

The 2016 Town Report is now on-line at [baldwinmaine.org](http://baldwinmaine.org). We thank everyone who contributed to help get it prepared and available two weeks in advance of the Town Meeting. As you look through the report, you will find annual reports from almost every Town officer or committee plus community support organizations. We greatly appreciate the work of all Town boards, committees, and officers for your submissions and more importantly, the support and services that you provide to the people of Baldwin year in and year out.

Community Center Status: Doten Construction is currently working a short punch list of minor items. The building is now functionally upgraded to meet the State Fire Marshall permit requirements. The heat has been turned on and the Town Meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> will be held once again in the Multi-purpose Room where it was held since the mid 1950's. The Community Center Use Committee has recommended the town approve wider use of the facility. Their report is on pages 89 and 90 of the Town Report. Many people who were not formal members of the committee were vital participants in the process. Thank you all. The Board of Selectmen endorses the recommendations in Committee's report.

In addition to the individual annual budget related warrant items, there are four Land Use Ordinance questions to be voted on. Articles 60 and 61 provide revised definitions related to structures or building related activities and building permits. These reflect ongoing efforts by the Planning Board to keep the Land Use Ordinances up-to-date. Articles 62 and 63 relate to recreational and medical marijuana. There was a public hearing for all four articles on 11 February at the Community Center. Although heavy snow that day may have limited the number of participants, about 20 people did attend and there was a good discussion of all the articles. A link to the full text of these articles and related ordinances will be posted on the Town website and will also be available in hard copy at the Town Office. The Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board support all four articles. If you still have questions after reading the materials available, you have several opportunities to speak with town officials before the Town Meeting on 11 March. The Board of Selectmen has regularly scheduled meetings at 6:30 PM on 28 February and 7 March. The Planning Board has a meeting on 9 March at 7:00 PM. Each of these meetings has time for public comment or questions.

Sincerely  
Baldwin Board of Selectmen