January

• 1/15 Master Gardener Development Board Meeting. We are soliciting new MGV members to join the Board.
• 1/16 Attended an all-day research reporting session in Bangor for Extension Aggies and statewide NRCS employees.
• 1/22 Presented the report on L.D. 409, A Resolve to Create a Farmer to Veteran Training Program, to the Legislative committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.
• 1/22 Statewide Meeting for Maine Harvest for Hunger.
• 1/23 Met with a beginning farmer in Farmington on his Farm Business Plan.
• 1/24 Met with Northeast Meats in Gardiner about adding a slaughter enterprise to his new, local meat processing business.
• 1/28 Participated in Hire Touch webinar, new online system for hiring employees.
• 1/29 Interviewed by Portland Press Herald about Beginning Farmer Resource Network.
• 1/30 Visited CMP construction site in Bowdoinham to measure depth of wreck-out in a farm field.
• 1/31 Participated in an Ag Lease Webinar from The North Central Extension Farm Management Committee

February

• 2/3 Met with Tom Hoerth, Arborist for the City of Bath about facilitating strategic planning for the Forestry Committee.
• 2/4 Attended the New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference Steering Committee wrap-up meeting for 2013 Conference in Manchester, NH. I resigned my chairmanship of the Proceedings. The county will receive a check for $2,500 to compensate for Dana’s time on this project.
• 2/6 Reviewed 2014 MGV Training Applications. Accepted 25 participants. Class begins 2/27.