest of Union #47 school boards voted to ask our new superintendent, William Shuttleworth, to investigate the feasibility of forming a Community School District (CSD) with Bath for grades 9–12. We also polled Arrowsic residents at an informational meeting on governance in December at the Town Hall; here again, the majority indicated interest in exploring the feasibility of a CSD over continuing with our present arrangements. The CSD study went on hold while Bath rearranged itself as a board and searched for a new superintendent, but as of April, the Bath School Board has voted to investigate the CSD option with Union#47, and a state liaison has been appointed to assist us in that investigation.

A CSD is a combination of two or more municipalities and/or districts formed to build, maintain, and operate a school building or buildings to educate any or all grades. The process is initiated by a vote by each school board to form a CSD. The municipal officers of each town then call a meeting of voters to vote.

State Subsidy

The Town of Arrowsic is obliged to provide free public education to every resident child in town. This is each child's right under the law, a right

School Committee Report

Overview

THIS YEAR, THE TOWN OF ARROWSIC EDUCATED 79 students at the Town's expense. While the 2004–2005 Budget was determined using projection techniques that have served us well in the past, an unprecedented 15 unanticipated students showed up on Arrowsic's roll. This made it necessary to call a Special Town Meeting, and on April 27, residents voted unanimously to appropriate an additional \$20,000 from the Town's surplus in order to have sufficient funds to cover the projected education expenses remaining for Arrowsic's fiscal year 2004–2005.

This situation has, understandably, increased concern about rising school costs and their connection to rising local taxes. The School Board has worked hard to address this issue (including the four meetings with the Town), while duty bound to act in the best interests of our students with regard to their education. This year, we continued investigations of reduced tuition rates for Arrowsic students attending Georgetown School and negotiated a savings of \$500/student for FY04–05 and \$1,300/student in FY05–06.

Without a school of our own, we in Arrowsic do not have the option to cut school costs. We do not have the governance right to eliminate programs or defer maintenance costs or reduce staff or do without texts and computers, or any of those devices by which some communities, such as Bath, have reduced education budgets. The tuition fees we pay are set by the State and, so again, we have no power to reduce them, though schools may, voluntarily, as Georgetown has, to Arrowsic's benefit.

Contracting

A contract is mutually agreed on between a sending community and a receiving community, and is an arrangement that is beneficial to both parties. The Arrowsic School Committee continues to weigh the pros and cons of contracting. We are paying close attention to Woolwich's recent contractual arrangement with Bath in which they promise to send a portion (55%–60%) of their high school students to Morse and then pay up to the rate charged by Bath to any other schools attended by the balance of their students. If the contracted minimum is not met, this may result in double billing for some students, but Woolwich is banking on a savings, given that they no longer have to pay out insured value in addition to higher tuition costs.

For Arrowsic, it is elementary costs that seem of greatest concern to taxpayers, yet the contract option raises many questions. Were we to contract with Bath where ten of our 38 K–8 students attended in FY04–05, would parents opt to attend the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) or Woolwich anyway, since the Bath rate would cover all their costs at those schools? Would students attending Georgetown necessarily choose Bath?

Tax Collector's Report, *continued* July 1, 2004–April 1, 2005 (*Partial*)

2003–2004 TAXES			
Uncollected as of June 30, 2004	18,777.16		
Interest	551.12		
Overpayment	2.17		
			19,330.45
Principal collected	15,379.91		
Interest	551.12		
Overpayment	2.17		
Tax liens deposited with Treasurer, Arrowsic	3,397.25		
			19,330.45
2002–03 ABATEMENTS			
Giles, Samuel	240.08		
Nelson, Robert	37.22		
			277.30
2003–04 ABATEMENTS			
Giles, Samuel	253.59		
Nelson, Robert	39.31		
Sokol, Damian	561.96		
			854.86
2004–2005 TAXES			
Commitment	741,488.40		
Interest	155.41		
Overpayments	6.15		
			741,649.96
Principal collected	681,901.54		
Interest	155.41		
Overpayments	6.15		
Abatements	2,283.89		
Uncollected	57,302.97		
			741,649.96

2004–2005 Tax Collector’s Report, *continued*

2004–2005 ABATEMENTS

Allen, Brian & Jane	266.40	
Cerrone, Julie	8.40	
Giles, Samuel	284.40	
Heselton, Carolyn	159.60	
Higgison, Chake	96.00	
Hight, Richard & Juli	282.00	
Hight, Richard & Juli	55.20	
Kahrl, Thomas & Marguerite	720.00	
Mount, Pamela	129.00	
Nelson, Robert	44.09	
Raven, R. R & Cameron, K.P.	238.80	

2,283.89

FEES COLLECTED

Certified mail fees	26.52	
Lien fees	18.00	
		44.52
Retained by Tax Collector	18.00	
Paid to Treasurer, Arrowsic	26.52	

44.52

2004–2005 EXCISE TAXES COLLECTED

Boat excise taxes	650.70	
Vehicle excise taxes	66,924.93	
		67,575.63
Paid to Treasurer, Arrowsic		67,575.63

REGISTRATION FEES COLLECTED

Vehicle registration fees	1,281.00	
Retained by Motor Vehicle Agent		1,281.00

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH ROLLINS
Tax Collector

Report of Arrowsic Students Educated at Public Expense for the 2004–2005 School Year

(based on the October 1 State Enrollment Report)

	Grade	Enrollment	
Bath School Department	K	1	
	1	1	
	2	2	
	4	1	
	6	2	
	8	5	
	9	2	
	10	5	
	11	6	
	12	9	
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			34
Georgetown Central School	K	4	
	1	3	
	2	3	
	3	2	
	4	2	
	5	1	
	6	1	
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		16	
Woolwich Central School	3	1	
	4	1	
	6	1	
	7	3	
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		6	
Other:			
Brunswick	10	1	
Center for Teaching and Learning	K	2	
	2	1	
	4	1	
	6	1	
	8	1	
Lincoln Academy	10	1	
	11	1	
North Yarmouth Academy	9	1	
	11	2	
Putney School (VT)	11	1	
Waynflete School	9	1	
	10	1	
	11	1	
	12	2	
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		18	

Total students educated at public expense

74

dollars for education without having a school, yet your voice is very important and your presence in any of the schools is welcome.

Thank you for the support you give to your children as we strive to do all we can to create and deliver a great educational experience for them. We know that an education is far more than achieving high scores on standardized tests. We embrace that students bring diverse talents and interests that need to be nurtured and we need to allow all students to demonstrate their skills and multiple intelligences in varied ways consistent with their authentic selves. Your support for your children in this process is priceless.

WILLIAM C. SHUTTLEWORTH
Superintendent of Schools
School Union #47

Treasurer's Report July 1, 2004–May 7, 2005 Partial (unaudited)

GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT/NAME	DEBIT	CREDIT
1010 Cash - FFS - Checking	300,472.44	
1015 Cash - FFS - Savings	0.05	
1035 Cash - Fleet Money Market Checking	258,859.58	
1103 03 Taxes Receivable	4,066.13	
1104 04 Taxes Receivable	59,118.45	
1400 Taxes Receivable - unlocated difference		1,082.77
1403 02 Tax Liens	2,825.56	
2100 Deferred Tax Revenue		10,000.00
2101 Property Tax Overpayment		0.70
2120 Taxes Paid in Advance		1,415.30
2201 Due to Fire Department Capital Improvement		65,273.53
2202 Due to Water Access	77.00	
2203 Due to Capital Improvement		81,699.12
3000 Designated Fund Balance		12,852.00
3040 Equity	0.00	
3100 Undesignated Fund Balance		244,636.00
4003 Shellfish Licenses & Fines		443.00
4005 Dog Registration - to State		393.00
4006 Town Animal Fund		220.00
4007 Permits		1,540.00
4010 Property Tax		742,157.32
4011 Property Tax - Special		450.00
4012 Clerk Fees		438.50
4013 Agent/Demand Fees		1,440.00
4015 Auto Excise Tax		73,801.60
4016 Boat Excise Tax		778.30
4017 Miscellaneous Fees		30.52
4020 State Revenue Sharing		18,270.75
4021 Local Road Assistance		9,759.76
4023 Education Subsidy		13,685.28
4024 Inland Fisheries & Wildlife		5,131.80
4029 Homestead Exemption Income		7,327.00
4030 Miscellaneous Revenues		5,055.80
4032 Miscellaneous School Account		529.32
4035 Interest Income		4,062.11
4036 Interest Income - Property Tax		737.18
4037 Inland Fish & Wildlife - Snowmobile		394.24
4041 Fire Department Donation		150.00
4100 Transfers in from other funds		100,000.00
5001 Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	5,195.55	
5002 Dog Licenses (to State)	399.00	
5010 Salaries - Town Officers	25,700.00	
5012 Payroll Taxes	4,108.70	
5015 Contingency	4,869.24	
5020 Town Report - Printing	69.75	
5025 Insurance	7,061.95	

Treasurer's Report, *continued on next page*

Treasurer's Report, *continued*

GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT/NAME	DEBIT	CREDIT
5026 Assessor	2,086.00	
5030 Auditors' Report	4,360.00	
5031 Fee Payments/Agent/CEO/Clerk	4,486.12	
5035 Municipal Utilities	2,833.51	
5040 Planning Board	139.53	
5041 Zoning Board of Appeals	47.80	
5050 Conservation Commission	96.00	
5051 Shellfish Conservation Commission	214.25	
5055 Town Hall Improvement	691.76	
5060 General Assistance	164.80	
5065 Legal Services	3,702.50	
5110 County Tax	99,292.40	
5210 School Account	411,127.38	
5215 Scholarship	3,000.00	
5315 Road Maintenance	39,760.60	
5320 Septage	2,921.25	
5325 Solid Waste	17,068.05	
5335 Recycling	2,655.52	
5340 Fire Protection	9,377.68	
5345 Ambulance	4,680.00	
5354 Shellfish Conservation Fund	93.72	
5412 Arrowsic Arrow	693.90	
5420 Patten Free Library	5,390.00	
5425 Coastal Humane Society	548.00	
5430 Coastal Trans	300.00	
5442 The Range Light Keepers	100.00	
5443 Doubling Point Lighthouse	100.00	
5444 The Park	200.00	
5450 Coastal Economic Development	325.00	
5455 Elmhurst, Inc.	500.00	
5460 Bath/Brunswick Hospice	1,000.00	
5462 Bath/Brunswick Mental Health - Sweetser	572.00	
5465 Big Brothers/Big Sisters	600.00	
5470 CHANS	350.00	
5475 Senior Spectrum	357.00	
5480 Bath Area YMCA	250.00	
5485 Bath Area Senior Citizens	250.00	
5490 The Family Crisis Shelter	500.00	
5495 Tedford Shelter	150.00	
5505 WCBB Channel 10	250.00	
5510 Dues	1,078.00	
5515 Abatements	1,873.89	
5520 Town Tax Maps	1,926.90	
5600 Miscellaneous 4817.94	4817.94	
5700 Transfers (out)	100,000.00	
TOTALS:	1,403,754.90	1,403,754.90

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL SCHLEIN
Treasurer

Superintendent of Schools Report

Dear Citizens of Arrowsic,

The work of our schools to educate all of your children has never been more focused. There is an abiding commitment to creating world-class educational opportunities for all students. Most of your school tax dollars pays to send your students to a variety of schools. Many students attend Georgetown and Woolwich, communities that are also part of School Union 47. We work hard to make sure that our curriculum is aligned with state standards and that our students perform at high levels.

This year, we have introduced a model into our schools called the Professional Learning Community. It is a disarming concept in many ways, because it is rooted in such fundamental common sense that you have to wonder why schools haven't done this before. In a PLC, we address three core issues: 1. what is it that we want our children to know, 2. how will we know when they have learned it and 3. what will we do when students are struggling with learning what we want them to know. By addressing these critical questions, we are moving to assure that no child is truly left behind. We will do this by being very clear about our academic expectations and by providing considerable support within the classroom for all students. In my time in school, there were no expectations that all children would succeed. In fact, many did not and, in 1965, the drop out rate was about 50%. Today, it is less than 15% and we have a national goal of reducing this to 10%. So, when you are educating more and more students, there is greater need to differentiate instruction so all students benefit from the lessons.

Our schools have consistently done well in teaching reading to all students. Our test scores reflect this. In the past two or three years, we have aggressively looked at our math instruction. In all elementary grades, we now provide a well-researched math program called Everyday Math. It looks and feels very different from the traditional math that most of you might have had in school because Everyday Math concentrates not only on the answer, but more importantly, the process you go through to get the answer. In the end, students have a far deeper understanding of complex math concepts.

Now, we are addressing writing. Throughout the state, this has been a sorely needed area for improvement and we have spent many, many hours working with teachers to examine current practices and adjusting our writing program to increase the quality of writing.

The budget before you represents a significant increase in the bottom line. There is only one reason and that is because this budget is built on 75 children instead of the 67 we budgeted for during the current fiscal year. We will spend wisely, focus on all student learning and be ever present to discuss your concerns and interests. We invite you to visit the schools your children attend. Arrowsic is that rare town that allocates considerable tax

Codes Enforcement Officer's Report

IN THE YEAR from April 27, 2004, through April 26, 2005, Codes Enforcement activity included the following:

<i>22 Building Permits issued:</i>	<i>12 Conditional Use Permits for:</i>
2 New Dwellings	4 Additions in a Shoreland Zone
6 Additions to Dwelling	1 Dwellings in a Shoreland Zone
2 Mobile Home Replacement	2 Cutting in Shoreland Zone
3 Additions to Accessory Structure	2 Driveways
2 Sheds	2 Fill/Grading in Shoreland Zone
2 Nonconforming Struct. Replaced	1 Campsite in Shoreland Zone
2 Decks	
1 Temporary Dock	<i>1 Violation cited for:</i>
1 Permanent Dock	Tree Cutting in Shoreland
1 Pool	
<i>Permits pending for:</i>	8 Internal Plumbing Permits issued
1 House Addition in Shoreland	
<i>Permits denied:</i>	<i>6 Septic System Permits including:</i>
2 Structures proposed within setback	2 New Systems
	4 Replacement Systems

Comments

Construction: There was a 62% increase over the number of Building Permits issued during the previous year. The majority of this increase represents improvements to existing structures, while the number of new dwellings remained the same.

Shoreland District: This was the area of greatest change. Land-use and construction projects in Shoreland totaled 19, while there were only 12 projects that were not in Shoreland. In addition, half of the Septic System Permits were in Shoreland.

Nonconforming Structures: At least 10 existing nonconforming structures came under discussion or formal review for expansion, relocation, or reconstruction. Half of these cases involved lot line and road setback non-conformity.

Subdivision Changes: All proposed changes to property lines or lots in Subdivisions require approval regardless of the date of the original subdivision. There are over 20 subdivisions in town, some which are inactive. This ordinance does apply to many lots. When considering property changes, landowners should plan accordingly.

I would also like to recognize Brian Detwiler for his interest in the ordinances and his appointment as Alternate Codes Enforcement Officer.

MICHAEL KREINDLER
Codes Enforcement Officer

Independent Auditors' Report

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Selectboard Town of Arrowsic Arrowsic, Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Arrowsic, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Arrowsic, Maine as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, thereof and for the year then ended, in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in the notes to the financial statements, the Town adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis For Local Governments*; Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis For State and Local Govern-*

Registrar of Voters Report

THE VOTER TURNOUT in the 2004 Presidential Election set a record—Maine was second only to Minnesota.

In our town of Arrowsic, 291 registered voters came out to vote in person and 70 voted by absentee ballots, bringing the total to 361 active registered voters. We had 17 inactive voters who did not vote in this election and were not counted in the total.

The State of Maine is in the process of implementing a conversion of the voter list of every town and municipality to a Statewide Voter List called Central Voter Registration System (CVR). We are just getting started with this new application of maintaining the voter list and coordinating this information with the State.

JEAN KANE
 Registrar of Voters

Town Clerk's Report, *continued*(Boat, ATV, and Snowmobile Registrations, *continued*)

	<i>July '03--June '04</i> <i>(Complete)</i>	<i>July '04--March '05</i> <i>(Incomplete)</i>
Freshwater stickers @ \$9	34	7
Jet ski @ \$24	1	-
ATVs @ \$33/41.25	20	10
Snowmobiles @ \$33	9	10
Duplicates @ 0	3	-
Total Fees to State	\$2,589.75	\$1,206.00
Clerk's Fees	\$159.00	\$63.00
Total Collected	\$2,748.75	\$1,269.00

HUNTING and FISHING LICENSES

	<i>July '03--June '04</i> <i>(Complete)</i>	<i>July '04--March '05</i> <i>(Incomplete)</i>
Supersport @ \$20	-	1
Hunt @ \$19/22	10	13
Junior Hunt @ \$5/8	5	1
Combo Hunt/Fish @ \$36/39	21	14
Fish @ \$19/22	12	5
Archery @ \$19/22	4	2
Expanded Archery @ \$33	3	-
Expanded Archery Doe @ \$13	2	5
Duck @ \$5.25/8.25	9	2
Fall Turkey @ \$13	1	-
Muzzleload @ \$11/14	2	2
Coyote @ \$5	-	1
Complimentary Hunt/Fish/Duck @ 0	2	1
Duplicates @ 0	1	1
Total to State	\$1,495.50	\$1,128.50
Clerk's Fees	\$110.50	\$71.25
Total Collected	\$1,606.00	\$1,199.7523

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPHINE EWING
Town Clerk

ments: Omnibus; Statement No. 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*; and Interpretation No. 6, *Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements*, as of July 1, 2003. This results in a change in the format and content of the basic financial statements.

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

Purdy Pownall & Company

Professional Association

Portland, Maine
August 28, 2004

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SELECTMEN’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This discussion and analysis of the Town of Arrowsic’s financial performance provides an overview of the Town’s financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2004 and is a new requirement of the audit process. Prepared annually and included with the Auditor’s Report, it presents the highlights of the town’s financial position in comparison and over time rather than simply in terms of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities. It is intended to answer the question: “Is Arrowsic financially better off or worse off as a result of the year’s activities?” It will be most meaningful if read in conjunction with the Town’s financial statements.

USING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual auditor’s report consists of a series of financial statements:

- The **Statement of Net Assets** presents the relationship between Arrowsic assets and liabilities at the end of the fiscal year.
- The **Statement of Activities** provides information about the annual financial activities of the Town and adds the context of the previous year.
- **Fund Financial Statements** tell how Arrowsic’s expenditures were financed for this year’s operation as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the town’s operations in more detail by providing information about Town funds.

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year’s revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report Arrowsic’s net assets and changes in them. Over time, an increase or decrease in net assets is one indicator of whether our financial health is improving or deteriorating. Because Arrowsic does not carry debt, preferring to finance operations out of surplus or taxes, it is the value of our assets that is most important. Our assets include cash (tax

Town Clerk’s Report

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

Greta Kathleen Crabtree *b.* April 6, 2004
 Shawn Arthur Sprague..... *b.* April 13, 2004
 Emma Anne Soule *b.* May 12, 2004
 Tristan Richards Beveridge *b.* August 23, 2004
 Elliot Timothy Harkins *b.* February 22, 2005

Marriages

Robert Hugo Nelson and Wendy Kay Ulmer..... July 4, 2004
 Brian John Tiedge and Julia Rose Guckenburg September 25, 2004

Deaths

Vernon F. Carlton.....age 67November 13, 2004
 Helen Lena Willey.....age 27March 5, 2005

DOG LICENSES

	<i>July '03–June '04</i> <i>(Complete)</i>	<i>July '04–March '05</i> <i>(Incomplete)</i>
Male/Female @\$6/10	12	13
Neuter/Spayed @ \$4/6	94	88
Late Fees @ \$5/15	8	1
Total Collected	\$758	\$673
State Fees	\$384	\$381
Town Fees	\$268	\$191
Clerk’s Fees	\$106	\$101

CLAM LICENSES

	<i>Summer 2004</i> <i>(Complete)</i>	<i>Summer 2005</i> <i>(Incomplete)</i>
Resident Commercial @ \$100	2	2
Non-Resident Commercial @ \$200	1	
Resident Recreational @ \$10	2	1
Non-Resident Recreational @ \$20	2	
Total Collected	\$460	\$210

BOAT, ATV, and SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATIONS

	<i>July '03–June '04</i> <i>(Complete)</i>	<i>July '04–March '05</i> <i>(Incomplete)</i>
<i>Boats @ \$6/9</i>	28	10
<i>@ \$10/13</i>	28	15
<i>@ \$15/18</i>	39	11

Boat, ATV, and Snowmobile Registrations, *continued on next page*

Shellfish Warden's Report

FOR MANY YEARS I HAVE BEEN SHELLFISH WARDEN for West Bath and Phippsburg. After much thought, I have chosen to leave that position. My intention is to continue working for Arrowsic, Georgetown, and Woolwich for another ten years or so.

General Shellfish Information

Prior to harvesting any shellfish in Arrowsic, you must first obtain a shellfish license from the Town Hall. At that time, ask to look at the Repeal and Promulgation Regulation which will show you all clamflats that are open and closed. You should also pick up a Recreational Shellfish Information Sheet from the Clerk. This way you can be absolutely sure the flats you are going to dig on are open. And prior to digging in the future, contact me at home, 371-2732, or at the Town Hall, 443-4609. Openings and closings change at a moment's notice, so be sure to check. Open areas generally include all of the Squirrel Point Flats from May 15 through September 30. For the remainder of the year, Squirrel Point Flats are closed, because up-river sewage treatment plants do not chlorinate their discharge during the winter. The Back River is closed due to pollution. The Shellfish Conservation Committee is working with the Town of Phippsburg and the Department of Marine Resources to possibly correct the problem and move the closure line north of Crow Island.

Openings and closings are subject to change without warning. The Warden makes every effort to post closure signs at major points of access to some of the flats, however, never trust the absence of a sign, for they can be and, in many cases, are vandalized, damaged, or just plain vanish! The only sign you can completely trust is the one located at the Town Hall.

Please remember that if you use someone else's property to get to the clamflats, you must first obtain their permission.

The Red Tide Hotline number is 1-800-232-4733. If you have a problem understanding this recording, please look at a chart or map to find the points of reference being spelled out. If you are still in doubt, please call me at home for an answer.

Respectfully submitted,
JON L. HENTZ
Arrowsic Shellfish Warden

payments, surplus, and funds), taxes unpaid but expected, tax liens expected, and our capital assets like town properties, buildings and equipment. Tax payments are all earmarked for specific annual expenses so they flow in as revenues and out as we pay our bills. Each year, we designate certain expenses to be paid from surplus thus reducing it. When we spend less than approved and money is left over at the end of the year, it is added to the surplus account. The funds (water access, overboard discharge, scholarship, capital improvement and fire department capital improvement) increase or decrease as voted at Town Meeting. *Our net assets as of June 30, 2004 were \$739,245 (pg. 38). This is \$70,760 less than the previous year (pg. 38).*

Other indications of fiscal health are non-financial factors, such as the condition of the Town's roads and buildings, and the likelihood of an unexpected large expense that would affect tax rates.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, our basic services are reported as governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

Fund Financial Statements

The Governmental Fund Statements provide a detailed short-term view of our general municipal operations and the basic services we provide. Governmental fund information helps us determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance town programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliation on page 39 of the fund financial statements.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

To the Selectmen, watching the inflows and outflows as we do, it is clear that our little town struggles to provide the services that make a town a town. We are so lean that small reductions in revenue or increases in expenses have an immediate effect. We are likely not the only ones who gaze at the trash bags by the side of the road, silently calculating tonnage and resulting fees.

Town Revenues and Expenses

The Town of Arrowsic took in revenues of \$728,126 (pg. 40) from property taxes, excise taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and interest. Total expenses were \$800,568 (pg. 40). Education expenses accounted for approximately

62% of total expenses, followed by public works (roads, septage, solid waste, recycling) at 12.5%, taxes paid to Sagadahoc County at 10.7%, town administration (salaries, insurance, utilities, legal, auditing and assessing expenses, and contingency) at 7.8%, public safety (fire and ambulance) at 3.0% and dues and support at 1.7% (all pg. 40). A budget to actual comparison can be found on page 41.

State Support

This fiscal year continued the recent downward trend in state support for the town. We are at the bottom of this lesson in trickle-down economics. In 2003, we received \$154,400 in intergovernmental revenues compared to \$64,186 (pg. 41) in 2004. This is a *reduction of \$90,214*. Most of the reduction was attributable to the education subsidy, which decreased by approximately \$80,000. The state uses a complicated formula that determines our ability to pay education expenses based on the market value of the real estate on the island. When you consider that we have approximately 270 taxpayers in town, that hits us pretty hard.

Undesignated Fund (Surplus)

When we bring in more revenue than we budget or spend less than we budget, the excess goes into an accumulating undesignated fund. At the State level, it's called the rainy day fund. In Arrowsic, we call it "the Surplus." The surplus was used this year to defray some town expenses, according to the wishes of the Town as expressed at Town Meeting. The surplus was used to pay for salaries, legal expenses, Town Hall maintenance and improvements, contributions to the Fire Department Capital Fund and local charitable organizations. *We started the 2003–2004 fiscal year with an undesignated surplus of \$237,876 and ended with \$244,636 (pg. 39). The net effect on the undesignated surplus was \$6,760.*

Designated Fund Balance

The Town carried forward a balance in three dedicated funds last year:

- *School Account* started with an unexpended balance of \$61,083. It was reduced to \$11,095 as actual expenditures for education exceeded revenues and Town appropriations by \$49,988.
- *Shellfish Conservation Committee Account* started with an unexpended balance of \$1,847. It was reduced to \$1,757 due to a slight excess of expenditures over license revenues.
- *Fire Dept Building Planning Account*, originally set up for planning expenses for the Little Barn, started with an unexpended balance of \$4,061. Because this fund is no longer needed, the balance was transferred to undesignated fund balance.

The net effect was a decrease in designated fund balance of \$54,139. Footnote E on page 48 details the balances carried forward as designated.

Shellfish Conservation Committee Report

THE ARROWSIC SHELLFISH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE is charged with management and conservation of the Town's soft-shell clam (*Mya arenaria*) resource, including enforcement of the Town Shellfish Conservation Ordinance and applicable State regulations. This work breaks down into five areas: license allocation and issuance, enforcement, water-quality sampling, shellfish conservation, and administration. To complete the activities associated with these areas, the Committee normally meets monthly, takes water samples each month at seven stations, and conducts an annual shellfish survey of one of the Town's clam flats. In these and other activities, we rely heavily on Town Clerk, Phine Ewing; Shellfish Warden, Jon Hentz; DMR Biologist, Ron Aho; and DMR Marine Research Scientist, Jan Barter.

For the 2004 season, the Town allocated and issued three commercial shellfish licenses, two to residents and one to a non-resident. In addition, two residents and two non-residents purchased recreational licenses. For the 2005 season, we have allocated three commercial licenses and unlimited recreational licenses for harvesting clams at the Squirrel Point flats and potentially the southern part of the Back River flats.

Our major conservation activity for 2004 was the shellfish survey of the northern portion of the Squirrel Point flats. While results did not reveal an abundance of clams of harvestable size, the number of clams there, and in the southern part of that flat, did justify allocating three commercial licenses this year, particularly in light of the possible opening of a portion of the Back River flat. For that survey, committee members Bill, Dick, and Phil were assisted by Dean Doyle, of Phippsburg, and Herb Hewlett, of Arrowsic. This year's conservation activity will probably be a survey of part of the Back River flat; volunteers for this October activity are certainly welcome.

The Committee would like to encourage all residents to take an interest in our clam resource, try some recreational clamming, and even consider joining the ASCC. At a fee of \$10, the recreational license for residents is the bargain of the year. See you on the flats!

If you would like more information please call the Town Office, or ASCC Chair, Peter Goodwin (443-7466).

Respectfully submitted,
PETER W. GOODWIN, Chair
WILLIAM BLAIKLOCK
LOIS HEWLETT
RICHARD HIGGINS
PHILIP PACKARD

Conservation Commission Report

THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONDUCTED weekly trash cleanups at Sewall Pond Conservation Area and the Route 127 access site from May until late October. New signs to notify visitors that the Conservation Area is closed from dusk to dawn will be installed by Memorial Day. Ike Heffron was hired as the Town Constable to enforce the parking regulations along Old Stage Road and to discourage nighttime use at Sewall Pond.

Biweekly water transparency and phosphorus testing of Sewall Pond was conducted from May to October. Phosphorus readings were again high this year. We will continue water transparency monitoring from May to October. The Department of Environmental Protection will be conducting phosphorus testing this summer. The Department of Marine Resources released 503 alewife into Sewall Pond last spring. Millie Stafford reports that the stream leading into Sewall Pond is free of obstructions that might prevent alewife from reaching the pond.

The Conservation Commission sponsored a field trip in November to Mrs. Davis' property and the Range Light and Fog Bell Tower along the Kennebec River. The trip featured a tour of the inside of both structures and an explanation of how the fog bell worked.

The Conservation Commission compiled a list of data layers for potential use in a proposed town GIS system. This data will allow us to overlay natural resource data on property maps.

The town-wide roadside cleanup took place in early May. Thanks to everyone who participated in removing our winter detritus from the roadways.

Respectfully submitted,
BILL AND NOREEN BLAIKLOCK
PHINE EWING
ROGER HEARD
NANCY SFERRA
MILLIE STAFFORD
FRANCIE SMITH TOLAN

Designated Funds - Special Revenues (pg. 50)

We have five designated funds. As of June 30, 2004:

- *Fire Department Capital Fund* decreased by \$10,858 to \$65,274.
- *Water Access Fund* increased by \$2,338 to \$40,654.
- *Capital Improvement Fund* increased by \$1,207 to \$81,699.
- *Overboard Discharge Fund* remained the same at \$1,598.
- *School Scholarship Fund* decreased by \$194 to \$28,715.

The total in our designated funds is \$217,940.

Capital Assets

Because of the requirements of the new municipal accounting process, GASB 34, we calculated the value of our fixed assets for the first time in a long time. Fixed assets include our real estate properties, town buildings, fire department vehicles and town roads. As you might expect, given the age of our buildings, vehicles and roads, practically everything is fully depreciated. This year we added a new fixed asset to our inventory, constructing the Little Fire Barn with money from the Fire Department Capital Fund. *As of June 30, 2004, the value of our capital assets less accumulated depreciation was \$253,817 (pg. 48).*

Debt Administration (or not)

Happily, Arrowsic is debt-free. We do not anticipate the need to borrow any money in the near future.

Assessed Value and Mil Rate (pg. 53)

Each year the Selectmen determine the amount needed to fund the warrant articles voted at Town Meeting and divide that amount by the aggregate assessed value of the town to determine the mil rate. *For the year ending June 30, 2004, \$555,109 was voted to be raised from property taxes for payment of town expenses and the total assessed value of the town was \$51,879,300, making the mil rate \$10.70 per thousand dollars of valuation.*

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON?

The education budget for 2004–2005 was understated due to incoming students that were unaccounted for. Based on an estimate by the Union 47 School Superintendent, this may increase the Instruction budget by \$33,000. This may be funded by an additional tax assessment or come out of undesignated surplus, further reducing it. This issue will be decided at a special Town Meeting during the spring of 2005.

CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact one of the Selectmen.

Statement of Net Assets, Town of Arrowsic, Maine, As of June 30, 2004

		Governmental Activities	
Assets			
	Cash	\$	464,908
	Taxes receivable		17,694
	Tax liens receivable		2,826
	Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		<u>253,817</u>
	Total Assets		739,245
Liabilities			
	Accounts payable		-
	Total Liabilities		-
Net Assets			
	Invested in capital assets		253,817
	Unrestricted		<u>485,428</u>
	Total Net Assets		<u>\$ 739,245</u>

**Statement of Activities, Town of Arrowsic, Maine,
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004**

Function/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
				Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
Town administration	\$ 62,631	\$ 7,308	\$ -	\$ (55,323)
Public safety	29,032	-	-	(29,032)
Public works	110,543	-	12,372	(98,171)
County tax	85,490	-	-	(85,490)
Education	492,125	-	18,493	(473,632)
Dues and support	13,749	-	-	(13,749)
Unclassified	<u>22,316</u>	-	-	<u>(22,316)</u>
Total Governmental				
Activities	<u>\$ 815,886</u>	<u>\$ 7,308</u>	<u>\$ 30,865</u>	<u>(777,713)</u>
General revenues:				
Taxes:				
				555,109
				88,710
				33,321
				9,652
				<u>3,161</u>
				689,953
				(87,760)
				<u>810,005</u>
				<u>\$ 722,245</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report

Current ZBA Members

Mark Geiger, Chair 200–2005
 James Arsenault, Secretary 2001–2004
 Lois Hewlett..... 2001–2004
 Grace Stone..... 2003–2004

New Members

Heather Baker 2004–2007
 Wendy Briggs 2004–2007

IN 2004–05, THE ZBA MET to hear one administrative appeal and one appeal for a variance.

The Board met to hear a second administrative appeal from Mark and Nancy Kidd of 267 Old Stage Road, seeking relief from the Planning Board's decision of April 5, 2004, to deny them a business permit for a meat smoking business. The Board heard the appeal at a public meeting on May 25, 2004, and reached a decision on June 2, 2004, to uphold the decision of the Planning Board.

Also in 2004, the Board held public meetings to hear the amended appeals of Peter Klein of 75 Lyman Road, in Northfield, MA 01360, seeking a setback variance for tent platforms and composting toilet, on an individual campsite he owns on the end of Bald Head, Arrowsic. The Board heard his appeals on April 27, September 22, and lastly on December 14, 2004, where a reduction in the sideline variance was approved for two tent platforms and a composting toilet. As of this writing, no new appeals have been heard.

Respectfully submitted,
 MARK C. GEIGER, Chair

Planning Board Report

MIDWAY THROUGH THE FIRST HALF OF THE FIRST DECADE of the 21st century, the Arrowsic Planning Board has continued to evaluate the Zoning Ordinance for both clarity and relevance to the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

The residents of Arrowsic are building, earth-moving, developing, and dividing their land. The Zoning Ordinance, governing all of the above, first adopted in 1979, has been amended many times since. This year, once again, the Planning Board will bring to the Town Meeting, proposals to ease use of the current Ordinance and clarify its permit requirements.

In the past five years, more than 20 Conditional Use Permits have been granted by the Planning Board, seven in 2004, three so far in 2005, allowing docks, driveways, changes in boundaries, and the regulated expansions of structures that are less than the required setback from protected marshes and shores.

In the past five years, property taxes and real estate values have risen sharply. Many new residents have moved to Arrowsic and a few have moved away. The Maine Council for Business Development and Planning and its new Rural Resource Group (Roger Heard, Arrowsic rep.) have been meeting to evaluate the impact of rapid development on the towns of the Midcoast. In light of new trends, the 1989 Comprehensive Plan, reviewed by Planning Board and Town survey in 2002, may need to be revisited as we progress through the second half of the decade.

In the meantime, much of the Planning Board 2004–2005 deliberations concerned implementation of the provisions of the current Arrowsic Zoning Ordinance and evaluation of its relevance to the Town's vision for development without exploitation of our natural resources.

We have welcomed Steven Theodore as a new alternate member this year, as long-term member, Jim Tolan, retired from the Board.

The Planning Board meets at 7 PM, Town Hall, first Monday of each month, except when that Monday is a national holiday, when we meet on the first Wednesday. The public is welcome at all meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
MARY HILLERY, Chair

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds, Town of Arrowsic, Maine, As of June 30, 2004

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash	\$ 402,762	\$ 62,146	\$ 464,908
Taxes receivable	17,694	-	17,694
Tax liens receivable	2,826	-	2,826
Due from other funds	-	155,794	155,794
	<u>423,282</u>	<u>217,940</u>	<u>641,222</u>
Total Assets	\$ 423,282	\$ 217,940	\$ 641,222
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	155,794	-	155,794
Deferred property tax revenues	10,000	-	10,000
	<u>165,794</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>165,794</u>
Total Liabilities	165,794	-	165,794
Fund Balances			
Unreserved:			
Designated	12,852	217,940	230,792
Undesignated	244,636	-	244,636
	<u>257,488</u>	<u>217,940</u>	<u>475,428</u>
Total Fund Balances	257,488	217,940	475,428
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 423,282	\$ 217,940	\$ 641,222

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets, Town of Arrowsic, Maine, As of June 30, 2004

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 475,428

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation is: 253,817

Property tax revenues are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting in the governmental funds but in the Statement of Activities, property tax revenue is reported under the accrual method. The balance in deferred property tax revenue in the governmental funds as a liability is: 10,000

Total Net Assets - Governmental Activities \$ 739,245

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances,
Governmental Funds, Town of Arrowsic, Maine, For the Year Ended
June 30, 2004**

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Property taxes	\$ 555,109	\$ -	\$ 555,109
Excise taxes	86,898	1,812	88,710
Intergovernmental revenues	64,186	-	64,186
Miscellaneous revenues	<u>14,940</u>	<u>5,181</u>	<u>20,121</u>
Total Revenues	721,133	6,993	728,126
Expenditures			
Current			
Town administration	62,631	-	62,631
Public safety	24,007	-	24,007
Public works	100,250	-	100,250
County tax	85,490	-	85,490
Education	492,125	-	492,125
Dues and support	13,749	-	13,749
Unclassified	2,816	2,500	5,316
Capital outlays	-	<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>781,068</u>	<u>19,500</u>	<u>800,568</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(59,935)	(12,507)	(72,442)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers in	-	5,000	5,000
Transfers out	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(5,000)	5,000	-
Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses			
	(64,935)	(7,507)	(72,442)
Fund balances at beginning of year, as reported			
	304,867	225,447	530,314
Prior period adjustment	<u>17,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,556</u>
Fund balances at beginning of year, as restated	<u>322,423</u>	<u>225,447</u>	<u>547,870</u>
Fund Balances at End of Year	<u>\$ 257,488</u>	<u>\$ 217,940</u>	<u>\$ 475,428</u>

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of
Activities, Town of Arrowsic, Maine, As of June 30, 2004**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ (72,442)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of
Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.

However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is
allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

This is the amount by which capital asset additions exceeded
depreciation expense in the current period:

Capital outlays	\$ 17,000
Depreciation expense	<u>(15,318)</u>

1,682

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$ (70,760)

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

**Schedule of Valuation, Assessment and Collection of Taxes, Town of
Arrowsic, Maine, For the Year Ended June 30, 2004**

Valuation		
Real estate		\$ 51,879,300
Personal property		<u>-</u>
Total Valuation		<u>\$ 51,879,300</u>
Assessment		
Valuation x rate - \$ 51,879,300 x 0.01070	\$ 555,109	
Supplementals		<u>-</u>
Total Assessment Charged to Collector		\$ 555,109
Collection and Credits		
Cash collections	\$ 535,106	
Tax abatements		<u>1,226</u>
Total Collection and Credits		<u>536,332</u>
2004 Taxes Receivable - June 30, 2004		<u>\$ 18,777</u>

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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances, Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Special Revenue Funds, Town of Arrowsic, Maine, For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Fire Dept. Capital Improvement	Water Access Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	Overboard Discharge Grant Fund	School Scholarship Fund	Total
Revenues						
Interest income	\$ 1,142	\$ 526	\$ 1,207	\$ -	\$ 424	\$ 3,299
Excise tax - boats	-	1,812	-	-	-	1,812
Miscellaneous	-	2,338	1,207	-	1,882	1,882
Total Revenues	<u>1,142</u>	<u>2,338</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,306</u>	<u>6,993</u>
Expenditures						
Current	-	-	-	-	2,500	2,500
Capital outlay	17,000	-	-	-	-	17,000
Total Expenditures	<u>17,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>19,500</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(15,858)</u>	<u>2,338</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(194)</u>	<u>(12,507)</u>
Other Financing Sources(Uses)						
Operating transfers in	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>(10,858)</u>	<u>2,338</u>	<u>1,207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(194)</u>	<u>(7,507)</u>
Fund balances at beginning of year	76,132	38,316	80,492	1,598	28,909	225,447
Fund Balances at End of Year	<u>\$ 65,274</u>	<u>\$ 40,654</u>	<u>\$ 81,699</u>	<u>\$ 1,598</u>	<u>\$ 28,715</u>	<u>\$ 217,940</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance, Budget and Actual - General Fund (Budgetary Basis), Town of Arrowsic, Maine, For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 555,109	\$ 555,109	\$ 555,109	\$ -
Excise taxes	70,000	70,000	86,898	16,898
Intergovernmental	64,325	64,325	64,186	(139)
Interest	-	-	6,353	6,353
Miscellaneous	250	250	8,587	8,337
Total Revenues	<u>689,684</u>	<u>689,684</u>	<u>721,133</u>	<u>31,449</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
Town administration	65,718	65,718	62,631	3,087
Public safety	25,461	25,461	24,007	1,454
Public works	109,600	109,600	100,250	9,350
County tax	85,490	85,490	85,490	-
Education	503,220	503,220	492,125	11,095
Dues and support	13,846	13,846	13,749	97
Unclassified	-	-	2,816	(2,816)
Total Expenditures	<u>803,335</u>	<u>803,335</u>	<u>781,068</u>	<u>22,267</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(113,651)</u>	<u>(113,651)</u>	<u>(59,935)</u>	<u>53,716</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating transfers out	(8,000)	(8,000)	(5,000)	3,000
Utilization of designated surplus	66,991	66,991	-	(66,991)
Utilization of undesignated surplus	57,727	57,727	-	(57,727)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>116,718</u>	<u>116,718</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(121,718)</u>
Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ 3,067</u>	<u>\$ 3,067</u>	<u>(64,935)</u>	<u>\$ (68,002)</u>
Fund balance at beginning of year, as reported			304,867	
Prior period adjustment			17,556	
Fund balance at beginning of year, as restated			<u>322,423</u>	
Fund Balance at End of Year			<u>257,488</u>	

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Notes to Financial Statements, Town of Arrowsic, Maine

Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Town of Arrowsic, Maine was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maine and operates under a Selectboard form of government. The accounting policies of the Town of Arrowsic conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Town are discussed below.

Principles Determining Scope of Reporting Entity

The basic financial statements include the accounts of all Town operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Town's reporting entity, as set forth in GAAP include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the Town holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the Town appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the Town is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the Town
- there is fiscal dependency by the organization on the Town

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Town of Arrowsic has no component units.

Changes in Accounting Methods and Basis of Financial Statement Presentation

In June 1999 the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments* (GASB 34). Subsequent to the issuance of GASB 34, GASB issued the following standards to be implemented at the same time GASB 34 is adopted; Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments: Omnibus*; Statement No. 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*; and Interpretation No. 6, *Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements*.

Combining Balance Sheet, Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Special Revenue Funds, Town of Arrowsic, Maine, As of June 30, 2004

Assets	Fire Dept. Capital Improvement	Water Access	Capital Improvement	Overboard Discharge	School Scholarship	Total
Cash	\$ -	\$ 31,833	\$ -	\$ 1,598	\$ 28,715	\$ 62,146
Due from other funds	65,274	8,821	81,699	-	-	155,794
Total Assets	65,274	40,654	81,699	1,598	28,715	217,940
Liabilities and Fund Balances						
Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balances						
Unreserved - designated	65,274	40,654	81,699	1,598	28,715	217,940
Total Fund Balances	65,274	40,654	81,699	1,598	28,715	217,940
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	65,274	40,654	81,699	1,598	28,715	217,940

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.



PURDY POWERS & COMPANY

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Independent Auditors' Report on Supplemental Information

To the Selectboard Town of Arrowsic Arrowsic, Maine

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental information contained in the following schedules for the year ended June 30, 2004, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Purdy Powers & Company

Professional Association

Portland, Maine
 August 28, 2004



Statement No. 34, among other changes, adds two new "Government-wide" financial statements as basic financial statements required for all governmental units. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities are the two new required statements. Both statements are prepared on the full accrual basis. Previously, in accordance with accounting standards for governmental units, the Town used the modified accrual basis of accounting for certain funds. The modified accrual basis of accounting continues to be the appropriate basis of accounting for governmental activity fund financial statements.

Also, for the first time the financial statements include a Management Discussion and Analysis section providing an analysis of the Town's overall financial position and results of operations.

In addition, all funds are reported as governmental activities or fiduciary funds. The definitions for these types of activities are discussed in other portions of Note A.

Finally, all non-fiduciary funds are further classified as major or non-major funds. In reporting financial conditions and results of operations for governmental units, the new standard concentrates on major versus non-major funds. GASB 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures/expenses of either fund category or governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The nonmajor funds are combined in a column in the fund financial statements.

These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements (including notes to financial statements).

Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements

The statement of net assets and statement of activities report information about the reporting government as a whole. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. The Town does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services,

or privileges by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the Government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which are considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts, which constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

Governmental Activities

Governmental funds are identified as either general, special revenue, capital projects, or permanent funds based upon the following guidelines.

The *General Fund* is the operating fund of the Town and is always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific sources (other than major capital projects or expendable trusts) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting is related to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Accrual

Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements and the fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Modified Accrual

Governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified ac-

Note E - Designated Fund Balance

At June 30, 2004, the designated fund balance applicable to future periods was as follows:

Shellfish Conservation Commission	\$ 1,757
School Account	<u>11,095</u>
	<u>\$ 12,852</u>

Note F - Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town either carries commercial insurance or is effectively self-insured. Currently, the Town carries commercial insurance for any risks of loss to which it may be exposed. Based on the coverage provided by commercial insurance, the Town is not aware of any material actual or potential claim liabilities that should be recorded at June 30, 2004.

Note G - Prior Period Adjustment

The Town's beginning fund balance includes an adjustment to correct the treatment of deferred revenues. Previously, the Town had been recognizing revenue to the extent of budgeted amounts for the following categories: local road assistance, excise tax, state park revenue sharing, tree growth reimbursement, and veteran's exemption reimbursement, with the over/under budgeted amount increasing/decreasing deferred revenues. The effect of this prior period adjustment decreases deferred revenues-other and increases beginning fund balance by \$17,556.

Note H - Related Party Transactions

The Town conducts business with Richard Elwell, a construction contractor, who is also the Town's Road Commissioner. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, the Town paid Mr. Elwell \$53,982 for road maintenance services.

Note C - Capital Assets

A summary of capital assets transactions for the year ended June 30, 2004, follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Non-Depreciable Assets:				
Land	\$ 74,001	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 74,001
Depreciable Assets:				
Land improvements	1,328,000	---	---	1,328,000
Buildings and improvements	1,250	17,000	---	18,250
Vehicles and equipment	<u>77,000</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>77,000</u>
Totals at historical cost	1,480,251	17,000	---	1,497,251
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements	1,168,266	10,293	---	1,178,559
Buildings and improvements	1,250	425	---	1,675
Vehicles and equipment	<u>58,600</u>	<u>4,600</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>63,200</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,228,116</u>	<u>15,318</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>1,243,434</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 252,135</u>	<u>\$ 1,682</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ 253,817</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental activities:		
Public safety		\$ 5,025
Public works		<u>10,293</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense		<u>\$ 15,318</u>

Note D - Interfund Receivables and Payables

Interfund balances at June 30, 2004 consisted of the following individual fund receivables and payables:

	Receivables Due from	Payables Due to	Net Internal Balances
Governmental Activities			
<u>General Fund:</u>			
<i>Other Governmental Funds:</i>			
Special Revenue:			
Fire Dept. Capital Improvement	\$ ---	\$ (65,274)	
Water Access Fund	---	(8,821)	
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>---</u>	<u>(81,699)</u>	
	---	(155,794)	
<u>Other Governmental Funds:</u>			
<i>Special Revenue:</i>			
General Fund:			
Fire Dept. Capital Improvement	65,274	---	
Water Access Fund	8,821	---	
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>81,699</u>	<u>---</u>	
	<u>155,794</u>	<u>---</u>	
	<u>\$ 155,794</u>	<u>\$ (155,794)</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>

crual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt is recognized when due.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Inventories

Inventories of supplies are considered to be expenditures at the time of purchase.

Capital Assets

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$10,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows: land improvements, 20 years; buildings and improvements, 20 to 50 years; infrastructure, 40 to 50 years; and vehicles and equipment, 10 to 15 years.

In the fund financial statements, fixed assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Fixed assets are not capitalized and related depreciation is not reported in the fund financial statements.

Vacation and Sick Leave

Under the terms of the personnel policies of the Town, paid vacation and sick leave is not available. As such, no liability for accrued compensated absences exists.

Budget

The Town of Arrowsic's policy is to adopt an annual budget for operations. The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The following procedures are followed in establishing budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- Early in the second half of the last fiscal year the Town prepared a budget for this fiscal year beginning July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- A vote of the inhabitants of the Town of Arrowsic was then taken for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget after public notice of the vote was given.
- The budget was adopted subsequent to passage by the inhabitants of the Town.

The Town does not adopt budgets for special revenue funds.

Estimates

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

Interfund Activity

Interfund activity is reported as either loans, reimbursements, or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund loan receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation in the government-wide presentation. Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related costs as a reimbursement. Since not all funds maintain a separate cash account, cash is pooled in the General Fund cash account and activity for individual funds are recorded through the General Fund and each respective individual fund through the recognition of a “due to/due from” as appropriate. The due to/from other funds balances are subject to elimination upon consolidation in the government-wide presentation. All interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental or proprietary funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statement.

Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes

The Town’s property tax for the current year was levied November 21, 2003, on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2003, for all real and personal property located in the Town. Taxes were due January 21, 2004. Interest on unpaid taxes commenced on January 22, 2004, at 7% per annum.

Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available includes those property tax receivables expected to be collected within sixty days after year end. The remaining receivables have been recorded as deferred revenues.

The Town is permitted by the laws of the State of Maine to levy taxes up to 105% of its net budgeted expenditures for the related fiscal period. The amount raised in excess of 100% is referred to as overlay, and amounted to \$3,067 (0.6%) for the year ended June 30, 2004.

Tax liens are placed on real property within twelve months following the tax commitment date if taxes are delinquent. The Town has the authority to foreclose on property eighteen months after the filing of the lien if tax liens and associated costs remain unpaid.

Note B - Cash

The Town conducts all its banking transactions with its depository banks.

Deposits

At June 30, 2004, the carrying amount of the Town’s deposits was \$464,908, and the bank balance was \$499,855. The difference between these balances relates to deposits in transit, outstanding checks and cash on hand at year-end.

The Town’s cash is categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Town at year-end. These categories are defined as follows:

- Category # 1 - Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Town or by its agent in The Town’s name.
- Category # 2 - Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution’s trust department or agent in the Town’s name.
- Category # 3 - Uncollateralized. (This includes any bank balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town’s name.)

<u>Financial Institution</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Category</u>		
		<u># 1</u>	<u># 2</u>	<u># 3</u>
Various banks	\$ 499,855	\$ 215,766	\$ 284,089	\$ - - -