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ANNUAL REPORT



2023



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ANNUAL REPORT DEDICATION

DR. PAUL B. FREDERIC

This year's annual report is dedicated to Paul Frederic – scion of a family which immigrated here from Nantucket about the time of the town's incorporation (1795). His father and mother, Glen and Madge (Taylor) Frederic, were two prominent Starks citizens over many decades. Besides being in the lumbering business they also raised sheep and ran a dairy operation. This is undoubtedly where Paul's love of farming began.

“Farming isn't for everyone, but hay it's in my jeans”.

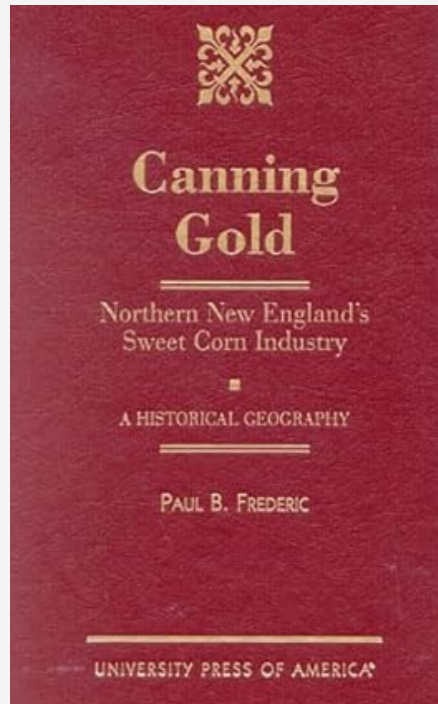
– Anonymous

Paul went to elementary school here in Starks, then to high school in New Sharon, and on to UMaine Farmington, earned a Masters at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and a PhD in geography at the University of Illinois at Urbana. Paul had one brother, Burton Frederic, who unfortunately passed away in 1981.

After college and a short career elsewhere, Paul came back home to Starks to be a professor of geography at his alma mater, UMaine Farmington from 1978 to present. Emeritus since 2005.

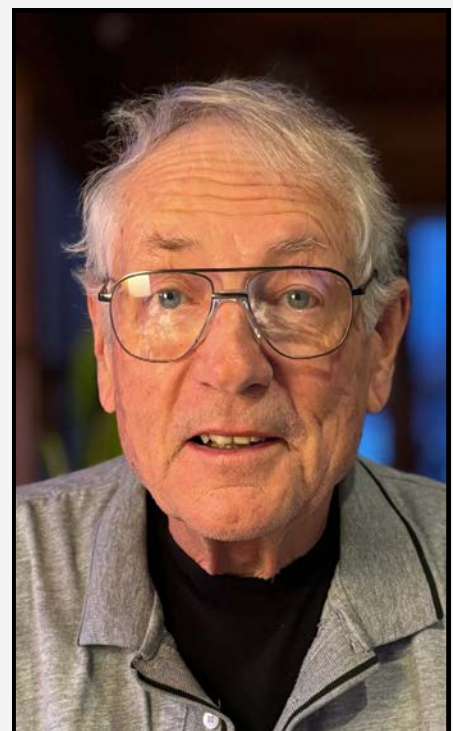
He was a visiting professor of Geography at the University of Namibia in 1994 and an exchange professor in Beijing in 2003.

Paul was elected to the Starks Board of Selectmen over three separate periods: - the first was to fill out an unexpired term from 1977-1978; a second period from 1980 to 1983; and most recently from 2009 to 2022- a total of about 17 years.



Paul served his community in various other capacities, including: Director of the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC, now LUPC) in the 1980s.

The Franklin County Agricultural Task Force; Somerset County Bicentennial Committee; Starks Health and Safety Committee; Maine Governors Committee on Rural Development; Starks Community Development Committee; Judge for the Maine Municipal Annual Reports Competition; and Chair of the Republican Party for the Town of Starks. He is a long-time member of the association of American Geographers; the New England St. Lawrence Valley Geographical Society; and the International Geographical Union.



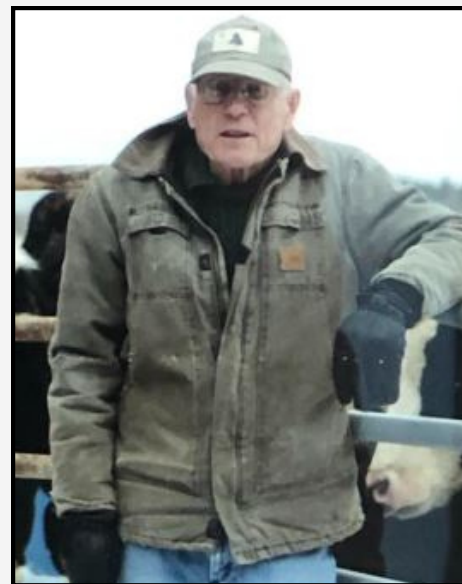
Notably, Paul authored a book, *Canning Gold* -a meticulously researched examination of how sweet corn canning helped shape the economy, landscape and people of rural Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont during the "corn shop century," (1860-1960s). Additionally, Paul contributed to or wrote many other literary works in his life including several chapters in books, many articles in publication, and even wrote a few book reviews.

Paul not only imparted knowledge to countless students and publications but has also been a source of inspiration and guidance in our small town where he generously contributed to its betterment.

Aside from all his career-related accomplishments, Paul is a father and husband. Paul has three adult children: daughter Irene Tyler who lives with husband Bob in Laconia, New Hampshire; Daughter Paula Witney, who lives in New Vineyard with husband Doug; and son Joe Frederic, who lives here in Starks with wife Melissa. Paul has five grandchildren, all within striking distance. Ian and Isaac Tyler, Taylor and Courtney Witney, William and Amelia Frederic, and great granddaughter Aiyana Witney. Paul also has a stepson Brad, located in California who he stays in touch with since the passing of his Mother Liz Frederic.

One of Paul's great loves is farming on his homestead in Starks. In retirement and while reminiscing after the cows had breached the fence to roam upper Chicken Street one afternoon, Paul referred to it by saying "I suppose I do it to avoid fishing". Paul's monotone cadence, and dry, quick wit has earned him the title of comedian over the years. He uses this talent when speaking in public and always garners a burst of laughter from any crowd he speaks to. At one point early on, Paul was encouraged to consider stand-up comedy as a hobby or second career path. Even in a small group, Paul is good for a laugh.

Paul now lives in the remodeled home of his childhood with his wife Betty. They have a sweet, elusive cat named Theo, rarely spotted by visitors. Paul continues to contribute to various literary works and academic projects while also plugging away on the farm. He and Betty enjoy staying up to date on all the local economic and political happenings, roaming the backroads of New England & Canada, traveling to visit family, and attending geography conferences around the country.



Paul's influence and values will continue to resonate through town, ensuring that his legacy endures for years to come.

Thank you, Paul, for your exceptional contributions to Starks, the field of education, and the broader community. Your impact is truly immeasurable, and we're honored to express our appreciation for all that you have done.

— ” —

We make a living
by what we get,
but we make a life
by what we give

— ” —

WINSTON CHURCHILL

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TERMS

Selectmen - 3 year

Ernest Hilton 3-2024
David Taylor 3-2025
Joseph Hayden 3-2026

Assessors - 3 year

Cathleen Horner 3-2024
Maryanne Gawlinski 3-2025
Joseph Hayden 3-2026

Tax Collector - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2024

Town Clerk - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2025

Registrar of Voters - 2 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert 1-2025

Treasurer - 3 year

Erin Norton 3-2026

Planning Board - 5 year

Joe Hartigan 4-2024
Gwen Hilton 4-2025
Ken Lust 4-2027
Tiffany Bellefleur 4-2028
Claire Nelson 4-2028
Bryne Wright (Alt) 4-2026

Plumbing Inspector - 1 year

Leo Mayo 3-2024

Fire Chief

Robert M. Pressey

Town Fire Warden - 1 year

Carl Irvine, Jr. 3-2024

GA Administrator

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2024

Town Report Administrator

Erin Norton 3-2024

Animal Control Officer - 1 year

Danielle Pressey 3-2024

CEO/Health Officer - 3 year

Terriann Lamontagne 3-2026

Building Superintendent - 1 year

William Pressey 3-2024

Town Sexton - 1 year

Danielle Pressey 3-2024

Warrant Officer - 3 year

William Pressey 3-2026

RSU # 9 School Board Director - 3 year

Carol Coles 7-2024

Appeals Board - 5 year

George Martikke 9-2024
Sara Brusila 9-2024
Carol Coles 9-2027
Maryanne Gawlinski 9-2027
Jared Norton 9-2028
Penny Emerson 5-2027

Budget Committee – 1 year

Paul Frederic 3-2024
Ken Lust 3-2024
Joseph McCarthy 3-2024
Kevin McGillicuddy 3-2024
Danielle Pressey 3-2024

Water District - 3 year

Joe Hartigan Operator
Ashley Hayden 11-2024
Anna Matilda Simone 11-2025
Robin Melancon-Quimby 11-2025
Jared Norton 11-2026
Erin Norton 11-2026



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OFFICE OF THE SELECTBOARD

March 9, 2024

2023 was a busy year. Most notably extensive road work was done on that portion of the Sawyers Mills Road extending 3,600 feet from Rt 43 to the top of the hill beyond the Mayhew Road. The work consisted of replacing culverts, grinding all the pavement in place, putting down cloth and covering it with twelve inches of new gravel. In effect over a half mile of paved road was converted to a gravel road. We also ditched, re-culverted, laid fabric and a foot of gravel on about a half mile of the Sterry Hill Road. As director of Public Works, Joe Hayden performs a Herculean effort and does it well.

Last year the Town set aside about \$30,000 towards a complete overhaul of the HVAC control system at the Community Center. Because the building was formerly a school the control system is exceedingly complex and over the years has been modified in ways which are not now completely understood. We were unable to get the work done this year due to a lack of contracting capacity. We are recommending the funds be rolled over into the new year.

We are also embarking on “Resilience” grants. This is a state-wide effort to build greater climate resilience into our communities to save energy, reduce the town’s carbon footprint and save tax dollars. The three major culverting projects we’ve done over the last five years have been climate resilience projects. All completed at little or no cost to the Town, We will be convening a number of public meetings to develop a sense of direction as well as a list of other potential projects. Among possible projects will be extensive insulation and energy conservation efforts at the town garage, the fire station and the Community Center. There is grant funding available for much of this effort.

By the time you read this, we will have put in a proposal for another culvert replacement grant, this time to replace a steel culvert at the foot of Sterry Hill with a concrete arch similar to the project at Watson Corner. This stream drains into Lemon Stream. Many of you may realize a not-for-profit group has acquired rights to remove the dam on Lemon Stream in the village. This would further fish passage for brook trout and a variety of anadromous and catadromous fish.

In late summer the board completed the purchase of approximately two acres across Rt 43 from the Community Center which will serve the Town well in years to come. The new LED sign purchased for the town office has been ordered and will be operational soon.

We also completed the purchase of a used 2003 Volvo wheeler plow truck as an auction item from the Dep’t of Transportation. The truck came complete with a head frame and side tower, a nose

plow and wing as well as a stainless steel sander. The purchase price was \$10,000 as compared to \$250,000 as the cost of the package new. We plan to invest an additional \$15,000 in upgrades and maintenance of the truck to assure its long-term usefulness to the town. There is another DOT truck coming available, a 2006 wheeler, which we are investigating.

The Town's over 25-year involvement with First Park, a business park located at the I-95 exit in Oakland, continues. The premise of the Park when formed was that the member towns would make investments for a few years then start receiving payoffs of net operating funds. It hasn't worked out that way due to the business plan. We've been encouraging the Executive Board of First Park to modify the business plan for the Park to enable it to get the lots out into the market sooner and thereby start paying benefits to member towns.. They did sell four lots to a solar developer in December 2021 and more recently sold two more lots to a manufacturing company from Ohio, but the effectiveness of the overall sales effort is still poor. Given that the purpose of the Park isn't to generate profit, but is to instead generate tax income and jobs, one proposal from our board is to simply give the lots away to qualified developers.

As all of you realize, the Town's effort to initiate a town-based utility governing fiber optic service did not work out. Consolidated Communications (CCI) had already acquired the right to provide fiber service in certain small but strategic areas of town, so we were obliged to pull out of the MIDC inasmuch as our projects through the MIDC were not eligible for grant funding. There was no monetary loss for withdrawal. CCI is, however, rapidly providing service throughout the town.

As in the past, members of the Board are active in a number of other organizations. We're all on the board of AMS (the local ambulance board), and KVRWC (the recycling operation). Joe oversees the day-to-day recycling operation. In addition, Ernie now works with Ken Lust on the First Park board. And the Town is involved with the local Kennebec Valley Council of Governments, KVCOG.

We generally meet every first and third Monday evenings (including some holidays) at 7 PM and welcome people coming in with their questions, comments and concerns.

Ernie Hilton

Joe Hayden

Dave Taylor

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

Thank you to the townspeople of Starks! My 13th year as Town Clerk was highlighted with the most absences I ever experienced after I had two unexpected surgeries and subsequent recoveries. The support and patience shown to me aided my recovery and warmed my heart. My greatest appreciation goes out to my deputies **Barbara Vischer** and **Maryanne Gawlinski**. Their willingness to tackle the broad range of duties that a small-town Clerk and Tax Collector faces during town office hours was invaluable. Starks is so lucky to have them!

The Community Center is starting to become a hub of activity again now that the pandemic is behind us. There's been a few library events, the once-a-month Saturday Mug Up is back and more fun than ever and the Fire Department hosted the best Family Fun Day yet. Remember, the gym is available for rent for private parties or groups. Call the Town Office during our scheduled hours if you are interested in renting the gym for your event.

Our mobile friendly website, www.starksme.com - is packed with an amazing amount of information related to our town. Everything from **paying your taxes online, re-registering your cars, trucks and trailers, dog licenses, ATV, snowmobile and boat re-registrations, hunting and fishing licenses**, tax maps, the annual town report, town adopted ordinances, and planning board activities to upcoming events/deadlines is at your fingertips. **Check it out**

Other ways we try to help you stay informed of town happenings is the official Town of Starks Facebook page, the casual Facebook group "ALL THINGS STARKS" (not town affiliated) and a town wide email list. If you haven't utilized these great ways to keep in touch, check out the Facebook pages, and/or send an email to townofstarks@gmail.com and request to be added to receive town wide emails.

This was a light election year with municipal elections in March, the school budget referendum in June and the Statewide referendum election in November. Our stalwart team of experienced Election Workers got us through the long days with grace and efficiency. I want to thank the following election workers: **Valerie Comstock, Maryanne Gawlinski, Erin Norton, Charlene Pressey, Danielle Pressey, Vicki Stevens**, and **Barbara Vischer**. Kudos to **Bill Pressey** as well for all the extra time spent setting up and cleaning.

Thank you to the Select Board, **Joe, Dave** and **Ernie** for their hard work and dedication to running the town successfully. And, as always, A *SPECIAL THANK YOU* goes to my office mate **Erin Norton**.

Vital records for 2023 were as follows:

<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Marriages</u>
9	5	3

Town office hours are **Mondays 10 am-2 pm, Wednesdays 3pm-7pm, and the first Saturday of the month 8 am -11 am**. I understand these limited hours can be frustrating for some – so I am willing to help folks (in a pinch) during off hours. Call me (578-0341) or email me at mthungermaine@gmail.com and I will do my best to accommodate your needs.

I am honored to be working as the Clerk for the Town of Starks. I hope to continue to serve you well.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn

Jennifer A Zweig Hebert

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2023

As of: December 31, 2023

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
*	19	Anger Jr. Robert K	878.85	-7.13	885.98
	711	Ashby, Deborah	222.08	-1.80	223.88
	26	Atwood, John T	108.25	-0.88	109.13
	577	Bavolar, James R	558.00	-4.53	562.53
	635	Bavolar, James R	569.16	-4.43	573.59
**	767	Bellefleur, Brad	899.08	372.33	526.75
	629	Bellefleur, Eileen M	372.33	-3.02	375.35
	324	Bellefleur, Sarah	398.41	-3.23	401.64
	46	Belmore, Thomas G	316.11	-2.56	318.67
	388	Bengal, Carrie M	441.38	-3.58	444.96
	797	BENSON, JESSICA J	168.80	71.61	97.19
	293	Bessey, Laura C	341.50	-2.77	344.27
	57	Born, Robyn	427.57	-3.47	431.04
	60	Boucher, Douglas A	773.25	-6.27	779.52
	331	Boucher, Douglas A	179.40	-1.45	180.85
	319	Brewer, Taylia M	314.01	-2.55	316.56
**	149	Brower, Howard S	287.93	0.00	287.93
	791	Brown, Steven E Jr	686.06	-5.56	691.62
	702	Bushey, Jason B	749.25	-6.08	755.33
	86	Christen, Pamela	1,728.68	-14.02	1,742.70
	87	Churchill, Caleb	549.07	-4.45	553.52
	70	CLARK, ARNOLD J	598.73	-4.86	603.59
	416	Clark, Kelly D	618.40	-5.01	623.41
	337	Coconis, Michael	1,129.95	-9.16	1,139.11
	111	Costigan, Julie L	545.17	10.35	534.82
	409	Costigan, Kenneth	486.85	-3.95	490.80
	120	Curran, Thomas	291.97	-2.37	294.34
**	571	CZARNECKI, BRAD	4,293.53	0.00	4,293.53
	136	Deming, Roi A	769.06	-6.24	775.30
	455	Donovan, Gregory J	460.91	-3.74	464.65
	167	Dube, Brad A	1,471.03	-11.93	1,482.96
	169	Duhaime, Deanne	463.70	-3.76	467.46
	179	Edwards, Ivan	234.36	-1.90	236.26
**	139	Emmanuel T & Lorraine W Denis Trust	314.71	0.00	314.71
**	141	Emmanuel T & Lorraine W Denis Trust	291.97	0.00	291.97
**	150	Emmanuel T & Lorraine W Denis Trust	296.02	20.24	275.78

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	283	Esposito, Maureen H	1,206.54	-9.78	1,216.32
	109	Esposito, Robert M	2,433.72	-19.74	2,453.46
	678	Farrell, Donna M	1,329.30	-10.78	1,340.08
	190	Fellman, Carl	597.28	-4.84	602.12
	194	Field, Robert J	786.92	-6.38	793.30
*	749	Fields Jr., Bruce W	195.30	-1.58	196.88
**	157	Forever Green MP Homes	1,131.62	0.00	1,131.62
	201	Frederic, Joseph W	1,519.29	-12.32	1,531.61
	205	Friend, Tara M	770.04	-6.24	776.28
	209	Gaeta, Lorraine A	659.56	-5.35	664.91
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	413.48	-3.35	416.83
	460	GIGUERE, RAYMOND R	622.03	-5.04	627.07
	503	GORDON, ROBERT B JR	1,690.74	-13.71	1,704.45
**	619	Gower, Charie A	2,263.67	0.00	2,263.67
**	231	Greenleaf, Scott	286.53	-2.32	288.85
	419	Haley, Ryan M	287.93	-2.33	290.26
**	238	HALL, MARCIA	778.83	0.00	778.83
	240	Hamilton, Thomas H	140.06	20.94	119.12
	241	Hand, Roger	504.29	-4.09	508.38
	245	Harris, Nelson N	250.26	-2.03	252.29
	249	Hartigan, Dennis P	783.85	-3.53	787.38
	735	Hayden, Joseph P.O.	416.83	-3.38	420.21
**	280	Hogg, Mark E	737.68	734.12	3.56
	286	Horner, Joseph C	2,204.52	-17.88	2,222.40
	207	HOWTON, ANNA	287.93	-2.33	290.26
	386	Johnson, Christopher	560.51	26.06	534.45
**	159	Koetsch, Bernard E	927.54	-7.52	935.06
**	709	Koetsch, Bernard E	410.13	0.00	410.13
	792	KONOPKA, DANIEL E	736.56	-5.87	742.43
*	326	Kozielewicz, Edward	366.75	-2.97	369.72
	327	KREBS, DAVID S	3,411.89	1,805.74	1,606.15
	330	Krebs, Dennis	1,794.67	-14.55	1,809.22
*	424	Lagin-Nasse, Julianna & Lagin, Nancy	441.83	0.00	441.83
	708	Lane, James	220.97	-1.79	222.76

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**	339	Larouche, John G	1,323.44	1,097.68	225.76
	315	Lemay Trapper C.	2,375.82	-19.27	2,395.09
	760	Lemay, George E Jr	2,121.10	-17.20	2,138.30
**	742	Locke, Duane M	816.21	500.00	316.21
	574	LUKER, GAIL CHRISTINA	249.15	98.79	150.36
	368	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	904.38	12.05	892.33
	715	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	46.17	-0.37	46.54
	739	Martikke Kiger, Katie	2,194.61	-17.80	2,212.41
	389	Martikke, George	584.23	-4.74	588.97
	390	Martikke, George F	889.03	-7.21	896.24
	647	MCCARTHY, EUGENE FREDERIC	388.37	-3.15	391.52
*	404	McLaughlin, Chris	1,733.57	0.00	1,733.57
	405	McPherson, Wayne	219.57	-1.78	221.35
**	407	Meagher, Brian	3,051.84	1,996.66	1,055.18
	529	Merrill, Danielle L	884.71	-7.17	891.88
	547	Mitchell, Karen P	455.33	455.19	0.14
	171	Napoleon, Alexander G	408.46	-3.31	411.77
	524	NEAL, JAMES	458.68	-3.72	462.40
**	429	Newsom, John	326.57	-2.65	329.22
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,366.82	1,331.49	35.33
	675	Nichols, Michael A	955.44	-7.75	963.19
	608	Nichols, William L	378.32	-3.07	381.39
	565	Norton, Jared M	387.67	-3.14	390.81
	436	NORTON, JORDAN D	194.18	-1.57	195.75
	439	O'Donald, Melissa	212.74	-1.73	214.47
	448	Oliver, Carla J	1,560.17	-12.65	1,572.82
**	444	Oliver, Herbert E	201.16	0.00	201.16
	456	Osgood, Wanda	987.24	-8.01	995.25
*	459	Ouellette, Kenneth W	710.47	445.60	264.87
	466	Patenaude, Alan	200.88	-1.63	202.51
	497	PEDERSEN, RONALD	1,720.59	1,599.17	121.42
	480	Peppermint, Cary	1,083.64	-8.06	1,091.70
	483	Perkins, Raymond, E.	737.26	-5.98	743.24
**	724	Phillips, Steven A	174.10	0.00	174.10

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	32	POIRIER, JARED	451.84	19.81	432.03
	762	Prescott, Gerald S	324.06	-2.63	326.69
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	428.54	-3.48	432.02
	499	Pressey, Robert M	901.59	-7.31	908.90
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	511.55	-4.15	515.70
*	502	Quimby, Glenda	1,755.33	0.00	1,755.33
	510	Rackliff, Michael A	330.20	-2.68	332.88
	517	Randall, Lewis G., Randall Barbara J	506.66	-4.11	510.77
	38	Renner, Trustee, Leslie	2,508.63	-20.34	2,528.97
	9	Riley, Megan	199.35	-1.62	200.97
	528	Rioux Family Revocable Trust	144.94	-1.18	146.12
	530	Robinson, John	1,895.73	-15.37	1,911.10
	777	Ross, Jon A	1,436.29	-11.65	1,447.94
*	665	Russo, Diane M	1,055.50	46.86	1,008.64
**	666	Russo, Diane M	21.48	0.00	21.48
	765	Sanville, Andrew	460.35	-3.73	464.08
	110	SANVILLE, ANDREW D	861.41	-6.99	868.40
	556	Sheen, Jada F	508.90	-4.13	513.03
	558	Sherrer, Charles R	1,005.93	-8.16	1,014.09
	560	Sherrer, Earskin	261.14	-2.12	263.26
	566	SIMMONS, BRUCE G	801.85	-6.50	808.35
*	521	Sours, Shane L	702.24	155.60	546.64
	691	Stevens, Charles L	783.29	477.54	305.75
	722	Swisher, John R	220.97	-1.79	222.76
	602	Tanner, Richard A	277.88	-2.25	280.13
	605	Taylor, David E	1,216.72	-9.87	1,226.59
**	654	Testamentary Trucy, Angel Vinton Trust	551.30	0.00	551.30
	615	Thayer, Erika L	1,129.11	-9.16	1,138.27
**	613	Thayer, James	1,224.53	-9.93	1,234.46
	614	Thayer, James W	632.91	-5.13	638.04
**	754	Tibbetts, Antonio	621.61	0.00	621.61
	627	Tracy, Alice C	153.45	-1.24	154.69
	393	Tracy, Howard S	498.99	-4.05	503.04
	774	Tracy, Trista A	195.30	-1.58	196.88

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	628	Tracy, Truman G	616.03	-5.00	621.03
	631	Tutt, Dawn	1,346.73	-10.92	1,357.65
*	636	Van Tol, Gary	121.03	0.00	121.03
	638	Vessella, David A	1,183.80	-9.60	1,193.40
	282	Viant, Jules	501.36	-1.92	503.28
	639	Vincent, Edward B	191.53	-1.55	193.08
	410	Vomorde, Carson C	1,313.39	-10.65	1,324.04
	181	Waite, Nicholas P	1,646.80	-13.35	1,660.15
	352	Webber, Archie L	194.18	-1.57	195.75
	782	Welcome, Cordell	27.90	-0.23	28.13
	781	Welcome, Jeffery	1,232.20	-9.99	1,242.19
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,384.54	-11.23	1,395.77
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	889.45	-7.21	896.66
	660	White, Stephen	559.95	13.14	546.81
	580	Whitmore, Robert	428.68	-3.48	432.16
**	769	WILBUR, LARRY C	532.89	266.50	266.39
**	80	Winkley, Jereme P	998.26	0.00	998.26
	672	Winslow, Peter V	624.54	498.99	125.55
	676	Worthley, Melinda	641.84	-5.21	647.05
	677	Worthley, Melinda	176.75	-1.43	178.18
	803	WS PLANT FAMILY TRUST 2021	214.27	-1.74	216.01
	746	Wyman, Joseph	924.05	-7.48	931.53
	748	Wyman, Joseph	438.59	-3.56	442.15
		Total for 162 Accounts:	125,474.83	11,376.83	114,098.00

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* Indicates Partial Payment after December 31, 2023

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2022

As of: December 31, 2023

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
**	19	Anger Jr. Robert K	268.70	-2.66	271.36
	711	Ashby, Deborah	236.80	-2.21	239.01
	388	Bengal, Carrie M	442.62	184.56	258.06
	87	Churchill, Caleb	569.88	-6.24	576.12
	416	Clark, Kelly D	634.95	-7.03	641.98
	136	Deming, Roi A	467.42	284.85	182.57
*	455	Donovan, Gregory J	478.07	-4.92	482.99
	209	Gaeta, Lorraine A	673.58	-7.50	681.08
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	459.74	-4.70	464.44
	460	GIGUERE, RAYMOND R	638.35	-7.07	645.42
	241	Hand, Roger	501.67	-5.42	507.09
	245	Harris, Nelson N	263.26	-2.53	265.79
**	159	Koetsch, Bernard E	925.08	0.00	925.08
	708	Lane, James	261.95	-2.51	264.46
	739	Martikke Kiger, Katie	2,096.64	-24.64	2,121.28
	529	Merrill, Danielle L	858.70	-9.75	868.45
	171	Napoleon, Alexander G	437.91	-4.65	442.56
	456	Osgood, Wanda	963.49	-10.91	974.40
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	456.76	-4.87	461.63
	499	Pressey, Robert M	874.54	-9.94	884.48
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	508.48	-5.50	513.98
**	502	Quimby, Glenda	759.43	0.00	759.43
*	517	Randall, Lewis G., Randall Barbara J	503.89	0.00	503.89
*	558	Sherrer, Charles R	907.66	391.90	515.76
	722	Swisher, John R	261.95	-2.51	264.46
	615	Thayer, Erika L	1,114.27	-12.84	1,127.11
**	613	Thayer, James	1,203.82	-13.93	1,217.75
**	754	Tibbetts, Antonio	511.47	0.00	511.47
	393	Tracy, Howard S	522.88	2.74	520.14
	639	Vincent, Edward B	234.32	-2.18	236.50
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,353.98	42.75	1,311.23
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	889.33	-10.12	899.45
		Total for 32 Accounts:	21,281.59	742.17	20,539.42

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Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2021

As of: December 31, 2023

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	87	Churchill, Caleb	618.81	-55.64	674.45
	416	Clark, Kelly D	690.08	-61.58	751.66
**	455	Donovan, Gregory J	525.73	-46.64	572.37
	460	GIGUERE, RAYMOND R	693.81	-61.89	755.70
	241	Hand, Roger	533.34	-48.51	581.85
	245	Harris, Nelson N	294.44	279.87	14.57
	739	Kiger, Nathan A	2,264.58	102.00	2,162.58
**	708	Lane, James	281.16	197.02	84.14
*	529	Merrill, Danielle L	921.59	729.71	191.88
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	494.91	-45.30	540.21
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	540.80	-49.13	589.93
**	517	Randall, Lewis G., Randall Barbara J,	558.01	263.61	294.40
	639	Vincent, Edward B	251.27	-24.98	276.25
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	183.44	-19.32	202.76
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,216.10	-105.46	1,321.56
		Total for 15 Accounts:	10,068.07	1,053.76	9,014.31

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2020

As of: December 31, 2023

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	605.59	289.82	315.77
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	563.09	502.86	60.23
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	621.95	-119.97	741.92
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	282.09	-53.41	335.50
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	202.46	-37.81	240.27
		Total for 5 Accounts:	2,275.18	581.49	1,693.69

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Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2019

As of: December 31, 2023

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	678.55	-163.14	841.69
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	255.63	134.15	121.48
		Total for 2 Accounts:	934.18	- 28.99	963.17

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2018

As of: December 31, 2023

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	616.70	-187.62	804.32
		Total for 1 Account:	616.70	-187.62	804.32

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From the Treasurer's Desk

Greetings friends!

In late January we gathered to review and set the budget before you on our Town warrant just a few pages down from this one. We carefully calculated and estimated cost increases/decreases and how they will affect our overall commitment this coming fall. Several line items within our budget are set figures obtained from individual vendors like Harris software, the ambulance subsidy, dues, the annual audit, and others. Many of these items came in with increases again this year; an unavoidable disappointment. When we consider our budget and town meeting warrant, we need to consider all cost areas we can reduce and when we commit taxes in the fall, we will seek out every usable dollar to reduce taxation.

We accomplished some exciting things in 2023! The new sign was purchased and is now operational. We're excited to display all kinds of helpful information with technology rather than the clunky letters that blew away in the wind and took lots of time to put up. Thank you to those who supported this upgrade using the American Rescue Act Funds (ARPA). We also purchased the plot of land across from the Community Center and began the first ever town-wide revaluation project. The re-val is critical to fairly assessing property so that real estate taxes are spread out evenly based on appropriate values. For years we factored up by a percentage across the board to increase our certified ratio, but that was no longer working. Last year it dipped low enough that even with the states allowable 10% latitude, our revenue sharing, tree growth, homestead exemption, and other state reimbursements were in jeopardy of being affected. This will serve to even the playing field. I fully support it, even though I expect a spike in my own property's valuation.

As we prepare for this new budget year, I want to extend a big THANK YOU to the Board of Selectmen - Ernie, Dave Taylor, and my AMAZING dad Joe for their continued efforts on behalf of the Town, and their support of me as Treasurer. I'm proud of all the work we accomplished in town. I'd also like to say a thank you to Jennie (Jennifer Hebert) everything she does for us. She extends herself to our residents in a way that's not common practice in a town office. I often refer to us as "house of go" where others might be a "house of no". I appreciate her so much! A few notable others that I worked with or were helpful to me this past year are - Bill Pressey, Danielle Pressey, Maryanne Gawlinski, and Cathy Horner. Cathy is leaving us this year after many years of service on the Board of Assessors. we're very sad to see her go, and thank her for her contributions. I also want to thank our Budget Committee members, Danielle Pressey, Ken Lust, Kevin McGillicuddy, and Joe McCarthy.

My role as a Municipal Treasurer has evolved considerably since I began this work in 2008 -right here in Starks. The position has a very specific skill set and as it evolves and the responsibility grows, I find myself thinking about the possibility of our Town transitioning from an elected Treasurer to an appointed one. I love working for the people in my hometown while also working as Treasurer in New Sharon and Chesterville. I hope to continue working for the people of Starks for many years. If you ever have questions about town finances, or municipal government, please reach out. I'm always happy to meet up and address your concerns.

Respectfully,

Erin Norton

2023 FUND BALANCES

2023 Town of Starks	BALANCES	
	As of 12/31/22	As of 12/31/22
Skowhegan Savings Primary Checking Account	633,217.07	654,456.71
General Fund Sweep Account	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total	\$ 733,217.07	\$ 754,456.71

2023 Reserve Funds	BALANCES		
	As of 12/31/22	Due To/Due From	As of 12/31/23
Local Roads Assistance	34,534.70	33,144.00	67,678.70
Re-Valuation Account	41,241.66	0.00	41,241.66
Capital Roads Reserve	25,367.44	25,000.00	367.44
Capital Improvement Reserve	36.21	15,000/15,000	36.21
Fire Department Capital Reserve	35,000.00	10,000.00	45,000.00
BIF - Building Improvement Fund	128,306.73	715/4,032	124,989.73
Helen Reed Scholarship Fund	4,610.97	0.00	4,610.97
Locke Cemetery Assoc. Perpetual Care	17,354.27	2.40	17,356.67
American Rescue Act (ARPA)	67,249.69	46,299.12	20,950.57
Total	353,701.67	18,527.88	322,231.95

Due to / Due From Summary

LRAP - \$33,144 Revenue received from DOT

Capital Roads - \$25,000 Appropriation toward Sawyers Mills Road - Part of Public Works Budget

Capital Improvement - \$15,000 2023 Town Meeting Approp/ \$15,000 Special Meeting New Truck

Fire Department - \$10,000 2023 Appropriation from Taxation

BIF - \$715 Rental Income \$4,032 2023 Overdraft at Community Center

Helen Reed Scholarship - Adopted by the Town in 2017

Locke Cemetery - \$2.40 CD Interest 2023

American Rescue Act - \$5,553 KRT Re-val \$19,067.60 Land Purchase \$21,678.52 LED Sign

Bank of America / US Trust Account	BALANCES		
	As of 10/31/22	Gain / Loss	As of 10/31/23
John W Higgins Trust Fund Market Value	209,824.70	6,827.78	216,652.48

Expense Report 2023

Article #	Description	Budget	Expended	Balance	% Spent
6	Administration	\$116,902.00	\$102,332.10	\$14,569.90	87.54%
7	CEO Legal	\$2,000.00	\$192.50	\$1,807.50	9.63%
8	CEO Salary	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
8	Deputy Clerk	\$3,000.00	\$2,903.75	\$96.25	96.79%
8	Elections	\$4,000.00	\$2,984.00	\$1,016.00	74.60%
8	Assessors	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
8	Selectmen	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
8	Clerk	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00	\$0.00	100.00%
8	Tax Collector	\$14,580.00	\$14,580.00	\$0.00	100.00%
8	Treasurer	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00	\$0.00	100.00%
8	Building Superintendent	\$6,480.00	\$6,480.00	\$0.00	100.00%
8	Health Officer	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%
8	Sexton	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	100.00%
8	GA Administrator	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	100.00%
8	Town Report Administrator	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	100.00%
8	Road Commissioner Stipend	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
9	Planning & Appeals Board	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	0.00%
10	Community Center	\$20,000.00	\$19,908.66	\$91.34	99.54%
11	Fire Department	\$57,500.00	\$52,180.88	\$5,319.12	90.75%
12	Fire Chief Salary	\$4,320.00	\$4,320.00	\$0.00	100.00%
13	Animal Control	\$2,200.00	\$2,199.60	\$0.40	99.98%
14	AMS Ambulance	\$11,520.00	\$10,081.76	\$1,438.24	87.52%
15	Street Lights	\$2,000.00	\$933.41	\$1,066.59	46.67%
16	Public Works	\$320,800.00	\$320,800.00	\$0.00	100.00%
17	General Assistance	\$4,066.00	\$1,037.80	\$3,028.20	25.52%
18	Recreation/Library	\$2,000.00	\$450.00	\$1,550.00	22.50%
19	Social Organizations	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00	\$0.00	100.00%
20	Salt Shed	\$9,787.00	\$9,786.48	\$0.52	99.99%
21	Capital Improvements	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
22	Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
23	Contingency	\$3,000.00	\$1,994.50	\$1,005.50	66.48%
28	Re-Val, Land, LED sign (APRA Funds)	\$67,249.69	\$46,299.12	\$20,950.57	68.85%
STM 2	Replacement Dump Body PW	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
STM 3	New Truck from Surplus	\$35,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$25,000.00	28.57%
Assessment	First Park	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	County Tax	\$156,003.03	\$156,003.03	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	RSU #9	\$562,640.09	\$562,640.09	\$0.00	100.00%
	Totals	\$1,539,797.81	\$1,460,257.68	\$79,540.13	94.83%

2023 Treasurer's Revenue Report

Account #	Account	Credit
98	Real Estate Payments	1,033,247.26
99	Supplemental Payments	12,298.39
TOTAL		1,045,545.65

Revenue Summary

Account #	Account	Debits	Credits	Balance
100	- Excise - Auto	\$163.38	\$121,820.77	\$121,657.39
101	- Excise - Boat	\$0.00	\$698.40	\$698.40
102	- Fees - Agent	\$0.00	\$4,415.80	\$4,415.80
103	- Over Short	\$106.61	\$21.09	-\$85.52
104	- Interest - Real Estate	\$0.00	\$6,938.60	\$6,938.60
105	- Lien Fees	\$0.00	\$3,178.94	\$3,178.94
106	- Dog Fees	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
107	- Plumbing Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$2,531.25	\$2,531.25
108	- Building Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
109	- Cemetery Interest	\$0.00	\$4.80	\$4.80
110	- Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	\$52,765.00	\$52,765.00
111	- Site Review Fee	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
112	- Veteran's Exemption	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$270.00
113	- First Park	\$0.00	\$2,768.00	\$2,768.00
114	- Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$18,121.01	\$18,121.01
115	- Operating Interest	\$0.00	\$3,534.49	\$3,534.49
116	- Revenue Sharing	\$0.00	\$117,164.87	\$117,164.87
117	- Insurance Receivables	\$0.00	\$19,395.58	\$19,395.58
118	- Workmen's Compensation Refund	\$0.00	\$1,438.00	\$1,438.00
119	- Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00	\$3,725.38	\$3,725.38
120	- General Assistance Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$1,700.20	\$1,700.20
121	- Higgins Trust Interest	\$0.00	\$3,640.80	\$3,640.80
122	- Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$331.00	\$331.00
123	- MMA Fire Department Grant	\$0.00	\$2,875.00	\$2,875.00
124	- LED Sign Donations	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
125	- Stabilization Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$245.00	\$245.00
126	- Local Road Assistance Program LRAP	\$0.00	\$33,144.00	\$33,144.00
127	- Building Rental/donation Fees (to BIF)	\$715.00	\$715.00	\$0.00
129	- Locke Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$0.00	\$2.40	\$2.40
Total		\$984.99	\$403,875.38	\$402,890.39

Total Revenue Received by Starks **1,448,436.04**

(The Total Sum of Cash Receipts Report and Revenue Summary)

Cemetery Trust Balance December 31st 2023

\$10,020.01

Frederic Cemetery	Total Trust	% of Trust	2023 Interest
John W. Higgins	\$5,000.00	79%	\$10.12
Frederic Cemetery Trust	\$157.10	2%	\$0.26
Alice Frederic Fields Trust Fund	\$180.27	3%	\$0.38
Sawyer and Trask Fund	\$334.74	5%	\$0.64
M.D. Frederic Trust Fund	\$100.00	2%	\$0.26
Bertha Waugh Smith-Georgia & Clifford Brann Lot	\$59.37	1%	\$0.13
Glen Frederic Trust Fund	\$500.00	8%	\$1.02
Total	\$6,331.48	64%	\$12.81
Locke Cemetery			
Bertha Waugh Smith-Sampson & Mary Duley Lot	\$59.38	6%	\$0.14
Clarence Norton	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Calvin Bryant Fish & Henrietta Fish Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.40
Arthur Morse Trust Fund	\$350.00	30%	\$0.73
David J. Taylor-Milia Taylor Trust Fund	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Arthur Buffington Fund-William Gillis Lot	\$40.00	4%	\$0.10
Robert R nichols & George Nichols Lot	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Frank Sterry Fund-Williamson Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.40
Total	\$1,149.38	12%	\$2.40
Tupper or Williamson Cemetery			
Captain Stevenson & George Williamson Lots	\$95.88	18%	\$0.18
Emma J. Frederic Trust Fund	\$139.81	27%	\$0.27
Betsy Cook Trust Fund	\$59.93	11%	\$0.11
Betsy Smith Cemetery Lot Trust Fund	\$79.17	15%	\$0.15
William P. True Fund Lot	\$150.00	29%	\$0.29
Total	\$524.79	5%	\$1.00
Brake Hill Cemetery			
Arthur and Susie Morse Lot	\$200.00	22%	\$0.40
Brake Hill Cemetery Lot	\$608.02	67%	\$1.21
Maude Rankin & Anne Ederly Fund-Lovell Lot	\$100.00	11%	\$0.20
Total	\$908.02	9%	\$1.80
Churchill Cemetery			
Arlin L. & Lucinda Chapman			
Justin O. & Sarah T. Chapman	\$1,000.00	10.00%	\$2.00
Total Trust	\$10,000.00	100.00%	\$20.01
Issued to Ferderic Cemetery			\$12.81
Issued to Locke Cemetery			\$2.40
Issued to Town of Starks			\$4.80
Transferred to the General Fund on January 22nd, 2023			\$20.01

PLANNING BOARD REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023

The Starks Planning Board meets regularly on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Starks Community Center. When necessary, additional meetings are held to address business before the Board, and if there is no business, meetings may be canceled. The Board sends out meeting notices via email and places notices on the *All Things Starks* Facebook page. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings.

Permitting Activity during 2023 included:

- Approved Memorable Properties, LLC - 9 lot subdivision along Sawyers Mills Road near intersection with Route 43
- Received Starks Solar LLC renewal of letter of credit
- Approved alteration of a boundary line at Somerset Acres Subdivision (existing) at 21 and 22 Industry Road
- Approved Sandy River Campground expansion (Alpaca Farm) at 1005 New Sharon Road
- Approved Danny Taylor Automotive Garage at Churchill Road off Route 134

Note: The Appeals Board approved a request by Central Maine Power for an additional extension to complete their New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) corridor in Starks.

Ordinance Updates: The Planning Board is responsible for proposing amendments to existing ordinances and developing new ordinances, where needed. Input from town officials and the public is critical in any of the Board's work. Public meetings are always held on proposed changes to the town's ordinances. Ordinance activity in 2023 included:

- Proposed revisions to the Town's Building Ordinance were defeated by referendum at the March Annual Town Meeting 2023.
- Proposed amendments to the Site Plan Review Ordinance regarding Solar Energy Facilities were approved at the March 2023 town meeting.

The Board is proposing one ordinance for the Town Meeting in March 2024. After considerable discussion, the Board has decided to propose a new Building Ordinance that will be easier to understand for consideration on the floor of the Town Meeting. This ordinance is urgently needed to correct the many deficiencies in the existing Building Ordinance.

Copies of the proposed ordinance will be available at the Town Office and posted on the Town's website prior to the 2024 Town Meeting. All applications for permits, decisions, minutes, policies, and Town ordinances are available on the Town of Starks website at: www.starksme.com or can be obtained from the Town Office.

Enforcement: Enforcement of the Town's Ordinances is done by the Starks Code Enforcement Officer under the direction of the Selectboard. The Planning Board has no enforcement authority.

Respectfully submitted,

The Starks Planning Board: Gwen Hilton (Chair), Ken Lust (Vice Chair), Claire Nelson (Secretary), Joe Hartigan, Tiffany Bellefleur, Byrne Wright (Alternate)



Animal Control Report 2023

DANIELLE PRESSEY

Greetings Town of Starks,

2023 was a year for the cats!

We have many stray felines running around town, especially on specific roads. I have trapped numerous and brought to the shelter this year. Once a stray arrives at the Franklin County Animal Shelter they are scanned for a chip and their health is assessed. Chipped pets are reunited with owners. If the animal is not chipped, which is usually the case, their health needs are cared for while being quarantined. After the animal or pet has been cleared through the quarantine process, they are brought current with inoculations and spayed or neutered when necessary. If deemed friendly, they are put up for adoption. Animals that have become too feral and deemed unadoptable are released outside of the shelter into the feral cat community, where they have outdoor shelter and are fed every day.

Unfortunate news to some, there are no clear-cut laws around letting cats roam freely. For that reason, a cat you may think is a stray could have just wandered from home. If you think you have a stray lingering around your property it's best to try and deter it (in a friendly manner) so it will move on. Please do not feed or shelter stray cats.

Because of limited space for cats at the Franklin County Animal Shelter, there are times they are unable to accept new in-takes.

If you have an ongoing issue with a particular cat or other animal you can contact me directly by phone or animal control officer dispatch and they will contact me. At that time, we will discuss the appropriate actions to take.

Don't forget dog licenses are due by January 31st! Bring proof of rabies vaccinations and pay a small fee to complete this for each dog you own.

February 1st a late fee will be applied.

Remember, Adopt Don't Shop!

Who to call

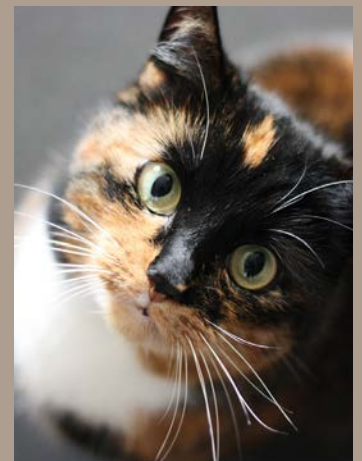
Animal Control Officer
207.399.1399

Animal Control
Officer Dispatch
207.474.7400

Franklin County
Animal Shelter
207.778.2638

Animal Poison Control
1.888.426.4435

Starks Town Office
207.696.8069



Code Enforcement

Greetings Residents and Taxpayers,

I would like to thank everyone in Starks for the warm welcome in my first year as your Code Enforcement Officer. Serving the Town of Starks has been a pleasure.

I live in Emden with my husband and our two dogs. I graduated from the University of Maine at Augusta with a degree in Administration of Justice and a minor in Behavioral Science. I am also a certified Maine Assessor. I'm currently studying to be a local plumbing inspector.

I serve as the Code Enforcement Officer for the Towns of Emden, New Vineyard, Highland Plantation, and now Starks.

Before you Begin any construction project on your property, please contact the Code Enforcement Officer to determine what permitting is required. In Starks, a permit is NOT required for construction of up to 150 ft.².

Please feel free to reach out if you have any code enforcement questions or concerns.

I look forward to another year of serving the fine folks of Starks!

Respectfully,

Terri Lamontagne

Cell 207-716-6845

Office 207-696-8069

57 Anson Road

Starks, ME 04911





2023

COMMUNITY CENTER

Building Superintendent's Report

Greetings,

The Community Center still stands as the hub for community services and events. It was utilized for a variety of events over the year and hopefully will be used even more this year. Probably the biggest event it hosted was the Starks Fire Family Fun Day where both the building and the grounds were filled with folks enjoying all the festivities and the beautiful day. We're lucky to have this great space for just such events, both big and small.

The rainy summer postponed some of the plans that were in store for the building and grounds. Hopefully work on these items will be done in this summer of 2024. There is some painting to be done, some major ground work to be done, and other small projects to help improve and maintain the building and grounds.

The library continues to grow and has great offerings for our community thanks to the hard work of the folks of the library committee.

As always, the Christmas program was a great success. Mug Up continues to be a popular event and the folks sponsoring it would love to see more of the community join in on that. There are bone building groups, exercise groups, and other activities afforded to the community. And of course, the always entertaining March town meeting. It is a great building and stands ready to serve the Town.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY
BILL ²³ PRESSEY

SEXTON REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 2023



BY DANIELLE PRESSEY

Greetings Starks,

Another year has passed us by and the cemeteries remain in fair condition.

Again this past year we ran into some issues getting a professional out to take care of some needed stone repair. We had a date set up and planned but circumstances changed. We plan to make another go of it this spring.

The goal is to get someone who can give estimates on a few different kinds of repairs needed and work within the budget to get those items accomplished.

We will also be facing some new fence repair due to fallen trees. High winds and storms brought down several large trees into various cemeteries.

Last year the Town bought a new trimmer and chain saw for Sexton work. This year we're considering the purchase of a push mower to hit the harder to reach areas.

We are excited for green grass, sunshine and warm weather!

TOWN MAINTAINED CEMETERIES

Brake Hill Cemetery

Churchill Cemetery

Didson Cemetery

Fairbanks Gravesite

Greenleaf Cemetery

Piper-Williams Cemetery

Tupper-Williamson Cemetery

Locke Cemetery

2023 Annual Report

STARKS TOWN LIBRARY



Welcome to the Starks Town Library. Use of the library is encouraged during Starks Town Office hours. Come in and browse. Look around, find the books you would like to take with you, and check them out in the notebook provided on the library desk. If it is your first time taking out books, please leave your name and contact information on the paper in the notebook pocket.

The downstairs library area consists of books by Maine authors for adults, youth, and children; fiction and non-fiction sections for adults and youth; and books in large print. The children's section includes picture books, easy readers, and chapter books. Located in our cozy reading nook is a display of seasonal children's books. A variety of books including westerns, gardening, cooking, arts & crafts, sports (hunting, fishing, baseball, etc.), and international crime can be found in the upstairs hallway. Computers (one in the library and one in the hall leading to the upstairs) are available for use by residents.

Two free book sections (one for children, the other for adults and youth) and a table of give-aways are provided in the downstairs library area. We held book sales in the spring and in the fall this year; donations went to the library and to the Starks Fire Department during their SFD Family Fun Day.

Mug-Up was enjoyed in the library on the first Saturday of each month. Mug-Up hours are the same as the Town Office hours: 8 to 11 am. Join us for coffee, tea, or hot chocolate along with a treat and pleasant conversation.

Shadow Puppet Theater was sponsored by the library in August. Children and adults had the opportunity to learn the details of making and performing with shadow puppets, to create a storyline, and to view several exciting shadow puppet theater performances.

Our traditional Halloween activity of giving books and treats to youngsters was held once again with Starks Library Committee members dressed in their somewhat humorous, somewhat scary attire. The children, in their creative Halloween costumes, had their choice of books and treats.

The Christmas Holiday program, sponsored by the library and by SEEdS, was highlighted by amazing local talent, family involvement (in skits, song, and set-up), delicious refreshments, and lots of fun! The program was preceded by two sessions of ornament making in the library.

The Starks Library Committee appreciates and thanks everyone that has volunteered and/or supported the library over the years. We welcome your ideas and participation. We are especially grateful to Carol Coles for making Mug-up possible, to Joe McCarthy for his help with programs & much more, and to library volunteers: Valerie Comstock, Penny Conlon, and Betty Frederic.

Starks Library Committee

Linda LaRose Nancy Lagin Maryanne Gawlinski

Starks Water District Annual Report

The Starks Water District is available by phone and by email as needed and will respond to non-emergency requests within 24 hours. If you need to make a payment arrangement, please call. Payments can be made by mail with a check or money order or by phone using a debit or credit card. Please note that the Water District is a separate entity from the Town, so payments should always be made out to **Starks Water District**.

If you have a problem with your water service please let us know and we will address it as soon as possible.

We meet virtually or in person every other month on the third Wednesday of the month at 7PM. Interim meetings will be posted at the Town Office and the All Things Starks Facebook page. The Starks Water District Board of Trustees pre-scheduled meetings for 2023 will be as follows:

January 21	May 15	September 18
March 20	July 17	November 20

Any changes to Board meeting dates or times will be posted on the All Things Starks Facebook page one week in advance. If schools are canceled and/or the Town Office is closed due to weather conditions, the meeting will be rescheduled. If you will be attending a board meeting, please call ahead and the meeting connection information can be sent to you.

Starks Water District income from water service, fees, and transfers for 2023 was \$11,262.53 and our total expenses were \$12,496.12 resulting in a net loss of \$1,233.59. We have worked hard to reduce our annual expenses but needed a new pump installed and electric prices almost tripled over the past two years. We would like to encourage customers to pay their water service bills in a timely manner if possible, so that we can continue to provide clean, safe, affordable drinking water to the community.

We currently have a full Board of Directors/Trustees, appointed for 3-year terms:

Ashley Steward-Hayden, Chair	Robin Melancon-Quimby
Erin Norton, Vice-Chair	Jared Norton
Anna M. Simone, Clerk/Treasurer	

Our licensed Water Operator is: Joseph Hartigan

A copy of the Terms and Conditions and current rates and fees are available on request.

Report prepared by:

Anna M. Simone, M.Ed., D.D.
Clerk/Treasurer



STARKS FIRE CALLS 2023

- Structure Fires - 2
- Structure Mutual Aid - 7
- Chimney Fires - 3
- Grass Fires - 1
- Motor Vehicle Accidents - 6
- Asist AMS Ambulance - 3
- Trees in Roadway - 3
- Trees on Lines/Fires - 6
- Pole on Lines - 1
- Flooded Roadways - 4
- Home Evacuation Flood - 1
- Flooded Basement - 1
- Carbon Monoxide - 1
- TOTAL CALLS - 39**



FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Greetings,

The Starks Fire Department is active and adjusting to our new normal of heavy rains and flooded roadways. We are experiencing emergency weather we've not seen in years past.

The 2024 budget request on the Town warrant is the same request for the last two years. We have worked very hard to keep costs down for tax payers and stay under budget. We are asking for \$11,000 for our Capital Reserve fund. \$10,000 from taxation and \$1,000 from undesignated for a restitution payment received in May of 2023 for a brush fire.

We meet regularly for trainings and truck checks and are always excited to welcome new members. Please reach out if you're interested in joining the Fire Department. We are thankful for the continued support of the Town, and wish everyone a safe and healthy year.

Sincerely,

Bo Pressey

Chief - Starks Fire

Anson/Madison & Starks Ambulance Service

P.O. Box 277
Madison, Maine 04950
(207) 696-5332

To the Residents of Starks,

The ambulance service had another busy year responding to a total of 1,887 calls for 2023. I would like to publicly thank the area fire departments for the help they provide the ambulance service when needed. All three departments Anson, Madison and Starks are quick to help in all situations.

For anyone wanting help with a substance abuse disorder, including tobacco and alcohol as well as drug use, there is a community health educator in Madison every Thursday from 1-4 at 108 Old Point Avenue (the old school). This person can connect you with the resources you need for your disorder. This service is provided by Somerset Public Health. Or you can call 207-858-8466.

Free Narcan and Narcan use training can be provided.

The recent storm in December reminded us how weather events can alter our way of life. It can also make it difficult to get help when help is needed. Please understand it may take longer or even be impossible to reach some areas when these events occur.

May your 2024 be happy and healthy! The ambulance service is proud to serve the area.

Respectfully, George Demchak Operations Director AMS Ambulance Service.



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



RECYCLE

KENNEBEC VALLEY REGIONAL WASTE CORP.

FROM TREASURER JOE HAYDEN

Kennebec Valley Regional Waste Corporation is the recycling outfit co-owned by Anson and Starks. It's Board and officers are made up of the Boards of Selectmen in both towns as well as two local citizens.

The recycling plant is located on route 201 in Bingham where more than one hundred twenty tons of recycled materials generated by Anson and Starks residents, is processed each year. There are just over one hundred participating residents in Anson/North Anson and just under one hundred participating residents in Starks.

Toward the end of summer KVRWC welcomed new collector Scott Merrill. Scott is a life long resident of Anson where he raised his family and worked in the logging industry. We're excited to have him. You'll see him out and about driving the red recycling truck and trailer on collection days.

Volume of recycled materials remained consistent in 2023. We predict and hope for even more participation in 2024. Revenue from the sale of recyclables has remained steady. It totals between \$1,500-\$2,500 each year. Those revenues are used to reduce costs for residents.

In late November the Starks board of Selectmen secured a \$7,500 matching grant from the Maine Municipal Association for a new Recycling trailer. The estimated cost is around \$15,000. The current trailer is in great need of replacement due to it's age and condition.

If you're interested in recycling a schedule for pick up in your area can be found at the Town Office. If you have any other questions please feel free to call Joe Hayden or Arnold Luce.

PHONE 207.431.5471

PO Box 91
Anson, ME 04911

Recycled Materials & Sorting

Please follow the instructions below when preparing and separating recycled materials. Protect your materials from the rain, wind, and snow. Place materials curbside by 7:00 am on your scheduled collection day. Feel free to bundle newspapers, magazines and mixed paper together.

please no styrofoam coffee cups and no trash



PLASTIC

Allowed: #1 PET & #2 HDPE Plastic bottles & jugs except no petroleum (oil etc.) containers.
Not Allowed: Other types of plastic, including plastic bags or film. no bowls or trays.
Preparation: Rinse/wash containers clean.



CARDBOARD

Allowed: Corrugated cardboard and paper grocery bags.
Not Allowed: Mixed paper and waxed cardboard
Preparation: Flatten all boxes. Keep clean and dry. Bundle large quantities.



ALUMINUM CANS

Allowed: all metal cans, foil, and metal jar lids.
Not Allowed: fuel containers, propane tanks, aerosol cans and heavy steel.
Preparation: Rinse/wash containers clean



NEWSPAPER

Allowed: Newspapers with inserts, phone books magazines and catalogs.
Not Allowed: Waxy magazines and pages
Preparation: Bag or bundle, keep clean and dry. Please keep separate from mixed paper.



UNIVERSAL WASTE

No Universal Waste Pickup!
You must make other arrangements with your town wise large item pickup or dump. Items that will not be picked up include all bulky ate such as fluorescent light tubes, TVs, computers, monitors, peripherals and non-mercury containing devices may be recycled.



MIXED PAPER

Allowed: Boxboard/paperboard cereal/cracker boxes, paper towel tubes, foreign cardboard, show boxes and similar items. Paper egg cartons, all types of office and school paper, brown envelopes, paper feed and seed bags, mail -including junk and similar items.
Not Allowed: Paper layered with plastic, waxed paper, paper towels, napkins or wet soiled paper.
Preparation: Keep clean and dry. flatten boxes. Must be bagged and separated from other materials

Starks Food Cupboard

Annual Report 2023

We would like to take the time and thank everyone that has made this year another successful year for our Food Cupboard. Because of the selfless generosity of local gardeners and citizens of Starks that donated, we were able to make 20 Thanksgiving Baskets last year and provide assistance to the townspeople throughout the year.

We would also like to thank all of our donors. We are hoping to spread your generosity even more next year. The donations we receive not only provide the food for people we receive, but also cover operating costs like electricity, heat, insurance, plowing and mowing.

Thank you to the citizens at the Annual Town Meeting for your continued support of this much needed program. It's a huge help and is greatly appreciated, at a time when the federal surplus is getting smaller with each delivery. We were still able to meet the needs of the townspeople. We had another increase of clients added our existing roster of families. The need for assistance with food continues to grow each year.

We were still able to meet the needs of all the townspeople. The number of families continues to grow each year. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to the volunteers that donate their time to ensure that the boxes are made, deliveries are picked up and shelves are stocked. We couldn't operate without you! If you know of a person or family in need, please share our information with them.

The Starks Food Cupboard is open the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9am to 11am unless school is cancelled in which case we'll also be closed. In response to emergency requests: please contact Cindy at 696-4337 or Deborah at 399-3137.

Respectfully Yours,

Cynthia Kimball, Coordinator

Income	
Beginning Balance	\$906.59
FEMA	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$4,550
Town of Starks	\$1,500.
Total Income	\$6,956.59

Ending Balance \$1,636.59

Expenses	
Good Shepard Food Bank	\$0.00
Save A Lot	\$0.00
Hannaford	\$400
Insurance	\$1,279.00
CMP	\$688.00
Oil	\$1,272.00
Plowing	\$470.00
Lawn Mowing	\$1,200.00
Total Expenses	\$5,309.00

RSU9 Mt Blue Regional School District

The Town of Starks is one of the ten towns in RSU9. We have been in this district since 2012.

I have served as your Board Member since July 2018 and as the elected Chair July 2021-June 30, 2023. According to our RSU9 policy BCA Code of Ethics, "Service on the board of directors is an opportunity to serve the community, state and nation because public education is the best means to promote the welfare of people and to preserve a democratic way of life". Our board meets twice a month and has three working committee meetings (Operations, Personnel & Finance, and Educational Policy) that meet monthly. Special meetings occur as required or as needed. I also serve on the Drop Out Prevention, Budget, and the Negotiation Committees.

Our sixteen-member board works well together engaging in respectful dialog on issues. It is a strong board that includes a diversity of experience and viewpoints. We have worked hard on learning to work with each other for the good of the whole district's students.

Our district handled the additional funds made available from the federal government to address COVID prevention primarily by devoting these funds to infrastructure such as cleaning aids, better ventilation, planning, and work on systems to provide needed additional student space for learning.

We hope to open the new addition to the Bjorn Foundation funded addition to the Mt Blue Middle School this spring...it is exciting that RSU9 offers such a range of life-long learning and training. The addition of a more hands on experience for our middle schoolers is very exciting to me and I am so grateful to Mr. Bjorn for his investment in our young teens who are launching their career plans.

Nationally, school boards are receiving new attention (and in some cases threats) as school boards are charged with making timely decisions on many possibly contentious issues. My personal cell phone is 207 631 8460. Your insights are valuable to me. I welcome you to come to our meetings in person or you can log on to watch the meeting in livestream or as a recorded video. I remain committed to ensuring that our board meetings welcome the free expression of views from the public during our public comment segment of our meeting agenda.

June 30, 2024, will end my two 3-year terms. I am ready to turn the reins over to a new representative. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our town and to work for our families. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Riemer Coles
335 Sawyers Mills Road, Starks ME 04911



Following are highlights of the Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA) for the calendar year ending December 31, 2023:

- The annual operating budget adopted by the KRDA General Assembly for FY2022-23 ending June 30 was \$395,000.
- RHR Smith & Company CPA's of Buxton, Maine, was contracted to perform KRDA's 2022-2023 Audit.
- Real estate broker Cameron Foster of Portland-based Boulos Company was retained to market FirstPark.
- FirstPark marketed its lots for sale with targeted advertising throughout the year in MaineBiz, in the New England Patriot's and Boston Celtic's yearbooks and on Maine Public TV as a sponsor of Greenlight Maine.
- FirstPark's 25th Anniversary was recognized June 16th at an event held at Colby College featuring Governor Janet Mills.
- Mike Roy of Waterville was elected 2023-2025 President of the KRDA, James Jurdak (Oakland) Treasurer, Ken Lust (Starks) Assistant Treasurer and Peter Mills (Cornville) Secretary. The position of Vice President is currently vacant.
- Visits to FirstPark by site selectors and business decision makers were conducted throughout the year.
- A quarterly e-newsletter was sent to 300 subscribers.

To volunteer to serve on a committee, subscribe to our newsletter, receive a copy of KRDA's Annual Audit or for other information, contact Executive Director Jim Dinkle at either (207) 859-9716, extension 2, or at exdirector@firstpark.com.

Town of Starks Town Meeting Warrant

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the **Town of Starks**; qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Starks Community Center, 57 Anson Road, in the said Town of Starks on **Friday, March 8th, 2024**, at 11:30 AM then and there to act upon Articles 1 then by Australian ballot on article 2, the polling hours therefore to be from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM, the annual Town Business Meeting will be held the following day, **Saturday March 9th, 2024** beginning at 9:00 AM to act on Articles 3-31.

Article 1

To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2

To choose by Australian ballot all Town Officers for the current year.

Article 3

To elect five **Budget Committee** members from the floor.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to increase the **property tax levy limit** established for the Town of Starks by state law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following warrant articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit (must be voted on by written ballot).

Article 5

- A. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed **3/12 of the annual budget** in each budget category of the 2024 annual budget during the period from January 1st, 2025 to the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.
- B. To see if the Town will vote to make **taxes due** and payable on the date of commitment. And to begin charging interest on taxes sixty days after the date of commitment at a rate of **8%** annually.
- C. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for a **Tax Anticipation Note**, if needed, to pay current expenses and to pay any interest and costs from overlay.
- D. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to pay **abatements** from overlay.
- E. To see if the Town in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 506-A will vote that if a taxpayer pays an amount in excess of their final assessment it shall be refunded in the amount of the overpayment.

- F. To see if the Town in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 506 will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and pay no interest thereon.
- G. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to **sell and dispose** of any real-estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable; and to execute the appropriate deeds for such property. Except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).
- H. To see if the Town will vote to apply available excise taxes (vehicle and boat), tax interest, miscellaneous revenue, lien charges, and revenue from the sale of tax acquired property to lower the commitment.
- I. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following gifts, grants and funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature, and any other sources, and apply the funds to lower the commitment or benefit the town in such other ways as the Select Board deems reasonable.

Potential Revenues	
Maine Municipal Revenue Sharing	General Assistance Funds
Tree Growth Reimbursements	Veterans Exemption Funds
Homestead Exemption Funds	FEMA Reimbursements
State and Federal Grants	Civil Emergency Funds
State Aid to Education	Any Other Funds or Gifts

- J. To see if the Town will vote to apply lien cost revenue to the lien cost expense account.
- K. To see if the Town will vote to apply all revenues from the Community Center rentals and donations to the Building Improvement fund.

Article 6

Shall an ordinance entitled "**Building Ordinance for the Town of Starks**" be enacted?
(An attested copy of this ordinance is attached to and posted with this warrant at all 4 official posted locations as well as the Town website www.starksme.com on the home page).

Article 7

To see if the Town will resolve to support a transition of ownership of the distribution line which currently supplies electrical power to most of the Town of Starks from Central Maine Power to Madison Electric Works.

Explanation: This is an informal effort to gauge the sentiment of the citizens of Starks to transition electrical supply from CMP to MEW. No dollar figures are associated with this. It is the so-called Starks Feeder which serves all of the Town of Starks. It comes into town on route 43 near Anson and then follows route 43 and other roads throughout town. Transfer of ownership may help to improve frequent power outages.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to:

- a. Endorse the practice of the Board of Selectmen in establishing a single member of the Board to act as Director of Public Works, always subject to oversight by the other Board members.
- b. Ratify the Board's actions over the last five years in having structured oversight of the operations of Public Works in that way.
- c. Authorize payment of a special stipend to the Board member who undertakes the work of acting as Director of Public Works as set in Article 11.

Explanation: In the event this article is voted down, article 11 to establish this salary, reads "to see what sum". This will allow the salary to be determined at the meeting, and the Board will be prepared to post the position for hire.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$127,281** for **Administration** and additional administrative expenses in the current year.

Description	Taxation/Requested
FICA	\$12,500
Medicare	\$3,200
Worker's Compensation	\$7,093
Mileage Reimbursement	\$2,000
Training	\$750
Unemployment Tax	\$100
Drug Testing	\$350
Postage	\$2,000
Dues	\$3,600
Office Supplies	\$2,300
Admin - Event Security	\$1,500
Miscellaneous	\$5,000
Audit	\$8,550
Trio Software Renewal	\$12,000
Legal Services	\$8,000
Town Report	\$1,359
Legal Ads	\$500
Xerox Maintenance & Toner	\$500
Water Rent & Hydrant Use	\$5,000
Kennebec Valley Waste Recycling	\$12,579
Large Item Drop off – 2X annually	\$12,500
Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,500
Property & Casualty	\$23,000
Owl Device – Virtual meetings	\$1,400
Total	\$127,281

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$2,000** for the **Legal Expenses of Code Enforcement** in the current year.

Description	2023 Budget	Taxation/Requested
CEO Legal	\$2,000	\$2,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 11

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation for **Salaries** in the current year.

Description	2023 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Code Enforcement	\$8,000	\$8,300
Deputy-Clerk TC & Treas.	\$3,000	\$3,000
Elections	\$4,000	\$4,500
Assessor Chair	\$4,000	\$5,000
Assessor	\$3,500	\$5,000
Assessor	\$3,500	\$5,000
Selectman	\$4,000	\$4,000
Selectman	\$4,000	\$4,000
Selectman	\$4,000	\$4,000
Director of Public Works	\$20,000	\$35,000
Town Clerk	\$10,800	\$11,150
Tax Collector	\$14,580	\$15,050
Treasurer	\$10,800	\$11,150
Building Superintendent	\$6,480	\$6,700
Health Officer	\$1,800	\$1,800
Sexton	\$100	\$100
GA Administrator	\$600	\$600
Town Report Administrator	\$600	\$600
Total	\$103,760	124,950

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$21,000** for the **Community Center** in the current year.

Description	2023 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Community Center Operating Expenses	\$20,000	\$21,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$57,500** for the **Fire Department** in the current year.

Description	2023 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Department	\$57,500	\$57,500

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$4,400** for the **Fire Chief's** Salary in the current year.

Description	2023 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Chief	\$4,320	\$4,400

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$1,820** and carry forward from the Animal Control Fund balance, **\$480** for **Animal Control expenses** in the current year, for a total budget of **\$2,300**.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$12,453** for the Anson Madison Starks **Ambulance Service** in the current year.

Description	2023 Budget	Taxation/Requested
AMS Ambulance	\$11,520	\$12,453

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$1,200** for **Street Lights** in the current year.

Description	2023 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Street Lights	\$2,000	\$1,200

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from **taxation \$302,800**, appropriate from **LRAP \$67,678** for a total budget of \$370,478 for the **Public Works Department** in the current year.

Description	2023 Budget	Appropriation/Taxation
Equipment	\$75,000	\$110,000
Garage	\$20,000	\$20,000
Summer Roads	\$72,500	\$72,500
Winter Roads	\$85,000	\$100,000
Dump Mowing	\$300	\$300
Capital Roads	\$68,000	
LRAP appropriation	34,000	\$67,678
Capital Roads Reserve	25,000	
Total Budget	\$379,800	\$370,478

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to apply the 2023 **GA reimbursements** of **\$1,720** from the state to the GA account, and to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$2,280** for a total budget of **\$4,000**.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee.

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$2,000** for **Rec Sports** and **Library Membership** reimbursements in the current year.

Description	2023 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Rec Sports/Library Reimbursements	\$2,000	\$2,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,000** for **Social Organizations** in the current year.

Organization	Taxation/Recommended
Starks Food Cupboard	\$1,500
Franklin County Animal Shelter	\$1,450
Family Violence	\$250
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$400
Memorial Day Fund	\$100
Spectrum Generations	\$200
KVCAP	\$500
Hospice Volunteers	\$500
American Red Cross	\$100
Total	\$5,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$9,787** for **debt service** on the **Sand and Salt Shed** in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Explanation: Sand & Salt Shed bond pay off date: January 15th 2029

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$15,000** for the **Capital Improvement Reserve**.

Description	2023 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Capital Improvement Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Explanation: Capital Improvement balance December 31st, 2023 - \$36.21

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$10,000**, and appropriate from undesignated **\$1,000** for the **Fire Department Capital Reserve**.

Description	2023 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$10,000	\$10,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

*Explanation: \$1,000 restitution received for fire in May, 2023
Fire Department Capital Reserve balance December 31st, 2023 - \$55,000*

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$6,859** for a Trio Server, BMV title printer, and four compatible office computers for the Town Office and Fire Department. Includes needed software, operating systems and labor for install.

Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,000** to pay for **Unanticipated Expenses** and emergencies in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **Undesignated Funds, \$33,590** to lower the tax commitment.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee.

Explanation: The amount requested in this article represents all the unexpended balances from the 2023 Annual budget.

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **100% of the refund** of Snowmobile Registrations, received annually from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, for the improvement and maintenance of trails, on condition that those trails be open to the public, and to be used at the discretion of the Anson / North Anson Snowmobile Club.

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of assets with an estimated value of \$500 or less without having to place legal ads, the details of these assets to be emailed to an available email list and posted inside and outside the Town Office for bids. This does not include tax acquired property.

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to close the books on December 31, 2024.

Article 31

To see if the Town wishes to hold the next Annual Town Meeting on March 7th and 8th 2025.



Proven Expertise & Integrity

February 12, 2024

Selectboard
Town of Starks
Starks, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Starks, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023. A complete copy of the audited financial statements, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town's finance office.

RHR Smith & Company

Certified Public Accountants



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SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2023 Sheriff's Office Annual Report



Dale P. Lancaster
Sheriff

January 1, 2024 begins my 9th year as your Sheriff. I want to personally thank everyone for your continued support for the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. It is a privilege to serve the citizens of Somerset County.

The Office of Sheriff oversees the operations of the County Jail, law enforcement, court security, and civil process. Somerset County is approximately 4,000 square miles. The County is comprised of 27 towns, 6 plantations, and 83 unorganized townships. This year, I completed my 2-year term as President of the Maine Sheriff's Association. I continue my appointment to the Board of Directors for the New England State Police Information Network. I am also a board member for the Statewide County Corrections Professional Standards Council.

I would like to report that in May of 2023, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office was awarded accreditation through the Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. The Sheriff's Office law enforcement policies and procedures are best practice for the State of Maine. I want to take this opportunity to thank staff and Deputies for their diligent efforts to obtain this accreditation.

In 2023, our Agency has aggressively participated in job fairs, advertising and increasing our pay scale to make us competitive with other Agencies in hiring and retaining men and women to work as Deputies and Corrections Officers.

Law Enforcement

The Patrol division is comprised of 15 Patrol Deputies and 3 Sergeants. Through funding from the State of Maine, we have 2 Deputies dedicated to patrolling the unorganized townships. The Patrol division is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Criminal division is comprised of 4 Detectives, 1 Domestic Violence Investigator assigned to the Somerset County District Attorney's Office, and is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Sheriff's Office continues to partner with MDEA (Maine Drug Enforcement Agency) to have an agent assigned to the Criminal Division. Presently, that position is not filled. The Patrol division has 2 trained accident re-constructionists. The Sheriff's Office has 2 canines, a canine assigned to each division. The Sheriff's Office assigns 1 Deputy per shift to patrol the Town of Madison. We have a Secretary/Dispatcher assigned to Madison.

Currently, we have 1 Deputy attending the 46th Basic Law Enforcement Training Program (BLETP) at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

Throughout 2023, the Sheriff's Office Criminal Division investigated a large volume of illicit drug trafficking activities. The Sheriff's Office obtained and executed numerous drug search warrants, which subsequently led to the arrest and conviction of numerous people from Maine and out of State on various Federal and State level drug trafficking charges. Illegal drugs, in particular Fentanyl, and illegal marijuana grows, continue to be a significant issue in Somerset County. The Criminal Division dedicates a large amount of time and resources to combat this problem. The Criminal Division investigated numerous serious felony level cases to include robberies, burglaries, thefts, scams, aggravated assaults, unattended deaths, and sexual abuse cases. In 2023, the Crimes Against Persons Detective investigated 23 sex offense complaints. 11 of those cases involved child sexual abuse where forensic interviewing was utilized. Detective Jeremy Leal is a Children's Advocacy Center forensic interviewer. As a result of these investigations, and working with the District Attorney's Office prosecuting these cases, we were able to get substantial sentences in a number of child abuse cases. The Sheriff's Office Criminal Division tracks individuals who are required by law to register as sex offenders. 2 individuals were charged with Sex Offender Registration Notification Act violations.

Jail

The Somerset County Jail, when operating at full capacity, operates with 36 budgeted Correctional Officers, 8 Shift Supervisors, 3 cooks, 12 program and support staff, and 9 administrative staff. In October, 2023 Major Michael Pike, was selected to be the Jail Administrator. The County Jail is now 16 years old. With the use of funds received through



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the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, we anticipate that the Jail bond will be paid off within 1 year. The County Jail is nationally accredited through the American Correctional Association and is operating under nationally accepted best practice standards. The County Jail is also PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) certified. In 2023, the Somerset County Jail recorded 1,278 total bookings, a 21% increase from 2022. We are currently still working with the State of Maine in administering Sublocade to inmates who identify with an Opioid Use Disorder. The Programs department implemented many new initiatives in 2023, including the inmate garden project, the return of the inmate newsletter and Christmas card program. The Jail has partnered with the Family Violence Project and the Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center to provide services to inmates who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The starting salary for a new, inexperienced Corrections Officer, increased to \$21.23 in 2023. The Jail also implemented a new initiative to allow us to hire experienced Corrections Officer at a higher rate of pay based on up to 8 years of experience. Recruitment and hiring initiatives continue to be ongoing.

Civil Process

In 2023, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 1,723 papers to process and serve. That is a 10% decrease from 2022.

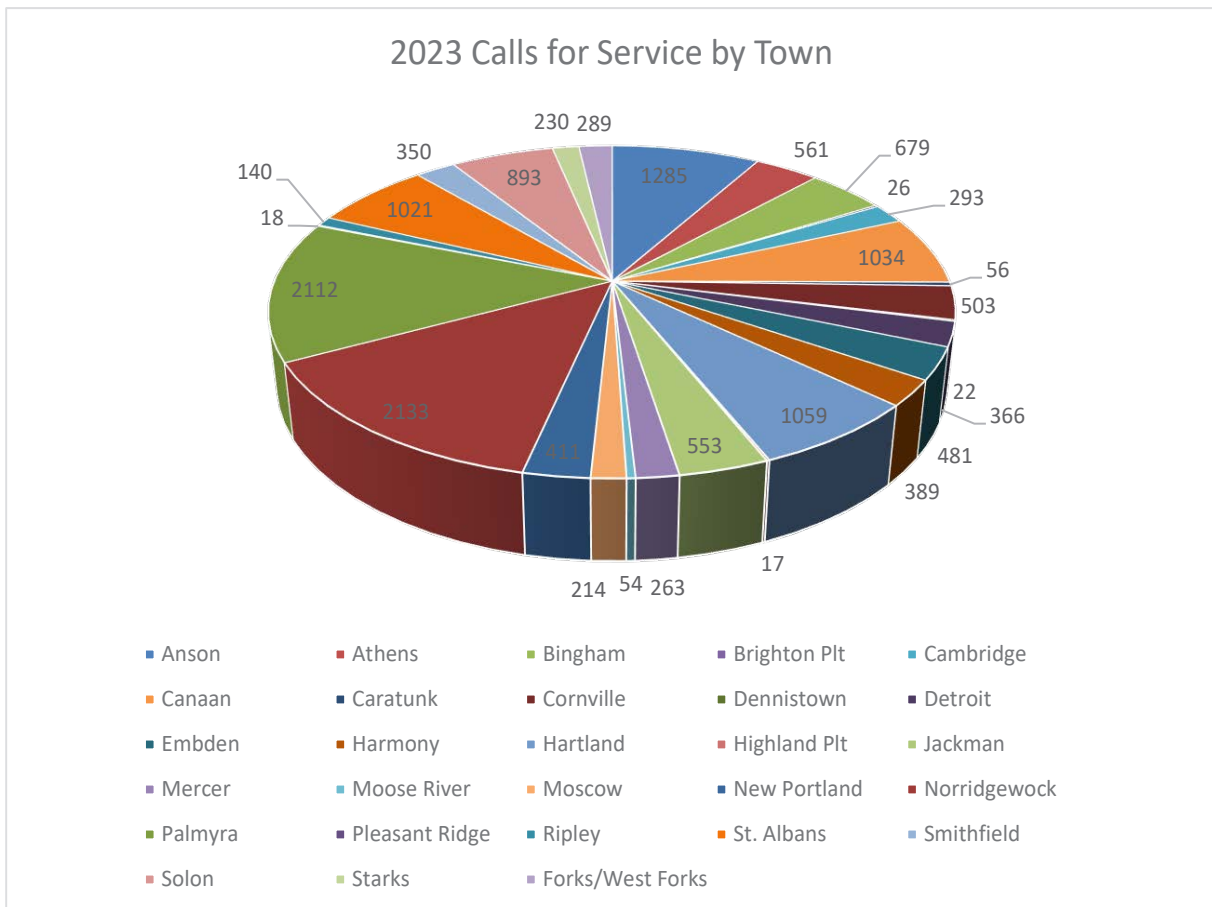
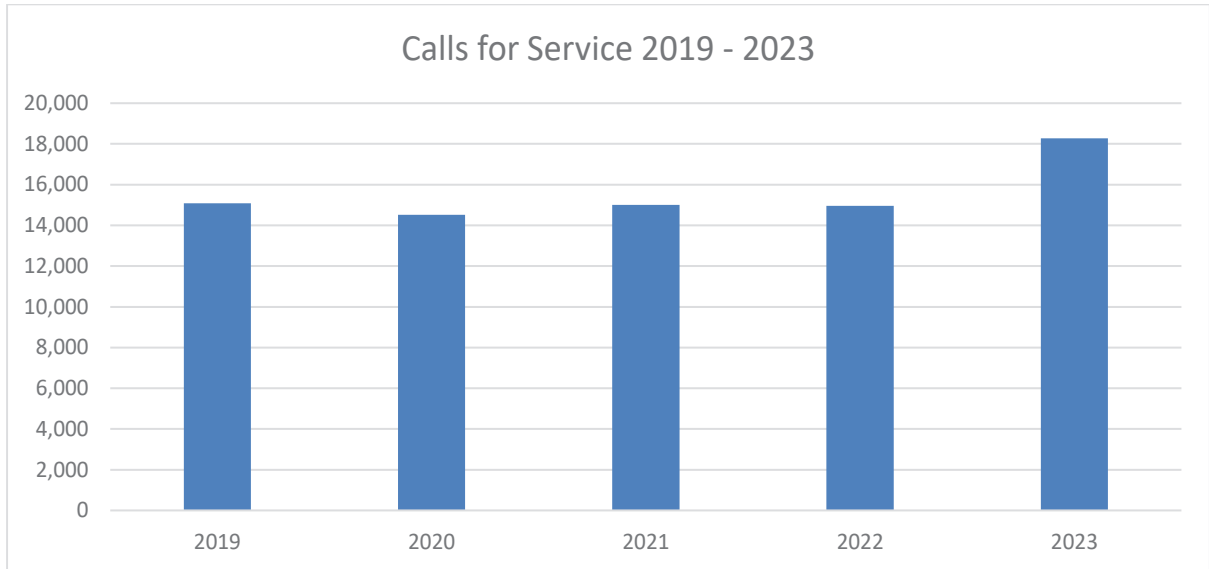
Calls for Service

- In 2023, the Sheriff's Office received 18,277 total calls for service from our residents. This represents a 0.22% increase from 2022.
- During 2023, the Sheriff's Office responded to 230 calls for service from the Town of Starks, which is a slight decrease from 2022. These calls included 17 motor vehicle accidents, 11 calls requesting citizen assistance, as well as calls for domestic violence, theft, criminal threatening, harassment, welfare checks, and other requests for police services.

The Somerset County Sheriff Office remains committed to our core values: INTEGRITY-RESPECT-FAIRNESS-DEDICATION.



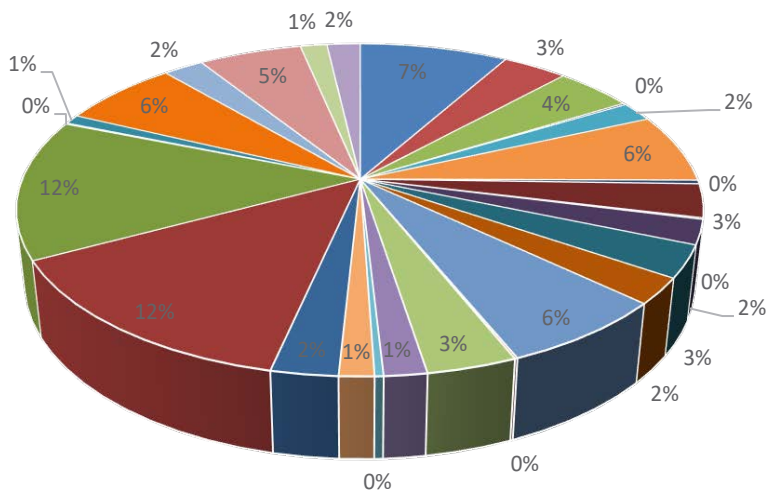
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2023 Percentage of Calls for Service by Town



- Anson ■ Athens ■ Bingham ■ Brighton Plt ■ Cambridge
- Canaan ■ Caratunk ■ Cornville ■ Dennistown ■ Detroit
- Embden ■ Harmony ■ Hartland ■ Highland Plt ■ Jackman
- Mercer ■ Moose River ■ Moscow ■ New Portland ■ Norridgewock
- Palmyra ■ Pleasant Ridge ■ Ripley ■ St. Albans ■ Smithfield
- Solon ■ Starks ■ Forks/West Forks



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
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Dear Maine Resident:

In January, I was privileged to take the Oath of Office to begin my second term as your Governor. I am deeply humbled by the trust the people of Maine have placed in me, and I look forward to continuing to work hard over the next four years to improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

Over the past four years, we have made real progress. We have expanded health care, leading to the largest decline in the uninsured rate of any state in the nation. We fully funded the State's share of public education. We delivered two-years of free community college. We fully restored municipal revenue sharing to five percent. We delivered substantial tax relief, nation-leading inflation relief, and emergency energy relief to help Maine people through difficult times.

Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we are strengthening and diversifying our economy. In 2022, our state's gross domestic product – a key measure of economic growth – grew at the 9th fastest rate in the United States. People are moving to Maine at a rate higher than any other New England state, and at one of the highest rates in the nation. We have enacted balanced budgets, and we have built up Maine's "Rainy Day" fund to a record high, preparing our state to continue meeting its commitments in the event of an economic downturn.

While I am proud of the progress we have made, there is more to do, like addressing the housing crisis, the workforce shortage, and the opioid epidemic and strengthening health care, education, and the economy. I know that by working together to tackle these issues head-on, we can improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people and make Maine the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you again for the honor to serve you as Governor.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet T. Mills".

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.

These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855th consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right – *Dirigo* – because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

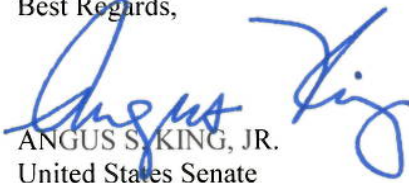
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans' suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senate



Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I've been working on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District.

Maine's heritage industries are the backbone of our state's economy. That is why one of the first bills I introduced in this Congress was the *Northeast Fisheries Heritage Protection Act*, which would prohibit commercial offshore wind energy development in Lobster Management Area 1 (LMA 1) in the Gulf of Maine. LMA 1 was identified by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as a potential commercial offshore wind site. LMA 1 is a critical and highly productive fishing ground for a variety of sea life, including lobster. Prohibiting offshore wind development in LMA 1 would help to avoid conflict with the New England commercial and recreational fishing industries. Additionally, the bill would initiate a federal study on the environmental review processes of any relevant Federal agencies for offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine.

I also continue to advocate on behalf of our veterans and those providing care to our former service members. The current pay for VA employees in the Kennebec and Penobscot counties does not reflect the critical services they are providing. As the oldest state in the nation, with the fifth highest veteran population, Mainers rely on the services offered at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities. That's why recently, Senator Collins, Senator King, Representative Pingree, and I called on the Biden Administration to increase locality pay for VA employees in Kennebec and Penobscot counties. The level of care received is impacted by job vacancies, and the high turnover rate among its healthcare workforce is often the result of pay and compensation issues, which is further exacerbated by the increased cost of living.

Lastly, I'm excited that Mainers are continuing to reap the benefits of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL). Recently, millions of dollars in grants have been awarded across the state, including \$35 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) program to conserve spawning and migratory habitats for native fish species in Maine, \$460,000 through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program for the Princeton Municipal Airport, Stephen A. Bean Municipal Airport, and Dexter Regional Airport, and nearly \$8 million through the Buses and Bus Facilities Program for Bangor's bus system. These investments are critical to ensuring Maine's infrastructure and will help to ensure Mainers and businesses across Maine are connected.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help answer questions about and navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



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January 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the Second Regular Session of the Maine State Legislature convenes, I would like to thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve the citizens of District 66 in the Maine House of Representatives. Representing you is an honor and a privilege I take seriously. My focus has always been to keep constituents well informed of legislative matters and making myself available to address questions and concerns. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to make a difference in the community and I am looking forward to the new challenges that wait in the 2024 legislative session.

The First Regular Session of the Legislature was a busy one, as lawmakers faced many difficult issues and decisions. I believe you will be pleased with some of the accomplishments of the 131st Legislature so far. My colleagues and I were able to pass multiple bi-partisan spending agreements that included supporting hospitals and long-term care facilities, working to stabilize highway and road funding, and improving the efficient delivery of government services. I continue to support legislation that would reduce high energy costs while shoring up supply resiliency and capacity, as well as procurement and generation priorities.

I will continue to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services as we tackle matters that are crucial to our community.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government by monitoring all legislative proposals being worked on at the State House by visiting the Legislature's website at www.legislature.maine.gov. From here, you can browse bill summaries, view our legislative session and public hearing schedules, submit testimony, listen to committee hearings or watch live streaming video of the House and Senate.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you. Hearing your thoughts on the issues that are important to you helps me to better serve you. Please, do not hesitate to call anytime if you feel you need my assistance. If you would like to be added to my email list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request at Robert.Nutting@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robert W. Nutting'.

Robert W. Nutting
State Representative

NOTES

Town Office Hours

Mon. 10 am - 2 pm
Wed. 3 pm - 7 pm
1st Sat. of the Month
8 am - 11 am



Selectmen Meetings

1st & 3rd Mondays - 7 pm
Board of Assessors
1st & 3rd Thursdays - 7 pm
Phone: 207-696-8069
Fax: 207-696-8201

2023-2024 Dates to Remember:

- November 22** - Last day to make 2023 Tax Payments without incurring interest. (Will accept postmarked date)
- November 28** - Nomination Papers will be available for the 2023 Town Election of Officers. 2024 Elections include **Selectman, Assessor, Tax Collector** and **RSU #9 School Board Director** (3 year terms)
- December 1** - May start purchasing 2024 Hunting/Fishing Licenses and 2023-24 Snowmobile Registrations.
- January 09** - Last day to submit completed Nomination Papers for the 2024 Town Election.
- January 22** - Liens for 2021 Taxes will expire and Board of Selectmen will begin foreclosure process
- January 31** - Last day for Dog Licensing without incurring a \$25 late fee. (Bring current rabies and neuter/spay certificate)
- March 8** - Annual Town Meeting opens - voting by Australian "Secret" Ballot from 12 pm - 8 pm.
- March 9** - Annual Town Business Meeting begins at 9 am.
- April 1** - Notifications for Homestead Exemptions, Veterans Exemptions and Tree Growth Applications due to Board of Assessors.
- April 6** - Board of Assessors begins annual site visits to properties.
- June 16** - Projected date for 30 day notice to be mailed for 2023 Lien process.

Town Office Closed

Oct 9 - Indigenous Peoples Day
Dec 25 - Christmas
Jan 1, 2024 - New Year's
Jan 15 - ML King Day
Feb 19 - Presidents Day
May 27 - Memorial Day
June 19 - Juneteenth
July 4—Independence Day
Sept 2 - Labor Day

Pay Online - Fees Apply
www.starksme.com

Reminder: If you pay your tax bill after November 22, 2023 interest will have started. Call for a pay-off amount - or risk leaving a small balance on your account!

Town Office Address:
57 Anson Road
Starks, ME 04911

Don't forget to include ADDRESS CHANGES with your tax payment!

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PROPERTY TAX STABILIZATION PROGRAM!

The Property Tax Stabilization Program has been repealed by the Legislature in response to concerns regarding inequity and reimbursement costs. Any taxpayer whose application was submitted prior to December 1, 2022, and approved, will still receive the "freeze" on their 2023 property tax bill. The repeal of this program means there will be no reapplication process and no need to follow-up with the Assessing Department.

Reminder: TOWN WIDE REVALUATION IN 2024

The revaluation is scheduled to begin early 2024. To accomplish a full revaluation, KRT will be collecting data by visiting each property in our municipality. Prior to going to each parcel, a postcard will be mailed to each owner as notification that the property will be visited in the next few weeks.