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Cover Photo: Ice Carousel on Lemon Stream

December 2022

Taken by John Robbins



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MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TERMS

Selectmen - 3 year

Joseph Hayden 3-2023
Ernest Hilton 3-2024
David Taylor 3-2025

Assessors - 3 year

Joseph Hayden 3-2023
Cathleen Horner 3-2024
Maryanne Gawlinski 3-2025

Tax Collector - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2024

Town Clerk - 3 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2025

Registrar of Voters - 2 year

Jenn Zweig Hebert 1-2023

Treasurer - 3 year

Erin Norton 3-2023

Planning Board - 5 year

Lee Eric Hoar 5-2023
Claire Nelson 5-2023
Joe Hartigan 4-2024
Gwen Hilton 4-2025
Ken Lust 4-2027
Tiffany Bellefleur(Alt) 4-2026

CEO/Plumbing Inspector - 1 year

Leo Mayo 3-2022

Fire Chief

David Gray

Town Fire Warden - 1 year

David Gray 3-2022

GA Administrator

Jenn Zweig Hebert 3-2023

Town Report Administrator

Erin Norton 3-2023

Animal Control Officer - 1 year

Danielle Pressey 3-2023

Health Officer - 3 year

Leo Mayo 5-2023

Building Superintendent - 1 year

William Pressey 3-2023

Town Sexton - 1 year

Danielle Pressey 3-2023

Warrant Officer - 3 year

William Pressey 3-2023

RSU # 9 School Board Director - 3 year

Carol Coles 7-2024

Appeals Board - 5 year

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

Budget Committee – 1 year

Paul Frederic 3-2023
David Gray 3-2023
Joseph McCarthy 3-2023
Kevin McGillicuddy 3-2023
Danielle Pressey 3-2023

Water District - 3 year

Joe Hartigan Operator
AnnMarie Simone 11-2022
Robin Melancon-Quimby 11-2022
Jared Norton 11-2023
Erin Norton 11-2023
Ashley Hayden 11-2024



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OFFICE OF THE SELECTBOARD

March 11, 2023

2022 was a busy year. Most notably we replaced the culverts at the foot of Locke Hill with an open bottom concrete box structure which allows Duley Brook to pass unimpeded under the road for the first time in well over 200 years. Along with the bridge we pulled the town’s water supply line out from under the road at that location so future work in the area can proceed without damage to the bridge or vice-versa. Working on the line at this time allowed us to install a water shutoff and to do various long-deferred maintenance on the water system. The project was funded in large part by a \$125,000 grant and is like the structure over Smith Brook on the River Road which was done in 2020. We have now done three of these projects with grants totaling \$250,000. No more are planned.



Duley Brook – Christmas Day, 2020



Water line Diversion



Finished

Other extensive road work completed was a major overhaul of about ½ mile of the Mayhew Road just south of the top of Taylor Hill. The road bed itself was mostly clay overlying bedrock, which was holding water. The work undertaken was to remove all the underlying material, which will allow water to drain out, then lay down cloth with a foot of gravel on top. This should represent a permanent solution to a long standing problem. The culverts removed from the Locke Hill road were installed at the 4-way corner just west of Didson Meadow. Being much larger than the culverts they replaced, and being positioned such as to more effectively address the natural drainage flows there, the installation should alleviate a long-standing drainage issue.

Last year the Town set aside about \$30,000 towards a complete overhaul of the HVAC control system at the Community Center. Because the building was formerly a school the control system is exceedingly complex and over the years has been modified in ways which are not now completely understood. We were unable to get the work done due to a lack of contracting capacity. We are recommending the funds be rolled over into the new year. We are also embarking on a “Resilience” grant. The Resilience project is a state-wide effort to build greater resilience into our communities to save energy, reduce the carbon footprint of town government and save tax dollars. We will be convening a number of public meetings in coming months to develop a sense of direction as well as a list of potential projects. Among possible projects will be extensive insulation and energy conservation efforts at the town garage, the fire station and the Community Center. There is grant funding available for much of this effort.

Another initiative we are proposing is the purchase of about two acres of the field immediately across the road from the Community Center. Over coming decades the Town will need additional parking or space for a municipal structure of some sort.

As last year we are still looking into modifying an educational trust for the education of Starks’ children established by a former resident, John Higgins. The trust started as \$50,000 when Mr. Higgins’ estate was probated but has grown to over \$250,000. Unfortunately, the Town’s residents have been getting little value out of it- only a few thousand \$\$ per year. We’re looking to increase that substantially and use it for direct cash payments to students in town.

The Town’s over 20-year involvement with First Park, a business park located at the I-95 exit in Oakland, continues. The premise of the Park was that the member towns would make investments for a few years then start receiving payoffs of net operating funds. It hasn’t worked out that way due to the business plan. We’ve been encouraging the Exec Board of First Park to modify the business plan for the Park to enable it to start paying benefits to member towns sooner. They did sell four lots to a solar developer and recently (in December) sold two more lots to a company from Ohio which apparently intends to build a manufacturing plant, but the effectiveness of the overall sales effort is still low.

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

We generally meet every first and third Monday evening at 7 PM and welcome people coming in with their questions, comments and concerns.

Joe Hayden
Ernie Hilton
Dave Taylor

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

As another busy year wraps up, I want to thank the residents of Starks for allowing me to serve as their Town Clerk.

Our mobile friendly website, www.starksmc.com - is packed with an amazing amount of information related to our town. Everything from **paying your taxes online, re-registering your cars, trucks and trailers, ATV, snowmobile and boat 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. In addition, new this year you can re-license your dog online at the website!
Check it out

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

This was a busy election year with a State Primary in July and the General Election in November. A fabulous team of experienced Election Workers got us through with continued safety protocols implemented. I want to thank the following election workers: **Valerie Comstock, Maryanne Gawlinski, Cathleen Horner, Erin Norton, Charlene Pressey, Danielle Pressey, Vicki Stevens, and Barbara Vischer**. Kudos to **Bill Pressey** as well for all the set-up and cleaning he provided.

Thank you to the Select Board, **Joe, Dave 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. A new deputy, **Barbara Vischer**, will be joining the office crew as well. As always, A *SPECIAL THANK YOU* goes to my office mate **Erin Norton**.

Vital records for 2022 were as follows:

<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Marriages</u>
5	12	7

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer A Zweig Hebert

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2018

As of: December 31, 2022

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	485	Peters, Bruce	457.76	-106.19	563.95
	486	Peters, Bruce	581.17	-136.51	717.68
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	616.70	-145.24	761.94
		Total for 3 Accounts:	1,655.63	- 387.94	2,043.57

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2017

As of: December 31, 2022

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	485	Peters, Bruce	429.90	-113.88	543.78
	486	Peters, Bruce	546.68	-146.55	693.23
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	562.61	-124.41	687.02
		Total for 3 Accounts:	1,539.19	- 384.84	1,924.03

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2016

As of: December 31, 2022

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	485	Peters, Bruce	403.58	-129.74	533.32
	486	Peters, Bruce	517.08	-168.93	686.01
		Total for 2 Accounts:	920.66	-298.67	1219.33

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2015

As of: December 31, 2022

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	485	Peters, Bruce	412.19	-176.03	588.22
	486	Peters, Bruce	528.47	-223.95	752.42
		Total for 2 Accounts:	940.66	-343.98	1,284.64

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Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2020

As of: December 31, 2022

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	87	Churchill, Caleb	427.19	-45.88	473.07
	89	Churchill, William C.Sr.	2,270.56	360.59	1,909.97
	136	Deming, Roi A.	351.74	-32.77	384.51
	455	Donovan, Gregory J.	601.60	-37.66	639.26
	241	Hand, Roger & Carolee	605.59	-62.78	668.37
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,700.31	132.51	1,567.80
	485	Peters, Bruce	507.48	-50.98	558.46
	486	Peters, Bruce	640.81	-65.86	706.67
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	563.09	-57.58	620.67
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	621.95	-63.76	685.71
	517	Randall, Lewis G., Randall Barbara J,	642.15	-66.01	708.16
	38	Renner, Trustee, Leslie	2,834.14	57.14	2,777.00
	558	Sherrer, Charles R.	1,264.82	1,207.68	57.14
	792	Sweetser, Jeff A	1,214.49	-129.92	1,344.41
*	615	Thayer, Erika L.	992.63	6.79	985.84
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	282.09	-25.81	307.90
	410	Vomorde, Carson C.	1,589.54	-171.80	1,761.34
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	202.46	-16.92	219.38
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,414.65	-152.27	1,566.92
		Total for 19 Accounts:	18,727.29	784.71	17,942.58

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2019

As of: December 31, 2022

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	485	Peters, Bruce	477.63	-81.29	558.92
	486	Peters, Bruce	608.92	-103.88	712.80
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	678.55	-115.85	794.40
	639	Vincent, Edward B.	255.63	-43.11	298.74
	410	Vomorde, Carson C.	1,631.41	-279.73	1,911.14
		Total for 5 Accounts:	3,652.14	- 623.86	4,276.00

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Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2021

As of: December 31, 2022

Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
*	702	Bushey, Jason B	764.16	0.00	764.16
	87	Churchill, Caleb	618.81	-14.47	633.28
	89	Churchill, William CSr	2,304.88	-57.51	2,362.39
	416	Clark, Kelly D	690.08	-16.30	706.38
	136	Deming, Roi A	493.83	-11.08	504.91
	455	Donovan, Gregory J	525.73	-11.71	537.44
	169	Duhaime, Deanne	512.69	414.17	98.52
	209	Gaeta, Lorraine A	732.39	-17.38	749.77
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	494.19	-10.90	505.09
	460	Giguere, Raymond R	693.81	-16.39	710.20
	241	Hand, Roger	533.34	-12.28	545.62
	245	Harris, Nelson N	294.44	-6.16	300.60
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr	241.67	-4.80	246.47
	739	Kiger, Nathan A	2,264.58	-56.48	2,321.06
	708	Lane, James	281.16	-5.82	286.98
	529	Merrill, Danielle L	921.59	-22.31	943.90
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,459.45	-36.03	1,495.48
	485	Peters, Bruce	374.45	-24.44	398.89
	486	Peters, Bruce	483.80	-31.57	515.37
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	494.91	-11.30	506.21
	499	Pressey, Robert M	940.91	-22.75	963.66
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	540.80	-12.47	553.27
	256	Quimby, Francis J	992.46	-23.98	1,016.44
	517	Randall, Lewis G., Randall Barbara J	558.01	-12.91	570.92
	38	Renner, Trustee, Leslie	2,640.59	-66.12	2,706.71
	558	Sherrer, Charles R	1,088.46	-26.51	1,114.97
	792	Sweetser, Jeff A	811.55	-19.41	830.96
	615	Thayer, Erika L	1,215.09	-29.76	1,244.85
	393	Tracy, Howard S	567.34	-13.15	580.49
	639	Vincent, Edward B	251.27	-5.05	256.32
	410	Vomorde, Carson C	1,365.09	-33.61	1,398.70
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,418.06	-36.49	1,454.55
	658	Whipple, Charles Bruce	183.44	-3.31	186.75
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,216.10	-29.79	1,245.89
		Total for 34 Accounts:	28,969.13	- 288.07	29,257.20

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Status	Acct	Name	Original Tax	Payments/ Adjustments	Amount Due
	6	Abbott, Roger L	1,459.87	-4.96	1,464.83
	7	Abbott, Roger L	426.72	-1.45	428.17
	19	Anger Jr. Robert K	800.10	-2.72	802.82
	711	Ashby, Deborah	176.78	-0.60	177.38
	26	Atwood, John T	73.15	-0.25	73.40
	27	Aube, Edwin L	499.87	-1.70	501.57
	28	Aube, Edwin L	1,154.30	-3.92	1,158.22
	577	Bavolar, James R	508.00	-1.73	509.73
	635	Bavolar, James R	518.16	2.50	515.66
**	629	Bellefleur, Eileen M	338.96	0.00	338.96
	324	Bellefleur, Sarah	362.71	160.86	201.85
	46	Belmore, Thomas G	287.78	-0.98	288.76
	388	Bengal, Carrie M	376.43	-1.28	377.71
	784	BENSON, JESSE J	1,380.36	-4.69	1,385.05
	293	Bessey, Laura C	310.90	-1.06	311.96
	561	BICKFORD, DALE J	405.38	-1.38	406.76
**	292	BLOMQUIST, CHRIS A	874.78	0.00	874.78
	60	Boucher, Douglas A	703.96	6.20	697.76
	331	Boucher, Douglas A	163.32	-0.55	163.87
	471	Brann Jr., David A	181.61	-0.62	182.23
	319	Brewer, Taylia M	260.48	-0.88	261.36
	63	Brown, Harry H and Cindy Brown	806.20	-2.74	808.94
	702	Bushey, Jason B	656.72	-2.23	658.95
	87	Churchill, Caleb	499.87	-1.70	501.57
	89	Churchill, William CSr	1,986.53	-6.75	1,993.28
	416	Clark, Kelly D	562.99	-1.91	564.90
	337	Coconis, Michael	1,003.30	-3.41	1,006.71
	98	Colburn, Gary	1,037.72	899.04	138.68
	484	Cool, Bethany S	323.09	-1.10	324.19
	111	Costigan, Julie L	470.92	9.87	461.05
	409	Costigan, Kenneth	417.83	-1.42	419.25
	115	Cowan, Edward	741.17	-2.52	743.69
**	118	Crockett, Stephen	613.16	0.00	613.16
	120	Curran, Thomas	265.81	-0.90	266.71
	571	CZARNECKI, BRAD	3,906.14	-13.27	3,919.41
	136	Deming, Roi A	392.18	-1.33	393.51

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	136	Deming, Roi A	392.18	-1.33	393.51
	455	Donovan, Gregory J	394.21	-1.34	395.55
	167	Dube, Brad A	1,316.48	-4.47	1,320.95
	169	Duhaime, Deanne	422.15	94.87	327.28
	176	Dyke et Al, Darrell A.	1,083.44	467.92	615.52
	179	Edwards, Ivan	213.36	-0.72	214.08
	138	Emmanuel T & Lorraine W Denis Trust	276.73	-0.94	277.67
	139	Emmanuel T & Lorraine W Denis Trust	286.51	-0.97	287.48
	141	Emmanuel T & Lorraine W Denis Trust	265.81	-0.90	266.71
	150	Emmanuel T & Lorraine W Denis Trust	269.49	-0.92	270.41
	283	Esposito, Maureen H	1,073.02	-3.65	1,076.67
	109	Esposito, Robert M	2,215.64	-7.53	2,223.17
**	338	ESTATE OF GLADYS LAMBERT	262.13	0.79	261.34
	185	Evans Jr., William A	771.14	599.39	171.75
**	678	Farrell, Donna M	1,193.04	5.51	1,187.53
	194	Field, Robert J	691.01	-2.35	693.36
	749	Fields Jr., Bruce W	152.40	-0.52	152.92
	758	First Light	614.30	614.20	0.10
	680	Fleetwood, George	188.98	-0.64	189.62
	157	Forever Green MP Homes	1,030.22	-3.50	1,033.72
	201	Frederic, Joseph W	1,357.76	-4.61	1,362.37
	205	Friend, Tara M	675.64	-2.30	677.94
	209	Gaeta, Lorraine A	600.46	-2.04	602.50
	210	Gaeta, Lorraine Ann	376.43	-1.28	377.71
	460	GIGUERE, RAYMOND R	566.29	-1.92	568.21
	503	GORDON, ROBERT B JR	1,539.24	-5.23	1,544.47
	619	Gower, Charie A	2,035.43	-6.91	2,042.34
*	224	Graef, Adriane H	618.74	0.00	618.74
	231	Greenleaf, Scott	235.46	-0.80	236.26
	41	GROVER, CHARLES NATHAN	217.04	-0.74	217.78
	240	Hamilton, Thomas H	127.51	-0.43	127.94
	241	Hand, Roger	433.71	-1.47	435.18
	245	Harris, Nelson N	202.44	-0.69	203.13
	249	Hartigan, Dennis P	714.88	-2.43	717.31
	703	Hayden, Joseph P.O.	1,239.14	-3.70	1,242.84
	735	Hayden, Joseph P.O.	379.48	-1.29	380.77

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**	262	Henckel, Peter N	438.02	0.00	438.02
	281	Holmes, Eric G	733.04	-2.49	735.53
	285	Horelick, Estate of, Walter	527.30	-1.79	529.09
	207	HOWTON, ANNA	262.13	-0.89	263.02
	299	Irvine, Carl H Jr	175.39	-0.60	175.99
	386	Johnson, Christopher	510.29	14.08	496.21
	221	Kane, Michael S	358.14	389.36	-31.22
	159	Koetsch, Bernard E	844.42	-2.87	847.29
	709	Koetsch, Bernard E	373.38	-1.27	374.65
*	45	Kozielewicz, Marilyn A	446.79	200.00	246.79
	327	KREBS, DAVID S	3,100.96	-10.53	3,111.49
	328	KREBS, DAVID S	461.65	-1.57	463.22
	329	KREBS, DAVID S	334.01	-1.13	335.14
	755	Krebs, David S	582.17	-1.98	584.15
	424	Lagin-Nasse, Julianna &	441.83	-1.50	443.33
	708	Lane, James	201.17	-0.68	201.85
	36	Lavallee, Lucy M	180.47	1.25	179.22
	315	Lemay Trapper C.	2,137.54	-7.26	2,144.80
	760	Lemay, George E Jr	1,931.04	-6.56	1,937.60
	733	Lessard, Allen	164.59	-0.56	165.15
	368	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	825.50	0.64	824.86
	715	Mansfield, Kelly Jayne	43.69	-0.15	43.84
	739	Martikke Kiger, Katie	1,972.56	-6.70	1,979.26
	389	Martikke, George	531.88	-1.81	533.69
	390	Martikke, George F	783.97	-2.66	786.63
	407	Meagher, Brian	2,760.73	-9.38	2,770.11
	529	Merrill, Danielle L	780.03	-2.65	782.68
	171	Napoleon, Alexander G	371.86	-1.26	373.12
	524	NEAL, JAMES	417.58	-1.42	419.00
	430	Newton, Kirt	1,244.35	-4.23	1,248.58
	675	Nichols, Michael A	844.42	-2.87	847.29
	608	Nichols, William L	344.42	-1.17	345.59
	433	Nickerson, Deborah	213.36	-0.72	214.08
	520	Norton, Erin	445.01	-1.51	446.52
	690	Norton, Erin E	2,539.62	-8.63	2,548.25
	261	Norton, Jared M	253.62	-0.86	254.48

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	565	Norton, Jared M	352.93	-1.20	354.13
	436	NORTON, JORDAN D	176.78	-0.60	177.38
	439	O'Donald, Melissa	168.28	-0.10	168.38
	456	Osgood, Wanda	873.38	-2.97	876.35
**	458	Ouellette, Kenneth W	541.02	0.00	541.02
**	459	Ouellette, Kenneth W	646.81	237.42	409.39
**	480	Peppermint, Cary	747.40	0.00	747.40
**	452	Perrone, John	756.41	0.00	756.41
	724	Phillips, Steven A	158.50	-0.54	159.04
	492	Piche, Bradley M	376.43	-1.28	377.71
	762	Prescott, Gerald S	295.02	-1.00	296.02
	778	Pressey, Heirs of Ruby	390.14	-1.33	391.47
	499	Pressey, Robert M	795.40	-2.70	798.10
	500	Pressey, Ruby, Heirs Of	440.31	-1.50	441.81
	256	Quimby, Francis J	842.77	-2.86	845.63
	502	Quimby, Glenda	1,572.64	-5.34	1,577.98
**	510	Rackliff, Michael A	275.21	0.00	275.21
	357	RAINVILLE, MICHAEL S	203.33	-0.69	204.02
	517	Randall, Lewis G., Randall Barbara J,	435.86	-1.48	437.34
	38	Renner, Trustee, Leslie	2,283.84	-7.76	2,291.60
	9	Riley, Megan	156.08	2.28	153.80
	528	Rioux Family Revocable Trust	131.95	97.80	34.15
	530	Robinson, John	1,895.73	-6.44	1,902.17
	70	Rosie, Crystal	237.11	139.67	97.44
	777	Ross, Jon A	952.50	-3.24	955.74
	538	Russo, Diane M	381.00	-1.29	382.29
	665	Russo, Diane M	1,055.50	13.87	1,041.63
	666	Russo, Diane M	19.56	-0.07	19.63
	463	Semas Joseph, J	790.96	88.58	702.38
	556	Sheen, Jada F	463.30	463.15	0.15
	558	Sherrer, Charles R	915.80	-3.11	918.91
	160	SHERWOOD, PATRICK H III	1,586.23	-5.39	1,591.62
	593	Sterry Earl R. Jr.	340.61	-1.16	341.77
	691	Stevens, Charles L	717.30	479.19	238.11
	792	Sweetser, Jeff A	670.56	-2.28	672.84
	722	Swisher, John R	201.17	-0.68	201.85

** Indicates Paid in Full after December 31, 2022

* Indicates Partial Payment after December 31, 2022

Non Zero Balance on All Accounts

Tax Year: 2022

As of: December 31, 2022

	604	TAYLOR, BRANDON A	1,595.63	303.61	1,292.02
**	605	Taylor, David E	1,082.29	0.00	1,082.29
	615	Thayer, Erika L	1,027.94	-3.49	1,031.43
	613	Thayer, James	1,114.81	-3.79	1,118.60
**	614	Thayer, James W	550.80	299.76	251.04
**	297	The Jon A and Dawn Hull Revocable	3,780.15	2,903.72	876.43
	754	Tibbetts, Antonio	540.51	-1.84	542.35
	627	Tracy, Alice C	76.20	-0.26	76.46
	393	Tracy, Howard S	454.28	-1.54	455.82
	774	Tracy, Trista A	152.40	-0.52	152.92
	628	Tracy, Truman G	252.86	-0.86	253.72
	631	Tutt, Dawn	1,226.06	0.45	1,225.61
	638	Vessella, David A	1,052.32	-3.22	1,055.54
	639	Vincent, Edward B	174.37	-0.59	174.96
	410	Vomorde, Carson C	1,170.31	-3.98	1,174.29
	352	Webber, Archie L	176.78	-0.60	177.38
	781	Welcome, Jeffery	505.84	-1.72	507.56
	467	Whipple, Charles Bruce	1,260.47	-4.28	1,264.75
	659	Whipple, Charles Bruce	809.75	-2.75	812.50
	660	White, Stephen	509.78	-1.73	511.51
	676	Worthley, Melinda	558.93	-1.90	560.83
	677	Worthley, Melinda	160.91	-0.55	161.46
	515	ZEMEL, DEREK	653.80	79.43	574.37
	341	Ziolkowski, Jon K,	403.86	-1.37	405.23
		Total for 167 Accounts:	119,691.08	8,265.41	111,425.67

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From the Treasurer's Desk

Greetings friends! Early this year we got to work calculating and estimating cost increases/decreases and how they would affect our overall commitment this coming fall. Because of rising costs in all areas, there are several increases requested throughout our budget this year. One large request is the result of major work planned for summer in the Public Works department.

We saw another jump in valuation last year, a result of improvements to the corridor. Central Maine Power's Valuation was a great help to us during the 2022 commitment. This wouldn't have been possible had the corridor not been augmented. As your Treasurer, it is my strong feeling that Starks benefits greatly by the improvements to the existing corridor that runs six and a half miles through town. I see expansion to the existing corridor as a much better option for generating energy than the loss of agricultural fields to solar like we've seen in surrounding communities. This is a dismal change to the beautiful landscape of years past.

As we prepare for this new budget year, I want to extend a big THANK YOU to the Board of Selectmen - **Ernie, Dave Taylor**, and my AMAZING dad **Joe** for their continued efforts on behalf of the Town, and their support of me as Treasurer. I'm proud of all the we work we accomplished in town. I'd also like to say a heartfelt thank you to my office mate and bestie **Jennifer Hebert** for being the glue that keeps us all together. She is truly the best! I appreciate her so much! A few notable others that I worked with or were helpful to me this past year are - **Bill Pressey, Danielle Pressey, John Robbins, Maryanne Gawlinski, and Cathy Horner**. The Budget Committee members I worked with last year were great too! Special thanks to **Danielle Pressey, Paul Frederic, Kevin McGillicuddy, and Joe McCarthy**.

My role as a Municipal Treasurer has evolved considerably since I began this work in 2008 right here in Starks. The position has a very specific skill set that requires a self-motivated, naturally curious, driven individual. I love working for the people in my hometown while also working as Treasurer in New Sharon and Chesterville. I hope to continue working for the people of Starks until my own expiration date. If you have any questions about town finances, expired liens or want to chat about your taxes, please feel free to reach out. I'm always happy to meet up and address your concerns.

Respectfully,

Erin Norton

2022 FUND BALANCES

2022 Town of Starks	BALANCES	
	As of 12/31/21	As of 12/31/22
Skowhegan Savings Primary Checking Account	785,012.67	633,217.07
General Fund Sweep Account	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total	\$ 885,012.67	\$ 733,217.07

2022 Reserve Funds	BALANCES		
	As of 12/31/21	Due To/Due From	As of 12/31/22
Local Roads Assistance	5,794.70	28,740.00	34,534.70
Re-Valuation Account	41,241.66	0.00	41,241.66
Capital Roads Reserve	50,000.00	102,715.17/127,347.73	25,367.44
Capital Improvement Reserve	40,036.21	15,000/55,000	36.21
Fire Department Capital Reserve	25,000.00	10,000.00	35,000.00
BIF - Building Improvement Fund	79,887.99	67,486.80/19,068.06	128,306.73
Helen Reed Scholarship Fund	4,610.97	0.00	4,610.97
Locke Cemetery Assoc. Perpetual Care	17,354.27	0.00	17,354.27
American Rescue Act (ARPA)	33,585.82	33,663.87	67,249.69
TOTAL	297,511.62	44,014.79	353,701.67

Due to / Due From Summary

LRAP - Revenue received from DOT

Capital Roads - Approp. from surplus/Locke Hill Grant overage \$58,048.65 & Mayhew Road \$69,299.08

Capital Improvement - 2022 Appropriation less partial purchase of loader

Fire Department - 2022 Appropriation from taxation

BIF - Sale of former Town Office Revenue \$66,986.80 rental income \$500

BIF - \$15k expended toward CC Generator, \$4,068.06 on Appliances

Helen Reed Scholarship - Adopted at 2017 Annual Meeting

Locke Cemetery Assoc Turned over to Starks STM 2022

American Rescue Act Funds - Second Trance received 2022

Bank of America / US Trust Account	BALANCES		
	As of 10/31/21	Gain / Loss	As of 10/31/22
John W Higgins Trust Fund Market Value	256,715.77	-46,891.07	209,824.70

Expense Report 2022

Article #	Description	Budget	Expended	Balance	% Spent
16 STM 3&6	Administration	\$120,139.00	\$105,918.82	\$14,220.18	88.16%
17	CEO Legal	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	0.00%
18	CEO Salary	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
18	Deputy Clerk	\$3,000.00	\$917.00	\$2,083.00	30.57%
18	Elections	\$4,000.00	\$3,875.98	\$124.02	96.90%
18	Assessors	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$0.00	100.00%
18	Selectmen	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
18	Clerk	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
18	Tax Collector	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
18	Treasurer	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
18	Building Superintendent	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
18	Health Officer	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	0.00%
18	Sexton	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	100.00%
18	GA Administrator	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
18	Town Report Administrator	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
18	Road Commissioner Stipend	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
19	Training of outgoing Officers	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
20	Planning & Appeals Board	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
21	Community Center	\$16,000.00	\$20,031.29	-\$4,031.29	125.20%
22	Fire Department	\$57,500.00	\$60,344.93	-\$2,844.93	104.95%
23	Fire Chief Salary	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
24	Animal Control	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
25	AMS Ambulance	\$11,520.00	\$9,307.13	\$2,212.87	80.79%
26	Street Lights	\$1,500.00	\$967.73	\$532.27	64.52%
27	Public Works	\$216,800.00	\$216,800.00	\$0.00	100.00%
28	General Assistance	\$4,000.00	\$2,625.83	\$1,374.17	65.65%
29	Recreation/Library Reimbursements	\$2,000.00	\$560.00	\$1,440.00	28.00%
30	Social Organizations	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00	\$0.00	100.00%
31	Salt Shed	\$9,787.00	\$9,786.48	\$0.52	99.99%
32	Capital Improvements	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
35	Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
36	Contingency	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
43	APRA FUNDS	\$63,000.00	\$0.00	\$63,000.00	0.00%
44	Community Center Generator (BIF)	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
46	Community Center Appliances (BIF)	\$4,068.06	\$4,068.06	\$0.00	100.00%
47	Locke Hill Culvert Grant	\$125,000.00	\$183,048.65	-\$58,048.65	146.44%
48	Water District Infrastructure	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
STM 3	Hitachi Front End Loader (CI GF Tax)	\$140,000.00	\$129,500.00	\$10,500.00	92.50%
STM 4	Mayhew Road Project (Capital Rds.)	\$81,000.00	\$69,299.08	\$11,700.92	85.55%
Assessment	First Park	\$3,063.00	\$3,063.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	County Tax	\$132,402.17	\$132,402.17	\$0.00	100.00%
Assessment	RSU #9	\$543,072.02	\$543,072.02	\$0.00	100.00%
	Totals	\$1,684,101.25	\$1,631,538.17	\$52,563.08	96.88%

2022 Treasurer's Revenue Report

Account #	Account	Credit
98	Real Estate Payments	905,491.98
99	Supplemental Payments	3,705.15
TOTAL		909,197.13

Revenue Summary

Account #	Account	Debits	Credits	Balance
100	- Excise - Auto	\$655.36	\$115,267.47	\$114,612.11
101	- Excise - Boat	\$0.00	\$659.40	\$659.40
102	- Fees - Agent	\$24.00	\$4,665.60	\$4,641.60
103	- Over Short	\$125.47	\$56.40	-\$69.07
104	- Interest - Real Estate	\$0.00	\$5,122.48	\$5,122.48
105	- Lien Fees	\$0.00	\$2,330.17	\$2,330.17
106	- Dog Fees	\$0.00	\$516.00	\$516.00
107	- Plumbing Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$1,987.50	\$1,987.50
108	- Building Permit Fees	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
109	- Cemetery Interest	\$0.00	\$4.81	\$4.81
110	- Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	\$50,929.00	\$50,929.00
111	- Site Review Fee	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
112	- Veteran's Exemption	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$280.00
113	- First Park	\$0.00	\$2,762.00	\$2,762.00
114	- Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$20,770.14	\$20,770.14
115	- Operating Interest	\$0.00	\$1,126.26	\$1,126.26
116	- Revenue Sharing	\$0.00	\$126,443.78	\$126,443.78
117	- Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
119	- Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00	\$4,479.38	\$4,479.38
120	- General Assistance Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$4,065.72	\$4,065.72
121	- Higgins Trust Interest	\$0.00	\$2,951.38	\$2,951.38
122	- Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
123	- MMA Fire Department Grant	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
124	- Connect ME Grant	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
125	- American Rescue Act (ARPA)	\$0.00	\$33,663.87	\$33,663.87
126	- Local Road Assistance Program LRAP	\$0.00	\$28,740.00	\$28,740.00
127	- Building Rental/donation Fees (to BIF)	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
128	- Sale of former Town Office	\$0.00	\$67,486.80	\$67,486.80
129	- Locke Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$0.00	\$2.40	\$2.40
Total		\$804.83	\$480,210.56	\$479,405.73

Total Revenue Received by Starks **1,388,602.86**
(The Total Sum of Cash Receipts Report and Revenue Summary)

Cemetery Trust Balance December 31st 2022

\$10,020.02

Frederic Cemetery	Total Trust	% of Trust	2022 Interest
John W. Higgins	\$5,000.00	79%	\$10.13
Frederic Cemetery Trust	\$157.10	2%	\$0.26
Alice Frederic Fields Trust Fund	\$180.27	3%	\$0.38
Sawyer and Trask Fund	\$334.74	5%	\$0.64
M.D. Frederic Trust Fund	\$100.00	2%	\$0.26
Bertha Waugh Smith-Georgia & Clifford Brann Lot	\$59.37	1%	\$0.13
Glen Frederic Trust Fund	\$500.00	8%	\$1.03
Total	\$6,331.48	64%	\$12.82
Locke Cemetery			
Bertha Waugh Smith-Sampson & Mary Duley Lot	\$59.38	6%	\$0.14
Clarence Norton	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Calvin Bryant Fish & Henrietta Fish Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.40
Arthur Morse Trust Fund	\$350.00	30%	\$0.73
David J. Taylor-Milia Taylor Trust Fund	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Arthur Buffington Fund-William Gillis Lot	\$40.00	4%	\$0.10
Robert R nichols & George Nichols Lot	\$100.00	9%	\$0.22
Frank Sterry Fund-Williamson Lot	\$200.00	17%	\$0.40
Total	\$1,149.38	12%	\$2.40
Tupper or Williamson Cemetery			
Captain Stevenson & George Williamson Lots	\$95.88	18%	\$0.18
Emma J. Frederic Trust Fund	\$139.81	27%	\$0.27
Betsy Cook Trust Fund	\$59.93	11%	\$0.11
Betsy Smith Cemetery Lot Trust Fund	\$79.17	15%	\$0.15
William P. True Fund Lot	\$150.00	29%	\$0.29
Total	\$524.79	5%	\$1.00
Brake Hill Cemetery			
Arthur and Susie Morse Lot	\$200.00	22%	\$0.40
Brake Hill Cemetery Lot	\$608.02	67%	\$1.21
Maude Rankin & Anne Ederly Fund-Lovell Lot	\$100.00	11%	\$0.20
Total	\$908.02	9%	\$1.80
Churchill Cemetery			
Arlin L. & Lucinda Chapman			
Justin O. & Sarah T. Chapman	\$1,000.00	10.00%	\$2.00
Total Trust	\$10,000.00	100.00%	\$20.02
Issued to Ferderic Cemetery			\$12.82
Issued to Locke Cemetery			\$2.40
Issued to Town of Starks			\$4.80
Transferred to the General Fund on January 20th, 2023			\$20.02

PLANNING BOARD REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022

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

Permitting Activity during 2022 included:

- Approved a request from *Starks Holdings LLC* for a 6-month permit extension under the Site Plan Review Ordinance for its Redtail Road solar facility. The Appeals Board later amended the decision and approved an 18-month extension.
- Granted a Special Exceptions Permit (with conditions) under the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to Brad Luker to build a camp and driveway along Lemon Stream off the Sawyers Mill Road.
- Approved Site Plan Review Permit for Brandi Watson to operate a dog breeding kennel business.

Depending on the proposed project, permit requests can involve a pre-application conference, site visit, application review, public hearing, and issuance of a decision. Applications, Final Decisions, and Board meeting minutes are posted on the Town's website.

Note: The Appeals Board approved a request by Central Maine Power for an additional 18-month extension to complete New England Clean Energy Connect's (NECEC) corridor in Starks.

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. It should be noted that the Planning Board does not have any enforcement power or responsibility. Any changes or amendments to existing ordinances must be approved by vote of the town. Public meetings are always held on proposed changes to the town's ordinances. Ordinance activity in 2022 included:

- Drafted a *Solar Facility Construction Moratorium Ordinance*, subsequently approved at the March 11th 2022 Annual Town Meeting, allowing the Board time to research possible amendments to the existing Site Plan Review Ordinance as it relates to Solar Facilities.
- Proposed revisions to the Town's Building Ordinance which were presented for a Referendum vote prior to the March 11th Annual Town Meeting. The measure was defeated.
- Proposed ordinance amendments for the March 2023 town meeting vote to include revisions to the current Site Plan Review Ordinance as it relates to the construction of Solar Energy Facilities.
Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Office and posted on the Town's website.

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, Eric Hoar, Tiffany Bellefleur (alternate)



Animal Control Report 2022

BY DANIELLE PRESSEY

Greetings Town of Starks,

I've just completed another year as ACO. There were some changes in 2022. Starks has a new animal control ordinance, adopted last year. It can be found on the town website. www.starksme.com The ordinances include "Return of at Large Dogs" (with fees) and "Animal Noise" which has historically been our biggest struggle in Starks. Hopefully the new ordinances will help solve some of the recent issues we've been facing.

Please remember Maine has a leash law and all dogs with the exception of those being used to hunting, must be on a leash (unless they are on your own property). Repeat wanderers will have to be picked up and given a free ride to FCAS where they can be bailed out with proof of ownership and a fee.

Please try to keep your pets/livestock contained to avoid issues around damaging other people's property, but most importantly for their own safety. These heavy animals often find their way onto the main road and put themselves and drivers at unnecessary risk.

Don't forget dog licenses are always due by January 31st! Bring proof of rabies vaccination to the town office after October 15th and pay a small fee. Spayed/neutered dogs are \$6, unaltered \$11. A hefty late fee of \$25 will be applied if registering after the due date. 90% of dog licensing fees go directly to the Maine Animal Welfare Program to help care for abused and neglected animals that they receive into their custody. If you need help finding or affording a rabies vaccination for your furry friend, please do not hesitate to call me and I'll try to help you find available resources. There are often free or reduced rate clinics in the area.

If you are thinking about adding a new pet to your family, please consider adopting from a local shelter!

If you are looking to make a donation to a good cause this coming year, please consider donating to your local shelters. The town of Starks uses Franklin County Animal Shelter and I have personally found them to be a great crew. They are especially attentive to the animals. The shelter is often in need of blankets, bleach, paper towels, treats and toys along with the essentials like cat and kitten food, dog and puppy food, and cat litter. You can set up time to have a meet and greet with an adoptable animal and/or to drop off a donation.

Please feel free to contact me directly and leave a message with any ACO related issues, or questions.

Who to call

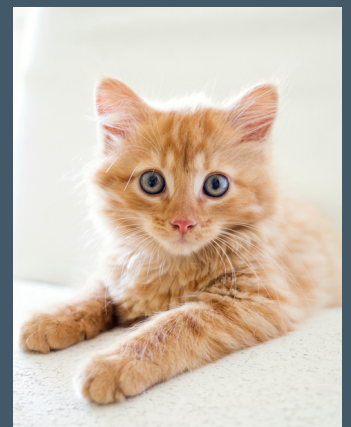
Animal Control Officer
207.399.1399

Animal Control
Officer Dispatch
207.474.7400

Franklin County
Animal Shelter
207.778.2638

Animal Poison Control
1.888.426.4435

Starks Town Office
207.696.8069



Code Enforcement & Plumbing Inspector

There were Nineteen plumbing permits issued in 2022. We processed and completed inspections for compliance as required.

Site reviews and issuance of new permits for construction were similar to years passed.

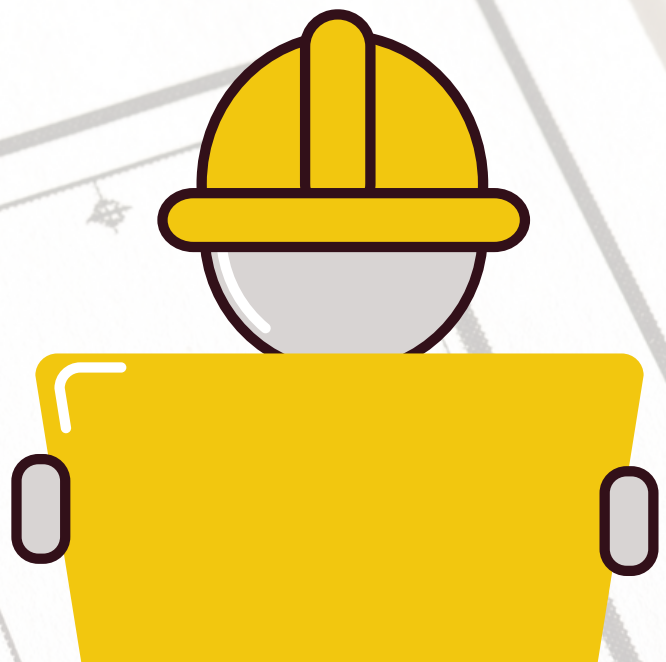
Please remember, before you begin any construction project to contact the Code Enforcement Officer to determine what permitting is required. A permit is not required for construction of up to one hundred fifty square feet.

Moving forward Terrienne Lamontagne will be taking care of Code Enforcement for Starks. Her contact info and hours can be found on the town website under Town Officers.

Plumbing Inspector hours are the first and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the town office.

Respectfully submitted,
Leo Mayo

Home 207.566.7341
Office 207.696.8069
57 Anson Road
Starks, ME 04911



Greetings,

There were no major issues involving your community center in the past year. The only significant repair done was the replacement of lally columns under the original part of the building.

The library continues to be a great resource for the community and is continually growing.

Thanks to the support of the folks in town, a new picnic and recreation area was added which includes two picnic tables, a grill, horseshoe pits, a cornhole game, and volleyball net. This was all done by donation and volunteer labor.

The new refrigerator and stove that were authorized at town meeting last year are in.

Also, at the time of your reading of this, the new generator should be up and running. This should enable the community center to be a fully functioning building in the event of power outage and be a resource for warming, water, power, and other needs of the community. It will also ensure that heat is maintained at the building to prevent freeze up that could result in major dollars for repairs.

I would also like to take a quick minute to thank the folks from Madison Electric that helped with the hanging of the lights on the town Christmas tree.

Some of the projects being looked at for 2023 include work that may make the heating system more efficient, some painting of exterior doors, work on sidewalk and parking lot, and a few other small projects.

The building stands ready to meet the needs of our community for years to come and I encourage all of you to take full advantage of what it has to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Pressey – Building Superintendent

SEXTON REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 2022



BY DANIELLE PRESSEY

Greetings Starks,

Town cemeteries remain in fair condition, but due to recent storms, we've had problems arise with downed trees and limbs. Fencing has been destroyed from limbs and trees falling on them. Stones have sustained damage for the same reason.

State law requires fencing to be maintained around any cemetery with a veteran burial. We will need to address this much needed maintenance come spring, and repair or replace broken fencing. We also have several headstones that are in dire need of repair. Finding someone to tackle this task has been difficult since the pandemic, but I think we've found a solution in a local man who works on cemeteries.

Last year the Town voted to acquire and maintain the Locke Cemetery on Cemetery Road -just off Chicken Street. This is the largest of the eight, that the town now maintains. We may need to raise money for a bigger mower, chainsaw and other supplies to better maintain them all. We operate on a very small budget, and do the best we can, but a lot of work is needed this coming year. I hope the Town considers setting aside funds to make necessary repairs and maybe even upgrade some equipment.

TOWN MAINTAINED CEMETERIES

Brake Hill Cemetery

Churchill Cemetery

Didson Cemetery

Fairbanks Gravesite

Greenleaf Cemetery

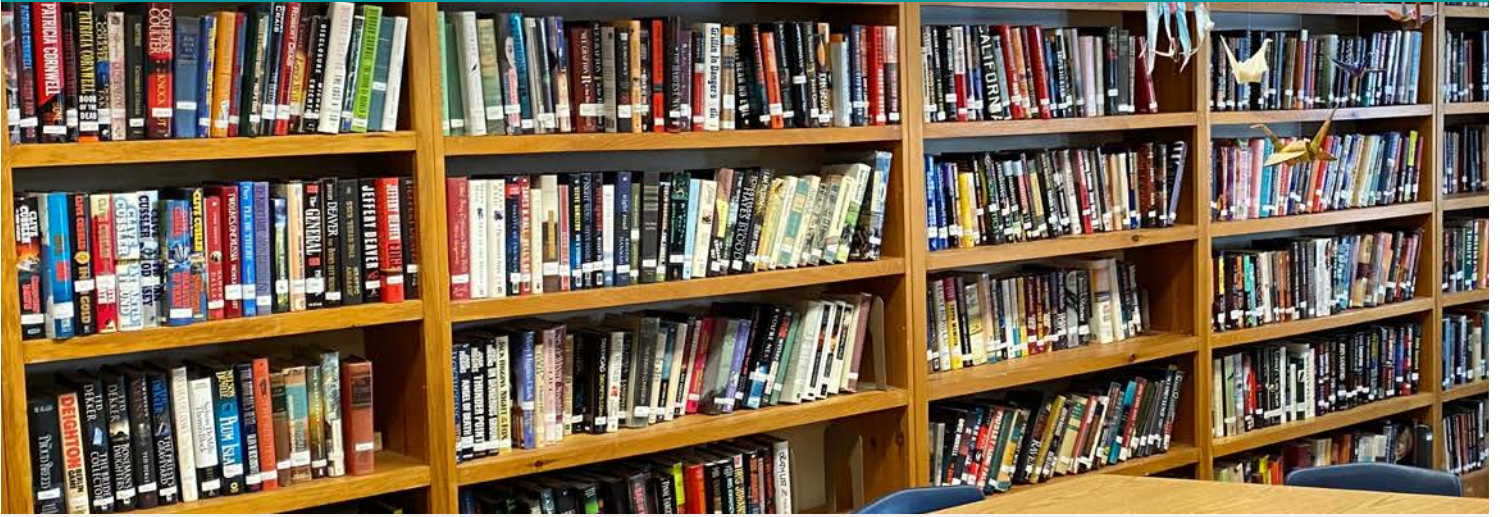
Piper-Williams Cemetery

Tupper-Williamson Cemetery

Locke Cemetery

2022 Annual Report

STARKS TOWN LIBRARY



Welcome to the Starks Town Library! Use of the library is encouraged during Starks Town Office hours. Come in and browse! Look around, find the books you would like to take with you, and check them out in the notebook provided on the library desk. 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.

The downstairs library area consists of books by Maine authors for adults, youth, and children; fiction and non-fiction sections for adults and youth; and books in large print. The children's section includes picture books, easy readers, and chapter books. A display of seasonal children's books is located in our cozy reading nook.

A variety of books including westerns, international crime, gardening, cooking, arts & crafts, and sports (hunting, fishing, baseball, etc.) can be found in the upstairs hallway. Two computers (one in the library and the other in the hall leading to the upstairs) are available for use by Starks residents.

Check out the freebies! Two free book sections (one for children, the other for adults and youth) and a table of giveaways (books, paper, school stuff, games, etc.) are located in the downstairs library area. The library also sponsored "fill-a-bag with books" during the spring indoor flea market.

It's back! Mug-Up in the library! On the first Saturday of each month join us in the library for Mug-Up, a time to enjoy coffee, tea, or hot chocolate along with a treat and pleasant conversation. Mug-Up hours are the same as the Town Office hours: 8 to 11 am.

Once again we proceeded with our traditional Halloween activity of giving books and treats to our youngsters. This was held outdoors with Starks Library Committee members dressed in their somewhat humorous, somewhat scary costumes. The children, dressed in their wonderfully creative Halloween costumes, had their choice of books and treats!

Another tradition returns! To the enjoyment of the young and the young-at-heart, the Christmas Holiday program, sponsored by the library and by SEEdS, returned this year! The program was preceded by two well attended sessions of ornament making in the library.

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. We welcome your ideas and participation.

The Starks Library Committee includes Maryanne Gawlinski, Nancy Lagin, and Linda LaRose. We want to thank Carol Coles for making Mug-up possible and Joe McCarthy for all of his help with various programs.

Starks Library Committee

Linda LaRose Nancy Lagin Maryanne Gawlinski

Starks Water District Annual Report

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

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

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

January 18 July 19
April 19 October 18

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

Starks Water District income from water service, fees, and transfers for 2022 was \$11,192.50 and our total expenses were \$11,345.84 resulting in a net loss of \$153.34. We encourage customers to pay their water service bills in a timely manner if possible, so that we can continue to provide clean, safe, affordable drinking water to the community.

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

Ashley Steward-Hayden, Chair	2024 (p)	Robin Melancon-Quimby	2023
Erin Norton, Vice-Chair	2025	Jared Norton	2023
Ann Marie Simone, Clerk/Treasurer	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 2022

Structure Fires - 1
Structure Mutual Aid - 9
Chimney Fires - 3
Welfare Check - 1
Motor Vehicle Accidents - 8
Asist AMS Ambulance - 7
Trees in Roadway - 10
Trees on Lines/Fires - 8
Wildland Fires - 3
Vehicle Fires - 2
Assist Citizen - 1
TOTAL CALLS - 53



FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Greetings,

Over the past year we were honored to have been gifted an AED from the Hull family in honor of their matriarch Dawn. A special thanks to the family.

Major purchases for the year included a collapsible carry chair that assists us in moving patients while assisting AMS. It has already proven itself to be quite handy. A thermal imaging camera was purchased along with another AED. We applied for and received a grant for \$3,000 from Maine Municipal Association which was used for the purchase of road signs and barricades to be shared with Highway Department.

Due to the increased cost of fuels, our budget in that category fell short but limiting spending on other items helped cover this. Utilities along with personnel costs which include trainings, calls, etc, accounted for almost 50% of the budget.

On a personal note, I would like to say that it was an honor to serve as your Chief during the 2022 year. Unforeseen changes in my personal life made it necessary for me to step down but I will continue to support the department when possible. Thank you all for your support.

Sincerely,

Dave Gray

Chief - Starks Fire (Ret.)

Anson/Madison & Starks Ambulance Service

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

To the Residents of Starks, the ambulance service has had a very busy year. We set a new record for the number of calls in a year. The service responded to 2014 calls which is 150 plus more calls than ever before. The higher demand on the AMS crews due to this increase has shown the value and dedication of all the employees.

The medical world is facing the same shortages and price increases that you face in your everyday lives. Our cost for medical supplies has nearly doubled in the last 2 years. Along with higher costs to maintain the building, fuel for the building and ambulances, wages and office supplies. I am happy to tell you even with all these increases we can operate another year without raising the costs to the towns we serve! This is possible due to the cooperation and good decision making between the AMS Board of Directors, myself and the AMS employees.

Some things to consider in the event you need an ambulance. Please keep your driveways, walkways, and stairs clear of snow and ice. We have to have easy and safe access. Please put all dogs in a separate room before our arrival. Even the friendliest dogs will bite when under stress. Keep an updated medication, allergy and problem list where it is easy to find. Please stay on the line with the 911 dispatcher until they tell you to hang up. Last but very important, make sure your mailbox or house numbers can be seen easily from the roadway. Reflective numbers are especially helpful at night.

Thank you for your cooperation and the ambulance service looks forward to helping the area citizens for another year. Wishing you all a safe and healthy year!

Respectfully, George Demchak Operations Director AMS Ambulance Service.



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KENNEBEC VALLEY REGIONAL WASTE CORP.

FROM TREASURER JOE HAYDEN

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

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

Volume of recycled materials increased in 2022 and we predict even more participation in 2023. Revenue from the sale of recyclables has increased, but that was quickly absorbed with rising fuel costs and other increases to expenses.

Debt service on the truck purchased in 2018 was paid off in 2022. We are currently looking for a new trailer for curbside collection.

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

PHONE 207.431.5471

PO Box 91
Anson, ME 04911

Recycled Materials & Sorting

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

please no styrofoam coffee cups and no trash



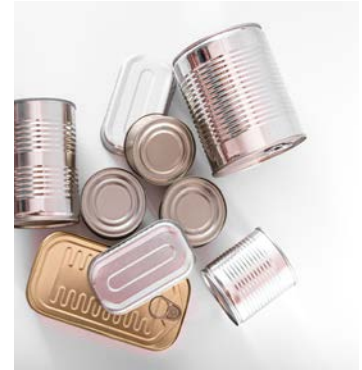
PLASTIC

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



CARDBOARD

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



ALUMINUM CANS

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



NEWSPAPER

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



UNIVERSAL WASTE

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



MIXED PAPER

Allowed: Boxboard/paperboard cereal/cracker boxes, paper towel tubes, foreign cardboard, 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 and similar items.
Not Allowed: Paper layered with plastic, waxed paper, paper towels, napkins or wet soiled paper.
Preparation: Keep clean and dry. flatten boxes. Must be bagged and separated from other materials

Starks Food Cupboard

A Program of East Parish Housing Ministry, Inc.

Annual Report 2022

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Yours,

Cynthia Kimball, Coordinator

Income	
Beginning Balance	\$1,515.59
FEMA	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$3,550
Town of Starks	\$1,000.
Total Income	\$6,065.59

Ending Balance \$906.59

Expenses	
Good Shepard Food Bank	\$30.00
Save A Lot	\$0.00
Hannaford	\$390.00
Insurance	\$1,279.00
CMP	\$618.00
Oil	\$1,172.00
Plowing	\$470.00
Lawn Mowing	\$1,200.00
Total Expenses	\$5,159.00

RSU9 Mt Blue Regional School District

The Town of Starks is one of the ten towns in RSU9. The other towns are Chesterville, Farmington, Industry, New Sharon, New Vineyard, Temple, Vienna, Weld and Wilton. We have been in this district having left MSAD59 over a decade ago in 2012.

I have served as your Board Member since July 2018 and as the elected Chair since July of 2021. According to our RSU9 policy BCA Code of Ethics, "Service on the board of directors is an opportunity to serve the community, state and nation because public education is the best means to promote the welfare of people and to preserve a democratic way of life". As board members we each represent the whole district and our authority rests in our decisions made as a full board during our meetings.

As Chair, in addition to our board and three working committee meetings I also serve on the Drop Out Prevention Committee, the Budget Committee and the Negotiation Committee.

These are unique times for school boards, we have been faced over the past few years with the challenges and lasting impacts from the disruption of COVID to our students, their families and their teachers and administrators. We, as a district, have persevered and have remained engaged and committed to providing the best educational opportunities for all students.

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

Our district and our board are currently working on the completion of our Strategic Plan; a new addition to our Middle School is due to break ground this Spring and it will provide a more hands on opportunity for our children in grades 6-8. We are in negotiations on our Professional Staff contract; and we will soon be engaged in our District Budget sessions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Riemer Coles
335 Sawyers Mills Road, Starks ME 04911



December 30, 2022

Dear KRDA Member Communities:

We are ending 2022 on a high note at FirstPark with such successes this year as the sale of six lots to businesses from Ohio and Minnesota, as well as:

- The opening of Dr. Anna O'Keefe's new dental office at 93 FirstPark Drive in a new, state-of-the-art building;
- The sale of 15 Evergreen Drive by Dr. Diane Gable to Maine Technology Group for a net gain of 10 jobs at that building;
- MaineGeneral will relocate Oakland Family Medicine to the lower level of 25 FirstPark Drive in the Spring of 2023;
- T-Mobile is adding 100 jobs to its 133 FirstPark Drive facility by March 2023; and
- An LED sign was added at FirstPark Drive and Kennedy Memorial Drive for FirstPark business owners to promote job openings, land/buildings for sale or lease, services and special events.

I am optimistic that there is more progress to come that the member communities will share in during 2023. I want to thank the General Assembly and the Executive Board for their patience and support this year as we worked through negotiations and planning for the sale of lots 2-3 and 19-22. It is my goal to further develop Technology and Ezhaya Drives in 2023. We have 12 lots remaining for sale totaling 155 acres. Of the 155 remaining acres, 49 of those acres are lots 11 and 12, which are largely wetlands and a vernal pool that limit their development.

The member communities have received the 2022 Audit in print and electronic versions. I am particularly proud that the audit cites KRDA's increase in net assets, increase in real estate tax values, expenses being less than budgeted and an overall positive total net position. The KRDA staff, Executive Board and General Assembly uphold a strong fiduciary responsibility to the member communities and their citizens.

We lost a friend and colleague in 2022 with the passing of our past immediate President Steve Monsulick. Steve had represented Readfield on our KRDA General Assembly since the late 1990's. On behalf of KRDA, we sent a contribution in Steve's memory at his family's request to an after-school fund for children in Readfield. I wrote in my letter accompanying our check, "Steve was an integral part of our organization for over 20 years and we miss him. He worked on KRDA/FirstPark business right up until nearly the end when he just could not any longer. The community of Readfield has lost a good person in Steve's passing. We share in your loss."

Thank you to every member of the KRDA General Assembly who give of their time to serve and participate in meetings. I want to especially thank President Michelle Flewelling,

KRDA MEMBER COMMUNITIES

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Secretary/Scribe Peter Mills and Treasurer James Jurdak for their work that goes on beyond the GA and Executive Board meetings.

If you missed our final newsletter of 2022, here is the link <https://conta.cc/3Ys6D0j>. If you did not see the front-page coverage last week about Meyer Tool buying FirstPark lots 2 and 3, here is a link to that article <https://www.sunjournal.com/2022/12/21/cincinnati-based-manufacturer-acquires-benton-company-plans-new-facility-at-firstpark-in-oakland/>. There have been over 1,300 views on my personal LinkedIn page about Meyer choosing FirstPark! About 1,250 people work in FirstPark. Lights are on in FirstPark businesses 24/7. We are an economic engine helping power central Maine's economy.

In 2023 we will observe KRDA/FirstPark's 25th Anniversary. Our Silver Anniversary will highlight the people and businesses of FirstPark throughout the year. I look forward to sharing more details with you about upcoming anniversary events.

Happy New Year and, as always, feel welcome to contact me at either (207) 859-9716 office, (207) 877-4198 mobile or exdirector@firstpark.com. Thank you for your support of FirstPark.

Sincerely,



James W. Dinkle
Executive Director

Town of Starks Town Meeting Warrant

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the **Town of Starks**; qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Starks Community Center, 57 Anson Road, in the said Town of Starks on **Friday, March 10th, 2023**, at 11:30 AM then and there to act upon Articles 1 then by Australian ballot on article 2, the polling hours therefore to be from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM, the annual Town Business Meeting will be held the following day, **Saturday March 11th, 2023** beginning at 9:00 AM to act on Articles 3-30.

Article 1

To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2

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

Article 3

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

Article 4

- A. To see if the Town will vote to increase the **property tax levy limit** established for the Town of Starks by state law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following warrant articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit (must be voted on by written ballot).
- B. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed **3/12 of the annual budget** in each budget category of the 2023 annual budget during the period from January 1st, 2024 to the 2024 Annual Town Meeting.
- C. To see if the Town will vote to make **taxes due** and payable on the date of commitment. And to begin charging interest on taxes sixty days after the date of commitment at a rate of **8%** annually.
- D. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for a **Tax Anticipation Note**, if needed, to pay current expenses and to pay any interest and costs from overlay.
- E. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to pay **abatements** from overlay.
- F. To see if the Town in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 506-A will vote that if a taxpayer pays an amount in excess of their final assessment it shall be refunded in the amount of the overpayment.
- G. To see if the Town in accordance with 36 M.R.S. § 506 will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and pay no interest thereon.
- H. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to **sell and dispose** of any real-estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable; and to execute the appropriate deeds for such property. Except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

- I. To see if the Town will vote to apply available excise taxes (vehicle and boat), tax interest, miscellaneous revenue, lien charges, and revenue from the sale of tax acquired property to lower the commitment.
- J. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following gifts, grants and funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature, and any other sources, and apply the funds to lower the commitment or benefit the town in such other ways as the Select Board deems reasonable.

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

- K. To see if the Town will vote to apply lien cost revenue to the lien cost expense account.

- L. To see if the Town will vote to apply all revenues from the Community Center rentals and donations, to the Building Improvement fund.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Building Improvement Fund, **\$4,032** and to appropriate from surplus, **\$3,444** to cover the 2022 overdraft of the Community Center and Fire Department.

Overdraft	Appropriation	Funding Source
Community Center	\$4,032	Building Improvement Fund
Fire Department	\$3,444	Surplus

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$116,902** for **Administration** and additional administrative expenses in the current year.

Description	Taxation/Requested
FICA	\$11,150
Medicare	\$2,500
Worker's Compensation	\$6,500
Mileage Reimbursement	\$3,000
Training	\$500
Unemployment Tax	\$100
Drug Testing	\$350
Postage	\$2,000
Dues	\$3,600
Office Supplies	\$2,300
Admin - Event Security	\$1,500
Miscellaneous	\$5,000
Audit	\$6,500
Trio Software Renewal & Clerk Package	\$13,000
Legal Services	\$8,000
Town Report	\$1,207
Legal Ads	\$500
Xerox Maintenance & Toner	\$500
Water Rent & Hydrant Use	\$5,000
Kennebec Valley Waste Recycling	\$11,195
Large Item Drop off – 2X annually	\$12,000
Property & Casualty	\$20,500
Total	\$116,902

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 7

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

Description	2022 Budget	Taxation/Requested
CEO Legal	\$7,000	\$2,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$103,760** for **Salaries** in the current year.

Description	2022 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Code Enforcement	\$3,000	\$8,000
Deputy-Clerk TC & Treas.	\$3,000	\$3,000
Elections	\$4,000	\$4,000
Assessor Chair	\$3,250	\$4,000
Assessor	\$2,750	\$3,500
Assessor	\$2,750	\$3,500
Selectman	\$3,000	\$4,000
Selectman	\$3,000	\$4,000
Selectman	\$3,000	\$4,000
Road Commissioner Stipend	\$7,500	\$20,000
Town Clerk	\$10,000	\$10,800
Tax Collector	\$13,500	\$14,580
Treasurer	\$10,000	\$10,800
Building Superintendent	\$6,000	\$6,480
Health Officer	\$1,800	\$1,800
Sexton	\$100	\$100
GA Administrator	\$500	\$600
Town Report Administrator	\$500	\$600
Total	\$77,650	\$103,760

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$800** for the **Appeals Board** and **Planning Board** in the current year.

Description	2022 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Planning & Appeals Boards	\$1,000	\$800

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$20,000** for the **Community Center** in the current year.

Description	2022 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Community Center Operating Expenses	\$16,000	\$20,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 11

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

Description	2022 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Department	\$57,500	\$57,500

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$4,320** for the **Fire Chief's** Salary in the current year.

Description	2022 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Chief	\$4,000	\$4,320

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$1,684** and carry forward from the Animal Control Fund balance, **\$516** for **Animal Control expenses** in the current year, for a total budget of **\$2,200**.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$11,520** for the Anson Madison Starks **Ambulance Service** in the current year.

Description	2022 Budget	Taxation/Requested
AMS Ambulance	\$11,520	\$11,520

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$2,000** for **Street Lights** in the current year.

Description	2022 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Street Lights	\$1,500	\$2,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from **taxation \$320,800**, appropriate from **LRAP \$34,000**, and to appropriate from **Capital Roads Reserve \$25,000** for a total budget of \$379,800 for the **Public Works Department** in the current year.

Description	2022 Budget	Appropriation/Taxation
Equipment	\$50,000	\$75,000
Garage	\$19,000	\$20,000
Summer Roads	\$72,500	\$72,500
Winter Roads	\$75,000	\$85,000
Dump Mowing	\$300	\$300
Capital Roads		\$68,000
LRAP appropriation		34,000
Capital Roads Reserve		25,000
Total Budget	\$216,800	\$379,800

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to apply to apply the 2022 **GA reimbursements** from the State, to the GA account, for a budget of **\$4,066**.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 18

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

Description	2022 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Rec Sports/Library Reimbursements	\$2,000	\$2,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$5,100** for **Social Organizations** in the current year.

Organization	Taxation/Recommended
Starks Food Cupboard	\$1,000
Franklin County Animal Shelter	\$1,408
Family Violence	\$250
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$542
Memorial Day Fund	\$100
Spectrum Generations	\$200
KVCAP	\$250
Farmington Sexual Assault and Prevention	\$250
Hospice Volunteers	\$500
East Parish Housing Ministry	\$500
American Red Cross	\$100
Total	\$5,100

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 20

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

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

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

Article 21

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

Description	2022 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Capital Improvement Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Explanation: Capital Improvement balance December 31st, 2022 - \$36.21

Article 22

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

Description	2022 Budget	Taxation/Requested
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$10,000	\$10,000

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Explanation: Fire Department Capital Reserve balance December 31st, 2022 - \$35,000

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Select Board to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$3,000** to pay for **Unanticipated Expenses** and emergencies in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **Undesignated Funds, \$24,224.68** to lower the tax commitment.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee.

Explanation: The amount requested in this article represents all the unexpended balances from the 2022 Annual Town Meeting budget.

Article 25

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

Article 26

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

Article 27

"Shall an ordinance entitled ***Amendments to the Site Plan Review Ordinance for the Town of Starks Primarily Pertaining to Solar Energy Facilities***" be enacted?

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$67,249.69 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government, and **\$66,000 from the Building Improvement Fund** toward three major projects below, with any remaining balance to be carried forward into the Capital Improvement Reserve.

Two-acre land purchase across route 43 from Community Center – Approximate cost \$19,500
Electronic Sign for Starks Community Center – Approximate cost \$20,000
Town of Starks Revaluation to span two years – Approximate cost \$78,000

Explanation: ARPA Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022 \$67,249.69

Building Improvement Fund Balance as of 12/31/22 \$128,036.73 (includes revenue from sale of former town office \$66,986).

Article 29

To see if the Town will authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to take such steps as are necessary to give notice and withdraw from the Mid-Coast Internet Development Corporation (MIDC), such actions to be completed prior to March 31, 2023

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to close the books on December 31, 2023.

Article 31

To see if the Town wishes to hold the next Annual Town Meeting on March 8th and 9th 2024.

Given under our hands at the Starks Town Office this 20th day of February, 2023

Ernest Hilton, Selectman

Joseph Hayden, Selectman

David Taylor, Selectman

A true copy of the warrant

Attest:

Jennifer A Zweig Hebert, Clerk of Starks

Warrant Officer's Return

State of Maine
Somerset, ss.

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 four (4) conspicuous places within said town, the 22nd day of February 2023. The Starks Community Center inside and out, the Town Fire Department, and Rackliff's Redemption.

William Pressey, Warrant Officer



February 8, 2023

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, 2022. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2022 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office. Included herein are:

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
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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

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
			2022	2021
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 736,853	\$ -	\$ 736,853	\$ 842,723
Investments	-	10,020	10,020	10,000
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):				
Taxes	108,500	-	108,500	110,796
Liens	44,785	-	44,785	42,342
Other	2,130	-	2,130	942
Tax acquired property	4,099	-	4,099	1,919
Prepaid items	2,440	-	2,440	-
Due from other funds	58,518	470,724	529,242	356,984
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 957,325	\$ 480,744	\$ 1,438,069	\$ 1,365,706
LIABILITIES				
Due to other governments	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ -
Due to other funds	470,724	58,518	529,242	356,984
TOTAL LIABILITIES	470,727	58,518	529,245	356,984
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Prepaid taxes	1,828	-	1,828	1,698
Deferred tax revenues	122,597	-	122,597	122,597
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	124,425	-	124,425	124,295
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	6,539	-	6,539	1,919
Restricted	-	35,926	35,926	35,904
Committed	-	444,779	444,779	330,540
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	355,634	(58,479)	297,155	516,064
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	362,173	422,226	784,399	884,427
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 957,325	\$ 480,744	\$ 1,438,069	\$ 1,365,706

See accompanying independent auditor's 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, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 905,493	\$ -	\$ 905,493
Excise	115,271	-	115,271
Intergovernmental revenues	202,754	191,904	394,658
Charges for services	10,376	-	10,376
Miscellaneous revenues	22,826	67,543	90,369
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,256,720</u>	<u>259,447</u>	<u>1,516,167</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	201,581	-	201,581
Public safety	76,620	-	76,620
Public works	216,800	-	216,800
Community service	3,186	-	3,186
Education	543,072	-	543,072
County tax	132,402	-	132,402
Unclassified	101,798	187,583	289,381
Capital outlay	-	143,367	143,367
Debt service:			
Principal	8,031	-	8,031
Interest	1,755	-	1,755
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,285,245</u>	<u>330,950</u>	<u>1,616,195</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(28,525)</u>	<u>(71,503)</u>	<u>(100,028)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	127,715	127,715
Transfers (out)	(127,715)	-	(127,715)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(127,715)</u>	<u>127,715</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(156,240)	56,212	(100,028)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED	<u>518,413</u>	<u>366,014</u>	<u>884,427</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 362,173</u>	<u>\$ 422,226</u>	<u>\$ 784,399</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, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1, Restated	\$ 518,413	\$ 518,413	\$ 518,413	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	905,492	905,492	905,493	1
Excise taxes	109,976	109,976	115,271	5,295
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	110,724	110,724	126,444	15,720
Homestead exemption	56,880	56,880	50,929	(5,951)
Local road assistance	28,900	28,900	-	(28,900)
Tree growth	22,155	22,155	20,770	(1,385)
Veterans exemption	280	280	280	-
General assistance	-	-	4,066	4,066
Snowmobile reimbursement	-	265	265	-
Interest income	2,951	2,951	4,082	1,131
Interest on taxes	6,314	6,314	5,122	(1,192)
Charges for services	5,163	5,163	10,376	5,213
Miscellaneous revenues	5,474	5,474	13,622	8,148
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>1,772,722</u>	<u>1,772,987</u>	<u>1,775,133</u>	<u>2,146</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	222,789	222,789	201,581	21,208
Public safety	76,520	76,520	76,620	(100)
Public works	216,800	216,800	216,800	-
Community service	6,000	6,000	3,186	2,814
Education	545,072	545,072	543,072	2,000
County tax	132,402	132,402	132,402	-
Unclassified	147,062	147,327	101,798	45,529
Debt service:				
Principal	8,032	8,032	8,031	1
Interest	1,755	1,755	1,755	-
Transfers to other funds	127,715	127,715	127,715	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>1,484,147</u>	<u>1,484,412</u>	<u>1,412,960</u>	<u>71,452</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 288,575</u>	<u>\$ 288,575</u>	<u>\$ 362,173</u>	<u>\$ 73,598</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 229,838</u>	<u>\$ 229,838</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (229,838)</u>

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE A

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General government -					
Administration	\$ 114,139	\$ -	\$ 114,139	\$ 105,918	\$ 8,221
Code enforcement officer	10,000	-	10,000	3,000	7,000
Deputy clerk	3,000	-	3,000	917	2,083
Elections	4,000	-	4,000	3,876	124
Plumbing inspector	-	-	-	1,988	(1,988)
Assessors	8,750	-	8,750	8,750	-
Selectboard	9,000	-	9,000	9,000	-
Town clerk	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Tax collector	13,500	-	13,500	13,500	-
Treasurer	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
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	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
Planning board	500	-	500	-	500
Outgoing officer to train incoming	500	-	500	-	500
Road foreman stipend	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-
Tax map	3,000	-	3,000	-	3,000
Community center	19,000	-	19,000	20,032	(1,032)
	222,789	-	222,789	201,581	21,208
Public safety -					
Fire department	57,500	-	57,500	60,345	(2,845)
Fire chief	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
Animal control	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
AMS service	11,520	-	11,520	9,307	2,213
Street lights	1,500	-	1,500	968	532
	76,520	-	76,520	76,620	(100)

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE
SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Public works -					
Equipment	50,000	-	50,000	72,438	(22,438)
Garage	19,000	-	19,000	20,384	(1,384)
Summer roads	72,500	-	72,500	43,361	29,139
Winter roads	75,000	-	75,000	80,317	(5,317)
Closure of the Starks dump	300	-	300	300	-
	<u>216,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>216,800</u>	<u>216,800</u>	<u>-</u>
Community service -					
General assistance	4,000	-	4,000	2,626	1,374
Recreation and library	2,000	-	2,000	560	1,440
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>2,814</u>
Debt service -					
Principal	8,032	-	8,032	8,031	1
Interest	1,755	-	1,755	1,755	-
	<u>9,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,787</u>	<u>9,786</u>	<u>1</u>
County tax	132,402	-	132,402	132,402	-
Education - RSU #9	545,072	-	545,072	543,072	2,000

TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified -					
First Park	-	-	-	3,063	(3,063)
Social services	5,100	-	5,100	5,000	100
Snowmobile	-	265	265	265	-
Contingency	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
Overlay/abatements	40,962	-	40,962	1,407	39,555
Lien costs	-	-	-	1,563	(1,563)
Water district	13,000	-	13,000	13,000	-
New loader	85,000	-	85,000	74,500	10,500
	147,062	265	147,327	101,798	45,529
Transfers to other funds -					
Capital projects funds	127,715	-	127,715	127,715	-
	127,715	-	127,715	127,715	-
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 1,484,147	\$ 265	\$ 1,484,412	\$ 1,412,960	\$ 71,452

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TOWN OF STARKS, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,020	\$ 10,020
Due from other funds	112,484	336,287	21,953	470,724
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 112,484	\$ 336,287	\$ 31,973	\$ 480,744
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ 58,479	\$ -	\$ 39	\$ 58,518
TOTAL LIABILITIES	58,479	-	39	58,518
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	3,992	-	31,934	35,926
Committed	108,492	336,287	-	444,779
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned (deficit)	(58,479)	-	-	(58,479)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	54,005	336,287	31,934	422,226
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 112,484	\$ 336,287	\$ 31,973	\$ 480,744

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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, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 163,164	\$ 28,740	\$ -	\$ 191,904
Other	-	67,487	56	67,543
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>163,164</u>	<u>96,227</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>259,447</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	143,367	-	143,367
Other	187,549	-	34	187,583
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>187,549</u>	<u>143,367</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>330,950</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(24,385)	80,575	22	56,212
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED	<u>78,390</u>	<u>255,712</u>	<u>31,912</u>	<u>366,014</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 54,005</u>	<u>\$ 336,287</u>	<u>\$ 31,934</u>	<u>\$ 422,226</u>

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SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2022 Sheriff's Office Annual Report



Dale P. Lancaster
Sheriff

On January 1, 2023, I began my third term as your Sheriff. I want to thank everyone for your continued support. It is an honor to serve the residents of Somerset County. The Office of Sheriff oversees the operations of the County Jail, law enforcement, court security, and civil process. Somerset County is approximately 4,000 square miles. The County is comprised of 27 towns, 6 plantations, and 83 unorganized townships. This year, I continue to serve as President of the Maine Sheriff's Association. I continue my appointment to the Board of Directors for the New England State Police Information Network. I also sit on the newly formed Statewide County Corrections Professional Standards Council.

The U.S. Government has declared that Covid-19 is no longer a pandemic. We continue to work through the residual effects of the pandemic on a daily basis. This has been a challenging year hiring and retaining men and women to work as Deputies and Corrections Officers. In 2023, the Sheriff's Office is expecting to become MLEAP accredited, a State of Maine accreditation program that certifies our Agency is working from recognized policies and procedures governing best practices in law enforcement.

Law Enforcement

The Patrol division is comprised of 11 Patrol Deputies and 3 Sergeants. Through funding from the State of Maine, we have 2 Deputies dedicated to patrolling the unorganized townships. Presently, those positions are vacant, and we are searching for qualified candidates. The Patrol division is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Criminal 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 Criminal division. The Patrol division has 2 trained drug recognition experts. The Sheriff's Office has 2 canines, a canine assigned to each division.

The Sheriff's Office assigns 1 Deputy per shift to patrol the Town of Madison. We have a Secretary/Dispatcher assigned to Madison, and an SRO position that is currently not filled.

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office had 1 Deputy (Deputy Stacey Slate) graduate from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Throughout 2022, The Sheriff's Office Criminal Division investigated a large volume of illicit drug trafficking activities. The Sheriff's Office obtained and executed numerous drug search warrants, which subsequently led to the arrest and conviction of numerous people from Maine and out of State on various Federal and State level drug trafficking charges. Illegal drugs, in particular Fentanyl, continue to be a significant issue in Somerset County. The Criminal Division dedicates a large amount of time and resources to combat this problem. The Criminal Division investigated numerous serious felony level cases to include robberies, burglaries, thefts, scams, aggravated assaults, unattended deaths and sexual abuse cases. In 2022, the Crimes Against Persons Detective investigated 27 sex crimes. 17 of those cases involved child sexual abuse where forensic interviewing was utilized. Detective Jeremy Leal is a Children's Advocacy Center forensic interviewer. As a result of these investigations, and working with the District Attorney's Office prosecuting these cases, we were able to get substantial sentences in a number of child abuse cases. The Sheriff's Office Criminal Division tracks individuals who are required by law to register as sex offenders. 3 individuals were charged with Sex Offender Registration Notification Act violations.

Jail

The Somerset County Jail, when operating at full capacity, operates with 36 budgeted Correctional Officers, 8 Shift Supervisors, 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 15 years old. With the use of funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, we anticipate that the Jail bond will be paid off within 2 years. The County Jail is nationally accredited through the American Correctional Association and is operating under nationally accepted best practice standards. The



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County Jail is also PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) certified. In 2022, the Somerset County Jail had 1,057 total bookings, a 26% increase from 2021. We are 1 of only a couple Jails in the United States that are part of a pilot program distributing Sublocade to inmates who identify with an opioid use disorder. We continue to partner with Redington-Fairview General Hospital and their Pathways to Recovery opioid response implementation grant consortium. The Jail continues implementation of a new inmate telephone system and Jail management system through Securus. Inmates are now issued individual tablets as part of the Securus contract. Recruitment and hiring initiatives continue to be ongoing. Starting Corrections Officer wages were recently adjusted to \$20.23 per hour in an effort to be more competitive throughout the local economy. Presently, the Jail has 10 openings for Corrections Officers.

Civil Process

In 2022, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 1,912 papers to process and serve. That is a 12% increase from 2021.

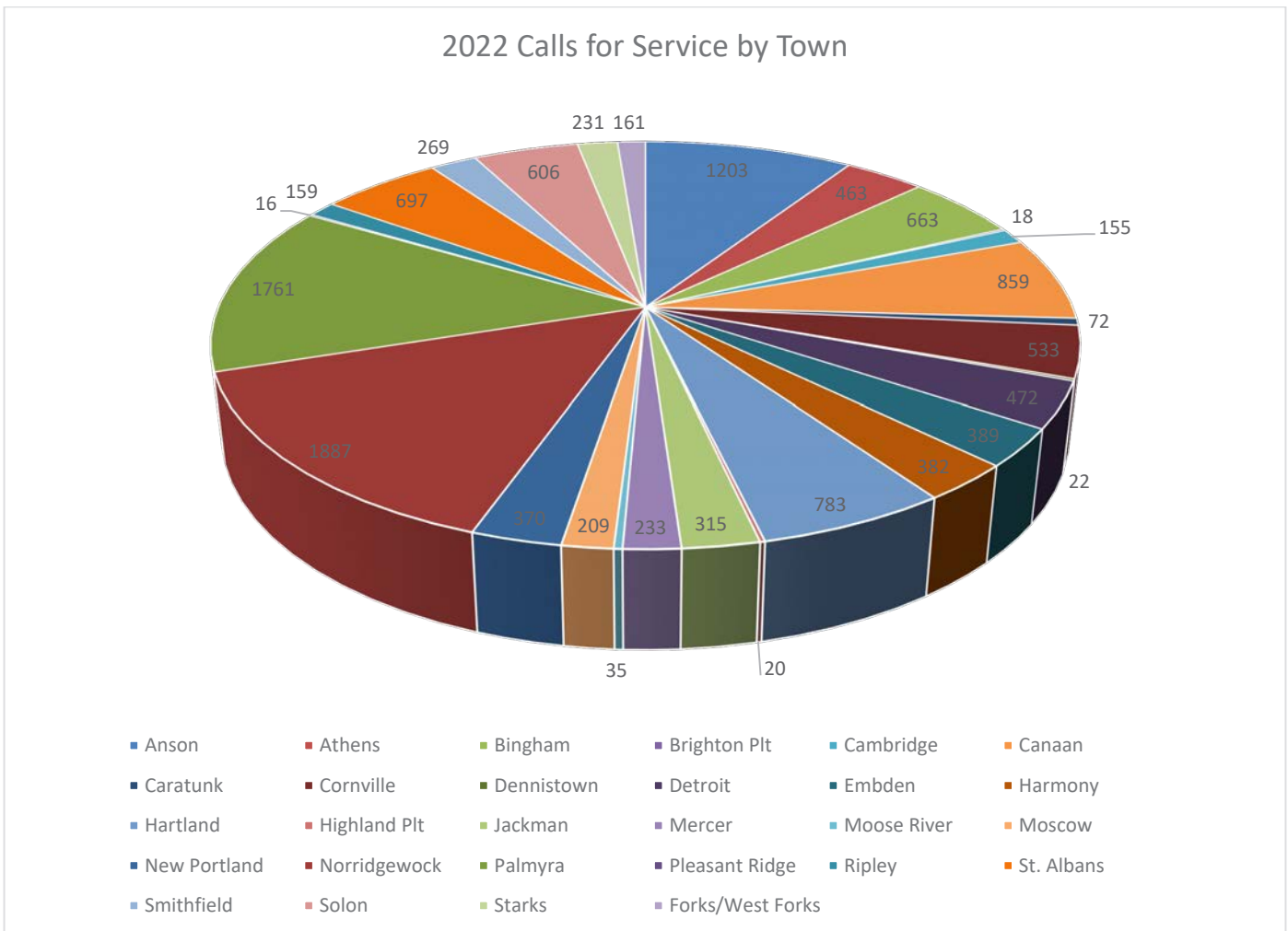
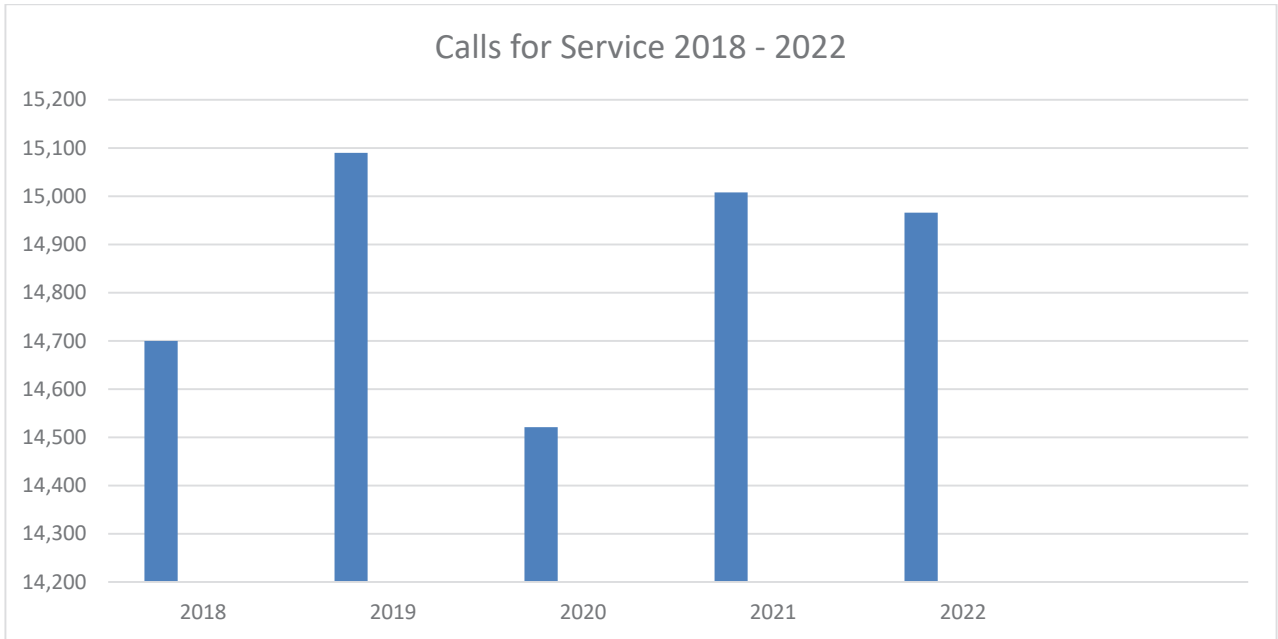
Calls for Service

- In 2022, the Sheriff's Office received 14,966 calls for service from our residents. This represents a 0.27% decrease from 2021.
- During 2022, the Sheriff's Office responded to 231 calls for service from the Town of Starks, which is a 2% increase from 2021. These calls included 32 motor vehicle accidents, 6 calls requesting citizen assistance, as well as calls for theft, criminal threatening, harassment, welfare checks, and other requests for police services.

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



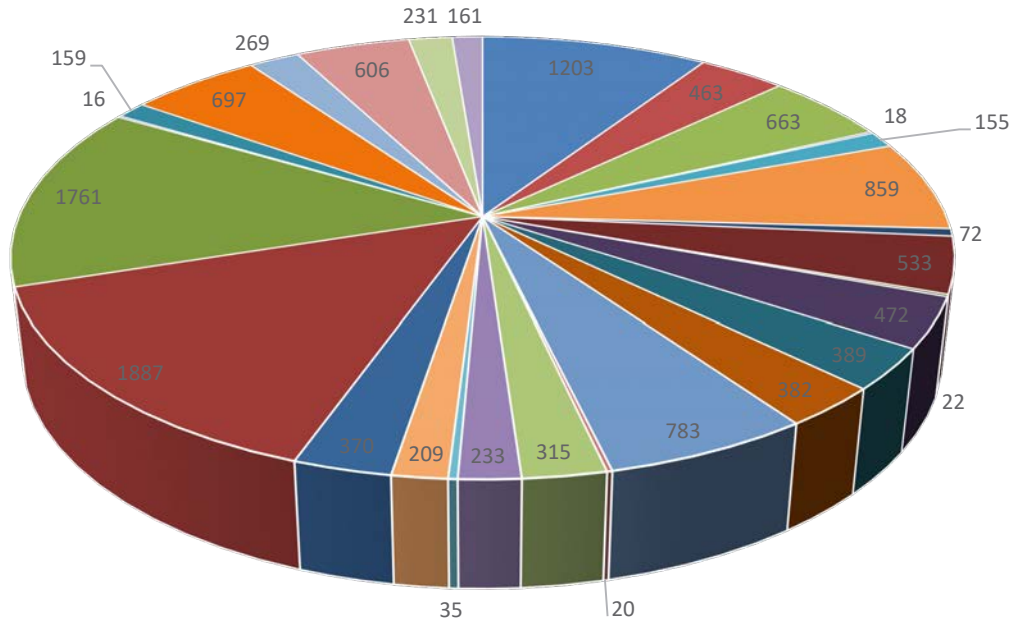
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2022 Calls for Service by Town



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

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COMMITTEES:
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON AGING

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate. I am grateful for the trust that Mainers have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments for our state.

Last year, I secured more than \$500 million for 285 projects from Aroostook County to York County that will promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; improve public safety, infrastructure, and community resources; and protect our environment. To address the crisis of soaring inflation and high energy prices, I led efforts to provide \$2 billion in supplemental funds to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. In the new Congress that begins in 2023, I expect to be the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and will continue to champion investments to support Maine's communities and families.

Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations that jeopardize our lobster fishery's very existence. Another ongoing threat to Maine's small businesses is the shortage of workers. That's why I led an effort to push the Administration to nearly double the number of H-2B visas that are critical to our hospitality industry. Additionally, when the Administration proposed to cut the construction of a destroyer to be built by Bath Iron Works, I restored this funding to protect Maine jobs and our national security.

When Maine Veterans' Homes announced last year that it planned to close its facilities in Caribou and Machias, I opposed that decision which would have had such a devastating effect on rural veterans and their families. I am glad that the decision was reversed, and I have secured \$3 million to help with upgrades to these facilities. My *AUTO for Vets Act* also became law, which will help disabled veterans maintain their independence by supporting the purchase of a new adaptive vehicle once a decade.

This past year, Congress demonstrated how effective it can be on behalf of the American people when both parties work together. A few of the bipartisan achievements that I was involved in include the *Respect for Marriage Act*, which will provide certainty to millions of loving couples in same-sex marriages while protecting religious liberties, and the *Electoral Count Reform Act*, which establishes clear guidelines for our system of certifying and counting electoral votes for President and Vice President.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have honored that work ethic by showing up for every vote. During my Senate service, I have cast more than 8,500 consecutive votes, never having missed one. I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2023. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2023

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RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear Friends,

I've often thought that Maine is just one big small town connected by long roads. Well, in the past year or two, those roads have gotten steeper and bumpier as we dealt with an unprecedented pandemic and the resulting economic troubles.

As we faced the historic challenges, something impressive happened. We came together and lent a hand to our neighbors wherever we could to keep things running and spirits high.

Down in Washington, Congress tried to help Maine communities get through this struggle, so that our state would come out stronger. To do that, we put in the work and set some things into motion that are already helping Maine people. That's why you hired us, after all.

The pandemic made something we'd known for a while clear: those roads and networks that connect our big town needed repair, improvements, and expansion – from bridges to broadband. So, while Maine was uniting towards a common purpose, Congress came together to pass the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* – legislation that makes generational investments in physical infrastructure, broadband connections, harbors, and the energy grid. These efforts will lay the foundation for Maine's 21st century economy and make sure even the most rural areas aren't left behind.

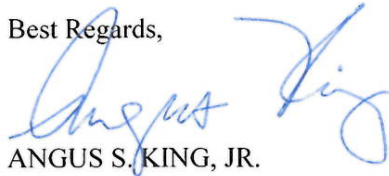
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed the *American Rescue Plan* in 2021, which enabled Governor Mills and the state of Maine to better meet the health and economic difficulties of the pandemic. At a critical moment it expanded healthcare efforts to confront COVID and invested in the state to keep the economy in far better shape than most others nationwide.

Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy. The bipartisan *CHIPS Act* will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones to microwaves to cars – and in doing so reduce prices and create good American jobs. We also passed the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* to lower healthcare costs, allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, and cut energy bills with new rebates for things like heat pumps and solar panels.

Beyond these major investments, we also passed vital legislation to improve the day-to-day lives of Maine people and Americans nationwide. On a bipartisan basis, we expanded health care for veterans exposed to toxins, strengthened protections for marriage equality, supported Ukraine as it fought off a bloody Russian invasion, secured our elections and the peaceful transfer of power, and delivered millions in federal investments to projects up and down our state.

So, as Maine worked to get through hard times, Congress took steps to support our state – and we're already starting to see brighter days ahead. I'm proud to have played a small part down here; it's a true privilege to listen to you, work with you, and build a brighter future for all the incredible people up and down the roads that connect our big small town. Mary and I wish you a happy, and safe 2023.

Best Regards,



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

Dear Friends,

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

In August, I voted for the *Inflation Reduction Act* because it represented a dramatic turnaround from misguided efforts to pass sweeping, ill-designed legislation that tried to accomplish too many things through budget gimmicks, setting up problematic fiscal cliffs in numerous programs and refusing to make the difficult decisions to allow for a fiscally responsible bill.

The *Inflation Reduction Act*, which was signed into law by the president, was fiscally responsible and targeted four key priorities: reducing our national debt and putting our country back on a more sustainable path, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, and making health care more affordable, investing in an all-of-the-above energy strategy to significantly increase oil, gas, and renewable energy production to lower energy costs for Americans, and cracking down on the tax avoidance of billion-dollar multinational corporations. This bill was the first major legislation in the last decade to use the reconciliation process to create a fiscally responsible budget to reduce deficits. The Congressional Budget Office estimated it would reduce deficits by approximately \$300 billion.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I also helped pass the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, which among other things, included key wins for Bath shipbuilders, UMaine, and servicemembers and their families. For shipbuilders, the bill secured authorization for a third DDG-51 destroyer; established a new contract for up to 15 DDG-51 destroyers over the next five years, many of which will be built at Bath Iron Works; and included funding for shipyard infrastructure. The bill also authorized over \$25 million for defense research programs, including UMaine's large-scale manufacturing program. Finally, the bill authorized a 4.6% pay increase to help servicemembers and their families deal with rising costs due to inflation.

Additionally, at the end of 2022, Congress passed a spending bill to fund the government through September of 2023. The bill funds nearly \$27 million in funding for community projects across the Second Congressional District, a lifeline for our lobster industry that freezes any regulatory action for at least six years, and secures millions in additional funding for the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help Mainers heat their homes.

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

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

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2023. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



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January 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your State Representative. Representing you is an honor and a privilege I take seriously. My focus has always been to keep constituents well informed of legislative matters and making myself available to address questions and concerns. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to make a difference in the community and I am looking forward to the new challenges that await in the 2023 legislative session.

In order to represent you in the best way possible, I need to hear your thoughts on the issues that are important to you. Please, do not hesitate to call anytime if you feel you need my assistance. I encourage you to monitor all legislative proposals being worked on at the State House by visiting the Legislature's website at www.legislature.maine.gov. From here, you can browse bill summaries, view our legislative session and public hearing schedules, listen to committee hearings or watch live streaming video of the House and Senate.

For the next two years, I will be serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. On this committee, we will discuss many issues regarding the Committee's jurisdiction over new legislation pertaining to Maine Criminal Codes; the Criminal Law Advisory Commission; the Department of Public Safety; Criminal Justice Academy; the Department of Corrections and the Maine Emergency Management Agency.

I will also be serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. On this committee, we will discuss many issues regarding the Committee's jurisdiction over new legislation pertaining to Banking; Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection; Office of Securities; Bureau of Insurance; Maine Health Data Organization; Affordable Care Act; State Employee Health Commission and the Maine Employers Mutual Insurance Company. These matters are crucial to our community and I hope to hear from you to discuss ways to improve our community.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. If you would like to be added to my email list to receive updates and important information on State programs and services, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request at Robert.Nutting@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Nutting
State Representative



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you, your family, and the communities of District 5 in the Maine Senate. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of our region and I can assure you that I will work tirelessly on your behalf.

This will be my third term in the Maine State Senate, previously serving all of Franklin County and some towns in Kennebec County. While my district has changed, as a result of redistricting, I know many of the important issues to those in rural Maine remain the same.

With a struggling economy and the cost of groceries, gas, home heating oil and electricity increasing, Maine families, seniors, and small businesses need relief from the high costs breaking our budgets. Addressing the policies that have created some of these high costs is a priority of mine in the coming session. In addition to addressing these costs, the 131st Legislature is tasked with passing a balanced budget by June 30, 2023. This will require careful review of current state spending and prioritizing our needs versus wants, just like Mainers do with their own budgets. As your State Senator, I will be working to find ways to lower taxes and rein in state spending so that you can keep more of your hard-earned money.

I hope during these difficult times we all come together as a community, and reach out to our neighbors in need. Check in with each other and reach out if you or someone you know is struggling. As always, I am eager to help with state-related issues.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 131st 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 Russell.Black@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Russell Black
State Senator

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Town Office Hours

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



Selectmen Meetings

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

2022-2023 Dates to Remember:

- November 30** - Last day to make 2022 Tax Payments without incurring interest. (Will accept postmarked date)
- November 30** - Nomination Papers will be available for the 2023 Town Election of Officers. 2023 Elections include **Selectman, Assessor, Treasurer** (3 year terms)
- December 1** - May start purchasing 2023 Hunting/Fishing Licenses and 2022-23 Snowmobile Registrations.
- December 1** - Initial applications for the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens are due.
- January 11** - Last day to submit completed Nomination Papers for the 2023 Town Election.
- January 17** - Liens for 2020 Taxes will expire and Board of Selectmen will begin foreclosure process
- January 31** - Last day for Dog Licensing without incurring a \$25 late fee. (Bring current rabies and neuter/spay certificate)
- March 10** - Annual Town Meeting opens - voting by Australian "Secret" Ballot from 12 pm - 8 pm.
- March 11** - Annual Town Business Meeting begins at 9 am.
- April 1** - Notifications for Homestead Exemptions, Veterans Exemptions and Tree Growth Applications due to Board of Assessors.
- April 6** - Board of Assessors begins annual site visits to properties.
- June 16** - Projected date for 30 day notice to be mailed for 2022

Town Office Closed

Oct 10 - Indigenous Peoples Day
Dec 26 - Christmas
Jan 2, 2023 - New Year's
Jan 16 - ML King Day
Feb 20 - Presidents Day
May 29 - Memorial Day
June 19 - Juneteenth
Sept 4 - Labor Day

Pay Online - Fees Apply
www.starksme.com

Reminder: If you pay your tax bill after **November 30, 2022** interest will have started. **Call for a payoff amount** - or risk leaving a small balance on your account!

New Code Enforcement Officer
Terianne LaMontagne
207-716-6845

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

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Pay Property Taxes * Re-register Vehicles at Rapid Renewal* Renew Dog Licenses * Tax Maps and Commitment Books * Ordinance Information * Town Reports * Re-register Boats/ATVs *

NEW PROPERTY TAX STABILIZATION PROGRAM!



The new State program allows certain senior-citizen residents to stabilize or freeze their property taxes. To qualify you must meet the following guidelines as of April 1, 2023

- at least 65 years old and Maine resident
- have a Homestead Exemption for at least 10 years
- Submit completed application yearly by December 1

Applications are available at the Town Office or on our website
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