

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

Monday, September 23, 2009

5:45 p.m.

Hampden Town Office

1. Minutes of August 17, 2009 Meeting
2. Review and signature of Warrants
3. Review of Financial Statements
4. Old Business
5. New Business
 - a. Excise Tax Referendum
 - b. Tabor II Referendum
 - c. 10 Mayo Road
6. Public Comments
7. Committee Member Comments

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, August 17, 2009

Attending:

Mayor Matthew Arnett
Councilor William Shakespeare
Councilor Thomas Brann
Councilor Janet Hughes
Councilor Andre Cushing
Sue Lessard, Town Manager

The meeting was opened at 5:45 by Mayor Arnett

1. The minutes of the August 3, 2009 Finance Committee meeting were reviewed. No changes or corrections were made and the Mayor declared them accepted.
2. The warrants were reviewed and signed by Mayor Arnett and Councilor Shakespeare.
3. Old Business
 - a. The Committee discussed the long-term resident tax rebate proposal that had been tabled pending information related to the tax commitment for 2010. The Town Manager provided information that showed that the overlay for the 2010 commitment would be just over \$46,000, which is less than 1% of the total commitment. The cost of a \$10,000 valuation credit on the 300 over-65 eligible residents would total \$47,700.

Committee members discussed their concerns over the implementation of such a program at this time. Mayor Arnett cited the issue of competing needs for funding, Councilor Shakespeare cited concerns over the timing of it since the employees had given up cost of living increases in this year, Councilor Cushing was concerned over the potential to divide the community by creating 'classes' of eligibility, Councilor Hughes had reservations about singling out one group over another since the economy is putting stress on everyone. Despite these reservations, however, there was consensus that this idea should remain active for future consideration. Councilor Brann – who originated the idea for the proposal – was concerned about postponing it another year but agreed that in this environment, we need to make sure that if we do start it at some point, it can remain active

and ongoing. Motion by William Shakespeare, seconded by Andre Cushing to postpone further discussion on this issue until budget preparation for the 2010-2011 budget. Vote 5 – 0.

4. New Business

- a. Councilor Cushing suggested that the Council hold a strategic planning session prior to the next budget. After the seating of Councilors in January of 2010 was identified as an appropriate time frame.
- b. The Town Manager announced that the Assessor would be retiring at the end of December of 2009 and that advertisements would be placed soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard
Town Manager

Talking Points in Opposition to the Excise Tax Initiative

- Municipal officials are strongly opposed to the excise tax initiative
- Motor vehicle excise taxes are collected by Maine's towns and cities and retained at the local level to be used for local purposes. The initiative drastically reduces this source of revenue by 40%. (Total excise taxes collected in 2008 = \$205 million. The initiative would reduce that revenue by \$82 million)
- Statewide, municipalities spend \$235 million per year maintaining over 13,000 miles of local roads and over 800 local bridges. This includes plowing snow and sanding streets in the winter as well as road reconstruction and bridge repair in the summer. This work is crucial to our economy and our safety.
- The money used for this road work comes primarily from two sources, 90% from the motor vehicle excise tax and 10% from state aid. There is no requirement that excise taxes to be used for road repair and maintenance, but the facts clearly show that they are. The amount all our towns and cities spend on roads and bridges put together is equal to all motor vehicle excise taxes plus all state aid. This is no coincidence.
- The cut to the motor vehicle excise tax caused by the initiative would reduce the quality of our roads and local bridges.
- Also, the initiative will only benefit people who own newer cars, hybrid-type cars and motorcycles. According to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, nearly 70% of registered cars in Maine don't qualify for any benefit under this proposal. The only ones to get a break are those who can afford a new car, but new cars and hybrids do just as much damage to roads as other cars.
- This proposal only benefits a few. Most of us will see poorer roads or increased property taxes to make up for the lost revenue, or some combination of both.

Excise Tax Initiative Impact (2008)

		Assessed		Mill	Excise	Initiative Impact	
		Value	Commitment	Rate	Tax	Municipal	Mill Rate
						Budget Cut ¹	Increase
Auburn	ANDR	2,075,879,000	38,215,932	18.41	3,303,512	1,321,405	0.64
Durham	ANDR	185,317,940	3,561,811	19.22	648,123	259,249	1.40
Greene	ANDR	299,330,600	3,562,034	11.90	685,105	274,042	0.92
Leeds	ANDR	169,358,200	1,778,261	10.50	310,359	124,144	0.73
Lewiston	ANDR	1,850,645,850	46,081,082	24.90	4,038,087	1,615,235	0.87
Lisbon	ANDR	372,752,560	9,505,190	25.50	1,286,131	514,452	1.38
Livermore	ANDR	151,345,229	2,292,880	15.15	318,657	127,463	0.84
Livermore Falls	ANDR	177,823,500	3,343,082	18.80	328,858	131,543	0.74
Mechanic Falls	ANDR	139,705,496	2,556,611	18.30	373,402	149,361	1.07
Minot	ANDR	154,575,786	2,334,094	15.10	461,531	184,612	1.19
Poland	ANDR	433,977,865	9,938,093	22.90	1,005,781	402,312	0.93
Sabattus	ANDR	273,457,717	3,441,465	12.58	704,304	281,722	1.03
Turner	ANDR	357,671,201	4,803,524	13.43	1,007,196	402,878	1.13
Wales	ANDR	103,468,537	1,345,091	13.00	203,498	81,399	0.79
Allagash	AROO	25,443,282	292,598	11.50	16,885	6,754	0.27
Amity	AROO	11,588,920	235,012	20.28	32,202	12,881	1.11
Ashland	AROO	67,502,870	1,316,306	19.50	246,969	98,788	1.46
Bancroft	AROO	6,116,593	119,274	19.50	6,244	2,498	0.41
Blaine	AROO	20,802,421	384,842	18.50	153,141	61,256	2.94
Bridgewater	AROO	30,601,439	367,218	12.00	82,403	32,961	1.08
Caribou	AROO	263,945,900	6,334,702	24.00	1,170,085	468,034	1.77
Cary Pt	AROO	9,844,690	173,267	17.60	31,687	12,675	1.29
Castle Hill	AROO	18,896,965	217,315	11.50	61,678	24,671	1.31
Caswell	AROO	10,985,917	230,704	21.00	51,945	20,778	1.89
Chapman	AROO	20,990,144	253,981	12.10	94,239	37,696	1.80
Crystal	AROO	12,356,729	240,956	19.50	38,412	15,365	1.24
Cyr Pt	AROO	5,734,320	126,155	22.00	33,893	13,557	2.36
Dyer Brook	AROO	12,299,090	131,600	10.70	49,863	19,945	1.62
Eagle Lake	AROO	59,485,700	1,041,000	17.50	136,818	54,727	0.92
Easton	AROO	178,247,300	3,564,946	20.00	196,693	78,677	0.44
Fort Fairfield	AROO	142,060,720	3,089,821	21.75	480,445	192,178	1.35
Fort Kent	AROO	203,937,219	2,855,121	14.00	881,710	352,684	1.73
Frenchville	AROO	36,853,772	691,009	18.75	227,799	91,120	2.47
Garfield Pt	AROO	7,053,998	7,759	1.10	33,669	13,468	1.91
Glenwood Pt	AROO	4,880,930	41,488	8.50	693	277	0.06
Grand Isle	AROO	10,704,056	334,502	31.25	65,705	26,282	2.46
Hamlin	AROO	13,421,056	161,053	12.00	51,271	20,508	1.53
Hammond	AROO	4,878,383	84,396	17.30	12,948	5,179	1.06
Haynesville	AROO	7,036,000	145,645	20.70	20,545	8,218	1.17
Hersey	AROO	5,902,708	93,558	15.85	11,498	4,599	0.78
Hodgdon	AROO	35,935,741	646,843	18.00	189,094	75,638	2.10
Houlton	AROO	249,292,400	4,549,589	18.25	818,969	327,588	1.31
Island Falls	AROO	62,821,816	1,152,152	18.34	128,131	51,252	0.82
Limestone	AROO	53,697,765	1,235,049	23.00	256,697	102,679	1.91
Linneus	AROO	42,398,770	614,782	14.50	148,044	59,218	1.40
Littleton	AROO	37,270,724	512,100	13.74	163,157	65,263	1.75
Ludlow	AROO	19,598,424	293,976	15.00	53,708	21,483	1.10

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		Assessed	Mill	Excise	Initiative Impact		
		Value	Rate	Tax	Municipal	Mill Rate	
			Commitment		Budget Cut ¹	Increase	
Macwahoc Plt	AROO	6,027,517	71,727	11.90	22,984	9,194	1.53
Madawaska	AROO	328,491,175	7,358,202	22.40	726,231	290,492	0.88
Mapleton	AROO	104,333,500	1,252,002	12.00	368,333	147,333	1.41
Mars Hill	AROO	110,062,567	2,201,251	20.00	246,427	98,571	0.90
Masardis	AROO	17,529,975	376,884	21.50	38,977	15,591	0.89
Merrill	AROO	9,722,000	209,023	21.50	43,901	17,560	1.81
Monticello	AROO	37,491,318	599,861	16.00	138,347	55,339	1.48
Moro Plt	AROO	8,835,957	87,476	9.90	7,462	2,985	0.34
Nashville Plt	AROO	23,982,978	139,101	5.80	32,743	13,097	0.55
New Canada	AROO	14,237,022	220,674	15.50	64,964	25,986	1.83
New Limerick	AROO	80,800,060	808,001	10.00	101,605	40,642	0.50
New Sweden	AROO	23,515,496	362,139	15.40	78,907	31,563	1.34
Oakfield	AROO	32,125,130	613,591	19.10	104,000	41,600	1.29
Orient	AROO	30,445,900	407,975	13.40	24,571	9,828	0.32
Oxbow Plt	AROO	7,360,780	111,516	15.15	11,804	4,722	0.64
Perham	AROO	19,740,287	313,871	15.90	42,070	16,828	0.85
Portage lake	AROO	60,313,491	880,577	14.60	90,004	36,002	0.60
Presque Isle	AROO	461,977,300	10,694,775	23.15	1,464,201	585,680	1.27
Reed Plt	AROO	9,265,364	239,324	25.83	29,974	11,990	1.29
Saint Agatha	AROO	45,693,541	845,331	18.50	227,504	91,002	1.99
Saint Francis	AROO	16,233,238	266,225	16.40	126,467	50,587	3.12
Saint John Plt	AROO	11,202,851	80,661	7.20	63,803	25,521	2.28
Sherman	AROO	38,879,900	688,174	17.70	152,702	61,081	1.57
Smyrna	AROO	13,932,450	296,065	21.25	55,603	22,241	1.60
Stockholm	AROO	11,688,004	209,215	17.90	27,338	10,935	0.94
Van Buren	AROO	53,270,306	1,158,629	21.75	294,292	117,717	2.21
Wade	AROO	9,592,350	220,624	23.00	33,052	13,221	1.38
Wallagrass	AROO	23,192,176	388,469	16.75	107,250	42,900	1.85
Washburn	AROO	43,881,876	928,102	21.15	215,250	86,100	1.96
Westfield	AROO	22,649,742	419,020	18.50	79,122	31,649	1.40
Westmanland	AROO	8,451,893	148,753	17.60	8,132	3,253	0.38
Weston	AROO	30,094,825	440,889	14.65	35,779	14,312	0.48
Winterville Plt	AROO	31,797,000	365,666	11.50	39,802	15,921	0.50
Woodland	AROO	37,653,011	640,101	17.00	174,011	69,604	1.85
Baldwin	CUMB	115,120,293	1,772,853	15.40	198,319	79,328	0.69
Bridgton	CUMB	939,284,450	11,431,092	12.17	747,201	298,880	0.32
Brunswick	CUMB	1,261,975,500	28,444,928	22.54	2,539,496	1,015,798	0.80
Cape Elizabeth	CUMB	1,323,193,700	23,076,498	17.44	1,767,060	706,824	0.53
Casco	CUMB	640,893,300	6,088,489	9.50	598,830	239,532	0.37
Chebeague Island	CUMB	116,280,288	2,340,722	20.13	82,821	33,128	0.28
Cumberland	CUMB	1,135,822,800	15,901,519	14.00	1,398,052	559,221	0.49
Falmouth	CUMB	2,173,791,900	26,846,344	12.35	2,348,605	939,442	0.43
Freeport	CUMB	1,546,890,774	19,722,857	12.75	1,362,808	545,123	0.35
Frye Island	CUMB	103,761,668	2,156,375	20.78	8,479	3,392	0.03
Gorham	CUMB	1,215,689,100	19,451,026	16.00	2,469,692	987,877	0.81
Gray	CUMB	685,305,309	9,799,868	14.30	1,317,711	527,084	0.77
Harpswell	CUMB	1,717,255,580	10,629,814	6.19	960,606	384,242	0.22

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Harrison	CUMB	306,766,300	4,923,599	16.05	404,003	161,601	0.53
Long Island	CUMB	147,737,212	844,022	5.71	42,307	16,923	0.11
Naples	CUMB	477,417,586	7,495,456	15.70	728,831	291,532	0.61
New Gloucester	CUMB	445,291,400	4,978,358	11.18	770,421	308,168	0.69
North Yarmouth	CUMB	462,688,483	5,158,977	11.15	677,411	270,964	0.59
Portland	CUMB	7,408,989,350	131,435,654	17.74	9,764,045	3,905,618	0.53
Pownal	CUMB	72,408,480	2,045,541	28.25	253,913	101,565	1.40
Raymond	CUMB	974,116,001	10,520,452	10.80	743,586	297,434	0.31
Scarborough	CUMB	3,487,005,500	42,367,117	12.15	4,291,697	1,716,679	0.49
Sebago	CUMB	341,694,728	4,281,435	12.53	253,562	101,425	0.30
South Portland	CUMB	3,945,555,700	55,237,780	14.00	4,757,853	1,903,141	0.48
Standish	CUMB	1,050,905,328	10,928,236	10.40	1,441,293	576,517	0.55
Westbrook	CUMB	1,915,700,300	29,559,256	15.43	2,692,618	1,077,047	0.56
Windham	CUMB	1,829,101,200	20,851,754	11.40	2,638,576	1,055,430	0.58
Yarmouth	CUMB	1,290,811,000	24,744,847	19.17	1,512,023	604,809	0.47
Avon	FRAN	33,168,386	434,506	13.10	74,786	29,914	0.90
Carrabassett Val	FRAN	469,495,290	2,910,871	6.20	139,695	55,878	0.12
Carthage	FRAN	19,472,796	340,774	17.50	71,282	28,513	1.46
Chesterville	FRAN	64,651,592	898,657	13.90	180,000	72,000	1.11
Coplin Plt	FRAN	34,111,770	291,656	8.55	22,381	8,952	0.26
Dallas Plt	FRAN	117,887,850	929,782	7.89	76,024	30,410	0.26
Eustis	FRAN	158,357,500	1,551,904	9.80	173,868	69,547	0.44
Farmington	FRAN	392,245,000	5,993,504	15.28	818,489	327,396	0.83
Industry	FRAN	59,254,023	885,848	14.95	107,180	42,872	0.72
Jay	FRAN	1,138,464,283	14,800,036	13.00	690,143	276,057	0.24
Kingfield	FRAN	120,783,057	1,280,300	10.60	183,902	73,561	0.61
New Sharon	FRAN	93,910,536	986,061	10.50	201,902	80,761	0.86
New Vineyard	FRAN	57,015,769	558,755	9.80	114,000	45,600	0.80
Phillips	FRAN	72,540,706	1,182,414	16.30	149,593	59,837	0.82
Rangeley	FRAN	468,331,568	5,081,398	10.85	290,045	116,018	0.25
Rangeley Plt	FRAN	181,748,258	1,081,402	5.95	49,093	19,637	0.11
Sandy River Plt	FRAN	93,312,300	582,269	6.24	28,420	11,368	0.12
Strong	FRAN	79,016,090	790,161	10.00	206,670	82,668	1.05
Temple	FRAN	39,131,383	451,967	11.55	73,134	29,254	0.75
Weld	FRAN	57,117,315	765,372	13.40	75,041	30,016	0.53
Wilton	FRAN	276,743,100	3,639,172	13.15	556,931	222,772	0.80
Amherst	HANC	21,690,100	236,422	10.90	39,839	15,936	0.73
Aurora	HANC	13,768,200	185,871	13.50	23,038	9,215	0.67
Bar Harbor	HANC	1,395,662,190	12,395,102	8.88	841,140	336,456	0.24
Blue Hill	HANC	725,688,852	4,735,120	6.53	465,376	186,150	0.26
Brooklin	HANC	328,935,300	2,269,654	6.90	155,841	62,336	0.19
Brooksville	HANC	479,313,700	2,108,980	4.40	177,776	71,110	0.15
Bucksport	HANC	697,181,500	8,889,066	12.75	718,853	287,541	0.41
Castine	HANC	352,231,400	2,321,205	6.59	133,045	53,218	0.15
Cranberry Isle	HANC	163,104,540	1,125,421	6.90	29,791	11,916	0.07
Dedham	HANC	187,472,905	2,602,170	13.88	304,123	121,649	0.65
Deer Isle	HANC	200,540,650	3,970,705	19.80	395,185	158,074	0.79

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			Commitment		Budget Cut ¹	Increase	
Eastbrook	HANC	47,038,749	929,015	19.75	45,000	18,000	0.38
Ellsworth	HANC	1,025,704,520	13,693,155	13.35	1,295,938	518,375	0.51
Franklin	HANC	79,588,479	1,193,827	15.00	251,460	100,584	1.26
Frenchboro	HANC	13,288,871	237,907	17.90	13,788	5,515	0.42
Gouldsboro	HANC	405,348,101	2,999,576	7.40	308,884	123,554	0.30
Great Pond	HANC	30,577,100	134,539	4.40	7,311	2,924	0.10
Hancock	HANC	347,278,500	2,722,663	7.84	428,208	171,283	0.49
Lamoine	HANC	241,220,400	2,170,984	9.00	299,826	119,930	0.50
Mariaville	HANC	72,423,700	695,268	9.60	76,170	30,468	0.42
Mount Desert	HANC	1,971,813,070	11,239,335	5.70	519,768	207,907	0.11
Orland	HANC	185,723,345	2,284,397	12.30	364,684	145,874	0.79
Osborn	HANC	11,930,500	155,097	13.00	11,144	4,458	0.37
Otis	HANC	127,853,634	1,112,327	8.70	115,248	46,099	0.36
Penobscot	HANC	106,234,986	1,343,873	12.65	223,069	89,228	0.84
Sedgwick	HANC	227,612,612	1,798,140	7.90	207,080	82,832	0.36
Sorrento	HANC	79,976,800	559,838	7.00	54,425	21,770	0.27
Southwest Harbor	HANC	768,734,400	6,687,989	8.70	362,568	145,027	0.19
Stonington	HANC	206,881,966	2,604,644	12.59	202,943	81,177	0.39
Sullivan	HANC	182,026,300	1,447,109	7.95	175,859	70,344	0.39
Surry	HANC	345,908,100	2,455,948	7.10	247,196	98,878	0.29
Swans Island	HANC	91,715,485	1,357,389	14.80	70,382	28,153	0.31
Tremont	HANC	493,849,600	3,950,797	8.00	379,130	151,652	0.31
Trenton	HANC	265,204,849	3,129,417	11.80	278,906	111,562	0.42
Verona	HANC	51,789,320	432,441	8.35	88,135	35,254	0.68
Waltham	HANC	28,197,388	329,909	11.70	70,606	28,242	1.00
Winter Harbor	HANC	220,972,050	1,049,617	4.75	100,117	40,047	0.18
Albion	KENN	108,202,418	1,255,108	11.60	310,953	124,381	1.15
Augusta	KENN	1,556,585,600	25,994,980	16.70	2,744,386	1,097,754	0.71
Belgrade	KENN	438,652,460	5,636,684	12.85	653,936	261,574	0.60
Benton	KENN	124,337,048	1,367,708	11.00	453,478	181,391	1.46
Chelsea	KENN	128,137,280	1,922,059	15.00	371,904	148,762	1.16
China	KENN	381,002,800	3,886,229	10.20	725,000	290,000	0.76
Clinton	KENN	126,612,700	1,944,771	15.36	494,689	197,876	1.56
Farmingdale	KENN	153,612,431	1,996,962	13.00	429,621	171,848	1.12
Fayette	KENN	151,520,500	1,659,149	10.95	167,335	66,934	0.44
Gardiner	KENN	396,007,800	6,692,532	16.90	822,648	329,059	0.83
Hallowell	KENN	224,946,104	3,441,675	15.30	353,050	141,220	0.63
Litchfield	KENN	283,698,694	3,574,604	12.60	529,688	211,875	0.75
Manchester	KENN	290,030,500	3,712,390	12.80	471,705	188,682	0.65
Monmouth	KENN	385,581,461	4,395,629	11.40	618,047	247,219	0.64
Mount Vernon	KENN	221,735,307	2,383,655	10.75	255,634	102,254	0.46
Oakland	KENN	479,887,040	5,758,644	12.00	1,012,182	404,873	0.84
Pittston	KENN	202,747,335	1,875,413	9.25	400,300	160,120	0.79
Randolph	KENN	84,052,200	1,156,558	13.76	238,690	95,476	1.14
Readfield	KENN	225,088,075	3,466,356	15.40	429,117	171,647	0.76

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			Commitment		Budget Cut ¹	Increase
Rome	KENN	176,152,070	2,466,129	14.00	66,904	0.38
Sidney	KENN	329,790,100	2,968,111	9.00	302,216	0.92
Vassalboro	KENN	318,058,900	2,926,142	9.20	251,512	0.79
Vienna	KENN	56,408,157	789,714	14.00	35,162	0.62
Waterville	KENN	629,709,444	15,364,902	24.40	619,378	0.98
Wayne	KENN	173,393,400	2,340,811	13.50	81,890	0.47
West Gardiner	KENN	252,690,440	2,021,524	8.00	222,636	0.88
Windsor	KENN	169,315,400	1,913,264	11.30	150,646	0.89
Winslow	KENN	548,754,970	8,505,702	15.50	495,938	0.90
Winthrop	KENN	591,328,167	7,391,602	12.50	385,920	0.65
Appleton	KNOX	114,933,588	1,792,964	15.60	78,378	0.68
Camden	KNOX	1,092,490,770	14,355,329	13.14	333,588	0.31
Cushing	KNOX	235,130,998	3,150,755	13.40	87,973	0.37
Friendship	KNOX	230,441,500	2,073,974	9.00	81,595	0.35
Hope	KNOX	184,497,000	2,361,562	12.80	101,715	0.55
Isle Au Haut	KNOX	75,201,395	489,561	6.51	3,221	0.04
Matinicus Isle Plt	KNOX	30,265,050	226,988	7.50	-	-
North Haven	KNOX	412,942,500	2,956,688	7.16	34,998	0.08
Owls Head	KNOX	301,881,253	3,169,753	10.50	131,166	0.43
Rockland	KNOX	759,226,000	13,362,378	17.60	367,015	0.48
Rockport	KNOX	966,552,400	10,902,711	11.28	276,370	0.29
Saint George	KNOX	528,753,900	6,503,673	12.30	208,055	0.39
South Thomaston	KNOX	252,029,605	2,605,986	10.34	112,965	0.45
Thomaston	KNOX	367,261,261	5,490,556	14.95	151,302	0.41
Union	KNOX	227,609,500	2,571,987	11.30	152,152	0.67
Vinalhaven	KNOX	475,272,925	4,039,820	8.50	100,343	0.21
Warren	KNOX	292,161,300	3,710,449	12.70	240,517	0.82
Washington	KNOX	112,832,721	1,551,450	13.75	87,706	0.78
Alna	LINC	59,542,204	997,259	16.75	45,245	0.76
Boothbay	LINC	941,391,273	7,154,417	7.60	244,946	0.26
Boothbay Harbor	LINC	578,546,328	7,058,265	12.20	150,917	0.26
Bremen	LINC	162,801,637	1,815,238	11.15	47,624	0.29
Bristol	LINC	767,392,350	6,254,248	8.15	230,777	0.30
Damariscotta	LINC	333,050,294	4,296,349	12.90	148,943	0.45
Dresden	LINC	117,181,916	1,499,929	12.80	95,878	0.82
Edgecomb	LINC	201,113,160	2,654,694	13.20	78,398	0.39
Jefferson	LINC	213,560,440	3,339,872	15.64	167,622	0.78
Monhegan Plt	LINC	60,701,721	-	-	1,857	0.03
Newcastle	LINC	242,818,250	3,302,328	13.60	116,494	0.48
Nobleboro	LINC	296,971,500	2,791,532	9.40	138,684	0.47
Somerville	LINC	43,972,000	626,601	14.25	28,562	0.65
South Bristol	LINC	735,575,300	2,206,726	3.00	80,628	0.11
Southport	LINC	715,485,383	2,382,566	3.33	54,122	0.08
Waldoboro	LINC	503,716,700	6,044,600	12.00	287,870	0.57
Westport Island	LINC	262,660,259	1,297,542	4.94	55,429	0.21

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		Assessed	Mill	Excise	Initiative Impact		
		Value	Rate	Tax	Municipal	Mill Rate	
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Whitefield	LINC	105,124,368	1,787,114	17.00	339,635	135,854	1.29
Wiscasset	LINC	456,405,280	6,207,112	13.60	493,069	197,228	0.43
Andover	OXFO	67,560,453	689,117	10.20	139,240	55,696	0.82
Bethel	OXFO	423,634,500	4,278,708	10.10	423,521	169,408	0.40
Brownfield	OXFO	168,279,510	1,809,005	10.75	240,492	96,197	0.57
Buckfield	OXFO	97,563,768	1,873,224	19.20	259,585	103,834	1.06
Byron	OXFO	23,841,132	250,332	10.50	13,539	5,416	0.23
Canton	OXFO	46,202,056	776,195	16.80	114,869	45,948	0.99
Denmark	OXFO	286,768,960	2,853,351	9.95	216,900	86,760	0.30
Dixfield	OXFO	147,893,957	2,403,277	16.25	328,000	131,200	0.89
Fryeburg	OXFO	377,271,880	4,979,989	13.20	471,440	188,576	0.50
Gilead	OXFO	26,427,894	436,853	16.53	18,976	7,590	0.29
Greenwood	OXFO	158,485,219	1,664,095	10.50	113,075	45,230	0.29
Hanover	OXFO	43,394,366	310,270	7.15	41,067	16,427	0.38
Hartford	OXFO	93,085,404	1,349,738	14.50	120,000	48,000	0.52
Hebron	OXFO	89,356,899	1,014,201	11.35	240,309	96,124	1.08
Hiram	OXFO	141,601,125	1,871,967	13.22	220,568	88,227	0.62
Lincoln Plt	OXFO	19,766,113	102,784	5.20	9,382	3,753	0.19
Lovell	OXFO	415,125,820	3,777,645	9.10	203,271	81,308	0.20
Magalloway Plt	OXFO	14,330,634	127,543	8.90	5,705	2,282	0.16
Mexico	OXFO	102,895,067	2,402,600	23.35	332,058	132,823	1.29
Newry	OXFO	372,710,945	2,743,153	7.36	78,977	31,591	0.08
Norway	OXFO	422,028,300	5,486,368	13.00	608,230	243,292	0.58
Otisfield	OXFO	263,028,230	2,814,402	10.70	271,585	108,634	0.41
Oxford	OXFO	222,971,368	4,682,399	21.00	590,587	236,235	1.06
Paris	OXFO	314,254,500	4,211,010	13.40	728,872	291,549	0.93
Peru	OXFO	106,925,757	491,274	4.59	226,148	90,459	0.85
Porter	OXFO	133,060,908	1,530,200	11.50	273,445	109,378	0.82
Roxbury	OXFO	33,417,537	574,782	17.20	66,947	26,779	0.80
Rumford	OXFO	712,990,715	13,974,618	19.60	733,918	293,567	0.41
Stoneham	OXFO	80,856,319	555,483	6.87	51,435	20,574	0.25
Stow	OXFO	49,368,741	434,445	8.80	55,534	22,214	0.45
Sumner	OXFO	51,473,286	972,845	18.90	125,488	50,195	0.98
Sweden	OXFO	89,792,110	942,817	10.50	45,493	18,197	0.20
Upton	OXFO	17,901,387	155,962	8.71	13,364	5,346	0.30
Waterford	OXFO	188,402,142	2,307,926	12.25	258,432	103,373	0.55
West Paris	OXFO	83,709,811	1,322,615	15.80	239,854	95,942	1.15
Woodstock	OXFO	125,927,868	1,592,988	12.65	192,575	77,030	0.61
Alton	PENO	41,192,900	401,631	9.75	117,648	47,059	1.14
Bangor	PENO	2,475,385,200	47,156,088	19.05	4,615,871	1,846,348	0.75
Bradford	PENO	47,959,738	719,396	15.00	165,312	66,125	1.38
Bradley	PENO	82,974,900	1,016,443	12.25	251,703	100,681	1.21
Brewer	PENO	786,195,600	14,112,223	17.95	1,469,385	587,754	0.75
Burlington	PENO	29,916,534	463,706	15.50	54,006	21,602	0.72
Carmel	PENO	160,407,500	1,716,360	10.70	407,386	162,954	1.02

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		Assessed	Mill	Excise	Initiative Impact		
		Value	Rate	Tax	Municipal	Mill Rate	
			Commitment		Budget Cut ¹	Increase	
Carroll Plt	PENO	11,798,278	239,505	20.30	19,608	7,843	0.66
Charleston	PENO	61,131,960	672,452	11.00	159,557	63,823	1.04
Chester	PENO	46,544,415	660,931	14.20	160,303	64,121	1.38
Clifton	PENO	67,354,000	720,688	10.70	114,432	45,773	0.68
Corinna	PENO	91,924,352	1,470,790	16.00	294,949	117,980	1.28
Corinth	PENO	112,921,370	1,332,472	11.80	409,958	163,983	1.45
Dexter	PENO	224,005,550	3,248,080	14.50	493,441	197,376	0.88
Dixmont	PENO	59,971,452	719,657	12.00	195,462	78,185	1.30
Drew Plt	PENO	4,129,570	90,851	22.00	5,288	2,115	0.51
East Millinocket	PENO	191,975,930	4,052,612	21.11	286,019	114,408	0.60
Eddington	PENO	159,424,500	1,562,360	9.80	351,960	140,784	0.88
Edinburg	PENO	5,758,291	110,559	19.20	23,768	9,507	1.65
Enfield	PENO	140,334,204	2,020,813	14.40	274,082	109,633	0.78
Etna	PENO	55,532,020	635,843	11.45	153,320	61,328	1.10
Exeter	PENO	50,632,100	703,786	13.90	149,489	59,796	1.18
Garland	PENO	41,377,957	537,913	13.00	129,384	51,754	1.25
Glenburn	PENO	254,784,200	4,045,973	15.88	732,736	293,094	1.15
Greenbush	PENO	44,005,740	880,115	20.00	250,771	100,308	2.28
Hampden	PENO	540,715,600	8,597,378	15.90	1,502,280	600,912	1.11
Hermon	PENO	419,653,060	4,616,184	11.00	2,175,348	870,139	2.07
Holden	PENO	263,571,600	3,247,202	12.32	500,000	200,000	0.76
Howland	PENO	46,195,300	822,276	17.80	100,086	40,034	0.87
Hudson	PENO	105,783,310	825,110	7.80	209,614	83,846	0.79
Kenduskeag	PENO	75,991,124	615,528	8.10	169,906	67,962	0.89
Lagrange	PENO	26,440,307	383,384	14.50	72,819	29,128	1.10
Lakeville	PENO	53,980,307	197,568	3.66	30,000	12,000	0.22
Lee	PENO	46,843,114	747,148	15.95	153,490	61,396	1.31
Levant	PENO	126,692,797	1,266,928	10.00	378,939	151,576	1.20
Lincoln	PENO	311,104,207	5,985,645	19.24	796,662	318,665	1.02
Lowell	PENO	41,016,113	586,530	14.30	71,553	28,621	0.70
Mattawamkeag	PENO	28,467,325	522,375	18.35	99,345	39,738	1.40
Maxfield	PENO	6,019,106	115,868	19.25	10,468	4,187	0.70
Medway	PENO	50,295,804	1,232,247	24.50	260,849	104,340	2.07
Milford	PENO	171,689,500	2,592,511	15.10	464,570	185,828	1.08
Millinocket	PENO	367,677,568	8,897,797	24.20	799,380	319,752	0.87
Mount Chase	PENO	32,149,668	379,366	11.80	43,084	17,234	0.54
Newburgh	PENO	92,724,400	1,261,052	13.60	257,252	102,901	1.11
Newport	PENO	246,304,200	3,054,172	12.40	481,752	192,701	0.78
Old Town	PENO	495,505,500	8,621,795	17.40	1,273,103	509,241	1.03
Orono	PENO	417,499,265	8,224,736	19.70	651,260	260,504	0.62
Orrington	PENO	332,957,300	3,995,488	12.00	655,363	262,145	0.79
Passadumkeag	PENO	17,810,910	276,069	15.50	49,229	19,692	1.11
Patten	PENO	29,428,608	685,687	23.30	199,154	79,662	2.71
Plymouth	PENO	71,368,222	642,314	9.00	180,372	72,149	1.01
Seboeis Plt	PENO	9,688,160	121,102	12.50	6,634	2,654	0.27

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		Assessed	Mill	Excise	Initiative Impact		
		Value	Rate	Tax	Municipal	Mill Rate	
			Commitment		Budget Cut ¹	Increase	
Springfield	PENO	12,244,712	217,956	17.80	45,865	18,346	1.50
Stacyville	PENO	26,322,560	539,612	20.50	54,259	21,704	0.82
Stetson	PENO	68,101,857	905,755	13.30	176,691	70,676	1.04
Veazie	PENO	264,042,511	5,016,808	19.00	322,427	128,971	0.49
Webster Plt	PENO	4,258,100	88,568	20.80	7,311	2,924	0.69
Winn	PENO	13,426,550	264,503	19.70	76,886	30,754	2.29
Woodville	PENO	14,893,603	184,681	12.40	23,831	9,532	0.64
Abbot	PISC	67,297,913	652,790	9.70	118,874	47,550	0.71
Atkinson	PISC	16,895,390	261,879	15.50	55,042	22,017	1.30
Beaver Cove	PISC	57,103,640	394,015	6.90	26,864	10,746	0.19
Bowerbank	PISC	56,107,210	182,348	3.25	34,951	13,981	0.25
Brownville	PISC	38,365,492	751,966	19.60	186,550	74,620	1.94
Dover-Foxcroft	PISC	271,698,900	4,143,420	15.25	674,331	269,732	0.99
Greenville	PISC	330,825,650	3,705,247	11.20	355,996	142,398	0.43
Guilford	PISC	149,644,480	1,915,449	12.80	209,455	83,782	0.56
Kingsbury Plt	PISC	12,570,750	69,139	5.50	6,584	2,634	0.21
Lake View Plt	PISC	115,209,400	269,590	2.34	20,605	8,242	0.07
Medford	PISC	13,413,962	268,279	20.00	28,197	11,279	0.84
Milo	PISC	71,879,412	1,814,955	25.25	277,724	111,090	1.55
Monson	PISC	59,454,390	766,962	12.90	100,059	40,024	0.67
Parkman	PISC	32,987,220	517,899	15.70	114,909	45,964	1.39
Sangerville	PISC	73,085,270	1,096,279	15.00	210,398	84,159	1.15
Sebec	PISC	76,393,070	611,145	8.00	116,123	46,449	0.61
Shirley	PISC	28,592,400	331,672	11.60	32,064	12,826	0.45
Wellington	PISC	12,667,040	217,873	17.20	39,636	15,854	1.25
Willimantic	PISC	57,932,000	411,317	7.10	23,775	9,510	0.16
Arrowsic	SAGA	63,855,410	632,169	9.90	86,375	34,550	0.54
Bath	SAGA	1,168,412,000	20,096,686	17.20	1,013,733	405,493	0.35
Bowdoin	SAGA	215,538,218	2,284,705	10.60	431,827	172,731	0.80
Bowdoinham	SAGA	218,637,326	3,235,832	14.80	415,961	166,384	0.76
Georgetown	SAGA	469,317,600	2,815,906	6.00	199,619	79,848	0.17
Phippsburg	SAGA	432,156,220	4,926,581	11.40	399,542	159,817	0.37
Richmond	SAGA	314,090,419	3,454,995	11.00	472,273	188,909	0.60
Topsham	SAGA	1,013,911,493	13,687,805	13.50	1,419,107	567,643	0.56
West Bath	SAGA	353,224,583	3,108,376	8.80	356,399	142,560	0.40
Woolwich	SAGA	324,320,060	3,778,329	11.65	516,807	206,723	0.64
Anson	SOME	119,463,960	1,768,067	14.80	243,117	97,247	0.81
Athens	SOME	49,702,242	666,010	13.40	142,156	56,862	1.14
Bingham	SOME	37,448,335	1,020,467	27.25	131,345	52,538	1.40
Brighton Plt	SOME	12,182,180	136,441	11.20	21,971	8,788	0.72
Cambridge	SOME	16,688,230	265,343	15.90	63,920	25,568	1.53
Canaan	SOME	97,408,200	1,392,937	14.30	301,043	120,417	1.24
Caratunk	SOME	23,888,761	212,610	8.90	22,621	9,048	0.38
Cornville	SOME	60,614,800	1,000,144	16.50	194,911	77,964	1.29
Dennistown Plt	SOME	8,117,616	43,622	5.37	8,289	3,316	0.41

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		Assessed	Mill	Excise	Initiative Impact		
		Value	Rate	Tax	Municipal	Mill Rate	
			Commitment		Budget Cut ¹	Increase	
Detroit	SOME	52,232,050	646,110	12.37	128,068	51,227	0.98
Embsden	SOME	178,385,200	2,096,026	11.75	161,813	64,725	0.36
Fairfield	SOME	225,652,200	6,036,196	26.75	844,306	337,722	1.50
Harmony	SOME	29,489,480	651,718	22.10	120,000	48,000	1.63
Hartland	SOME	98,490,833	1,822,080	18.50	221,976	88,790	0.90
Highland Plt	SOME	6,984,109	233,968	33.50	9,461	3,784	0.54
Jackman	SOME	77,091,900	1,140,960	14.80	196,011	78,404	1.02
Madison	SOME	478,520,200	7,775,953	16.25	688,509	275,404	0.58
Mercer	SOME	50,462,983	698,912	13.85	98,313	39,325	0.78
Moose River	SOME	32,373,960	482,372	14.90	48,000	19,200	0.59
Moscow	SOME	68,500,970	1,137,116	16.60	67,507	27,003	0.39
New Portland	SOME	56,512,200	847,683	15.00	126,444	50,578	0.89
Norridgewock	SOME	114,666,412	2,442,395	21.30	485,308	194,123	1.69
Palmyra	SOME	86,549,150	1,350,167	15.60	270,531	108,212	1.25
Pittsfield	SOME	152,415,928	3,536,050	23.20	615,925	246,370	1.62
Pleasant Ridge Plt	SOME	101,799,459	736,030	7.23	13,725	5,490	0.05
Ripley	SOME	28,382,968	391,685	13.80	69,869	27,948	0.98
Saint Albans	SOME	104,851,822	1,730,055	16.50	270,874	108,350	1.03
Skowhegan	SOME	1,138,272,400	18,269,272	16.05	1,248,096	499,238	0.44
Smithfield	SOME	97,324,100	1,489,059	15.30	162,187	64,875	0.67
Solon	SOME	79,539,193	1,097,640	13.80	168,095	67,238	0.85
Starks	SOME	24,283,672	491,744	20.25	69,135	27,654	1.14
The Forks Plt	SOME	43,114,042	292,356	6.78	12,823	5,129	0.12
West Forks Plt	SOME	17,593,444	96,764	5.50	11,792	4,717	0.27
Belfast	WALD	669,822,880	12,458,706	18.60	899,129	359,652	0.54
Belmont	WALD	35,542,553	550,909	15.50	41,542	16,617	0.47
Brooks	WALD	58,494,783	871,572	14.90	136,453	54,581	0.93
Burnham	WALD	82,701,380	1,082,561	13.09	158,623	63,449	0.77
Frankfort	WALD	73,513,533	896,571	12.20	165,339	66,136	0.90
Freedom	WALD	36,100,981	613,717	17.00	98,798	39,519	1.09
Islesboro	WALD	354,893,600	4,237,430	11.94	147,312	58,925	0.17
Jackson	WALD	23,704,445	489,497	20.65	86,423	34,569	1.46
Knox	WALD	42,323,100	613,685	14.50	116,727	46,691	1.10
Liberty	WALD	98,837,069	1,225,580	12.40	133,894	53,558	0.54
Lincolnton	WALD	457,786,800	5,356,106	11.70	374,763	149,905	0.33
Monroe	WALD	49,769,671	1,045,163	21.00	117,397	46,959	0.94
Montville	WALD	67,723,556	981,992	14.50	125,698	50,279	0.74
Morrill	WALD	48,166,277	601,452	12.49	123,673	49,469	1.03
Northport	WALD	281,947,500	3,721,707	13.20	253,344	101,338	0.36
Palermo	WALD	174,026,500	1,827,278	10.50	240,717	96,287	0.55
Prospect	WALD	29,340,860	582,416	19.85	113,983	45,593	1.55
Searsmont	WALD	133,160,068	1,957,453	14.70	229,453	91,781	0.69
Searsport	WALD	208,806,400	3,946,441	18.90	391,239	156,496	0.75
Stockton Springs	WALD	230,617,144	2,601,223	11.28	252,724	101,090	0.44
Swanville	WALD	101,992,560	1,427,896	14.00	184,288	73,715	0.72

Excise Tax Initiative Impact (2008)

		Assessed		Mill Rate	Excise Tax	Initiative Impact	
		Value	Commitment			Municipal Budget Cut ¹	Mill Rate Increase
Thorndike	WALD	38,277,736	440,194	11.50	100,673	40,269	1.05
Troy	WALD	52,666,750	637,268	12.10	135,065	54,026	1.03
Unity	WALD	90,637,594	1,314,245	14.50	273,116	109,246	1.21
Waldo	WALD	47,057,214	564,687	12.00	105,295	42,118	0.90
Winterport	WALD	227,804,300	2,653,925	11.65	608,611	243,444	1.07
Addison	WASH	130,890,500	1,505,241	11.50	205,973	82,389	0.63
Alexander	WASH	45,925,360	524,927	11.43	101,068	40,427	0.88
Baileyville	WASH	260,877,615	5,061,026	19.40	256,725	102,690	0.39
Baring Plt	WASH	11,247,400	200,204	17.80	36,418	14,567	1.30
Beals	WASH	42,304,067	634,561	15.00	100,114	40,046	0.95
Beddington	WASH	31,516,050	173,338	5.50	-	-	-
Calais	WASH	138,840,540	3,429,361	24.70	517,229	206,892	1.49
Charlotte	WASH	21,902,271	481,850	22.00	47,503	19,001	0.87
Cherryfield	WASH	69,930,700	958,051	13.70	191,670	76,668	1.10
Codyville Plt	WASH	-	-	-	-	-	-
Columbia	WASH	28,490,337	562,628	19.75	73,317	29,327	1.03
Columbia Falls	WASH	28,209,377	500,716	17.75	113,003	45,201	1.60
Cooper	WASH	21,521,800	253,957	11.80	25,193	10,077	0.47
Crawford	WASH	14,597,056	140,170	9.60	17,696	7,078	0.48
Cutler	WASH	79,977,248	683,805	8.55	87,268	34,907	0.44
Danforth	WASH	76,362,570	855,261	11.20	90,323	36,129	0.47
Deblois	WASH	52,253,800	235,143	4.50	10,334	4,133	0.08
Dennysville	WASH	8,416,963	196,462	23.34	61,220	24,488	2.91
East Machias	WASH	75,487,279	953,782	12.64	209,961	83,984	1.11
Eastport	WASH	114,137,864	2,305,845	20.20	178,557	71,423	0.63
Grand Lake Stream P	WASH	23,378,628	175,807	7.52	30,406	12,162	0.52
Harrington	WASH	104,721,097	1,492,276	14.25	126,000	50,400	0.48
Jonesboro	WASH	56,187,200	640,534	11.40	104,947	41,979	0.75
Jonesport	WASH	69,681,370	1,707,194	24.50	200,641	80,256	1.15
Lubec	WASH	131,014,805	2,292,759	17.50	230,368	92,147	0.70
Machias	WASH	92,229,650	2,444,882	26.51	235,842	94,337	1.02
Machiasport	WASH	86,654,152	1,074,511	12.40	170,091	68,036	0.79
Marshfield	WASH	32,313,440	471,776	14.60	97,009	38,804	1.20
Meddybemps	WASH	14,179,220	198,509	14.00	27,459	10,984	0.77
Milbridge	WASH	133,186,526	2,397,357	18.00	195,317	78,127	0.59
Northfield	WASH	43,939,200	300,983	6.85	-	-	-
Pembroke	WASH	52,121,710	948,615	18.20	-	-	-
Perry	WASH	88,524,900	1,075,580	12.15	127,168	50,867	0.57
Princeton	WASH	49,873,269	723,162	14.50	154,050	61,620	1.24
Robbinston	WASH	34,285,348	-	-	76,105	30,442	0.89
Roque Bluffs	WASH	60,095,302	576,915	9.60	49,000	19,600	0.33
Steuben	WASH	185,052,300	2,128,101	11.50	188,251	75,300	0.41
Talmadge	WASH	-	-	-	8,686	3,474	-
Topsfield	WASH	11,768,380	221,246	18.80	40,098	16,039	1.36
Vanceboro	WASH	7,473,800	138,265	18.50	17,375	6,950	0.93

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						Municipal Budget Cut ¹	Mill Rate Increase
Waite	WASH	8,066,173	100,827	12.50	27,936	11,174	1.39
Wesley	WASH	16,260,100	213,007	13.10	23,143	9,257	0.57
Whiting	WASH	38,639,040	690,093	17.86	86,000	34,400	0.89
Whitneyville	WASH	7,336,029	176,065	24.00	23,000	9,200	1.25
Acton	YORK	552,923,811	5,778,054	10.45	395,401	158,160	0.29
Alfred	YORK	245,518,961	3,118,091	12.70	504,496	201,798	0.82
Arundel	YORK	362,190,483	4,780,914	13.20	727,030	290,812	0.80
Berwick	YORK	595,826,298	7,447,829	12.50	1,097,588	439,035	0.74
Biddeford	YORK	2,393,755,790	35,379,711	14.78	2,728,681	1,091,472	0.46
Buxton	YORK	769,971,931	7,620,841	9.90	1,278,143	511,257	0.66
Cornish	YORK	138,254,439	1,382,544	10.00	207,781	83,112	0.60
Dayton	YORK	160,171,947	2,306,476	14.40	341,213	136,485	0.85
Eliot	YORK	828,822,100	9,945,865	12.00	1,029,109	411,644	0.50
Hollis	YORK	602,819,044	4,822,552	8.00	685,547	274,219	0.45
Kennebunk	YORK	1,892,992,700	26,127,465	13.80	1,929,006	771,602	0.41
Kennebunkport	YORK	716,064,520	11,564,442	16.15	831,824	332,730	0.46
Kittery	YORK	1,327,194,000	18,633,804	14.04	1,305,427	522,171	0.39
Lebanon	YORK	429,404,586	5,947,254	13.85	843,330	337,332	0.79
Limerick	YORK	297,122,279	3,090,072	10.40	444,197	177,679	0.60
Limington	YORK	317,956,656	2,543,653	8.00	536,270	214,508	0.67
Lyman	YORK	418,957,230	4,210,520	10.05	786,665	314,666	0.75
Newfield	YORK	281,922,458	1,945,265	6.90	247,421	98,968	0.35
North Berwick	YORK	578,658,414	6,307,377	10.90	729,863	291,945	0.50
Ogunquit	YORK	1,268,979,130	8,629,058	6.80	240,974	96,390	0.08
Old Orchard Beach	YORK	1,465,154,138	18,959,087	12.94	1,338,649	535,460	0.37
Parsonsfield	YORK	142,237,308	2,396,699	16.85	266,011	106,404	0.75
Saco	YORK	2,051,513,000	27,530,902	13.42	2,898,530	1,159,412	0.57
Sanford	YORK	1,515,740,250	23,797,122	15.70	2,811,751	1,124,700	0.74
Shapleigh	YORK	495,249,275	4,209,618	8.50	455,815	182,326	0.37
South Berwick	YORK	635,982,062	9,476,133	14.90	1,104,198	441,679	0.69
Waterboro	YORK	734,566,070	7,639,487	10.40	1,013,725	405,490	0.55
Wells	YORK	2,902,019,055	23,854,606	8.22	1,900,139	760,056	0.26
York	YORK	4,082,626,820	33,722,498	8.26	2,661,477	1,064,591	0.26
Total		146,736,169,589	1,953,111,077	13.31	204,946,272	81,978,509	0.56
Average		300,073,966	3,994,092	13.75	419,113	167,645	0.80

¹ Assumes excise tax revenues will be reduced by 40%.

Source: Maine Revenue Services, 2008 Municipal Valuation Return Statistical Summary (preliminary results)

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**RESOLUTION
IN OPPOSITION TO THE INITIATED BILL LD 974
"An Act to Decrease the Automobile Excise Tax and Promote Energy Efficiency"**

WHEREAS, the initiated bill LD 974, *An Act to Decrease the Automobile Excise Tax and Promote Energy Efficiency*, would cut over \$80 million of revenue each year to Maine's towns and cities that is used to plow, treat, construct, repair and maintain over 13,000 miles of local roads and over 800 local bridges; and

Whereas, LD 974 would cut approximately \$366,177 in revenue this community uses every year to repair and maintain approximately sixty-five miles of local roads; and

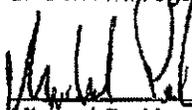
Whereas, the motor vehicle excise tax revenue is vitally necessary to adequately maintain this infrastructure for reasons of public safety and welfare and economic development; and

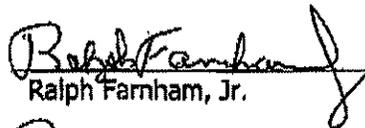
Whereas, the adoption of the excise tax initiative would likely lead to a significantly deteriorated transportation system in this community or, in the alternative, increases to the municipality's property tax rate; and

Whereas, the excise tax initiative inappropriately increases the regressivity of the motor vehicle excise tax by providing substantial benefits to the owners of newer and specialized motor vehicles while providing no tax benefits to the owners of motor vehicles that are older than five years of age, which represent the majority of registered motor vehicles; and

Whereas, the excise tax initiative is falsely presented as a "green" initiative while at the same time seriously impairing the capacity of the towns and cities in Maine to construct and maintain road systems that appropriately protect Maine's water quality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland Town Council hereby expresses its grave concern about the initiated bill LD 974, *An Act to Decrease the Automobile Excise Tax and Promote Energy Efficiency*, and further agrees to provide information to the voters of Oakland regarding the potential negative impacts of this initiated legislation.


Michael Perkins, Chair


Ralph Farnham, Jr.


Dana Wrigley


Dennis McLellan


Mark Fisher

Dated: September 9, 2009



Assigned to

CITY OF BANGOR

(TITLE.) Resolve, Indicating the Opposition of the City of Bangor to the November Ballot Question Seeking to Decrease the Automobile Excise Tax.

WHEREAS, a question will appear on the November election ballot that, if approved, would result in a dramatic reduction in the automobile excise tax; and

WHEREAS, vehicles less than six years old would see a reduction in the excise tax ranging between forty and seventy percent, while vehicles six years old and older would see no change; and

WHEREAS, 67% of the vehicles in Bangor and 68% of vehicles statewide are six years old and older and would see no change in their excise tax; and

WHEREAS, corporate and business fleets, which are the source of approximately one-third of the City's excise tax receipts, would be a major beneficiary of this change; and

WHEREAS, this will result in an approximate 40% reduction in auto excise tax revenues received by the City of Bangor; and

WHEREAS, the auto excise tax is the third largest revenue source supporting City General Fund operations, providing the City with approximately \$4.6 million dollars annually, an amount which would be reduced by \$1.8 million under this proposal; and

WHEREAS, auto excise receipts, when coupled with road assistance funding received from the State of Maine, closely approximate the amount spent annually by the City for summer and winter road maintenance; and

WHEREAS, to replace this lost revenue through property taxation would require the City to increase its property tax rate by 75 cents per thousand of assessed value; and

WHEREAS, if approved, this reduction could go into effect as early as January 2010, six months into the City's fiscal year and at a point where the primary option available to the City to adjust to this loss would be to reduce the approved General Fund expenditure budget; and

WHEREAS, given the \$1.3 million that was cut from the originally proposed Fiscal Year 2010 budget in order to maintain a stable tax rate for that year, a mid-year expenditure reduction of this magnitude would require the elimination of city services and staff, including positions in such core services as Police, Fire, and Public Works;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANGOR THAT

The City Council opposes the November ballot question that would significantly decrease the automobile excise tax for the following reasons:

- Reducing the excise tax will increase the City's reliance on the property tax and likely require property tax increases to maintain essential services otherwise funded through excise taxes;
- The excise tax is often more closely related to ability to pay than the property tax in that it reflects the value of the vehicle purchased and drops over time as vehicles age;
- The excise tax, in conjunction with State provided local road assistance, closely approximates the amount the City spends annually on summer and winter road maintenance, in effect functioning as a form of user fee for street maintenance;
- 67% of the vehicles currently registered in Bangor would see no change in their excise tax since they are six years old or older;
- If approved, these reductions would go into effect in the middle of the City's budget year, requiring significant expenditure reductions, much of which could only be accomplished through eliminating services and positions, including positions in such core municipal services and Police, Fire, and Public Works.

MMA Talking Points - TABOR II

1. TABOR II is little more than a warmed-up version of the flawed TABOR I proposal rejected by Mainers in 2006
2. Since TABOR I was rejected by the voters in 2006, both the State's General Fund Budget and the Highway Fund Budget have been cut in real dollars.
3. For four years Maine law has had formula-based spending limits on both state and local government; the undisputed evidence is that the State and local governments (in the aggregate) have stayed within those spending limits.
4. The TABOR II spending limit for the state is less stable, and oftentimes more generous, than the spending limit currently in law.
5. TABOR II limits hundreds of special purpose, broadly supported special revenue accounts as diverse as the "Maine Black Bear Scholarship Fund", the "Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Fund", the "Snowmobile Trail and Trail Grooming Equipment Fund", the "Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund", the "Eel and Elver Management Fund", and the "Saco River Corridor Commission".
6. TABOR II requires a statewide referendum on state-level tax decisions which cause a net increase of 1/100 of 1% (.0001) – as little as \$300,000.
7. The cost of a statewide referendum is approximately \$1 million.
8. In addition to a statewide referendum, TABOR II requires an election packet be mailed to each of Maine's 1 million registered voters. The packet (which itself will cost approximately \$800,000 to print and mail) must include:
 - The election date, hours, local election office address and telephone number;
 - The ballot title and text
 - Total state spending for the current fiscal year and past 4 years (including dollar and % changes)
 - The maximum dollar amount of the spending or tax increase
 - What the budget would look like without the spending or tax increase.
9. TABOR II includes the "ratchet effect" such that future spending is limited to current year spending plus an adjustment factor. So in years of extraordinary circumstances where "current year spending" is cut – years such as FY 2010 and FY 2011 – those years become the base for future spending. In this way TABOR II "ratchets down" budgets. It is for this reason that Colorado, the only state to have adopted TABOR, suspended a central feature of TABOR in 2005.

10. For FY 2011, state resources are projected to provide only 45% of the cost of public, K-12 education, despite the voter-approved initiative to provide 55% of the cost of education. TABOR II will effectively prohibit the state from ever meeting its promise and complying with the law.
11. TABOR II, like TABOR I, strips local citizens of their power to decide how local decisions should be made. It compels all municipalities to submit certain budget and tax decisions to referendum. Referendum voting is a perfectly valid governance tool. It is an option available to all municipalities today and some have locally chosen to utilize this toll. TABOR II takes away local control over this issue, compels all municipalities and counties to use the tool and then gives the state legislature control over the future of this mandatory referendums law.

VOTE NO ON TABOR – AGAIN.

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**RESOLUTION
IN OPPOSITION TO THE INITIATED BILL LD 976
"An Act to Provide Tax Relief" aka
TAXPAYERS BILL OF RIGHTS (TABORII)**

WHEREAS, since 2005, local governments in Maine have operated under a state law that limits the extent to which the property tax may increase in any given year and that requires the local governing body to vote on a separate article to exceed that limit; and

WHEREAS, this law also imposes expenditure limitations on State Government; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this legislation was to limit state spending and the municipal property tax levy in an effort to reduce the tax burden on our citizens and reduce Maine's national ranking on tax burden; and

WHEREAS, since it was adopted, it has achieved its stated purpose, with current State spending and overall municipal property taxes both below targeted levels; and

WHEREAS, this citizen initiative, also known as TABOR II, will make changes to the current spending and property taxation limits that apply to all levels of government in Maine; and

WHEREAS, it will impose growth limits on all state spending, including the State's Highway Fund, where the current law places limits only on the State's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, TABOR II will establish Fiscal Year 2010 as the baseline year for all future growth in State spending, a year where both the State General Fund and Highway Fund will experience significant revenue declines; thus, this proposal will lock in State spending at current depressed levels reflecting the impact of the current recession on State revenues; and

WHEREAS, current State spending limits are calculated on a cumulative basis allowing that if the amount spent is below the spending limit for the current fiscal year, that limit will be carried forward to next fiscal year thus allowing some flexibility in State spending and providing an incentive to spend below statutory levels; TABOR II will base the following year's spending level on that of the current year, thus creating a "use it or lose it incentive;" and

WHEREAS, TABOR II will require statewide voter approval for virtually all tax increases and expenditure increases above the growth limit, a requirement that entails significant additional state and local election expenditures and additional costs associated with its requirement that certain notices and financial information be mailed to every registered voter in the State at an estimated cost of \$800,000 for each mandated referendum; and

WHEREAS, at the municipal and county level, TABOR II also mandates referendum voting to approve any budget that exceeds the municipal or county property tax limit; and

WHEREAS, it also requires municipalities and counties to adopt a uniform budget format as developed by the State Planning Office; and

WHEREAS, both of these requirements will add costs that must be borne by local government and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, TABOR II, if approved, will dramatically move state and local government in Maine in the direction of budgeting by referendum, the results of which have become apparent in those States where this has already happened; and

WHEREAS, it will limit the flexibility of both the State and its local governments to react to changing conditions, community needs, and economic conditions and undermine the authority of elected officials to make budgetary and service decisions based on information and a depth of analysis unlikely to be undertaken by the average voter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF OAKLAND THAT

For the following reasons, the Council opposes the so-called TABOR II question that will appear on the November ballot and which would significantly modify current limits on State spending and on the municipal property tax levy:

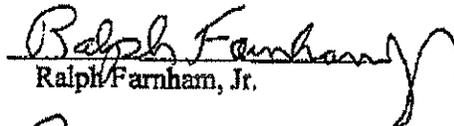
- The spending and levy limits established in current state law have been achieving their stated goal of reducing the tax burden on Maine citizens;
- The requirement that state spending above the spending limit and most tax increases be subject to approval at a statewide referendum will increase both state and local expenses and move toward a system of budgeting by referendum which, as shown by experience elsewhere, is an ineffective way to make budgetary and service level decisions;
- By establishing the current year as the basis from which future state spending increases are to be calculated, state spending, particularly for the highway fund, will be starting from a depressed level reflecting the impact of the current recession;
- Tax policy, budgets, and service levels are best decided through the core processes of representative government where the people elect individuals and charge them with the responsibility of making decisions based on data, analysis, debate, and public opinion while balancing the need for services and expenditures that address the common good with the ability of citizens to pay for such services.

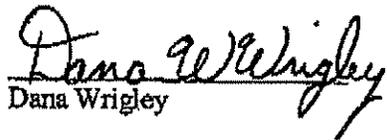
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

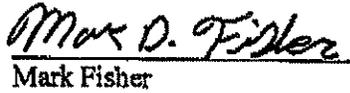
We urge all citizens to become fully informed on this proposal prior to the November election by becoming familiar with the language of the proposal and reviewing materials provided by those supporting and opposing this measure.


Michael Perkins, Chair


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Oakland Town Council

Dated: September 9, 2009

TO: Hampden Town Council
FROM: Sue Lessard, Town Manager
DATE: September 17, 2009
RE: 10 Mayo Road

As you are aware, my office spent a good deal of time in July in assisting a property owner with a Penquis CAP application for home repair for a badly leaking roof. At the present time, the property is in a tax acquired status, although the owner has been making monthly payments faithfully for many, many years. The Penquis application ended up being for a program with a 3-5 year waiting list, which is of no use in this instance. The agency was not informative, helpful, or forthright about the program it advertised or considerate in the treatment of our resident. The Chair of the Board of Penquis, Bill Collins, has assured me that the Board is investigating what occurred. There is no chance of funding for our resident – but I am in hopes that as a result of our intervention - no one else gets the kind of cavalier treatment that his case did.

The property owner is in the process of trying to obtain financing that will allow him to pay off all outstanding property taxes and pay for the cost of the shingling that is necessary. I am requesting permission from the Council to use a portion of the funds earmarked for the Penquis donation this year in order to cover the cost of the shingling. In the event that the owner is able to secure financing, he will reimburse the town from that financing. As previously mentioned, the property is in tax acquired status and it is in the best interest of the Town for it to remain in a state of good repair. The cost of shingling the roof is estimated at \$2,500-\$3,000. It is important that it get completed ASAP to avoid further damage to the home.