



Town of Oakland, Maine 2021 Annual Report



Cover

This year's Town Report cover contains photos from Oakland Rec. Department's "Trunk-Or-Treat" event. This event offers a fun and safe alternative to door to door Trick-Or Treating. A group of families reserved space to hand out candy from their decorated vehicles. Costumed children and families flooded the Messalonskee High School parking lot to Trick-Or-Treat this past fall. In addition to collecting candy, many enter the costume contest, with prizes given for multiple categories.

The fall event brought over 350 children! This was the first time the event was held since 2018. We are excited to continue the event next year and make it even better!

2021 Oakland Town Report Dedication



It is with great pleasure we dedicate the annual Town Report to four recently retired municipal employees. If the strength of a community can be measured in the quality of its citizens and the loyalty of its municipal service providers, then the Town of Oakland remains unsurpassed.

Please join us in congratulating: Virginia Joseph, 36 years Assessing, Kathy Gray, 35 years Police Dept., Wayne Knox, 27 years Public Works, and Roland Cote, 15 years, Public Works. For **113** years of collective service and commitment and for each individually doing its part to make Oakland the community it is, we say **THANK YOU**.

Enjoy your retirement Ginny, Kathy, Wayne, and Roland and don't be strangers!

Thank You!

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**TOWN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL
TOWN COUNCIL**

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Michael Perkins, Chairman | Term Expires December 2022 |
| David Groder | Term Expires December 2022 |
| Robert Nutting | Term Expires December 2023 |
| Dana Wrigley, Vice Chairman | Term Expires December 2024 |
| Donald Borman | Term Expires December 2024 |

TOWN CLERK

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|---------------|----------------------------|
| Janice Porter | Term Expires December 2024 |
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ASSESSOR

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| Nichole Stenberg | Term Expires December 31, 2025 |
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APPOINTED PERSONNEL

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|---|------------------------------------|
| Town Manager/Treasurer/Tax Collector and Road Commissioner | Ella Bowman |
| Dep Town Manager/Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters/ G.A. Director | Janice Porter |
| Dep Town Clerk/Dep Registrar Dep G.A. Director | Kathleen Paradis |
| Fire Chief | David Coughlin |
| Police Chief | Michael Tracy |
| Librarian | Sarah Roy |
| Buildings & Grounds Supervisor | A.J. Cain |
| Municipal Agent | Christine Nutting |
| Code Enforcement/Plumbing Inspector | David Savage |
| Health Officer | David Coughlin & Anthony Thibodeau |
| Recreation Director | Eric Seekins |
| Public Works Director | Jeffrey Hall |
| Transfer Station Manager | Dylan Clark |
| Finance Director | Kelly Pinney-Michaud |
| Oakland Environmental Services | Boyd Snowden |

PLANNING BOARD

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| David Roy, Alternate # 1 | Term Expires June 2024 |
| Mark Stevens, Jr. Alternate # 2 | Term Expires June 2024 |
| Shawn Stevens | Term Expires June 2023 |
| Jamie Phair | Term Expires June 2023 |
| Daniel Duperry, Chairperson | Term Expires June 2022 |
| Everett Rossignol | Term Expires June 2022 |
| Robert Knowlton | Term Expires June 2022 |

APPEALS BOARD

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Dabney Lewis, Alternate # 1 | Term Expires June 2024 |
| Vacancy, Alternate # 2 | Term Expires June 2024 |
| Edward Cornwall | Term Expires June 2023 |
| Gary Bennett, Chairperson | Term Expires June 2023 |
| Richard Jurdak | Term Expires June 2023 |
| Angela Jurdak | Term Expires June 2022 |
| Patrick Linehan | Term Expires June 2022 |

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Jane Sturk, Chairperson | Term Expires June 2024 |
| Julie Kern | Term Expires June 2023 |
| Alan Breton, Alternate # 1 | Term Expires June 2023 |
| Tyler Backus, Alternate # 2 | Term Expires June 2022 |
| Sylvia Jadczyk | Term Expires June 2022 |

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 18 MEMBERS

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| *Laura Tracy | Term Expires June 2025 |
| Charles "Rick" Stubbart | Term Expires June 2024 |
| Michael Tracy | Term Expires June 2023 |

*Newly elected term commences on 07/01/2022 expiring 06/30/2025

BUDGET AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Michael Rossignol, Chairperson | Term Expires December 2025 |
| Angela Jurdak | Term Expires December 2025 |
| Daniel Eccher | Term Expires December 2025 |
| Richard MacKenzie | Term Expires December 2024 |
| Justin Richard | Term Expires December 2024 |
| Kelly Roderick | Term Expires December 2024 |
| Donna Griffin | Term Expires December 2023 |
| Donna Doucette | Term Expires December 2023 |
| Max Marston | Term Expires December 2023 |
| Harold Buzzell, Vice Chairman | Term Expires December 2022 |
| Donald Ponitz | Term Expires December 2022 |
| Nathan Bernier | Term Expires December 2022 |

LIBRARY BOARD COMMITTEE

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| Marilyn Stevens | Term Expires June 2024 |
| Bert Brewster | Term Expires June 2024 |
| Linda Holmsen | Term Expires June 2024 |
| Jeanne Foster | Term Expires June 2023 |
| Stephanie Cheevers | Term Expires June 2023 |
| Peter Godfrey | Term Expires June 2023 |
| Mary Glennon | Term Expires June 2022 |
| Patricia Stevens | Term Expires June 2022 |

OAKLAND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

| | |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Jayne Roberge | Ashley Violette |
| Alexandra Fabian | Dr. Rebecca Berry |
| Claritza Hurdle | Danielle Marquis |
| Ella Bowman | Nicole Goodheart |
| Melissa Hurley | Lydia Stevens |
| Patrick Linehan | Kelly Pinney-Michaud |

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Boyd Snowden, Chairperson
Kelly Pinney-Michaud
Ella Bowman, ex-officio
Janice Porter
David Groder
Shawn O'Leary

Richard MacKenzie
Ned Hammond
Jon Cox
Donald Borman
Eric Seekins

OAKFEST COMMITTEE

Kathy Paradis, Chairperson
Max Marston, Secretary
Monica Charette, Media Relations
Gary Bennett
Mary Faucher
Abby Marshall

Patrick Faucher
Holly MacKenzie
Ashley Violette
Ryan Sucey, ex-officio
Ella Bowman, ex-officio

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Leadership:

Dr. Mark Sutherland
Terry Borman
Diane Engert

Stephanie Cheevers
Jean Ponitz
Laura Pierce

Volunteers:

Eileen Bolstad
Donna Doucette
Dr. Meg Griffin
Cheryl Godfrey
Linda Holmsen
Carolyn McCaughey
Dr. Katie Meikle
June Ponitz
Cindy Potter

Jenny Proctor
Debbie Puffer
Kelly Roderick
Amber Starke
Jeannie Shinay
Debbie Smith
Jill Twist
April Wood
Bev Yoon

Alternate Volunteers:

Charlotte Melnichok
Jenny Barry
Jane Boucher

REFERENCE NUMBERS

Oakland Town Office

| | |
|---|----------|
| Telephone..... | 465-7357 |
| Fax..... | 465-9118 |
| Code Enforcement Office/Plumbing Inspector..... | 465-2842 |
| Assessor's Office..... | 465-2750 |
| Public Work's Garage..... | 465-2408 |
| Treatment Plant..... | 465-7198 |
| Public Library..... | 465-7533 |
| Fax..... | 465-9954 |
| Transfer Station..... | 465-4732 |
| Police Station (Non Emergency)..... | 465-2202 |
| Animal Control Officer..... | 465-2202 |
| Sexton's Garage..... | 465-9117 |
| Fire Station..... | 465-2631 |
| | |
| Superintendent's Office..... | 465-7384 |
| Bus Garage..... | 465-2102 |
| Messalonskee High School..... | 465-7381 |
| Messalonskee Middle School..... | 465-2167 |
| Williams Elementary School..... | 465-2965 |
| Atwood/Tapley School..... | 465-3411 |

Oakland's Web Page

www.oaklandmaine.us

Oakland's E-Mail Address

ebowman@oaklandmaine.us

Oakland's Facebook Page

Town of Oakland

The following websites provide an opportunity to purchase licenses, registrations and to request an absentee ballot for state elections:

<https://www10.informe.org/bmv/vanity/>

<https://www.informe.org/bmv/rapid-renewal/>

<https://www.maine.gov/online/trailerrenewal/>

<https://www5.informe.org/online/boat/>

<https://www10.informe.org/ifw/atv-snow/>

<https://www.doglicensing.com>

<https://www.informe.org/moses/>

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/absent.html>

BURN PERMITS

Maine law requires that burn permits are issued for all outdoor fires. Fire permits are issued on fire danger Class 1 and 2 days determined by the Maine Forest Service from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm at the fire station. Permits may also be obtained online from the State of Maine at <https://www1.maine.gov/burningpermits/>

EMERGENCY NUMBER

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Oakland Fire Department..... | 911 |
| Oakland Rescue..... | 911 |
| Oakland Police Department..... | 911 |

OAKLAND POST OFFICE

Oakland Postmaster – Rollin Noyes 465-2404

TOWN OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday thru Friday - 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month 6:00 p.m.,
in the Atlantic Room at the Fire Station

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

As needed, the Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the
Atlantic Room at the Fire Station

**TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER
HOURS OF OPERATION**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed Monday, Tuesday and Holidays

PUBLIC LIBRARY

E-Mail Address: staff@oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org
Website: oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org

Tuesday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm and
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

SPECTRUM

1-800-833-2253 Website: www.spectrum.com

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

To my Fellow Oakland Citizens:

The Town Council wishes to thank you for your continued support. The Council and Town Manager Ella Bowman have worked diligently to keep your mil rate low this year. I would like to thank all my fellow council members Donald Borman, David Groder, Robert Nutting, and Dana Wrigley for their fiscally conservative oversight regarding this upcoming budget.

We are excited to see a steady recovery now that the pandemic appears to be slowing. OakFest and the Summer Music Series is sure to bring normalcy back to our lives in our cherished town.

I would like to thank all the town employees for their hard work and dedication during this time in keeping our town moving forward. Town Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions at 207-716-6968.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Perkins
Council Chairman

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

BUDGET SEASON 2022-2023

To the Oakland Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

As Town Manager for the Town of Oakland, it is my pleasure to present the 2022-2023 budget proposals to the citizens of Oakland for discussion and hopefully your support. This document contains our collective efforts to deliver a fiscally responsible budget while addressing the needs of a growing full-service town such as Oakland.

2021 in Review

Even though the pandemic persisted throughout 2021, we were better equipped to navigate it than the prior year. We learned from the year before and adjusted how we conducted business. Most of our municipal employees not only chose to vaccinate, but several in multiple departments received their booster shot as well. Several staff members and families came down with Covid throughout the past year. When this happens, it causes overtime pay scenarios or just plain people shortages in departments. Business was starting to return to normal and Covid infections appeared to be slowing. But we soon learned that last summer was just a pause. We quickly returned to the thick of it with new variants causing more sickness and lost time at work. It appears that we may finally be on the back side of the pandemic as I type this.

Oakfest

Oakfest was again postponed due to people not wanting to meet due to the pandemic. We were also faced with the uncertainties of Covid and did not want an event that was not well attended. Due to this, we elected to hold off until the summer of 2022.

Our Oakfest committee is now meeting, and we are planning for a full summer event.

Music Series

The Music Series started a little later in the season than normal due to late changes regarding event attendance authorized by the Governor's Office. By the time we found that we could operate with normal attendance, we had booked smaller one to three-piece bands. We managed to schedule eight concerts that were reasonably attended. We're hoping to plan for a normal season for the summer of 2022.

Facilities Committee

This past year felt like a letdown to our facilities committee. This group of men and women worked together over the past five years designing and overseeing the construction of new Police and Fire Stations. Both projects came in under time and under budget. The two new facilities were built to take Oakland into the foreseeable future and did not raise our property taxes. This was a win for our community. We managed to gain substantial public support to build two municipal buildings that will be there for the next generation of Oaklanders.

Last year we designed a new Town Office. We could have built this building without raising taxes if the estimates came in at \$2.1M or below, but due to price increases related to the pandemic, the estimated construction cost came back at \$3.56M. Given the higher price tag, the committee recommended to the Oakland Council that we wait to see what future pricing brings after the

pandemic has run its course. The Council agreed and the project did not go in front of the public for a vote last November. I feel this was a wise decision and am thankful for all the dedication that this committee provided the taxpayers of Oakland.

Flower Committee

I'd like to write a few words of thanks and appreciation to Jean Ponitz. Jean has officially retired from the leadership of the Oakland Flower Committee. Her drive to beautify the Oakland Downtown with flowers and bright colors not only worked, but gained appreciation from our citizens, businesses, and those passing through. Jean's vision resulted in a program that must carry on. Jean and her team, a citizen-initiated group of men and women, have been passionately planting flowers around Oakland for the past 8 years. They have quite literally planted the seeds of growth. As their flowers grew, so did the popularity of Oakland. People moved here, many building new houses, our citizens supported the construction of new facilities, our public supported two new parks, Oakfest, and a new community gazebo that became the home of a summer music series held on the shores of Messalonskee Lake.

Their work has contributed to creating a community that is both attractive and desired by many. The planted seeds resulted in local pride and sense of place among our citizens. This group has by far, been one of Oakland's most recognized and appreciated committees. I'm proud to see such beautiful results from such a dedicated group.

Jean Ponitz, thank you!

What are we planning for 2022?

American Rescue Plan Act (A.R.P.A.)

As most of you are aware, Cities, Towns, and Counties around the Country have received Federal dollars to be used for very specific projects to help stimulate the economy and mitigate issues that may have been generated by the pandemic.

The Oakland Council voted 5-0 to use the \$666,000 ARPA funding that Oakland received to help repair our aging and broken sewer infrastructure. Much of Oakland's system was built in the early 1900's and is made of clay pipe. Over the years, this pipe has broken, and clean water is entering our system to the point where 62% of the material that we are sending to Waterville for treatment is clean water. This equates to approximately 70 million gallons of clean water every year. Not only is this costing our rate payers money, but it wears out our pumps twice as fast. You will be asked at the Town Meeting to vote and support these funds to repair the above-mentioned project.

This project will be led by the Town's Municipal Engineer Boyd Snowden. Boyd has identified two areas in Town that need immediate attention, lower Oak Street, and lower South Alpine Street. With your support, we hope to begin this project within a year.

Memorial Hall

A group of citizens have come together and formed the Memorial Hall Committee. This committee is looking for ways to preserve and repurpose Oakland's most historic public building.

Memorial Hall was built in 1874 as a civil war monument. One of three civil war monuments built in the State of Maine as a building. This building has housed the West Waterville Savings Bank, the Oakland Post Office, the Town Office, a temporary Catholic Church, Public Library, an

alternative education program, a dance studio, and many plays, weddings, public events, town meetings, dances, and other performances over its 150-year history.

The Memorial Hall Vision Statement:

“Our vision is to reestablish this beautiful historic civil war monument as a valuable reminder of Oakland’s past and provide a special facility for community use.”

Budget Highlights

As with past years, our struggle continues with keeping up with market wages in the area. Municipal work is not glamorous work and has always had a reputation for low wages compared to public sector jobs. Some municipal jobs such as assessing, and code enforcement can be extraordinarily difficult. The job complexities combined with the lack of job glamor contributes to the low numbers of people who would be good candidates. Most career hunters look to private sector professions. The other real issue that we are all experiencing is the rising costs of everything that we buy. Gas, oil, equipment, sand and salt, and people power have all skyrocketed in price. These higher costs have directly impacted the budget that I’m presenting you.

The Northeast CPI came in at 5.3% this year. The Council has agreed to pass a 4% COLA onto our employees. Many Maine towns have passed on the full CPI amount to their employees, but due to Oakland giving a 3% COLA last year which was above the 2.1% CPI, I felt this was a fair amount. **A 4% COLA equates to \$64,196 in this budget.**

Council has agreed to continue to move our employees to market pay. This helps with the prevention of employee “hijacking” by other municipalities. Municipalities have become desperate for staff that we have all had to practice this type of behavior. The staff who are impacted by this year’s increase were not addressed over the last few years. They include our Code Enforcement Officer, Assessor, Buildings and Grounds Director, Deputy Police Chief, Deputy Town Manager, Parks and Recreation Director, Deputy Town Clerk, Parks and Rec Assistant, and a Heavy Equipment Operator. **Total market adjustments equate to \$37,260.**

Fire/Rescue Department

-Due to an ongoing shortage of part-time fire/rescue personnel coupled with rising wages around the State, we are asking for your support to increase this wage area from \$17.50/hour to \$20/hour. This pay is still slightly lower than what some of our neighbors are paying. **This added about \$9,000 to this budget line.**

Warrant Article

- Late last summer, the Oakland Council authorized the assembly of a labor study committee tasked with analyzing the Fire Department’s current part-time staffing vs moving to full-time staffing. After reviewing years of data, talking with three other Fire Chiefs who have made this move, and asking many questions, the committee found that due to increasing call volumes, primarily due to growth, and fewer people willing or able to work part-time, that it’s time for Oakland to move to a full-time staffing model. We feel that for the Oakland Fire/Rescue to continue to offer the services that our citizens have come to expect, we don’t have a choice but to move in this direction. This is a Statewide problem, not just Oakland’s problem.

The plan calls for hiring 4 full-time employees with benefits and gear. **The cost of this plan is \$469,000.**

Police Department

-Police Officers are leaving law-enforcement around the country due to perception and negative publicity. The State of Maine is no different. The average pay around the State has skyrocketed with regional salaries at \$30/hour and higher. This is primarily due to supply and demand.

The labor, overtime, and benefit lines for the Police Department budget has collectively increased by nearly \$107,000 due to contracted salaries.

Administration

-Overall, the administration budget increased by 2.2 %. Salary increases were offset by a decrease in benefits. **Computer maintenance increased by \$6,000** due to a new contract with added services and protection.

Assessing

-This year the assessing department is asking for **\$6000 to hire an assessing contractor** to assist during the tax season. This will help with gathering the necessary field data used during the season just before commitment is due. The assessing department is also replacing a computer.

Transfer Station

-The transfer station is requesting to increase the equipment **maintenance line by \$10,000**. This line item has been overdrawn for the last two years. Aging equipment is primarily the reason. They are also requesting an **additional \$3000 for equipment purchases** to replace recycling bins and various tools.

Public Works Department

-Due to the cost increases of salt and sand, this line item has been **increased by about \$16,000**. We are placing approximately \$300,000 in paving, \$25,000 in misc. road expenses, and \$50,000 in special projects for a **total of \$370,000 to be spent on road work**.

Property Maintenance Department

-Over the past couple of years, it has been nearly impossible to hire part time staff for mowing and summer work.

This department is growing due to added building maintenance, mowing responsibilities, and additional cemetery work due to losing the funeral home oversight. They are also losing a full-time position due to retirement within a year.

Due to a serious medical condition with one of the fulltime staff members, the Council authorized hiring a temporary fulltime employee for that department last fall. This allowed the team to stay afloat with the workload. We are asking to make this temporary full-time position a permanent full-time position. This will off-set the need for as many part-time seasonal people.

As mentioned before, the flower committee chairperson has retired. The flowers around town have become an important part of our downtown. We feel that it is critical at this point to maintain these flowers. One of the discussions was to hire a semi-retired person who are skilled with flowers and could assist with watering tasks when needed. This person would be responsible for ordering

flowers, fertilizer, mulch, and other needed items that Jean has historically been handling. This position would also work with the remaining flower committee people and assist them as needed. This person could also assist the property maintenance department when not working downtown. The weekly hours would depend on the person. I would suspect anywhere from 20 -30 hours/week. This position would start in the spring and end in the fall. Pay would be somewhere around \$18.50/hour and not provide any benefits. We have place around **\$11,000 dollars in the budget for this position.**

Parks and Recreation Department

-The only substantial change in the Recreation Department is **adding \$7370 to a budget line for resurfacing the tennis courts.** The total cost for this project is \$14,740. The plan is to add the remaining half in next year's budget.

Code Enforcement Department

-Our Code Officer Dave Savage has been very busy this past season. He has permitted over \$10MM in new development in Oakland. 22 new homes and several additions. This could possibly be a new record for Oakland. Dave is predicting next year to be just as robust as last year. The town's property maintenance ordinance has been tough to enforce over the past couple of years due our courts taking very limited cases due to Covid. We know that neighbors who live next to some of these properties get frustrated, but ordinance violations are simply civil cases. If we are not able to convince the violator to come into voluntary compliance, the case goes to court and a Judge must be involved with the enforcement effort.

With a combined overlay and new property taxes, we will be reducing our property taxes by \$211,371. Or, if you vote to support the Warrant Article for moving to a full-time Fire Department with a total cost of \$469,000, we will realize a .4 of a mil increase. Moving Oakland from 16.4 mils to 16.8 mils. .4 mil equals \$100/year, or a \$1.92/week tax increase on a \$200,000 home in Oakland.

Oakland continues to offer the lowest tax mil rated for any full-service town within our area and beyond. This is not only due to the important work by our Council and Budget Advisory Committee but is also due to our staff and their dedication to this town that they hold dear to their hearts.

I wish to thank the Honorable Town Council for their continued vision, guidance, and support over the past year. I wish to thank our department heads and their staff for the hard work and drive that continues to get the job done. And I wish to thank you, the citizens of Oakland, for your trust and support of your municipal government over the past year. We are only as good as those around us.

Respectfully yours,

Ella Mik'aella Bowman
Town Manager, Oakland Maine

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT CONTACTS

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|-----------------------------|--|--------------|
| Governor Janet T. Mills | 1 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333 | 207-287-3531 |
| Senator Susan M. Collins | 413 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510 | 202-224-2523 |
| Senator Angus S. King, Jr. | 133 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 | 202-224-5344 |
| Congressman Jared Golden | 1222 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 | 202-225-6306 |
| Senator Matthew Pouliot | 3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04330 | 207-287-1505 |
| Rep. Michael Perkins | 93 Willey Point Road Oakland, ME 04963 | 207-716-6968 |
| Rep. Colleen Madigan | 13 Gilman Street Waterville, ME 04903 | 207-692-7143 |
| Sheriff Ken Mason | 125 State Street # 1 Augusta, ME 04330 | 207-623-3614 |
| Dist. Atty. Maeghan Maloney | 95 State Street Augusta, ME 04330 | 207-623-1156 |



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

2021 was another active year from the towns Code Enforcement Office. This year the town has seen average growth in development both residentially and commercially. The town ordinances and citizen staffed Planning Board have been critical in directing and assisting this development in the best manner possible with the goal of maintaining necessary regulatory compliance and character of the town, while keeping pace with the new housing and business demands that wish to expand or relocate in town.

This year the following permits have been issued,

- 22 New Homes
- 15 Additions
- 24 New garages
- 5 Mobile homes
- 11 Other (camp, decks, tower upgrades etc.)
- 22 Internal Plumbing or connection permits
- 24 Septic Systems or system repairs
- 2 Commercial Projects

There have been several complaints filed and investigated about illegal dumping of trash and debris on public and private property. Please make sure your trash and debris make it to the appropriate places. Also, there have been numerous complaints investigated concerning junk and junk yards throughout the town. These complaints have been slow to resolve as the district court schedule has seen many changes due to Covid 19. As the schedule gets back to “normal” these issues will start to move forward again.

There is a new law that went into effect on January 1, 2022. This law requires businesses and multi-family homes to install gas detectors in each room that contains a propane or natural gas appliance. The gas detectors can be, battery operated, plug in, or hard wired into the building electric system. If you have any questions, please call the town office or the fire department.

Building and plumbing permits are required for most work. If you are unsure if a permit is needed, call the Town Office at 465-2842, the staff will be happy to assist you with your projects.

Respectfully submitted,

David Savage
Code Enforcement Officer



PLANNING BOARD REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

2021 was an average year of activity for the Planning Board. The board spent time reviewing several commercial solar arrays. One of them is under construction on Fairfield Street. There are also a few smaller projects that have required planning board review, including 2 subdivisions and a day care facility.

The board has spent time reviewing and updating ordinances and continue to review all the ordinances to make sure they provide clear instruction, and direction for the user.

The Planning Board is critical in directing and assisting with development in the best manner possible for the Town of Oakland.

The Planning Board is scheduled to meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M. as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Duperry
Planning Board Chairman

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this report to all of you again this year. However, by the time you read this Report, I will have retired after 35 years with the Town of Oakland.

My journey with the Town started on December 22, 1986, in the Tax Collecting Department. I then moved upstairs to Assessing where I have been for 30 years. My last day of work was March 31st. My replacement has been named and I am happy to announce that Nicole Stenberg will take my place. Nicole has great credentials, and I am sure she will serve Oakland well.

Real estate market has exploded. Every type of property is selling at phenomenally high prices but even with high selling prices, properties continue to sell, split, or otherwise change hands. Foreclosures seem to have slowed down a bit. Homeowners continue to refinance their mortgages. New construction and improvements are continuing to increase. The housing market is a sellers' market at this time as inventories of homes for sale are almost non-existent.

One Tree Growth and two Farmland parcels have been withdrawn and all have been assessed penalties for those withdrawals. There have not been any new Tree Growth, Farmland or Open Space applications.

The Homestead Exemption is in its twenty-third year of implementation and continues to provide direct relief to property taxpayers. While the State of Maine provides funding at 73% for the program, it is implemented through the Assessing Office. This year, seventeen hundred twenty-seven (1,727) households took advantage of the Homestead Exemption. If you received a \$25,000 Homestead Exemption, your tax bill was reduced by \$410.00. Another application for the Homestead Exemption is not needed for next year unless there has been a change in your residency, you did not apply last year, or you are a new Oakland homeowner. Just a reminder that persons owning mobile homes in a park **are** eligible to apply for the Homestead Exemption and **should** apply. Fill out an application to see if you qualify.

The Town of Oakland currently has 142 veterans and/or veteran widows. The saving this year is \$98.40 per qualified veteran. There is one person determined to be legally blind, this exemption reduces that taxpayer's property valuation by \$4,000, thus saving another \$65.60.

Any taxpayer who owns a business may be eligible for Maine's Business Equipment Tax Exemption Program (BETE) on eligible personal property placed into service after April 1, 2008. This program is to encourage new capital investment in Maine by exempting eligible business equipment by owners who invest in new equipment. Eligible equipment **MUST** be applied for each year. Meaning each item you are requesting an exemption for must be listed on the BETE Application. Putting "same as last year" on your BETE return **does not** satisfy Maine Revenue Services requirement for the exemption. The State of Maine will reimburse the Town 50% of taxes lost for 2021–2022. The BETR program remains in place for qualified property placed in service after April 1, 1995 and on or before April 1, 2007 and for retail property placed in service *after* April 1, 1995.

As of this writing, six (6) abatements have been issued amounting to \$1,571.24 and five (5) Supplemental Assessments in the amount of \$5,202.14. The Board of Assessment Review met once for an assessment appeal.

In 2019, the Maine Legislature approved a new property tax exemption for solar and wind energy called the Renewable Energy Equipment Exemption. To qualify, all the energy generated must be used on the site where the equipment is located or transmitted through the facilities of a transmission and distribution utility, for which utility customers receive a utility bill credit. An application to the local Assessor must be filed on or before April 1st of the first property tax year for which the exemption is claimed. This exemption is reimbursable to the Town at a rate of 50% of the tax revenue lost.

Should a street number be needed for a new residence or business, the Street Addressing Officer has the responsibility of assigning that number. All changes or additions to the E911 data base are immediately sent to the police and fire departments, the post office and MeOGIS.

Important: Please note, that all house/business numbers assigned shall be displayed and maintained on the structure or at the end of the driveway or right of way. The numbers are to be at least 3” in height, on reflective material, and plainly visible during all seasons.

The address will then be used in conjunction with the Enhanced 911 service which links each telephone number to a physical address easily located by emergency responders. The Post Office, utilities, delivery services and others will use the new address for more effective service.

I am happy to report that all the property record cards in this office are now on our web site and ready for public viewing. Feedback has been positive. When a program is new there are always glitches. If you have tried to download a property record card and the link did not work, please either call the office or send an email and leave a message for Christine. CGIS has been very good at getting problems solved quickly.

Please note that all Assessing and Enhanced 911 records are public information. If you have any questions or concerns regarding valuations, exemptions, land transfers, street numbers, etc., please do not hesitate to contact this office. The entire Commitment Book, Map and Lot Listing, Valuation Reports, Property Record Cards, Tax Bills (current and past), E911 Addresses by Name and Street and Tax Maps are online. The program is user friendly. To view the complete listing, log on at www.oaklandmaine.us. Click on the link to the Assessing Department to find the list.

The Assessing office continues to send a “Welcome Letter” to all new residents. The informational packet includes an Application for Homestead Exemption, reference telephone numbers and meeting schedules for the various Town departments, including recycling information from the Transfer Station, a notice about property taxes for buyers & sellers, and a Homeowners Guide to Property Tax. With the increasing cost of postage, we will start providing the Welcome Packet on our website. Please check to see what tax relief you may be eligible for and what is new and improved in the Town of Oakland and in the Assessor’s Office.

My sincere thank you to the Town Council, Town Manager, Department Heads and staff for all your support and cooperation over the past two years in my role as Assessor. It has been greatly appreciated.

Christine, a special thank you to you for all your help in the Assessor's Office, for starting to learn a new language called Assessing and for being my co-pilot during property inspections. Good luck in your pursuit of earning your CMA.

I wish you, Nicole, the best of luck on your new adventure as Assessor for Oakland. I leave knowing the Town will be in good hands.

It has been my pleasure to have served Oakland in all my capacities for the last 35 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia H. Joseph, C.M.A.
Assessor



Ginny~



~ The Town Office Staff

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ~ VITAL RECORDS

2021 BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES

Births 50 Marriages 57

DEATHS IN MEMORY OF

| Decedent Name | Age | Date of Death | Decedent Name | Age | Date of Death |
|-------------------------|-----|---------------|-----------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Albair,Ronald L. | 65 | 03/29/2021 | Lizotte,Constance A. | 81 | 09/25/2021 |
| Anderson,Joseph William | 62 | 11/03/2021 | Malloy,Karson Adams Michael | 1 | 11/02/2021 |
| Andrews,Wayne Gary II | 59 | 12/06/2021 | Morton,William Frank | 83 | 02/08/2021 |
| Belanger,Denise M. | 83 | 07/12/2021 | Paradis,Timothy James | 52 | 10/07/2021 |
| Bell,Paulette Elaine | 75 | 03/06/2021 | Parker,Katilyn | 39 | 10/21/2021 |
| Bickford,Jane K. | 80 | 11/20/2021 | Parker,Pamela Ann | 52 | 08/02/2021 |
| Bickford,John A. Sr | 83 | 11/07/2021 | Pelotte,Peter G. Jr. | 72 | 01/22/2021 |
| Boston,Mark Allen | 51 | 06/03/2021 | Pierce,Jean H. | 91 | 05/19/2021 |
| Bowen,Earlene Virginia | 85 | 02/17/2021 | Poirier,Zachary Keith | 29 | 07/18/2021 |
| Breton,Forrest Wayne | 66 | 05/07/2021 | Quirion,Jeannette Rose | 65 | 07/15/2021 |
| Brown,Dorothy A. | 90 | 12/12/2021 | Raymond,Donald L. Sr. | 67 | 04/30/2021 |
| Brown,Richard | 69 | 09/23/2021 | Richard,Beverly J. | 86 | 03/01/2021 |
| Buker,Ruth M. | 95 | 10/20/2021 | Rodgers,Loell K. | 84 | 05/27/2021 |
| Campbell,Roger A. Sr. | 76 | 07/23/2021 | Rodrigue,Horace LaFayette | 96 | 09/04/2021 |
| Carnahan,John B. | 89 | 01/15/2021 | Saucier,Nancy Elizabeth | 64 | 11/14/2021 |
| Collier,Elaine Joyce | 83 | 06/20/2021 | Savage,Jessica J | 40 | 06/16/2021 |
| Dodge,Carol Jean | 85 | 05/30/2021 | Sherman,Patric J. | 58 | 06/12/2021 |
| Ellis,Evelyn Yvette | 83 | 09/16/2021 | Smith,Michael E. | 62 | 03/19/2021 |
| Folsom,Todd A. | 57 | 08/13/2021 | St. Jarre,Mark A. | 58 | 08/25/2021 |
| Gerry,Oscar W. III | 49 | 08/27/2021 | Stelter,Rose Olive | 76 | 11/29/2021 |
| Gilbert,Shirley H. | 92 | 07/22/2021 | Veilleux,Kayla Marie | 22 | 10/05/2021 |
| Grivois,Leo James | 91 | 08/17/2021 | Walker,Bo Richard | 27 | 01/13/2021 |
| Hastings,Cory | 43 | 10/31/2021 | Walker,Cheryl Lynn | 59 | 11/15/2021 |
| Holt,Richard N. | 77 | 12/15/2021 | Webber,Barbara C. | 88 | 05/05/2021 |
| Jones,Howard R. | 75 | 03/31/2021 | West,Brian L. | 38 | 04/21/2021 |
| Knight,Dennis W. | 64 | 05/19/2021 | Williams,Deborah Rose | 60 | 04/19/2021 |
| Knights,Margaret E. | 79 | 12/21/2021 | Willis,Ralph Robert Sr. | 63 | 05/21/2021 |
| Knox,Shirley Ann | 93 | 09/12/2021 | Winters,James I. | 69 | 03/26/2021 |
| LaChance,Florence J. | 89 | 10/12/2021 | Wrigley,John L. | 53 | 01/11/2021 |
| Levine,Richard W. Sr. | 79 | 09/22/2021 | Zimmerman,Davey J | 79 | 02/10/2021 |
| Lint,Jason Vaughn | 45 | 12/20/2021 | | | |

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

The Oakland Police Department continues to serve the citizens of Oakland through best practices in the community policing models that we have employed for many years. We strive to work together with our community partners as we labor to solve the problems that exist in our modern society. We are charged with the protection of our citizens and the safety of our streets and neighborhoods. We are not alone in this endeavor. It is incumbent upon all of us as citizens to work together to maintain the peace and tranquility that we enjoy as part of our life in Oakland, Maine.

We have struggled with the same manpower issues that have plagued law enforcement agencies throughout the state as well as other public safety and private providers. We lost two full-time officers in 2021. One officer moved on to the private sector (though has remained with us on a part-time basis,) the other moved on to the Oxford County Sheriff's Department. We also had an officer deployed for three months, so we have been operating short-handed for the past several months. This necessitates changing coverage, assignments and schedules, a stressful time for all. I am proud of our officers for their extra efforts and dedication during this time.

We were fortunate to hire a new full-time officer and we are hoping to replace the second officer soon. We continue to employ experienced and professional police officers and will maintain this high standard by providing the necessary tools and equipment to accomplish our mission. We must remain competitive with our market to attract the best available candidates for our police force. This means offering a wage and benefit package, which combined with a positive work environment and friendly small town community atmosphere, make the Oakland Police Department a desirable place to work. I truly believe that we have met those standards and will continue to provide the best police officers and the best police department around! I thank you all for your support in making this possible!

Please stop by and meet your police officers. They are all caring police professionals who work hard everyday for our beloved town. The skills employed by our officers, when augmented by the eyes and ears of our citizens, add up to a safe community for our families and loved ones to live, work, and play. Please report suspicious activity to your police department, help your neighbors when you can, watch for children and drive safely. Perhaps most importantly, be kind! Together we can make a difference.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your police chief.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Tracy
Police Chief



FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

We have, for many years been asked how long we can continue without fulltime staffing. A citizen committee was established in the Fall of 2021 with the goal of making a recommendation on future staffing for the Fire Recue Department. The recommendation was to hire 4 full time firefighter/EMTs providing 24-hour coverage 7 days a week. This proposal was then supported by unanimous votes of the Town Council and Budget and Advisory committee. We are now asking for your support at our town meeting.

This approval to add full time personnel is an important investment in the health and safety of our community. I strongly believe that this change is needed. The additional staffing will increase our efficiency and help us in day-to-day operations and emergency response. In the event of an emergency, a timelier response means the difference between life and death.

In December 2021, a call was received for a building fire at 58 Main Street. Upon arrival there was heavy smoke and a visible fire in the building. Quick action and decisions made that day most likely saved our Main Street from a catastrophic event.

The following is a five-year comparison of incidents as reported to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS).

| <u>Incident Type</u> | <u>Year</u> | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
| 100 Fires | 33 | 46 | 33 | 47 | 38 |
| 200 Explosions (no fire) | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 300 Rescue | 773 | 729 | 752 | 667 | 655 |
| 400 Hazardous Conditions | 64 | 139 | 94 | 90 | 97 |
| 500 Service | 133 | 140 | 150 | 138 | 157 |
| 600 Good Intent | 67 | 80 | 61 | 56 | 73 |
| 700 False Alarms | 62 | 36 | 50 | 54 | 56 |
| 800 Severe Weather | 10 | 12 | 8 | 11 | 13 |
| 900 Special Incidents | 4 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 4 |
| Mutual Aid Calls | <u>60</u> | <u>60</u> | <u>74</u> | <u>73</u> | <u>48</u> |
| Total Incidents | 1207 | 1256 | 1231 | 1141 | 1059 |

As always, we want to remind you of the importance of having multiple working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. If you do not have a CO detector, please purchase one and if you have one in your home that is more than 6 years old, it should be replaced. If you have any questions or need a smoke detector, please contact the Fire Department.

We continue to issue burning permits at the Fire Station free of charge. Permits are issued starting at approximately 8:30 am, 7 days a week. Please park in the municipal parking lot between the fire station and police station and use the Main Entrance on Fairfield Street. Free burning permits are also available online from the Maine Forest Service.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the following for their support during the year: Town Manager, Town Office Staff, the Honorable Town Council, Department Heads and members of their departments, members of various town committees, Lions Club, Mutual Aid Departments, and the Citizens of Oakland. I especially thank my Department Members and their families for their continued dedication to the Department and to the Citizens of Oakland.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Coughlin
Fire Chief



HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

A “Local Health Officer (LHO) is a term established by the State Statute. Title 22 M.R.S.A. 451 et. Seq. authorizes every municipality in the State to employ a local health officer. Maine law also requires the LHO’s to obtain certification through training. It is the authority of the Town Health Officer to hear concerns and complaints of public health issues. Some examples of complaints that may be addressed include but are not limited to: dangerous buildings, public health threat, removal of filth on property, unlawful dumping, and malfunctioning septic systems.

I would like to briefly touch on a continuously highly reported issue, rodent infestation. As the Health Office I provide helpful methods to prevent the creation of a rodent issue and to keep the situation from growing to the point of reporting. Start by carefully removing household waste that would be an easily accessible food source for rodents and by having proper storage for this waste that can be secured and placed outside of your home. By keeping the waste outside of your home and secured in a container you can lessen rodent attraction. Rodents are hard to get rid of once they have settled into an environment. They reproduce very quickly, and infestations take time and effort to remove.

Proper waste/trash removal is not only important for rodent infestation prevention but is also a community member responsibility. As cited in the Property Maintenance Ordinance section 5 “The grounds and the exterior of structures or parts thereof shall be kept in good repair and free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage and any unsafe or unsanitary conditions.” The full ordinance can be found online at <https://www.oaklandmaine.us/ordinances/>. Following this ordinance will aid in keeping rodents away from private residences.

I would like to thank the community for continuing the support of the Health Officer role. There have been many changes and much growth related to health and safety in our community in the recent year. It has been a pleasure to serve the community and I look forward to the years to come. Questions should be directed to Lieutenant Anthony Thibodeau or the Fire Chief, David Coughlin.

Respectfully submitted,

Lieutenant Anthony Thibodeau
Health Officer

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

The Highway Department main objective throughout the year is to plow and maintain Oakland roadways. Tasks related to our objective is plowing and sanding, cleaning up of winter sand, patching roads, hauling gravel and other materials, installing, or replacing culverts, maintain ditches, and haul winter sand. We will also assist MDOT with maintaining and repairing state roads when requested.

I would like to thank the Highway Department crew, including two (2) new hires*
Adam Pelotte - Robert Mathieu - Mike Hachey - Stephen Labbe - Delsin Klein
*Zack Jurdak and *Owen Corrigan

In recognition of their service, I would like to give a special thank you to retired crew members:
Wayne Knox and Roland Cote

Completed projects from (2020-2021)

New Fire Station:

Continued to loam and seeded where needed
Overlaid the parking lot

Hussey Hill Road Project:

Continued Ditching and Culvert replacements

High Street Overlook Park Project:

Parking area
loam and seed where needed

Roads & Streets:

Tukey Rd – Overlay

Mary Lane – Shim & Overlay
Broomhandle Road – Shim & Overlay
East School St. – Shim & Overlay
Skyline Dr. – Shim & Overlay
East Pond Rd – Shim & Overlay
Lakeview Dr. – Shim & Overlay
Cascade Mill Rd – Shim & Overlay
Mayflower Heights – Shim
Meadow Dr. – Shim
Perennial Way – Shim
Sidewalks – First part of Fairfield St. Overlay
First Park – Overlay

Projected upcoming projects and paving plans for (2021-2022)

Roads & Streets:

Cottle Rd – Shim & Overlay
Hubbard St. – Shim & Overlay
West School St. – Shim & Overlay
Middle St. – Shim & Overlay
Sidewalks – Shim & Overlay
Country Club Rd. – Overlay

Library – Overlay
Hussey Hill Rd – Shim & Overlay last section
of the road

New Fire Station

Finishing the underdrain grass filter for storm water treatment of the facility (State requirement)

Town Farm Road Project

Access and clean up area around the two (2) ponds on the town's property

I would like to thank all the other departments for their continued support of the Highway Department, along with the Town Council, Town Office staff and citizens of Oakland for their assistance and patience throughout the many projects completed this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey S. Hall
Highway Department Director

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

I am pleased to provide this report from the Environmental Services Department. In FY 2020/21, the Town of Oakland pumped 102,249,245 gallons of sewerage to the Waterville Sewerage District (WSD). All sewerage from the Oakland Sewer System is pumped to WSD, where it is then delivered to the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District (KSTD) for treatment before discharge into the Kennebec River. The volume of sewerage pumped annually historically is directly related to annual precipitation amounts. In Oakland, the greatest impact on flows appears to be through groundwater infiltration into the sewer system.

The following table provides annual data for the operations of the sewer system since 2019.

| Year | Total Annual Volume Pumped (gallons) | Non-Revenue Percentage of Total Volume | Annual Precipitation (inches) | Annual Comparison of Volume/precip. (gallons per inch) |
|-------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| 2021 | 102,249,245 | 63.6% | 39.99 | 2,556,870 |
| 2020 | 100,106,637 | 61.6% | 42.6 | 2,349,921 |
| 2019 | 111,694,357 | 63% | 45 | 2,482,097 |

The upward trend in 2021 could come from several factors, however, it is likely a result of increased groundwater entering the sewer system through Department collection piping and customer service piping, sump pumps and drains. This trend shows that the work required to remove clean (non-revenue) water from the system still needs to be the highest priority. There is significant cost to pumping sewerage to Waterville, and paying for treatment, which is why reducing non-revenue sources is fiscally important. The Department is committed to using all available resources within the budget to find these non-revenue water sources and remove them from the system. This commitment is what will ensure the Department keeps the customer rates as low as possible, while also providing capacity for future customer growth.

During FY 2020/2021, most of the available capital budget funding went into the manhole and pipe replacement work, while the remainder was used for replacement of electrical and mechanical components at both the Main Pump Station and the Kennedy Memorial Drive Pump station. The projects included:

- Sewer manhole replacements on Oak Street and South Alpine Street, and sewer piping repair on Route 11 to address critical piping and manhole issues within the system (all were clean water sources).
- Pump and mechanical repairs to the Kennedy Memorial Drive Pump Station
- Electrical repairs and component replacement at the Main Pump Station
- Upgrades to Webb Road Siphon to address monitoring equipment replacement, odor complaints

I wish to thank Town Manager and the Town Council for their unending support. I would also like to thank Jeff Hall and the Public Works crew, Chief Tracy and the Oakland Police Department, Chief Coughlin and the Oakland Fire Department, AJ Cain and his crew, as well as Jan Porter and the rest of the staff at the Town Office for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Boyd Snowden, PE
Municipal Engineer

TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING REPORT

To the Citizens of Oakland and the Oakland Town Council:

The Oakland Transfer Station had another busy year during 2021; with ever increasing amounts of material across all mediums, the transfer station deemed it necessary to hire another full-time employee to help manage the ever-increasing workload. The cement bays were expanded to meet the demands and increases in bulky waste. In doing so we combined the wood demo and bulky waste disposal areas to make one large disposal area.

The Oakland Transfer Station has had an increase in recycled materials, seeing roughly 70 tons more of material being recycled through the facility. That is an accomplishment so large that in my ten years of employment, I have never seen such a leap in just one year.

Many of you may still have concerns over the stability of the recycling markets, I can happily assure you that at this time the markets have seemed to stabilize. Per our vendors, we have seen increases in value across the board of recycled materials.

| | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ELECTRONICS (TONS) | 16.06 | 15.82 |
| ARCHITECTURAL PAINT (TONS) | 8.45 | 8.85 |
| RECYCLED MATERIAL (TONS) | 336.82 | 403.64 |
| | | |
| *SAVINGS VALUE OF RECYCLABLES | \$29,640.16 | \$36,834.66 |

**Cost reduced from Trash Disposal.*

I would like to thank my crew: Assistant Manager - Jeff Campbell, Attendants John Dyer, Gary McDaniel, Ryan Boyle and Christian Gajowski. I owe much of our success to their hard work and professional demeanor. I would like to announce that Gary McDaniel has retired after 30 plus years of employment with the Town of Oakland, we wish him well in his retirement. I thank Public Works, Buildings & Grounds, and Municipal Engineer, Boyd Snowden for their continued assistance with our facility.

Thank You, PLEASE RECYCLE, and PLEASE Promote Recycling
Help us build a Recycling Culture that Oakland can be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,

Dylan Clark
Transfer Station Manager



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

The Buildings & Grounds Department had very constructive year for the Town of Oakland. In the spring we started our winter cleanup of all our town properties, including all four cemeteries, in preparation for Memorial Day.

With the start of the new fiscal budget in July, we moved forward with the purchase of all streetlights throughout town. In late winter, all lights were converted to energy efficient LED fixtures.

In midsummer, we installed new double hung windows in the recycling building at the Oakland Transfer Station, allowing for some much-needed natural lighting. We also constructed raised garden beds, hand pump watering system, and picnicking shelters at the newly acquired Overlook Park.

In the fall, we worked to clean all cemeteries and town properties of leaves and debris in preparation for the coming year.

Among many other projects that we were able to complete, we also kept all town properties and cemeteries in excellent shape. With that said, I would like to thank the following people.

Buildings & Grounds Crew

Gary Bowman - Grounds Assistant

A.J. Carrier – Buildings Assistant

Nick Cain – Grounds Assistant

I would also like to give a special thank you the following people for their tireless work that they do keeping all our town buildings looking so great, throughout the entire year.

Janitorial Staff

Sue Hubert

Heather Wood

Leanne Clark

Sare' Greenlaw

April 28th marks 30 years that I have been with the Town of Oakland. Over those years the Buildings & Grounds Department has seen the following changes.

| 1992 | 2022 |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| -10 buildings to maintain | -34 buildings to maintain |
| -20 acres to mow/maintain | -56 ³ / ₄ acres to mow/maintain |
| -305ft of walkways to shovel/maintain | -1,035ft of walkways to shovel/maintain |

In closing, I would like to give a special thank you to Jeff Hall and the Public Works Crew for all they do assisting this department with many projects throughout the year. Also, Eric Seekins for all the assistance he lends at Pleasant Point Park. Dan Casey and his crew from RSU 18 for all the collaborated work that our departments continue to do.

I would also like to thank Town Manager Ella Bowman, the Town Council, the Town Office Staff, all department heads and their staffs, and the citizens of Oakland for their continued support, year after year.

Respectfully submitted,

A.J. Cain
Buildings & Grounds Supervisor



PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

Our library patron count for 2021 averaged out to 3,222. Our Booksystem Atrium is a cloud-based book-system, where information about books and library news can be found at: oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org. You can email us at: staff@oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org, or oaklandpubliclibrary@gmail.com, our library phone number is: 207-465-7533.

Storytime remains at 10:30am on Fridays, with Gene Roy being our principal reader. Our Summer Reading theme was Tails and Tales, featuring Mad Science of Maine, Gene Roy, and our final party with Judy Pancoast – we had 71 children and 36 adults. This year's theme (2022) is Ocean of Possibilities. Thanks go again to our Oakland Lions Club and the Waterville Area Women's Club for their moneyed support of children's programming here at the Oakland Public Library.

Gene Roy's notes: 2021

A few patrons had expressed a lack of confidence and equipment in home schooling their children in the subject of science. I volunteered to teach "hands on science" to help them understand what they learned from their books. It turned into a unique experience because the parents worked alongside their children. On the average, 16 children and 8 adults attended each Thursday session. The children ranged from grade 3 to 8. The program began in the fall of 2021 and will continue into 2022 and will cover most topics of science in 18 lessons. Equipment and materials used were supplied by a combination of donations, library purchases and from my own possessions. We made masking a requirement because of the number of people in the room.

Story time suffered a bit during the worse parts of the pandemic, but we always managed to get at least one child each week.

A big thanks to Libby Welch who filled in as my substitute when I could not be there.

Thank you to Bert Brewster, Stephanie Cheevers, Jeanne Foster, Linda Holmsen, Peter Godfrey, Marilyn Stevens, and Patricia Stevens our Library Advisory Board members. Also, thank you to AJ Cain and his team, we could count on them for anything needed. ☺

Lisa Stevens notes: 2021

1,381 = Books, Magazines and Movies added

122 = Total new patrons from Oakland and non-residents

3,590 = Oakland and Non-Resident patrons belonging to Library

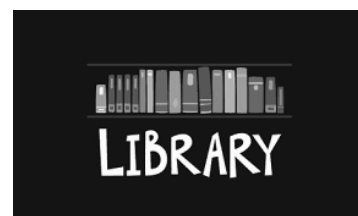
17,222 = Total Circulation for 2021 Books, Magazines, and Movies

6,372 = EBooks and Audio Books from Cloud Library

205 = Usage for Wi-Fi here at the Library (estimate)

Thank you for supporting your library. We appreciate you.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah P. Roy, Librarian



RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

It is with great pleasure that I can address the citizens of Oakland in this manner each year. As difficult as the last two years have been because of COVID 19, it has also reminded us of the importance of community, family, and the need to recreate in its many various forms. As someone who prefers to see the glass half full, I have witnessed families “reconnect” in ways we have not seen for years, camping, boating, fishing, hiking, you name it! And let us not forget, those many nights together at the supper table talking about each other’s day. Talk about a return to yesteryear! Make no mistake, we will emerge stronger on the other side of the pandemic, we are Mainers and proud Oakland residents.

Accordingly, I am dedicating the Recreation Department portion of the Town Report to our children. The resiliency they have shown is flat out amazing! So many rules, so many changes, so many challenges, and yet our young people have thoroughly demonstrated their abilities to learn and grow and care about one another.... phenomenal.

Program wise, virtually everything we did had to be modified to make it possible and modify is just what we did. For us, we wanted the Recreation Department to serve as a small piece of normalcy in an abnormal world!

Online contests and challenges
Halloween events
Maine Backyard Campout
Yoga at the Waterfront
Easter Egg Hunt
Fun In the Sun summer program
Summer Concert Series

Youth sports programs
Family Fishing Fun
Children’s Ice Fishing Frenzy
Senior activities at the center
Veterans Appreciation
Community Tree Lighting

May 2022 bring us another step closer to traditional recreation programming!

Facility wise, our existing areas received usage like never before. While many communities closed their areas, we kept ours open knowing people would need that type of respite. Pleasant Point Park, Messalonskee Waterfront Park, and the Messalonskee Stream hiking trail provided just that for people, and we couldn’t be prouder and more pleased. On the subject of facilities, I want to personally thank the Town Council and citizens of Oakland for having the wisdom and foresight to secure 27 acres of land on Fairfield Street to be forever known as the Wrigley Recreation Area. For those of you new to town, the area is named for Byron Wrigley, lifelong resident, public servant, and one of the finest individuals this Town has ever known. Although we don’t know everything that will eventually take place at this location, securing a property of this size is a tremendous feather in Oakland’s cap.

And of final note about outdoor areas, the newly created Oakland Overlook is officially proclaimed a hit! What a project, done virtually all with donations, grants, and community support. Check it out for yourself this spring if you have not already done so and I think you will be surprised that a view of this quality exists right in your community. Be ready for the community garden reveal this spring!

In conclusion, I have so many people and partners to thank that help make our successes possible. We are truly a team here, in the broadest sense of the word. The music series does not happen without Kennebec Savings Bank, Higgins and Bolduc Insurance, Plourde Real Estate, Korner Store, Camp Manitou, and Fabian Oil. The development at the Oakland Overlook does not happen without a grant and work from Waterville Sunrise Rotary, and so many of our events that are aided and supported by the Oakland Lions Club. I'm sure you all get my point; I hope you all share in my pride.

Lastly, special thanks to Ryan Sucey for his hard work and vision within the department, every member of the Town Employee family, and the Town Council. Thanks also to RSU #18 for another year of cooperation, co-existence, and facility usage.

Like I always say, TOGETHER we can accomplish anything in this community!

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Seekins
Parks and Recreation Director



ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

There has been a number of changes to Animal Control this year. Our loss of ACO Delsin Klein, whom no longer was able to continue, due to his full-time regular employment. Owen Corrigan has now stepped into that position as primary ACO with the assistance from ACO Pat Faucher as back up. Owen will be a great asset in performing all ACO duties.

The present policy for animal control is to respond primarily for domestic animal complaints and wildlife issues should be referred to Maine game wardens of Inland Fish and Wildlife at:
1-800-452-4664

We had a successful rabies clinic this year and were able to provide free cat and dog food to those that wanted. Spring is just around the corner and two items need to be stressed which are in Oaklands' ordinances. Barking dog complaints and Control of Animal Waste, both of which can result in fines for those violations, which are not adhered to.

Spring is also when new wildlife babies come around and while we can enjoy seeing them, remember they are wild animals, therefore, we should avoid any contact with them.

Finally, it is important to clean up yards and reduce the chance of welcoming unwanted critters to your home.

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Corrigan
ACO



OAKLAND FOOD PANTRY

To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

As we enter another year of uncertainty in our country, we look back to the beginning of Covid-19 and its effect on the food pantry. We started providing outside drive thru service for our shoppers, which meant our wonderfully dedicated volunteers worked outside, during hot, cold, sun, rain, and snow. From 2019 to 2021 our numbers dropped about 43%. We have had 34 new clients with a total of 67 registered TEFAP Eligible Patrons. Even though our future is unknown, we feel that it is our mission to be sure that none of our residents will be without food. Patrons are allowed to choose items that they want from a list of what is available and may take as much of what they need or want. We were extremely fortunate to have enough food for our patrons this past year, due to several food drives, from people throughout our community and beyond and our financial stability.

Our biggest problem now is the size of the food pantry. With limited space it is exceedingly difficult to store as many items as we would like, to serve our patrons. To do this we have been looking for a used modular school building or other opportunity where we could have a larger building. To proceed and move from the current location and stay on the same property we would need to have site work done to connect us with water and sewer before we could go any further.

Once the snow is gone, we have individuals lined up to advise us of all the necessary plans and rules for the move so we can determine the cost to proceed. As of now we have limited funds, which were donated to help us in our efforts to expand our facilities., We will need to organize a capital campaign, and be prepared to apply for grants as well, to accomplish our goal.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the people who have so generously supported us this past year. YOU are the backbone of our service to others!

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Watson
Treasurer



OAKLAND SNO-GOERS REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

We, the members of the Oakland Sno-Goers Club, would like to take this opportunity to thank the landowners for giving us permission to use your land for our snowmobile trails.

We do thank you very much. Without you it would be impossible.

We had extremely low snow season this year. The volunteer members worked very hard on the trails. The trails still need to be maintained every year or they will get in such disrepair we will lose them. I would like to thank all the volunteers for there very hard work to make it possible.

The Town of Oakland has over 435 registered snowmobiles and 285 sled owners in it so I would like to thank all our members for their loyal support and give an extra special thanks to the members that volunteered their time to help clean up and maintain our trails. **Thank You.**

The club now owns six drag sleds and machines and drags 41 miles of Trails (one way) in the town so I would like to thank the town for giving us the money they receive from the state (a portion of snowmobile registrations) because it is very costly to maintain six drag sleds and track machines to keep 41 miles of trail smooth and safe.

We would like to invite you to join the Oakland Sno-Goers Club and support your Sport. We are doing our very best to keep the trails as smooth and safe as possible. It is all volunteer work. For more information, please feel free to call me at 465-6136.

Please remember to **“TREAD LIGHTLY”**

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Swett
President, Oakland Sno-Goers Club

To become a member – please visit <https://oaklandsno-goers.square.site/>





OAKLAND VOLUNTEER FLOWER COMMITTEE

- 2021 -

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

On behalf of the Oakland Flower Committee, thank you so much to the Town of Oakland and specifically the following individuals:

Ella Bowman, Town Manager, Local Hero of the Flower Club

Hardy Taylor, Retired Deputy Fire Chief

AJ Cain Building & Grounds

Jeffrey Hall, Public Works

A huge shout-out also goes to the following local organizations who provided generous contributions in 2021:

Lakeside Landscape

Oakland Fire Dept

Pierce Greenhouse

Oakland Police Dept

Blake's Family Hardware

Oakland Masonic Center

Aubuchon Hardware

Waterville Garden Club

Dr. Brian Gillis

Higgins and Bolduc

Subway

Oakland Furniture

and Contributions by private citizens of Oakland

Finally, a special thanks to all those who helped the volunteers maintain the flowers by watering, supplying materials, picking up debris, and to passersby offering much appreciated honks, waves, and shouts of encouragement!

Thank you, Oakland!

We look forward to continued support and an abundant season in 2022.



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Carl Gartley
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January 1, 2022

Dear Community Members,

As your Superintendent of Schools, I am honored to have the opportunity to contribute to your town report. We have great schools in RSU 18, a supportive community and so many impressive young people who make our future bright. Over the past two years, our district has successfully managed some challenging times. Keeping our schools open, keeping our students and staff safe and coming together as a community to support one another. So many people worked tirelessly to make this happen. But keeping true to our core values of academic achievement and maintaining a positive safe school culture were the driving forces behind the success.

The education we provide in our schools shapes our students' future lives. Because of the dedication in this district, our youngest students still learned to decode the English language and begin to read, they learned the foundations of mathematics and most importantly learned how to learn. Middle school can be some of the most difficult years in an adolescent's life. There is so much pressure and so many changes. How Messalonskee and China Middle School handle everything happening in their schools and still managed to build supportive relationships with students is nothing short of amazing. Our middle schools provide the academic interventions to help students get up to speed if they find themselves behind and allow others to soar into more challenging high school topics if they are ready. Middle school is all about meeting each student's needs, and our two middle schools excel at this. Yes, there are bumps along the way, but learning to overcome challenges is part of life. At Messalonskee High School, we promote numerous pathways to success, and the pandemic did not prevent this. Every student is different, and they don't need to all take the same courses to be considered academically successful. Once again, this year, our advanced placement scores were higher than most schools in the state and across the country. Students at all academic levels earned college credits by taking dual enrollment courses, and we sent a strong contingency of well-prepared students to trade schools. These are just some of the pathways that represent academic success.

Safe schools and a positive culture can mean so many things. Over the past year, keeping people safe from COVID-19 has been a big part of what we do. Putting up tents to let students have more time outside, spreading students out in the classroom, creating paths outside so students can spread out between classes, improving our air handling systems, providing any resources needed from PPE to extra classroom materials so students did not have to pass materials back and forth, all these things helped keep our students and staff safe.

School safety goes beyond COVID. It also means creating an environment in our classrooms where students can take a risk to ask questions, having the staff at the elementary school dress up to celebrate holidays and make our youngest students love to come to school, and creating a culture where anytime a student is starting to feel despair, they have peers and



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adults who they are comfortable reaching out to. Our teachers, our social workers, our support staff, our nurses, our students, our administrators, everyone worked together to make our schools safe.

If you have not driven around our district, you should take an opportunity to do so. At the high school the new athletic complex is still one of the best in the state. The bus garage, the new access road and sidewalks not only look great, but they have made traffic and walking paths much safer in Oakland for everyone. We have put new roofs on most of our schools, upgrade our air handling systems, we are replacing old windows, redoing siding, repaving our parking lots and sprucing up playgrounds. Our district looks fantastic. But most importantly, all these improvements have made our schools safer and more comfortable for learning.

To put it simple, thank you to our staff, our community, and our students. We are better together and over this past year, together we have done great things. Here is to a healthy 2022.

Carl Gartley
Superintendent of Schools
RSU 18

March 16, 2022



Town of Oakland
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Dear Town of Oakland Citizens,

I am pleased to share with you Central Maine Growth Council's 2020-2021 overview of work for the Town of Oakland's 2022 Annual Town Report. As a regional public-private economic development corporation, Central Maine Growth Council (CMGC) prides itself as being a leader in economic development that understands large and small business development projects, the needs of communities through commercial and community revitalization, and the importance of the innovation and technology economy. Currently, CMGC is providing guidance to the Town's economic development initiatives to create a stronger economic future with the following efforts:

1. Facilitation, Development, & Creation of the Town's Downtown Redevelopment Plan
2. Creation of New Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District - Downtown TIF District
3. Redevelopment of the Downtown's Messalonskee National Bank Building
4. Business Recruitment, Retention, & Attraction Services for Businesses
5. Development of a Downtown Branding & Media Project for Oakland in Collaboration with Mid-Maine Technical Center
6. Incentives and Public-Private Grants & Finance Tools for Businesses
7. Deployment of Workforce Development & Apprenticeship Initiatives
8. Expansion and Retention Services for Oakland's Small & Mid-Size Companies
9. Focusing Economic Development Efforts on Seven (7) Industry Clusters
10. Working Strategically to Position Oakland Regionally & Statewide as a Premier Place to do Business and Invest



In serving as lead facilitators and planning staff for the Town's downtown redevelopment plan process, as well as for economic development initiatives related to broadband and business growth, some recent updates include:

- The Oakland Business Committee has conducted a S.C.O.T. analysis to evaluate its downtown while outlining the town's needs for a downtown revitalization plan.
- CMGC has continued to staff and the Oakland Business Committee to assist the town in determining its capital improvement projects, open space creation goals, and marketing strategies related to the creation and drafting of a downtown revitalization and TIF plan.
- Oakland's commercial districts, including downtown and Kennedy Memorial Drive, are experiencing an uptick in interest for new business development or existing business expansion. CMGC continues to work closely with businessowners and investors to advise them on site selection, financing, and press & media relations.

Best regards,

Garvan D. Donegan
Director of Planning and Economic Development, Central Maine Growth Council

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January 26, 2022

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2021. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections' Services, Civil Process, Court and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including two K-9 Teams, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, Accident Reconstruction and Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) and a School Resource Officer for MSAD 49.

Despite the continued challenges that COVID presents to us all my entire staff continues with its mission of serving the citizens and visitors of Kennebec County, as well as the safe keeping of incarcerated individuals within our Correctional Facility.

In 2021, Law Enforcement Deputies logged thousands of calls for service. Our calls for service increased to near normal levels we experienced before the pandemic.

One type of call has increased dramatically: overdoses of prescribed medications or illicit substances. As the problem continues to increase, I wish to make it clear that we at the Sheriff's Office will always support our citizens with substance dependency disorders by providing avenues that can assist with their recovery.

Starting in 2021 a shift in the balance of call taking we had shared with the Maine State Police required my office to expand the Law Enforcement Division by two Deputies. These two positions were filled, which completed the staffing levels agreed to by the Budget Committee.

Our Patrol Division welcomed Deputies Dan Ross, Stephen Gould and Racean Wood as full-time staff on our team. Each of these men bring at least four years of experience as career law enforcement officers. Deputy Ross comes to us from the Gardiner Police Department, Deputy Gould worked with the Livermore Falls Police Department, and Deputy Wood served with the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. We also welcomed Reserve Deputy Nathaniel Sparling to our patrol division as a part-time Deputy.

In December of 2021 our office saw the resignations of Deputy Kulakowski and Deputy Carey. We wish them great success as they transition to new challenges and growing families.

My agency has been receiving federal funds to conduct patrol details specifically related to motor vehicle violations throughout the county. To date, the effort of Kennebec County Deputies in those federally funded programs excel statistically for the number of interdictions for drug related criminal activities.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2021, the three civil deputies received over 7,124 requests for service in Kennebec County. This is an increase from 2020. Some of the services include, civil summons & complaints, foreclosures, evictions, small claims, child support notices from the State and enforcement of court orders and writs to name a few.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 1738 inmate intakes. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from Trespass to Homicide. Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility.

My staff at the correctional facility should be very proud of the way they have handled the COVID issue, containing those testing positive with the virus and stopping it from spreading.

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised on outside projects. One may think that this only benefits the county, or our local municipalities, but it does not. It also benefits the inmate population as well.

We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims, and to provide enhanced public safety. We acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem nationwide and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education, treatment and recovery for those afflicted with this horrible addiction.

I would like to thank all my administrative staff who support the patrol division, detective division, correctional division and the civil deputies. The amounts of paperwork that is handled by these individuals is staggering and their work is greatly appreciated. Job well done by all.

As your Sheriff, and moving forward into 2022, my focus will remain the same. Serve the people of this county and our visitors honorably and professionally through good common sense and good judgement.

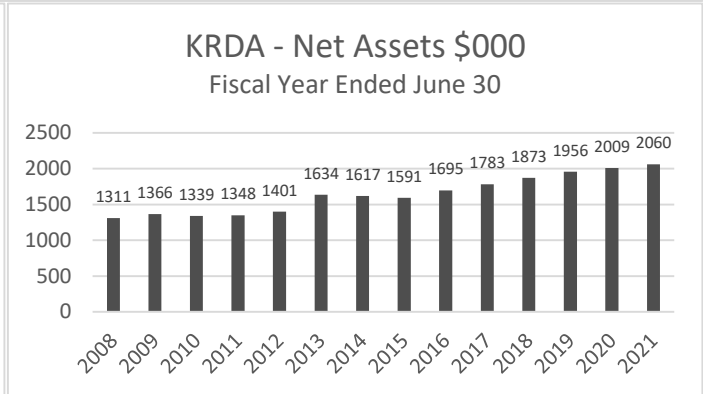
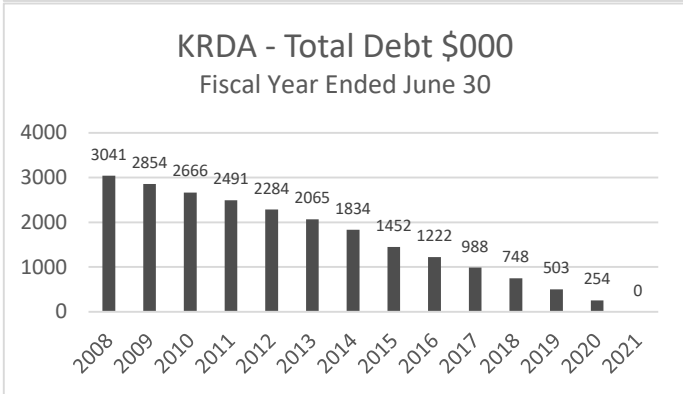
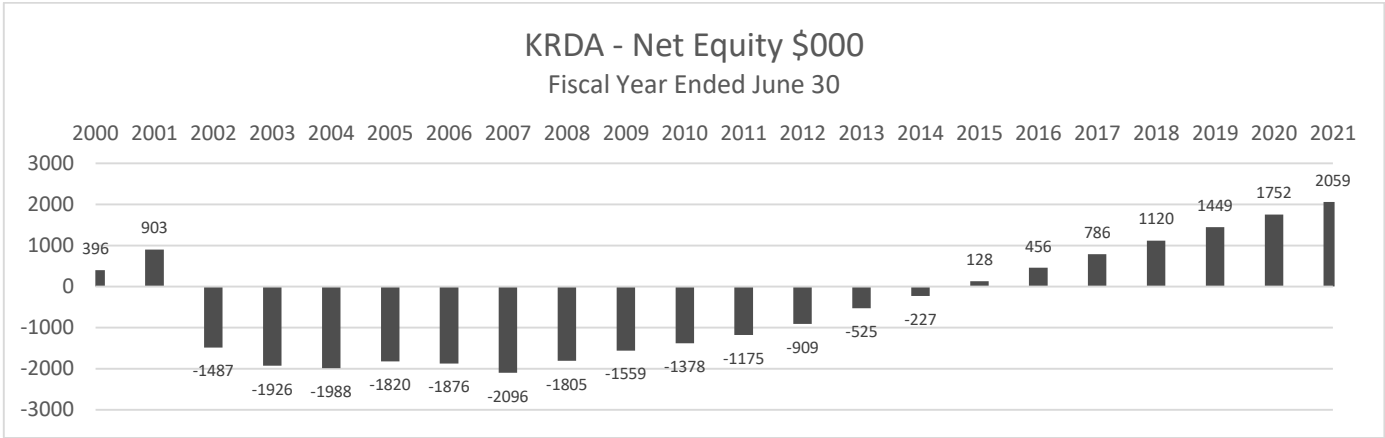
Respectfully submitted,

Ken Mason, Sheriff



BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Kennebec Regional Development Authority – Annual Report: 2020 - 2021



During Fiscal Year 2020-21 FirstPark was busy with marketing, maintenance, networking with businesses and responding to real estate inquiries from brokers, developers and site selectors. This included:

- A quarterly newsletter, a quarterly video update and targeted advertising;
- Sealing and repaving all public streets in FirstPark, which had not been done in 20 years;
- The addition of natural gas in the park to provide businesses an energy alternative;
- In-person and Zoom calls to present information about FirstPark to site selectors, developers and corporate realtors in Dallas, Boston, New York and Chicago;
- T-Mobile hired 300 new positions at its 133 FirstPark Drive;
- Dr. Anna O’Keefe broke ground on a 6,000-square-foot building at 93 FirstPark Drive;
- We retired our debt in October with our final payment to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;
- Ongoing contact with a life sciences prospect from the Chicago area and a multinational logistics and fulfillment corporation.

The final payment to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank enabled the Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA)/FirstPark to greatly reduce the annual assessments paid by member communities.

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Dear Friends:

I am deeply honored to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of the areas I have been working on over the past year.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose enormous challenges for our state and our country. When the pandemic began, I co-authored the Paycheck Protection Program that helped small businesses remain afloat and keep their employees paid. In Maine, our small businesses received more than 47,000 forgivable loans totaling \$3.2 billion. I also led efforts to provide relief for loggers, lobstermen, and bus companies.

In addition, I helped secure \$700 million to assist Maine's overwhelmed hospitals and nursing homes, and a new law I led prevented Medicare payment cuts to help further ease the financial strain on our hospitals. I also urged the CDC to update its recommendations so that our students and teachers could safely return to their classrooms, and I pressed the Administration to end the closure of the U.S.-Canada border.

While addressing the pandemic has been a major focus, I've also worked hard to ensure Maine's other needs are met. A group of 10 Senators, of which I was a part, negotiated the landmark bipartisan infrastructure bill that was signed into law in November. I co-authored the section of the bill that will provide Maine with as much as \$300 million to expand high-speed internet in rural and underserved areas.

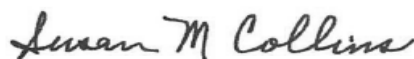
Soaring inflation is another crisis, particularly when it comes to the cost of heating oil. I have strongly supported federal programs that help Maine families stay warm. In November, Maine was awarded \$35 million to help low-income Mainers pay their energy bills. And the bipartisan infrastructure bill included \$3.5 billion to help families make energy efficiency improvements that would permanently lower their heating costs.

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I have supported investments in Maine's communities. This year's funding bills include \$265 million I championed for 106 projects across Maine. These projects would help create jobs, improve workforce training, address the opioid crisis, and increase access to childcare and health care services. In addition, I worked to reverse proposed cuts to our Navy in order to help protect America and keep the skilled workers at Bath Iron Works on the job. The bills also include \$475 million for the construction of a new dry dock at Maine's Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that will allow the Navy to continue to carry out its submarine missions. I will keep working to get these important bills enacted.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,000th consecutive vote, becoming the only Senator in history to do so without ever having missed a roll call vote. The Lugar Center at Georgetown University once again ranked me as the most bipartisan Senator for the eighth year in a row.

In the New Year, I will keep working to solve problems and make life better for the people of Maine and America. May 2022 be a happy, healthy, and successful one for you, your family, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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Dear Friends,

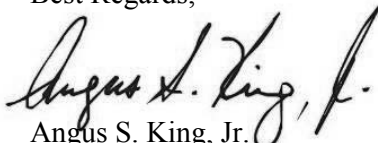
On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged this crisis and created new risks for Maine people. The challenges raised tension levels to boiling points during the fallout of the 2020 presidential election and the January 6th Capitol attack. But despite that, Congress was able to deliver for a nation gripped by an unprecedented pandemic. As we reflect back on the year, we see the important action that will make a difference for Maine people – as well as work still unfinished.

As COVID-19 continued to impact communities across our state and the country, Congress's first priority this year was to confront the pandemic's health threats and economic toll. We immediately got to work on the *American Rescue Plan*, crafting an emergency bill to meet the moment and get our nation back on stable footing. The legislation delivered essential support to businesses facing crises, households in need, and the medical professionals on the front lines of this fight. The funds helped get vaccine shots in arms, while also confronting the damage done to our economy. All told, the *American Rescue Plan* is bringing billions of dollars to Maine, helping the state continue to push through this crisis and bounce back stronger than ever.

After passing the *American Rescue Plan*, Congress turned its attention to a longstanding but unfulfilled priority: infrastructure. Through hard work and compromise, both parties came together to pass a bipartisan bill that finally addresses key infrastructure needs. For Maine people, the bill means an estimated \$1.5 billion to repair crumbling roads and out-of-date bridges, \$390 million to improve access to clean drinking water, and more. I am most excited about the significant funding for broadband – because, as we have seen during the pandemic, broadband is a necessity to succeed in the 21st century economy. The historic investments in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, combined with additional funding I pushed for in *the American Rescue Plan*, will bring an estimated \$400 million for broadband home to Maine. These funds will be nothing short of transformational, creating new opportunities across our state.

These two bills have made and will continue to make a real difference for Maine people, helping to both address the challenges of COVID-19 and lay a foundation for long-term success. I am proud of what we've accomplished this year – but I know there is still a lot of work to do and that the road ahead is challenging. Even still, I am filled with optimism because I know the true nature of our citizens, though challenged, has not changed. Despite every hardship, people in towns and communities have stepped up with strong local leadership, a willingness to help, and a Maine 'neighborhood' spirit. It is why I truly believe we can and will get through anything together. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2022.

Best Regards,



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Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Small Business

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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It remains a privilege to represent you in Congress, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on for the people of the Second Congressional District.

This year, our small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, states, and towns continued to face challenges related to the coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health and our economy that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. While we are not yet out of the woods, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Still, I know there are many Mainers who will continue to need assistance getting through this pandemic. I am committed to making sure our communities' most urgent needs are met to get our economy back on track.

One thing I am particularly proud of this year is that Democrats, Republicans, and the Biden Administration worked together to pass the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, which will make a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation's infrastructure and support Maine jobs. This bill will bring \$1.3 billion to Maine for highways and \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs, as well as \$234 million to improve public transportation options. It will also allocate over \$100 million to help provide broadband access to the 42,000 Mainers currently without it and make 310,000 Mainers eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Benefit to help families pay for internet access. Crucially, it will also provide Maine with \$390 million to combat Maine's historically high rates of lead poisoning by replacing lead pipes and allowing Maine families access to clean drinking water.

Another one of my priorities in Congress is protecting Maine jobs. For one, shipbuilders at Bath Iron Works are a vital part of our economy, and the ships they build are critical to our national security. Throughout 2021, I led the Maine congressional delegation in pushing back against the Biden Administration's proposed decrease in DDG-51 shipbuilding, a proposal that would have had serious consequences for the shipbuilding workforce at BIW, one of the two shipyards that produces these destroyers, and American naval capabilities around the world. We fought successfully to include authorization for construction of three new DDG-51 destroyers in the final National Defense Authorization Act. I will continue to work hard with my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee to ensure that we protect our national security and shipbuilding jobs in Maine.

My most meaningful work in Congress continues to be providing direct assistance to Mainers. My staff and I stand ready to serve you. If you are looking for assistance with a federal agency, help for your small business, or want to keep me informed about the issues that matter to you, please reach out to one of my offices below:

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

I am especially glad to share that my wife Izzy and I were pleased to welcome our daughter, Rosemary, into the world this year. Mom and baby are happy and healthy, and we're so thankful for this blessing. We look forward to showing her the beauty of Maine in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared F. Golden".

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress

*Senate of
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to be a voice for you, your family, and our community. I can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

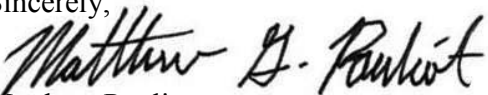
The 1st session of the 130th Legislature was different than any previous session of the Maine Legislature. Zoom meetings replaced in person committee hearings and work sessions and it was certainly a learning process for everyone. As COVID-10 restrictions lifted, the Legislature met in person starting in June. It was high time we returned to the State House so that Legislators could speak in person to one another. The lack of human connection, so essential to accomplishing meaningful work for our constituents, made itself felt in the partisan nature of this session. The 130th Legislature has a great deal of work still to do in the 2nd Regular session; I believe that working together, we can affect positive change.

Before our adjournment on July 19th, the Legislature passed a supplemental budget as well as legislation directing how the American Rescue Plan funds will be spent. I strongly opposed increasing taxes and was pleased no new taxes will be placed on the Maine people as a result of those two initiatives.

The 2nd Regular session began in January and I am eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. I have heard from many of you regarding the increasing costs consumers are facing, as well as the countless ways the pandemic has affected every aspect of your life. As your State Senator I will continue to do all I can to advocate for you in Augusta.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you in the State Senate. The 130th Legislature certainly has a great deal of work to do. But I believe that if we work together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or (matt.pouliot@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,



Matthew Pouliot
State Senator



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February 2022

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

As we further embark into the new year, I want to once again thank the good people of Oakland for allowing me the opportunity to serve them at the State House. Challenges caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic still make daily headlines, while policymakers at all levels of government seek to restore some sense of normalcy by exploring available options to preserve constituents' overall wellbeing. Maine's economy appears to be weathering these unprecedented times, as State revenue forecasters project Maine will collect \$822 million more than initially expected during the current two-year budget cycle ending in mid-2023 -- an increase of nearly 10 percent.

The Second Regular Session of the 130th Maine Legislature began January 5, 2022, and statutory adjournment is set for April 20, 2022. Legislators are working to finalize the various bills carried over from the First Regular and First Special Sessions, at the same time as taking into consideration new legislation deemed to be emergency in nature, dealing with budgetary matters, proposals from the Governor, initiatives submitted pursuant to statute, legislation submitted pursuant to authorized studies, and legislation submitted by direct initiative petition of the electors. Much of this business is being conducted virtually, so I encourage you to monitor the Legislature's Web site if you have an interest in following proceedings.

Other means to stay up to date on the latest State Government news is by providing me with your email address so that it can be added to my regular e-newsletter distribution list, as well as signing up to receive notifications via Maine.gov at <https://www.maine.gov/portal/subscriptions/email.html>. Maine.gov offers a convenient way to sign up for free email and SMS text notifications. It also allows you to sign up for email and wireless updates about topics relevant to your interests.

Again, thank you for the privilege of being your voice at the capitol. It is a responsibility I am honored to have and do not take lightly.

Regards,

Michael D. Perkins
State Representative

District 77 Oakland (part) and Sidney



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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Selectmen
Town of Oakland, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Oakland, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Oakland, Maine, as of June 30, 2021 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and OPEB information on pages 6 through 12 and pages 42 through 43 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

The other supplementary information on Schedule 1 is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, Schedule 1 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 28, 2021, on our consideration of the Town of Oakland, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Oakland, Maine's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Oakland, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Barbara Chibodau, CPA

Bangor, Maine
December 28, 2021

TOWN OF OAKLAND TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Trust Fund

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| General | \$ 56,219.61 |
| Lakeview Cemetery | 22,149.12 |
| George H. Bryant | 5,337.72 |
| Earnings (% of sales) | 5,731.35 |
| Total | \$ 89,437.80 |

Interest 126,523.74

Fund Balance **\$ 215,962**

Clarissa Greenough Library Fund

Principal \$ 50,313.00

Interest 2,064.89

Fund Balance **\$ 52,378**

Distressed Persons Trust Fund

Stella Bartlett \$ 7,500.00

Interest 18,565.34

Fund Balance **\$ 26,065**

Library Trust Fund

Stella Bartlett \$ 1,000.00

Cecile Campbell 2,000.00

Don C. Stevens 2,000.00

Myra L. Wells 800.00

Total **\$ 5,800.00**

Interest 201.69

Fund Balance **\$ 6,002**

Library Improvement Fund

Beginning Balance 7/1/2020 \$ 10,330.44

Revenues

Deposits \$ 1,711.00

Expenses

none \$ -

Fund Balance 6/30/2021 **\$ 12,041**

Proposed Expenditures 2022-2023

| <u>General Government</u> | 2019-2020 | | 2020-2021 | | 2022-2023 | Change |
|---|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| | <u>Appropriated</u> | | <u>Appropriated</u> | | <u>Proposed</u> | |
| Administration | \$ 517,654 | \$ | 631,183 | \$ | 645,388 | 2.3% |
| Assessor | 112,437 | | 154,191 | | 169,077 | 9.7% |
| General Assistance | 14,000 | | 10,000 | | 10,000 | 0.0% |
| Insurance | 19,363 | | 14,410 | | 15,710 | 9.0% |
| Debt Service | 78,600 | | 211,293 | | 209,855 | -0.7% |
| Contingency | 95,334 | | 6,000 | | 11,000 | 83.3% |
| Total | \$ 837,388 | \$ | 1,027,077 | \$ | 1,061,030 | 3.3% |
| | | | | | | |
| <u>Protection</u> | | | | | | |
| Fire Department | \$ 288,299 | \$ | 325,734 | \$ | 349,102 | 7.2% |
| Rescue | 53,299 | | 68,788 | | 71,039 | 3.3% |
| Police Department | 1,103,479 | | 1,091,459 | | 1,231,670 | 12.8% |
| Code Enforcement | 114,188 | | 115,606 | | 119,570 | 3.4% |
| Public Safety Services | 371,658 | | 380,479 | | 392,823 | 3.2% |
| Transfer Station | 447,710 | | 523,968 | | 551,322 | 5.2% |
| Total | \$ 2,378,633 | \$ | 2,506,034 | \$ | 2,715,526 | 8.4% |
| | | | | | | |
| <u>Public Works</u> | | | | | | |
| Public Works Department | \$ 874,135 | \$ | 944,679 | \$ | 991,963 | 5.0% |
| Road Improvements | 412,119 | | 323,480 | | 370,309 | 14.5% |
| Property Maintenance | 305,442 | | 321,105 | | 402,569 | 25.4% |
| Total | \$ 1,591,696 | \$ | 1,589,264 | \$ | 1,764,841 | 11.0% |
| | | | | | | |
| <u>Recreational/Cultural Services</u> | | | | | | |
| Public Library | \$ 137,854 | \$ | 146,498 | \$ | 153,522 | 4.8% |
| Recreation | 162,473 | | 205,012 | | 221,516 | 8.1% |
| Total | \$ 300,327 | \$ | 351,510 | \$ | 375,038 | 6.7% |
| | | | | | | |
| <u>Miscellaneous Requests</u> | | | | | | |
| Optional Appropriations | \$ 53,803 | \$ | 48,570 | \$ | 52,649 | 8.4% |
| | | | | | | |
| <u>Community Service Organizations</u> | | | | | | |
| Agency Requests | \$ 5,500 | \$ | 7,500 | \$ | 7,500 | 100.0% |
| | | | | | | |
| <u>Conservation Organizations</u> | | | | | | |
| Agency Requests | \$ 10,250 | \$ | 14,750 | \$ | 15,500 | 5.1% |
| | | | | | | |
| <u>Capital Improvements</u> | | | | | | |
| Proposed Projects | \$ 188,000 | \$ | 330,000 | \$ | 355,700 | 7.8% |
| Grand Total | \$ 5,365,597 | \$ | 5,874,705 | \$ | 6,347,785 | 8.1% |

Revised 3/9/2022

ESTIMATED REVENUES 2022-2023

| | <u>Collected</u> <u>2020-2021</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> <u>2021-2022</u> | <u>Received</u> <u>12/31/2021</u> | <u>Estimated</u> <u>2022-2023</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| TAXES | | | | |
| Excise Tax | \$ 1,522,679 | \$ 1,300,000 | \$ 765,407 | \$ 1,300,000 |
| Boat Excise | 13,883 | 12,500 | 1,885 | 12,500 |
| Interest Penalties | 37,813 | 30,000 | 15,930 | 30,000 |
| Subtotal | \$ 1,574,375 | \$ 1,342,500 | \$ 783,222 | \$ 1,342,500 |

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|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| LICENSES & PERMITS | | | | |
| Town Clerk | \$ 7,372 | \$ 6,500 | \$ 3,597 | \$ 6,500 |
| Dog Licenses | 2,752 | 4,000 | 947 | 3,000 |
| Transfer Station - Stickers | 869 | 600 | 404 | 600 |
| Plumbing Permits | 8,033 | 5,500 | 4,241 | 7,500 |
| Letter of Intent | 8,385 | 5,000 | 9,445 | 8,500 |
| Commercial Hauling Fees | 300 | 100 | - | 100 |
| Subtotal | \$ 27,711 | \$ 21,700 | \$ 18,634 | \$ 26,200 |

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE | | | | |
| Police Special Details | \$ 19,863 | \$ 7,000 | \$ 3,576 | \$ 7,000 |
| School Resource Officer Reim. | 112,910 | 115,260 | 58,731 | 134,333 |
| State Revenue Sharing | 675,258 | 685,000 | 484,961 | 700,000 |
| Int. Govt. Revenue | 5,529 | - | - | - |
| Tree Growth | 11,203 | 12,000 | 17,350 | 12,000 |
| Local Roads Assistance Program | 40,052 | 45,000 | 43,152 | 45,000 |
| General Assistance Reimbursement | 3,950 | 9,800 | - | 9,800 |
| Snowmobile Fees | 2,569 | 2,700 | - | 2,500 |
| FirstPark Admin Fees | 43,363 | 43,000 | - | 50,000 |
| Subtotal | \$ 914,697 | \$ 919,760 | \$ 607,770 | \$ 960,633 |

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES | | | | |
| Cemeteries(Burials\Lot Sales) | 7,300 | 6,000 | 9,225 | 6,000 |
| Vehicle Registration Fees | 36,227 | 22,500 | 15,810 | 25,000 |
| Fines & Fees | 100 | 200 | - | 200 |
| Rentals | 12,300 | 10,000 | 3,200 | 10,000 |
| Lien Collections | 6,363 | 6,000 | 3,215 | 6,000 |
| Transfer Station Revenues | 91,406 | 70,000 | 50,015 | 70,000 |
| Subtotals | \$ 153,696 | \$ 114,700 | \$ 81,465 | \$ 117,200 |

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Investment Income | \$ (8,118) | \$ 5,000 | \$ 3,363 | \$ 5,000 |
| Cemetery Trust Income | - | 1,500 | - | 600 |
| Clarissa Greenough Lib. Book Inc | - | 300 | - | 300 |
| Library Trust Fund Income | - | 50 | - | 50 |
| Subtotal | \$ (8,118) | \$ 6,850 | \$ 3,363 | \$ 5,950 |

| | <u>Collected</u> <u>2020-2021</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> <u>2021-2022</u> | <u>Received</u> <u>12/31/2021</u> | <u>Estimated</u> <u>2022-2023</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 11,864 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 6,972 | \$ 15,000 |
| Cable TV | 77,706 | 72,000 | - | 72,000 |
| J.P. Morgan Rebate | 5,054 | 7,500 | - | 7,500 |
| Recreation Fees | 13,610 | 5,000 | 5,075 | 7,500 |
| SW Recycling Revenues | 25,347 | 22,500 | 17,693 | 22,500 |
| Retirement Forfeiture | - | - | - | - |
| TIF Revenues | 52,593 | 49,600 | 49,600 | 49,600 |
| Commercial Tipping Fees | 309 | 1,200 | 46 | 500 |
| Subtotal | \$ 186,483 | \$ 172,800 | \$ 79,385 | \$ 174,600 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 2,848,844 | \$ 2,578,310 | \$ 1,573,839 | \$ 2,627,083 |
| OTHER REVENUE SOURCES | | | | |
| Trans From Fund Equity | 275,000 | 300,000 | - | 500,000 |
| Trans from Cap. Imp. Res. | 75,000 | 100,000 | - | 150,000 |
| Subtotal | 350,000 | 400,000 | - | 650,000 |
| TOTAL | 3,198,844 | 2,978,310 | 1,573,839 | 3,277,083 |

TOWN OF OAKLAND SEWER LIENS

JANUARY - APRIL 2020

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 331.12 |
| JOHNSTON, LURA P. | 739.68 |
| MUZEROLLE, JASON R. | 431.50 |
| REDLEVSKE, AMY J. | 275.16 |
| ROY, DREW | 169.54 |
| UEBELHACK, RUSSELL | 560.62 |
| TOTAL | 2,507.62 |

JULY - OCTOBER 2020

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| GOODWIN, KARLA S. | 340.38 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 192.52 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 422.67 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 471.29 |
| JOHNSTON, LURA P. | 782.63 |
| MAXWELL, THELMA | 268.23 |
| MCDANIEL, STARR | 654.47 |
| MUZEROLLE, JASON R. | 404.17 |
| REDLEVSKE, AMY J. | 253.08 |
| ROY, DREW | 158.71 |
| TILLSON, BETH M. | 288.79 |
| UEBELHACK, RUSSELL | 534.96 |
| TOTAL | 4,771.90 |

JANUARY - APRIL 2021

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| BROOKS, BEVERLY JEAN | 255.21 |
| BROOKS, BEVERLY JEAN | 216.97 |
| BROWN, KATHY F. | 160.46 |
| GOODWIN, KARLA S. | 337.66 |
| HAPGOOD, STEVEN | 115.02 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 219.82 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 369.03 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 440.28 |
| JOHNSTON, LURA P. | 748.44 |
| LUCE, MARY O. | 514.52 |
| LUCE, MARY O. | 315.47 |
| MAXWELL, THELMA | 252.94 |
| MCDANIEL, STARR | 808.94 |
| MULLEN, RICHARD A. JR | 189.65 |
| MUZEROLLE, JASON R. | 380.05 |
| PARENT, MICHELLE L. | 236.12 |
| REDLEVSKE, AMY J. | 282.01 |
| ROBBINS, MICHAEL L. | 141.61 |
| ROY, DREW | 153.47 |
| SILVERMAN, PAUL J. | 319.07 |
| SIMPSON, ROBERT F. | 114.75 |
| TILLSON, BETH M. | 761.62 |
| TRACY, JEREMY M. | 206.04 |
| UEBELHACK, RUSSELL | 528.83 |
| WHEELER, BRIAN | 255.74 |
| TOTAL | 8323.72 |

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|-------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL OWED | 15,603.24 |
|-------------------|------------------|

OVERDUE SEWER BILLS - JULY & OCTOBER 2021

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------|
| ALLEN, TANYA ANN | 07/20/2021 | 1.95 |
| ALLEN, TANYA ANN | 10/28/2021 | 81.50 |
| ANDERSON, CRAIG B. | 10/28/2021 | 50.00 |
| ANDERSON, SARAH B. | 07/20/2021 | 134.00 |
| ANDERSON, SARAH B. | 10/28/2021 | 81.50 |
| ARNET EQUIPMENT LEASE, LLC | 10/28/2021 | 60.50 |
| BEAUDOIN, AMBER | 10/28/2021 | 37.02 |
| BEAULIEU, DEREK | 10/28/2021 | 181.25 |
| BICKFORD, DONNA L., DEV. OF | 10/28/2021 | 44.94 |
| BRICKETT, RAYMOND A. | 10/28/2021 | 60.50 |
| BRICKETT, RAYMOND A. | 10/28/2021 | 107.75 |
| BROOKS, BEVERLY JEAN | 07/20/2021 | 191.75 |
| BROOKS, BEVERLY JEAN | 07/20/2021 | 176.00 |
| BROOKS, BEVERLY JEAN | 10/28/2021 | 181.25 |
| BROOKS, BEVERLY JEAN | 10/28/2021 | 160.25 |
| BROWN, KATHY F. | 07/20/2021 | 102.50 |
| BROWN, KATHY F. | 10/28/2021 | 107.75 |
| C37 CAPITAL LLC | 07/20/2021 | 118.25 |
| C37 CAPITAL LLC | 07/20/2021 | 244.25 |
| C37 CAPITAL LLC | 07/20/2021 | 102.50 |
| C37 CAPITAL LLC | 10/28/2021 | 76.25 |
| C37 CAPITAL LLC | 10/28/2021 | 128.75 |
| C37 CAPITAL LLC | 10/28/2021 | 144.50 |
| C37 CAPITAL LLC | 10/28/2021 | 31.00 |
| C37 CAPITAL LLC | 10/28/2021 | 76.25 |
| CASTONGUAY, CLAUDE L. | 07/20/2021 | 130.26 |
| CASTONGUAY, CLAUDE L. | 10/28/2021 | 176.00 |
| CHARLES, JULIUS A. | 07/20/2021 | 239.00 |
| CHARLES, JULIUS A. | 10/28/2021 | 265.25 |
| CHARRIER, ABBIE | 10/28/2021 | 155.00 |
| DAVIS, CHAD . | 07/20/2021 | 106.00 |
| DAVIS, CHAD . | 10/28/2021 | 168.25 |
| GAULIN, KEVIN | 10/28/2021 | 205.00 |
| GIGUERE, BRETT S. | 10/28/2021 | 107.75 |
| GK ENTERPRISES, LLC | 10/28/2021 | 131.50 |
| GLOVER, DAVID L. | 07/20/2021 | 38.48 |
| GLOVER, DAVID L. | 10/28/2021 | 139.25 |
| GLOVER, DAVID L. | 10/28/2021 | 50.00 |
| GOODWIN, KARLA S. | 07/20/2021 | 107.75 |
| GOODWIN, KARLA S. | 10/28/2021 | 118.25 |
| HALL, CLAYTON R. | 07/20/2021 | 218.00 |
| HALL, CLAYTON R. | 10/28/2021 | 223.25 |

OVERDUE SEWER BILLS - JULY & OCTOBER 2021

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------|
| HAPGOOD, STEVEN | 07/20/2021 | 50.00 |
| HAPGOOD, STEVEN | 10/28/2021 | 50.00 |
| HARTIGAN, GERARD | 07/20/2021 | 107.75 |
| HARTIGAN, GERARD | 10/28/2021 | 170.75 |
| HARVILLE, THOMAS W. | 07/20/2021 | 312.75 |
| HARVILLE, THOMAS W. | 10/28/2021 | 365.25 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOC | 07/20/2021 | 123.50 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOC | 10/28/2021 | 97.25 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOC | 10/28/2021 | 128.75 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 07/20/2021 | 113.00 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 07/20/2021 | 102.50 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 07/20/2021 | 128.75 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 07/20/2021 | 197.49 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 07/20/2021 | 181.25 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 07/20/2021 | 50.00 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 10/28/2021 | 144.50 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 10/28/2021 | 81.50 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 10/28/2021 | 144.50 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 10/28/2021 | 191.75 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 10/28/2021 | 186.50 |
| HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES | 10/28/2021 | 50.00 |
| HUDSON, MAXIMILLIAN M. | 07/20/2021 | 92.00 |
| HUDSON, MAXIMILLIAN M. | 10/28/2021 | 92.00 |
| ISBELL, SHEILA A. | 10/28/2021 | 107.75 |
| JOHNSTON, LURA P. | 07/20/2021 | 315.25 |
| JOHNSTON, LURA P. | 10/28/2021 | 315.25 |
| KNIGHT, DENNY L. | 07/20/2021 | 71.00 |
| KNIGHT, DENNY L. | 10/28/2021 | 76.25 |
| KOCHIS, PAUL B. | 07/20/2021 | 128.75 |
| KOCHIS, PAUL B. | 10/28/2021 | 134.00 |
| LAVERDIERE, BRUCE C. | 07/20/2021 | 134.00 |
| LAVERDIERE, BRUCE C. | 10/28/2021 | 118.25 |
| LEWIS, CALVIN | 07/20/2021 | 100.22 |
| LEWIS, CALVIN | 10/28/2021 | 149.75 |
| LILLIAN GRACE LLC | 10/28/2021 | 102.50 |
| LOUCKS, BRIAN | 10/28/2021 | 160.25 |
| LUCE, MARY O. | 07/20/2021 | 181.25 |
| LUCE, MARY O. | 07/20/2021 | 134.00 |
| LUCE, MARY O. | 10/28/2021 | 244.25 |
| LUCE, MARY O. | 10/28/2021 | 155.00 |
| MATHIEU, PAUL D. | 10/28/2021 | 60.50 |
| MAXWELL, THELMA | 07/20/2021 | 107.75 |
| MAXWELL, THELMA | 10/28/2021 | 149.75 |

OVERDUE SEWER BILLS - JULY & OCTOBER 2021

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------|--------|
| MAXWELL, THELMA H. | 10/28/2021 | 81.50 |
| MCDANIEL, STARR | 07/20/2021 | 212.75 |
| MCDANIEL, STARR | 10/28/2021 | 281.00 |
| MITCHELL, ANDREW S. | 07/20/2021 | 81.50 |
| MITCHELL, ANDREW S. | 10/28/2021 | 71.00 |
| MREM | 07/20/2021 | 128.75 |
| MREM | 07/20/2021 | 113.00 |
| MREM | 07/20/2021 | 50.00 |
| MREM | 07/20/2021 | 155.00 |
| MREM | 07/20/2021 | 134.00 |
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| MREM | 10/28/2021 | 165.50 |
| MREM | 10/28/2021 | 102.50 |
| MREM | 10/28/2021 | 92.00 |
| MULLEN, RICHARD A. JR | 07/20/2021 | 118.25 |
| MULLEN, RICHARD A. JR | 10/28/2021 | 134.00 |
| MUZEROLLE, JASON R. | 07/20/2021 | 147.25 |
| MUZEROLLE, JASON R. | 10/28/2021 | 136.75 |
| MUZEROLLE, JENNIFER | 07/20/2021 | 97.25 |
| MUZEROLLE, JENNIFER | 10/28/2021 | 102.50 |
| MWGW PROPERTY LLC | 07/20/2021 | 583.75 |
| MWGW PROPERTY LLC | 10/28/2021 | 825.25 |
| NASON, MARGARET A. | 07/20/2021 | 128.75 |
| NASON, MARGARET A. | 10/28/2021 | 160.25 |
| NOLF, LISA M. | 10/28/2021 | 47.25 |
| OAKLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY | 07/20/2021 | 50.00 |
| OAKLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY | 10/28/2021 | 50.00 |
| OUELLETTE, STEVEN J. SR | 10/28/2021 | 118.25 |
| PARENT, MICHELLE L. | 07/20/2021 | 92.00 |
| PARENT, MICHELLE L. | 10/28/2021 | 102.50 |
| PAUCEK, PETR | 10/28/2021 | 228.50 |
| PERRY, STEPHEN P. | 07/20/2021 | 50.00 |
| PERRY, STEPHEN P. | 10/28/2021 | 50.00 |
| PIERCE, RICHARD C. | 10/28/2021 | 128.75 |
| QUIRION, KENNETH G. | 10/28/2021 | 92.00 |

OVERDUE SEWER BILLS - JULY & OCTOBER 2021

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------|
| RATTENNI, WILLIAM | 07/20/2021 | 199.75 |
| RATTENNI, WILLIAM | 10/28/2021 | 236.50 |
| RATTENNI, WILLIAM . | 10/28/2021 | 100.00 |
| REDLEVSKE, AMY J. | 07/20/2021 | 113.00 |
| REDLEVSKE, AMY J. | 10/28/2021 | 92.00 |
| ROBBINS, MICHAEL L. | 07/20/2021 | 71.00 |
| ROBBINS, MICHAEL L. | 10/28/2021 | 86.75 |
| ROLLINS, MEGAN | 10/28/2021 | 134.00 |
| ROY, DREW | 07/20/2021 | 55.25 |
| ROY, DREW | 10/28/2021 | 55.25 |
| SAINT STEPHEN THE MARTYR TRADITIONAL | 10/28/2021 | 100.00 |
| SHOREY, KEITH M. | 10/28/2021 | 77.21 |
| SILVERMAN, PAUL J. | 07/20/2021 | 123.50 |
| SILVERMAN, PAUL J. | 10/28/2021 | 118.25 |
| SIMPSON, ROBERT F. | 07/20/2021 | 50.00 |
| SIMPSON, ROBERT F. | 10/28/2021 | 50.00 |
| ST. GERMAIN, JOSEPH A. | 10/28/2021 | 71.00 |
| ST. PIERRE, JOYCE M. | 10/28/2021 | 95.72 |
| STEVENS, MARK J. SR | 07/20/2021 | 107.75 |
| STEVENS, MARK J. SR | 10/28/2021 | 128.75 |
| STEWART, VALERIE J. | 07/20/2021 | 81.50 |
| STEWART, VALERIE J. | 10/28/2021 | 71.00 |
| TILLSON, BETH M. | 07/20/2021 | 50.00 |
| TILLSON, BETH M. | 10/28/2021 | 50.00 |
| TRACY, JEREMY M. | 07/20/2021 | 155.00 |
| TRACY, JEREMY M. | 10/28/2021 | 155.00 |
| UEBELHACK, RUSSELL | 07/20/2021 | 223.25 |
| UEBELHACK, RUSSELL | 10/28/2021 | 228.50 |
| VIOLETTE, JOSEPH J. | 10/28/2021 | 113.00 |
| WARD, JAMES L. | 10/28/2021 | 165.50 |
| WEHRLE, DALE R. | 07/20/2021 | 5.01 |
| WEHRLE, DALE R. | 10/28/2021 | 223.25 |
| WHEELER, BRIAN | 07/20/2021 | 165.50 |
| WHEELER, BRIAN | 10/28/2021 | 165.50 |
| YOTIDES, AUDREY L. | 10/28/2021 | 149.75 |

TOTAL OWED**21,732.80**

2009-2020 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

| Name | Year | Amount |
|------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| 826 KMD, LLC | 2020-1 | 540.27 |
| BENNER, ROBERT P.T. | 2014-1 | 483.96 |
| BENNER, ROBERT P.T. | 2015-1 | 472.35 |
| BENNER, ROBERT P.T. | 2016-1 | 460.95 |
| COWING, WAYNE | 2018-1 | 32.94 |
| GIBSON, MICHAEL | 2016-1 | 73.61 |
| HEIDI LEIGH & COMPANY | 2017-1 | 58.72 |
| HOLMES, DWAYNE | 2010-1 | 336.63 |
| HOLMES, DWAYNE | 2011-1 | 269.03 |
| HOLMES, DWAYNE | 2012-1 | 210.33 |
| HOLMES, DWAYNE | 2013-1 | 206.28 |
| HOLMES, DWAYNE | 2014-1 | 210.60 |
| HOLMES, DWAYNE | 2015-1 | 205.56 |
| HOLMES, DWAYNE | 2016-1 | 200.60 |
| LAPLANTE, KATHY | 2009-1 | 78.65 |
| LAPLANTE, KATHY | 2010-1 | 69.45 |
| LAPLANTE, KATHY | 2011-1 | 22.87 |
| LAPLANTE, KATHY | 2012-1 | 22.51 |
| LAPLANTE, KATHY | 2013-1 | 22.23 |
| LAPLANTE, KATHY | 2014-1 | 22.71 |
| LAPLANTE, KATHY | 2015-1 | 22.18 |
| LAPLANTE, KATHY | 2016-1 | 21.65 |
| LAPLANTE, KATHY | 2017-1 | 21.75 |
| LAPLANTE, KATHY | 2018-1 | 20.59 |
| LAPLANTE, KATHY | 2019-1 | 20.29 |
| MAINE WATER WORKS SUPPLY CO. | 2019-1 | 226.33 |
| MUELLER ASSOCIATES | 2019-1 | 8.10 |
| MWGW PROPERTY, LLC | 2020-1 | 33.27 |
| OAKLAND SHEET METAL INC. | 2017-1 | 711.09 |
| OAKLAND SHEET METAL INC. | 2018-1 | 672.37 |
| PETERS, RUSTY | 2011-1 | 160.06 |
| POOLE, DANIEL M., D.C. | 2017-1 | 1,477.88 |
| POOLE, DANIEL M., D.C. | 2018-1 | 1,397.40 |
| POOLE, DANIEL M., D.C. | 2019-1 | 1,369.88 |
| POOLE, DANIEL M., D.C. | 2020-1 | 1,250.99 |
| SPENCER, STEPHEN LMT | 2018-1 | 35.00 |
| U.S. TELEPACIFIC DBA TPx | 2019-1 | 2.71 |
| U.S. TELEPACIFIC DBA TPx | 2020-1 | 5.54 |
| TOTAL OWED | | 11,457.33 |

2020 TAX LIENS - TOWN OF OAKLAND

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|------------------|
| ANDREWS, CARLA | 281.74 | RACKLEFF, JAMES M. | 375.87 |
| BARD, JAMES R. | 4,195.40 | REMILLARD, CINDY | 347.48 |
| BEAULIEU, KAREN M. | 1,114.59 | ROCKWOOD ESTATES OWNERS ASSN | 101.94 |
| BELANGER, BENJAMIN | 3,419.52 | ROY, DREW | 925.68 |
| BELANGER, JONATHAN | 129.07 | TILLSON, BETH M. | 1,289.93 |
| BROWN, JAMES J. | 5,946.92 | TRASK, PAUL | 307.31 |
| BROWN, JAMES JONATHAN | 2,874.90 | TURCOTTE, ERIC | 2,913.60 |
| BROWN, KATHY F. | 287.38 | UEBELHACK, RUSSELL | 1,134.67 |
| BUCKNAM, CYNTHIA | 3,274.89 | | |
| CASWELL, ERIC V. | 228.78 | | |
| CHAPMAN, SKYLER | 175.75 | | |
| CLEAVER, MATTHEW R. | 6,172.94 | | |
| COLE, CHRISTOPHER C. | 5,442.44 | | |
| COYNE, DENISE E. | 1,108.77 | | |
| CRESS, TOBY L. | 729.00 | | |
| DANFORTH, BRIAN, HEIRS OF | 1,772.09 | | |
| DESROSIERS, JOSHUA | 484.48 | | |
| DESROSIERS, JOSHUA | 221.47 | | |
| DESROSIERS, JOSHUA | 3,202.17 | | |
| ESTABROOK, DARRYL | 744.96 | | |
| FOSTER, KIRK R. | 2,122.77 | | |
| HAFFORD, DONALD | 1,218.69 | | |
| HARDY, HOWARD C. | 2,486.23 | | |
| HARVILLE, THOMAS W. | 2,257.42 | | |
| HAWES, MADOLYN & PAUL D., HEIRS OF | 435.16 | | |
| HENTSCHEL, MICHAEL C. | 1,377.25 | | |
| LAFRENIERE, CYNTHIA J. | 1,457.61 | | |
| LAPLANTE, CORY S. | 825.79 | | |
| LEWIS, SHEENA L. | 4,759.75 | | |
| MAYBERRY, MECHELL | 188.59 | | |
| MCEWEN, HEATHER M. | 1,012.30 | | |
| MCEWEN, HEATHER M. | 450.76 | | |
| MILLER, DAVID E. | 729.21 | | |
| MILLER, SHAWNTYL R. | 1,852.20 | | |
| MILLS, STEPHEN A. | 2,705.04 | | |
| MILLS, STEPHEN A. | 591.88 | | |
| MORRISON, RICHARD T. | 1,156.60 | | |
| MULLEN, KIRK | 332.89 | | |
| MUZEROLLE, JASON R. | 927.24 | | |
| O'CLAIR, KEITH | 1,609.54 | | |
| PARENT, MICHELLE L. | 982.86 | | |
| PECKHAM, ROBERT E. | 665.29 | | |
| PELLETIER, KATE L. | 1,105.45 | | |
| PELLETIER, KATE L. | 363.94 | | |
| PHAIR, IAN | 265.30 | | |
| POOLE, DANIEL M. | 3,972.57 | | |
| PRIME CAPITAL CORPORATION | 1,052.49 | | |
| | | TOTAL OWED | 86,108.56 |

**TOWN OF OAKLAND
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022**

To: Michael Tracy, a resident of the Town of Oakland in the County of Kennebec and State of Maine.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakland, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Messalonskee High School -Performing Arts Center, Oakland, Maine on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., to act on Articles 1 -25 all said articles set out below to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to pay any and all overdrafts from the 2021-2022 fiscal year that exceed the \$10,001 limit authorized by Section 303 in the Oakland Town Charter.

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix dates upon which 2022-2023 taxes shall become payable and to charge interest on same.

Recommendation: Taxes shall be payable in full, or installments, due on August 19, 2022, October 14, 2022, January 13, 2023, and March 10, 2023. Taxes not paid in full on or before due dates shall be charged interest at a rate of 4% per annum. A tax bill of less than \$100.00 shall be payable in full on August 19, 2022 with interest to accrue at a rate of 4% per annum on those taxes unpaid after said date. Any tax refunds granted will have interest computed at the same rate as it originally accrued and was approved at the appropriate Annual Town Meeting.

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government as follows:

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Administration | \$ 631,183 | \$ 645,388 |
| General Assistance | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Assessor | 154,191 | 169,077 |
| Insurance | 14,410 | 15,710 |
| Total | \$ 809,784 | \$ 840,175 |
| From Tree Growth Revenue | \$ (12,000) | \$ (12,000) |
| Tax Increment Financing Revenue | (6,850) | (9,257) |
| General Assistance Reim. | (9,800) | (9,800) |
| Transfer from Fund Equity | \$ - | \$ (27,000) |
| To be raised by Taxation | \$ 781,134 | \$ 782,118 |

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Debt Service and Contingency as follows:

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Debt Service | \$ 211,293 | \$ 209,855 |
| Contingency | 6,000 | 11,000 |
| | 217,293 | 220,855 |
| To be raised by Taxation | \$ 217,293 | \$ 220,855 |

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Library as follows:

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Public Library | \$ 146,498 | \$ 153,522 |
| From Library Trust Fund Income | \$ (50) | \$ (50) |
| From Clarissa Greenough Trust Fund Income | (300) | (300) |
| To be raised by Taxation | \$ 146,148 | \$ 153,172 |

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation as follows:

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Recreation | \$ 205,012 | \$ 221,516 |
| Recreation Revenue | (5,000) | (7,500) |
| To be raised by Taxation | \$ 200,012 | \$ 214,016 |

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire and Rescue as follows:

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Fire Department | \$ 325,734 | \$ 349,102 |
| Rescue | 68,788 | 71,039 |
| Total | \$ 394,522 | \$ 420,141 |
| Transfer from Fund Equity | | \$ (20,000) |
| To be raised by Taxation | \$ 394,522 | \$ 400,141 |

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Police Department as follows:

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Police Department | \$ 928,204 | \$ 1,042,559 |
| School Resource Officers | 156,255 | 179,111 |
| Special Details | 7,000 | 10,000 |
| Total | \$ 1,091,459 | \$ 1,231,670 |
| School Resource Officer Reimbursement | \$ (115,260) | \$ (134,333) |
| Police Department Special Details | (7,000) | (7,000) |
| Transfer from Fund Equity | (120,000) | (225,000) |
| To be raised by Taxation | \$ 849,199 | \$ 865,337 |

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 9-2

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Protection Services as follows:

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Public Safety Services | \$ 363,479 | \$ 375,823 |
| Code Enforcement Services | <u>115,606</u> | <u>119,570</u> |
| Total | \$ 479,085 | \$ 495,393 |
| Tax Increment Financing Revenue | \$ (6,849) | \$ (8,149) |
| To be raised by Taxation | \$ 472,236 | \$ 487,244 |

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control as follows:

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Animal Control | \$ 17,000 | \$ 17,000 |
| From Dog License Fees | (3,000) | (3,000) |
| To be raised by Taxation | \$ 14,000 | \$ 14,000 |

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Transfer Station and Recycling Services as follows:

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Transfer Station & Recycling Services | \$ 523,968 | \$ 551,322 |
| Commercial Tipping Fees | \$ (1,200) | \$ (500) |
| Transfer Station Revenue | (70,000) | (70,000) |
| Recycling Revenues | <u>(22,500)</u> | <u>(22,500)</u> |
| To be raised by Taxation | \$ 430,268 | \$ 458,322 |

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works and Road Improvements as follows:

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Public Works | \$ 944,679 | \$ 991,963 |
| Town Road Improvements | <u>323,480</u> | <u>370,309</u> |
| Total | \$ 1,268,159 | \$ 1,362,272 |
| Excise Tax | \$ (1,026,553) | \$ (1,223,159) |
| LRAP Funds | (45,000) | (45,000) |
| Transfer from Fund Equity | | \$ (35,000) |
| To be raised by Taxation | \$196,606 | \$ 59,113 |

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Property Maintenance as follows:

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Town Property Maintenance | \$ 321,105 | \$ 402,569 |
| Transfer from Fund Equity | | (80,000) |
| To be raised by Taxation | \$ 321,105 | \$ 322,569 |

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Capital Improvements as follows:

| | | This Year |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Fire Truck | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 |
| Property Maintenance Mini Exavator | \$ - | \$ 35,000 |
| Public Works 310 Back Hoe | \$ - | \$ 115,000 |
| Transfer Station Yard Truck | \$ - | \$ 20,000 |
| Public Works Loader | \$ 125,000 | \$ - |
| Transfer Station Scale | \$ 10,000 | \$ 10,000 |
| Police Cruiser | \$ 45,000 | \$ 45,000 |
| Memorial Hall | \$ - | \$ 11,000 |
| LED Street Lights | \$ 50,000 | \$ 19,700 |
| Total | \$ 330,000 | \$ 355,700 |
| Transfer From Capital Improvement Resv. | \$ (55,000) | \$ (150,000) |
| From Fund Equity | (38,000) | (113,000) |
| Excise Tax | (95,000) | (76,841) |

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| To be raised from Taxation | \$142,000 | \$ 15,859 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 9-2

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Service Organization requests as follows:

| | Last Year Approved Amount | This Year Council Recommends |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Child & Family Services/KVCAP | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Kennebec Behavioral Health | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| KVCAP Transportation | 1,000.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Mid Maine Homeless Shelter | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Sexual Assault Crisis & Support | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Spectrum Generations | 1,500.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 |

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| To be raised from Taxation | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|

Council Recommendation: 4-1

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 9-2

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Miscellaneous requests:

| | Last Year Approved Amount | This Year Council Recommends |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Dams Committee | \$ 5,890 | \$ 7,399 |
| KVCOG | 9,209 | 9,209 |
| Oakland Historical Society | 500 | 750 |
| Memorial Day | 500 | 500 |
| Maine Municipal Association | 6,593 | 6,893 |
| Mid Me Chamber of Commerce | 822 | 875 |
| Snowmobile Club | 2,700 | 2,500 |
| Central Maine Growth Council | 22,106 | 24,523 |
| Total | \$ 48,320 | \$ 52,649 |
| Transfer From Snowmobile Registration Fees | \$ (2,700) | \$ (2,500) |
| Tax Increment Financing Revenue | (32,194) | (32,194) |
| To be raised from Taxation | \$ 13,426 | \$ 17,955 |

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following Conservation Organization requests as follows:

| | Last Year Approved Amount | This Year Council Recommends |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 7 Lakes Alliance - Youth Con. Corps | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 |
| East Pond Association | 1,750 | 2,500 |
| Messalonskee/Snow Pond Lake Assoc. | 8,500 | 8,500 |
| McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Assoc. | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Total | \$ 14,750 | \$ 15,500 |
| To be raised from Taxation | \$ 14,750 | \$ 15,500 |

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to apply estimated General Fund Revenues in the amount of **\$963,000** towards appropriations to reduce taxation. (Last year - \$883,900)

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to sell or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to accept any and all donations, gifts, reserves or grants and to expend such monies for the purposes stated.

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 22. Shall the Town of Oakland vote to approve a Community Development program and a possible Community Development Block Grant application and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development? If said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, further assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S. Sec 506, with no payment of interest by the town.

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$666,330.08 from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: To repair the Town's aging sewer collection infrastructure. This infrastructure was installed in the early 1900's and consists of clay pipe that has broken over the years, allowing clean water to enter the system. Two areas have been identified as having critically deteriorated pipes. Lower Oak Steet and Lower Alpine Street.

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 12-0

ARTICLE 25. Shall the Town raise by taxation and appropriate to the Oakland Fire Department's budget the sum of \$469,000 for the following purposes and expenses reasonably related thereto:

1. to allow the Town of Oakland to hire 4 full-time Firefighter/EMT's;
2. to cover all wages and benefits that are offered to other full-time Town employees such as health insurance, dental insurance, vision, retirement, short term disability, and any other benefits covered in the Oakland Employee handbook that are not mentioned here; and
3. to purchase all clothing and equipment for 4 additional employees necessary to adequately perform the job.

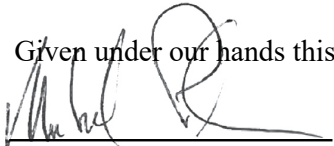
Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

The Registrar will be available to accept names of new voters in person prior to the commencement of the meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Warrant shall be posted in the following conspicuous places on Friday, April 22, 2022 which is at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual Town Meeting date: Oakland Post Office, Buddies Grocery & Pharmacy, Oakland Town Office, D & L Country Store and the Korner Store & Deli.


Hereof, fail not to make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Clerk of the Town of Oakland on or before said meeting.


Given under our hands this 23rd day of March 2022.


Michael Perkins, Chairman


Dana Wrigley, Vice Chairman

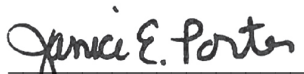

Robert Nutting


Donald Borman


David Groder

The Town of Oakland complies with Federal regulations in accommodating persons with special needs. Voters planning to attend this public meeting in need of special services should contact the Town Office at 465-7357 by Friday, April 29, 2022.

Attest:


Janice E. Porter
Town Clerk

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