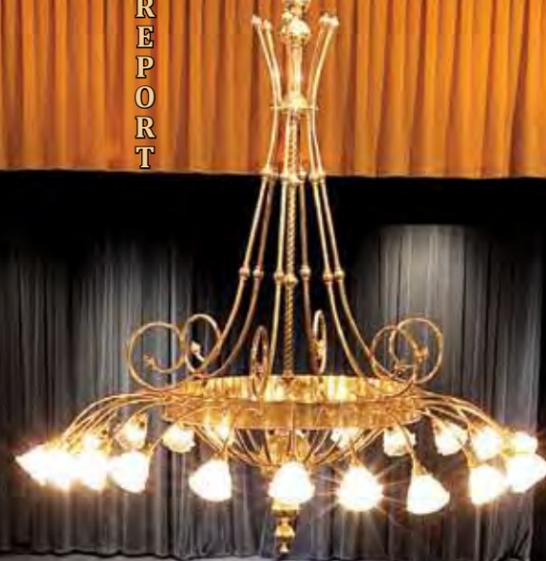


2015 ANNUAL REPORT



# Camden, Maine

Where the Mountains Meet the Sea.....

**2015 Annual Report**  
Fiscal Year Reports: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014  
June 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant & Budget

TOWN OF CAMDEN



**FLOWER BASKETS ON LAMPPOSTS:**

The Camden Garden Club has provided and maintained flower baskets for the downtown lampposts in Camden every year for 90 years. Since 1925 The Camden Garden Club has provided over 4,000 lamppost flower baskets.



**VILLAGE GREEN:**

When the Village Green was proposed, Mrs. Mary Louise Bok hoped the Camden Garden Club would be guardians of its care as they were the only ones interested. Over the years the Club has planted trees, flowers, helped the town repair the granite path and maintained the two border beds.

**WINTER WREATHS ON LAMPPOSTS:**

For 65 years the Camden Garden Club has decorated the downtown lampposts in winter. Every November Camden Garden Club members, spouses and friends gather to assemble the 92 lighted wreaths to be hung on Camden's lampposts. Garlands are hung on the Main Street bridge railing and the boxes at the Union Street arch are filled with evergreens and berries.

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**  
**TOWN OF CAMDEN**  
**29 Elm Street**  
**PO Box 1207**  
**Camden, Maine 04843**

Population – 4,850  
(2010 Census)

For the Fiscal Year

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014  
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## DEDICATION



*Willard Wight*

The Town of Camden is pleased to dedicate this Annual Town Report to our friend and consummate community ambassador Willard Wight.

Willard learned the value of hard work as a youngster working alongside his grandfather Pearl Glover Willey at the family business founded in 1899. At that time, PG Willey supplied coal to heat buildings and to fuel the steamboats that came to Camden harbor. Willard once told a reporter, “I sharpened my teeth on a coal shovel.”

Willard was in college studying boat design when his grandfather died in 1949. He returned home to help his grandmother and mother run the family business. Not only did the young man help his family manage the family business and navigate the ever changing fuel industry, Willard embarked on a lifetime of community service. He joined the Camden Rotary Club, taking his grandfather’s spot when he was only 20 years old, and remains an active member today.

With a business located on the harbor, Willard couldn’t help but be an avid sailor and an active steward of Camden harbor. He’s been a director of the Camden Yacht Club and served as a member and Chair of the Town’s Harbor Committee for 40 years. Willard was a visionary and realized the importance of the harbor to the local economy and the town’s future. In addition to running the family fuel business, he started renting small sail boats and had a small fleet of daysailers. In time the PG Willey wharf welcomed some of the largest yachts that came to Maine including those of Malcolm Forbes and Willard’s good friend broadcast journalist Walter Cronkite.

When he saw that Camden needed a community boat launch, Willard worked with a group of businesspeople to form the *Camden Launching and Chowder Society*. The group got its name because it held fish chowder suppers at the Snow Bowl to raise money for the boat launch. They were successful and later turned Steamboat landing over to the Town.

In the 1970s, lighthouses along the Maine coast were being automated including the Curtis Island light house. In 1973 when Curtis Island was put on the federal government’s surplus property list, the Town acted to acquire the island to make it a public park. In 1976 Willard and his wife Janet became the first volunteer caretakers of Curtis Island.

Willard’s community service and vision stretched far beyond the harbor. He was instrumental in accomplishing something that some people said couldn’t be done. Willard spearheaded the effort to convince the State Legislature to build a road to the summit of Mt. Battie. After nearly a decade of persistence, the road officially opened in June 1965, making it possible for thousands of people to drive to top of Mt. Battie and enjoy the spectacular panoramic view of Camden Harbor and Penobscot Bay.

As his children started to assume responsibility for the family business, just as Willard had before them, Willard and Janet were able to travel and visit places from Amsterdam to Katmandu and nearly every place in between. He learned a lot in his travels, and met many fine people, but he was always happy to return to Camden, his beloved hometown.

Willard Wight is an original. He showed us how to redefine the possible and in doing so helped make Camden a better community. With heartfelt thanks we honor Willard’s vision, leadership and lifetime of community service.

## REMEMBRANCE

The Town of Camden lost several citizens in the past year who contributed to the community in very significant ways. From among them the Camden Select Board would like to especially remember two community spirited individuals, Sara Montgomery, and Kenneth Dickey.



***Sara R. Montgomery***  
***October 18, 1955 - August 3, 2013***



***Kenneth C. Dickey***  
***May 17, 1926 - October 25, 2013***

## **APPRECIATION**

The Camden citizens listed below have donated a great deal of time and energy to the many boards and committees in our community and deserve our highest praise. They have been willing to share the task of representing the many aspects of life in Camden and in so doing, have made town government reflective of the entire community. We applaud each and every one of you!

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Parker Laite, Sr.      Steve Neil  
Susan Dorr              Kelley Macomber  
Tom Jackson          Deborah Dodge  
R. Graham Phaup      Karen Grove  
Tom Armbrecht

### **BUDGET NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Jean White              John Scholz  
Peter Gross              Ed Doudera  
Bob Gordon

### **CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Barbara Melchiskey

### **CAMDEN HOUSING COMMITTEE**

Joanne Campbell      Dana Strout  
Frank Toole              Brandon Kimble

### **CAMDEN ROCKPORT PATHWAYS COMMITTEE**

Kathleen Buchas

### **COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADISORY COMMITTEE**

Peter Brown              Kipp Wright  
Peter Gross

### **HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Susan Snead

### **OPERA HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Raymond Brunyanski      Maryanne Shanahan  
Judy Godwin

### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Peter Brown              Ed Libby

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Ed Libby

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Select Board, Assessors, Overseers, and Wastewater Commissioners

James Heard	6/17
Donald A. White, Jr., <b>Vice Chair</b>	6/17
Martin Cates, <b>Chair</b>	6/16
John R. French, Jr.	6/15
Leonard Lookner	6/15

### MSAD #28 and CSD #19 (Board of Directors)

Matthew Dailey	6/14
Willard Hibbard III	6/14
Linda Chilton	6/14
Victoria Manzi	6/16
John Lewis	6/16

### Budget Committee

Joseph Rusillo	6/17
Kate Bates	6/17
Jean Freedman-White	6/17
Matthew Orne	6/17
Richard Gross	6/17
Etienne Perret	6/17
Frank Stearns	6/16
Anita Brosius-Scott	6/16
Richard Stetson	6/16
Thomas C. Bland III	6/16
Dave Nazaroff	6/16
Brett Lerner	6/16
Rick Knowlton	6/16
Morgan Laidlaw	6/15
Ed Collins, <b>Chair</b>	6/15
John Lewis	6/15
Sonny Goodwin	6/15
Robin McIntosh	6/15
Steve Melchiskey	6/15
Patricia Eddy	6/15
Deborah Oliver	6/15

### Budget Nominating Committee

Roger Moody	6/15
John Scholz	6/15

### Knox County Commissioner (Camden Representative)

Roger Moody	12/16
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### Knox County Budget Representative

Randy Stearns	12/18
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### Pascal Fund Trustees

Elaine Davis	6/17
Parker S. Laite, Jr.	6/16
Christopher Hardy	6/15

### Personnel Board

David Miramant	6/17
Rick Rector	6/16
Stephen Melchiskey, <b>Chair</b>	6/15
Joy Brown (A)	6/15
Marlene Libby (Employee Rep)	6/16

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### Town Manager

Patricia A. Finnigan

Town Attorney.....	William Kelly
Finance Director .....	Carol Sue Greenleaf
Tax Collector.....	Brenda Fisher
Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters.....	Katrina Oakes
Deputy Registrar of Voters.....	Elaine Davis
Deputy Registrar of Voters.....	Sidney G. Lindsley
Treasurer .....	Marlene Libby
General Assistance Administrator.....	Janice Esancy
Assessors' Agent .....	Kerry Leichtman
Assessing Clerk.....	Caitlin Anderson
Code Enforcement Officer.....	Steve Wilson
Electrical & Plumbing Inspector.....	Steve Wilson
Health Officer .....	Steve Wilson
Assistant Code Enforcement/Electrical & Plumbing Inspector .....	William O'Donnell
Wastewater Department Superintendent.....	David Bolstridge
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	Robert Wiggin
Harbormaster.....	Steven Pixley
Assistant Harbormaster.....	James Leo
Harbor Clerk.....	Marlene Libby
Animal Control Officer.....	Jeff Sukeforth
Police Chief.....	Randy Gagne
Constable.....	Randy Gagne
Fire Chief.....	Chris Farley
Emergency Preparedness Director .....	Chris Farley
Director of Parks and Recreation.....	Landon Fake
Public Works Director .....	Richard Seibel
Tree Warden.....	Barton Wood
Assistant Tree Warden.....	Richard Seibel
Dam Control Agent.....	David Bolstridge
Inland Harbormaster .....	Justin Twitchell
Assistant Inland Harbormaster .....	Cody Laite

## CAMDEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### Board of Assessment Review

Robert Armstrong	6/17
Karen Grove	6/16
Rick Knowlton, <b>Chair</b>	6/15
Vacancy	ALT
Vacancy	ALT

### Camden Conservation Commission

Carla Ferguson	6/17
Kristen Lindquist	6/17
Douglas N. Johnson, <b>Chair</b>	6/16
Vacancy	6/16
Thomas Hopps	6/16
Robin Kern	6/15
Roger Rittmaster	6/15

### Camden Rockport Pathways

Geoff Scott, <b>Chair</b>	6/17
James "Mac" Thomas	6/17
Anita Brosius-Scott	6/16
Richard Stetson	6/16
Robert Davis	6/15
Jane Self	ALT
Vacancy	ALT
Vacancy	ALT

### Cemetery Association

Kristen Lerner	6/17
Patricia Ayers	6/17
Larry Gross	6/17
Isa Babb	6/16
Jeff Sukeforth, <b>Chair</b>	6/16
Parker S. Laite, Sr. <b>Vice</b>	6/16
Jeff Weymouth	6/15

### Community Economic Development Advisory Committee (CEDAC)

Robin McIntosh, <b>Chair</b>	6/17
Deb Dodge	6/16
Ellis Cohn	6/16
Meg Quijano	6/15
John Arnold	6/15
Paul Cavelli	ALT
Jamie Weymouth	ALT

### Harbor Committee

Gene McKeever, <b>Chair</b>	6/17
Raymond Williamson	6/17
Ben Ellison, <b>Vice</b>	6/16
Richard Stetson	6/16
William Welte	6/15
Ben Cashen	ALT
Stephen Gold	ALT

### Historic Resources Committee

Elinor Klivans	6/17
Meg Barclay, <b>Chair</b>	6/16
Patricia Skaling	6/16
Beedy Parker	6/15
Judith McGuirk	6/15
Kristin Mikkelsen	ALT
Susan Neves	ALT
Susan Snead	ALT

### Megunticook Dams Committee

Richard Stetson, <b>Chair</b>	6/15
Richard Knowlton	6/15
Vacancy	ALT

### Opera House Committee

Kate Bates	6/17
Marc Ratner, <b>Chair</b>	6/16
Susan Dorr	6/16
Nora Hayes Eldredge	6/15
Suzanne Lufkin Weiss	6/15
Elizabeth O'Connor	ALT
Benjamin Curtis	ALT

### Parks & Recreation Committee

David Olivas	6/17
Casey Heard	6/17
Brian Robinson	6/16
Emily McDevitt	6/16
Ray Andresen, <b>Chair</b>	6/15
Maureen Gordon	ALT
Jessie Tobias	ALT
Richard Stetson	

### Planning Board

John Scholz	6/19
Richard Householder, <b>Vice</b>	6/19
Lowrie Sargent, <b>Chair</b>	6/18
Richard Bernhard	6/16
Jan MacKinnon	6/15
Vacancy	ALT
Vacancy	ALT

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Frank Toole, <b>Chair</b>	6/17
Thomas Laurent	6/17
Jean Belair	6/16
Linda Norton	6/16
Sam Smith	6/15
Jon Kuhl	ALT
Vacancy	ALT
Vacancy	ALT

# TOWN CALENDAR

## Town Committee/Board

Board of Assessment Review  
Board of Voter Registration  
Budget Committee  
Budget Nominating Committee  
Camden Conservation Commission  
C/R Pathways Committee  
Cemetery Association  
CEDAC  
Harbor Committee  
Historic Resources Committee  
Megunticook Dams Committee  
Opera House Committee  
Parks & Recreation Committee  
Personnel Board  
Planning Board  
Select Board  
Zoning Board of Appeals

## Meetings Held\*

As needed  
As needed  
Early Spring  
Early Spring  
Last Wednesday  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
Quarterly  
4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday – Summer 1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at Camden Yacht Club  
As needed  
Monthly  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
As needed  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

## **GOVERNOR**

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PAUL R. LePAGE  
GOVERNOR

March 30, 2015

Town of Camden  
PO Box 1207  
Camden, ME 04843-1207

Dear Citizens of Camden,

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

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities is the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will attract businesses that can offer good paying careers to keep our young people here in Maine. Further, this tax cut maximizes one of our existing resources — tourism — and ensures the millions of visitors who come to Vacationland each year contribute their small part to our economy.

Simply put, this proposal results in an immediate pay raise for all of you hard-working Mainers. It creates stronger and even more vibrant communities as we show people that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come — and stay — in Maine.

If we are to make Maine prosperous, we must also work hard to reduce our heating and energy costs. I am committed to lowering the cost of energy, not only to attract job creators, but also to allow Maine people to affordably and effectively heat and power their homes.

And finally, it is of utmost importance that we begin to address the growing drug problem in our state. Maine's people are its most precious commodity, and our safety is being threatened by the drugs that are entering our state each and every day. My goal is to face the problem head on by employing more drug agents, prosecutors and judges before the epidemic destroys our communities.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul R. LePage".

Paul R. LePage  
Governor

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Dear Camden Residents:

It is an honor to serve once again as your State Representative. I am working hard to retain your trust and build upon the work I've done in the Legislature over the past six years.

We are already taking on a number of big issues in Augusta, from the state budget, to strengthening our schools, supporting senior citizens, property tax relief, jobs, wages, entrepreneurship, veterans, agriculture, access to affordable health care, energy costs, student debt, the environment and more.

I am happy to report that I have been reappointed as House chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Preserving our environment and smartly managing our natural resources is vital, not just for the planet, but also for the strength of the Maine brand, the health of the state's economy and the availability of jobs that pay a decent wage.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I have been working closely with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me with any questions or concerns or if you need assistance navigating state government. I can be reached by email at [joanwelsh08@gmail.com](mailto:joanwelsh08@gmail.com) or by phone at 236-6554.

Sincerely,

Joan Welsh  
State Representative

District 94 Camden, Islesboro and Rockport

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*127th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 12*

*Senator David Miramant*  
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*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
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Dear Friends of Camden,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I appreciate the support and look forward to representing our community. As I traveled around the district over the past year, it was a pleasure to meet with many of you and to hear your thoughts. The feedback is invaluable for me to best represent you.

Maine is a great place to call home. Our natural beauty and quality of life are unmatched. But it is the people who make this a special place. Mainers believe in family, hard work and community. We all know when times get tough, our neighbors and communities come together and work together for what is best – and I will do the same with my colleagues in the Legislature. Maine is full of promise and potential and I will work hard for the people, businesses, and interests of our region.

As part of my effort to bring matters happening in Augusta back home to our district, I am pleased to email a legislative newsletter to share information about ongoing legislative issues and useful resources. Please contact me to join. I can be reached locally at (207) 236-4845 or by email at [davemiramant@gmail.com](mailto:davemiramant@gmail.com).

Again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Legislature. I look forward to seeing you around town.

Sincerely,



Dave Miramant  
State Senator

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CHELLIE PINGREE  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT, MAINE

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

But not all the work I do is from Washington. My offices in Portland and Waterville assist hundreds of constituents every year who have issues with federal agencies and programs—veterans benefits, Social Security, and passports among them. If you have a problem where I might be of assistance, I encourage you to call (207) 774-5019. My staff and I welcome the opportunity to serve you.

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

Best wishes,

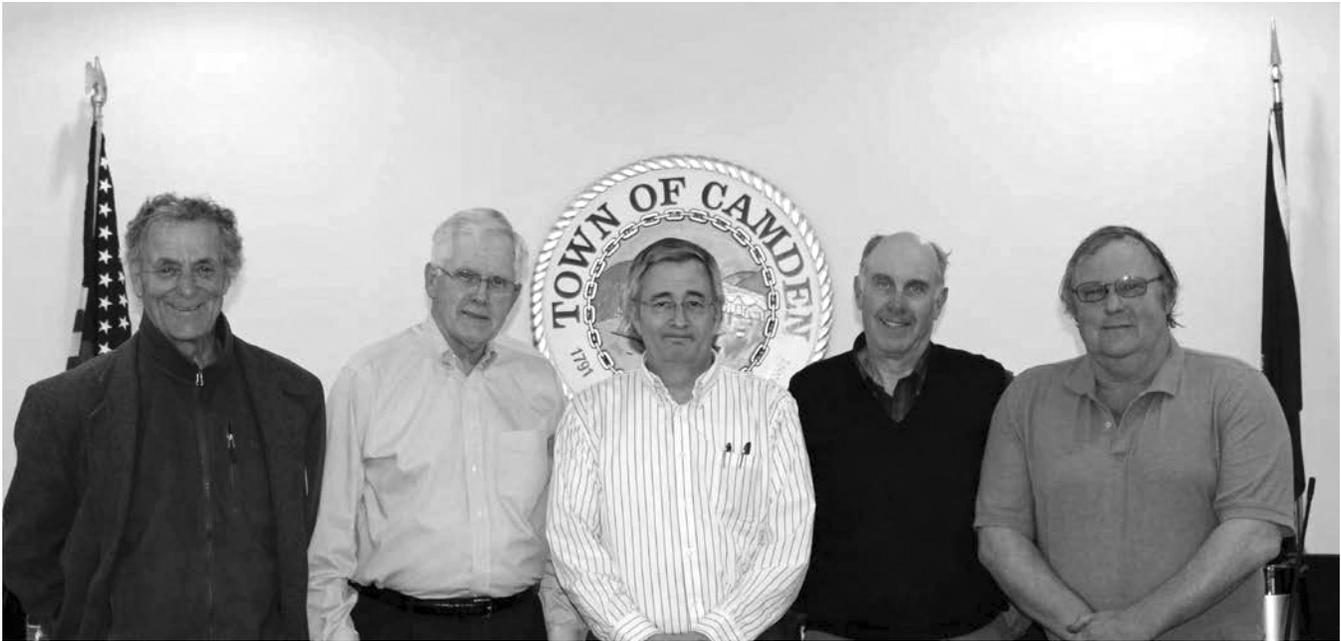
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## CAMDEN SELECT BOARD



*Front Row from L to R: Leonard Lookner, Vice Chair Donald White, Chair Martin Cates, James Heard, and John R. French, Jr.*

The past year was very active and the year ahead will be equally full of good things happening in Camden. We will continue to focus our efforts on building upon Camden's strengths, preserving what makes our community unique, and enhancing the Camden's incomparable quality of life.

Our ability to be successful depends in large part on the Town employees and the many citizens who volunteer their time to serve on Town committees and other civic organizations. We are very proud of the Camden Town employees. They are dedicated to the people of our community and it shows in their professionalism and the quality of their work. From ensuring that elections run flawlessly, buildings are constructed safely, and parks are maintained for all to enjoy, to plowing snow to ensure people arrive safely at their destination, responding to calls for police service, or being trained and ready to respond when an alarm sounds, the Town employees strive to provide excellent service to the people of Camden. We are fortunate to have employees who do so much and who do it so well. We sincerely thank them for their service.

We are grateful, too, to the many citizens who volunteer their time and talents to serve on Town Committees. The high level of civic engagement in Camden is something we all can be proud of, and it is one of the many things that makes Camden such a special place. One of the first official actions of the Select Board after the annual Town Meeting is to appoint people to serve on the Towns committees. If you would like to be involved in local government, please consider serving on a Town committee.

Town committees work on a wide variety of issues from zoning and land use planning, the harbor, and economic development, to the Opera House, parks and recreation, and historic resources. The citizens who work on these committees work diligently throughout the year studying issues, reviewing options, and bringing forward recommendations to the Select Board for action. Please take a moment to read the committee reports in this Town Report to learn about their work, and consider joining one of the committees that interests you. Applications are available at the Town Manager's office or on-line at [www.camdenmaine.gov](http://www.camdenmaine.gov).

We are committed to using your tax dollars wisely and exploring ways to deliver services as effectively and efficiently as possible. One way of doing this is to provide services jointly with neighboring communities. We currently share some services such as mutual aid among the public safety departments in the region, we do joint purchasing of fuel and other supplies, we share the costs of certain Public Works equipment with Rockport, and we share a fuel depot. But we think there are many more opportunities to share the cost of municipal services.

Camden and Rockport took an important step toward joint services this year when we agreed to have one Assessor work for both communities. We are doing this on a trial basis. If it works, the next logical step will be to have a joint Assessing Department. As we consider doing more things jointly, our priority will be keeping high standards of customer service and providing services cost effectively.

As always, we encourage your involvement, suggestions and questions. Contact us anytime or attend Select Board meetings which are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room. We are honored to be your Select Board and to serve this wonderful community.

## **CAMDEN DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS**



***Front Row L to R: Harbormaster Steve Pixley, Opera House Manager Kerry Hadley, Planner and CEO Steve Wilson, Parks and Recreation Director Landon Fake.***

***Back Row L to R: Assessor's Agent Kerry Leichtman, Finance Director Carol Sue Greenleaf, Police Chief Randy Gagne, Wastewater Superintendent David Bolstridge, Public Works Director Rick Seibel, and Town Manager Patricia Finnigan. (missing Fire Chief Chris Farley)***

## CAMDEN TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Patricia Finnigan, Town Manager



The Annual Report is an important resource for citizens to prepare for the annual Town Meeting. The reports from the Department Directors, Committees, and community organizations are intended to give citizens background about where we are putting our efforts and spending the funds you generously approved last year.

Camden's Budget Committee meets throughout the month of March to review and recommend a budget. This year the Committee did an especially thorough job. I want to thank Chair Ed Collins, and Vice Chair Patty Eddy for their leadership throughout the process, and commend the Budget Committee for their diligent work, good questions, and helpful suggestions. Many thanks to Finance Director Carol Sue Greenleaf for her assistance throughout this process, as well as her diligent financial oversight throughout the year.

The Town employees and I are committed to delivering the core municipal services that you want and rely upon. Every day, Town employees demonstrate their commitment to the citizens of Camden by performing their jobs well, and often going the extra mile.

I think you all will join me in extending a big thank you to the Camden Public Works employees for their tireless efforts this past year – especially for their snow clearing activities. The winter got off to a slow start but when it did arrive, the Public Works employees worked nearly non-stop through a relentless winter that brought more than 120 inches of snow. Camden has 38 miles of road we are responsible for – but in the winter, we are also responsible for an additional 20 miles of state roads. The Public Works employees did an exemplary job of maintaining the roads to allow for safe travel.

In early November, we had a severe storm that knocked out electrical service to many residents for several days and destroyed or damaged hundreds of trees throughout town. As a result of that storm, the Town Office lost power as did a portion of the Public Safety Building. The timing could not have been worse: property taxes were due that day, and the November General Election was supposed to be at the Public Safety Building. Without sufficient power, the polling place had to be moved.

Luckily, the First Congregational Church had power and they graciously allowed us to take over their community room to hold the election. We are very thankful to the church leadership for helping us ensure people could have a suitable place to vote. I am very proud of the Town staff led by Town Clerk Katrina Oakes, for pulling it all together to set up a totally new polling place in less than 24 hours. Town Office employees, the Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works employees worked together and did what needed to be done. Elections wouldn't take place without the dedicated volunteers who start before sunrise and end when the final vote is counted. We are grateful to those dedicated volunteers. I also want to thank the citizens who came out to vote and were universally in good spirits despite many of them being without heat and electricity at their own homes. The 2014 election is one we all will remember.

Camden is a safe community thanks to the members of our Police and Fire Departments who are trained and prepared to respond when the call comes. For Police Officers even a routine call can bring the unexpected. Whether they are responding to a domestic violence call or pulling someone over for speeding, they never know what will confront them. An officer's training and judgment can make the difference in how an incident turns out. This was borne out last September when a gunman took hostages during a robbery at the Camden Rite Aid. This was the type of incident that had the potential to result in multiple injuries or death to the people being held in the store and to the officers. However, thanks to the measured and appropriate response of our officers, the incident was resolved with no injuries to the hostages or the law enforcement personnel. On behalf of our community, I commend Chief Gagne and the officers on scene: Sgt. John Tooley, Sgt. Daniel Brown, Det. Curt Andrick, and Officer Jeffrey Boudreau, for their work that long evening, and the work that they and the other officers do for the citizens of Camden every day.

Among Camden's many assets is our natural resources and quality of life. In December 2014 we said good bye to Wastewater Superintendent Ross Parker. Ross came to work for the Town in 1988 in the Wastewater Treatment Department and served as the Superintendent for the last 16 years. Ross demonstrated his skills, expertise, and commitment to the people of Camden and the environment every day. He was called upon to respond to calls at all hours and worked proactively to avert problems. As the steward of our environment and water quality, Ross was on a constant quest to eliminate sources of pollution and was instrumental in our healthy beaches program.



Due to Ross' problem solving skills Ross was tasked with rehabilitating Seabright Dam which was in a state of disrepair when the Town acquired it in 2007. He took on that challenge, as he had so many others. As a result, the Town has a fully operating hydro electric facility that produces alternative energy while saving energy costs to operate the wastewater plant.

Ross was a true professional, but he didn't focus only on work. He was a fun-loving and good natured colleague who readily helped out when needed, competed enthusiastically in Wellness challenges, and was the unofficial godfather of the menagerie of wildlife that made their home along the river at the treatment plant or at Seabright Dam. We extend our gratitude to Ross for more than a quarter century of service to the people of Camden and wish him well.

In closing, I want to thank the Department Directors and all the Town employees for their efforts that help make Camden the wonderful community it is. I am continually impressed with their work ethic, creativity, and dedication. Special thanks to Administrative Assistant Janice Esancy. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> Town Report that Janice has produced and we appreciate her outstanding efforts. Not only is Janice responsible for assembling the Town Report, she is the person that most people are likely to call or visit if they have a question and don't know where to start. Many thanks to the Select Board. They are committed to our community, and each member brings a unique perspective and expertise which they meld for the betterment of our community. Finally, I want to express my thanks to the citizens of Camden: it is truly a privilege and a joy to serve as your Town Manager.



***Left to Right: Town Manager Pat Finnigan and Administrative Assistant Janice Esancy***

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Katrina Oakes, Town Clerk

Certified copies of vital records filed in Camden (birth, marriage and death certificates) can be obtained at the Camden Town Office. The fees for certified copies of vital records are \$15.00 for the first copy and \$6.00 for each additional copy of the same record purchased at the same time. Copies of birth and death records may be obtained from either the town of occurrence or the town of residence. Marriage records are only filed in the town where the license is issued. Births, marriages or deaths, which take place out of State, are only filed out of State and are not recorded in this office. Certified copies of those records must be obtained from the State of occurrence.

Marriage licenses are issued from the town of your residence. Residents of Maine intending to be joined in marriage shall record notice of their intentions in the office of the clerk of the municipality in which at least one of them resides. If both parties to a marriage reside outside the state of Maine, they may file their Notice of Intentions in any municipal office. Once their intentions are filed and the license is issued, the parties are free to marry anywhere within the State of Maine. The filing fee is \$40.00. If either applicant has been married before and are divorced or widowed, a certified copy of documentation showing how the last marriage ended is required. Once Intentions have been filed a marriage license may be issued immediately. Both applicants will need to appear in person to sign the original marriage license during regular business hours. The license is valid for 90 days from the date of filing. In Maine, both clergy and Maine Notary Publics can perform a marriage ceremony.

All dogs, 6 months of age or older, are required by State law to be licensed on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. In order to license a dog in Maine you will need to show a current Maine Certificate of Rabies Vaccination. If your dog is spayed or neutered, a neutering/spaying certificate from the veterinarian must be shown for initial licensing. If you fail to license your dog, you will be subject to a State mandated late fee and possible summons to court by a police officer. If your dog is no longer living or is no longer in your possession, kindly advise this office so that our records may be corrected.

Statistical information (current through March 3, 2015):

	<b>2012/2013</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>
Resident & non-resident hunting/fishing licenses sold	293	276	161
Dogs licensed	803	811	743
Kennels licensed	0	0	0
Births recorded	22	26	9
Deaths recorded	85	89	48
Marriages recorded	66	71	61

Clerk's fees collected and turned over to the Treasurer for the following fiscal years:

July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013	\$17665.75
July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014	\$16,295.50
July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015 (through 03/03/2015)	\$ 9,837.00

## REGISTRAR OF VOTERS' REPORT

Katrina Oakes, Registrar

Camden residents may register to vote or change their party enrollment during regular business hours at the Town Office, on election days at the polls, or by mail. Identification and proof of Camden residency is required at the time of registration. A person may change or withdraw party enrollment only after three months of enrollment in one of the three recognized political parties in Maine (Democratic, Republican, or Green Independent) by filing an enrollment application with the registrar. A person who is an un-enrolled registered voter may enroll in a party at any time. You must be enrolled in a party for at least 15 days in order to participate in that parties caucuses or other activities.

In Maine a registered voter can vote an absentee ballot for any reason. Absentee ballots are available 30 days before the election, and you can apply in person, by mail, by phone, or electronically at [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov).

For more information about Elections please visit the Maine State website ([www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov)) or call the Camden Town office at (207) 236-3353.

Fiscal year statistical information yielded the following voter enrollments:

	<b>2012/2013</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>
Democrat	1,671	1,644	1,686
Green Independent	162	159	160
Republican	1,020	978	982
Libertarian	1	N/A	N/A
Unenrolled	1,272	1,272	1,329
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,126</b>	<b>4,053</b>	<b>4,157</b>

Our fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 yielded the following elections:

November 4, 2014	Special Town Meeting
December 16, 2014	Special Town Meeting
February 10, 2015	School Bond Referendum
June 9 & 10, 2015	Five Town CSD Budget Referendum, MSAD 28 Budget Referendum Annual Town Meeting

## TAX COLLECTOR

Brenda Fisher, Tax Collector

The 2014 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes were committed on September 26, 2013 for the total of \$15,454,184.62. As of June 30, 2014 a total of \$14,792,054.20 (96%) was collected.

Tax bills were sent in September 2013 with the FIRST HALF due November 1, 2013, and the SECOND HALF due May 1, 2014. Interest began accruing on the FIRST HALF at 7% annum on November 2, 2013, and began May 2, 2014 on the SECOND HALF respectively.

Tax assessment is made to the owner of record as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, prior to the beginning of the tax period. If you are selling or purchasing property you should be sure that the property taxes are paid in full for the fiscal year to alleviate any confusion.

The total motor vehicle excise taxes collected during the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 were \$879,430.17; this is \$109,430.17 above the estimated budget figure of \$770,000.00. We can process registration renewals at the counter or through the mail. We also process limited new registrations (Maine dealer sales only). On new registrations be sure to provide the proof of sales tax paid, the blue copy of the application for title, proof of insurance and the old yellow registration for the plates that you are transferring. On new vehicles you will need to also provide the Monroney Label or window sticker. We also give excise tax receipts at the time of registration for income tax purposes.

The boat excise taxes collected during the July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 were \$33,347.60; this is \$1,347.60 above the estimated budget figure of \$32,000.00. All boats registered during this period expired December 31, 2014. The new boat stickers are now available for the 2015 calendar year. Camden boat registrations may be renewed online through the State of Maine website. There is also a link on the Town of Camden website at [www.camdenmaine.gov](http://www.camdenmaine.gov). The excise tax for a boat is based on age, length and horsepower of the motor. The Inland Fisheries fees are based on the horsepower of the motor. Reminder of the milfoil sticker requirement for those who put their boat in fresh water. The stickers are available at the Town Office, resident stickers are \$10.00 and non-resident stickers are \$20.00.



***From L to R: Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters Katrina Oakes, Tax Collector Brenda Fisher, Treasurer/Harbor Clerk Marlene Libby, and Finance Director Carol Sue Greenleaf***

**2014 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES**  
**JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014**

63 HIGH ST LLC	\$16,058.95 *	CATES, MARTIN D CATES, EDNA A	\$2,750.43 *
93 BAY VIEW LLC	\$2,147.42 *	CENNAME, GEORGE V	\$4,037.90
ABBOTT, CHRISTOPHER C ABBOTT, NICHOLAS M	\$2,524.39 *	CHRISTENSEN, CLIFFORD E CHRISTENSEN, MARCELLA	\$4,134.78 *
AKERS, SUSAN T.	\$973.67 *	CLARK, MILTON E CLARK, MARGUERITE	\$1,169.24
ALEXANDER, CORY W.	\$810.11 *	CLARK, SUZANN F	\$3,175.14 *
ALTSCHUL, CHARLES	\$1.06 *	CLARK, TMARA	\$951.91
ALTSCHUL, CHARLES	\$3.16 *	CLARK, WAYNE C	\$1,266.41 *
ALTSCHUL, CHARLES	\$1.34 *	CLEMENT JULIA K (1/2 INT) LONG JOHN R (1/2 INT)	\$2,567.21 *
ALTSCHUL, CHARLES ALTSCHUL, CHARLOTTE DIXON	\$4.53 *	COHN, ELLIS B COHN, CATHERINE	\$3,440.50 *
ANNIS, ROBERT B	\$2,235.17	CRANS, CHARLES A, JR CRANS, MARA JESSICA	\$12,647.01 *
APPLETON, SAMANTHA KATE	\$2,117.23 *	CUMMINGS, PAUL G CUMMINGS, LORNA D	\$904.97 *
ARCHIBALD, THOMAS L ARCHIBALD, DENISE L	\$3,036.85 *	CURTIS, ROSEMARY A.	\$2,448.58 *
AUSTIN, DEBORAH L WILSON, MICHELLE B	\$3,217.26	DELEHEY, PAMELA BRACE DELEHEY, NEIL A	\$4,724.46
BAKLEY, LOUISE P	\$606.99 *	DERBY, THOMAS J	\$5,554.22
BALL, JOANNE C	\$1,177.25 *	DEROSA, LINDA S.	\$1,657.40 *
BALLOU, STEPHEN A BALLOU, TAMARA SWASEY	\$1,568.27 *	DILLINGHAM POINT LLC	\$28,797.44 *
BARTER, AMANDA BARTER, JOHN	\$197.96 *	DOW, JOHN T	\$2,453.49 *
BELOIN, FREDERICK J	\$7,371.00 *	DUNTON, RALPH DUNTON, RETHA	\$3.24 *
BELOIN, FREDERICK J., PR ESTATE OF AGNES M. BELOI	\$2,057.56 *	EIGER, IDA	\$880.31 *
BELOIN, FREDERICK J., PR ESTATE OF AGNES M. BELOI	\$1,382.24 *	EMERY, JUDY	\$548.96 *
BELOIN, FRED, PR, EST A. BELOIN	\$993.33 *	EMERY, TRISTO	\$204.98
BELOIN, FRED, PR, EST A. BELOIN	\$15,733.22 *	EMERY, TRISTO	\$276.59
BEREZ, PAUL D BEREZ, THEO O	\$7,073.35	EYLER, DAVID GUSHEE, JUDITH	\$1.68 *
BERNHARD, REED	\$1,366.09 *	FERRAILOLO, VINCENT FERRAILOLO, FILOMENA	\$3,130.92
BLAIS, ROBIN PEARD	\$462.28 *	FERRAILOLO, VINCENT FERRAILOLO, FILOMENA	\$5,097.12 *
BOOTH, BENJAMIN M BOOTH, MICHELLE L	\$904.17 *	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CAMDEN	\$1,312.74 *
BORLAND, NANCY E	\$31.93 *	FITZ, WILLIAM JR	\$720.25
BOWEN, ROXANNE L	\$2,270.27	FONTANA WILLIAM F BALL JOANNE C	\$5,578.79 *
BOWER, NIGEL SCHMIDT, BONNIE	\$2,782.73 *	FRESCO, LLC.	\$4,174.09
BOYNTON-MCKAY COMPANY LLC	\$6,273.07	FRIZZELL, RUSSELL ANDREW FRIZZELL, VERITY LEE	\$9.14 *
BRADY, EVELYN	\$200.05 *	FULLILOVE, JAMES W FULLILOVE, JEANNE P	\$4,613.54 *
BRAWN, MARNEY L	\$1,148.47	GALLAGHER, HOWARD J. GALLAGHER, MARGARET M.	\$4,332.04
BREDA LLC	\$33,349.21 *	GALLAGHER, TIMOTHY J GALLAGHER, BONNIE C	\$1,766.23 *
BREGY, LAWRENCE JR BREGY, LINDA	\$4,916.81 *	GARRIGAN, BERNARD B GARRIGAN, CHRISTINE	\$1,125.25
BRIGGS, KELLY P BRIGGS, DONALD C III	\$4,242.89	GETCHELL, DAVID R JR	\$2,711.12 *
BRUNYANSZKI, RAYMOND	\$4,544.75 *	GOOD, ANTON J	\$3,210.95
BRYANT, GILBERT R.	\$2,230.96	GOULD, JOHN PAUL	\$897.15 *
BRYANT, SUSAN E	\$3,191.99 *	GRANT, DAVID P	\$1,834.32 *
BUCHHOLZ, WILLIAM BUCHHOLZ, KALLA	\$464.72 *	GREEN & WEED, A PARTNERSHIP	\$1,110.56
BURGESS, JAMES A	\$725.87	GREET, WILLIAM E JR	\$1,785.89
CAMDEN HILLS FARM LLC	\$7,334.50	GUIST, ROBIN C BROWN, GEOFFREY N	\$2,280.10
CAMDEN LAND HOLDING, LLC	\$1,001.75 *	HACKETT, MARY KATHLEEN	\$1,432.08
CAMDEN LAND HOLDINGS, LLC	\$2,652.86 *	HAMALAINEN, MARTIN R HAMALAINEN, ANDREA TAYLOR	\$3,404.70
CAMDEN LAND HOLDINGS, LLC	\$922.43 *	HANSCOM, STEPHEN W HANSCOM, LUCILE O	\$4,024.56 *
CAMDEN ROCKPORT MOTOR INN	\$967.35 *	HARLOW, ROBIN G	\$2,195.86 *
CAMDEN ROCKPORT MOTOR INN	\$849.42 *	HARPER, HEATHER RIPLEY, ANDREW	\$175.50 *
CAMDEN ROCKPORT MOTOR INN	\$10,320.80 *	HARPER, JEAN RUTH HARPER, EDWARD JR	\$1,367.49 *
CANTER, STEPHEN E CANTER, CAROL M	\$2,504.73 *	HARVEY, JAMES P HARVEY, WENDY A	\$288.52
CAPPY'S REAL ESTATE LLC	\$3,564.84 *	HARWOOD, MARGUERITE C	\$413.31 *
CAPPY'S REAL ESTATE LLC	\$2,337.52 *	HENTHORN, NORMAN F, JR HENTHORN, LINDA E	\$8,596.69 *
CARLE, STUART W	\$1,579.50	HLAVINKA, KIMBERLY K	\$1,117.58 *
CARLE, STUART W.	\$4,515.56	HODGSON, PAUL G HODGSON, JENNIFER L O	\$4,894.34 *
CARLOMAGNO, FRANK	\$4,951.91 *	HOLT, GREGORY E HOLT, LINDA T	\$1,800.63 *
HOLT, GREGORY E HOLT, LINDA T	\$2,056.86 *	ORNE, MATTHEW W ORNE, MICHELE ROSE	\$3,276.23 *
HOLT, GREGORY E HOLT, LINDA T	\$149.52 *	ORNE, MATTHEW W ORNE, MICHELLE ROSE	\$3,192.69 *

**2014 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES**  
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HOLT, GREGORY E & LINDA T	\$1,161.81 *	ORNE, MATTHEW W ORNE, MICHELLE T	\$4,737.66 *
HOPKINS, PAULA A HOPKINS, RICHARD B., JR	\$3,140.75	OSTHERR, GRETCHEN M.	\$1,817.48 *
IRA SERV FBO PATRUSHKHA MIERZWA & IRA SERV FBO MARK FREDERICK ULANO	\$430.71 *	OUILLETTE, PATRICK S OUILLETTE, GLORIA M PASEWALK, NORMAN R	\$1,631.45 \$6,121.44
JAMES, GEOFFREY A. JAMES, JOANNA B.	\$3,505.08 *	PAYSON, TIMOTHY D PAYSON, GLENNIS ORTIZ	\$2,448.58 *
JOHNSON, DUANE	\$328.54	PEDERSEN, ALAN K. DIXON, DAVID W.	\$2,948.43 *
JONES, PATRICK JONES, KATHERINE	\$6,264.65 *	PENDLETON, ERIC C. MASALIN, GARY	\$5.25
JONES, PETER M	\$1,267.81 *	PENDLETON, WINSTON A	\$3,623.72
KAFCSAK, WAYNE R KAFCSAK, SALLY A	\$2,463.32 *	PERKINS, AMANDA PERKINS, BERNARD	\$91.26 *
KANDRA-BERGMAN, MONIQUE PR ESTATE OF THOMAS G KANDRA	\$4,026.67 *	PERLIS, MICHAEL PIOTTI, KATHRYN ANNE	\$3,476.30 * \$41.04
KELLY, SEAN P KELLY, DARCY O	\$39.14 *	PLATNER, JOSHUA	\$1,951.56 *
KENNA-MOORE, CHRISTINE J	\$2,966.65 *	POHLMAN, A TAYLOR POHLMAN, SHARYN L	\$1,498.07
KENNA-MOORE, CHRISTINE J	\$7,613.89 *	POUND, JOANNE GARRIGAN POUND, TORY D.	\$5,395.57 *
KEWE ENTERPRISES, INC C/O STUART WELCH	\$187.43 *	PRESCOTT, PAUL PRESCOTT, JOLANTA	\$4,065.59
KILBY, JOHN L KILBY, CHRISTINE	\$93.97 *	PROCTOR, JAYME ELLEN, PR ESTATE OF PATRICIA S PROCTOR	\$1,133.03 \$3,294.48 *
KOoyenga, JANET L.	\$3,294.48 *	RABAIOLI, PETER E	\$2,476.72 *
KOoyenga, JANET L.	\$330.64 *	REDDY, STEPHEN P REDDY, MAUDE V	\$2,638.11 *
KURASZ, LIDIA	\$87.78	REMSSEN, HENRY, TRUSTEE	\$6,553.87 *
LATTES, LISA J CARTER, W HODDING	\$2,307.47 *	RICE, JAMES D RICE, FERNE N	\$2,190.24 *
LAUER, HARRY I III	\$1,889.78 *	RICHARD, JAMES H RICHARD, JILL A	\$1,823.09
LAWRENCE, RYAN	\$697.03 *	RICHARDS, DUANE C	\$1,847.07
LEAVITT, CLIFFORD E LEAVITT, DONNA-LEE	\$100.00 *	ROKES PEONY FARM LLC	\$436.26 *
LEWIS, SUSAN GEEHR LEWIS, JEFFREY C	\$99.24 *	RUSSO, JAMES R RUSSO, BARBARA M	\$5,118.28
LIBBY, DAVID E LIBBY, LIZABETH K	\$3,442.61	SADOWSKI, TOM J KAY, JANIS A	\$5,092.31
LIBBY, PATRICIA A	\$3,237.47	SANDVOLD LLC	\$7,729.02 *
LOWRY, PETER H	\$6,835.87	SAUNDERS, LEE M SAUNDERS, DARLENE B	\$3,300.10 *
LUNEY, MICHAEL	\$3,540.89	SCHEIB, ALISON A SCHEIB, PETER	\$578.16
MANK, CHRIS L PARSONS	\$2,361.53 *	SEEFART, CYNTHIA	\$2,454.05 *
MARSHALL, STEPHANIE A.	\$2,520.18 *	SEIDEL, JENNIFER B	\$1,281.86
MASIN-PETERS, PETER N	\$1,014.39 *	SENDERS, MARK J NEVES, REBECCA C	\$1,829.09 *
MCCONNELL, KATHLEEN D MCCONNELL, MARY M HEIRS	\$2,186.09	SHEEHAN, MICHAEL P.	\$33.70 *
MCKELLAR, HUGH R	\$1,177.95 *	SKARREN, GWENYTH	\$2,045.63 *
	\$134.78 *	SPEAR, JEANETTE S	\$1,130.92
MONAHAN, TERRANCE B MONAHAN, CAROLINE G	\$1,943.14	SPEAR, KIM A SPEAR, MICHAEL P	\$127.76 *
MONAHAN, TERRANCE B	\$1,520.53	STATZ, KAY M	\$3,849.06
MORAN, KATHERINE M	\$3,278.34	STEARNS, RANDALL B STEARNS, BRENDA M	\$2,042.82
MORONG, WILLIAM G MORONG, KATHERINE E	\$4,453.49	STEARNS, RANDALL B STEARNS, BRENDA M	\$985.61 *
MORONG, WILLIAM G MORONG, KATHERINE E	\$6,267.46	STEPHENS, DONALD STEPHENS, JANET	\$456.30 *
MOSS, KEREN R GILAT, EYAL	\$1,602.66 *	STORER, SUSAN	\$2,872.58
MOUNTAIN ARROW VILLAGE GREEN INC	\$4,088.45 *	STROUT, DANA F KLEIN, DORIE ELAINE	\$1,604.91 *
MOUNTAIN ARROW VILLAGE GREEN INC	\$1,463.98 *	SUMMERS, DAVID PR ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE WILKINSON-GOULD	\$87.43 *
MUNDELL, KATHLEEN M	\$1,740.96 *	TANNERY LANE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	\$11,193.50 *
MUNDELL, KATHLEEN M.	\$1,328.18 *	THACKERAY, RICHARD W., JR. THACKERAY, CARRIE E.	\$1,180.06 *
NELSON, RALPH E JR	\$2,089.15	THE BELMONT INN LLC	\$4,043.81
NELSON, RALPH JR	\$1,489.64	THOMAS, ROBERT	\$1,574.30
ORESTIS, SHANNON & GEORGE OUILLETTE,& PATRICK & PENDLETON PAMELA	\$50.54 *	TOOLEY, ANNE C	\$2,462.92 *
ORESTIS, SHANNON B ORESTIS, GEORGE A	\$519.48 *	TOOLEY, LOUIS TOOLEY, EDNA	\$221.83 *
ORESTIS, SHANNON B ORESTIS, GEORGE A	\$443.66 *	TRENHOLM, JAY T TRENHOLM, SUSAN A	\$464.68
ORESTIS, SHANNON B ORESTIS, GEORGE A	\$2,253.42 *	GALLAGHER HOWARD	\$15.44
TURNBULL, PERMELIA N	\$1,083.76 *	GALLAGHER HOWARD	\$40.01
TURNER, DAVID TURNER, JENNIFER M	\$4,339.15 *	GRODZINS, DIANA L, TRUSTEE	\$16.14
TWADDEL, KENNETH J TWADDEL, PAMELA N	\$1,634.25 *	HANSEN, KAREN	\$82.84
TYLER, MICHAEL TYLER, NADENE	\$2,800.98 *		

**2014 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES  
JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014**

VAN HEESWIJK, RONALD RAUENHORST, MARGARET	\$443.66 *	HARDY CHRISTOPHER ESQ	\$98.28
VAN HEESWIJK, RONALD RAUENHORST, MARGARET M	\$1,621.62 *	HEADWATERS WRITING & DESIGN	\$5.61
VAN HEESWIJK, RONALD RAUENHORST, MARGARET M	\$1,141.45 *	HENTHORN LINDA & NORMAN	\$96.17
VEREST, OSCAR	\$6,520.18 *	HIGH MOUNTAIN HALL LLC	\$98.28
VIX, RICHARD P. VIX, DONNA MARIA	\$9,993.67 *	HLAVINKA, KIMBERLY K	\$47.74 *
WAKELIN, DAVID S, ESQ, PR ESTATE OF LINDA A. NUESSE	\$825.55 *	HOLMLUND, ERIK	\$102.49
WALSH, JEFFREY L. WALSH, LIZA GARDNER	\$3,195.50	JOHNSON AND WEBBERT LLP	\$14.74
WALTERS, JACK	\$6,449.98	KAFCSAK, WAYNE R	\$68.80
WARNER, RICHARD D WARNER, STACEY M	\$5,311.33 *	KELM ACQUISITIONS, LLC.	\$400.84
WASHBUCKLE, LLC.	\$2,770.79 *	KNOW TECHNOLOGY	\$247.80
WHITE, MICHAEL S DUNAVENT-WHITE, SUZANNE	\$2,941.38 *	LAIDLAW, SUSIE	\$14.04
WICKENDEN, JAMES M WICKENDEN, JENNIFER B	\$3,945.94 *	LANDI, ALICIA	\$42.12
WICKENDEN, JAMES M B WICKENDEN, JENNIFER B	\$306.77 *	LAWSON MATTHEW	\$1,398.38
WICKENDEN, JAMES M B WICKENDEN, JENNIFER B	\$4,482.27 *	LILY, LUPINE AND FERN, LLC	\$148.82
WICKENDEN, JENNIFER WICKENDEN, JAMES	\$3,215.70 *	LINZ LLC FRANCINE BISTRO	\$266.06
WITHEE, THERESA L.	\$380.48 *	LONG FUNERAL HOME INC	\$63.18
YATTAW, KEITH I WELTY, MICHELLE R	\$1,371.17	LULLA SMITH	\$102.49
YOUNG, STUART W	\$673.22 *	MCCONNELL, S & PERKINS, LARS	\$18.87
ZAHN, LISA MARIE	\$3,745.17	MEGUNTICOOK APPRAISAL	\$23.87
<b>TOTAL OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$647,763.48</b>	MIDCOAST ADVENTURE RENTAL INC	\$12.64
		MORONG, KATHERINE	\$110.92
		NOLAN, CHRIS & MARY	\$119.34
		NORTHERN MAINE ENTERPRISE, INC	\$160.05
		ODONNELL, AMY	\$53.35

**\*PAID PRIOR TO AUGUST 15, 2014 LIEN DATE**

**2014 UNPAID PERSONAL**

63 HIGH ST LLC	\$1,082.48	PAUL, KIMBERLY	\$36.50
93 BAY VIEW LLC	\$34.40	PEDERSON, ALAN K	\$61.78
AHP CAMDEN, LLC	\$132.68	PETER OTTS	\$228.49
ALSCHULER, LINDA	\$18.25	PIKEN, GENE L	\$37.91
BANKS, AMY E	\$68.80	POWER WILL & AMY	\$8.42
BATTLE, CRAIG & ANNE TRUSTEES	\$32.29	SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS INC	\$3.51
BEAUTY MARK CO	\$440.86	SEA STAR INC	\$932.26
BELLAMY, JACQUELINE M	\$19.65	SEABRIGHT PIZZA	\$255.53
BELOIN LYNN & AGNES	\$723.76	SETON SCHOOL, INC.	\$190.94
BELOIN, AGNES	\$11.23	SKAALA, LLC	\$56.16
BILL HAHN & STEPHEN LIBERTY	\$440.15	STARR LAURENCE MD	\$22.46
BLANCHARD, PAULA R	\$61.78	THE KNOWLEDGE VAULT	\$30.89 *
BLAND THOMAS	\$67.39	THE WHITMORE GROUP	\$23.16
BRANDON KIMBLE	\$42.12	THOMAS MICHAELS DESIGNERS INC	\$109.51
BREDA LLC	\$2,353.10	VILLAGE RESTAURANT INC	\$422.19
CAUTELA SIMONE	\$329.94	WALTERS JACK	\$20.38
CHRISTENSEN, HENNING	\$36.50	WARNER GRAPHICS INC	\$362.23
CHRISTMAN, LARRY A	\$61.78	<b>TOTAL OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$14,366.93</b>
COHN, ZACHARY	\$1,363.28	<b>*Outstanding as of 3/01/2015</b>	
FERRAILO VINCENT	\$31.59		
FLANAGAN COLLEEN	\$43.52		
FONTANA WILLIAM & BALL JOANNE	\$69.50		
FULLILOVE JAMES	\$4.21		

**2014 UNPAID TAX LIENS  
2014 UNPAID WASTEWATER LIENS  
JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014**

<b>2014 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS</b>	
AUSTIN, DEBORAH L/WILSON, MICHELLE	\$3,217.26
BEREZ, PAUL D/THEO O.	\$645.33
BOWEN, ROXANNE L	\$2,270.27
BOYNTON-MCKAY COMPANY LLC	\$3,429.26
BRYANT, GILBERT R.	\$2,230.96
CAMDEN HILLS FARM LLC	\$7,334.50
CENNAME, GEORGE V	\$4,037.90
CLARK, TMARA	\$951.91
EMERY, TRISTO	\$276.59
FRESCO, LLC.	\$4,174.09
GOOD, ANTON J	\$3,210.95
GREEN & WEED, A PARTNERSHIP	\$1,110.56
GREET, WILLIAM E JR	\$1,785.89
GUIST, ROBIN C/BROWN, GEOFFREY	\$2,280.10
HACKETT, MARY KATHLEEN	\$1,432.08
HAMALAINEN, MARTIN R/ANDREA	\$3,404.70
LIBBY, DAVID E/LIZABETH K	\$3,442.61
LUNEY, MICHAEL	\$3,540.89
MCCONNELL, KATHLEEN D/TOLER, BARBARA	\$1,073.75
MONAHAN, TERRANCE B/CAROLINE G	\$1,943.14
MONAHAN, TERRANCE B	\$1,520.53
MORAN, KATHERINE M	\$3,278.34
MORONG, WILLIAM G/KATHERINE	\$4,453.49
NELSON, RALPH E JR	\$2,089.15
NELSON, RALPH JR	\$1,489.64
PAYSON, TIMOTHY D/ORTIZ, GLENNIS	\$2,448.58
PENDLETON, WINSTON A	\$3,623.72
PROCTOR, JAYME ELLEN, PR	\$1,133.03
SEEFART, CYNTHIA	\$2,454.05
STEARNS, RANDALL B/BRENDA M	\$2,042.82
STEARNS, RANDALL B/BRENDA M	\$985.61
TOOLEY, ANNE C	\$2,462.92
WALTERS, JACK	\$3,938.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$83,712.95</b>

AMOUNT DUE DOES NOT INCLUDE INTEREST OR LIEN COSTS.

COMMITMENT DATE: September 26, 2013

LIEN DATE: August 15, 2014

FORECLOSURE DATE: January 16, 2016

<b>2013 UNPAID WASTEWATER LIENS</b>	
BOWEN, ROXANNE L.	\$270.12
GREET, WILLIAM E., JR.	\$80.80
KEELER, JOSEPH/HALL, MICHELLE	\$61.87
KEELER, JOSEPH/HALL, MICHELLE	\$124.24
MONAHAN, TERRANCE/CAROLINE	\$183.94
MONAHAN, TERRANCE	\$163.74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$884.71</b>

AMOUNT DOES NOT INCLUDE INTEREST OR LIEN COSTS.

LIEN DATE: December 18, 2013

FORECLOSURE DATE: June 18, 2015

<b>2014 UNPAID WASTEWATER LIENS</b>	
BOWEN, ROXANNE	\$276.00
CENNAME, GEORGE	\$64.64
CLARK, T'MARA	\$40.40
GREET, WILLIAM JR.	\$80.32
JOHNSON, DAVID/REBECCA	\$129.28
KEELER, JOSEPH/HALL, MICHELLE	\$52.52
KEELER, JOSHEPH/HALL, MICHELLE	\$40.40
MILLS, EMILY	\$40.40
MONAHAN, TERRANCE/CAROLINE	\$161.60
MONAHAN, TERRANCE	\$161.60
PIERCE, CHRISTINA	\$48.48
POUND, TORY/JOANNE GARRIGAN	\$152.53
SAMOJLA, BRAD/CHRISTINE GARDNER	\$130.00
SCHECTER, DANIEL/SUZANNE	\$145.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,523.87</b>

AMOUNT DOES NOT INCLUDE INTEREST OR LIEN COSTS.

LIEN DATE: January 12, 2015

FORECLOSURE DATE: July 12, 2016

## FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carol Sue Greenleaf, Finance Director



I am pleased to provide you with a brief explanation of the budgeting process and an accounting of the financial status of the Town of Camden for the last fiscal year which ended June 30, 2014 as reported in the audited Annual Financial Report. This independent audit of the Town's financial records was performed by the accounting firm of Runyon Kersteen Ouellette, 20 Long Creek Drive, South Portland, ME. The complete audit report, including the opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Municipal Office.

### ***The Process***

The Town of Camden's fiscal year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. After reviewing Department Head requests, the Town Manager is required (by Charter) to submit a budget and explanatory message to the Select Board no later than the third week of April for the ensuing fiscal year. A Budget Committee comprised of citizens of the Town also meets to review and make recommendations on the proposed budget. After final approval by the Select Board the budget is included in the Town warrant to be voted on at the Town's annual meeting in June. Recommendations from the Select Board and the Budget Committee are included in these warrant articles. The appropriated budget amounts are prepared by fund (e.g., General), function (e.g., Public Safety) and department (e.g., Fire). The Town maintains nine funds: General Fund, Sewer Department, Snow Bowl, Mt. View & Oak Hill Cemeteries, Trust Funds, Reserve Funds, Restricted Funds, Grants and Seabright Hydro. The general fund is the *only fund budgeted and included* on the Town warrant for voter approval.

### ***The Budget***

The annual budget provides a complete financial plan for all Town funds and activities for the following fiscal year. It begins with a clear general summary of its contents and details all estimated income and proposed expenditures, including debt service. It is arranged showing comparative actual and estimated income and expenditure figures for the current year and the preceding fiscal year. A vote of the townspeople can authorize the Select Board, following a public hearing, to transfer a designated percentage of the unexpended balances from one budgetary category to another budgetary category (within the budget) during the period from April 1 to the date of the annual Town meeting in June. This amount has been no more than ten percent (10%). The legal level of budgetary control is the warrant article level.

### ***Long-term Financial Planning***

To meet future needs the Town of Camden has aggressively budgeted money for capital improvements and capital reserve accounts. Typically, money from these accounts helps to meet the Town's cash flow needs in place of short term borrowing (TAN) thus limiting, as much as possible, interest expense. This type of "in-house" borrowing not only saves money, healthy reserve accounts serve as a good hedge to reduce the impact on taxpayers when large capital improvement projects are implemented.

Additionally, the Town of Camden's Unreserved Fund Balance Policy Statement states that the size of the unreserved general fund will be approximately 16.7 percent of the amount of the Town's annual budget. By a vote of the Select Board these funds can be used for expenditures that include ensuring the orderly operation of government, stabilizing the tax structure, or to avoid or replace budget shortfalls. Prudent planning reduces negative, unanticipated budget impacts on taxpayers.

### ***Capital Improvements***

After meeting with Department Directors the Town Manager each year will submit to the Select Board for their review a "Five Year Capital Improvement Plan". Capital improvements addressed in this budget include the purchase of a new Police cruiser (\$34,000), Public Works Department vehicles and equipment (\$53,000), public landing rest room roof replacement (\$12,000) and improvements at the harbor (\$20,000). The Wastewater Department's budgeted capital improvements include funds to replace the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 return sludge pumps (\$20,000), continuing work with engineers on an inflow and infiltration study (\$15,000) and the annual lease payment for a sewer flushing machine upgrade (\$14,500). Funding for

capital improvements as outlined in the Capital Improvement Plan was kept to a minimum. The same (reduced funding) is true for the capital reserve accounts that would be used in the future for significant expenditures. Several reserve accounts were funded in this budget; Accrued Benefits Reserve (\$15,000), Opera House Maintenance Reserve (\$10,000), Information Technology Reserve (\$10,000) Energy Conservation Reserve (\$5,000), Storm Sewer Reserve (\$20,000), Parking Reserve (\$5,000), Streets and Sidewalk Reserve (\$10,000), Snow Bowl Reserve (\$20,000), Dam Reserve (\$2,000) and Harbor Projects Reserve (\$20,000). Every effort is made to purchase expensive equipment jointly with nearby towns when appropriate.

### ***Capital Assets***

The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of June 30, 2014 was \$9,303,212. Capital assets, includes land and buildings, furniture and equipment, vehicles and infrastructure. Funds restricted for non-expendable trust principal were \$2,529,456 and funds restricted for grants and donations were \$1,331,088; \$3,866,629 was unrestricted.

### ***Long-term Liabilities***

The Town of Camden's governmental long-term liabilities incurred changes during this fiscal year. Outstanding bonds and notes began the year with a balance of \$2,483,808. "Retired" debt totaled \$270,209 (there was no new debt) ending the fiscal year with a balance of \$2,213,599. Of this amount \$214,862 will be due within one year. New capital leases totaled \$373,586. Retired capital leases totaled \$136,353 ending with a balance of \$667,861; \$127,596 due within one year. Compensated absences another long term liability had a beginning balance of \$314,549 increases of \$30,453 with an ending balance of \$345,002. Total long term governmental liabilities as of June 30, 2014 were \$3,226,462 a decrease of \$2,523 when compared to the prior year.

For a complete accounting of *budget* to *actual* amounts please refer to the back pages of this Town Report and Exhibit A-2 (*which follows Statement 10*).

**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2014**

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 454,227	171,867	626,094
Investments	6,511,328	-	6,511,328
Receivables:			
Accounts (net of allowance of \$2,676)	553,960	-	553,960
Taxes receivable - current year	663,059	-	663,059
Tax and sewer liens	69,555	-	69,555
Tax acquired property	26,808	-	26,808
Internal balances	229,041	(229,041)	-
Inventory	43,987	-	43,987
Nondepreciable capital assets	1,536,293	425,509	1,961,802
Depreciable capital assets, net	9,910,034	349,508	10,259,542
Total assets	19,998,292	717,843	20,716,135
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	281,677	-	281,677
Accrued wages	63,800	-	63,800
Accrued interest	40,078	-	40,078
Other unearned revenue	10,387	-	10,387
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Due within one year	342,458	36,672	379,130
Due in more than one year	2,884,004	26,674	2,910,678
Total liabilities	3,622,404	63,346	3,685,750
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	8,564,867	738,345	9,303,212
Restricted for:			
Nonexpendable trust principal	2,529,456	-	2,529,456
Grants and donations	1,331,088	-	1,331,088
Unrestricted	3,950,477	(83,848)	3,866,629
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 16,375,888</b>	<b>654,497</b>	<b>17,030,385</b>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2014**

Functions/programs	Net (expense) revenue and changes in net position						
	Program revenues			Primary Government			
	Expenses	Charges for services	Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	Governmental activities	Business-type activities	Total
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 3,459,023	163,257	-	-	(3,295,766)	-	(3,295,766)
Public safety	1,842,384	18,219	-	-	(1,824,165)	-	(1,824,165)
Highways, streets and bridges	1,463,942	-	59,324	-	(1,404,618)	-	(1,404,618)
Human services	63,007	-	-	-	(63,007)	-	(63,007)
Leisure services	928,667	264,187	26,322	-	(638,158)	-	(638,158)
Cemeteries	114,895	237,533	-	-	122,638	-	122,638
Education	9,814,150	-	-	-	(9,814,150)	-	(9,814,150)
Solid waste, sewer and other	1,050,734	1,773,050	211,538	-	933,854	-	933,854
Interest on debt service	58,655	-	20,036	-	(38,619)	-	(38,619)
Non-capital maintenance expenses	-	150	-	-	150	-	150
Total governmental activities	18,795,457	2,456,396	317,220	-	(16,021,841)	-	(16,021,841)
Business-type activities:							
Camden Snow Bowl	864,270	773,564	266,509	-	-	175,803	175,803
Total business-type activities	864,270	773,564	266,509	-	-	175,803	175,803
<b>Total primary government</b>	<b>\$ 19,659,727</b>	<b>3,229,960</b>	<b>583,729</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(16,021,841)</b>	<b>175,803</b>	<b>(15,846,038)</b>
General revenues:							
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					15,407,167	-	15,407,167
Interest and costs on taxes					60,556	-	60,556
Motor vehicle excise taxes					912,924	-	912,924
Franchise taxes					68,842	-	68,842
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:							
Homestead exemption					71,189	-	71,189
Other State aid					19,329	-	19,329
State Revenue Sharing					186,735	-	186,735
Unrestricted investment earnings					3,513	-	3,513
Miscellaneous revenues					13,815	-	13,815
Loss on disposal of assets					-	(1,412)	(1,412)
Transfers					(20,000)	20,000	-
Total general revenues and transfers					16,724,070	18,588	16,742,658
Change in net position					702,229	194,391	896,620
Net position - beginning, as restated					15,673,659	460,106	16,133,765
<b>Net position - ending</b>					<b>\$ 16,375,888</b>	<b>654,497</b>	<b>17,030,385</b>

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2014**

	General	Sewer Operations Fund	Charles Wood Fund	Mountain View Cemetery Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 118,285	-	27,153	-	308,789	454,227
Investments	3,154,317	-	1,702,381	1,036,711	617,919	6,511,328
Receivables:						
Accounts (net of allowance of \$2,676)	268,641	246,576	-	-	-	515,217
Taxes receivable - current year	663,059	-	-	-	-	663,059
Tax and sewer liens	68,067	1,488	-	-	-	69,555
Tax acquired property	26,808	-	-	-	-	26,808
Inventory	43,987	-	-	-	-	43,987
Interfund loans receivable	-	271,060	14,406	198	823,299	1,108,963
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,343,164</b>	<b>519,124</b>	<b>1,743,940</b>	<b>1,036,909</b>	<b>1,750,007</b>	<b>9,393,144</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable	253,212	-	80	17,588	10,797	281,677
Accrued wages	58,023	5,777	-	-	-	63,800
Interfund loans payable	809,924	-	-	-	31,255	841,179
Other unearned revenue	10,387	-	-	-	-	10,387
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,131,546</b>	<b>5,777</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>17,588</b>	<b>42,052</b>	<b>1,197,043</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	216,300	-	-	-	-	216,300
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>216,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>216,300</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>						
Nonspendable - trust principal	-	-	902,731	1,019,321	607,404	2,529,456
Nonspendable - inventory	43,987	-	-	-	-	43,987
Restricted	-	-	841,129	-	489,959	1,331,088
Committed	-	367,976	-	-	794,436	1,162,412
Assigned	179,597	145,371	-	-	-	324,968
Unassigned	2,771,734	-	-	-	(183,844)	2,587,890
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>2,995,318</b>	<b>513,347</b>	<b>1,743,860</b>	<b>1,019,321</b>	<b>1,707,955</b>	<b>7,979,801</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 4,343,164</b>	<b>519,124</b>	<b>1,743,940</b>	<b>1,036,909</b>	<b>1,750,007</b>	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:						
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.						11,446,327
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.						216,300
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds.						
Bonds payable						(2,213,599)
Capital leases						(667,861)
Accrued interest						(40,078)
Accrued compensated absences						(345,002)
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>						<b>\$ 16,375,888</b>

*See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.*

**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,**  
**and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds**  
**to the Statement of Activities**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2014**

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Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (from Statement 4)	\$	448,612
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Statement 2) are different because:</p>		
<p>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 outlay (\$879,409) exceeded depreciation expense (\$599,670) in the current period.</p>		
		279,739
<p>Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.</p>		
		(27,100)
<p>Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. This is the change in accrued compensated absences (\$30,453) and accrued interest (\$1,545).</p>		
		(31,998)
<p>Bond and capital lease proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of bond and lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which bond repayments (\$270,209) and capital lease repayments (\$136,353) exceeded lease proceeds (\$373,586).</p>		
		32,976
<b>Change in net position of governmental activities (see Statement 2)</b>		<b>\$ 702,229</b>

*See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.*

**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget and Actual**  
**General Fund**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2014**

	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Taxes	\$ 16,390,964	16,390,964	16,483,668	92,704
Intergovernmental	224,500	224,500	286,978	62,478
Licenses and permits	160,100	160,100	150,823	(9,277)
Charges for services	303,400	303,400	329,197	25,797
Interest earned	15,000	15,000	3,513	(11,487)
Other	138,200	138,200	118,486	(19,714)
Total revenues	17,232,164	17,232,164	17,372,665	140,501
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
General government	1,547,020	1,548,947	1,548,909	38
Public safety	1,826,857	1,866,391	1,732,937	133,454
Highways, streets and bridges	1,262,214	1,365,489	1,263,234	102,255
Health and welfare	5,782	5,782	5,782	-
Leisure services	889,178	889,178	889,178	-
Cemeteries	93,739	93,739	84,731	9,008
Contingency	40,000	57,150	5,337	51,813
Unclassified	11,145,597	11,145,597	11,113,935	31,662
Debt service	470,777	470,777	463,672	7,105
Capital improvements and reserves	119,000	492,586	488,238	4,348
Total expenditures	17,400,164	17,935,636	17,595,953	339,683
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	(168,000)	(703,472)	(223,288)	480,184
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>				
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Proceeds from capital lease	-	373,586	373,586	-
Utilization of prior year surplus	285,000	285,000	285,000	-
Utilization of carryforward balances	-	161,886	-	(161,886)
Total other financing sources	168,000	703,472	530,571	(172,901)
Net change in fund balance, budgetary basis	-	-	307,283	307,283
<b>Reconciliation to GAAP:</b>				
Utilization of fund balance			(285,000)	
Net change in fund balance, GAAP basis			22,283	
Fund balance, beginning of year			2,973,035	
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>2,995,318</b>	

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**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
**June 30, 2014**

<b>Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds</b>		<b>Camden Snow Bowl</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	171,867
Total current assets		171,867
Noncurrent assets:		
Property, plant, and equipment		1,424,447
Less accumulated depreciation		(649,430)
Total noncurrent assets		775,017
Total assets		946,884
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Interfund loans payable		229,041
Capital leases		36,672
Accrued compensated absences		26,674
Total current liabilities		292,387
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net investment in capital assets		738,345
Unrestricted		(83,848)
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>654,497</b>

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**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2014**

<b>Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds</b>		<b>Camden Snow Bowl</b>
Operating revenues:		
Lift tickets	\$	430,069
Toboggan and tube income		19,052
Lesson and racing fees		131,725
Rental income		92,250
Food and merchandise		5,252
Other		95,216
<b>Total operating revenues</b>		<b>773,564</b>
Operating expenses:		
Administration		188,883
Lodge		38,180
Maintenance shop		7,791
Alpine		506,022
Rental shop		21,878
Toboggan chute		55,514
Tube slide		7,464
Depreciation		36,778
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>862,510</b>
<b>Operating loss</b>		<b>(88,946)</b>
Nonoperating revenue (expense):		
Loss on disposal of fixed assets		(1,412)
Interest expense		(1,760)
Revenue in RMRA restricted account		265,509
Revenue in reserves		1,000
<b>Total nonoperating revenue (expense)</b>		<b>263,337</b>
<b>Net income before transfers</b>		<b>174,391</b>
Transfers:		
Transfer from other funds		20,000
<b>Total transfers</b>		<b>20,000</b>
<b>Change in net position</b>		<b>194,391</b>
<b>Total net position, beginning of year, as restated</b>		<b>460,106</b>
<b>Total net position, end of year</b>		<b>\$ 654,497</b>

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**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2014**

<b>Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds</b>		<b>Camden Snow Bowl</b>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers and users	\$	773,564
Payments to suppliers		(606,804)
Net cash provided by operating activities		166,760
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:		
Transfers from other funds		20,000
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities		20,000
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Purchase of capital assets		(265,509)
RMRA restricted revenues		265,509
Payments on capital leases		(33,006)
Interest paid on capital debt		(1,760)
Capital reserve revenues		1,000
Net cash used in financing activities		(33,766)
Increase in cash		152,994
Cash, beginning of year		18,873
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>171,867</b>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating loss	\$	(88,946)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation		36,778
Increase in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accrued compensated absences		2,229
Interfund loans		216,700
Net cash provided by operating activities		166,761

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**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**Comparative Balance Sheets - General Fund**  
**June 30, 2014 and 2013**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 118,285	345,707
Investments	3,154,317	2,945,148
Receivables:		
Taxes receivable - current year	663,059	887,117
Tax liens - prior years	68,067	96,647
Tax acquired property	26,808	26,808
Accounts receivable (net of allowance of \$2,676 for both 2014 and 2013)	268,641	44,890
Inventory	43,987	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,343,164</b>	<b>4,346,317</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and payroll withholdings	253,212	112,884
Accrued wages	58,023	-
Interfund loans payable	809,924	1,008,171
Other unearned revenue	10,387	8,827
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,131,546</b>	<b>1,129,882</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	216,300	243,400
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>216,300</b>	<b>243,400</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Nonspendable - inventory	43,987	-
Assigned	179,597	161,886
Unassigned	2,771,734	2,811,149
<b>Total fund balance</b>	<b>2,995,318</b>	<b>2,973,035</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,343,164</b>	<b>4,346,317</b>

**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes**  
**in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2014**

	2013 Carryforward balance	2014		Actual	Variance positive (negative)
		Original budget	Final budget		
Revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property taxes	\$ -	15,454,184	15,454,184	15,454,185	1
Tax increment financing districts	-	(8,807)	(8,807)	(49,002)	(40,195)
Supplemental taxes	-	-	-	1,984	1,984
Homestead reimbursement	-	73,334	73,334	71,189	(2,145)
BETE reimbursement	-	7,553	7,553	4,732	(2,821)
Change in unavailable property tax revenue	-	-	-	27,100	27,100
Excise taxes	-	802,200	802,200	912,924	110,724
Interest and costs on taxes	-	62,500	62,500	60,556	(1,944)
<b>Total taxes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,390,964</b>	<b>16,390,964</b>	<b>16,483,668</b>	<b>92,704</b>
Intergovernmental:					
State Revenue Sharing	-	130,000	130,000	186,735	56,735
State road assistance	-	55,000	55,000	59,324	4,324
Tree growth reimbursement	-	7,000	7,000	8,483	1,483
Snowmobile reimbursement	-	500	500	417	(83)
Veterans reimbursement	-	5,000	5,000	5,697	697
Pumpout boat grant	-	23,000	23,000	20,580	(2,420)
State park reimbursement	-	4,000	4,000	5,742	1,742
<b>Total intergovernmental</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>224,500</b>	<b>224,500</b>	<b>286,978</b>	<b>62,478</b>
Licenses and permits:					
Animal control fees	-	2,200	2,200	2,530	330
Town Clerk fees	-	15,000	15,000	14,479	(521)
Plumbing fees	-	6,400	6,400	8,434	2,034
Building permits	-	52,000	52,000	35,963	(16,037)
Administration fees	-	16,000	16,000	16,443	443
Cable TV franchise	-	65,000	65,000	68,842	3,842
Electrical fees	-	3,500	3,500	4,132	632
<b>Total licenses and permits</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>160,100</b>	<b>160,100</b>	<b>150,823</b>	<b>(9,277)</b>

**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes**  
**in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual, Continued**

	2013 Carryforward balance	2014			Variance positive (negative)
		Original budget	Final budget	Actual	
Revenues, continued:					
Charges for services:					
Harbor fees	\$ -	211,000	211,000	227,178	16,178
Police revenue	-	3,000	3,000	2,689	(311)
Parking tickets	-	12,000	12,000	15,530	3,530
Parks and recreation revenue	-	16,000	16,000	21,750	5,750
Parks and recreation mowing	-	5,000	5,000	5,550	550
Cemetery maintenance	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
Harbor Park mowing	-	6,400	6,400	6,500	100
<b>Total charges for services</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>303,400</b>	<b>303,400</b>	<b>329,197</b>	<b>25,797</b>
Interest earned	-	15,000	15,000	3,513	(11,487)
<b>Total interest earned</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>3,513</b>	<b>(11,487)</b>
Other revenues:					
Opera House	-	80,000	80,000	60,028	(19,972)
Yacht Club lease	-	20,650	20,650	21,248	598
Cell Tower lease	-	-	-	2,400	2,400
Transfer from trust funds	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Sale of surplus equipment	-	-	-	150	150
Wastewater bond reimbursement	-	14,450	14,450	20,036	5,586
Public Landing leases	-	3,100	3,100	3,209	109
Insurance dividends	-	9,000	9,000	-	(9,000)
Miscellaneous	-	6,000	6,000	6,415	415
<b>Total other revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,200</b>	<b>138,200</b>	<b>118,486</b>	<b>(19,714)</b>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,232,164</b>	<b>17,232,164</b>	<b>17,372,665</b>	<b>140,501</b>

**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes**  
**in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual, Continued**

	2013 Carryforward balance	2014			Variance positive (negative)
		Original budget	Final budget	Actual	
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government:					
Administration, finance, codes and assessing	\$ -	693,018	693,018	678,974	14,044
Professional services	-	51,000	51,000	59,571	(8,571)
Planning and development	1,927	269,594	271,521	288,677	(17,156)
Information technology	-	64,000	64,000	65,570	(1,570)
Insurance	-	166,500	166,500	159,997	6,503
Opera House/Town offices	-	80,937	80,937	74,395	6,542
Opera House/auditorium	-	221,971	221,971	221,725	246
Total general government	1,927	1,547,020	1,548,947	1,548,909	38
Public safety:					
Police department	20,734	969,954	990,688	915,438	75,250
County dispatch	-	122,422	122,422	122,442	(20)
Fire department	14,300	357,716	372,016	357,441	14,575
Public safety building	4,500	47,665	52,165	51,228	937
Hydrant rental	-	218,600	218,600	222,238	(3,638)
EMS Service	-	50,000	50,000	10,000	40,000
Street lights	-	60,500	60,500	54,150	6,350
Total public safety	39,534	1,826,857	1,866,391	1,732,937	133,454
Highways, streets and bridges:					
Public works	35,031	866,214	901,245	904,527	(3,282)
Street and sidewalks	68,244	376,000	444,244	326,923	117,321
Parking	-	3,900	3,900	4,233	(333)
Tree program	-	16,100	16,100	27,551	(11,451)
Total highways, streets and bridges	103,275	1,262,214	1,365,489	1,263,234	102,255

**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes**  
**in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual, Continued**

	2013 Carryforward balance	2014			Variance positive (negative)
		Original budget	Final budget	Actual	
Expenditures, continued					
Current, continued:					
Health and welfare:					
Provider agencies	\$ -	5,782	5,782	5,782	-
Total health and welfare	-	5,782	5,782	5,782	-
Leisure services:					
Community services	-	17,800	17,800	17,800	-
Camden Public Library	-	355,000	355,000	355,000	-
Harbor and landing	-	166,668	166,668	171,633	(4,965)
Recreation	-	136,011	136,011	123,083	12,928
Parks	-	201,247	201,247	218,741	(17,494)
Dams	-	6,000	6,000	-	6,000
Harbor Park	-	6,452	6,452	2,921	3,531
Total leisure services	-	889,178	889,178	889,178	-
Cemeteries:					
Cemetery association	-	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Cemetery maintenance	-	53,739	53,739	44,731	9,008
Total cemeteries	-	93,739	93,739	84,731	9,008
Debt service:					
Principal	-	372,242	372,242	383,173	(10,931)
Interest	-	98,535	98,535	80,499	18,036
Total debt service	-	470,777	470,777	463,672	7,105
Contingency	17,150	40,000	57,150	5,337	51,813
Unclassified:					
MCSWC assessment	-	201,026	201,026	201,026	-
Educations - MSAD #28	-	6,179,711	6,179,711	6,179,711	-
Education - Five Town CSD	-	3,634,439	3,634,439	3,634,439	-
County tax	-	1,100,540	1,100,540	1,095,145	5,395
Overlay/abatements	-	29,881	29,881	3,614	26,267
Total unclassified	-	11,145,597	11,145,597	11,113,935	31,662

**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes**  
**in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued**

	2013 Carryforward balance	2014			Variance positive (negative)
		Original budget	Final budget	Actual	
Expenditures, continued:					
Capital improvements and reserves:					
Capital improvements:					
Police cruiser	\$ -	34,000	34,000	30,240	3,760
Public Works vehicles*	-	53,000	426,586	430,411	(3,825)
Dock system	-	20,000	20,000	-	20,000
Harbor dredging	-	-	-	25,587	(25,587)
Public landing restroom	-	12,000	12,000	2,000	10,000
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\* Budget adjusted for capital lease proceeds.

## ASSESSORS' AGENT

Kerry Leichtman, Assessors' Agent

This has been a year of transition at the Assessing Department. After Wes Robinson's retirement, Jim Murphy, Jr. and I worked together to conduct property inspections and commit this year's taxes. Jim is a highly-regarded contract assessor whose regular turf is Union, Warren, Bremen and three or four other towns along the midcoast. My regular beat has been Rockport, where I have been the single assessor for the past five years.



Jim and I were very fortunate that Town Manager Pat Finnigan assigned Beth Doan to assist us on a full-time basis. Beth had been working as administrative assistant for assessing, planning and community development. A big public thank you to Steve Wilson for agreeing to Beth's reassignment. Beth was not only a valued long-time Town employee, she was also a CMA (Certified Maine Assessor) – exactly the kind of assistance we needed.

After commitment, Jim went back to his fiefdom of midcoast towns and I became Camden's Assessors' Agent. Camden's and Rockport's Town Managers and Select Boards are always looking for ways to share services across the two towns. Rather than try to figure out the logistics of how to merge the assessing departments in meetings we decided instead to, as the commercials say, "Just do it." Which is what we are doing.

Beth recently left municipal work to pursue a new career. We were fortunate to find and hire Caitlin Anderson who is now the Assessor's Clerk. Caitlin and I are now the assessing department. It is our aim to serve you well. Our assessing philosophy is to fairly and equitably assess so that no one pays a penny more than their fair share.

But enough about us, now something about you: This past March we sent Sales Verification Surveys to everyone who bought a Camden property within the last 18 months. The survey is not meant to be intrusive. Its purpose is to help us determine the conditions of the sale. We are certified by the state at 100%, which basically means that assessed values and sales prices are, on average, equal to one another.

Maine Revenue Services certifies us by conducting a Sales Ratio Study. Only qualified sales are used in this study. A qualified sale is an arms length transaction, meaning the buyer and seller had no personal, familial or financial relationship, and that nothing other than typical market conditions influenced the sale. We check the state's work to make sure they are only using qualified sales. They (Maine Revenue) depend on us knowing Camden better than they ever could. The survey will greatly assist us in making this determination. That is the survey's only purpose.

We will continue to send surveys out monthly to all property transactions involving an exchange of money. Again, our intention is to get things right, not be intrusive.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. It is truly an honor.

## PLANNING/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Steve Wilson, Planner/CEO

In 2014-2015 while many towns have seen decreases in building activity. Camden has continued to see growth. This is a testament to the quality of life offered and the people of Camden. The number of building permits has continued to increase in spite of a difficult economy. Our office continues to receive many calls from real estate agents, builders, developers, architects and engineers with questions on zoning, the building codes, and properties.



**Planning.** We have had a number of ordinance change proposals to research draft and prepare for Planning Board review. Some of these will be put forth to the voters this year, some have died in review.

We have had challenges with staffing due to colleagues advancing their careers, While is gratifying as we are glad to see our friends succeed, it presents challenges to us to continue to provide you with the level of service we want to give. The department has been aided by having Jeanne Hollingsworth who has worked with the Codes Department and Planning Board for many years.

**Building Inspections and Code Enforcement.** We consider customer service and being responsive to citizens our priority. In addition to his other duties, the Assessors' Agent helped conduct building and plumbing inspections. When he retired last March, we lost that capacity and the turn-around time to visit sites or issue permits lengthened. To help address the back log and be more responsive to the public, the Select Board approved hiring part time code officer Bill O'Donnell. He has been a great help as the building inspection load and the review requirements for new permits has been very heavy this year. Bill has also helped streamline the permitting process by developing on-line permits that can be used for simpler projects while supplying the information for us to be able to determine compliance and making the process easier and less expensive for the applicants.

Bill O'Donnell does residential building permitting, plumbing and electrical inspections, while I am responsible for commercial development review in addition to residential permitting.

As a Town with a population of more than 4,000 people, we are mandated by State law to enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. The building and energy code has created more regulation and more inspections which are more time consuming, but the end result is we will have a better and safer town.

The differences in quantity of permits are as follows:

2014		2013		2012		2011	
Type	Qty	Type	Qty	Type	Qty	Type	Qty
Building	204	Building	171	Building	146	Building	158
Plumb	113	Plumb	104	Plumb	82	Plumb	76
Electrical	172	Electrical	121	Electrical	113	Electrical	89
Flood	6	Flood	10	Flood	6	Flood	2
Total	495		406		347		325

Inspections typically run hand in hand with the number of permits. A project can have as few as 2 inspections to an undetermined maximum; typically we have an average of 8 inspections per project. Keep in mind we are also performing inspections on projects permitted in past years due to the size of the project.

I am also the Health Officer and am charged with enforcement of health regulations and building codes in existing buildings, responding to complaints about unsafe housing conditions, health regulation violations, and licensing restaurants, lodgings and similar establishments.

The Department has been dealing with complaints concerning short term rental violations which can require a good bit of time.

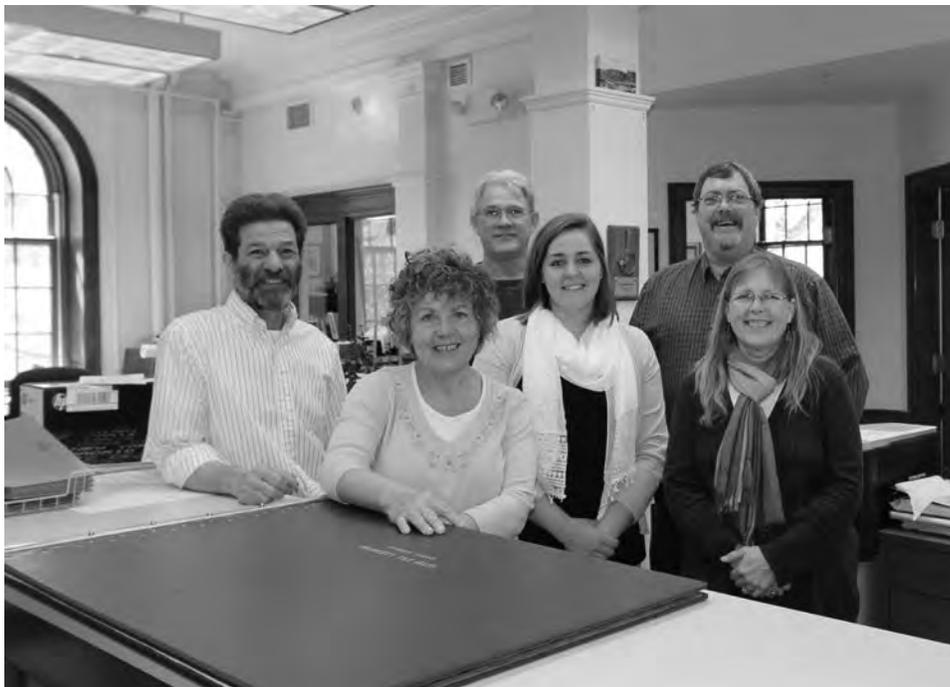
We are also in the process of appealing the proposed FEMA flood maps in harbor and Main St. areas, prior to the final adoption of the maps which now is proposed for summer 2017

On short term rental issue I have been using this winter to research the number of 7 day rentals of dwellings and less than 7 day rentals. So far I have identified 146 Properties in 359 ads through various listing web pages. I am working on noticing 46 of those for various issues, some of which have already corrected the issue and others are working with me on a path of compliance.

As you may have read, the Department started an enforcement action to get an existing subdivision to correct a sewer connection issue. This issue will be resolved prior to Town Meeting is all goes as planned.

For the coming year I do not foresee any significant change in the number of projects and permits, we still have a lot of interest in construction and renovation in Camden and contractors are heavily booked for the coming season. We have a large file of open permits we are working on completing, and we still have a large load of inspections to do before we can call them finished. Inquiries for both residential and commercial projects remain steady and with interest rates looking to remain low we hope to continue the growth in building market.

Please feel free to stop by or ask questions as to what is happening in the codes and planning world.



***From L to R: Assessors' Agent Kerry Leichtman, Office Assistant Jeanne Hollingsworth, Assistant CEO Bill O'Donnell, Assessor's Clerk Caitlin Anderson, Planner/CEO Steve Wilson, and Administrative Assistant Beth Doan***

## CAMDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chris Farley, Fire Chief



This message from last year's annual report continues to strongly resonate; "The ability to perform our jobs safely, effectively and in a cost efficient manner relies heavily on having well trained Firefighters who live and work in the community readily available to answer calls for service." The Camden Fire Department, like many Fire Departments, has transitioned from primarily providing fire protection services to being an all-hazards service provider. The International City Manager's Association official magazine *'Public Management'* in a June 2014 article about the issue of Fire Department staffing says; "Over the course of the past 40 years, the fire service has undergone a significant evolution. The name, in fact, may not be reflective of what the majority of the fire agencies are called upon to perform each day. Firefighters in most local governments are better trained and educated than their predecessors. They have expanded their scope of work...." In addition to fire prevention and protection activities, the range of services we provide runs from; Emergency Management, vehicle extrication, rescue swimmers, ice/cold water rescue, training, inspections, collaboration with other departments, working cooperatively with the Code Enforcement Officer and other town staff, maintenance of the public safety building, recruitment/retention of personnel to the development of the town's Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Action Plans for the town owned, high hazard classified dams. This is accomplished with a staff of 3 full-time and 25 part-time employees.

The Department's primary function is to protect lives and property. Fire Department personnel responded to 527 incidents during the 2014 calendar year. The town's appraised value is over \$1.2 billion. During these 527 incidents, we provided services at properties valued at \$922,905,406.00. There were 3 fires at residential properties during the year which resulted in significant damages. There were losses in value of \$1,115,590.00. In addition, we responded to alarm activations, fuel leaks, water leaks, bomb scares, motor vehicle accidents, monitored flooding locations, assisted the town's ambulance provider, helped carry-out injured hikers from trails, and a drowning on Megunticook Lake.

Full-time and part-time employees of the Department dedicate a significant amount of time to remain ready to serve the community. A host of annual Firefighter training and safety program requirements are mandated by the Maine Department of Labor. These programs impose more time requirements on part-time personnel and are an addition to basic firefighting education. The programs include; hazard communications, lockout/tag-out, emergency action plans, Hazardous Materials awareness, blood-borne pathogens, personal protective equipment, respiratory protection, traffic control at emergency scenes, driving operations and other training commensurate with duties. Research in fire behavior models for modern fires/buildings which was released during the summer of 2014 by Underwriters Laboratories and the National Institute of Standards & Technology will require additional training for all personnel in the near future. With that, the town's Firefighters participate in these programs to the level that their efforts have again been awarded with the Maine Department of Labor's Safety and Health Award for Public Employers.

While the range of services provided by the Department has changed, Camden's demographics have changed too. All the same, we continue to attempt to staff the Department using the same generations old model. As the Chief has reported to the Select Board for at least five years, we need to discuss how we are going to provide staffing for the Fire Department into the future. In recent years there has been significant news coverage related to the decline in the number of Firefighters nationwide. The issue is not unique to Camden. The US Fire Administration's report *'Impact of an Aging Population on Fire & Emergency Medical Services'* states; "While the number of older adults is growing, the smaller numbers in the younger generations create a population imbalance. The pool of young professionals available to fill service careers in coming years is getting smaller. Volunteerism, long the backbone of the fire and emergency services, is on the wane, and more than two-thirds of the Nation's firefighters are volunteers. Local service agencies will need support to attract, train and retain qualified career and volunteer professionals."

If we are going to continue to strive to maintain the current level of service we provide to the community without a significant increase in costs we need to have additional community members step forward to provide fire and rescue services. The community needs your services. It is worthy of repeating; "The ability to perform our jobs safely, effectively and in a cost efficient manner relies heavily on having well trained Firefighters who live and work in the community readily available to answer calls for service." Without the people who are willing to become educated Firefighters, we will have to examine the level of service we can maintain. We will also need to look at the manner in which the Department is staffed. Ask yourself; "what knowledge, skills and abilities do I have that can be useful to the fire department?" After answering that question, contact us at the public safety building. Talk with us when you see us out in the community. Follow us on our Facebook page. Check our 'Run For Your Life!' website at [www.emergencychallenge.org](http://www.emergencychallenge.org). Look at this recruiting website; [www.kcfma.com](http://www.kcfma.com). Visit with us at the public safety building. You can help provide an essential public safety service to our community! We can provide the education and leadership you will need.

The service offered to the community by our Firefighters is appreciated and is made possible with the support of their families. I am proud to be associated with the employees of the Department who answer the call for help. I offer my heartfelt thanks and "Job Well Done!" to our Firefighters and their families:

*Todd Anderson, Thomas Bland, T.C. Bland, Howard Brown, Jack Crockett, Samuel Crocket, Harold Drinkwater, Jeremy Entwistle, Scott Entwistle, Chris Farley, Ryan Fisher, Robert French, Jr., Ed Geis, Brad Hanpeter, Cheyne Hansen, Tracy Harford, Matthew Heath, Earle Holt, Quinn Holt, Allan Hopkins, Charles Jordan, Andrew Lowe, Jared Lindsey, Scott Maddox, Kevin Mulvihill, Box Oxtan, Thomas Quantrell, Jamela Russell, Bob Stiehler, Todd Galen, Eric Verite*

## Camden Firefighters in Action



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Chris Farley, Director

The role of the local Emergency Management Director is to work in conjunction with local, county and state Emergency Management officials, the Town Manager and Select Board to prepare the community in the event a disaster were to occur. Emergency Management consists of four phases to be prepared for and respond to disasters. In the planning process we hope to *Mitigate* disasters before they occur. The *Preparedness* phase is just that; being ready to respond to various scenarios that may affect all aspects of the community. *Response* occurs when an event impacts the community. *Recovery* is assisting the various aspects of the community which might be impacted by an event.

This year we moved the town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) out of the public safety building. A multi-year agreement was developed with the First Congregational Church of Camden at 55 Elm Street. The EOC will be developed in a basement area of the building. This building is easily accessible for the community and is served by a generator which will ensure power in the event EOC activation is needed. Additionally, the Congregational Church also opens their doors to the community when a warming shelter is needed. The use of the facility for a warming shelter is a step prior to a regional Red Cross shelter activation. This permits us to use the facility for short-term needs if people may need to warm place to stay during prolonged events such as extended power outages. This relationship forged between the church and the town is certainly beneficial. We appreciate the willingness of the church to provide needed assistance to the community as a whole.

In the Emergency Management process there are some actions for each of us to consider. Is your family prepared in your own home, so that you can be available to help others in a crisis? Assess your risks and understand your capabilities and vulnerabilities.

Locally, these are some the things we have worked on;

- Identified the need to update the town's Emergency Operation's plan
- Updated the town's Dam Emergency Action plans for town owned dams including the Megunticook East and West Dams and the Seabright Hydro Dam
- Coordinated with Public Works and Wastewater in damage reporting after significant weather events
- Completed the necessary paperwork to obtain reimbursement of local expenditures from the federal and state governments in the event of Presidentially declared disasters
- Coordinated the public safety needs of the Snow Bowl during Toboggan Nationals weekend
- Coordinated the public safety needs during the Camden Windjammer Festival
- Inter-department coordination during severe weather events
- Assisted with review of the Bylaws and Policies of the Knox Regional Communications Center

In helping the community to be prepared there is continual planning and education process that occurs. The Maine Emergency Management Agency provides an informative website to assist with this; <http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare>. If you have questions or input into our community being prepared, please contact us at the public safety building, 236-7950.

## **CAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Randy Gagne, Chief of Police



I am pleased to present the annual report to the citizens of Camden for the Camden Police Department. 2014 was a busy and gratifying year for the Police Department. Staffing concerns continue to be a challenge. We welcomed Officer Sam Butler to the department. Sam came to us through the recommendation of a current officer. He has completed all aspects of the 300 hour course at the Criminal Justice Academy and all portions of the departmental field training. We are very excited to have Sam join our department and we look forward to his success within the department.

Officer Dan Brown was promoted to the position of Sergeant and is working the evening shift to ensure officers have proper supervision. Mark Bennet was hired in a full time capacity as the Parking Enforcement Officer and has been a workhorse. He has been steadfast in working with violators who have had violations on the books for some time and has gotten fines paid from many years past. Officer Jeff Boudreau is now at the academy fulfilling the requirements to become a certified officer with a graduation date of May 2015. Finally the department saw Jeff Sukeforth assuming the duties as Administrative Specialist for the department.

Training continues to be the focus of the department. Each officer has maintained and exceeded minimum standards for training requirements. All officers in the department received training in incident command, hazmat, CPR and first aid. Training opportunities for officers will be offered to strengthen and broaden their skills. We continue to support the Maine Criminal Justice Academy with volunteer officer instructors ensuring cadets receive the best education possible. This year we have been able to provide off education in the form of supervisory and leadership training for the Chief, Lieutenant, Sergeants and Detective.

Officers responded to 3,562 reportable calls for service in 2014. This number is similar to calls from previous years. The most common reported incidents continue to be theft, domestic violence issues, burglaries and assaults. We are pleased that robberies have seen a downturn this year. Detective Andrick continues to work closely with business owners to ensure that all possible measures are being taken to ensure this trend continues.

Detective Andrick continues a visible presence within the community by addressing different organizations through presentations on Elder Fraud and Crimes against Elderly at Quarry Hill, his relationship with the SART, (Sexual Assault Response Team), Five Towns Communities that Care and his interaction with the Camden-Rockport Middle School. He continues to spearhead our involvement with the drug take back program.

Finally this past year we began a new program entitled, Good Morning Camden. This program is geared toward people who live alone, are over 60 and may not have relatives in the local area. Every day someone from the department calls the participants between 8am and 10am to check on them. This has been a great program and the participants enjoy speaking with an officer daily. For more information, please call us at 236-7967 or fill out the form on-line on our website at [www.camdenmaine.gov](http://www.camdenmaine.gov).

As a reminder officers are available twenty-four hours a day. The administrative office of the department is open weekdays from 8am to 4:30pm.

We rely on your assistance and ask that you immediately call 236-3030 if you see any suspicious activity or believe you have been the victim of a crime. It is our pleasure to serve the community and we are looking forward to another rewarding year with you.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Rick Seibel, Director/Road Commissioner



The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining 38 miles of streets and roads and 12.5 miles of sidewalk. For winter maintenance we maintain another 20 miles of State Aid roads. A full time mechanic and assistant mechanic provide maintenance and repair to the Towns fleet of trucks, and heavy equipment. Public Works mechanics also work and maintain vehicles for Parks & Rec., Police, Fire, Harbor and Wastewater Department.

Some of the seasonal work that takes place during the year is street sweeping, sidewalk sweeping, line stripping, roadside brush cutting and trash removal from the downtown business area and public parks. The Public Works backhoe loader is also put to use for Parks & Rec., Harbor and Wastewater Department saving considerable costs from private contracting. Public Works also helps other Town departments with jobs and projects. In a continuing effort to improve road drainage and help extend the life of paved surfaces, the regular program of roadside ditching, grading and mowing of shoulders took place.

In July the Town purchased two solar-powered trash compactors called "Big Belly"; we have located one on Mechanic Street near French & Brawn's and one on the Public Landing near the Harbor Master's office. So far these have worked out well and we hope to purchase more in the future.

Each year Public Works rents an excavator for eight weeks for ditching and culvert replacement, this worked very well and aided in getting a lot of roadside ditching brought up to date. The Department also replaced a cross culvert on Melvin Heights Road with a new 60 inch plastic pipe and paved. Paving also took place on Beaucaire Avenue and Start Road, and rebuilt Thomas Street and replaced sewer lines, catch basins and culverts.

Public Works plowed, sanded and applied road salt to approximately 58 miles of Town and State roads, and 10.5 miles of sidewalks. The road salt bid for FY14 was \$53.49 per ton. This winter approximately 956 tons of salt have been purchased and approximately 1,500 cubic yards of sand and spread 1,793 cubic yards on roads and parking lots.

At the time of this report we have responded to 36 storms or events with an approximate snowfall of 116 inches. Winter keeps Public Works crews very busy, we apologize for any inconvenience. Winter on the Maine coast can be very unpredictable, with any moderate to heavy snowfalls crews often deviate from any routine plowing to keep major arteries open.

The Police Department occasionally receives calls during the winter about snow removal on secondary roads. Major arteries and high traffic roads are the priority, followed by secondary roads and side streets. We continue plowing until the storm ends and then go back over all routes to widen the roadways and clean up and push snow back at intersections. Two to three hours is needed for a plow truck to complete a route. Intense storms can produce significant snowfall in a short time which keeps trucks on high traffic roads. This means snow may accumulate more on secondary roads. Secondary roads and side streets will get plowed only not as often. Snow removal on 58 miles of road is actually 116 lane miles of road. This means a truck has to travel out a road and then back doubling the mileage. It is our goal to remove snow and ice from Town roads as rapidly and efficiently as possible. Remember! Each storm is different and deviations from any plans often occur.

In closing, I would like to thank the Public Works crew for the extra effort, hard work and many hours of overtime during inclement weather. I would also like to thank the Town Manager, Select Board and all Town departments for their support and guidance this past year.



*Left to Right: Rodney Feltus, Ralph Ludwick, Jeff French, Keryn Annis, Carl Perkins, Clark Mason, Dan Fuller, Rick Seibel, and Tracy Harford.*

## **NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF CAMDEN**

There has been an increase of people placing stones, stonewalls or other obstructions within the right-of-way of Town roads. The Town of Camden, as well as other towns and cities in the State of Maine, maintain more than just the paved portion of the road. This area beyond the paved way is a right-of-way, which the municipality reserves for utilities, storm drainage, unpaved shoulders and ditches. Obstructions placed within this right of way hinder the ability to maintain and repair a road. A municipality is required to keep town ways open and in repair so as to be "safe and convenient" for travelers with motor vehicles. PLEASE! If you are planning to do any work of any type on your property adjacent to the road, take a moment to call the Public Works Director at 236-7954 to discuss those plans. Thank you for your cooperation on this important matter.



## **PUBLIC WORKS CREW IN ACTION**



## **HARBORMASTER**

Steve Pixley, Harbormaster



I am happy to report that the summer season of 2014 went well for the Harbor department. We had Henry Owen take the position of Assistant Harbormaster again. Henry is from Camden and attending the University of Maine and this was his second year.

The daysailer fleet was busier than ever before with taking passengers out for short day cruises. We were able to drive two new oak pilings that secure the daysailer float in place and rebuild the float itself with new stronger cleats and decking.

We also added a new float, to the existing 39 inner harbor floats, between float #15 and float #34 as shown in appendix H in the Harbor ordinance.

The Harbormaster's log shows that the Marine Patrol asked the Harbormaster for assistance in locating and hauling any abandoned fishing gear in and around Camden Harbor. The Harbormaster gladly gave this assistance because some Harbor users had actually made complaints about said gear.

### **Harbor generated income**

Finger floats	\$20,900	Windjammers	\$24,847
Inner floats	\$25,500	Daysailers	\$ 9,435
Moorings	\$75,492	Fisherman floats	\$ 1,727
Dinghies	\$12,380	Night dockage	\$48,905
Wait list	\$ 6,030		

**TOTAL INCOME    \$225,216.00**

### **MOORING SITES**

376 outer harbor moorings with 12 reassigned; 78 inner Harbor Floats sides with 2 reassigned; 38 Finger Floats with 3 reassigned

### **WAITING LIST**

75 people for outer harbor mooring; 54 people for inner harbor float; 50 people for finger float.

**Harbor Clerk (Town Office): Marlene Libby**

**Deputy Harbormaster:        Jim Leo**

**Assistant Harbormaster:     Henry Owen**

**Information Assistant:       Janet Halsey**

**(at the Harbormaster Office)**

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Landon Fake, Director



The Camden Parks and Recreation Department manages and/or maintains more than 700 acres of town property and several facilities, including the Camden Snow Bowl. Information about the Department, its work, and its programs can be found on the Town's website and at [www.camdensnowbowl.com](http://www.camdensnowbowl.com)

Fiscal Year 2015 was a busy and eventful one, with the main focus of the Department on the first phase of the Snow Bowl redevelopment project. We ended the ski season early to get a jump start on the project and remove trees while the ground was still frozen and snow-covered. Most of the staff focused on various parts of the project from April through the end of January. The scope of the work was large and happened across roughly 50 acres: 4 lifts were removed; 2 chairlifts were almost entirely rebuilt to current safety standards and installed (the double chair will be operational in 2015) and the new carpet lift was installed; ski terrain increased by a third; snowmaking capacity doubled with more than 4 miles of new pipe laid; 8 buildings were removed and one added; major storm water runoff and erosion control structures were put in place across the new and much of the existing terrain.

There were several bumps in the road that slowed progress, including significant erosion problems caused mostly by the weather. It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> wettest year in the last 100 years and that continued to delay construction right through November, when we had more than two feet of snow. December by contrast was mild and rainy, with the ground bare until mid January, when we began making snow. The new carpet lift for beginners opened then, but we weren't able to finish the triple chair construction and testing until January 29. As a consequence of our late opening, the Snow Bowl offered refunds for season pass-holders, about 12% of whom asked for refunds. Once the chairlift was open, all the natural snow that didn't come in December and January arrived and the season, in terms of snow conditions and number of skiers served, turned into one of the best ever. Despite missing the Christmas- New Year's holiday and Martin Luther King weekend, the day ticket sales missed last year's record by 1%.

Although most of the focus was on the redevelopment project we had to reduce and events due to the construction activity in the parking lot, the Department ran the Summer Recreation program for 71 children. We held several successful events, including:

- Second Annual Run for Your Life obstacle course
- Ragged Mountain Scuttle running and obstacle race
- Megunticook Canoe Race
- Wednesday Concerts in the Park

The largest event the department runs is the annual National Toboggan Championships, which attracts as many as 10,000 people over the 3-day weekend. This year was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and one of the best ever, netting about \$45,000 for the department. We are enormously grateful to the army of volunteers, firefighters, police, ambulance and other organizations and individuals who make it possible. A particular shout-out goes to Holly Edwards, who Chairs the event and is at the center of the effort, and West Bay Rotary, whose volunteers run several parts of the operation. Last year we began integrating the USNTC into Camden's winterfest to make it a week-long event with more events all week, more people and we had better attendance at the races.

Some of the numbers from the 2014-2015 ski season:

11,738	Day Tickets Sold
1,266	4th Grade Skier Days
45	Children who received Scholarship Support for Various Programs
101	Children in Racing Programs (after school and weekends)
25	CHRHS Alpine Ski Team members

23	CSB Middle School Team Members
1st	Middle School Team ranking in State Championships
1060	Season Passes Sold (after refunds)
38	Complimentary Season Passes for Juniors (under age 6)
900	Free Tickets for Juniors
286	Complimentary Season Passes for Regular Volunteers (Ski Patrol, Mountain Stewards, Coaches), Employees, Family of Employees
2,945	Total Ski Patrol Hours

The Parks and Recreation Department receives tremendous support from volunteers, for which we are very grateful- and without which we could not operate. If you would like to get involved please contact us at 236-3438 or [info@camdensnowbowl.com](mailto:info@camdensnowbowl.com).



*Photos credit: David Lyman*

## ***CAMDEN PARKS AND RECREATION***



***Left to Right: Scott Simkins, Robert Nash, Richelle Gagne, Steve Hawkins, Tom Beauregard, Landon Fake, Beth Ward, John Gould, Sam Collemer, and Bill "Fitzzy" Fitzcharles.***

## ***WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT***



***Left to Right: Dave Moody, Mike Weed, Jeff Paul, Sheldon Main, and Dave Bolstridge***

## WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dave Bolstridge, Superintendent

To the Town Manager, Board of Wastewater Commissioners, and the citizens of the Town of Camden it my pleasure to submit to you the forty fifth annual report for the Wastewater Department. This report covers the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.



This past year we continued with our efforts to locate areas where storm and ground water is able to enter the sanitary sewer system. We have installed portable flow meters in manholes around town to try to find areas where the flow rises significantly during rain events. Reducing rainwater inflow and infiltration has become a top priority for both the Environmental Protection Agency and Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Therefore, in the coming years we will focus on reducing inflow and infiltration in our collection system, while at the same time continue upkeep of the treatment plant.

We completed the construction of the Mt. Battie Street and Sea Street Pump Station upgrades this past winter. The construction phase went well and these two pump stations are poised to provide decades of reliable service to the town.

2014 was a very wet year with total rainfall of 63.9 inches recorded at the plant which is 37% above normal. As a result the plant treated significantly more wastewater in 2014. The following is a summary of plant operations for the calendar year from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014:

Total quantity wastewater treated	342,625,500 gallons
Maximum daily flow, October 23, 2014	3,422,000 gallons
Minimum daily flow, September 29, 2014	366,000 gallons
Activated sludge removed from process	4,203,705 gallons
De-watered sludge sent to compost site	856 cubic yards

Ross Parker retired in 2014 after 27 years of dedicated service to Camden. While going through the interview process I toured the plant and the pump stations and I was impressed with the upkeep that Ross and his staff carried out over the years. This dedication to upkeep resulted in equipment lasting well beyond anticipated lifespan, which in turn translated to substantial cost savings for the tax payers of Camden. We will continue Ross's good work in the future to perpetuate these savings.

It was another good year for power generation at the Seabright Dam. Both turbines were fully operational in 2014 and produced a combined total of 172,823 kWh of electricity for the year. Turbine No. 1 was in operation for a total of 111 days and Turbine No. 2 was in operation for a total of 229 days over the course of the year. A power credit is given for each kWh of electricity produced at the dam. This power credit helps offset the cost of operation and maintenance of the dam.

## CAMDEN OPERA HOUSE

Kerry Hadley, Manager



**Introduction:** Opened in 1894 and on the National Register of Historic Places, The Camden Opera House includes a 500-seat auditorium and four conference and meeting rooms owned, managed, and supported financially by the Town of Camden. Our mission is to produce, sponsor and host events that supplement and expand the cultural, social and economic life of the community.

Truly a performance center for all, we host approximately 22,000 patrons a year, serving residents of all ages from Camden and the surrounding areas, and drawing visitors to our doors. Those patrons come for a wide variety of performances, concerts, theatre, national and international conferences and other events, having an economic impact on the Camden community of more than \$3 million. On our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1994, the Opera House was renovated and restored to its original grandeur. Throughout the past decade, the Opera House has expanded and upgraded its services and technical capacity.

### 2015 Highlights

**120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Our celebration began with cake and huge balloons on the Village Green in June and continued with performances from the “best of the past” featuring favorite performers Iris Dement and Greg Brown. Battlefield Band was here for Veterans Day. We festooned the building with new interior and exterior banners sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank and had two 120<sup>th</sup> celebration floats in the Christmas parade. The community joined us in gathering photos and history which we shared in a slide show shown before events and at a Camden Public Library lecture with architect Chris Glass. We will also install a plaque on the exterior to highlight the buildings National Historic Register designation.

### **New initiatives**

- 1) **Community Supported Music** – A concert series featuring local musicians, co-produced by the Opera House at a reduced rate to keep ticket costs low \$10 pp.
- 2) **Live in HD Opera** - Weekend matinee screenings of big city opera close to home.
- 3) **Family Fun Film Series** – A weekend movie matinee series featuring family favorites, along with a newsreel and old fashioned cartoons.

**Free Community Screening:** The Opera House was the only venue in the nation to partner with Public television to offer a free screening of the documentary *Andre the Seal* the night of its national debut.

**Sold Out Multi-Day Conferences:** CIFF, Poptech and Camden Conference all sold out their multi-day conference programs. The Opera House provided increased services and resources to support all three.

### **Funds Raised - \$46,000**

- \$20,000 grant received to purchase a new projector and movie screen
- \$23,000 in earned income from Opera House Productions
- \$2,000 in donations from our 2nd Annual Appeal
- \$1,200 in event sponsorship

**Facility Improvements:** Our structure may be historic, but thanks to continual upgrades, our technology is state-of-the-art. This past year a grant allowed us to install a much higher quality projector and screen. We also invested in improved wifi connections throughout the building and a monitor for the green room to allow performers and staff to monitor what’s happening onstage. Finally, we have a new sound board set up and location for improved audio.

**Recognition:** Voted Best of the Best Playhouse once again by Village Soup readers.

**Huge thanks to: Opera House Committee Members**

**Chair:** Marc Ratner

**At large members:**

Kate Bates

Ben Curtis

Susan Dorr

Elizabeth O'Connor

Suzanne Lufkin Weiss

Nora Eldredge

120<sup>th</sup> anniversary chair: Renee Hutcheon

And our Select Board Liaison Donald White

Much thanks - although their role is designated an advisory one, committee members have each taken on expanded roles this year as we seek to accomplish more with limited resources. We could not accomplish what we do without their knowledge and dedication.

**Technical and Facility Director: Dave Morrison**

**Custodian:** Dan Ackley

**Event Managers:** Kay Henderson, Liz Knauer, Patty Kitchen, Kathie Kull and Kathleen Brown

Emma Goss (intern from Camden Rockport High School)

**Tech Staff:** Paul Weintraub, Foner Curtis, Tom Sadowski, Chris Lehmann

**Volunteers** – Peg Pickering – champion volunteer!! Jim Field, Lyn Degnan, Laurina Goss, Kathy Goss, Sy Horton, Susan McGovern, Deb Cautela, Debbie Brady, Edward Weeks, Judith Demott, Barbara Cizmazija, Susan Dexter, Irene Winship, Fran Noonan and Dave Mussey.

**On-call Renaissance Men:** Arthur Crockett, Jim Reitz



***Left to Right: Opera House Manager Kerry Hadley and  
Technical Director Dave Morrison***

## CAMDEN ROCKPORT PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

Members:

Camden

Kathleen Bachus  
Anita Brosius-Scott  
Robert Davis  
Richard Stetson  
Geoff Scott, Chair

Rockport

John Anders  
Lynda Clancy  
Leni Gronros  
Helen Shaw

Alternates: Jane Self & Mac Thomas

The Pathways Committee is a two-town cooperative committee, with members appointed by both the towns of Camden and Rockport. The Committee is charged with reviewing geographic areas, rights-of-way, and transportation infrastructure in the two towns in order to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access and to encourage non-motorized transportation.

From 2013 to 2014 the Committee focused on a number of areas:

- Awarded a Quality Community Program grant proposal for \$133,000 for the design of pedestrian facilities along Route 1 from Camden St to Leonard's Boutique. Participated in the initial vision discussions. Design funds will not be awarded until 2015-16 and later for actual construction.
- Using a \$45,000 Maine Coastal Program grant for planning and design of the Riverwalk and Public Landing the Committee worked closely with consultants TY Lin to develop and complete a comprehensive plan/design for the length of the Riverwalk from the Harbor to Shirttail Point Park.
- Using an awarded Recreational Trails Program grant for the construction of the Tannery Property Riverwalk, the Committee worked alongside the Maine Conservation Corps, volunteers, Public Works and Parks and Recreation staff to complete the first section of the Riverwalk in the fall of 2013. Final construction of viewing platform and railing were complete in the spring of 2014 as part of MCC carpentry training program. Plus detailed finish work on actual trail was also completed in spring 2014.
- Provided input to the Camden Comprehensive Plan Committee for sections related to transportation.
- As part of the President's Health Program, our area received a Community Transformation Grant to initiate certification of our towns as Active Community Environments (ACE). ACE Teams encourage environmental and policy change that will increase levels of physical activity and improve public health by promoting walking, bicycling, and the development of accessible recreation facilities. The Committee, with support from the Camden Select Board and Downtown Business Group, joined the efforts to complete the Rural Active Living Assessment (RALA). RALA is the first step for ACE designation.
- Completed another survey of Camden on the conditions of existing and recommendations for improving Camden sidewalks and bikeways
- Submitted a Recreational Trails Grant application for construction of the Seabright Park section of the Riverwalk. Grant was not awarded. Ongoing projects included:

- Working with the Union Street neighborhood cleanup committee coordinated a work day along the entire length of the Union Street Pathway focusing on trimming back encroaching plantings.
- Maintenance of the town trail along Megunticook River near Seabright Dam.
- Exploring ways to connect the Route 90 schools (RES and CHRHS) via public pathways to Rockport Village
- Keeping “pathway connections” in the discussion of the future of the RES East site.
  
- Engaging in the CRMS redevelopment planning for consideration of pedestrian facilities on Knowlton Street as well as for the future Riverwalk.
- Participating in the Midcoast Transit committee work exploring a regional bus service.
- Engineering completed now awaiting construction funds from Quality Community Program Grant funds for a .45 mile sidewalk extension along Washington St. to Shirrtail Park. Funding for construction is anticipated in 2015-16.

The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. alternating between the meeting rooms of the Camden Town office and the Rockport Town office. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend.

## **CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Douglas N. Johnson, Chair  
Kristen Lindquist  
Carla Ferguson  
Tom Hopps  
Robin Kern  
Roger Rittmaster

The Camden Conservation Commission's role is to focus on the preservation and protection of the Town's natural resources and to research, advise and advocate for environmental issues within the Town. Highlights of our activities in 2014 follow:

### **Camden Arbor Day**

During Maine's Arbor Week on Sunday, May 25th, Camden held its 19th consecutive Arbor Day observance since the tradition was revived in 1995. The program, organized by Tree CityUSA/ Arbor Day coordinator Nancy Caudle-Johnson, was held at Camden Amphitheater. There, Arborist and Commission Chair Douglas N. Johnson led a Big Tree hunt and how to measure and document a tree. Doug showed how to measure a tree's circumference, crown spread and height - data required to enter heritage trees on the Camden Heritage Tree Register form which was conceived and designed by Commission member Robin Kern and Nancy Caudle-Johnson.

### **Project Canopy Planning and Education Grant**

In 2013 the Camden Heritage Tree Register and Nomination form was completed as the first phase of the Camden Heritage Tree Project, funded by a Project Canopy grant awarded in 2012. This year, Heritage Trees and Treescapes of Camden, ME- A Walking Tour was completed. The tour introduces a selection of Camden's "heritage trees". Through text and photographs volunteer author and photographer Nancy Caudle-Johnson conveys the trees unusual physical attributes and history, captures their beauty and tells their stories. Doug Johnson as Arborist documented the trees. Printing of 5,000 copies was paid for by the Project Canopy grant. The brochure is available free at the Town Office, Chamber of Commerce and other venues.

### **Guided Naturalist Walk Series**

CCC member Roger Rittmaster, Maine Master Naturalist, continued the monthly naturalist walks begun in 2013 and co-sponsored by CCC and Coastal Mountains Land Trust. These popular walks occur on local community wooded parcels. The walks are for outdoor enthusiasts interested in learning more about birds, seashore life, trees, animal tracks, geology, mosses and lichens, ferns, spring and summer wildflowers, mushrooms, edible plants and other areas of natural history. This year CCC requested of the SelectBoard that an honorarium of \$50 for the expert leaders of certain of these walks be granted. The amount of \$400 was approved for this.

### **Ragged Mountain Recreation Area** - research, advisory and advocacy efforts for the preservation and protection of natural resources

The water quality of Hosmer Pond and the Goose River watershed were compromised several times this year when erosion on the mountain carried silt and mud into Hosmer Brook and Pond. A forestry operation clear cutting for new and expanded downhill skiing caused the problem.

CCC sought to raise awareness about land and water protection measures by presenting to the Planning Board and writing articles. A massive erosion remediation plan has been implemented by the Town, with continued monitoring and implementation procedures on tap for 2015. Our focus has been to promote and assist with the preservation of remaining trees at the Snow Bowl. This public community forest is a source of recreational enjoyment and environmental benefit with intrinsic gifts deserving protection.

## **CAMDEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

Jeff Sukeforth, Chair  
Kristen Lerner  
Larry Gross  
Patricia Ayers  
Isa Babb  
Parker S. Laite, Sr.  
Jeff Weymouth  
Carol Sue Greenleaf  
Bruce Libby, Cemetery Sexton

“The path is taken one step at a time; it is the journey we hope to witness” ...

The “path” and “journey” of the Cemetery Association this past year were the same. We are proud to have been able to meet our goals and we will continue to be diligent in our quest to ensure that the Town of Camden cemeteries remain Town treasures.

The Association meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of January, April, July and October. We encourage anyone with questions or suggestions to join us at our meetings. Please see the Town’s website [www.camdenmaine.gov](http://www.camdenmaine.gov) for dates and time. We encourage you to visit this same website to access the Cemetery’s on-line database.

The pillar, fence and landscaping project at the Oak Hill North Cemetery was completed in 2014. Four beautiful pillars have been erected at the entrances. Landscaping boulders, trees and native flora have also been added to delineate a fence line along the road. Avenues and grave site layouts have been completed and graves are now available for sale.

In 2015 the Association will address three important matters. First, after a severe winter, we will need to complete an inventory of tree issues and then pruning and tree removal will be done as needed. Second, we will continue ongoing stone cleaning and restoration work. Our Sexton, Bruce Libby, began cleaning stones in the oldest section of the Mt. View Cemetery last year and will continue as time and weather permits in the spring. The last concern for the Committee will be to have the Mt. View Cemetery wrought iron fence properly cleaned and painted. We expect this work to begin in the early spring, as the expenditure has already been approved.

Once again, we wish to express our thanks to American Legion Post # 30, the Camden Fire Department and Amity Masonic Lodge No. 6 for their continued efforts to insure that the proper flags are placed on graves at the cemeteries. These organizations spend countless volunteer hours doing this work out of respect for their departed members. We encourage you to contact them if you locate a grave that is not properly marked with a flag.

The Association also extends a huge “thanks” to the dedicated grounds crew who care for the cemeteries throughout the year. Their commitment ensures that the cemeteries are meticulously maintained for the Town of Camden.

Finally, we want to say a fond farewell to Larry Gross who, after several years on the Cemetery Association has moved onto a new path in his life. Thanks Larry for all you brought to the Association.

If you would like further information about the cemeteries or would like to become a member of the Cemetery Association please contact the Camden Town Office for information.

## COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Robin McIntosh, Chair  
Deborah Dodge  
Ellis Cohn  
Meg Quijano  
John Arnold  
Paul Cavelli  
Jamie Weymouth

CEDAC is now entering its 6<sup>th</sup> year since its creation by the Select Board. Members are appointed by the Select Board with the goal of representing a broad spectrum of the community. The Committee consists of 5 regular members (3 year term) plus 2 alternates (1 year term).

CEDAC is charged with, among other items, the responsibility “...to identify and recommend to the Select Board strategies, policies and projects that will provide sound economic development and a stronger sense of community...”

One of the major goals of the committee is to keep the Downtown Master Plan moving forward in partnership with the Downtown Network Board.

In 2014 CEDAC, with additional help from volunteers Tom Hopps, Cassie Snyder, Jack McKinney and David Robichaux, tested two design concepts from the Master Plan. Using the technique called “Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper” we created two demonstration projects:

1. Using loaned planters, stanchions loaned by the DOT and park benches, two seating areas were created to test the concept of “bump outs” or curb extensions to narrow the opening of Chestnut Street from Elm. In spite of some initial skepticism, and some feedback regarding the plastic stanchions, the benches proved popular with locals and visitors alike.
2. Simply using paint, a few planters, stenciled signage and removal of the rusting barrel barricade, the “alley” between Cappy’s and Lilly Lupin & Fern was converted to the “Harbor Walkway”. The project created an additional pedestrian walkway to the Harbor front, reducing the congestion on Commercial Street.

During the year CEDAC continued to provide feedback to the Planning Board as they update the Comprehensive Plan; supported the addition of the new Credit Enhancement Agreement Policy to the Downtown TIF which added the Knox Mill building;; continued to meet with the marketing committee of the Downtown Business Group; participated in all the Downtown Network Board meetings; continued our outreach to new businesses in Camden.

CEDAC meets regularly on fourth Monday of each month at 4:30PM in the Washington Street Conference Room. The Downtown Network Board meets the second Wednesday each month at 11:30 AM at the Camden Town Office.. Meetings are open to the public whose interest is always welcome.

## HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

Meg Barclay, Chair  
Elinor Klivans  
Judith McGuirk  
Kris Mikkelsen  
Susan Neves  
Beedy Parker  
Susan Snead  
Patricia Skaling

The Historic Resources Committee acts in an advisory role to the Select Board with projects and activities that impact Camden's historic districts and town-owned historic properties. Highlights of the year's activities are as follows:

The committee advised the Comprehensive Plan Committee on several chapters of the draft 2015 Comprehensive Plan related to Camden's history and historic resources, including Chapter 12: The Harbor and Chapter 18: Future Land Use Plan.

The committee worked with lighthouse steward Deedee Conover to complete the Curtis Island Lighthouse Museum, which opened to the public in the summer of 2014.

The committee proposed changes to the Village Green Policy regarding its use for events and presented this proposal to the Select Board, who accepted the recommended changes.

The committee met with CEDAC (Community Economic Development Advisory Committee) and the Downtown Network Board to plan how our committees could work together to promote Camden's historic resources as an economic asset in accordance with the Downtown Master Plan. The HRC is exploring the possibility of enlarging the existing downtown historic districts to make additional business properties eligible for tax credits.

The committee continued to assist the stewards of town-owned historic properties by offering advice and guidance regarding management, maintenance, and proposed alterations. These properties include the Village Green, the Camden Opera House, the Camden Yacht Club, Curtis Island Light, the Elm Street School House, the Camden Public Library, the Camden Amphitheatre, Harbor Park, and the Town Clock in the Chestnut Street Baptist Church as well as Camden's three National Register Historic Districts: High Street National Historic District, Chestnut Street National Historic District and the Camden Great Fire National Historic District.

The Historic Resources Committee welcomes the input of interested members of the community and is often working on projects that could benefit from volunteer assistance. Meetings are open to the public and held at 4:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. They are usually held in the Washington Street Conference Room of the Camden Town Office. If you wish to attend, please check with the Town Office to confirm the location.

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Lowrie Sargent, Chair  
John Scholz  
Richard Householder  
Richard Bernhard  
Jan MacKinnon  
Steve Wilson, Planner  
Jeanne Hollingsworth, Recording Secretary  
Nora McGrath, Camera Operator

The Planning Board was busy this past year processing a variety of applications and modifying our approach so that we spend greater time and effort on planning strategies. Applications reviewed and processed during 2014 included:

- Site Plans – review and approval of three plans for the Ragged Mountain Recreation Area, (1) Trails, (2) Lighting and (3) Lodge and parking lot. One plan for a combined residential and commercial project on Mt. Battie Street was also approved.
- Minor Subdivisions – review and approve a group home for Coastal Opportunities on Elm St.
- Wharves & Piers – review and approve one new residential pier and one wharf expansion
- Minor Field Adjustments – review and approve a private way and minor changes to the relocated P.A.W.S. Headquarters.
- Rezoning Request – a lengthy review and approval of a request for a residential substance abuse treatment facility at Fox Hill. This was later defeated by the Select Board.
- Rezoning Request – a lengthy review and approval of a request to allow three B & Bs on High Street to be allowed to serve dinners as a low impact use. This was rejected by the Town voters.
- Minor changes – review and approve several subdivision property line adjustments and confirm a subdivision that spanned Camden and Rockport in conjunction with the Rockport Planning Board.
- Wireless facility – review and approve a wireless transmission facility on Washington Street.

New efforts to be more active planners led to the design of an overlay zone, the Business Opportunity Zone (BOZ), to allow more versatile development in some commercial zones. In process now for fifteen months, we expect it to reach voters in November 2015. A second effort has been to be more actively involved with the school boards and administrators in understanding the cost of capital improvements, as directed by the Camden Charter, and to participate in the planning of the proposed changes to the Camden-Rockport Middle School. Thirdly at the request of the Select Board, we are working with the Police Department to design an improved Noise Ordinance. The Select Board and Planning Board have begun to schedule periodic workshops to coordinate our efforts particularly concerning the Rt. 1 southern entrance to Camden. Members of the Planning Board regularly and actively participate on the Community & Economic Development Advisory Committee, the Downtown Network Board, the Sign Committee and many others.

The second hat worn by the Planning Board is as the Comprehensive Planning Committee. The State requires that this plan be updated every ten years and we have now been working on our update for almost two years. This effort is more intense and requires more time than previous revisions because we are rewriting the entire plan, adding more chapters and attempting to reach out to more groups so that the

new Comp Plan will be a balanced reflection of our Town. In addition to the Planning Board members, we are particularly grateful to Jean Freedman-White for her many hours of work as committee administrator and coordinator. The Comprehensive Planning Committee has benefited from the continuing contributions and recommendations made by Town Committees, individual citizens and organizations.

In March 2014, Chris MacLean resigned after seven years as chair. Among many contributions, his greatest was to encourage more public participation in the planning process, which has made us a better Board. Richard Householder continues as vice-chair with Jan MacKinnon, John Scholz and Richard Bernhard as regular members. We still have two alternate member vacancies and are eager to fill those with people that have the time, skills, and energy to devote to our various tasks. The support the Board receives from Town staff is outstanding. Steve Wilson, Town Planner, Don White, Select Board Liaison, Jeanne Hollingsworth, recording secretary and conscience, and Nora McGrath, media director, provide plentiful background information, interpretation and history to make our jobs easier.

For 2015, The Planning Board will be working on the Noise Ordinance, a review of the 500' exception in the V and VE zones, modifications to the Piers and Wharves Ordinance, updating lodging definitions, considering the opportunities for food trucks, updating the criteria for Home Occupations and Tradesman Shops, preparing a manual for Planning Board members and establishing standards for the application and review of zoning changes.

The Planning Board meets every first and third Thursday from 5 until 8 in the Washington Street Conference Room. For those of you unable to attend, meetings are broadcast on cable and the Town Hall Stream. The Comprehensive Plan Committee meets the second Thursday at 5 in the WSCR. Agendas are published on the Town website.

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Frank Toole, Chair

Thomas Laurent

Jean Belair

Linda Norton

Sam Smith

John Kuhl

Steve Wilson, Planner

Jeanne Hollingsworth, Recording Secretary

Nora McGrath, Camera Operator

Compared to recent years, 2014 was fairly busy for the Zoning Board which met 4 times to hear a total of 5 applications.

The Board approved 4 requests for changes / relocations of non-conforming uses, most with conditions attached by the Board.

In January the Board conducted a lengthy hearing on the application of the owners of the Camden Harbour Inn to expand its non-conforming hotel property. After hearing testimony, pro and con, a special exception was granted, subject to site development review and approval. The Board suggested 6 areas of concern for the Planning Board's consideration. That decision was appealed by a neighbor. Later in the year, the Board received notice that its action had been upheld by the appellate court. A further appeal has been taken and was pending at year end.

The current Board members are Jean Belair, Thomas Laurent, Linda Norton, Sam Smith and Frank Toole. The Board welcomed Jon Kuhl as a new alternate member and thanked Ed Libby for his service.

As always, the Board appreciates the assistance of Jeanne Hollingsworth and Nora McGrath, as well as Select Board liaison, Martin Cates.

## ***PENOBSCOT BAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE***

Staci Coomer, Former Executive Director

Tom Peaco, Executive Director

The Chamber continues to be very appreciative of the Town of Camden's generous support. This support helps make it possible for our visitor information center, our marketing, website, and social media efforts and the Discover the Jewel of the Maine Coast vacation guide to provide useful, accurate, and timely information to thousands of visitors to the area, and provide support to our business community.

As in past years, the Chamber has continued to work ever-closer with the Town of Camden and associated organizations. The Chamber has been working on local economic development issues with the Community & Economic Development Advisory Committee (CEDAC) and the Camden Downtown Network Board.

Chamber staff also continues to dedicate time to support the work of the Camden downtown and area businesses and enjoys a close working relationship with the Camden Downtown Business Group. The Chamber was especially thankful this year for the support from the Town of Camden and the Camden Downtown Business Group in making the July 4th efforts and Christmas by the Sea events a wonderful success. We also enjoyed supporting activities and events such as Business is Blooming, Winter Fest and US National Toboggan Championships. We look forward to the upcoming year and exploring new ways to work together.

On the visitor services side, our volunteers committed hundreds of hours to meet and greet our visitors. The Chamber continues to be very appreciative of the Town's generous support through the loan of the building we occupy on the public landing. The Chamber's Visitor Center is truly a key gateway to our region. We have also been continuing our work to raise the profile of Camden and Penobscot Bay region as a 4-season destination, great for visitors and residents. We exhibited at the Boston Globe Travel Show for the second time this year, creating exposure for our area to the over 25,000 attendees.

The Chamber has also been active with The Midcoast Chamber Council (MC3) for another year. MC3 (known as Maine's Midcoast) is a regional alliance of seven Chambers of Commerce of the MidCoast region of Maine (Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber, Damariscotta Region Chamber of Commerce, Boothbay Harbor Region Chamber of Commerce, Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce, Union Area Chamber of Commerce, Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce, Wiscasset Area Chamber of Commerce) and Searsport's Economic Development Committee.

The chambers cooperate to market the Midcoast as a region, lending power and breadth to their individual efforts. The Council produces materials for tourism kiosks, educates the Maine Office of Tourism and Governor of Maine's Office on happenings in the region, and administers the Midcoast's website and social media on behalf of members of each of the eight organizations. With the unveiling of a new website, [www.mainesmidcoast.com](http://www.mainesmidcoast.com), and new marketing materials, the council is working hard to promote the region nationally and internationally.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of our Chamber.

## CAMDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

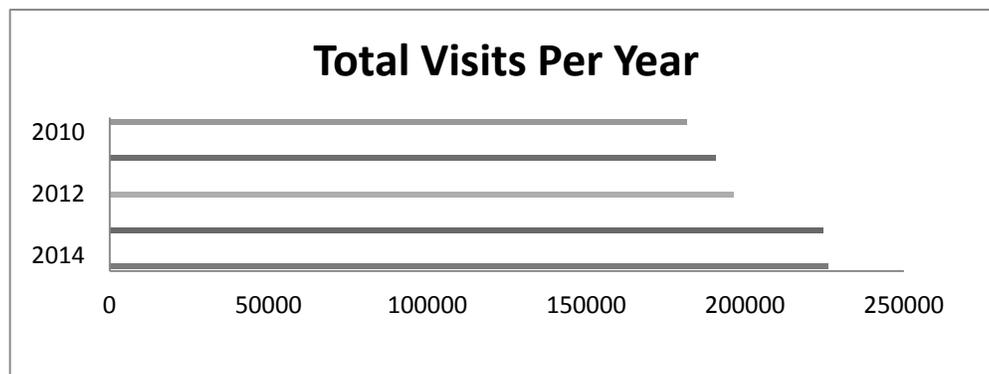
Nikki Maounis, Library Director

### It was another 5-Star Year!

The Camden Public Library received 5 Stars in *Library Journal's* national rating of public libraries, a rating to showcase "public libraries whose levels of service delivery distinguish them among their peers." This distinction is measured by numbers of borrowed materials, visitors, program attendance, and library computer use.

### In 2014, you made the Camden Public Library one of the busiest public libraries in the State of Maine...

You made over 220,000 visits to the library and nearly 47,000 visits to our website. The library continues to be a busy place, serving many people with diverse needs.



### You Attended 658 Educational and Cultural Programs...

**StoryCorps** -- As featured on National Public Radio, the StoryCorps team was here recording unique stories for their national project. We are proud to help preserve Maine's living oral history.

**Lincoln Exhibit** -- Thousands of visitors viewed this nationally acclaimed exhibit, created in observance of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. It was an honor to be among the few libraries in the country selected to host this travelling exhibit.

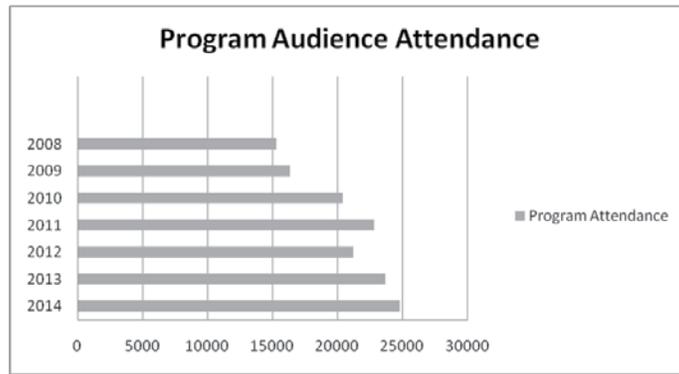
**Civil War Encampment** -- The 20th Maine Regiment brought Civil War stories to life with a three-day interactive experience in Harbor Park. It was enthusiastically embraced by young and old alike.

**Fizz, Boom, Read** - The most popular summer program in years included math and science as well as reading. Miss Amy had an enthusiastic group of children making, loving, and launching their Mentos rockets.

**Camden Shakespeare Festival** -- After an absence of 30+ years, Shakespeare came back to the Amphitheatre in July and August. Appreciative audiences enjoyed a memorable musical comedy with *As You Like It*.

**Monarch Madness** -- A butterfly life-cycle project that was embraced by families with kids of all ages; each tiny butterfly was adopted and nurtured through to its tagging and release in the Amphitheatre.

**Harbor Arts and Books** -- The library team stepped-up to host this art and book fair, and did so with flying colors! Through wind and rain, the volunteers wearing red berets made sure that artists and fair-goers had a wonderful weekend. Artists are telling their friends and already signing up to return this coming October.



***You Borrowed 296,017 Items...***

**Bestseller Express** --We listened to your requests for on-demand access to the hottest titles around. With no waiting list, you can check-out any item on the Express table for one week -- great for those looking for the newest books or those with limited time.

**3-M Cloud Library** --A new source of e-reading with bestsellers available on-demand for your personal e-reading device.

***You Accessed Public Computers and Wireless Internet 70,245 Times.***

**A Community Partner**

The library continues to build collaborative partnerships with other local organizations. We have an open door to non-profit entities and organizations and provide space whenever possible for committee meetings, support groups, and educational classes. Last year library rooms were utilized more than 100 times by local groups with a variety of needs.



Photo by Daniellé Pease

## **CAMDEN AREA DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION**

Judith Lyon, Director

The Camden Area District Nursing Association is now in its 95<sup>th</sup> year providing nursing care within the local community. We are a small non-profit agency, committed to providing home visits by registered nurses to local residents in need, regardless of their ability to pay. We receive no federal or state funding and rely on generous gifts and donations, both small and large. We are governed by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors.

Our professional staff consists of a full-time RN Director, a part-time RN, a part time office administrator and four per-diem RNs who assist on a regular basis.

Most of our clients are elderly, and our services (which include medication management and monitoring chronic conditions) allow people to remain in their homes and “age in place” safely. The number of residents requiring regular foot care continues to grow and we have expanded our nursing hours to fulfill the need.

Each fall we provide preventive care for local residents with our low-cost flu clinics. In 2014 we vaccinated 56 people in the town of Camden. We also made 1,997 home visits within the town.

Our office is located on the third floor of Anderson Inn at Quarry Hill Retirement Community. Members of the community are welcome to visit with health questions, concerns or for blood pressure checks. Office hours are Mondays and Thursdays between 1 pm and 3 pm.

I would like to thank my staff for their continued hard work and dedication to the community.

## **COASTAL MOUNTAINS LAND TRUST**

Doug Sensenig, Executive Director

Coastal Mountains Land Trust has worked in the western Penobscot Bay region, including the town of Camden, since 1986. We are a non-profit conservation organization that works to conserve the wildlife habitats, scenic landscapes, public access to natural lands, water resources, and productive forest and farmlands of the area. Thanks to our membership support, we have protected over 9,744 acres throughout our service region and have many active projects in process.

The Land Trust has completed numerous conservation projects in Camden. We have protected 286 acres by conservation easements, a permanent agreement between the landowner and the Land Trust that keeps the land in private ownership while protecting critical resources of the property. We also acquire full title to properties that have extraordinary conservation value, including 739 acres in Camden. These properties become part of the network of preserves we are establishing throughout the region. Our preserves are open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and other activities that do not degrade the natural and scenic features of the properties.

Since last year's annual report, we have conserved 59 new acres in Camden to add to the Ragged Mountain Preserve. One of the tracts has marvelous views of Bald Mountain and protects part of the Georges Highland Path.

Our office is located at 101 Mt. Battie Street in Camden, open 8:30am to 5:00pm weekdays, and we encourage those interested in our program to stop in for a visit, call us at (207) 236-7091, or visit our website at [www.coastalmountains.org](http://www.coastalmountains.org).

## MEGUNTICOOK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Paul Leeper, Executive Director

Megunticook Watershed Association (MWA) is devoted to environmental preservation improvement, and education. We're hard at work to improve the quality of the Megunticook Lake, Megunticook River, Norton Pond, Moody Pond and their feeder streams in Knox and Waldo counties. We also work to improve the quality and safety of swimming, boating and fishing in these waters. We strive to educate the public about the threats to these valuable resources; and train them to combat these problems.

We run the Courtesy Boat Inspection program at boat ramps on Megunticook Lake and Norton Pond. This voluntary watercraft inspection program is designed to prevent invasive aquatic plants like milfoil from entering our waters. We inspected over 600 watercraft in 2014 at the three boat ramps on Megunticook Lake and Norton Pond. This past year we hired local students as part of our Watershed Stewards Program to assist our volunteers. These students inspected boats and trailers at the boat ramps and also conducted an Invasive Plant Survey in the water at Breezemere. This program will continue in 2015.

The MWA also monitors the water quality in the area waters. Through the Partners in Monitoring volunteer program we conduct weekly bacteria testing (May through September) at 8 sites on Norton Pond, Hosmer Pond, and Megunticook Lake and River- including the swim areas at Barrett's Cove and Shirttail Point. We also measure water quality parameters such as clarity, dissolved oxygen, and phosphorus to monitor the lake health for fish and wildlife.

### Other Activities

The Megunticook Watershed Association employs a Lake Warden who patrols the waters enforcing boating regulations and burning regulations on Fernald's Neck and Lands End. Other duties that benefit the Town include: property security checks in hard-to-reach locations; setting navigation aids; monitoring activities at the swim areas and boat ramps; and working with Camden's code enforcement and tax assessor.

For more information on the MWA go to [www.megunticook.org](http://www.megunticook.org) and facebook.

## **CAMDEN-ROCKPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONWAY HOMESTEAD-CRAMER MUSEUM REPORT**

Brenda Barrett, President

The Camden-Rockport Historical Society is dedicated to the collection, preservation, and display of historical artifacts and records pertaining to the local area. The Society maintains the Conway Homestead-Cramer Museum as the focal point of these activities.

During the year we received an unusually large number of artifacts and documents from local residents that have been integrated into our displays. We encourage all residents to consider similar donations.

Our well attended fundraisers included the annual Antique Show in August, bean hole baked bean suppers and yard sales. All funds raised from our events go directly toward the preservation of our local heritage, maintenance of our buildings and the continuation of educational programs.

Our current on-going major project is the digitizing of our collection to enhance our research capability and organize our inventory to make it more accessible to the public.

The Camden-Rockport Historical Society Trustees and members appreciate the financial support provided by the Town of Camden and we invite and encourage area residents to visit the Conway Homestead-Cramer Museum and to become involved in the preservation of our historic past.

Trustees: Frank Carr, Lynn Feldborg, Elizabeth Moran, Roy Bennett, Heather Moran, Sandy Delano, Tom Jackson, Geri Annis O'Connor, Martyn Stanley, Maynard Stanley, Norma Stanley, Randy Stearns, Teddy Wilcox, Joan Bennett, Jan Kelsey, Nancy Ingraham, Parker Laite Sr.

## **MSAD 28 AND FIVE TOWN CSD 19 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Elaine Nutter, Superintendent

### ***MSAD 28***

Residents of Camden and Rockport provide tremendous support to their schools, and have every reason to be very proud of the Camden Rockport Elementary School (CRES) and Camden Rockport Middle School (CRMS). Administrators, teachers and staff are very dedicated to providing students from kindergarten to eighth grade an excellent education, and they continually strive to make our great schools even better.

The MSAD # 28 Board of Directors, MSAD administrators and staff recognize that students of today are expected to achieve at a higher level than ever before. Part of the challenge for us as a school system is to make sure that we set high academic expectations for students but balance that expectation with practices that support parents as they help children become and remain emotionally secure, confident, and socially competent.

Teachers and administrators in MSAD # 28 have worked in collaboration with teachers and administrators in Appleton, Hope and Lincolnville to ensure that, at each grade level, every student has an equitable opportunity to gain the knowledge, skills, and school work habits that will eventually position them for success when they enter Camden Hills Regional High School. Teachers are providing instruction so that students meet clear and attainable goals for learning at each grade level. They are also working to improve the reporting system so that parents will know where their child stands relative to the expectations for each subject and grade level.

One of the goals for the 2014-2015 academic year set by the MSAD # 28 Board of Directors is to increase professional growth of administrators and teachers through a new plan for supervision and evaluation. This plan increases the emphasis on professional growth as teachers and administrators provide a model of life long learning for students.

Finally, I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide service and leadership in a wonderful school system filled with great people.

### ***Five Towns CSD 19***

Camden Hills Regional High School continues to garner wide recognition as a great public secondary school that continually strives to become even better. The many achievements of staff and students are made possible because of the considerable support of all five communities, Appleton, Camden, Hope, Lincolnville and Rockport.

CHRHS is a school where excellence is not only valued, but also energetically supported. Students and staff members respond to that positive environment by consistently demonstrating accomplishment, persistence and effort. The four-year graduation rate for CHRHS is over an enviable ninety three percent. Over seventy two percent of the one hundred sixty six students who graduated last year went on to post-secondary education. Of the fifty-eight teachers, thirty two percent hold a Master's degree or higher, and the average teaching experience of the staff is approximately seventeen years.

Students have an extensive array of courses to satisfy graduation requirements, including advanced placement courses, honors level options, independent study, alternative education options, and technical courses. Many students achieve college credits during their high school career. In addition, a number of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities give students an opportunity to develop their leadership, skills and interests.

The Five Town CSD Board of Directors, CSD administrators and staff recognize the need to continually strive for improvement in order for all students to be globally competitive and to graduate prepared for citizenship, post secondary education, and work. Toward that end, the goals for the 2014-2015 academic year set by the Board of Directors are to increase professional growth of administrators and teachers through a new plan for supervision and evaluation, to consistently use technology as a tool for teaching and learning, and to develop a plan to award diplomas based upon demonstrated proficiency in graduation standards.

Progress toward the annual goals and a broad range of topics are reviewed at the monthly CSD Board of Director meetings, which are open to the public. Agendas and minutes of every CSD Board and committee meeting are posted on the Five Town CSD website, along with much more information about school events and programs. It is impossible to do justice to the deserved recognition of accomplishment and the acknowledgement of ongoing work for continual improvement in this report, so I invite you to attend a meeting, visit the website, or attend any of the school events, performances or demonstrations to enjoy the experiences provides by CHRHS.

Finally, as I will retire at the end of June after a career spanning forty four years, I want to take the opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to provide service and leadership in a wonderful school system filled with great people.

## MID-COAST SOLID WASTE CORPORATION

Jim Guerra, Manager

As I finish my sixth year managing MCSW, much of what I am working out in the back of my mind these days is how this facility will operate for the next twenty years, what will it look like and how much will it cost. Questions follow: How can I make recycling easier and more efficient? How can hauling of trash be made more efficient? How can I reduce the amount of time that anyone needs to be here to accomplish their chore? How can I encourage the public to use local haulers when possible? To some degree, the answers to these questions hinge on the fact that we are approaching a point where overall solid waste management in the region is likely to change. As I've mentioned in previous letters, this change is precipitated by the 2018 sun-setting of a lucrative pricing subsidy that has helped to make waste to energy incinerators, particularly the one we use, viable for close to thirty years. The choices to be made for beyond '18 will affect how we operate at this facility.

So far, there are two possibilities for waste disposal post March 31, 2018 other than landfilling. The first, continuing with Penobscot Energy Recovery Corporation (PERC), is tenuous at this point. With a projected tip fee twice the current tipping fee, the continuing operation of the plant could be jeopardized by loss of trash tonnage as municipalities seek lower cost disposal elsewhere. The controlling partner of PERC calculates it can operate in a sustainable way if trash volume (fuel) stays above 225,000 tons per annum at a tip fee somewhere around \$110 per ton. We currently pay \$55 per ton and the municipalities with long-term contracts currently deliver about 180,000 tons per annum. Necessary waste volume aside, uncertainty arises from the fact that the scenario is dependent on pending legislation (L.Ds. 743 & 273) in Augusta to effectively subsidize the plant's continued operation. We will need to watch this legislation closely to determine its affect on the long-term viability of the waste to energy incinerator.

The second disposal possibility could also be considered by some as tenuous. The Municipal Review Committee (MRC) is currently charged with financial oversight of the PERC plant as part of our (charter municipalities) limited ownership in the plant. Their Mission is to ensure long-term, affordable and environmentally sound disposal for its members of which we are one. Recognizing the PERC facility may no longer be viable once electrical price subsidies end in '18, they began a search for new and emerging technologies that would not require subsidy and would move waste management well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They are now working on a proposed plant located in Hampden, ME which, on paper, diverts 80% of our trash from the landfill and with a goal to operate profitably at \$60 per ton of trash.

The proposed system takes advantage of technology already developed; anaerobic digestion and enzymatic hydrolysis, to reduce our household waste to methane gas and/or other bulk commodity products. The difference is that the feedstock in this application is household waste. The University of Maine Pulp and Paper Engineering Department has performed a due diligence of the process and has provided a very positive review. It's in the translation from paper to reality where we need to pay complete attention but the University feels that the technology is readily scalable. Fortunately, if this project goes forward, it will be after the same plant is built and commissioned in Iowa for a similar population.

So it is clear that the future holds some unknowns regarding the region's solid waste management. The answers should become clearer by the end of this year. This is "none too soon" as the region's communities will have to make choices by end of June of '16. Please stay as informed as you can. We will use the local papers as well as our website to provide more information as it is available ([midcoastsolidwaste.org](http://midcoastsolidwaste.org)). In the meantime, we have more local plans to consider.

The MCSW Board of Directors and its Capital and Strategic Planning Committee are working diligently to develop a design for this facility with the aim of increasing recycling and overall throughput efficiency of this facility. Right now we are a rather sprawling facility resulting in more labor and more of your time spent to accomplish what could be a simpler task. All possibilities are on the table including consideration of single stream recycling which would collect all recyclables in one container to be trucked off for mechanical processing elsewhere in the State. Putting the entire household trash handling aspect of the

facility under one roof is also a consideration. We will provide opportunity for our local haulers as well as our public to chime in on any plans as concepts become more gelled by the constraints of reality. One thing is for sure, an appropriate increase in our recycling rate would help greatly in controlling the impact of future tip fees and we can do that at any time! Our current rate is languishing below 30% which leaves much room for improvement.

Last year I mentioned that we would attempt to stop the underground flow of water from the open, water filled quarry on the north of the facility into the south. This effort is ongoing and we will keep you informed of any construction that might clutter access to the facility. The endeavor to stop this flow is part of closing the landfill and would significantly reduce our long-term, post closure costs.

Please be reminded that our annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will again be the third Saturday of June which is the 20<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, I would be remiss if I failed to mention that the crew we have is here to help. If by chance they point out that something doesn't belong in a particular place, for example, a plastic envelope does not belong with paper items, they truly are not making it up. As end users for recycled commodities become more and more scarce, it becomes much more difficult to market "contaminated" material. Please read signs, grab a new flier at the gate and feel free to ask questions!

**RESULTS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**June 10 and 11, 2014**

On June 10, 2014 at 8:00am Town Clerk Katrina Oakes called the Town Meeting to order. The Warrant Greeting and Return were read and the voters proceeded to act on warrant articles as follows:

**Article 1**

Deborah Dodge was elected as Moderator to preside at said meeting. After taking an oath of office, Mrs. Dodge led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and declared the polls open for voting until 8:00pm.

THE POLLS OPENED AS SOON AS ARTICLE ONE WAS ACTED UPON AND REMAINED OPEN TO VOTE ON ARTICLE 2 BY SECRET BALLOT UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WERE PROCESSED BEGINNING AT 10:00AM

FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN CAMDEN VOTERS TURNED OUT TO VOTE ON ARTICLE 2

**Article 2**

To elect by secret ballot

Two Select Board Members for a three year term (Select Board members shall serve as Overseers of the Poor, Assessors and Wastewater Commissioners); and

**JAMES I. HEARD WAS ELECTED WITH 398 VOTES**  
**DONALD A. WHITE, JR. WAS ELECTED WITH 354 VOTES**

Two Directors of Maine School Administrative District #28/CSD #19 for three year terms; and

**TANYA KRISTIN COLLINS WAS ELECTED WITH 340 VOTES**  
**MATTHEW DAILEY WAS ELECTED WITH 336 VOTES**

One Director of Maine School Administrative District #28/CSD #19 for one year term; and

**LYNDA CHILTON WAS ELECTED WITH 428 VOTES**

One member of the Personnel Board for a three year term.

**DAVID MIRAMANT WAS ELECTED WITH 419 VOTES**

**(The following articles (3-13) will be "FLOOR" articles to be voted on by registered voters on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Camden Opera House.)**

**Article 3**

The Town voted to set November 1 or the next regular business day thereafter, and May 1 or the next regular business day thereafter, as due dates for taxes and to fix the rate of interest on unpaid taxes at 7% per year.

**Article 4**

The Town voted to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept grants, gifts, real estate and other funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town.

## **Article 5**

The Town voted to authorize the Select Board to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner which the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town of Camden, provided however that the Apollo Tannery property as described in Book 3148 Pages 278 and 280, excluding the fee interest in the land burdened by the Coastal Mountains Land Trust Declaration recorded in Book 4093 Page 81, shall be disposed of subject to the requirements of Article 10 of the Town Warrant from the Annual Town Meeting held on June 10, 2008.

## **Article 6**

The Town voted to authorize the Select Board to dispose of personal property pursuant to the Town's Purchasing Regulations, as amended; and further authorize the Town Manager to dispose of personal property pursuant to the Town's Purchasing Regulations, as amended, which has a market value of less than three thousand dollars.

## **Article 7**

The Town voted to authorize the Select Board, following a public hearing, to transfer an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the unexpended balances from any budgetary category to another budgetary category of the annual budget, subject to the limitations contained in this Article, during the period from April 1 to the date of the annual town meeting in June? The transfer of unexpended balances from various budgetary categories shall not increase the expenditure in any budgetary category by an amount which exceeds two-twelfths (2/12) of the budgeted amount approved for that budgetary category by the annual town meeting.

## **Article 8**

The Town voted to appropriate \$1,906,650 from non-property tax revenue sources to be used in reducing the property tax commitment for the expenditures in the following article for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

## **Article 9**

To see what sums of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, net of non-property tax revenues, for the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget for the following purposes, or act thereon:

- A. GENERAL GOVERNMENT-**The town voted to appropriate \$1,634,562**
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY-**The town voted to appropriate \$1,844,895**
- C. HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES-**The town voted to appropriate \$1,364,950**
- D. HEALTH & WELFARE-**The voted to appropriate \$27,425**
- E. LEISURE SERVICES-**The town voted to appropriate \$925,960**
- F. CEMETERIES-**The town voted to appropriate \$95,245**
- G. DEBT/CAPITAL/CONTINGENCY-**The town voted to appropriate \$855,902**

**Total Expenditures Approved by voters A through G: \$6,748,939 as recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board**

## **Article 10**

To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established by State law to cover the municipal budget approved by all the preceding articles, if necessary.

**This Article was not required.**

## **Article 11**

The Town voted to elect Elaine Davis to serve on the Board of Trustees of the W. H. Pascal Fund with a term to expire 2017.

**Article 12**

- A. The town elected seven members for three year terms each (terms expire in 2017) to serve on the Budget Committee as follows:

<b>Kate Bates</b>	<b>Jean Freedman-White</b>	<b>Richard Gross</b>
<b>Matt Orne</b>	<b>Cindi Ostrowski</b>	<b>Etienne Perret</b>
<b>Joe Russillo</b>		

**Note: Deborah Oliver was nominated as the eighth member, but declined to serve.**

- B. The town elected one member to serve a two year term to expire in 2016 to serve on the Budget Committee.

**Jeff Weymouth was nominated but declined to serve. Alex Cohn was nominated and elected.**

**Note: Alex Cohn is not a resident of Camden and therefore, unable to serve.**

- C. The town elected one member to serve a one year term to expire in 2015 to serve on the Budget Committee.

**John Scholz was nominated but declined to serve.**

**Deborah Oliver was nominated and elected.**

**Article 13**

The town elected Roger Moody and Dave Nazaroff to serve as a Budget Committee Nominating Committee for a one year term expiring in June 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

42 Register Voters attended.

Respectfully submitted,

*Katrina Oakes*

Town Clerk

**RESULTS FOR SAD#28 BUDGET REFERENDUM  
JUNE 10, 2014**

**ARTICLE 1**

The town voted that the MSAD 28 Budget for 2014-2015 school year that was adopted at the district budget meeting on May 27, 2014 be approved.

**YES 401 NO 111**

**RESULTS FOR CSD #19 BUDGET REFERENDUM  
JUNE 10, 2014**

**ARTICLE 1**

The town voted that the CSD 19 Budget for 2014-2015 school year that was adopted at the district budget meeting on May 27, 2014 be approved.

**YES 447 NO 117**

**RESULTS FOR  
TOWN OF CAMDEN  
WARRANT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
Tuesday, November 4, 2014**

On November 4, 2014 at 8:00am Town Clerk Katrina Oakes called the Town Meeting to order. The Warrant Greeting and Return were read and the voters proceeded to act on warrant articles as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

Deborah Dodge was elected as Moderator to preside at said meeting. After taking an oath of office, Mrs. Dodge led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and declared the polls open for voting until 8:00pm.

THE POLLS OPENED AS SOON AS ARTICLE ONE WAS ACTED UPON AND REMAINED OPEN TO VOTE ON ARTICLE 2 BY SECRET BALLOT UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WERE PROCESSED BEGINNING AT 10:00AM

TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY TWO CAMDEN VOTERS TURNED OUT TO VOTE ON ARTICLE 2-3.

**ARTICLE 2**

The Town voted not to amend Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Camden, Article VI Section 2(2)(c) with the underlined language below:

(c) An inn located on a lot that is less than two acres in the Traditional Village District, shall not add sleeping rooms offered for rent beyond those legally existing as of the date of enactment of this ordinance, nor shall it be used more intensely with respect to functions, services, or similar activities otherwise allowed in inns beyond those being routinely and legally offered as of the date of enactment of this ordinance, except an Inn abutting High St and within 500' of a zone where restaurants are an allowed use may be granted a Special Exception to be allowed to serve meals to overnight guests only, subject to meeting the standards of a Low Impact Use as determined by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

YES    1259                      NO    1503

**ARTICLE 3**

***ADVISORY VOTE***

Do you support using the Tannery property for commercial/business uses described in the Guiding Principles approved by the Town Meeting, or do you support using the Tannery property for park/open space.

**Commercial/business:**                      **1429**  
 **Park/open Space:**                              **1360**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Katrina Oakes*  
Town Clerk

**RESULTS-TOWN OF CAMDEN  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
Tuesday December 16, 2014**

**ARTICLE 1**

Deborah Dodge was elected as Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2**

The town voted to (1) Approve a Capital Improvement Project consisting of upgrades to the sewer treatment plant, including engineering and design fees, transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; (2) appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000) to meet the costs of the Project; (3) authorize the Town Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000) to fund this appropriation; and (4) delegate to the Treasurer and Chair the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rates, call(s) for redemption, denomination(s), form(s) and other details of said securities, and including the execution, sale and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town?

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Outstanding balance of the Town's general obligation bonds:	\$2,483,808
B. Bonds authorized and unissued (Snow Bowl Project):	\$2,000,000
C. Amount of bonds to be issued if this Article passes: <u>\$ 550,000</u>	
Total:	\$5,033,808

Costs: At an estimated net interest rate of 3% for a twenty (20) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Principal:.....	\$550,000
Interest:.....	\$165,000
Total Debt Service:.....	\$715,000

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.

**Note to Voters:** The Town has a capital improvement plan to maintain the Town's facilities, infrastructure and equipment. The purpose of this bond is to upgrade the Sea Street and Mt. Battie Street pump stations and make improvements to the wastewater plant to improve their function and meet environmental standards. If this bond issue is approved, it would impact the tax rate by approximately 8 cents. For a home valued at \$250,000 that would add about \$20 to the total tax bill.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Katrina Oakes*  
Town Clerk

**TOWN CLERK'S RETURN AND  
CERTIFICATE AS TO RESULTS OF VOTING**

**TOWN OF CAMDEN**

I certify that the result of the vote taken on Article 1 of the Warrant and Notice of Election in the Town of Camden, covering the Maine School Administrative District No. 28 Referendum held February 10, 2015, relating to the issuance of bonds or notes for school construction project purposes by Maine School Administrative District No. 28 is as follows:

Article 1: Do you favor authorizing the School Board of Maine School Administrative District No. 28 ("the District") to issue bonds or notes in the name of the District for school construction purposes in an amount not to exceed \$28,000,000 to construct and equip a grade 5 through 8 middle school on the site of the existing Camden Rockport Middle School, as described in greater detail below (the "Project")?

The Project budget includes the following elements:

- a. New construction.
- b. Demolition of portions of the existing middle school facility.
- c. Renovations to the Mary E. Tyler building.
- d. Other renovations and improvements to school facilities, including infrastructure.
- e. To the extent, if any, needed for the development of the Project on the existing site, acquisition and conveyance of easements and other interests in real property.

YES    435                      NO    548

Respectfully submitted,  
*Katrina Oakes*  
Town Clerk

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**June 9 and 10, 2015**

County of Knox

To: Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Camden, Maine

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Camden, required by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Camden Public Safety Building, Washington Street in said Town on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the forenoon to 8:00 p.m. in the afternoon to vote on Articles 1 and 5 at which time the meeting will adjourn. The adjourned meeting will be reopened at the Camden Opera House Auditorium on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the remaining articles in the warrant. All of said Articles being set out below, to wit:

**Article 1**

To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

THE POLLS WILL OPEN AS SOON AS ARTICLE ONE HAS BEEN ACTED UPON AND WILL REMAIN OPEN TO VOTE ON ARTICLES 2 THROUGH 5 BY SECRET BALLOT UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

**Article 2**

To elect by secret ballot

Two Select Board Members for a three year term (Select Board members shall serve as Overseers of the Poor, Assessors and Wastewater Commissioners); and

One Director of Maine School Administrative District #28/CSD #19 for three year terms; and

One member of the Personnel Board for a three year term.

**Article 3**

Shall the town vote to amend the Camden Zoning Ordinance, Article XII, Site Plan Review, Section 1 Purpose and Applicability and Section 6 Criteria to add a new overlay to the following zones: Highway Business 2 District (B2), Highway Transition 3 District (B3), Neighborhood Service 4 District (B4), River Business District (BR), and Transitional River Business (B-TR)

*Note: The full text of the proposed amendment to be enacted by this article has been certified by the Chairperson of the Select Board and is attached to this Warrant.*

**Article 4**

Shall the town vote to amend the Camden Zoning Ordinance, Article VIII, District Regulations, Section 7 Traditional Village District (V) to eliminate the ability to apply for low impact uses as defined by the Zoning Ordinance on lots located wholly or in part within 500 feet of a business or industrial district.

*Note: The full text of the proposed amendment to be enacted by this article has been certified by the Chairperson of the Select Board and is attached to this Warrant.*

**Article 5**

Shall the town vote to amend the Camden Zoning Ordinance, Article VIII, District Regulations, Section 6 Village Extension District (VE) to eliminate the ability to apply for low impact uses as defined by the Zoning Ordinance on lots located wholly or in part within 500 feet of a business or industrial district.

*Note: The full text of the proposed amendment to be enacted by this article has been certified by the Chairperson of the Select Board and is attached to this Warrant.*

**(The following articles (6-16) will be “FLOOR” articles to be voted on by registered voters on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Camden Opera House.)**

**Article 6**

Shall the Town vote to set November 15 or the next regular business day thereafter, and May 15 or the next regular business day thereafter, as due dates for taxes and to fix the rate of interest on unpaid taxes at 7% per year?

**Article 7**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept grants, gifts, real estate and other funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town?

**Article 8**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner which the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town of Camden, provided however that the Apollo Tannery property as described in Book 3148 Pages 278 and 280, excluding the fee interest in the land burdened by the Coastal Mountains Land Trust Declaration recorded in Book 4093 Page 81, shall be disposed of subject to the requirements of Article 10 of the Town Warrant from the Annual Town Meeting held on June 10, 2008?

**Article 9**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of personal property pursuant to the Town’s Purchasing Regulations, as amended; and further authorize the Town Manager to dispose of personal property pursuant to the Town’s Purchasing Regulations, as amended, which has a market value of less than three thousand dollars?

**Article 10**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, following a public hearing, to transfer an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the unexpended balances from any budgetary category to another budgetary category of the annual budget, subject to the limitations contained in this Article, during the period from April 1 to the date of the annual town meeting in June? The transfer of unexpended balances from various budgetary categories shall not increase the expenditure in any budgetary category by an amount which exceeds two-twelfths (2/12) of the budgeted amount approved for that budgetary category by the annual town meeting?

**Article 11**

Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$1,910,150 from non-property tax revenue sources to be used in reducing the property tax commitment for the expenditures in the following article for the 2015-2016 fiscal year?

*The Budget Committee and Select Board both recommend.*

**Article 12**

To see what sums of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, net of non-property tax revenues, for the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget for the following purposes, or act thereon:

	<u>Budget Committee Recommends</u>	<u>Select Board Recommends</u>
A. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,681,048	\$1,684,689
B. PUBLIC SAFETY	\$1,916,846	\$1,916,846
C. HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES	\$1,433,658	\$1,433,658
D. HEALTH & WELFARE	\$ 27,150	\$ 27,150

E. LEISURE SERVICES	\$ 955,094	\$ 955,094
F. CEMETERIES	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
G. DEBT/CAPITAL/CONTINGENCY	<u>\$1,051,173</u>	<u>\$1,043,673</u>
<b>Total Proposed Expenditures A through G:</b>	<b>\$7,154,969</b>	<b>\$7,151,110</b>

**Article 13**

To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established by State law to cover the municipal budget approved by all the preceding articles, if necessary.

**Article 14**

Shall the Town vote to elect one person to serve on the Board of Trustees of the W. H. Pascal Fund for a term of three years?

**Article 15**

- A. To elect nine members for three year terms each (terms expire in 2018) to serve on the Budget Committee.
- B. To elect two members for a two year term to expire in 2017 to serve on the Budget Committee.
- C. To elect one member for a one year term to expire in June 2016 to serve on the Budget Committee.

**Article 16**

To elect three members and two alternate members to serve as a Budget Committee Nominating Committee for a one year term expiring in June 2016.

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The Select Board gives notice that the Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Camden Town Office for the purpose of accepting and correcting the voting list during regular business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and at the polls Tuesday, June 9, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

You must be a Camden registered voter to vote in any election.

Given under our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015.

**CAMDEN SELECT BOARD**

**Martin Cates, Chairperson**  
**Donald White, Vice Chairperson**  
**John French**  
**Leonard Lookner**

**John R. French, Jr.**  
**James Heard**

**TOWN OF CAMDEN FY16 BUDGET**  
**Revenues**

REVENUE SOURCE	FY 12	FY 13	FY 13	FY 14	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Budget
<b>TAXES</b>							
90-0201 Tax Interest	43,557	40,000	33,772	40,000	45,419	40,000	40,000
90-0202 Lien Interest	15,166	16,000	10,389	16,000	8,340	16,000	16,000
90-0203 Lien Costs	6,053	6,500	5,803	6,500	6,798	6,500	6,500
<b>Total - Misc Taxes</b>	<b>64,776</b>	<b>62,500</b>	<b>49,964</b>	<b>62,500</b>	<b>60,556</b>	<b>62,500</b>	<b>62,500</b>
<b>STATE REVENUES</b>							
90-0501 State Rev Sharing	304,494	297,000	281,237	267,000	186,735	170,000	170,000
90-0502 Tree Growth Reimb.	8,403	5,000	8,850	7,000	8,438	8,500	8,500
90-0503 Veterans Exemp Reimb.	5,547	4,500	5,507	5,000	5,697	5,500	5,500
90-0504 Local Road Assistance	59,268	55,000	57,792	55,000	59,324	57,000	55,000
90-0505 Snowmobile Revenue	437	500	252	500	417	500	500
90-0506 Pumpout Boat Reimb.	16,508	17,000	14,546	23,000	20,580	23,000	23,000
90-0508 State Park Reimb.	5,676	4,000	5,663	4,000	5,742	5,000	4,000
<b>Total - State Revenues</b>	<b>400,333</b>	<b>383,000</b>	<b>373,846</b>	<b>361,500</b>	<b>286,932</b>	<b>269,500</b>	<b>266,500</b>
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>							
90-1001 Vehicle Excise Tax	768,390	760,000	805,917	770,000	879,430	780,000	790,000
90-1002 Vehicle Registration by Mail	207	200	179	200	143	200	200
90-1003 Boat Excise Tax	32,427	32,000	33,240	32,000	33,348	32,000	32,000
90-1004 Animal Control Fees	2,468	2,200	2,342	2,200	2,530	2,000	2,000
90-1005 Town Clerk Fees	15,831	12,500	15,731	15,000	14,479	15,000	15,000
90-1006 Plumbing Fees	9,810	5,000	7,338	6,400	8,434	7,000	7,000
90-1007 Building Permit Fees	45,708	50,000	45,981	52,000	35,963	50,000	50,000
90-1008 Administrative Fees	16,308	16,000	15,859	16,000	16,443	16,000	16,000
90-1009 Cable TV Franchise	65,231	65,000	68,173	65,000	68,842	67,000	67,000
90-1010 Electrical Fees	3,362	3,500	3,309	3,500	4,132	4,000	5,000
<b>Total - Lic, Permits &amp; Fees</b>	<b>959,742</b>	<b>946,400</b>	<b>998,070</b>	<b>962,300</b>	<b>1,063,742</b>	<b>973,200</b>	<b>984,200</b>
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES - INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS</b>							
90-1502 Police Revenue	3,850	3,000	3,576	3,000	2,689	3,000	3,000
90-1503 Parking Tickets	11,049	16,000	10,134	12,000	15,530	10,000	15,000
90-1504 Parks & Rec Revenue	18,581	14,000	22,891	16,000	21,750	18,000	18,000
90-1505 Parks & Rec - Mowing	5,000	5,000	5,550	5,000	5,550	5,000	5,000
90-1507 Cemetery Maintenance	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
90-1509 Harbor Park Mowing	6,973	5,200	6,500	6,400	6,500	5,000	5,000
90-1601 Opera House Rentals	85,212	80,000	71,738	80,000	60,028	80,000	80,000
90-1701 Harbor Permits	161,899	158,000	178,507	158,000	178,272	160,000	160,000
90-1704 Harbor Dockage/Misc	60,222	50,000	62,041	53,000	48,905	55,000	60,000
<b>Total - Chgs for Services</b>	<b>402,785</b>	<b>381,200</b>	<b>410,937</b>	<b>383,400</b>	<b>389,225</b>	<b>386,000</b>	<b>396,000</b>

**TOWN OF CAMDEN FY16 BUDGET**  
**Revenues**

REVENUE SOURCE	FY 12 Actuals	FY 13 Budget	FY 13 Actuals	FY 14 Budget	FY 14 Actuals	FY 15 Budget	FY 16 Budget
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>							
90-2001 Interest Earned	7,401	20,000	4,647	15,000	3,513	5,000	5,000
90-2002 Yacht Club Lease	20,646	19,500	20,832	20,650	21,248	21,000	21,500
90-2003 Public Landing Leases	3,022	3,000	3,099	3,100	3,209	3,000	3,000
90-2004 Other Revenue/Misc.	4,953	6,000	7,177	6,000	6,415	6,000	5,000
90-2005 Sale of Surplus Equip/property	647	0	0	0	150	0	1,000
90-2006 Town of Rockport WW Bond	14,382	14,450	8,043	14,450	20,036	14,450	14,450
90-2007 Verizon Cell Tower Lease <sup>1</sup>	14,400	14,400	14,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
90-2008 Insurance Dividends	8,182	9,000	0	9,000	0	0	1,000
<b>Total - Misc</b>	73,632	86,350	58,198	70,600	56,970	49,450	50,950
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS</b>							
90-3001 Trust Fund Income	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
<b>Total - Transfers</b>	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>							
90-4002 Surplus	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	285,000	150,000	150,000
Surplus - Laite Beach							
Use of TIF Revenue		30,000	0				
<b>Subtotal - Other</b>	150,000	180,000	150,000	150,000	285,000	150,000	150,000
<b>TOTAL - MUNICIPAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,056,269</b>	<b>2,044,450</b>	<b>2,046,015</b>	<b>1,995,300</b>	<b>2,147,425</b>	<b>1,895,650</b>	<b>1,910,150</b>

**TOWN OF CAMDEN FY16 BUDGET**  
**Expenditure Summary**

	<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY 15</b>	<b>FY 16</b>	<b>FY 16</b>	<b>FY 16</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>DRAFT</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Select</b>
				<b>Budget</b>	<b>Recommend</b>	<b>Board</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>						
Admin/Fin/Assessing	665,035	693,018	711,175	745,456	731,456	731,456
Professional Services	51,000	51,000	55,000	50,000	42,000	42,000
Planning & Development	242,600	269,594	288,600	281,403	266,403	270,044
Information Technology	56,000	64,000	76,000	69,000	66,000	66,000
Insurances	152,500	166,500	206,160	275,682	250,682	250,682
Opera House Town Offices	82,100	80,937	83,595	85,611	82,611	82,611
Opera House- Auditorium	207,600	221,971	234,032	246,896	241,896	241,896
<b>Total - General Government</b>	<b>1,456,835</b>	<b>1,547,020</b>	<b>1,654,562</b>	<b>1,754,048</b>	<b>1,681,048</b>	<b>1,684,689</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>						
Police Department	957,300	969,954	999,925	1,064,572	1,059,572	1,059,572
County Dispatch	121,151	122,422	125,600	126,497	126,497	126,497
Fire Department	342,610	357,716	388,780	410,844	403,844	403,844
Public Safety Building	49,915	47,665	48,460	49,036	40,536	40,536
Hydrant Assessment	218,500	218,600	235,590	236,697	201,897	201,897
Emergency Medical Services	20,000	50,000	10,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Emergency Operations Center -NEW				1,500	1,000	1,000
Street Lights	59,000	60,500	60,500	63,500	63,500	63,500
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>1,768,476</b>	<b>1,826,857</b>	<b>1,868,855</b>	<b>1,972,646</b>	<b>1,916,846</b>	<b>1,916,846</b>
<b>HIGHWAYS STREETS &amp; BRIDGES</b>						
Public Works	856,800	876,214	910,310	980,058	972,558	972,558
Streets & Sidewalks	369,500	376,000	389,100	433,500	431,500	431,500
Parking	3,700	3,900	6,400	6,600	4,600	4,600
Tree Program	16,100	16,100	19,500	27,000	25,000	25,000
<b>Total H'ways Sts &amp; Bridges</b>	<b>1,246,100</b>	<b>1,272,214</b>	<b>1,325,310</b>	<b>1,447,158</b>	<b>1,433,658</b>	<b>1,433,658</b>
<b>HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>						
American Red Cross	2,132	2,132	2,500		2,500	2,500
Broad Reach Family/Youthlinks	500	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
Coastal Transportation	2,650	2,650	2,425		2,650	2,650
Amerian Legion (Memorial Day)	1,200	1,200	1,200		1,500	1,500
C/R Historical Society	1,000	1,000	3,000		3,000	3,000
Five Town Communitates That Care			1,000		1,000	1,000
Merryspring, Inc.	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
Pen Bay YMCA Teen Center	13,113	14,600	14,500		14,500	14,500
<b>Total Health &amp; Welfare</b>	<b>30,967</b>	<b>25,582</b>	<b>26,625</b>		<b>27,150</b>	<b>27,150</b>

**TOWN OF CAMDEN FY16 BUDGET**  
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<b>LEISURE SERVICES</b>						
Camden Public Library	355,000	355,000	375,000	395,000	395,000	395,000
Harbor & Landing	154,800	166,668	171,755	180,401	180,401	180,401
Recreation	127,980	136,011	157,520	161,239	161,239	161,239
Parks	198,270	201,247	219,685	216,454	216,454	216,454
Megunticook Dams	10,500	6,000	7,000	5,000	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Leisure Services</b>	<b>846,550</b>	<b>864,926</b>	<b>930,960</b>	<b>958,094</b>	<b>955,094</b>	<b>955,094</b>
<b>CEMETERIES</b>						
Cemetery Association	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Cemetery Maintenance	50,000	53,739	55,245	50,000	50,000	50,000
<b>Total Cemetery</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>93,739</b>	<b>95,245</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>
<b>DEBT/CAPITAL/CONTINGENCY</b>						
Debt Service Principal	411,291	426,257	586,138	540,473	535,473	528,673
Debt Service Interest	101,082	98,000	144,164	147,675	147,000	147,000
Capital Reserves	119,400	117,000	138,000	169,500	139,500	139,000
Capital Improvement Program	98,000	119,000	222,000	298,200	189,200	189,000
Contingency	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
<b>Total Debt/Capital/Conting</b>	<b>769,773</b>	<b>800,257</b>	<b>1,130,302</b>	<b>1,195,848</b>	<b>1,051,173</b>	<b>1,043,673</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL TOTAL</b>	<b>6,208,701</b>	<b>6,430,595</b>	<b>7,031,859</b>	<b>7,417,794</b>	<b>7,154,969</b>	<b>7,151,110</b>

**CAMDEN TOWN OFFICE**

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Telephone: 236-3353

Fax Number: 236-7956

Closed all Legal Holidays and Weekends

**Website Address: [www.camdenmaine.gov](http://www.camdenmaine.gov)**

**TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

Fire Department (non-emergency)	<a href="http://www.camdenmaine.gov/fire">www.camdenmaine.gov/fire</a>	236-7950
Police Department (non-emergency)	<a href="http://www.camdenmaine.gov/police">www.camdenmaine.gov/police</a>	236-7967
Public Works/Highway Department	<a href="http://www.camdenmaine.gov/publicworks">www.camdenmaine.gov/publicworks</a>	236-7954
Harbormaster’s Office	<a href="http://www.camdenmaine.gov/harbor">www.camdenmaine.gov/harbor</a>	236-7969
Parks & Recreation/Camden Snow Bowl	<a href="http://www.camdensnowbowl.com">www.camdensnowbowl.com</a>	236-3438
Camden Opera House	<a href="http://www.camdenoperahouse.com">www.camdenoperahouse.com</a>	236-7963
Wastewater Department		236-7955
Knox County Dispatch		236-3030

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Fire, Police and Ambulance	911
Maine State Police	1-800-452-4664
Knox County Sheriff’s Office	1-800-337-0565
Poison Control Center	1-800-442-6305
Pen Bay Medical Center	596-8000
North East Mobile Health Services (Ambulance)	230-0082

**REFERENCE NUMBERS**

Maine Water, Inc.. (Water Company)	282-1543
Camden Post Office	236-3570
Camden Public Library	236-3440
Superintendent’s Office	236-3358
Camden Hills Regional High School	236-7800
Camden Rockport Middle School	236-7805
Camden Rockport Elementary School	236-7807/7809
Teen Center	230-0866

**MIDCOAST SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION**

Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 p.m.

Telephone: 236-7958

Closed Sunday and Monday

**CAMDEN-ROCKPORT-LINCOLNVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

2 Public Landing

236-4404

**Website Address: [www.camdenme.org](http://www.camdenme.org)**