

Report of the Building Inspector

First, I would like to thank you for hiring me and for the welcome that I received from the residents and contractors here. I could not work with a better group of people. My background is in Engineering and in Construction. Many years ago I gave up working in an office and started swinging a hammer. It did not take long before I found myself back inside as an Estimator and Cost Accountant (and my title – Special Projects Manager – meaningless). So, to have this position where I spend a third of my time on inspections and the balance in the office (or at trainings) is a lot closer to what I had in mind.

For just shy of ten years I was a Writer/Photographer for the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation. Needless to say I keep an eye on wildlife and conservation. I have been an architectural student all my life and as fate would have it, the drafting teacher that I had all through High School, Arlo Collins, lived here in Fremont. Also a history buff, I am looking forward to the 250th Anniversary coming up and hope that more will get involved for this momentous occasion.

Working part time, I have tried to be here not only on the days that I work in the office and on Wednesday nights but at odd times if I can to make it all work.

To the subject at hand, it has not been the best of times certainly for the economy or building in particular. At my other job, our last quarter was far better than all year. Even here in town the interest the last month of the year has been encouraging. With that said, I have listened to positive statements (and looked for indicators) for at least three years and not seen the results we all hope for. Still, how long can this last?

With so many power outages we have seen a lot of permits for wood or pellet stoves and generators. We are seeing a number of renovation permits, hopefully another sign that things are (slowly) turning around. Black Rock Village continues to add two and four unit buildings.

We are still using 2009 IRC/IBC - 2012 is out, last summer the state adopted the 2011 NEC and as of December, the 2009 NHPA & Life & Safety.

The figures in the table that follows are the reality for 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert N Meade
Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer

**Key permits for
2011**

Garage	7	Pools	6
Decks/Porch	15	Additions	8
Sheds	2	Renovations	13
Other	-	Flood Related	-
Trade Permits	155	Fire Related	1
Single Family Home	3	Barn	2
Duplex	2	Farm Stand	1
Quadplex	5	Multi-family homes	
Commercial	1	Machine Shop	

**Grand
Total:** \$32,515.43

The American Flag

When freedom, from her mountain height
 Unfurled her standard to the air,
 She tore the azure robe of night
 And set the stars of glory there.
 She mingled with its gorgeous dyes
 The milky baldrick of the skies,
 Then from his mansion in the sun
 She called her eagle-bearer down
 And gave into his mighty hand
 The symbol of her chosen land.

~ Joseph Rodman Drake