



Starks

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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Town Report Photo Contest

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TOWN OF STARKS

ESSENTIAL WORKERS

ANNUAL REPORT DEDICATION

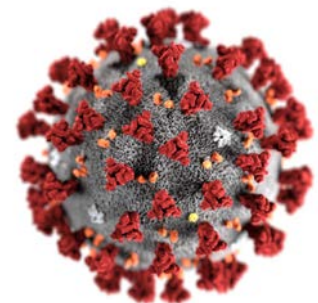


Thank you!

2020-THE YEAR OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The 2020 town report is dedicated to all our residents who work in front line positions during this strange and deadly time of the Covid-19 pandemic. Health care professionals, first responders, educators, food sector employees and all essential workers are the heroes that keep our society functioning. These people expose themselves to significant danger each time they enter their work environments.

With the death of two citizens, Mary Hughgill and Steve Rackliff Sr., Starks has endured its share of tragedy from the plague. Others among us have recovered from this terrible illness. As we move into 2021, the struggle against an invisible foe continues, and faith in our resilience must be maintained. Special thanks to those who fight at the front. We are all next to them whether it be physically or in thought.



MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TERMS

Selectmen - 3 year

Ernest Hilton	3-2021
Paul Frederic	3-2022
Joseph Hayden	3-2023

Assessors - 3 year

Cathleen Horner	3-2021
Maryanne Gawlinski	3-2022
Joseph Hayden	3-2023

Tax Collector - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert	3-2021
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Town Clerk - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert	3-2022
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Registrar of Voters - 2 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert	1-2023
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Treasurer - 3 year

Erin Norton	3-2023
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Planning Board - 5 year

Ken Lust	4-2022
Eric Lee Hoar (Alt.)	5-2022
Claire Nelson	5-2023
John Newsom	5-2023
Joe Hartigan	4-2024
Gwen Hilton	4-2025

CEO/Plumbing Inspector - 1 year

Leo Mayo	3-2021
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Fire Chief - 1 year

William Pressey	3-2021
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Town Fire Warden - 1 year

David Gray	3-2021
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GA Administrator

Jenn Zweig Hebert	3-2021
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Animal Control Officer - 1 year

Danielle Pressey	3-2021
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Health Officer - 3 year

Leo Mayo	5-2023
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Building Superintendent - 1 year

William Pressey	3-2021
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Town Sexton - 1 year

Danielle Pressey	3-2021
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Warrant Officer - 3 year

Jerry Brackett	3-2023
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RSU # 9 School Board Director - 3 year

Carol Coles	7-2021
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Appeals Board - 5 year

Sara Brusila	9-2021
Carol Coles	9-2022
Maryanne Gawlinski	9-2022
Jared Norton	9-2023
George Martikke	9-2024

Budget Committee – 1 year

Carol Coles	3-2021
John Newsom	3-2021
David Gray	3-2021
Ashley Hayden	3-2021
Ken Lust	3-2021

Water District - 3 year

Joe Hartigan	Operator
AnnMarie Simone	11-2022
Robin Melancon-Quimby	11-2022
Jared Norton	11-2023
Ashley Hayden	11-2021
Erin Norton	11-2023



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OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

March, 2021

As reported last year, we received a \$75,000 grant to replace the Smith Brook culvert about 100 yards east of the Lemon Stream bridge on the Sandy River Road. The grant for the concrete box culvert came from a bond issue passed a number of years ago which provided funds to replace perched, highly corroded culverts with more permanent structures capable of withstanding high flooding events while also allowing fish passage. It was the same program which funded the \$45,000 grant we received to install the concrete arch over Watson Stream at Watson Corner on the Sawyers Mills Road in 2018. In both cases, while the grant was premised on a cost share from the town, in fact the project was accomplished so efficiently, it was fully paid for by the grant- a permanent free bridge. Interestingly, the Town of Starks was incorporated in March of 1795 and this road was one of the first laid out by the town at a meeting that September. While excavating down below the original stream bed for the new footers, original corduroy road logs were found, likely cut and laid down as the first stream crossing at this location. The same sort of corduroy was found at the Watson Stream project two years ago. Photos are attached.

We had been looking forward to acquiring a couple of used plow trucks from the DOT to complement the Volvo which we acquired at auction in 2018 and which has served us extremely well. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, DOT has not put out any trucks for auction yet, even though there are auctions taking place, albeit on-line.

We engaged an HVAC engineer to evaluate the heating system at the Community Center and are still perusing those recommendations. The overall purpose was to try to simplify the heating controls from when the building was run as a school. More will take place on this in the coming year.

The Selectmen serve on a number of out-of-town and regional boards and advisory groups. Ernie is a member of the Somerset County Economic Development Corp., which provides low cost financing and seeks to provide leadership in economic development in Somerset County. Joe is treasurer of the Kennebec Valley Regional Waste Corp. (KVRWC- Recycling) and is on the executive board of the Anson/Madison/Starks (AMS) ambulance service. Paul represents Starks at the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG), and on the First Park Board in Oakland, and is a member of the Somerset County Budget Committee. All three selectmen are on the boards of KVRWC and AMS.

We thank everyone who helped make our town a better place during this past year. This especially includes the road crew, and all the members of the fire department who go to such great and self-less effort to keep us safe. It also extends to the substantial volunteer efforts by so many of our citizens on so many fronts which often go unrecognized.

The Board meets at 7:00 pm on the first and third Mondays of each month. We have discontinued the practice of having a third meeting some months. You are welcome at any of our meetings.

Board of Selectmen,

Paul Frederic, Joe Hayden, Ernie Hilton



Old culvert- mostly uncovered.



Culvert used as temporary bypass



Alex Abbott of USFWS (designer), Bill Pressey and Joe Hayden- installing first piece



Keith Dillon operator, Joe Hayden, Ernie Hilton & Alex Abbott



Finished concrete box culvert

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

As another busy year wraps up it is meaningful to note that it was a difficult and unprecedented year! The COVID-19 pandemic changed everything about how we operate starting the Monday after the Annual Town Meeting in March. For a time, the office was closed to the public and citizens received service over the phone or outside. Then we opened with safety measures that are still in place.

Among the changes we made was an updated website on a more mobile friendly platform. While several were involved in updating the content and automating some of our services, it was Erin Norton who spent hours designing and formatting what I believe is an impressive website for our little town. Check it out at www.starksme.com - it 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, ATV, snowmobile and boat re-registrations, hunting and fishing licenses***, tax maps, the annual town report, town adopted ordinances, planning board activities to upcoming events/deadlines is at your fingertips. **Thank you ERIN for a job well done!**

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 request to townofstarks@gmail.com to receive town wide email notifications.

Until things are safer, the Starks Community Center remains closed for rentals and nonessential events. The Town Office is open for regular hours. We have installed plexiglass and permit only one customer at a time in the office. Additionally, masks are required, and we have quality masks available for those who need them. I'd like to thank **Carol Coles** and **Erin Frost** for donating an initial supply of well-made washable masks for us to provide to residents. They were gratefully utilized by residents very quickly. Since then, **Karen Bivans** has made hundreds of cloth masks for town office patrons over the last several months. Karen's masks are comfortable, provide excellent coverage and can be seen on many faces in our area. **BRAVO KAREN!** Your contribution to the community this past year is so appreciated!

This was a big election year with the first ever Maine Presidential Primary in February, a State Primary in July and the General Election in November. A fabulous team of experienced Election Workers got us through the new socially distant elections in 2020 with many new safety protocols implemented. I want to thank the following election workers: **Sarah Bessey, Valerie Comstock, Maryanne Gawlinski, Cathleen Horner, Erin Norton, Danielle Pressey, Vicki Stevens, and Barbara Vischer.** Kudos to **Bill Pressey** as well for all the extra cleaning he provided.

Thank you to the Select Board, **Joe, Paul and Ernie** for their hard work and dedication to running the town successfully. Thank you to my Deputy **Maryanne Gawlinski** who is always available to lend a hand. And, as always, A *SPECIAL THANK YOU* goes to my office mate **Erin Norton.**

Vital records for 2020 were as follows:

<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Marriages</u>
1	6	5

Town office hours are **Mondays 10 am-2 pm, Wednesdays 3 pm-7 pm, 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 on my home phone (696-3756), cell phone (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: 2020

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
**	1	Abbott, Brandi S.	551.09	0.00	551.09
	18	Ames, Peter E.	429.50	-3.49	432.99
	711	Ashby, Deborah	231.84	-1.89	233.73
	26	Atwood, John T & Meader, Twilight	103.32	-0.84	104.16
*	457	Barnes, Helen C.	259.09	0.00	259.09
	783	Bay Communications II LLC	4,819.50	-39.22	4,858.72
	767	Bellefleur, Brad	19.22	-0.16	19.38
	629	Bellefleur, Eileen M.	609.37	-4.96	614.33
	324	Bellefleur, Sarah	449.82	-3.66	453.48
	46	Belmore, Thomas G.	356.90	-2.90	359.80
*	388	Bengal, Carrie M	466.83	0.00	466.83
	611	Bessey, Craig J.	815.54	-6.64	822.18
	293	Bessey, Laura C.	385.56	-3.14	388.70
	54	Bessey, Patty D.	204.91	0.00	204.91
**	56	Bliss, Christine	427.14	0.00	427.14
	60	Boucher, Douglas A.	873.02	-7.10	880.12
	331	Boucher, Douglas A.	202.55	-1.65	204.20
**	140	Brawn, Stanley L.	1,256.85	1,250.65	6.20
**	319	Brewer, Taylia M.	311.22	0.00	311.22
	149	Brower, Howard S.	325.08	-2.65	327.73
	479	Bucciano Daniel	561.02	-4.57	565.59
	702	Bushey, Jason B.	802.62	-6.53	809.15
	497	Chick, Isaac	2,293.04	-18.66	2,311.70
	87	Churchill, Caleb	619.92	-5.04	624.96
	88	Churchill, David N.& Craig A	189.00	-0.61	189.61
	89	Churchill, William C.Sr.	2,069.87	-16.84	2,086.71
	416	Clark, Kelly D	698.20	26.81	671.39
	337	Coconis, Michael	1,232.44	28.72	1,203.72
	98	Colburn, Gary	1,286.93	-10.47	1,297.40
	791	Cores, Scott	774.59	0.00	774.59
**	111	Costigan, Julie L.	572.20	0.00	572.20
	409	Costigan, Kenneth	498.49	-4.06	502.55
	112	Cotton, Dennis L.	902.63	-7.34	909.97
	115	Cowan, Edward	907.36	295.25	612.11
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	329.65	-2.68	332.33
	136	Deming, Roi A.	474.55	197.76	276.79

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	138	Denis, Emanuel	343.19	-2.79	345.98
	139	Denis, Emanuel T.	30.08	-0.24	30.32
	141	Denis, Emanuel T.	329.65	-2.68	332.33
	145	Denis, Emanuel T.	335.63	-2.73	338.36
	146	Denis, Emanuel T.	400.52	-3.26	403.78
	150	Denis, Emanuel T.	334.22	-2.72	336.94
	266	DeRosa, Christopher	377.06	-3.07	380.13
	475	Donovan, Emma R.	249.48	-2.03	251.51
	476	Donovan, Emma R.	350.75	-2.85	353.60
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	501.48	-4.08	505.56
	477	Donovan, Robert J.	249.48	-2.03	251.51
	786	Dudash, Shane	314.53	-1.72	316.25
**	169	Duhaime, Deanne	551.88	0.00	551.88
	176	Dyke et Al, Darrell A.	949.88	457.20	492.68
	179	Edwards, Ivan	264.60	-2.15	266.75
	283	Esposito, Maureen H.	1,199.05	-9.76	1,208.81
	648	Esposito, Robert	534.87	-4.35	539.22
	109	Esposito, Robert M.	2,539.53	-20.66	2,560.19
	292	Esposito, Robert M.	1,084.86	-8.83	1,093.69
*	185	Evans Jr., William A.	956.34	300.48	655.86
	749	Fields Jr., Bruce W.	201.60	-1.64	203.24
	157	Forever Green MP Homes	1,277.64	-10.40	1,288.04
	201	Frederic, Joseph W.	1,672.02	-13.61	1,685.63
	789	Friend, Brooklyn M.	221.13	-1.80	222.93
	205	Friend, Tara M.	826.09	-6.72	832.81
	207	Frith, Monica L.	639.77	-4.90	644.67
	209	Gaeta, Lorraine A.	744.66	-6.06	750.72
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	466.83	-3.80	470.63
	216	Gifford, Walter B.	3,128.58	-25.46	3,154.04
	217	Gifford, Walter B.	416.75	-3.39	420.14
	434	Gordon, Lisa M.	1,566.81	-12.75	1,579.56
	231	Greenleaf, Scott	280.19	-2.28	282.47
	238	Hall, Leslie E. & Suzanne T.	888.46	-6.46	894.92
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	526.05	-4.28	530.33
	245	Harris, Nelson N	263.66	-2.15	265.81
	747	Hartigan, David	495.18	-4.03	499.21

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	249	Hartigan, Dennis P.	1,060.45	-7.14	1,067.59
	257	Hayden Family Trust	196.56	-1.60	198.16
	703	Hayden, Joseph P.O.	1,524.92	-12.17	1,537.09
	735	Hayden, Joseph P.O.	470.61	-3.83	474.44
	258	Hayden, Joseph Paul & Pauline	1,665.41	-0.76	1,666.17
	262	Henckel, Peter N.	543.22	-4.42	547.64
	280	Hogg, Mark E.	832.86	-6.78	839.64
	281	Holmes, Eric G	734.42	0.00	734.42
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	653.94	-5.32	659.26
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	205.70	-1.67	207.37
	386	Johnson, Christopher	632.84	-5.15	637.99
	739	Kiger, Nathan A	2,340.77	-19.05	2,359.82
	159	Koetsch, Bernard E.	1,047.22	-8.52	1,055.74
	709	Koetsch, Bernard E.	463.05	-3.77	466.82
	330	Krebs, Dennis & Angelica	1,632.49	1,176.40	456.09
	708	Lane, James	249.48	-2.03	251.51
*	688	Leahy, Barry F	938.86	604.23	334.63
	760	Lemay, George E. Jr. and Carlene	2,394.79	-19.49	2,414.28
	357	Libby, Kevin & Mary	445.10	-3.62	448.72
**	358	Lickteig, John H.	515.18	0.00	515.18
	23	Lounder, David R., JR	236.41	-1.92	238.33
	368	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	654.89	-3.66	658.55
	715	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	70.09	-0.57	70.66
	389	Martikke, George & Rosalie	659.61	-5.37	664.98
	390	Martikke, George F& Rosalie	960.44	-7.82	968.26
	717	Martin, Maurice W.	783.25	-6.37	789.62
	405	McPherson, Wayne	247.91	-2.02	249.93
	407	Meagher, Brian	3,425.47	-27.87	3,453.34
	529	Merrill, Danielle L.	955.55	-7.78	963.33
	171	Napoleon, Alexander G.	461.16	-3.75	464.91
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,543.19	-12.56	1,555.75
**	675	Nichols, Michael A.	730.33	0.00	730.33
	608	Nichols, William L.	427.14	-3.48	430.62
	214	Niskach, Lauren	257.04	-1.32	258.36
	436	Norton, David L.	219.24	-1.78	221.02
	520	Norton, Erin and Jared	551.88	-4.49	556.37

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	690	Norton, Erin E.	3,137.72	-25.53	3,163.25
	261	Norton, Jared M.	314.53	-2.56	317.09
	565	Norton, Jared M	437.69	-3.56	441.25
	438	Nunes, Roderick & Diane M.	968.63	-7.88	976.51
*	439	O'Donald, Melissa	221.29	0.08	221.21
**	442	Olafson Sr., Anders N.	2,669.94	2,000.00	669.94
	459	Ouellette, Kenneth W.	802.15	539.53	262.62
	466	Patenaude, Alan	226.80	-1.85	228.65
	465	Patenaude, Alan T	519.12	-4.22	523.34
	452	Perrone, John	823.10	-6.70	829.80
	485	Peters, Bruce	427.14	-3.48	430.62
	486	Peters, Bruce	551.88	-4.49	556.37
	724	Phillips, Steven A. & Teresa B.	196.56	-1.60	198.16
	492	Piche, Bradley M.	780.89	-6.35	787.24
	762	Prescott, Gerald S.	365.87	3.71	362.16
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	483.84	0.97	482.87
	499	Pressey, Robert M. & Crystal L.	974.61	-7.93	982.54
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	534.24	-4.35	538.59
	256	Quimby, Francis J	1,427.11	88.74	1,338.37
	502	Quimby, Glenda	1,938.51	-15.77	1,954.28
**	510	Rackliff, Michael A.	329.49	0.00	329.49
	517	Randall, Lewis G., Randall Barbara J	553.14	-4.50	557.64
	38	Renner, Trustee, Leslie	2,597.18	-21.13	2,618.31
	527	Riley, Margot	2,139.48	-8.16	2,147.64
	9	Riley, Megan	206.17	-1.68	207.85
	528	Rioux Family Revocable Trust	163.64	17.73	145.91
	70	Rosie, Crystal	282.24	227.57	54.67
	777	Ross, Jon A.	1,181.25	-1.26	1,182.51
	538	Russo, Diane M.	472.50	33.96	438.54
	665	Russo, Diane M.	1,297.17	26.92	1,270.25
	463	Semas Joseph, J	969.10	164.76	804.34
	557	Shepard, Stephen C.	940.28	-7.65	947.93
	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,135.73	-9.24	1,144.97
	560	Sherrer, Earskin	294.84	-2.38	297.22
	562	Sherrer, John	306.97	304.93	2.04
	563	Sherrer, Lucy Geneva	436.75	433.84	2.91

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	790	Sirois, Ross D.	1,454.83	-11.84	1,466.67
	568	Slawson, John A.	544.79	-4.43	549.22
	31	Smith, Perry	1,034.30	2.96	1,031.34
	114	Smith, Perry	688.91	-5.61	694.52
	599	Smith, Perry and Kimberly	438.48	-3.57	442.05
**	421	Sommers, Benjy C.	2,090.81	0.00	2,090.81
	579	Staph, Mike	1,127.86	-0.32	1,128.18
	593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	410.60	-3.34	413.94
	691	Stevens, Charles L.	900.43	-7.33	907.76
	574	Stuart, Nathan	220.82	-1.80	222.62
	792	Sweetser, Jeff A	1,088.64	-8.86	1,097.50
	606	Taylor, Brandon A.	370.44	-3.01	373.45
	604	Taylor, Darlene A.	1,585.08	-12.90	1,597.98
	605	Taylor, David E.	1,330.40	-10.83	1,341.23
	615	Thayer, Erika L.	881.06	-7.17	888.23
	614	Thayer, James W. & Elaine A.	671.27	296.98	374.29
	617	Theberge, Andre & Patricia	2,973.29	-24.19	2,997.48
**	754	Tibbetts, Antonio	605.90	0.00	605.90
**	627	Tracy, Alice C. and Truman G.	94.50	0.00	94.50
**	393	Tracy, Howard S.	563.38	274.62	288.76
	774	Tracy, Trista A.	201.60	-1.64	203.24
**	628	Tracy, Truman G.	301.77	0.00	301.77
	631	Tutt, Dawn	1,520.51	-11.20	1,531.71
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	216.25	-1.76	218.01
	410	Vomorde, Carson C.	1,439.55	-11.71	1,451.26
	352	Webber, Archie L.	219.24	-1.78	221.02
**	247	Webster, Robert D.	779.94	0.00	779.94
	782	Welcome, Cordell	12.60	-0.10	12.70
	781	Welcome, Jeffery	52.45	-0.43	52.88
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,563.19	-12.72	1,575.91
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	141.75	-1.15	142.90
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,275.91	-10.38	1,286.29
	660	White, Stephen	632.21	-5.14	637.35
	580	Whitmore, Robert	484.00	-3.94	487.94
	662	Whittemore, Nicholas	340.20	-2.77	342.97
	395	Witham, Jr., William R	1,653.59	-13.46	1,667.05

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	676	Worthley, Melinda	681.35	-5.54	686.89
	677	Worthley, Melinda	199.55	-1.62	201.17
	663	Wright, Albert	569.05	297.51	271.54
	746	Wyman, Joseph	1,043.28	758.93	284.35
	748	Wyman, Joseph	495.18	341.74	153.44
	692	Zink Jr., George H.	580.23	-4.72	584.95
		Total for 186 Accounts:	148,141.57	9,268.59	138,872.98

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Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2019

As of: December 31, 2020

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
**	1	Abbott, Brandi S.	245.48	0.00	245.48
	711	Ashby, Deborah	246.89	-4.37	251.26
**	388	Bengal, Carrier M	519.41	0.00	519.41
	38	Blackburn, Robert Jr.	2,453.56	-52.74	2,506.30
	702	Bushey, Jason B.	1,314.11	173.75	1,140.36
	87	Churchill, Caleb	680.54	312.36	368.18
	89	Churchill, William C.Sr.	2,301.78	-49.40	2,351.18
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	374.99	-7.19	382.18
	266	DeRosa, Christopher	409.54	-8.65	418.19
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	429.27	-8.08	437.35
	231	Greenleaf, Scott	411.19	-7.99	419.18
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	566.15	-11.39	577.54
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	716.34	-14.70	731.04
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	332.81	-6.26	339.07
	386	Johnson,Christopher	692.78	-14.21	706.99
	405	McPherson, Wayne	165.12	-2.96	168.08
	529	Merrill, Danielle L.	1,121.95	-23.61	1,145.56
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,672.18	-35.71	1,707.89
	485	Peters, Bruce	477.63	-9.45	487.08
	486	Peters, Bruce	608.92	-12.33	621.25
	499	Pressey, Robert M. & Crystal L.	1,142.05	-24.06	1,166.11
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	678.55	-13.87	692.42
	517	Randall, Lewis G., Barbara J. Randall	668.60	-13.65	682.25
	9	Riley, Megan	283.48	143.06	140.42
	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,250.25	0.00	1,250.25
	574	Sweetser, Jeff A.	896.97	-18.67	915.64
	606	Taylor, Darlene A.	417.95	321.75	96.20
	605	Taylor, David E.	1,313.35	-27.82	1,341.17
	615	Thayer, Erika L.	1,043.57	-21.89	1,065.46
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	255.63	-4.57	260.20
	410	Vomorde, Carson C.	1,631.41	-34.82	1,666.23
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	197.15	-3.28	200.43
	659	Whipple,Charles Bruce	1,390.90	-29.53	1,420.43
	580	Whitmore,Robert	70.78	-0.36	71.14
		Total for 34 Accounts:	26,981.28	489.36	26,491.92

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Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2018

As of: December 31, 2020

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	711	Ashby, Deborah	341.45	-27.35	368.80
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	361.26	-29.24	390.50
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	383.01	-27.70	410.71
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	502.07	0.00	502.07
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	682.15	602.09	80.06
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	291.70	-22.62	314.32
	485	Peters, Bruce	457.76	-38.41	496.17
	486	Peters, Bruce	581.17	-50.15	631.32
	499	Pressey, Robert M. & Crystal L.	1,052.40	-94.96	1,147.36
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	616.70	-53.53	670.23
	517	Randall, Lewis G., Barbara J. Randall,	607.35	272.82	334.53
**	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,184.34	1,132.10	52.24
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	194.10	-13.34	207.44
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,316.25	-120.06	1,436.31
		Total for 14 Accounts:	8,571.71	1,529.65	7,042.06

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2017

As of: December 31, 2020

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	338.60	-6.95	345.55
**	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	448.83	-6.95	455.78
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	255.08	-6.95	262.03
	485	Peters, Bruce	429.90	-6.95	436.85
	486	Peters, Bruce	546.68	-6.95	553.63
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	562.61	-6.95	569.56
		Total for 6 Accounts:	2,581.70	-41.70	2,623.40

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Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2016

As of: December 31, 2020

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	120	Curran, Thomas & Jennifer	278.29	276.92	1.37
**	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	478.29	344.00	134.29
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr.	305.14	48.32	256.82
	485	Peters, Bruce	403.58	-82.65	486.23
	486	Peters, Bruce	517.08	-106.82	623.90
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	594.26	227.23	367.03
		Total for 6 Accounts:	2,576.64	707.00	1,869.64

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2015

As of: December 31, 2020

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	485	Peters, Bruce	412.19	-127.73	539.92
	486	Peters, Bruce	528.47	-160.25	688.72
		Total for 2 Accounts:	940.66	-287.98	1,228.64

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From the Treasurer's Desk

Greetings friends! I've just finished up another year as your Treasurer. I've been working for you in Starks since 2008! 2020 was strange and often difficult because of the global pandemic that hit us mid-March. COVID-19 became a factor in every part of our daily lives and community. Like many, I'm hopeful that we can put it behind us very soon.

I've included plenty of information for you to review before we vote on my expense, revenue and other reports that can be found just a few pages down from this one. We had a few things come in under budget this year! These unexpended balances can be found on the Expense Report, and are accounted for in an article on the town warrant to reduce the tax commitment. This year we are voting via referendum. While not ideal, the Select Board and town office staff felt that a traditional town meeting was too difficult to accomplish without disenfranchising some, and putting others at risk. Voting via referendum will still allow everyone the ability to participate in the legislative action of the town meeting process. Absentee provisions mean that voters can request a ballot via telephone and vote in the comfort and safety of their homes or attend the election in person on March 12th.

I successfully completed the 2020 audit with RHR Smith, remotely in January. We have a well-established relationship with their firm. I've been working with senior accountant Samantha Ruggles for three years now. I'm delighted to report that we didn't have to take out a Tax Anticipated Note for the EIGHTH year in a row! I suspect we'll be able to avoid a TAN again, but doing so will depend on when we commit taxes, which depends on a positive school budget vote, and a county budget as well. Much of those things were also affected by the pandemic.

I'm also excited to share that Starks was awarded two grants in 2020. One for the Smith Brook Culvert project through DEP for \$75,000 which the town was able to accomplish with *just* the grant funds. We received a second grant through DHHS for COVID related expenses applied to elections for \$5,000.

I want to extend a thank you to our amazing Budget Committee in Starks. **Carol Coles, Ken Lust, Ashley Hayden, Dave Gray and John Newsom.** Their continued commitment to look out for the taxpayers is commendable. They worked hard with the board to bring a conscientious budget before you for the new year. If you're interested in the budget process, and would like to serve on this committee, reach out to us at the office!

As always, I have to extend a HUGE thank you to my incredible office mate Jenn Hebert, your Town Clerk and Tax Collector for working as my deputy in the collection of delinquent taxes. Jenn is unusual in that her dedication and willingness to take care of the people of Starks is well above the standard for her role. She meets people regularly outside of office hours, and has even delivered registrations to people's homes -with special attention to shut-ins during the pandemic. She is an incredible person, and very dear to me. Starks is lucky to have such a gem!

Being a Municipal Treasurer is a position that evolves with time and requires more attention from me at different points in the year. I've also discovered that working in three towns has really helped to hone my skills! I was able to attend an assessing class and will likely attend a few refreshers this year too.

Working for Starks is a joy, and I plan to continue as long as you'll have me! If you ever have questions regarding Town finances, expired liens or want to chat about your taxes, please feel free to reach out. I'm always happy to share my work!

Respectfully,

Erin Norton

2020 FUND BALANCES

2020 Town of Starks	BALANCES	
	As of 12/31/19	As of 12/31/20
Skowhegan Savings Primary Checking Account	479,185.18	653,796.14
General Fund Sweep Account	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total	\$ 579,185.18	\$ 753,796.14

2020 Reserve Funds	BALANCES		
	As of 12/31/19	Due To/Due From	As of 12/31/20
LRAP - Local Roads Assistance Program	0.00	27,008.00	0.00
Re-Valuation Account	41,241.66	0.00	41,241.66
Capital Roads Reserve	40,000.00	5,000.00	45,000.00
Capital Improvement Reserve	58,036.21	20,000.00	78,036.21
Fire Department Capital Reserve	15,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00
BIF - Building Improvement Fund	51,250.65	15,050/1,692.66	64,607.99
Helen Reed Scholarship Fund	4,610.97	0.00	4,610.97
TOTAL	210,139.49	57,008.00	253,496.83

Due to / Due From Summary

LRAP - Balance totaled \$27,008.00 Fully Expended on Chicken Street Paving Project.

Capital Roads - Appropriation from 2020 Annual Meeting

Capital Improvement - 2020 Annual Meeting

BIF - Appropriation from 2020 Town Meeting, rental income & donations less HVAC work

Helen Reed Scholarship - Adopted at 2017 Annual Meeting

Bank of America / US Trust Account	BALANCES		
	As of 10/31/19	Gain / Loss	As of 10/31/20
John W Higgins Trust Fund Market Value	207,737.69	5,408.82	213,146.51

Expense Report 2020

Article #	Description	Budget	Expended	Balance	% Spent
14	Contingency	\$3,000.00	\$494.29	\$2,505.71	16.48%
17	Administration	\$107,180.00	\$75,890.38	\$31,289.62	70.81%
18	Former Town Hall	\$3,500.00	\$1,478.27	\$2,021.73	42.24%
19	CEO Legal	\$7,000.00	\$147.29	\$6,852.71	2.10%
20	Town Salaries	\$66,150.00	\$61,380.50	\$4,769.50	92.79%
21	Planning & Appeals Boards	\$1,000.00	\$449.95	\$550.05	45.00%
22	Training of outgoing Officers	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
23	Road Foreman Stipend	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
24	Community Center	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
25	Fire Department	\$51,100.00	\$42,753.55	\$8,346.45	83.67%
26	Fire Chief Salary	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
27	Animal Control	\$1,000.00	\$807.39	\$192.61	80.74%
28	AMS Ambulance	\$12,160.00	\$12,159.96	\$0.04	100.00%
29	Street Lights	\$1,500.00	\$1,187.72	\$312.28	79.18%
30	Public Works	\$216,500.00	\$172,763.04	\$43,736.96	79.80%
31	Town Dump Maintenance	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	100.00%
32	General Assistance	\$4,000.00	\$1,726.80	\$2,273.20	43.17%
33	Recreation/Library Reimbursements	\$2,000.00	\$855.00	\$1,145.00	42.75%
34	Salt Shed Debt Service	\$9,787.00	\$9,786.48	\$0.52	99.99%
35 assessment	First Park	\$5,000.00	\$4,722.90	\$277.10	94.46%
36	Social Organizations	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
38	Capital Improvements	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
40	Building Improvement Fund (BIF)	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
41	Capital Roads Account	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
42	Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		100.00%
43	Voting Booths	\$1,200.00	\$954.53	\$245.47	79.54%
45	Energy Analysis (BIF)	\$3,000.00	\$1,692.66	\$1,307.34	56.42%
Assessment	County Tax	\$128,846.36	\$128,846.36	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	RSU #9	\$492,082.81	\$492,082.81	\$0.00	100.00%
	Totals	\$1,196,306.17	\$1,089,979.88	\$103,820.58	91.11%

2020 Treasurer's Revenue Report

Account #	Account	Credit
98	Real Estate Payments	893,818.72
99	Supplemental Payments	0.00
	TOTAL	893,818.72

Revenue Summary

Account #	Account	Debits	Credits	Balance
100	- Excise - Auto	\$558.05	\$102,355.06	\$101,797.01
101	- Excise - Boat	\$0.00	\$680.00	\$680.00
102	- Fees - Agent	\$0.00	\$4,551.05	\$4,551.05
103	- Over Short	\$46.66	\$98.69	\$52.03
104	- Interest - Real Estate	\$0.00	\$8,416.75	\$8,416.75
105	- Lien Fees	\$0.00	\$3,327.04	\$3,327.04
106	- Dog Fees	\$0.00	\$349.00	\$349.00
107	- Plumbing Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$2,377.50	\$2,377.50
108	- Building Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
109	- Cemetery Interest	\$0.00	\$4.81	\$4.81
110	- Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	\$63,648.00	\$63,648.00
111	- Prior Year's Write Offs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
112	- Veteran's Exemption	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$340.00
113	- First Park	\$0.00	\$2,155.00	\$2,155.00
114	- Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$14,510.81	\$14,510.81
115	- Operating Interest	\$0.00	\$1,049.86	\$1,049.86
116	- Revenue Sharing	\$0.00	\$55,557.27	\$55,557.27
117	- Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$404.00	\$404.00
119	- Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00	\$7,065.37	\$7,065.37
120	- General Assistance Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
121	- Higgins Trust Interest	\$0.00	\$2,981.64	\$2,981.64
122	- Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$456.78	\$456.78
124	- DEP Smith Brook Grant	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
125	- DHHS Elections Grant COVID	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
126	- Local Road Assistance Program LRAP	\$0.00	\$27,008.00	\$27,008.00
127	- Building Rental/donation Fees (to BIF)	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Total		\$604.71	\$377,936.63	\$377,331.92

Total Revenue Received by Starks **1,271,150.64**
(The Total Sum of Cash Receipts Report and Revenue Summary)

Cemetery Trust Balance December 31st 2020

\$10,020.08

Frederic Cemetery	Total Trust	% of Trust	2020 Interest
John W. Higgins	\$5,000.00	79%	\$10.16
Frederic Cemetery Trust	\$157.10	2%	\$0.26
Alice Frederic Fields Trust Fund	\$180.27	3%	\$0.39
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%	\$1.03
Total	\$6,331.48	64%	\$12.86

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%	\$2.41

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%	\$1.81

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%	\$20.08

Issued to Ferderic Cemetery			\$12.86
Issued to Locke Cemetery			\$2.41
Issued to Town of Starks			\$4.81
Transferred to the General Fund on January 14th, 2021			\$20.08

Prepared by Erin Norton

PLANNING BOARD REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020

The Starks Planning Board meets regularly on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Starks Community Center. Additional meetings and hearings are held to address business before the Board, and if there is no business, meetings may be cancelled. The Board sends out meeting notices via email and places notices on the *All Things Starks* Facebook page. Beginning in March, the Covid-19 epidemic created challenges for holding meetings, but ultimately the Board voted to hold face-to-face, in person meetings that would comply with State and Federal guidelines. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings.

Permitting Activity during 2020 included:

- Granted permits (Site Plan Review Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance) for CMP's NECEC project. The Starks Code Enforcement Officer granted a Floodplain Ordinance permit.
- Granted a Site Plan Review Ordinance Permit to Starks Holdings LLC to build a solar array off the Anson Road
- Granted a Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Special Exception Permit for new residence (River Road)
- No other permit applications were considered during 2020.

Ordinance Updates: The Planning Board is also responsible for proposing amendments to existing ordinances and developing new ordinances, where needed. Input from other town officials and the public is critical in any of the Board's work on ordinances. Public meetings are always held on proposed changes to the town's ordinances. Ordinance activity in 2020 has included:

- Shoreland Zoning Ordinance amendments were adopted by the Town in March 2020
- Proposed ordinance amendments for the March 2021 referendum include:
 - Update of the 30-year-old Planning Board Bylaws
 - Amendments to the Site Plan Review Ordinance to better address major projects to include consideration for liability to the town, impacts on public services (fire, ambulance, police), and financial capacity.
- Other ordinances that are under review include the Building Ordinance and the Sludge Spreading Ordinance.

Other Activity included:

- Developing a public notice policy for meetings and hearings
- Improving the Board's presence on the Town's website to better inform the community and provide transparency
- Organizing and archiving Board documents

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Office and posted on the Town's website. The Selectmen are required to hold public hearing prior to a referendum vote.

Copies of all Town ordinances can be obtained from the Town Clerk and are available on the Town of Starks website at: www.starksme.com.

Respectfully submitted,

The Starks Planning Board: Gwen Hilton (Chair), Ken Lust (Vice Chair), Claire Nelson (Secretary), Joe Hartigan, John Newsom, Eric Hoar (Alternate), and Val Comstock (Alternate)



Animal Control Report 2020

BY DANIELLE PRESSEY

Greetings, 2020 was an interesting year! We brought an abundance of stray cats to the shelter this year. They were fixed and placed for adoption. We also had several dog at large calls. Please remember: there is a leash law in the state of Maine which states; It is unlawful for any dog, except a hunting dog, to run at large in Maine. Besides that, and a few livestock complaints, it was all in all a good year.

I am still new to the ACO role and some of my classes were postponed -a result of the pandemic. I still have a lot to learn, but over the past year have come to realize we will need to purchase some new equipment in order to safely execute my responsibilities. I plan to invest in more live traps, a dog catcher pole and similar items.

As a friendly reminder, dog licenses are due by January 31st. A late fee of \$25 will be imposed beyond that date. Bring proof of rabies vaccinations to the town office to license your dogs.

Please continue to call or text me directly with animal complaints and or concerns to avoid tying up dispatch. And don't hesitate to reach out for any animal control related concerns.

I'm Looking forward to a happier and healthier 2021!

Who to call

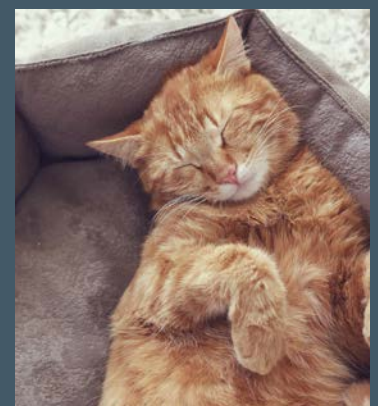
Animal Control Officer
207.399.1399

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





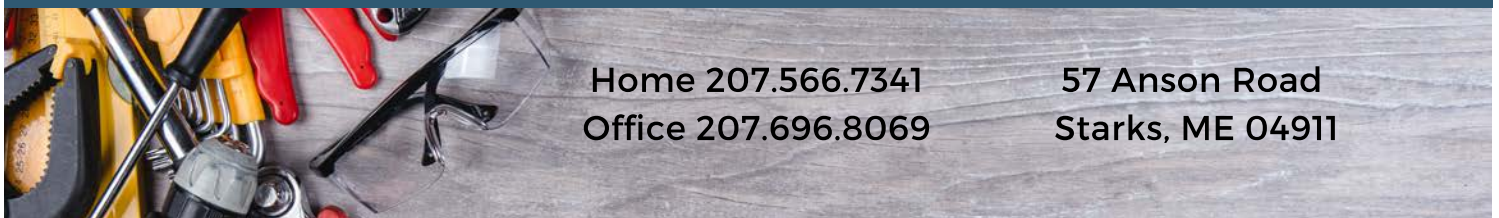
There were eighteen plumbing permits issued in 2020. Ten complete septic systems, and eight internal plumbing permits and inspections for compliance as required.

Site reviews and issuance of twenty two permits for construction included three single family dwellings, three additions of existing structures, three out buildings, one pole barn, one viewing room, 3 mobile homes, one equipment shed, one deck/porch, and five garages.

Please remember before you begin any construction project, to contact the Code Enforcement Officer to determine what is required.

CEO hours are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the town office.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Leo, Mayo**



Home 207.566.7341
Office 207.696.8069

57 Anson Road
Starks, ME 04911

COMMUNITY CENTER

2020 BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



2020 A LOOK BACK

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY BILL PRESSEY

Greetings,

The Community Center building is in overall good condition. There is ongoing assessment of the heating system to hopefully prevent any catastrophic failure. There is also consideration of a possible alteration to the roof over the back doors. This is being discussed because of ongoing leakage issues, primarily because of the design.

As of this writing, I am obtaining quotes for a standby generator for the building. There will be a couple of options for response to too frequent power outages that affect the ability to operate the Town Office and to enable us to keep the building heated to avoid freeze up. Options should be available at town meeting. Because of the pandemic, there was very little public use of the Community Center. I am sure you join me in hoping for a better 2021 in this regard.

A new security system and outdoor ballot box was added in 2020, and a bathroom remodeled to become secure storage for archived town paperwork. Additionally, a wonderful new gazebo was added to the grounds for the enjoyment of our community. An Eagle Scout project erected over the summer by Danny Taylor with the help of Joe Hayden, in memory of citizen Kerry Hebert, who we lost in 2017.

I close with the hope of seeing you all in large crowds, enjoying our wonderful building and grounds by the summer of 2021 -after this pandemic has allowed us to return to a somewhat normal life.

SEXTON REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 2020



2020 RECAP

BY DANIELLE PRESSEY

The town cemeteries remain in fair condition. As with every year, a few new problems arose due to weather and/or fallen trees. We will be pushing the headstone repair work from 2020 that was put on hold due to COVID - 19, into 2021. I plan to connect with a vendor who specializes in stone repair and restoration as weather will allow it. We hope to get the majority of that work completed this summer so we can move onto other things that need attention. Additional fence removal and brush cutting will also be a major focus this coming year. I am hopeful that 2021 will be a good year, and we'll see a lot of progress made toward bettering the condition of our town-maintained cemeteries.
Respectfully Submitted

TOWN MAINTAINED CEMETERIES

Brake Hill Cemetery

Churchill Cemetery

Didson Cemetery

Fairbanks Gravesite

Greenleaf Cemetery

Piper-Williamson Cemetery

Tupper-Williamson Cemetery

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

STARKS TOWN LIBRARY



Oh, what a year 2020 has been! Like everyone, we at the Starks Library have been faced with changes and challenges. In previous years the Starks Library Committee and volunteers were active in supporting a number of activities including Starks SummerKids, presentations by the L.C. Bates Museum or Chewonki Traveling Natural History Program, book give-aways, books and treats for Halloween, arts and crafts, and our community Christmas program. On the first Saturday of each month we would enjoy “Mug Up” in the library – a time to share coffee, tea or hot chocolate, a tasty treat, and pleasant conversation with friends and neighbors. Sadly, library use and activities were limited this year.

We enjoyed “Mug-Up” and carried on with library use and activities until the community center was closed to the public. Our traditional Halloween activity of giving youngsters books and treats was held outdoors with Starks Library Committee members dressed in scary Halloween costumes. The children, dressed in their awesome costumes, selected books and treats from a variety of choices. Face coverings were worn and social distancing was followed.

The downstairs library area consists of books by Maine authors for adults, young adults, and children; adult fiction and non-fiction sections; a young adult fiction section; and books in large print. The children’s section includes picture books, easy readers, and chapter books. In our cozy reading nook we have a children’s book display that changes seasonally.

A variety of book sections, located in the upstairs hallway, includes westerns, international crime, gardening, cooking, arts & crafts, sports (hunting, fishing, baseball, etc.), and a Stephen King section. Education-related books are also available.

When the Starks Community Center is open to the public, use of the library is encouraged. Look around, find the books you would like to take with you, and check them out in the notebook provided on the library desk. Include the book title and author, your name, and date. When you return the books, note date returned. If it is your first time taking out books, please leave your name, address, and contact information on the paper in the front cover pocket of the notebook.

Two computers are available for use by Starks residents. One is located in the library and the other is located in the hall leading to the upstairs.

The Starks Library Committee appreciates and thanks all of the people in the community who have volunteered and/or supported the library over the years.

STARKS LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Maryanne
Gawlinski

Nancy
Lagin

Linda
LaRose

Starks Water District Annual Report

Due to COVID-19 restrictions some operational changes have been made.

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. No payment arrangements need in-person signatures. Payments can be made by mail with a check or money order or by phone using a debit or credit card. **No cash payments are being accepted until further notice.** 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 at virtually on the third Wednesday of every month at 7PM. The Starks Water District Board of Trustees remaining meetings for 2021 will be as follows:

March 17	August 18
April 21	September 15
May 19	October 20
June 16	November 17
July 21	December 15

Any changes to Board meeting dates or times will be posted on the All Things Starks Facebook page one week in advance except in the case of weather emergency or illness. If schools are canceled and/or the Town Office is closed due to weather conditions, the meeting will also be canceled. 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 2020 was \$11,233.70 (with \$1,730.64 in receivables at the end of the year), and our total expenses were \$11,650.14 resulting in a net loss of \$416.44. We have worked hard to reduce our annual expenses and have no customer changes in number of accounts this year. 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 drinking water to the community.

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

Ashley Steward-Hayden, Chair	2021
Erin Norton, Vice-Chair	2022
Ann Marie Simone, Clerk/Treasurer	2023
Robin Melancon-Quimby	2023
Jared Norton	2023

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

Report prepared by:
Ann Marie Simone, M.Ed., D.D.
Clerk/Treasurer



Starks Fire Calls 2020

Structure Fires - 1
Structure Mutual Aid - 7
Chimney Fires - 1
Wires/Trees Down - 17
Motor Vehicle Accidents - 6
Assist AMS Ambulance - 4
Assist Somerset County - 1
Grass Fire - 1
Fire Alarm - 1
Woodlands - 1

TOTAL CALLS 40

ADDRESS

39 Chicken Street
Starks, ME 04911

CONTACT

207-696-1082
starksfire@yahoo.com

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT 2020

The year 2020 was an interesting one to say the least. I want to start this report by thanking all the men and women of your Starks Fire Department. Their unwavering response to calls this year was admirable, especially considering the possibility of COVID-19 exposure.

This pandemic changed the way we responded to calls and also changed our budgeting plans, both immediate and long term. The economic impact to our community because of the anticipated cut in state revenue sharing has forced all of us to re-evaluate our 2021 budget. Your support over the past years has allowed us to upgrade and expand our equipment inventory to help keep our firefighters safer and to make them more effective. Because of this, we are confident that we can pass on some of the major purchases we were considering for 2021 and submit a budget that helps to relieve some of the burden that you all will be faced with during these trying economical times. Our 2021 budget reflects a decrease of more than 10% from our 2020 budget. We also left significant monies in our 2020 budget that transferred to the town general fund at the end of the year, and will help to reduce taxes on the 2021 commitment.

The trucks in our current fleet are overall in very good condition, and with the assistance of our mutual aid communities have been sufficient to meet our needs. For those of you who may not know, we have agreements with Madison, Anson, Industry, New Sharon, and Farmington. With that being said, I might also add that the fire service has historically been a service that is willing to aid their peers impervious to town or county boundaries and it goes without saying that other communities would aid in a time of need. In fact, Starks Fire was called to Solon this past summer to assist in the extinguishment of a woodland fire and both our firefighters and equipment had a significant impact in the successful outcome.

Because of the pandemic causing cancelations, we were not able to continue with our regular aggressive training schedule. Instead, we worked at honing existing skills and practices. We did have training in the administration of Naloxone before the cancellation of a group training. We have been discussing the possible formation of a medical first responder team that would fall under the umbrella of Starks Fire but would act as a somewhat independent group. We are in very early discussion of this, and hope to have more info available when town meeting arrives. At this time, Deputy Chief David Gray is taking the lead on this. Lastly, we would like to thank all our town officials and community for the support that you continue to give us, and we want you to know that it helps motivate us to move forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Pressey

Starks Fire Chief

Anson/Madison & Starks Ambulance Service

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

Like for most people 2020 was a stress filled year for the ambulance service. I would like to congratulate and thank all of our employees for taking on this pandemic with confidence and trust in our medical experts and in the equipment used to keep us safe. Also for their professionalism in treating our patients in less than desirable conditions. Their dedication and service to our communities is invaluable. Our total number of calls for 2020 was 100 less than 2019.

We are pleased to announce a reduction in the town assessments from 19.00 per capita to 16.00 for the fiscal year 7/21 - 6/22. This amounts to a total savings of over 26,800 for the communities we serve.

There continues to be a statewide shortage for all levels of emergency responders and especially Paramedics. I would encourage anyone that may have an interest in emergency care to call me with any questions.

Stay healthy and have a great year!

George Demchak AMS Ambulance Director



Annual Report 2020



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. Both towns currently own the recycling plant located on Route 201 in Bingham -just over the town line.

Pickup dates for the three participating communities are:

North Anson - first and third Monday

Anson Village - second and fourth Tuesday

Starks - second and fourth Thursday

Recycling in all three communities increased greatly in 2020 beginning in March when many people were staying home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We saw heightened participation in both individuals and the yearly tonnage of recycled materials.

Increased support will continue to reduce operating costs and increase revenue, plus it's great for the environment! Revenues and expenses remained consistent with last year's numbers. If you're interested in recycling, a schedule for pick up in your area can be found at the Town Office or directly from the driver on your route. If you have any other questions please feel free to call Joe Hayden or Arnold Luce.

PHONE 207.431.5471
FAX 207.696.8201

PO BOX 91
ANSON, ME 09411

RECYCLABLE 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 containers clean.



CARDBOARD

Allowed: Corrugated cardboard and paper grocery bags.

Not Allowed: Mixed paper and waxed cardboard.

Preparation: Please flatten all boxes. Keep clean and dry. Bundle large quantities.



ALUMINUM CANS

Allowed: All metal cans, pie tins, foil and metal jar lids.

Not Allowed: Fuel containers, propane tanks, aerosol cans or heavy steel.

Preparation: Rinse 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 wide large item pick up or dump. Items that will not be picked up include all bulky waste such as fluorescent light tubes, TV's, computers, monitors, peripherals and non-mercury containing devices may be recycled.



MIXED PAPER

Allowed: boxboard/paperboard cereal/cracker boxes, paper towel tubes, foreign cardboard, shoe boxes and similar items, paper egg cartons, all types of office and school paper, brown envelopes, paper feed and seed bags, mail -including junk mail and any similar product.

Not Allowed: Paper layered with plastic, waxed paper, paper towels napkins, or wet soiled paper.

Preparation: Please keep clean and dry, flatten boxes. Must be bagged and separated from other materials.

Starks Food Cupboard

A Program of East Parish Housing Ministry, Inc.

Annual Report 2020

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 40 Thanksgiving Baskets last year and provide assistance to the town's people throughout the year.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we weren't able to fund raise in 2020 the way we typically do at festivals and such. There is a plan to request assistance using social media and other safe ways without creating unsafe gatherings. The fundraising done in a typical year helps with food as well as operating expenses at the food cupboard.

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 town's people. We had an increase of clients added our existing roster of families. The need for assistance with food 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!

The Starks Food Cupboard is open the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10am to 12pm 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	\$2,236.59
FEMA	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$1,850.00
Town of Starks	\$900.00
Total Income	\$6,886.59

Expenses	
Good Shepard Food Bank	\$30.00
Save A Lot	\$1,400.00
Hannaford	\$300.00
Insurance	\$1,279.00
CMP	\$608.00
Oil	\$630.00
Plowing	\$430.00
Lawn Mowing	\$720.00
Total Expenses	\$5,667.00

Ending Check book Balance \$1,219.59

Town of Starks, Maine
Report for 2020



The Budget Committee is established by town ordinance and consists of 5 members elected at the annual Town Meeting. Candidates are nominated from the floor and serve a one-year term.

According to the ordinance, “The Committee shall have the following powers and duties¹

- A) To review and make recommendations on the annual operation budget as proposed by the selectmen.
- B) To review and make recommendations on annual expenditures as proposed by the selectmen.
- C) To review and make recommendations on supplemental appropriations and expenditures and other budgetary action whenever proposed by the selectmen.
- D) To make such other recommendations on fiscal matters as it may from time to time “deem advisable”

Elected members of the 2020 Budget Committee are the following:

Carol Coles carolrcoles@gmail.com
David Gray grayalice@hotmail.com
Ashley Hayden ashleyhayden25@yahoo.com
Ken Lust keneth.lust@protonmail.com
John Newsom

The role of the Budget Committee is to assist the Board of Selectmen, the Town Treasurer and the Board of Assessors in establishing the mil rate as well as helping to craft a budget that best serves the people of the Town of Starks. The Budget Committee is advisory only and has no decision-making authority.

The Budget Committee met with the Board of Selectmen, members of the Board of Assessors and the town Treasurer and Clerk on September 14, 2020 to review revenue projections and anticipated expenses for the remainder of the year as work proceeded to set the annual property tax rate. All members of the Budget Committee attended that meeting with the exception of Carol Coles who had a prior commitment for the school board. The same group meets in January to review and make recommendations on all budget items, both revenue and expenses, for consideration by the Town at the March Town Meeting. This report is submitted by Committee Member Ken Lust on behalf of the 2020 Budget Committee.

¹ Town of Starks Budget Committee Ordinance enacted November 5, 2002

Starks Community Center Standing Committee Annual Report for 2020

The Starks Community Center Standing Committee is an advisory group. Its function is to make recommendations to the Starks Board of Selectpersons for their approval and action.

Upcoming meetings for 2021 will be on January 14th, April 8th, July 8th and October 14th in accord with our schedule of meeting quarterly on the second Thursday at 5pm.

Current members include:

- Paul Frederic
- Maryanne Gawlinski
- Jennifer Zweig Hebert
- Nancy Lagin
- Linda LaRose
- Ken Lust
- Erin Norton
- Carol Coles
- John Newsom

Our committee last met January 9, 2020 and discussed an assessment by XL Mechanical regarding needed work on our heating system. We also agreed that steps be taken to improve the security of the building and the outdoor storage area.

To ensure public safety and to comply with Governor Janet Mills's Executive Orders, the Town of Starks has installed a large plexi-glass panel at the Clerk's desk and requires that only one person a time enter the office, that waiting areas outside and inside must maintain six foot distancing and that only essential town business can be conducted due to the COVID-19 Virus and its impacts.

While elections have been held and essential town committees (Selectmen Meetings, Board of Assessors, and the Planning Board) have continued their work, for the most part, our beautiful Community Center including our Library has been closed to the public for many months.

It has been a sad year for our community, our Community Center and for our residents due to the virus.

We are grateful to Bill Pressey and Danielle Pressey for their cleaning of our community center & for consistently recommending cost effective repairs. Their hard work and caring are much appreciated especially now.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol R Coles, Chair

Mt. Blue Regional School District (RSU#9)

It is an honor to be serving, since July 1st, 2018, as the Starks representative on the Mt. Blue Regional School District Board of Directors.

This has been an extremely difficult year for our teachers, administrators, and all of the staff and it has been especially difficult for our students, their parents and guardians. In addition to the impact of the COVID-19 virus, our Superintendent resigned December 1st, 2020. Our board will appoint an Interim superintendent and will begin a search for a new superintendent.

The lack of good Internet connectivity is an ongoing problem throughout the district but its especially difficult for our families here in Starks. We all must actively advocate for better service from our providers. The RSU9 Technology Department can also help with issues and is especially concerned about our Starks children.

If you have concerns related to your child's education, the very first step is to contact their teacher, then the principal, and so on up the ladder. Keeping notes and/or emails can help ensure that your voice is heard and your concerns are logged, heard and resolved. I encourage you to call me with your issues (207 631 8460) or email me on my personal email carolcoles@gmail.com or at ccole@mtbluersd.org and I will do my best to help.

All board members are expected to serve on at least one committee of three Board Committees (Operations, Education Policy and Personnel & Finance). I chair the Personnel and Finance Committee. Analyzing the monthly expenditure report is part of our committee's role, and I take our oversight of the \$35 million/year school budget very seriously. I also served this year on the annual Budget Committee.

Along with my board colleague, Jesse Sillanpaa (representing Industry) I serve on the state mandated Drop Out Prevention Committee along with staff, administrators and parents.

I am also one of four Board members serving on a Negotiation Committee as we work with the Education Association to develop the new contract for Teachers and other Professional Staff. My fellow Board members on the Negotiation Committee are Jeff Harris (New Sharon), and Cherieann Harrison and Irv Faunce (Wilton)

I am pleased overall with the Mt. Blue RSU9 School District because of the amazing teachers, and administrators and all of the staff. They are so dedicated and extremely hard working.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve our town and school district. I take this responsibility for our children very seriously.

Sincerely,

Carol Riemer Coles

FirstPark 2020 Highlights

Following are highlights of the Kennebec Regional Development Authority for the calendar year ending December 31, 2020:

- KRDA/FirstPark's final bond payment of \$256,722.81 to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank was paid October 21.
- KRDA signed a real estate listing agreement in July for FirstPark to be represented by SVN Commercial Real Estate, an international brokerage. SVN's Portland and Chicago offices co-represent FirstPark.
- A purchase and sale agreement was signed December 22 for Lot 4 on Technology Drive. The lot is a 10.4 acre site that will be home to an eye doctor practice.
- Over 100,000SF of existing office space sold in FirstPark during 2020. The T-Mobile building at 133 FirstPark Drive sold in April to JB Brown for \$10.7 million; an office condo at 25A FirstPark Drive sold for \$685,000 in May; and the 46 FirstPark Drive office building sold for \$1.9 million in November.
- KRDA/FirstPark was featured more than a dozen times throughout the year by MaineBiz, the Morning Sentinel, WABI-TV, Greenlight Maine and the PR Maven podcast. The heightened exposure generated thousands of hits on the firstpark.com website and our Facebook, YouTube and LinkedIn social media pages.
- To improve communication with our member communities, we launched a monthly update "What's Developing in FirstPark" that can be viewed on our YouTube channel.
- In January in-person Executive Director Jim Dinkle met with site selectors and corporate real estate executives in Chicago to present FirstPark. In November and December, Jim did a series of Zoom calls with real estate and site professionals in Dallas. The result will be a Fall 2021 event to host interested real estate and site location decision makers to visit FirstPark and further introduce them to central Maine.

Articles of 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 12th, 2021, at 11:30 AM then and there to act upon Article 1, then by Australian ballot on Article 2, and then by secret ballot on Articles 3-13, the polling hours therefore to be from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM, said articles being the following:.

Article 1

To Elect a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2

To choose by Australian ballot all Town Officers and Budget Committee members for the current year.

Article 3

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$564,806** (representing a 4.97 % decrease from the previous year) for an operating budget in the current year.

Administration	\$222,179
Public Safety	\$62,040
Public Works	\$216,800
Debt Service	\$9,787
Social Services & Contingency	\$14,000
Reserves	\$40,000
Total	\$564,806

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 4

To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the annual budget in each budget category of the 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1st, 2022 to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 5

To set the rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes, after the date set in the preceding article.

Interest rate shall not exceed 6.00% per year to accrue beginning 60 days from the date of commitment.

Article 6

To see if the Town, in accordance with T. 36 M.R.S. § 506, 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.

Article 7

To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real-estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes; to thereon advertise and accept sealed bids only; and to execute the appropriate deeds for such property. Except that the Municipal Officers 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).

Article 8

Shall the Town appropriate from **Undesignated Funds, \$51,805** to lower the tax commitment.

Article 9

Shall the Town 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 Selectmen deem reasonable.

Maine Municipal Revenue Sharing
State Aid to Education (including federal pass-through funds and property tax relief)
Public Library State Aid
Tree Growth Reimbursements
General Assistance Funds
Veterans Exemption Funds
Homestead Exemption Funds
FEMA Reimbursements
Civil Emergency Funds (Emergency Management Assistance)
State and Federal Grants
Any Other Funds or Gifts

Article 10

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen 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 11

Shall the Town override the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Starks by State law to the extent statutorily allowed in the event the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles resulted in a tax commitment that is greater than the so-called LD 1 property tax levy limit.

Article 12

Shall the Town:

- Apply available excise taxes, interest, and lien charges toward the 2021 budget
- Apply lien cost revenue to the lien cost expense account
- Apply over lay to cover abatements
- Make taxes due and payable upon the date of commitment.
- Authorize the selectmen to apply for a tax anticipation note if needed
- Apply all Community Center rental/donations funds to the Building Improvement Fund
- Forward the snowmobile reimbursement to the Anson-North Anson Snowmobile Club
- Close the books on December 31st 2021
- Carry forward \$10,432.50 for Property & Casualty Insurance in the current year.
- Hold the next Annual Town Meeting on March 11th and 12th 2022.
- Authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of 2021 taxes from January 1st, 2021 to the 2021 date of commitment

Shall the town hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect Maine from the economic costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To that end, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach, also known as a Carbon Cash-Back program, which charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon output and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equitable basis. Enacting such a program will decrease long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aid in the economic transition for energy consumers, support our economy and keep local energy dollars in Maine's economy.

Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required. As other countries enact such programs pursuant to the Paris accords and impose such carbon fees on US exports into their countries, it is imperative that the US enact such reciprocal fees as required under those protocols.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of Maine's economy and the natural resources upon which we all rely.

Within 30 days of this vote, the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by the Selectmen of the Town of Starks by written notice to our state legislators, to the Governor of Maine, to our congressional delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of these instructions from their constituents.

Given under our hands at the Starks Town Office this 1st day of February, 2021

Paul Frederic, Selectman Chair

Joseph Hayden, Selectman

Ernest Hilton, Selectman

A true copy of the warrant

Attest:

Jennifer A Zweig Hebert, Clerk of Starks

Warrant Officer's Return:

By virtue of the herein warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Starks to be assembled at the time and place, and for the purpose therein named by posting attested copies of the warrant in five (5) conspicuous places within said town, the 3rd day of February, 2021. The Starks Town Office inside and out, the Town Garage, the Starks Food Cupboard and Steve's Garage.

Jerry Brackett, Warrant Officer



February 12, 2021

Selectboard
Town of Starks
Starks, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Starks, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Starks, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2020 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

RHR Smith & Company

Certified Public Accountants

3 Old Orchard Road, Buxton, Maine 04093
Tel: (800) 300-7708 (207) 929-4606 Fax: (207) 929-4609
www.rhrsmith.com

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
			2020	2019
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 632,116	\$ -	\$ 632,116	\$ 518,395
Investments	-	10,000	10,000	10,020
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):				
Taxes	135,979	-	135,979	134,549
Liens	31,031	-	31,031	33,881
Other	10	-	10	10
Tax acquired property	4,426	-	4,426	5,715
Due from other funds	470	289,379	289,849	218,948
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 804,032	\$ 299,379	\$ 1,103,411	\$ 921,518
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 597	\$ -	\$ 597	\$ -
Due to other governments	138	-	138	676
Due to other funds	289,379	470	289,849	218,948
TOTAL LIABILITIES	290,114	470	290,584	219,624
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Prepaid taxes	1,456	-	1,456	96
Deferred tax revenues	145,879	-	145,879	145,879
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	147,335	-	147,335	145,975
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	4,426	-	4,426	5,715
Restricted	-	60,271	60,271	33,648
Committed	-	238,638	238,638	195,280
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	362,157	-	362,157	321,276
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	366,583	298,909	665,492	555,919
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 804,032	\$ 299,379	\$ 1,103,411	\$ 921,518

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 893,819	\$ -	\$ 893,819
Excise	102,477	-	102,477
Intergovernmental revenues	161,521	80,000	241,521
Charges for services	7,828	-	7,828
Miscellaneous revenues	25,451	50	25,501
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,191,096</u>	<u>80,050</u>	<u>1,271,146</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	167,216	-	167,216
Public safety	60,909	-	60,909
Public works	173,063	-	173,063
Community service	2,582	-	2,582
Education	492,083	-	492,083
County tax	129,846	-	129,846
Unclassified	44,016	7,137	51,153
Capital outlay	-	74,935	74,935
Debt service:			
Principal	7,698	-	7,698
Interest	2,088	-	2,088
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,079,501</u>	<u>82,072</u>	<u>1,161,573</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>111,595</u>	<u>(2,022)</u>	<u>109,573</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	5	72,008	72,013
Transfers (out)	<u>(72,008)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(72,013)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(72,003)</u>	<u>72,003</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	39,592	69,981	109,573
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>326,991</u>	<u>228,928</u>	<u>555,919</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$ 366,583</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 298,909</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 665,492</u></u>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 326,991	\$ 326,991	\$ 326,991	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	894,738	894,738	893,819	(919)
Excise taxes	101,046	101,046	102,477	1,431
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	53,944	53,944	55,557	1,613
Homestead exemption	69,457	69,457	63,648	(5,809)
Local Road Assistance	26,965	26,965	27,008	43
Tree growth	14,095	14,095	14,511	416
Veterans exemption	340	340	340	-
Snowmobile reimbursement	-	457	457	-
Interest income	-	-	1,055	1,055
Interest on taxes	7,835	11,162	11,739	577
Charges for services	6,986	6,986	7,828	842
Miscellaneous revenues	13,944	13,944	12,657	(1,287)
Transfers from other funds	78,036	-	5	5
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>1,594,377</u>	<u>1,520,125</u>	<u>1,518,092</u>	<u>(2,033)</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	210,830	210,830	167,216	43,614
Public safety	69,760	69,760	60,909	8,851
Public works	216,800	216,800	173,063	43,737
Community service	6,000	6,000	2,582	3,418
Education	492,083	492,083	492,083	-
County tax	129,846	129,846	129,846	-
Unclassified	27,773	31,557	44,016	(12,459)
Debt service:				
Principal	7,698	7,698	7,698	-
Interest	2,089	2,089	2,088	1
Transfers to other funds	126,036	48,000	72,008	(24,008)
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>1,288,915</u>	<u>1,214,663</u>	<u>1,151,509</u>	<u>63,154</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 305,462</u>	<u>\$ 305,462</u>	<u>\$ 366,583</u>	<u>\$ 61,121</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 21,529</u>	<u>\$ 21,529</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (21,529)</u>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General government -					
Administration	\$ 107,180	\$ -	107,180	\$ 75,890	\$ 31,290
Town hall operating	3,500	-	3,500	1,478	2,022
Code enforcement officer	3,000	-	3,000	2,370	630
Deputy clerk	3,000	-	3,000	233	2,767
Elections	4,500	-	4,500	4,298	202
Assessors	8,750	-	8,750	8,750	-
Selectmen	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-
Town clerk	8,500	-	8,500	8,500	-
Tax collector	12,000	-	12,000	12,000	-
Treasurer	8,500	-	8,500	8,500	-
Janitor	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	-
Health officer	1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800
Sexton	100	-	100	100	-
General assistance overseer	500	-	500	500	-
Town report administrator	500	-	500	500	-
Appeals Board	-	-	-	450	(450)
Planning Board	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
Code office	7,000	-	7,000	3,147	3,853
Outgoing officer to train incoming	500	-	500	-	500
Road foreman stipend	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-
Community center	18,000	-	18,000	18,000	-
	<u>210,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>210,830</u>	<u>167,216</u>	<u>43,614</u>
Public safety -					
Fire department	51,100	-	51,100	42,754	8,346
Fire chief	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
Animal control	1,000	-	1,000	807	193
AMS service	12,160	-	12,160	12,160	-
Street lights	1,500	-	1,500	1,188	312
	<u>69,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,760</u>	<u>60,909</u>	<u>8,851</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Public works -					
Equipment	55,000	-	55,000	40,962	14,038
Garage	14,000	-	14,000	14,323	(323)
Summer roads	72,500	-	72,500	50,953	21,547
Winter roads	75,000	-	75,000	66,525	8,475
Closure of the Starks dump	300	-	300	300	-
	216,800	-	216,800	173,063	43,737
Community service -					
General assistance	4,000	-	4,000	1,727	2,273
Recreation & Library	2,000	-	2,000	855	1,145
	6,000	-	6,000	2,582	3,418
Debt service -					
Principal	7,698	-	7,698	7,698	-
Interest	2,089	-	2,089	2,088	1
	9,787	-	9,787	9,786	1
County tax	129,846	-	129,846	129,846	-
Education -					
RSU #9	492,083	-	492,083	492,083	-

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified -					
First Park	5,000	-	5,000	4,723	277
Social services	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Snowmobile	-	457	457	457	-
Contingency	3,000	-	3,000	494	2,506
Overlay/abatements	13,573	-	13,573	2,783	10,790
Lien costs	-	3,327	3,327	2,104	1,223
Voting booths	1,200	-	1,200	956	244
Fire Station maintenance	-	-	-	27,499	(27,499)
	<u>27,773</u>	<u>3,784</u>	<u>31,557</u>	<u>44,016</u>	<u>(12,459)</u>
Transfers to other funds -					
Capital projects funds	<u>126,036</u>	<u>(78,036)</u>	<u>48,000</u>	<u>72,008</u>	<u>(24,008)</u>
	<u>126,036</u>	<u>(78,036)</u>	<u>48,000</u>	<u>72,008</u>	<u>(24,008)</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 1,288,915</u>	<u>\$ (74,252)</u>	<u>\$ 1,214,663</u>	<u>\$ 1,151,509</u>	<u>\$ 63,154</u>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Due from other funds	45,234	239,532	4,613	289,379
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 45,234</u>	<u>\$ 239,532</u>	<u>\$ 14,613</u>	<u>\$ 299,379</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ 430	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 470
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>470</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	3,562	42,136	14,573	60,271
Committed	41,242	197,396	-	238,638
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>44,804</u>	<u>239,532</u>	<u>14,573</u>	<u>298,909</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 45,234</u>	<u>\$ 239,532</u>	<u>\$ 14,613</u>	<u>\$ 299,379</u>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000
Other	-	50	-	50
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>80,000</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,050</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	74,935	-	-	74,935
Other	5,430	1,692	15	7,137
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>80,365</u>	<u>1,692</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>82,072</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(365)</u>	<u>(1,642)</u>	<u>(15)</u>	<u>(2,022)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	72,008	-	72,008
Transfers (out)	-	-	(5)	(5)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>72,008</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>72,003</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(365)	70,366	(20)	69,981
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>45,169</u>	<u>169,166</u>	<u>14,593</u>	<u>228,928</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 44,804</u>	<u>\$ 239,532</u>	<u>\$ 14,573</u>	<u>\$ 298,909</u>

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Integrity Respect Fairness Dedication

SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2020 Sheriff's Office Annual Report



Dale P. Lancaster
Sheriff

As your Sheriff, it continues to be an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Somerset County. The men and women of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office are dedicated to protecting life and property. The Office of the 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. I remain the 2nd Vice President of the Maine Sheriff's Association. I was also appointed to the Board of Directors for the New England State Police Information Network and Maine's Drug Enforcement Agency.

Covid-19 has had a direct impact on our enforcement, Courts, civil processing, and Jail. Considerable time and resources has been spent purchasing PPE gear and developing and implementing Covid-19 safety measures to protect Deputies and Corrections Officers. The service of civil paperwork was suspended for approximately 3 months. We stopped in-person visits at the Jail. We negotiated with our telephone provider to reduce costs so that inmates could stay in contact with their loved ones. Administrative staff worked remotely for a number of weeks. We are constantly re-evaluating and modifying our safety measures as the pandemic continues to affect our daily operations.

Law Enforcement

The patrol division is comprised of 11 rural patrol Deputies. Through funding from the State of Maine, we have one Deputy dedicated to patrolling the unorganized townships. The patrol division is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Detective division is comprised of three Detectives 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 Detective division.

The patrol division now has a trained drug recognition expert, a State certified accident reconstructionist, and 2 forensic mappers.

The Sheriff's Office has 4 Deputies assigned to Madison along with a Secretary/Dispatcher.

In 2020, the Sheriff's Office had 1 Deputy graduate from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Deputy Hunter Howard. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a portion of his training was done remotely, and it took a substantial amount of additional time for him to complete the course studies.

Throughout 2020, the Sheriff's Office Criminal Division investigated a large volume of illicit drug trafficking activities and 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. Large amounts of illicit drugs, to include heroin, fentanyl, crack cocaine, cocaine, crystal methamphetamine, and controlled pills were seized, along with thousands of dollars in illicit drug proceeds, several motor vehicles and firearms. The Criminal Division investigated numerous serious felony level cases to include robberies, burglaries, thefts, scams, aggravated assaults, unattended deaths and sexual abuse cases.

In 2020, the Crimes Against Persons Detective investigated 30 sex crimes. 13 of those cases involved child sexual abuse where forensic interviewing was utilized. Detective Jeremy Leal is a Children's Advocacy Center forensic interviewer. The Sheriff's Office Criminal Division tracked 54 individuals who are required by law to register as sex offenders, and 3 individuals were arrested for failing to register with the Sex Offender Registry.



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SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jail

The Somerset County Jail, when operating at full capacity, operates with 36 budgeted Correctional Officers, 8 Shift Supervisors, 2 cooks, 12 program and support staff, and 9 administrative staff to include Major Cory Swope, who is the Jail Administrator.

- The County Jail is now 13 years old. We are projecting the Jail bond will be paid off in 2028.
- 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 2020, the Somerset County Jail processed 1,193 bookings, a 23.8% decrease from 2019.
- In 2020, a significant amount of time and resources has been dedicated to extensive modification of operations related to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Our federal inmate boarding contract was renegotiated to include an increase in our per-day reimbursement rate to house federal inmates.
- Our partnership with Redington-Fairview General Hospital and their Rural Communities Opioid Response Planning grant consortium has led to Redington-Fairview General Hospital being awarded a 3-year implementation grant. Through this grant, the Jail will receive funding to contract for the services of a Case Manager to work specifically with our inmate population that identifies as having a substance use disorder in an effort to combat recidivism. The Case manager will work closely with Redington-Fairview General Hospital and other care providers to continue to provide treatment and programming initiated in the Jail for offenders after release.
- The County Jail continues to actively recruit qualified Corrections Officers to join our professional and dedicated team.

Civil Process

In 2020, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 1,193 papers to process and serve. That is a 30% decrease from 2019.

Calls for Service

- In 2020, the Sheriff's Office received 14,521 calls for service from our residents. This represents a 3.8% decrease from 2019.
- During 2020, the Sheriff's Office responded to 190 calls for service from the Town of Starks, which is a 6.7% increase over 2019. These calls included 19 motor vehicle accidents, 4 calls requesting citizen assistance, 6 domestic disturbances, as well as calls for theft, welfare checks, and other requests for police services.

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

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to reflect on 2020, an incredibly challenging year for Maine families, small businesses, and communities.

When the pandemic struck, our country faced the specter of an overwhelmed health care system and devastation to our small businesses and the millions of people they employ. I immediately worked with Republicans and Democrats to pass multiple laws allocating approximately \$3 trillion to respond to this public health and economic crisis, including more than \$8 billion directed to Maine to support testing, schools, the economy, and other purposes — that is nearly double Maine’s annual state budget.

I am especially proud of the bipartisan Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) I co-authored. This program has provided three out of four Maine small businesses with nearly \$2.3 billion in forgivable loans, which has helped sustain more than 250,000 Maine jobs. I have met thousands of Maine small employers and employees in all 16 counties who are surviving because of the PPP. As one small business owner told me, the PPP provided “exactly what we needed at exactly the right time.” The PPP also allowed employers to maintain benefits, such as health care, during this challenging time. Another round of PPP is needed to sustain small businesses and their employees.

While the pandemic continues across Maine, our nation, and the world, I thank the first responders, health care professionals, teachers, grocery store employees, factory workers, farmers, truck drivers, postal employees, and so many others who continue to stay on the job during this difficult time. With the deployment of the first vaccines, better tests, and the incredible speed with which these life-saving responses were developed, I am hopeful we can emerge from this crisis in the next few months.

While providing relief to American families was my focus throughout 2020, other accomplishments include the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provides full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and addresses the maintenance backlog at our national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. As Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, in 2020 alone, I secured \$132 million to improve Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, buses, rail, ferries, and seaports. Finally, as Chairman of the Aging Committee, I led the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which funds programs that improve the well-being, independence, and health of our nation’s seniors and their caregivers, and I authored laws to reduce the cost of prescription drugs and protect individuals with Alzheimer’s disease.

As the end of 2020 is approaching, I have cast more than 7,535 votes, never having missed one. In the New Year, my focus remains to work with colleagues to find common ground on policies to help support the health and safety of Mainers and the safe, responsible opening of our communities. If ever I or my staff can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact one of my state offices. May the coming year be a successful one for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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January 1, 2021

Dear Friends,

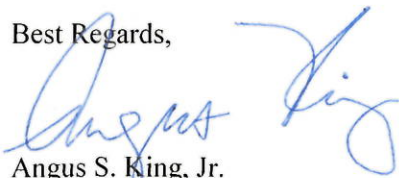
2020 was a year unlike any in our lifetimes. Our state and nation dealt with unprecedented challenges--the coronavirus pandemic, ensuing economic fallout, and a prolonged, heavily divisive campaign season each took a significant toll on all of us. The worst part? In order to protect each other, we had to face these challenges in isolation. But a new year represents new possibilities; a chance to take stock of what we're grateful for and focus on the opportunities in front of us. As we reflect back on 2020, we will remember heartbreak and loss – but we cannot forget the shining rays of hope that broke through the darkness, reminding us all that better days are ahead.

Throughout the pandemic, my top focus has been on bridging the partisan divide in Washington in order to deliver desperately-needed relief for Maine people. Joined by colleagues last March, we pushed for bipartisan negotiations to produce a strong bill that helped fellow Mainers, businesses, and institutions weather this storm. In the weeks and months after the *CARES Act* passed, our team stayed in close contact with people throughout the state to determine how we should adjust our response to best support our citizens. Unfortunately, the aid provided by the *CARES Act* lapsed without Congressional action, leaving too many families and businesses in limbo. I never stopped pushing for a bipartisan relief bill and, after extensive negotiations, we ended the year on a good note by breaking the gridlock and passing new relief legislation. This new bill isn't perfect; in fact, it should just be the start our renewed response. As we enter 2021 with a new administration and new Congress, we must fight for additional legislation to help restore stability to our working families and rebuild our economy and public health infrastructure.

In the midst of this crisis, Congress did manage to accomplish a few successes that will outlast this awful pandemic. Among these was the *Great American Outdoors Act*, a bipartisan bill which was enacted into law in August 2020 and will help address a \$12 billion backlog at our national parks so future generations of Americans can enjoy these beautiful lands and create lifelong memories. Also, as we learn more about the recent hacks of our nation's networks, there is help on the way: 27 of the cybersecurity recommendations made by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission – which I co-chair with Republican Congressman Mike Gallagher – made it into this year's defense bill. While there is no guarantee that these provisions would have prevented the massive hack, they will certainly improve our cyber defenses.

Despite the challenges, I'm hopeful for the future. Vaccines are being distributed across our state – starting with our healthcare heroes, who have sacrificed so much throughout this unprecedented catastrophe and deserve our eternal gratitude. If there can be a silver lining from these challenges of 2020, maybe it will be this: I hope that, in the not-so distant future, we will be able to come together physically and we will be reminded of our love for each other. We have differences, without a doubt. But as Maine people stepped up to support each other, we saw again and again that our differences pale in comparison to the values we share. We are one state, and one community – and there is nothing we cannot or will not do for each other. Mary and I wish you a happy and healthy 2021. We can't wait to see you soon.

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. I know that this year has been challenging for many of our communities. In the midst of these challenges, it remains a privilege to represent you, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on in Congress for the people of the Second Congressional District.

The coronavirus pandemic has made this year an especially difficult one. We've seen the struggles of small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, and states and towns. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. In March, Congress passed the largest of three bipartisan pieces of relief legislation, the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*. The *CARES Act* was a \$2 trillion economic relief package to provide immediate assistance for some of those hit hardest by the pandemic. While an important start, many of the programs and benefits created by the *CARES Act* were set to expire by the end of 2020 at a time when COVID-19 cases were on the rise. That's why in late December, Congress passed another bipartisan bill to provide COVID-19 relief to small businesses and hospitals, the unemployed, and families struggling to put food on the table. However, the action Congress took at the end of 2020 cannot distract from its failure to act sooner. The unwillingness of many members of Congress to accept compromise throughout the fall left many Mainers struggling and led to a rushed process that produced a bill with serious flaws. In 2021, Congress needs to step up, come together, and lead the country through this pandemic and get our economy back on track.

There are a few bright spots that came out of the work done by Congress this year. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I helped advocate for a national defense bill that would include important priorities for American national security, Maine shipbuilders, and servicemembers and their families. The legislation authorizes a new DDG-51 Arleigh Burke-class destroyer to be constructed at Bath Iron Works and helps BIW compete for new work by encouraging a new multi-year procurement process for the DDG-51 Flight III. This funding bill also makes permanent new federal guidelines proposed by Senator King and me to allow Gold Star Families free admission to national parks and other federal lands.

I've been working to improve mental health services for veterans for years, and I led the Maine delegation's effort to address the need for long-term mental health substance abuse treatment for veterans in our state. This past fall the Veterans Administration announced we were successful. Construction starts next year on a new, 24-bed facility at Togus that will ensure Maine veterans won't be sent out of state to receive residential care for substance use disorder and associated mental health issues. This is one result that I am especially proud to deliver for my fellow Maine veterans.

As I reflect upon what I am most grateful for this year, I am especially glad to be able to share that my wife Izzy and I are expecting a baby in 2021. We are excited about this new addition to our family and look forward to the blessings ahead.

This period is challenging for Mainers as we all take steps to limit the spread of the coronavirus, protect our families and our communities, and lean on each other to withstand this pandemic and economic hardship. My staff and I stand ready to assist Mainers as we work through these challenges together. I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf in 2021.

Respectfully,

Jared Golden
Member of Congress



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Tom Skolfield

January 7, 2021

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been a pleasure to serve the residents of House District #112 in the Maine Legislature. I am honored that you have entrusted me again with this responsibility. As you are aware, these past ten months have brought unprecedented challenges to our country, the State of Maine and our community in Starks.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the second session of the 129th Legislature adjourned *Sine Die* on March 17, 2020. The opening on December 2 of the 130th Legislature was still impacted by the pandemic and to ensure social distancing, the *Swearing In* was held at the Augusta Civic Center instead of the chambers in the State House.

I continue my tenure on the Joint Committee of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. This session, the most immediate work will be managing the impact of the impending \$255 million budget shortfall for the remaining six months of this fiscal year 2021. Hard economic choices will have to be made not only in the short term, but we will then be asked to develop the next biennium budget covering fiscal years 2022 and 2023. Prioritizing conservation efforts will be paramount while agriculture and forestry resources will be significant to the rebuilding of the Maine economy. I am looking forward to continuing to be a part of those discussions.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always welcome, however, due to the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are even more accessible. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: **Legislature.Maine.Gov**, you will find access to Zoom meetings and YouTube videos. I also send a weekly email with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at Thomas.Skolfield@legislature.maine.gov, and we will gladly add you to our list.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta and may you all have a safe and healthy 2021.

Sincerely,

Tom Skolfield
State Representative



Brad Farrin
Senator, District 3

130th MAINE SENATE

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An Update from Senator Brad Farrin

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for allowing me the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am grateful that you have put your trust in me and can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

As you are no doubt aware, Maine is in the midst of the one of its greatest difficulties, both in public health and economic downturn. The 130th Maine Legislature faces the challenge posed by a \$1.4 billion budget shortfall, and perhaps more than ever before, state government must learn to live within its means.

As we move through the Legislative session I will be mindful of this and will do my best to hold the line on any new taxes or unneeded borrowing. Like you and your family, state government must tighten its belt in slow economic times and make the difficult but necessary decisions that will allow us to weather the storm.

At the same time, it is very important that we restore a sense of balance in state government where both the Governor and the Legislature work together on behalf of you, our constituents. This is even more important given the unusual nature of how and where this Legislature will meet, given the safety considerations required by the global pandemic. However the legislative process plays out, it is imperative that the public continue to have access to and play a critical role in the work of the Legislature. These will be a few of my priorities this coming year.

In addition to working on these important issues, I look forward to serving on the Legislature's Transportation Committee as well as the Veteran's and Legal Affairs committee.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 130th Legislature certainly has a great deal of work to do; but I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Farrin', is written over the printed name.

Brad Farrin
State Senator

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
Thursdays - 7 pm
Phone: 207-696-8069
Fax: 207-696-8201

2020-2021 Dates to Remember:

November 28 - Last day to make 2020 Tax Payments without incurring interest. (Will accept postmarked date)

December 1 - May start purchasing Hunting/Fishing Licenses for the 2021 year. 2020-21 Snowmobile Registrations available.

December 2 - Nomination Papers will be available for the 2021 Town Election of Officers. 2021 Elections will be for for **Selectman**, **Assessor**, **Tax Collector** and **RSU #9 School Board Director** (3 year terms)

January 11 - Last day to submit completed Nomination Papers for the 2021 Town Election.

February 12 - **Absentee voting is available for Town Elections.**
This year, there are three ballots.

- * A candidate ballot for Selectmen, Assessor, Tax Collector, RSU #9 School Board Director and Budget Committee Members.
- * A referendum ballot for two planning board ordinance revisions.
- * Finally, the third ballot will contain the articles normally voted on during the Annual Town Business Meeting.

Please reference our website for more information the details of the articles and copies of the sample ballots. You may call the town office to request ballots be mailed to you or vote in person in presence of the clerk during regular town office hours. The warrant articles and sample ballots are up on the Town's website (www.starksme.com). Please take the time to review them. The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 1st at 6 PM where folks will have an opportunity for questions and clarifications regarding the warrant. The details of the March 1st hearing (Zoom link) is also on the website.

March 12 - Annual Town Meeting opens - **Polling hours for regular voting will be 12 PM – 8 PM on Friday, March 12th, 2021.**

April 1 - Notifications for Homestead Exemptions, Veterans Exemptions and Tree Growth Applications due to Board of Assessors .

April 15 - Liens for 2018 Taxes will expire and Board of Selectmen will begin foreclosure process.

EXTENDED! JUNE 2 - Last day for **Dog Licensing** without incurring a \$25 late fee. (Bring current rabies and neuter/spay certificate)

August 1- Projected date for 30 day notice to be mailed for 2020 Lien process.

September 07 - Projected date for Recording of 2020 Tax Liens.

Town Office Closed

Jan 18, 2021 - MLK Day
Feb 15 - President's Day
May 31 - Memorial Day
Sept 6 - Labor Day
Oct 11 - Indigenous Peoples Day

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