

ANNUAL REPORT  
*of the*  
TOWN OF  
DRESDEN  
MAINE

*Incorporated June 24, 1794*



July 1, 2008 *to* June 30, 2009

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## Dedication



In grateful appreciation for his  
27 years of service

as

Road Commissioner and Selectman  
this Town Report  
is dedicated to

Horace "Win" Moody.

Without his time and effort,  
Dresden's roads would not be in the  
fine condition they are.

Thank you, Win,  
for many moments of laughter!

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**2008/2009 Municipal Officials**

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<b>First Selectman</b>	JOHN W. OTTUM
<b>Second Selectman</b>	JAMES REA
<b>Third Selectman</b>	HORACE W. MOODY
<b>Treasurer &amp; Excise Tax Collector</b>	KIM S. RZASA
<b>Town Clerk &amp; Property Tax Collector</b>	CHRISTINE WOLFE
<b>Dresden Planning Board</b>	CHERYL CONNOLLY RICK GRAFFAM – Chairperson PHIL JOHNSTON ALLAN MOELLER RUSSELL PECKHAM JEFFREY PIERCE JOE WILEY
<b>CEO/LPI</b>	BRUCE ENGERT

## Town Clerk's Report

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*July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009*

### MARRIAGES

There were a total of 10 Marriages

#### MARRIED

#### NAMES

July 26, 2008	David Michael Lynch & Andrea Eve Biden
July 29, 2008	Arend Stephen Aldrich & Lindsey Kay Allard
September 07, 2008	David John Korzeniewski & Crystal Lynn Nelson
September 20, 2008	Bryan David Dore & Melissa Jean Beckwith
December 06, 2008	Mason Williams Dubord & Kathy Mae Blackman
December 31, 2008	Craig Alien Pratt & Christi Yvette Joyne
February 21, 2009	Andrew Paul Spicer & Katy Lynn Bragg
May 07, 2009	Brock Antoine Couillard & Sara Ann Richmond
May 23, 2009	John Louis Elias & Leah Faith Willard
June 26, 2009	Steven Ray Phelps & Meri-Melissa Renfroe

### DEATHS

There were a total of 11 Deaths

#### IN MEMORY OF

Alice M. Call	December 23, 2008
David Arthur Caswell	October 16, 2008
Sandra L. Doucette-Michelis	April 04, 2009
Charles C Hinkley	March 07, 2009
George F. James	January 14, 2009
Fred S. Jellison	November 10, 2008
Evelyn B. Ludwig	February 28, 2009
Stanley John Robertson	April 15, 2009
Howard A. Spratt	January 19, 2009
Carolyn M. Swanson	January 04, 2009
Mary Ellen Wallace	April 07, 2009

## BIRTHS

There were a total of 14 Births

NAME	BORN
Jacob Austin Black-Van Donselaar	February 17, 2009
Josias Wilson Brown	December 13, 2008
Camden Chase	August 24, 2008
Addison Elizabeth Chubbuck	November 8, 2008
Aubree Noel Creamer	September 4, 2008
Liam York Delaney	February 13, 2009
Asa Franklin Hatch	January 22, 2009
Levi Michael Hodgkins	June 19, 2009
Hunter David Hodgkins	June 19, 2009
Margaret Tommi-Marie James	June 1, 2009
Ashton Wade Lilly	July 31, 2008
Chloe Raeanne Riddle	October 14, 2008
Melanie Skye Thomas	December 7, 2008
Azalea May Wells	October 20, 2008



Musicians performing  
at the 2008 Dresden  
Summerfest.  
*Tim Nason photo.*

**Code Enforcement Officer & Plumbing Inspector**

As was the case in 2008, new home construction has not shown any significant improvement during 2009. The high unemployment and poor economy in general seem to be holding people back from building new homes. So far in 2010, there seems to be a slight increase in residential building activity. Hopefully, this will continue throughout the remainder of the year.

The new International Residential Building Code will go into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup> for those towns over 2000 in population which currently have a building code, and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 for those towns without a current building code. For the rest of the towns under 2000 in population, the enforcement date will be January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. Voluntary compliance is expected by the State for those towns under 2000 population and those without a current building code. Please contact the CEO for updates and any help you may need regarding this issue.

Permit classification and declared or estimated values are as follows:

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED DURING 2009**

New Homes.....8	Value.....	\$904,000.
Additions/Renovations.....8	Value.....	\$281,500.
Modular Homes.....1	Value.....	\$180,000.
Mobile Homes.....3	Value.....	\$105,000.
Garages/Barns.....10	Value.....	\$189,880.
Sheds/Decks.....18.....	Value.....	\$ 36,590.
	49	\$ 1,696,970.

**PLUMBING PERMITS ISSUED**

Internal Plumbing Permits.....	20
Sub Surface Waste Water Permits.....	14

Respectfully submitted,  
 Bruce Engert,  
*Code Enforcement Officer & Local Plumbing Inspector*

## FROM THE TOWN OFFICE

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### 2009-2010

Most of the Town report contains reports from the previous year such as the Audit Report, the Treasurer's, Clerk's, CEO's and some dozen other items of interest. The Town Report also contains the Warrant Articles for the upcoming 2010 Annual Town Meeting. In this section we like to take some time to review what has gone on in Town since July 2009 and into June of 2010.

**Assessing:** There were no changes to our building and land values this year. There were no indications of an increase in sales values over the last year which will leave our value at 80% of State values. The number of new properties in Town has declined over the past year which will result in a lower increase of Town values. Due to decreased revenues from the State and an increase in the School Budget we anticipate an increase in the mil rate for the coming year.

**Public Safety Building:** Although construction had started on the Public Safety building in March of 2009, winter weather and spring rains slowed the project and only site work was done between late March and early June. Once the weather changed the project accelerated considerably. We met weekly with contractor Lajoie Brothers and architects Whipple-Callander on the site to ensure that the project was proceeding according to schedule and the building was being done in accordance to the drawings. By late September the new Fire House was basically complete and on October 12, 2009 the Fire Department held a Grand Opening and Dedication ceremony. During the month of October and into November work was finished on the restoration of Pownalborough Hall. There was still some finishing work ongoing at Pownalborough Hall. This work is being accomplished by volunteer efforts, including interior painting and installation of molding. Our thanks go out to Gorham Lilly, Sharon Lilly, Dave Probert, Jeff Pierce, James Roberts, Jordan Mayo, Ron Theriault and Susan Lilly.

**Ambulance Service:** After a vote of the Town at Town Meeting we contracted with North East Ambulance Service to provide Ambulance service to the Town. This new service initially was supposed to provide an in Town Service to Dresden with an Ambulance located in Town from 7:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M.. As time went

on it proved to be more practical to have the Ambulance located in Town 24 hrs per day. So we now have full coverage with an Ambulance stationed at The Jewett Station in the Mills. Not only do we have this coverage but the contractual costs for ambulance service were reduced by \$3,000.00. The Ambulance Company pays a majority of the costs of operating Jewett Station.

**Solid Waste:** The Dresden Recycling Center sponsored two E-Waste events this year – one in October 2009 and one in April 2010. 9.7 tons of Electronic waste was collected thus removing them from the waste stream and providing an opportunity to recycle the material into other uses. The Center is also sponsoring a Hazardous Waste collection day at the City of Bath Public Works Department. The Center is expanding the garden project it started two years ago to include fruit trees and high bush blueberry plants. This year we began collecting all types of plastics; Previously we were limited to # 2 plastics. Now we can take in clear plastic bottles, plastic packaging and plastic toys.

**Recreation Committee:** The Recreation Committee sponsored 2 events during the year. In July they sponsored a Summer Fest on the grounds of the Pownalborough Courthouse. The event featured a Fried Turkey Cookout, boat rides on the Kennebec, a visit from the Chewonki bird sanctuary, fun and games for the kids, musical performances by local groups. All in all a good time was had by all. In February the annual Winterfest was held at the Dresden Elementary School. Activities included a Chowder/Chili Cook-off. Various entrants with all types of Chowders were presented. Entertainment consisted of a very popular Juggling Act.

**Wireless Internet:** After two years of discussions with Time Warner and Fairpoint Telephone Company regarding extending Broadband Internet service to those areas not already served with this service we looked at other options and discovered that there was a new type of High Speed internet service that involved wireless signals sent from towers located on Blinn Hill Rd, Calls Hill Rd and Common Rd. We applied for a Grant from Connectme and were awarded that grant on May 7, 2010. Using that grant and matching funds from Mid Coast Internet Solutions by next May we should have High Speed Internet services available to approximately 200 Homes in Dresden that do not currently have access to that type of service.