

ASSESSOR'S REPORT JUNE 2013

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The **tax maps** have been updated to reflect the status of property as of April 1, 2013. Each map has been plotted and is ready to be printed as 2' x 3' paper copies. These new maps will also be available on the web site once uploaded. There are still a lot of great enhancements coming over the next two years in the mapping department. Plans are underway to add building sketches and 9-1-1 addresses to each parcel.

With the new aerials I will also be able to review the buildings located on each parcel and their location more accurately and I would still like to review the overall layout of each map and perhaps re-number some of the lots to minimize the number of paper maps.

I attended the GIS summer school in Phippsburg and learned about LIDAR data. An amazing use of laser points to develop height of buildings, land topography and density of foliage. It is just another tool in the world of GIS available with the right program!

Inspections are in full force. I am more than half way done visiting property on site to review new construction and renovations. Sadly, I have also been visiting homes that have a foreclosure action placed upon them. Most of these that I have visited are vacant and untended for. Some of them are actually for sale which is good. First time home owners may have an opportunity to acquire a modest dwelling at a reasonable price.

I have already begun a conversation with landowners in regards to the new Summit **natural gas** line. I believe that entry into Winslow will begin at the town line on the Augusta Road, travel north and then veer west across a field just north of Verti Drive and then travel under the Kennebec River where it will continue its journey north again.

As an executive board member with the **State Chapter of IAAO** (International Association of Assessing Officers), we continue to meet monthly to discuss educational opportunities and matters of the chapter. For the first time in a few years, we are sponsoring a week long IAAO Class on the Income Approach. This will be held at the annual property tax school in Belfast at the beginning of August. Our Chapter will be offering a scholarship to two IAAO members to attend this class.

We are also sponsoring a training session at the **MMA Convention**, titled "Website Resources" for the Assessor. I will be presenting at this session along with a panel of assessors. Also joining us will be Ben Thomas, MMA Web and Social Media. Ben has mentioned that the MMA web site will have gone through a re-design by the time of the Convention.