

# Town of Oakland, Maine 2022 Annual Report



## Cover Information

This year's Town Report cover contains photos of the new Oakland Overlook Park located at the top of High Street. Some of these photos are from the Park's Grand Opening celebration.

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### **\*\*\*NEW LOCATION for Annual Town Meeting\*\*\***

**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.**

at WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 55 Pleasant Street, Oakland.

### **\*\*NEW TOWN OFFICE HOURS\*\***



**CLOSED FRIDAYS**

Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>

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**TOWN OFFICE**

**HOURS**

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Monday - Thursday

7 am to 5 pm

## 2022 Oakland Town Report Dedication



As we know, time moves on, and life changes.

The Oakland Public Library is one of Oakland's cherished gems within our municipality. As with any organization, they are only as good as the people who represent them. Sarah and Gene Roy are two of those special people and Oakland is very lucky to have found them. They are the face and heart behind our Public Library. Sarah, our Head Librarian was hired by the Town of Oakland in June of 2003 as a Library staff member. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, she was promoted to Oakland's Head Librarian. Gene, Sarah's husband was hired on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, as our Children's Librarian. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 both Sarah and Gene Roy will be retiring from a life of public service and commitment to a well-deserved life of family and spending time together.

Congratulations on your retirement and we wish you many years of good health and happiness. We are proud to dedicate the 2022 Town Report to Sarah and Gene Roy.

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## TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

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

Looking ahead, our Summer Music Series will be held, Oakfest and accompanying events will also be held in July: We thank you for attending each.

A very big thank you to all of the Town's residents for their participation and willingness to support and help us with the above-mentioned events.

I would like to thank all of 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns you may have, at 207-716-6968.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Perkins  
Council Chairman

## 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 Primary 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, Maine

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

**\*\*Effective May 1, 2023 \*\*CLOSED FRIDAYS\*\***

New Hours will be Monday – Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**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](mailto:staff@oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org)  
Website: [oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org](http://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](http://www.spectrum.com)

# **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

## **BUDGET SEASON 2023-2024**

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 2023-2024 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.

### **2022 in Review**

Last year, the Town of Oakland moved from a part-time/volunteer Fire Department model to a full-time model. This much needed change helps ensure that each time there's a response to a rescue or fire call in Oakland, someone will be responding.

Regardless of high mortgage rates, new housing starts in Oakland set yet another record. This past year brought in \$9MM in new construction with a total of 25 new homes, compared to 22 new homes built just the year before. This equates to another 25 new families moving to Oakland. Oakland continues to grow.

During the development of Oakland's comprehensive plan, the Oakland downtown was identified as an area within our town that is of significant value, but it needed a boost. Due to this, we organized a Downtown re-development committee and worked together for about a year and a half with the goal of writing a downtown re-development plan. Under the leadership of the Central Maine Growth Council, I'm proud to say that for the first time in Oakland's history, we now have a plan for controlled growth and development of our downtown. The driving force to develop this plan was to have the ability to apply for a downtown TIF district with Maine's Department of Economic and Community Development department (DECD). After conducting a public hearing and receiving public support, this plan and TIF application has been delivered to the DECD and we are now waiting for approval. For more information and a copy of our re-development plan, please stop by my office. I will gladly discuss this in detail and give you a copy for your review.

The Oakland Overview Park is officially complete and is quite heavily used. This park arguably offers some of the most beautiful sunsets in Oakland. On a clear evening, it's not uncommon to see several vehicles watching the sunset over our town. It has become a town asset that contributes to the quality of life that Oakland has become known for.

### Oakfest

Last year's Oakfest was the first since the beginning of the Pandemic. Friday night was very well attended and a blast. The Saturday event was the hottest on record and unfortunately due to the oppressive heat many people stayed home. Due to attendance, the Sunday Triathlon has been discontinued. We will be bringing the parade back with this upcoming Oakfest. This year's event is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Music Series

This past summer's Music Series was one of the best attended events that we've had so far. We had a great line up of bands and decent weather. We lost two concerts due to storms. We're in the middle of planning another great lineup of musicians for next summer. Stay tuned.

### Flower Committee

As in past years, last summer, the flowers around downtown were beautiful. Every summer our downtown area, Church Street, and our intersections become a focal point for Oakland. The Flower Committee continues to push the envelope of creativity. Losing this group would be a step backwards for our residents and the Town of Oakland. I believe that the town needs to continue to support this inexpensive beautification and marketing program.

### 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. Unfortunately, public perception of our public servants is also at an all-time low, which contributes to people who may be good candidates to look elsewhere. 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 to you.*

*The Northeast CPI came in at 7.2% this year. The Council has agreed to pass a 5% COLA onto our employees. Many Maine towns have passed on the full CPI amount onto their employees, **A 5% COLA equates to \$92,045.00 in this budget.** The reason why I recommended to Council to reduce the COLA to from 7.2% to 5% is due to a 10-year comparison. Over the past 10 years of COLA increases, the employees came out ahead by about 2%. Reducing the COLA to 5% is only fair to both our taxpayers and our employees.*

*Our Head Librarian Sarah Roy and her husband Gene Roy are retiring this spring. Over the past 9 budget years, I have not adjusted the Head Librarian's salary or other Library staff salaries to market value.*

*Oakland's Head Librarian is currently being paid \$41,511.00/year. After doing a market survey with 10 full-service Town's that have approximately the same population of Oakland, we found that we were paying second lowest of the surveyed area, with the lowest being Fairfield at **\$40,000.00.** the salaries ranged from a high of **\$82,105.00** to a low of **\$40,131.00**, with a median salary being **\$62,816.00.** I recommended to Council that we place the salary at **\$57,000.00/year***

so that we can find someone who will take the position. Total increases to the salary line for the library will be **\$33,031.00**. This includes pay adjustments for 2 other positions and our library aids who work within the library.

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, Delta Ambulance will be billing the town \$15/capita for its services to the town of Oakland. This adds about **\$96,000.00** to our operating costs for the town.

Due to Oakland having not completed a complete reevaluation since 1996, our property values and inventory are way out of accuracy. Last year we were only allowed to value property at 96%. This caused our homestead exemption to go from \$25,000.00 down to \$24,000.00/household. This upcoming season, we will only be able to value our properties at 79%, causing our homestead exemption to drop to around \$21,000.

The issue that Oakland and every other town in our region is experiencing, is that our values have fallen so far behind what properties are selling for, that it's causing the extra expense of rising property taxes and lower homestead exemptions. We are now talking with companies that complete full town revaluations. A full revaluation will cost close to \$300,000.00 for Oakland's 4000 properties. We are asking to put **\$100,000.00** in our budget this year so that we can move forward with this project. Once the revaluation is completed, the town's mil-rate will be considerably lower than it is now. The rule of thumb is that 33% of properties will experience a tax increase, 33% will not change at all, and 33% will go down in taxes. There are no options with this. An example of what I'm talking about is when FW Webb built its new \$5,000,000.00 facility on KMD, all the Town could generate a value of about \$2,000,000.00 due to our 1996 cost schedules that we have to work with. This has a negative impact on every property owner in the Town of Oakland.

### **Fire/Rescue Department**

Due to increased costs, we've increased the equipment maintenance line by **\$9500.00**. We've also increased the building maintenance line by **\$4000.00**. Overall, the Fire Department budget was reduced by **\$14,000.00**. We are also asking to add another **\$100,000.00** to the new fire truck account.

### **Police Department**

The labor and benefit lines for the Police Department budget has collectively increased by nearly **\$22,000.00** due to contracted salaries. The lease runs out April of 2024 on the two electric vehicles that the Police Department currently has. There is only about 9000 miles on each of these cars. The lease payoff is \$21,000.00 each. We are asking to buy these two vehicles and skip this year on replacing a cruiser. We've budgeted **\$35,000.00** for this purpose. We also have \$11,500.00 from when we sold a cruiser last year.

### Transfer Station

*The front-end loader at the transfer station has about 15,000 hours on it so it's time for replacement. We are asking to place **\$75,000.00** in our capital improvement account for this purpose. A new machine is about \$225,000.00. We are planning to place the remainder of the money in next year's budget. Tipping fees for our MSW have also increased from last year, adding about **\$22,000.00** to the budget.*

### Public Works Department

*The public works are asking to replace one of its pickups due to rust. The vehicle that we will be purchasing will be a 1-ton Ford with a plow and sander. We will be asking to pay for this vehicle out of the MDOT KMD road fund. We've increased our fuel/oil/lube line by about **\$25,000.00** due to increased costs. We've also increased our Salt and Sand budget by about **\$26,000.00** due to the cost of materials. Paving has also increased in price, so we are asking for an additional **\$31,000.00** for paving.*

### Summary

*Due to cost increases with about everything we buy, payroll, newly incurred costs such as Delta and revaluations, our proposed budget will increase by **\$514,170.00**.*

*On the flip side, our revenues have increased by 21.05% or **\$603,649.00**. This equates to another financially healthy year.*

*The town of Oakland has a fund equity policy that requires the town to only keep 10% of our total budget in the fund equity. Due to having such a healthy year financially, we were able to use **\$900,000** from our fund equity to reduce our budget.*

*The Town of Oakland also generated **\$150,000.00** in new property taxes.*

***With the addition of new property taxes and the town's fund equity policy, we will be exceeding our expenses by \$501,978.00. This allows enough money to pay for any School and County increases. Oakland will not have a property tax increase this year.***

*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 hope that you find this budget acceptable in its presentation and we welcome open discussion regarding a mutually acceptable budget for 2023/24 budget year.*

*Respectfully yours,*

*Ella Bowman, Town Manager*

## IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT CONTACTS

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	1710 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	202-225-6306
State Senator David Lafountain	3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04330	207-287-1515
Senator Matthew Pouliot	3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04330	207-287-1515
Representative Robert Nutting	2 State House Station Augusta, ME 04330	207-287-1440
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



**TOWN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL  
TOWN COUNCIL**

Michael Perkins, Chairman	Term Expires December 2025
David Groder	Term Expires December 2025
Robert Nutting	Term Expires December 2023
Dana Wrigley, Vice Chairman	Term Expires December 2024
Donald Borman	Term Expires December 2024

**TOWN CLERK**

Janice Porter	Term Expires December 2024
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**ASSESSOR**

Nichole Stenberg	Term Expires December 2025
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**APPOINTED PERSONNEL**

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	Nathan Smart
Health Officer(s)	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**

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
Vacancy	Term Expires June 2025
Everett Rossignol	Term Expires June 2025
Robert Knowlton	Term Expires June 2025

**APPEALS BOARD**

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
Vacancy	Term Expires June 2023
Angela Jurdak	Term Expires June 2025
Patrick Linehan	Term Expires June 2025

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

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 2025
Sylvia Jadczyk	Term Expires June 2025

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 18 MEMBERS**

Laura Tracy	Term Expires June 2025
Charles "Rick" Stubbart	Term Expires June 2024
*Michael Tracy	Term Expires June 2026

\*Newly elected term commences on 07/01/2023 expiring 06/30/2026

## BUDGET AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Donald Ponitz	Term Expires December 2026
Phyllis Capana	Term Expires December 2026
Jeremy Lizzotte	Term Expires December 2026
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

## LIBRARY BOARD COMMITTEE

Patricia Stevens	Term Expires June 2025
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

## OAKLAND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Jayne Roberge	Ashley Violette
Alexandra Fabian	Dr. Rebecca Berry
Claritza Hurdle	Danielle Marquis
Ella Bowman	Nicole Goodheart
Patrick Linehan	Lydia Stevens
Travis Nelson	Kelly Pinney-Michaud
Brooke Dillon	James Dinkle

## OAKFEST COMMITTEE

Kathy Paradis, Chairperson  
Abby Marshall Co-Chairperson  
Max Marston, Secretary  
Monica Charette, Media Relations  
Gary Bennett  
Mary Faucher  
Prudy Marcoux  
Bonnie Audet, American Legion  
Jeff Flye, American Legion

Patrick Faucher  
Jeremy Lizzotte  
Ashley Violette  
Owen Corrigan  
Janet Lund  
Donna Griffin  
Bill Farnham  
Ella Bowman, ex- officio

## FLOWER COMMITTEE

### Leadership:

Dr. Mark Sutherland  
Terry Borman  
Diane Engert

Stephanie Cheevers  
Jean Ponitz  
Laura Pierce

### Volunteers:

Pam Blake  
Eileen Bolstad  
Donna Doucette  
Rebecca Engleright  
Annie Flaherty  
Cheryl Godfrey  
Meg Griffin  
Howard Hardy  
Linda Holsem  
Katie Meikle  
Kara Pawson  
Jane Pellerin

June Ponitz  
Jenny Proctor  
Kelly Roderick  
Jeannie Shinay  
Debbie Smith  
Libby Stevens  
Cindy Sturtevant  
Jill Twist  
Renee Vigue  
April Wood  
Bev Yoon

### Helpers:

Jenny Barry  
Jane Boucher  
Carolyn McCaughey

Charlotte Melnichok  
Cindy Potter  
Trenton Clark

## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

2022 was another active year for the Code Enforcement Office. This year the town has seen average growth in development both residentially and commercially. The town ordinances and citizen staffed Planning, and Appeals 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 Oakland.

This year the following permits have been issued:

- 27 New homes**
- 6 Additions**
- 33 New garages**
- 12 Mobile homes**
- 10 Other (camp, decks, renovations, tower upgrades etc.)**
- 27 Internal Plumbing or connection permits**
- 35 New or replacement of Septic Systems**

The Code Office is still receiving complaints 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. We will continue to investigate.

Building and plumbing permits are required for most work. If you are unsure whether a permit is needed, call the Towns Code Office at (207)-465-2842 or (207)-649-4760. Code Enforcement will be happy to assist you with your projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Smart  
Code Enforcement Officer



## **PLANNING BOARD REPORT**

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

2022 was again an average year of activity for the planning board. The planning board spent time reviewing new subdivision plans, subdivision variances, larger scale commercial projects one of which is a solar array to be placed off of South Alpine Street and several smaller commercial projects.

The board continues to review and update ordinances and will continue to make sure they provide clear instruction, and direction for the public.

The Planning Board plays a critical role in directing and assisting the development in our town.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Stevens  
Planning Board Chairman

## ASSESSORS REPORT

To the Oakland Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

The Assessor's Office serves to provide the taxpayers of Oakland with fair and equitable valuations of real and personal property for tax purposes through professionalism, innovative technology, and application of reliable, consistent procedures in accordance with Maine State Law.

Almost all records in the assessing office are available to the public, including the tax commitment book, tax maps, property record cards, and real estate transfer tax declarations.

Oakland's tax year is a fiscal year that runs from July 1st thru June 30th; assessments are fixed on April 1st per Title 36, M.R.S.A. §502.

### **2022 Tax Commitment Statistics:**

- The certified ratio was 96%.
- Total taxable valuation of \$596,164,680 for real and personal property
- The 2022- 2023 total tax levy was \$10,737,587.15
- Tax rate is \$17.20 per thousand dollars of value.

### **Exemption Statistics:**

- 1,802 taxpayers qualified for the State of Maine Homestead Exemption, resulting in a property tax savings of \$412.80 per homestead.
- 153 Veterans and Widows of Veterans qualified for the Maine Veteran's Exemption resulting in a tax savings of \$99.07 per veteran.
- 47 businesses qualified for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption with a total value reduction of \$6,965,500

In order to qualify for these exemptions' taxpayers must meet requirements noted on the applications and submit them to the Assessor's Office by April 1st.

### **Current Used Land Classification:**

These programs allow for the land assessment to be based on its current use rather than its potential fair market value. These programs include Tree Growth, Farm Land and Open Space classifications. Oakland currently has 52 parcels with 2,991.15 acres enrolled in Tree Growth, 3 parcels with 54.47 acres in Open Space and 1 parcel with 13.25 acres in Farmland.

### **Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program:**

This is a new State program that allows certain senior-citizen residents to stabilize, or freeze, the property taxes on their homestead. As long as you qualify and file a timely application each year, the tax billed to you for your homestead will be frozen at the amount you were billed in the prior tax year. Oakland has approved 449 applications for this program in 2022, the tax freeze will take effect for the 2023 tax commitment.

**Looking Forward:**

The certified ratio is set by the state during the state valuation process and is a product of how real estate sales are performing against assessed values. Overall, Oakland's assessed values are currently at 72% of sales prices, meaning people are paying more for properties than the properties are assessed for. The state permits us to certify at our actual ratio plus 10%. 10% of 72 is 7.2, so we are only able to certify at 79% for the upcoming tax commitment without any adjustments. This affects us in a few ways, the most obvious to taxpayers is that exemptions, such as Homestead and Veteran's will be reduced by 28%. To correct this, we will have to update values. The most common way to update values is conducting a townwide revaluation. Although the town is preparing for a full revaluation in the near future, it will not be completed for the 2023 tax year. To that end, the Town Manager and I will soon present a plan to the Council to adjust values for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Nichole Stenberg, CMA  
Assessor

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ~ VITAL RECORDS****2022 - BIRTHS (57) AND MARRIAGES (51)****DEATHS (78) IN MEMORY OF**

<b>Decedent Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Decedent Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Asmussen, Donna Ellen	70	01/08/2022	Hennigar, Marielle Langley	93	05/27/2022
Backstrom, Carlyle Kay	90	02/14/2022	Higgins, George E. Jr.	78	12/28/2022
Bard, Noel G.	86	06/21/2022	Howard, Dreanna J.	84	03/22/2022
Barnes, Jay R.	54	01/27/2022	Jandreau, Richard	62	11/02/2022
Bennett, Christopher A.	39	03/17/2022	Jurdak, Richard Nicholas	85	07/06/2022
Bolduc, Wendy, Ann	53	04/18/2022	Kimball, Sheila Lynn	60	11/02/2022
Bowman, Edgar, Jr.	74	03/09/2022	King, David R.	86	10/07/2022
Bulmer, Bernard Dean	100	02/15/2022	Kinney, Sheila B.	74	01/12/2022
Burnham, Patricia Shorey	74	06/22/2022	Knowles, Bertha Marie	76	08/11/2022
Cantalupo, Betty	96	10/23/2022	Lagace, Jeannette A.	84	05/23/2022
Caron, Tavis M.	46	08/28/2022	Lamirande, Mark Ronald	55	06/06/2022
Castonguay, Claude L.	73	07/26/2022	Levesque, Peter M.	78	01/18/2022
Clifford, Elizabeth M.	83	05/27/2022	Libby, Cleba Rodney	86	03/28/2022
Coccia, Frank Steven Jr.	65	08/08/2022	Libby, Linda Louise	79	04/23/2022
Conant, Ben E.	86	11/22/2022	MacMichael, Ellen	81	10/13/2022
Dole, Richard R.	90	02/12/2022	Managad, Remigio Falgi	66	02/17/2022
Doyon, Bernard Joseph	74	06/15/2022	Marston, Shirley M.	69	10/13/2022
Duperry, Daniel L.	65	03/31/2022	McBreairty, Cody L.	16	11/18/2022
Estes, Blynn Leroy, Jr.	58	01/31/2022	McCarthy, James E. II	42	03/02/2022
Flanagan, Barbara Jean	67	12/05/2022	McDonald, John A.	80	01/05/2022
Fleury, John Henry	70	11/23/2022	Michaud, Gloria Jean	79	01/17/2022
Fortin, Deborah Leigh	67	01/31/2022	Michaud, Jason A.	55	09/03/2022
Foster, Lawrence E. Sr.	77	12/21/2022	Moore, James D.	83	07/22/2022
Gabriel, Carolyn Ann	80	11/08/2022	Morse, Douglas Eugene	62	10/14/2022
Gagnon, Roger B.	82	08/09/2022	Muzerolle, Frank Leon	67	10/30/2022
Gallant, Crystal Lynn	51	07/28/2022	Nelson, Timothy Bruce	85	11/04/2022
Gilbert, Joseph Raymond	92	11/20/2022	O'Clair, Fred E.	72	11/05/2022
Godfrey, Eleanor F.	85	04/04/2022	O'Neal, Thelma J.	89	11/14/2022
Gooldrup, Arthur P Jr.	82	01/17/2022	Parsons, Addie Jane	68	02/09/2022
Grivois, Gerald Joseph	87	01/15/2022	Philbrick, Arlington B.	85	04/25/2022
Hackett, Robert S.	88	10/04/2022	Pooler, Darrell Bruce	63	05/13/2022
Hapworth, Jacqueline Ann	83	05/22/2022	Pople, John Jr.	89	10/08/2022

## DEATHS IN MEMORY OF (CONT...)

Prelgovisk, Frank Stephen	86	12/11/2022
Rehse, Timothy Scott	79	01/24/2022
Rhoda, Herbert Ervin	79	01/16/2022
Robinson, Kevin J. Sr.	62	04/14/2022
Ronan, Cheri M.	47	11/20/2022
Rose, Alan M.	37	05/14/2022
Rose, William Calvin Jr.	72	04/18/2022
Sack, Leslie	59	05/30/2022
Shorty, Raymond Eugene	90	04/21/2022
Stewart, Pamela Sue	69	03/09/2022
Sylvester, Brenda L.	63	05/08/2022
Tyks, Stanley P.	70	10/12/2022
Veilleux, Robert G.	81	07/12/2022
Wheeler, Brian J. Sr.	61	07/07/2022

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

I am often asked a few different questions while talking with people around our community. One of the more common questions is – what does a typical day in the life of an Oakland police officer look like? Well, the answer is that we never know what our day will bring. Police officers answer calls for service every day, and they will tell you that no two calls are the same. It is this truth that keeps us interested and on our toes. Often our response involves a person who is having a bad day, and it is always the most satisfying for us when we can help them solve whatever issue they face and make the day a little better for all involved. Unfortunately, this is not always possible. Our goal is always to protect and serve the citizens of and visitors to the town of Oakland. We are trained to deploy the latest techniques and methods, while using the best technology available. What it all boils down to in the end though is the people. Everyone is different, every problem is different, so we must keep an open mind, and listen to the people and their perception of the problem in order to truly understand it and ultimately try and solve it. It is very important that we work together, as a community, to identify and solve the problems that are presented to us.

The year 2022 saw a lot of turmoil around the country, and police departments took a beating in the media in many instances. There were certainly times that the media got it right. However, police officers are human, and as humans we are not perfect. Policing is no different than any other profession, there are good and bad, well...humans. I am not making excuses for any of the poor behavior that we have seen, just trying to make the point that the instances of good (or even great) behavior that is the norm in policing is much more prevalent. The number of interactions with people that the police are involved in every day are overwhelmingly positive and happen all day, every day, all over the world. The absolute majority of police officers are honest, professional, and caring people who work hard to do the right thing and are motivated to help people. These are the traits that most people possess who enter the police profession. I can attest to this on behalf of the fine men and women who serve our community with the Oakland Police Department.

Please be a kind and good citizen. Drive safely, follow traffic laws, and report suspicious activity to the police department. Together we will 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:

This year for the first time in the history of the Oakland Fire Department, we welcomed four full time Firefighter/EMTs. Emily Newell, Nate Bernier, Antonio Rivera, and Adam Clement have all been a tremendous asset to the department and our community. They all arrived to us as experienced firefighters and we are fortunate to have them on our team.

We received an Assistance to Firefighter grant (AFG) for \$49,517 to replace worn-out and outdated turnout gear and gear dryer. A grant was also received from the Volunteer Fire Assistance program (VFA) for \$1,752 to purchase equipment. In addition, we would like to thank Poland Springs for the donation of a pallet of drinking water.

The department continues to request funds to be set aside for fire apparatus replacement. The next truck to be replaced will be Engine 5, a 1993 Ford. The new Engine 5 will be a commercial chassis pumper/tanker with 2000 gallons of water a 1250 gallon per minute pump and will be used first in response to structure fires. Since 2020, apparatus replacement costs have increased over 25% with an additional 12% forecasted for 2023. The current lead time to have a new truck built is 2 years.

The following is a four-year comparison of incidents as reported to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). In addition to incidents, we logged 9,500 activity reports and 3,200 hours of training.

	Incident Type	2022	2021	2020	2019
100	Fires	35	33	46	33
200	Explosions	0	1	3	0
300	Rescue/EMS	815	773	729	752
400	Hazardous Conditions	79	64	139	94
500	Service	111	133	140	150
600	Good intent	56	67	80	61
700	False Alarms	57	62	36	50
800	Severe Weather	13	10	12	8
900	Special Incidents	10	4	11	9
	Mutual Aid Calls	64	60	60	74
	<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>1240</b>	<b>1207</b>	<b>1256</b>	<b>1231</b>

As always, we want to remind you of the importance of having multiple working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) 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. We are also recommending a gas detector if you utilize any gas appliances in your home. If you have any questions or need a smoke detector, please contact the Fire Department.

When visiting the fire station please park in the municipal parking lot between the fire station and police station and use the Main Entrance on Fairfield Street. The Department of Transportation (DOT) does not allow any parking in front of the station other than municipal emergency vehicles.

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, Oakland 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.

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 highly reported issue from 2022, proper disposal of household waste. 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.

Here are some tips to help with proper disposal of household waste/trash.

- Utilize a proper outside waste container that has a lid.
- Make sure to not overload containers causing overflow onto the ground.
- If using a roadside pickup service, place waste in containers out the day of pickup.
- To reduce amount of waste, the Town offers a recycling option at the Transfer Station.

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 can be directed to Lieutenant Anthony Thibodeau or the Fire Chief, David Coughlin.

Respectfully submitted,

Lieutenant Anthony Thibodeau  
Oakland Fire and Rescue  
Local Health Officer

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

The Highway Department's main objective each year is to improve & maintain the roadways & sidewalks for the citizens and all others who travel on them. We do this by plowing and sanding, cleaning up of winter sand, patching roads & sidewalks, installing, or replacing culverts, maintaining ditches, hauling gravel, winter sand, snow, and other materials, along with answering requests made by citizens. We will also assist MDOT with maintaining and repairing state roads when requested.

All this is thanks to our crew who do the work needed to meet the tasks listed above:

Adam Pelotte - Robert Mathieu - Mike Hachey - Stephen Labbe - Delsin Klein  
Zack Jurdak and Owen Corrigan

### Completed projects from (2021-2022)

#### New Fire Station:

Finished the underdrain grass filter for storm water treatment of the facility

#### Hussey Hill Road Project:

Continued ditching, shoring up ditch line with rocks, and culvert replacements

#### Town Farm Road Project:

Started clearing brush to access town property across from the Transfer Station

Cottle Rd – Shim & Overlay  
Hubbard St. – Shim & Overlay  
West School St. – Shim & Overlay  
Center St. – Shim & Overlay  
Country Club Rd. – Overlay  
Library – Overlay  
Hussey Hill Rd. – Shim & Overlay  
remaining road.

Sidewalks: – Was not able to Shim & Overlay, however started to remove overgrown brush & vegetation to expose and repair sidewalks.

### Upcoming proposed projects and paving plans for (2023-2024)

#### Roads & Streets:

Grove St – Overlay  
Lake Vista Dr – Shim  
Oak St – Shim (from High Sch. to Ten Lots)

Town Farm Rd – Shim (from Transfer Station to Rt 137)

Sidewalks: – Continue to remove overgrown brush & vegetation to expose and repair sidewalks.

#### Infrastructure Project:

Create a database & mapping out all culverts, storm drains, street signs. This will allow the town to have an up-to-date record of all detailed measurements & locations for each piece of the entire infrastructure, which will help with all future projects and maintenance.

#### Town Farm Road & Oak St Projects:

We will be ditching, replacing cross & driveway culverts, and other preparations to pave the roads.

Old Landfill Project:

Working with the Municipal Engineer as needed to complete the required and necessary maintenance of the old landfill.

It was a difficult year with the rising cost of materials and resources along with the delays in receiving them. I appreciate the continued understanding and support from all the other departments, and thank the Town Council, Town Office, 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. This Department is responsible for maintenance and operations of the sanitary sewer collection system, providing groundwater sampling and reporting of the municipal closed and CDD landfills, as well as providing a supportive role to other Departments such as the Town Office, Public Works, and Code Enforcement.

Regarding the sewer collection system, in 2022 the Town of Oakland pumped 102,825,556 gallons of sewerage to the Waterville Sewerage District (WSD) for treatment by the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District (KSTD). Historically, the annual volume of sewerage pumped is directly related to the total annual precipitation. In Oakland, the greatest impact on flow volume continues to be through groundwater infiltration into the sewer system, coming from Town owned sources such as old clay pipes and brick manholes, as well as from private landowner sources such as sewer service piping, sump pumps and perimeter drains. The following table provides annual data for the operations of the sewer system since 2020.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Annual Volume Pumped (gallons)</b>	<b>Non-Revenue Percentage of Total Volume</b>	<b>Annual Precipitation (inches)</b>
2022	102,825,556	61.8%	36.48
2021	102,249,245	63.6%	39.99
2020	100,106,637	61.6%	42.6

The largest budgeted expense for the sewer system comes from pumping and treating the sewer volume. This represents approximately 40 % of the annual budget each year. Changes in non-revenue water volume annually can therefore have significant budgetary impacts on the Town's ability to fund necessary system improvements. Reducing non-revenue water will continue to be a priority for the Department, as it has been since Oakland connected to the WSD system in 2012.

During FY 2021/22, and to date in the current FY 2022/23, work on the sewer system included the following:

- Manhole/piping work preparing for MDOT paving on Church, Main and Fairfield Streets
- Cleaning & CCTV inspection of sewer piping on Water, Oak and KMD Streets
- Sewer piping repairs on Main, Oak, Sawtelle, Selden and Bacon Streets
- Remote pump station maintenance/repairs
- Main Pump Station electrical component replacement/repairs

The Department is planning major investment in the sewer collection system in 2023 and 2024, including replacement of clay sewer piping and brick manholes on Lower Oak, Railroad, and South Alpine Streets. The project will also include PVC lining of old clay sewer piping and manhole replacement in several locations within the collection system. These improvements will be funded mostly through Federal and County ARPA grant funding, with some funding from Department reserves. It is anticipated that these

projects will help to reduce some of the volume of non-revenue water collected annually. Continued investment in the sewer collection system to eliminate these sources of non-revenue water will be a priority for the Department, to maintain system capacity and to keep customer rates as low as possible. The Town will continue to analyze the system and look for potential funding opportunities to aid in this endeavor.

The Department also continues its environmental monitoring (groundwater sampling) for the Closed and CDD landfills. All groundwater data is submitted to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) annually. Providing this service since 2017 has saved more than \$20,000 annually for the taxpayers of Oakland.

In addition to the environmental monitoring, the Department is currently working with the Public Works Department and MDEP on a multi-phase maintenance project for the closed landfill, which is to begin in the summer of 2023. This maintenance project will ensure that the closed landfill continues to operate effectively and in the manner it was designed and permitted.

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 Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

The Oakland Transfer Station had another significant increase in recycled materials, over fifty tons of material over last year's increases. With these ever-increasing costs impacting everyone this is a major feat to keep costs for the Transfer Station down as much as possible while maintaining features necessary for operation.

We have added a 1986 GMC Brigadier dump truck to our fleet, of which, was estimated to cut our time of operation involving bulky waste in half; I am happy to tell you that this addition has cut that time into one quarter of its original timeframe.

Many patrons of the Transfer Station ask how the solar array is doing. It has generated 569,345.93 KWH saving the Town of Oakland an estimated \$15,000 annually.

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Tons of Electronics	15.82	12.23
Tons of Architectural Paint	8.85	10.91
Tons of Material Recycled	403.64	457.53
Savings Value of Recyclables*	\$36,834.66	\$39,347.58

*\*Cost reduced from Trash Disposal.*

I would like to thank my crew: Assistant Manager; Jeff Campbell, Attendants; Ryan Boyle, John Dyer and Christian Gajowski. I owe much of our success to their hard work and professional demeanor. I thank Public Works, Buildings & Grounds, and Municipal Engineer Boyd Snowden for their continued assistance with our facility.

Thank You, PLEASE RECYCLE, and PLEASE PROMTE 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 another productive year for the Town of Oakland. After getting through a very uncertain winter, we started off our spring preparing the town cemeteries and town properties for Memorial Day weekend. While doing so, we also laid out an urn garden area at Lewis Cemetery with hopes of completing it in 2023.

Throughout the summer, we did a complete overhaul of two rooms in Memorial Hall consisting of entire replacement of floor framework, the subfloor, and finished floor. We also did some mortar repairs to a couple chimneys, one at Memorial Hall and another at Fire Sub Station.

In July, the Buildings & Grounds Department assisted in the set-up and operation of the 6th annual Oakfest, which was a huge success, and we look forward to Oakfest 2023.

In mid-summer, we purchased a nice mini excavator, which was much needed due to the crowded areas throughout our cemeteries. Certainly, a benefit while working in those areas.

Later in the summer, we built a large kiosk for Overlook Park, which we installed a custom-made sign labeling the mountain range off in the distance. A huge thank you to Leighton Sign Works for donating such a nice addition to the park.

In the fall, we started a new playground at Pleasant Point Park, but the weather restrained us from completing the project. We also worked to clean all cemeteries and town properties of leaves and debris in preparation for the following spring.

Among many other projects that we were able to complete throughout the year, we were also able to keep up with our routine maintenance of all cemeteries and grounds. With that said, I would like to thank the following people.

### **Buildings & Grounds Crew**

Gary Bowman Nick Cain Nate Wright

I would like to give a special thank you to the following people for their persistent work that they do keeping all our town buildings immaculate throughout the entire year.

### **Janitorial Staff**

Sue Huber Leanne Clark Heather Wood

In closing, I would like to give a special thank you to Jeff Hall and the Public Works Crew for all that they do in assisting this department. Also, Eric Seekins for all the work that he does at Pleasant Point Park, along with Boyd Snowden for all his assistance throughout the year. 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 the Town Manager, the Town Council, the Town Office Staff, all department heads as well as their staff, and the citizens of Oakland for their continued support, year after year.

Respectfully Submitted,

A.J. Cain  
Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

## 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. 2022 saw some continued challenges caused by COVID 19 but for the most part saw our families and children regain some normalcy in their lives. I am very proud of how all the “Oakland Reck-ers” navigated their way through the pandemic, re-invented themselves, when need be, and came out stronger on the other side!

Some 2022 highlights I would like to touch on:

***Fun In the Sun Summer Program-*** one thing I consistently hear from parents is how they love our old-fashioned approach to recreation and play in general. Coming off covid, these kids really needed to just get back together, move their bodies, and refocus on cooperation and communication skills. Although understaffed, our summer rec. team did just that and are so proud to be a small but important part of the children’s development.

***Youth Sports Programs-*** similar to above, youth sports across the State are feeling the effects caused by time away from team sports and individual play. We are excited to be part of the rebuilding process along with parents and children and highly encourage a return to neighborhood play to supplement organized team play. Positive parent involvement is critical to future success.

***Summer Concert Series-*** those that took in a show or two in 2022 can attest to the fact that it gets bigger and better each summer! Thursday night attendances generally range from 200 – 400 people all having a great time! It happens only because of the generosity of our sponsors – Kennebec Savings Bank, Fabian Oil, Korner Store, Plourde Real Estate, Higgins and Bolduc, Leighton Signworks, and Camp Manitou. A big shout out to Chris McPherson for his role in the series as well.

***Oakland Overlook Dedication-*** under absolutely glorious conditions and basked in fall colors, the Oakland Overlook was officially dedicated to the people who made it happen in October of 2022. I can think of no other project that epitomizes what Oakland can do when it puts its collective efforts together any greater than this one!

<i>Waterville Sunrise Rotary</i>	<i>Leighton Signworks</i>	<i>Judy Hallowell</i>
<i>Thomas Ryan</i>	<i>Erica Tompkins</i>	<i>Chris McMorrow</i>
<i>Oakland Town Council</i>	<i>Oakland Public Works</i>	<i>Oakland Lions Club</i>
<i>Oakland Bldgs. &amp; Grounds</i>	<i>Oakland Parks &amp; Rec</i>	

Look for the community gardens piece of the project in 2023 and an event or two! Most importantly, check it out for yourself if you haven’t already done so, it’s that awesome!

***Messalonskee Boat Launch Grant-*** another exciting opportunity emerged in 2022 when we began the long process of applying with the State boating division for a possible grant to replace our heavily used 30 plus year old boat launch. Although the State had very little money to award and the process was very competitive, we received a preliminary award of 150K and are just awaiting funding. The State boat grant program works on a 75% / 25% reimbursement basis and therefore will require Town action down the road to come to fruition. Much more to come on this on what I believe to be the single most important significant economic contributor we own, recreationally speaking.

***What makes Oakland so special?*** Finally, I want to leave you with some general thoughts and observations from 2022. The answer to my question you ask..... that's easy..... **THE PEOPLE!!**

Rarely a month goes by when I don't take a call from someone who has just moved to Oakland. In all cases, the rationale for doing so is the same: schools, community programs, and outdoor areas..... or more simply put.... **QUALITY OF LIFE!!** It's what we have to give, it's what we will always strive to give.

As important as "things" may be, they pale in comparison to the people in this community who make them happen. From the members of the Town Employee family to the Town Council, thank you for all you do! To RSU #18, I dare say no one works together better than we do which benefits all of Oakland!

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Seekins  
Parks and Recreation Director

## PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

Our library patron count for 2022 averaged out to 4,430. Our Booksystem Atrium is a cloud based book-system, where information about books and library news can be found at: [oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org](http://oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org). You can email us at: [staff@oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org](mailto:staff@oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org) , or [oaklandpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto: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 Ocean of Possibilities, featuring Willa Dolley, Mad Science of Maine, Gene Roy and our final party with Judy Pancoast – we had 92 children and 58 adults. This year's theme (2023) is All Together Now. 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.

Thank you to Penny Bolduc, who with family and friends in memoriam of her daughter Wendy Bolduc, a children's reading teacher, gave through Amazon, 135-150 (estimate) of children's books; picture books, fiction (some graphic), and non-fiction, in order to promote children's reading here at the library.

Gene Roy's notes: 2022

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 an 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 continued into 2022 and covered 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 no longer require masking.

Beginning in the fall we had the same volunteer reader. Her name is Evangeline Hutchins, a high school aged homeschooler, who has been doing a wonderful job. Storytime continues to do well.

Thank you to Bert Brewster, Stephanie Cheevers, Jeanne Foster, Linda Holmsen, Peter Godfrey, Marilyn Stevens, and Patricia Stevens our Library Advisory Board members.

2022 Statistics:

1,325 = Books, Magazines and Movies added

146 total new patrons from Oakland and non-residents

3,727 = Oakland and Non-Resident patrons belonging to Library

Total Circulation: 22,194 = Books, Magazines, and Movies

3,871 = EBooks and Audio Books from Cloud Library

608 = usage for Wi-Fi here at the library (estimate)

Thank you for supporting the library. We appreciate you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah P. Roy - Librarian

## ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

It has been a busy year, as usual, for Animal Control in Oakland.

Since my appointment at the beginning of July, I have striven to develop an effective, community-based approach to Animal Control/Enforcement in the Town of Oakland.

Throughout the year I received a wide range of animal complaints including escaped livestock, nuisance wildlife and of course many cat and dog complaints.

The two most recurring complaints were “Dogs-at-Large” and “Nuisance Wildlife” complaints. There were six (6) dog bites cases as well.

I received a great many nuisance wildlife complaints this past year regarding groundhogs, possums, skunks, and racoons. I trapped and relocated many of these nuisance animals throughout 2022 and advised many members of the public how to deal with these issues themselves.

I would like to take a moment to remind the public that wildlife trapping is separate from Animal Control, and is fee based and paid for by the complaint.

In my first six (6) months, I received an average of twenty-nine (29) calls per month for a total of one hundred seventy-six (176).

I would like to thank ACO Pat Faucher for his guidance and advice, as I adjusted to my new position as ACO. I would also like to thank the officers at the Oakland Police Department for their support and assistance with my duties. Thank you, as well, to all of the staff in the Town Office for your assistance in finding case-related information that I require to complete my investigations.

To the People of Oakland. It has been a privilege working for you in 2022.

I look forward to continuing to serve you in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

David Patterson  
Animal Control Officer

## OAKLAND FOOD PANTRY REPORT

To the Oakland Town Council and the Citizens of Oakland:

Once upon a time, about 50 years ago, in the small town of Oakland Maine a food pantry was “born”.

Seeing the need of food in the community the Oakland Council of Churches proceeded to open a small pantry in the basement of Memorial Hall. The storage space was originally a walk-in vault used by the Oakland Town Office when it was located there before moving to its current location. Its problem was it was COLD and many things froze. Local people, school drives, girl and boy scouts, gifts from churches. etc. brought food for the pantry and it was distributed by the volunteers from the Oakland Council of Churches.

One day Jan Porter mentioned to Rev. Andy Kane that there was a room behind the furnace in the back of Memorial Hall where some shelves may be installed. I understand that Jan’s husband, Eric and a friend David Allen installed the shelves. I wonder if there is more to that story!

In January of 2000 the Oakland Methodist Church learned that grant money from Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop might be available. In addition to the money there were many campers from all over the US at the camp to assist in construction. Renovations started on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Members of many local churches along with the Mission Camp Team worked on the project from June 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and in late summer the Food Pantry moved to its current location.

Beginning in 2001-2003 the Town of Oakland and the Rotary Club began to assist us, paying for our electricity and heat. As the Oakland Council of Churches became smaller in number, we became a mission/ministry of the Oakland Methodist Church and they allow us to use their facilities without charge.

Since the beginning of the Oakland Food Pantry, we have had **MANY DEVOTED VOLUNTEERS**. One manages the food supply, some work at the pantry, some shop, some stock shelves, some deliver to shut-ins, some set up and take down at closing, and some do repairs as needed.

**Management Committee** consists of three volunteers. One keeps track of our volunteers to be sure we have people to work when we are open twice a month, the number of patrons served, and computer whiz. One keeps track of decisions and the minutes of our committee. One receives and acknowledges donations, deposits the money, pays the bills, and prepares Treasurer’s Reports.

Over the years we have had a fluctuation in numbers of shoppers and income but have always been able to provide food for them where most needed. We are now at a point where our vision is to have more space for the pantry which would involve separate fund-raising events.

This report is to recognize Rev. Andy Kane and Rev. Francis “Butch” Merritt for their devotion, guidance and leadership. Without their vision and the help of many volunteers the food pantry would not exist.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara L Watson, Treasurer  
Oakland Food Pantry



## OAKLAND SNO-GOERS REPORT

To the Town Council and Citizens of Oakland:

The members of the Oakland Sno-Goers Club would like to take this opportunity to thank the landowners for giving us permission to use their land for snowmobile trails. Without your generosity it would be impossible to enjoy our sport in and around Oakland.

We have had very little snow this year and as always, our volunteer members worked hard on the snowmobile trails. The trails need to be maintained every year or they will get in such disrepair we'll lose them. I would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work in keeping our trails in as good of condition as possible.

The Town of Oakland has over 426 registered snowmobiles and 277 sled owners who reside here in Oakland. 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 trail system.

The club now owns six drag sleds and grooming machines. We drag 41 miles of snowmobile trails (one way) in and around town. I'd like to thank the town for giving us the money that's received from the State of Maine (a portion of snowmobile registrations) because it's very costly to maintain our equipment that's used to keep our trails smooth and safe.

We would like to invite you to join the Oakland Sno-Goers Club and support our sport. We are doing our best to keep the trail system as smooth and safe as possible. It's all done by people who volunteer their time. 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



## Oakland Area Historical Society

(OAHS). The money we get from the town helps to cover the oil for heating McCartney House.

These are things we have done:

- Memorial Hall Project: OAHS is proud to be working with the Town of Oakland on restoring Memorial Hall to its full glory as a community meeting place.
- Tours: We have given several historical tours in Oakland celebrating the rich history of the woolen mill, axe builders, original CMP and many other noteworthy historic sites within Oakland.
- Pine Tree Trail: We are part of the Pine Tree Trail system. This trail system is a road that goes from Fort Kent to Portland.
- Maine Philanthropy Center: We have become members of the Maine Philanthropy Center which means we have better access to grant makers and foundations.
- Resource Room: We have had several people using the resource room to do research for books and genealogies.
- Fundraising: The Modern Woodmen have matched all funds raised up to \$4,000 from our bottle drive and free-will donations campaign. We would like to thank the town for the past support of the Oakland Area Historical Society
- Oakland Flower Club: donated bulbs for our flower beds

Future historical projects we need to do:

- Displays: we would like to create displays for the woolen mill, the axe makers, the grist mill, and other industries which have contributed to the community of Oakland.
- Insurance Inspector: We had a recent visit to the McCartney House from the insurance inspector. We are waiting for the official report but there were several things that will need attention. The most expensive is the outside of the building needs to be repainted. We also need co and smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
- Resource Room: The McCartney House resource room needs some major upgrades. We need a new computer and internet connections for individuals to extend their research potential. We have town reports dating back to the 1800's that need protective sleeves. We have ledgers which need cleaning from water damage and protection before they can be used.
- Memorial Hall: We are continuing to raise funds and awareness of the preservation needs.

Please View our Website: [www.oaklandareahistoricalociety.com](http://www.oaklandareahistoricalociety.com)

Thank you all for your support,

The Oakland Area Historical Society



## 2022 Flower Season Oakland Flower Group (OFG) Committee Update

Greetings from the Oakland Flower Group! Our many volunteer members are continuing to grow strong roots in this community. OFG would like to thank the Town of Oakland as well as the Towns People for the shared interest and support of making Oakland one of the Best Flower Towns around. Our volunteers love taking the time to beautify the town we all share as our home!

2022 was another great growth year. We had some necessary budget increases for the 2022 season that were put to good use. All of the flower beds on Church Street had seen the accumulation of years of road salt and sand that threatened the soil and planting success; 2022 gave us **new soil!!!** Thanks to the great assistance from the Town of Oakland with Town Manager- Ella Bowman, AJ Cain- Building and Grounds, and Jeff Hall- Public Works, we were able to reclaim and rejuvenate the soil in all of the beds on Church Street. Also, Jeff Hall and his crew helped with keeping the grass at bay around the flower beds and sidewalks! Much Appreciated!

What's New???? Thanks again to AJ Cain and the team who built the NEW cedar planters that adorned the side streets of the town. A mix of both Bikes and Planter Boxes was this year's plan due to the known high watering needs of Bike Basket Flowers. Also a shout out to **Jeremy Croft**, a local Boy Scout who built the flower boxes at the new Fire Station and the Oakland Town Office for their Eagle Scout project! Thanks to **June Ponitz** for planting a new collection of beautiful *flower power* on the Oakland Town Line welcome signage on Route 11; now a whole new flower bed welcomes those entering the town. Another heartfelt thanks goes out to the Ponitz crew for revitalizing the beds between Subway and Camden Bank! Also, we were able to enrich the Rose Shrubs across from the railroad tracks this year, planting 10 new Beach Rose shrubs; thanks Oakland! A special thanks must also go out to **Laura Pierce from Pierces Greenhouse**; her hard work and planting guidance is what gives this town its beautiful flower beds!

We have gained more new volunteers than we have lost which is a WIN, Thanks to those who have shared their time and support as a volunteer. Really, volunteers deserve a rounding HUZDAH! A special welcome goes out to those who have decided to join us in the beautification of our home town! *Any interest in joining as a volunteer???*  
*Reach out to Mark Sutherland at 207-861-1164*

Finally, no plant grows without water, and it is a crucial role that has been supported by the town of Oakland and specifically Hardy Taylor. Hardy is one of 'Jewels of Oakland' and OFG thanks him beyond words. Ella Bowman picks up the watering as well, and we as a town couldn't have the level of reach for the beautification of the town without committed watering plans. THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!

While we work the flower beds throughout the year, we love hearing the comments and praise as you drive by; keep those encouraging comments coming. OFG is looking forward to an even more robust 2023 season!!! Can't wait to get diggin'.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Sutherland  
Oakland Flower Committee



# Regional School Unit No. 18

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Carl Gartley  
Superintendent

Keith Morin  
Asst. Superintendent

January 10, 2023

RSU 18 Residents,

It is an honor to serve as the Superintendent of Schools for RSU 18, and to have the chance to contribute to your town report. Throughout the year the district has been publishing our monthly “proud moments,” a document that brags about the impressive things happening in all eight of our schools. As we start a new year, I like to go back and reflect on these documents. There are trends that we should be proud of.

Parent and community involvement was everywhere. Events such as:

- Math and literacy parent events, where parents of our elementary students come into the school to read with or learn math games with their kids.
- Specific events that celebrate our freedoms by bringing in local veterans to be honored.
- Community awareness events that teach both civics and respect for community members.
- Lunch with a professional day, where community members come into school to meet with high school students to help students learn about different careers.

These were just a few of the many events I read about; but it was clear across the district that getting our community and parents back into the schools was a priority, well done.

Another trend I noticed was our district’s commitment to wellness. There are of course the typical events to highlight, such as our dental health program for our students, the screenings done by our nurses, and our dedication to the mental health of students and staff. But I also noticed many examples that set our district apart. Outdoor classrooms have been a great addition to help engage students in a healthy way. This includes our greenhouses, the new courtyard and outdoor classroom at the high school and spaces at all schools to help get the students outside learning. Our school board made a commitment this past year to help our students be healthier. Along with more mental health support this commitment also includes more physical education classes and outdoor activity spaces. Thank you to the board members for their dedication to mental and physical health of our staff and students.

I hope everyone has noticed the extensive work being completed to improve our facilities. Improved classroom spaces, additional educational resources, roof repairs, improved ventilation, new windows, updated sprinkler systems, upgraded transportation garage, improved traffic patterns, outdoor classrooms, improvements to our auditorium and athletic facilities, and the list goes on. This summer we have several projects scheduled to continue our commitment to safety and improved educational facilities. First and foremost, these improvements will make our schools safer and more comfortable for staff and students. But long-term, investing our resources in our infrastructure will help add to the strong financial security of our district.

Respectfully,

Carl Gartley, Superintendent

March 20, 2023  
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Dear Town of Oakland Citizens,

I am pleased to share with you Central Maine Growth Council's 2022-23 overview of work for the Town of Oakland's 2023 Annual Town Report. As a regional public-private economic development corporation, Central Maine Growth Council (CMGC) prides itself on 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 assisting in guiding the Town's economic development initiatives to create a stronger economic future with the following efforts:



1. Facilitating the Development of a Downtown TIF District and Downtown Redevelopment Plan
2. Advising on the Redevelopment of Oakland's "Bank Block" for Historical Redevelopment and Associated Commercial and Residential Use
3. Focusing on Business Recruitment, Retention, and Attraction
4. Deployment of Incentives and Public-Private Grants & Finance Tools for Businesses
5. Developing Apprenticeship Programs and Workforce Development Initiatives
6. Expanding Support for Small and Mid-Size Companies
7. Focusing Economic Development Efforts on Seven (7) Key Industry Clusters
8. Working Strategically to Position Oakland Regionally and Statewide as a Premier Place to do Business and Invest
9. Securing, Managing, and Facilitating \$708,000 in Regional Grants for Small Businesses, including Oakland-based Businesses

In serving as lead facilitators and planning staff for the Town's one (1) year downtown redevelopment plan process, some recent updates include:

- Oakland Downtown Redevelopment Committee (ODRC) held a total of seven (7) meetings to gather inputs for the creation of a downtown TIF district
- ODRC completed a variety of planning exercises to inform the creation of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan, including planning charrettes, SCOT exercises, creating a downtown map of key assets and transportation corridors, and analyzing downtown properties to evaluate use case scenarios
- December 2022: the Downtown Redevelopment Plan was presented to the Oakland Town Council and was (locally) approved. The Plan has since been submitted to the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development for review

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GD", written over a light blue rectangular background.

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



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January 23, 2023

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 2022. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Correctional Services, Civil Process, Court and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including 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.

While the severity of the pandemic is decreasing, my office shall remain vigilant. We will monitor for potential virus recurrence in our correctional facility and take all recommended precautions to reduce any impact that may threaten those in our custody.

In 2022, Law Enforcement Deputies again logged thousands of calls for service. Our calls for service have increased since 2021. Our geographic patrol responsibilities within the County have increased, as the state police have opted to reduce their rural patrol coverage.

Overdoses of prescribed medications or illicit substances continue to plague our country. My staff responded to 20 overdoses in 2022, we were able to save 11 lives. This number does not include the saves by jail staff in 2022. As the disorder 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.

The patrol division welcomes Sean Dixon and Eric Thiess to our team. Deputy Dixon has 12 years of full-time experience working as a law enforcement officer. Deputy Thiess came to us from our correctional division. Deputy Thiess is currently at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy attending the 18-week program to become a certified law enforcement officer.

My agency continues to receive federal funds to conduct patrol details specifically related to motor vehicle violations throughout the county. Kennebec County Deputies continue to excel statistically for the number of interdictions for drug related criminal activities.

Through the federal grants system, we were able to purchase a Can-Am UTV and trailer to assist us with our duties serving all of Kennebec County. This tool is available to any municipality or law enforcement agency within the county.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2022, the three civil deputies received over 7,441 requests for service in Kennebec County. This is an increase from 2021 by over 300 services. 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.

We welcome any questions regarding civil service to be made to the office. Kennebec is very lucky to have Chief Civil Deputy Harry McKenney, who just happens to be the go-to guy on civil service matters statewide. Keep up good work Chief!

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 1810 inmate intakes. This is an increase from 2022. 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. We have improved our medical and mental health services at Kennebec to help manage the needs of those incarcerated.

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.

The big news for my staff in 2022 was the purchase of 73 Winthrop Street in Augusta. This building will house the entire sheriff's office divisions which include administration, patrol, detectives and the civil division. Our mailing address will remain the same. More information on the move to follow within the next couple of months. Me and my staff are very excited to move into a larger and much newer building that we can call our own.

As your Sheriff, and moving forward into 2023, I remain committed to serving the hard-working taxpayers of this county, their families and our visitors, honorably, professionally, and by using good common sense and judgement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Mason, Sheriff



It was a banner year for FirstPark in 2022. A total of six lots were sold by the Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA) to businesses from Minnesota and Ohio. Other developments in 2022 included:

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

FirstPark lots 2 and 3 on Technology Avenue sold and were transferred to their new owner on November 30th. The new owner is Meyer Tool Inc ([www.meyertool.com](http://www.meyertool.com)), dba locally in Benton as B&B Precise Products ([www.bbprecise.com](http://www.bbprecise.com)). Meyer plans to construct a new building in FirstPark and add jobs to their local workforce.

KRDA officers are President Michelle Flewelling (Fairfield Town Manager), Vice President Mike Roy (former Waterville City Manager), Treasurer James Jurdak (Oakland retired businessman) and Secretary Peter Mills Esq (Maine Turnpike Authority Executive Director). Oakland’s representatives on the KRDA/FirstPark governing board are James Jurdak and Ella Bowman. Oakland resident Jim Dinkle is KRDA/FirstPark’s Executive Director.

For more information, visit [www.firstpark.com](http://www.firstpark.com).



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**Service Report – Oakland 2022**

Delta Ambulance, founded in 1972, is the leading provider of high quality, compassionate emergency services and medical transportation in central Maine. Our superior training, experience and state-of-the-art medical technology sets us apart from other ambulance services.

We are pleased to be able to provide emergency Paramedic care to the people of Oakland and to continue supporting your First Response Rescue. A significant portion of our patient charges, annually, are written off as charitable giving to the uninsured and underinsured. Additionally, we continue to support community events throughout our coverage area.

According to Maine state data, in 2022 (January 1 – December 31), we responded to over 14,000 911-calls, 792 of which were in Oakland. Additionally, we serve your community by regularly providing non-emergency care and transfer services for patients as well as standby for fire calls.

Our average response times, the time between our receipt of the call and our arrival, for delivery of paramedic care was 7.02 minutes for emergencies.

Paramedic care is the highest level of Pre-Hospital care available. Our Paramedics exceed State Standards for recertification and respond with the latest medical technology available including 12-lead EKG and pharmaceutical interventions. Our care is reviewed in our Continuing Quality Improvement (CQI) program which is recognized as a leading process in Maine.

Our support for your Rescue Services continues to include continuing medical/rescue education and on-scene replacement of medical supplies used on the call, all at no additional cost to the town.

Delta Ambulance is committed providing the highest quality emergency medical services to the communities we serve - safely and effectively. This is Delta's number one priority and we are prepared and proud to serve you as your trusted emergency medical service provider.

As always, if we can assist you with a project or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of Oakland. We remain committed.

Respectfully,

Timothy A Beals, Executive Director  
February 22, 2023

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Dear Friends:

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

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

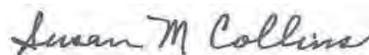
Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2023

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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

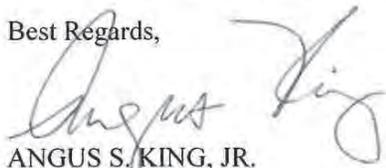
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress

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STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0001

Dear Maine Resident:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

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

Janet T. Mills  
Governor



David LaFountain  
Senator, District 16

**THE MAINE SENATE**  
131st Legislature

3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear friends and residents of Oakland,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. Representing the northern Kennebec Valley region and serving you in Augusta is an honor.

With the 131<sup>st</sup> legislature underway, we are gearing up for another session of debate, careful consideration, and delivering for our rural and coastal communities. Shortly after I was sworn in, I was named to two committees— Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Inland Fisheries and Wildlife reviews topics like hunting & fishing, wildlife research, watercraft and boater safety, and oversees relevant agencies. As the Senate Chair, my priorities include protecting our cherished lands and natural resources and ensuring smooth operation of state agencies.

As a former fire chief, I am eager to get to work on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. Whether it's ensuring adequate resources for our police, fire and EMS services, or keeping our agencies and correctional facilities up to speed on the latest trainings and resources, this work is incredibly important to the protect the way of life in District 16 and across Maine.

In the first weeks of the 131<sup>st</sup> legislature, we passed LD 3—Winter Energy Relief Payment Program—on a bipartisan basis. LD 3 provides direct heating relief, emergency rent & heating relief, and bolsters LIHEAP funding to prevent Mainers from going cold on the streets this winter. My colleagues and I will roll up our sleeves and dive into the lion's share of our legislative work, committee hearings. The committee process is where bills get scrutinized before being voted out of committee and sent to the floor for a vote.

A special part of the committee process is the right to testify on any bill before the legislature. The first step in the committee process is a public hearing, where members of the public and stakeholders are welcome and encouraged to offer their opinion. There are three ways to share your opinion: In person at the State House, remote through Zoom, or written testimony submitted online. To learn more on how you can get involved in the legislative process, head to [mainelegislature.org/testimony](http://mainelegislature.org/testimony).

I know many in our community are still struggling, and I want to remind you that I'm here as a resource for you and your family. If you need help finding resources, connecting with a state agency, or just want to talk something through, I'm here to help. You can email me at [David.LaFountain@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:David.LaFountain@legislature.maine.gov) or call my legislative office at (207) 287-1515.

Together, we made it through one of the most difficult times in memory – and together, I'm confident we can come out of these trying times even stronger.

Sincerely,

Dave LaFountain  
State Senator, District 16

*Chair, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee \* Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee  
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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## **Robert W. Nutting**

P.O. Box 100  
Oakland, ME 04963  
Phone: (207) 629-7035  
Robert.Nutting@legislature.maine.gov

January 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert W. Nutting'.

Robert W. Nutting  
State Representative

District 66 Oakland, Mercer, Smithfield, Starks & Sidney (part)



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## Independent Auditor's Report

Town Council  
Town of Oakland, Maine

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

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, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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, 2022 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.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Oakland, Maine, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### *Responsibilities of Management 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, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of Oakland, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Town of Oakland, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of Oakland, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

***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 7 through 13 and pages 43 through 44 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.

**Supplementary 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 November 16, 2022, 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.

*Christine Whibodan & Associates*

Bangor, Maine  
November 16, 2022

## TOWN OF OAKLAND TRUST FUNDS

Non-Trust

### Cemetery Trust Fund

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

Interest 128,319.42

**Fund Balance** **\$ 217,757**

### Clarissa Greenough Library Trust Fund

Principal \$ 50,313.00

Interest 2,064.89

**Fund Balance** **\$ 52,378**

### Distressed Persons Trust Fund

Stella Bartlett \$ 7,500.00

Interest 18,443.90

**Fund Balance** **\$ 25,944**

### 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 7/1/2022 \$ 28,091.58

**Revenues**

Deposits \$ 3,164.86

**Expenses**

Supplies \$ 169.79

**Balance 3/8/2023** **\$ 31,087**

## Proposed Expenditures 2023-2024

<u>General Government</u>	<u>2020-2021</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	<u>2022-2023</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	<u>2023-2024</u> <u>Proposed</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration	\$ 566,430	\$ 652,048	\$ 662,318	1.6%
Assessor	151,136	173,225	190,992	10.3%
General Assistance	7,313	10,000	15,000	50.0%
Insurance	14,100	15,710	21,192	34.9%
Debt Service	211,284	209,855	208,420	-0.7%
Contingency	20,187	11,000	7,500	-31.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 970,450</b>	<b>\$ 1,071,838</b>	<b>\$ 1,105,423</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
 <b><u>Protection</u></b>				
Fire Department	\$ 307,230	\$ 818,102	\$ 808,250	-1.2%
Rescue	58,925	71,039	69,670	-1.9%
Police Department	994,199	1,231,670	1,302,939	5.8%
Code Enforcement	110,317	119,070	125,663	5.5%
Public Safety Services	377,365	398,989	512,649	28.5%
Transfer Station	504,620	551,322	579,748	5.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,352,656</b>	<b>\$ 3,190,192</b>	<b>\$ 3,398,919</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
 <b><u>Public Works</u></b>				
Public Works Department	\$ 878,234	\$ 991,963	\$ 1,068,880	7.8%
Road Improvements	523,456	370,309	393,042	6.1%
Property Maintenance	324,427	405,169	431,030	6.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,726,118</b>	<b>\$ 1,767,441</b>	<b>\$ 1,892,953</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
 <b><u>Recreational/Cultural Services</u></b>				
Public Library	\$ 135,197	\$ 153,522	\$ 256,251	66.9%
Recreation	191,268	221,516	237,045	7.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 326,465</b>	<b>\$ 375,038</b>	<b>\$ 493,296</b>	<b>31.5%</b>
 <b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>				
Optional Appropriations	\$ 43,449	\$ 52,649	\$ 48,407	-8.1%
 <b><u>Community Service Organizations</u></b>				
Agency Requests	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	100.0%
 <b><u>Conservation Organizations</u></b>				
Agency Requests	\$ 20,640	\$ 22,899	\$ 40,930	78.7%
 <b><u>Capital Improvements</u></b>				
Proposed Projects	\$ 231,493	\$ 355,700	\$ 370,000	4.0%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,678,770</b>	<b>\$ 6,843,257</b>	<b>\$ 7,357,428</b>	<b>7.5%</b>

**Revised 3/13/2023**

## ESTIMATED REVENUES 2023-2024

	<u>Collected</u> <u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Received</u> <u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2023-2024</u>
<b>TAXES</b>				
Excise Tax	\$ 1,410,123	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 758,072	\$ 1,350,000
Boat Excise	13,267	12,500	1,792	12,500
Interest Penalties	33,551	30,000	11,002	25,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,456,942</b>	<b>\$ 1,342,500</b>	<b>\$ 770,866</b>	<b>\$ 1,387,500</b>

<b>LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>				
Town Clerk	\$ 8,764	\$ 6,500	\$ 4,527	\$ 7,000
Dog Licenses	6,124	3,000	1,251	5,000
Transfer Station - Stickers	938	600	638	600
Plumbing Permits	8,779	7,500	3,030	7,500
Letter of Intent	11,485	8,500	1,425	8,500
Commercial Hauling Fees	100	100	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 36,190</b>	<b>\$ 26,200</b>	<b>\$ 10,871</b>	<b>\$ 28,600</b>

<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE</b>				
Police Special Details	\$ 4,487	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,316	\$ 5,000
School Resource Officer Reim.	128,103	134,333	-	141,414
State Revenue Sharing	1,002,188	700,000	605,262	1,100,000
Tree Growth	17,350	12,000	19,317	20,000
Solar Energy Reimbursement	-	-	-	23,000
Local Roads Assistance Program	43,152	45,000	43,332	43,000
General Assistance Reimbursement	4,683	9,800	-	10,500
Snowmobile Fees	2,814	2,500	-	2,500
FirstPark Admin Fees	-	50,000	-	45,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,202,776</b>	<b>\$ 960,633</b>	<b>\$ 671,227</b>	<b>\$ 1,390,414</b>

<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>				
Cemeteries(Burials\Lot Sales)	15,950	6,000	4,475	10,000
Vehicle Registration Fees	32,841	25,000	16,500	25,000
Fines & Fees	160	200	45	200
Rentals	9,600	10,000	5,220	10,000
Lien Collections	3,441	6,000	1,966	6,000
Transfer Station Revenues	91,140	70,000	50,317	80,000
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ 153,132</b>	<b>\$ 117,200</b>	<b>\$ 78,523</b>	<b>\$ 131,200</b>

<b>REVENUE</b>				
Investment Income	\$ 14,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 49,018	\$ 65,000
Cemetery Trust Income	-	600	-	600
Clarissa Greenough Lib. Book Inc	-	300	-	300
Library Trust Fund Income	-	50	-	50
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 14,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,950</b>	<b>\$ 49,018</b>	<b>\$ 65,950</b>

	<u>Collected</u> <u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Received</u> <u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2023-2024</u>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>				
Miscellaneous	\$ 11,216	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,548	\$ 15,000
Cable TV	76,681	72,000	-	72,000
J.P. Morgan Rebate	6,243	7,500	-	7,000
Recreation Fees	18,236	7,500	2,844	10,000
SW Recycling Revenues	31,816	22,500	9,745	22,500
Retirement Forfeiture	-	-	1,262	-
TIF Revenues	46,975	49,600	49,600	100,000
Commercial Tipping Fees	60	1,932	1,932	2,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 191,227</b>	<b>\$ 176,032</b>	<b>\$ 70,932</b>	<b>\$ 228,500</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,054,267</b>	<b>\$ 2,628,515</b>	<b>\$ 1,651,436</b>	<b>\$ 3,232,164</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE SOURCES</b>				
Trans From Fund Equity	300,000	500,000	500,000	900,000
Trans from Cap. Imp. Res.	100,000	150,000	150,000	12,500
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>650,000</b>	<b>650,000</b>	<b>912,500</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,454,267</b>	<b>3,278,515</b>	<b>2,301,436</b>	<b>4,144,664</b>

## TOWN OF OAKLAND SEWER LIENS

### JANUARY - APRIL 2021

BROWN, KATHY F.	171.56
GOODWIN, KARLA S.	296.36
LUCE, MARY O.	349.52
LUCE, MARY O.	143.62
PARENT, MICHELLE L.	247.22
REDLEVSKE, AMY J.	301.21
UEBELHACK, RUSSELL	539.93
	2,049.42

### JULY - OCTOBER 2021

BICKFORD, DONNA L., DEV	109.05
BROWN, KATHY F.	275.02
GOODWIN, KARLA S.	298.69
HUDSON, MAXIMILLIAN M.	255.05
LUCE, MARY O.	505.94
LUCE, MARY O.	364.25
PARENT, MICHELLE L.	258.48
REDLEVSKE, AMY J.	277.37
ST. GERMAIN, JOSEPH A.	135.76
UEBELHACK, RUSSELL	527.10
WHEELER, BRIAN	277.38
	3,284.09

### JANUARY - APRIL 2022

BARNES, JAY R.	215.76
BICKFORD, DONNA L., DEV. OF	248.60
BROWN, KATHY F.	275.98
GOODWIN, KARLA S.	314.32
HAUSLER, JOSEPH R. III	188.34
HIGH STREET PARK ASSOCIATES	292.41
HUDSON, MAXIMILLIAN M.	248.60
JOHNSTON, LURA P.	286.06
KUMM, NICHOLAS TD	254.08
LUCE, MARY O.	473.14
LUCE, MARY O.	429.30
MICHAUD, JOSHUA P.	221.21
MORTON, WILLIAM FRANK, DEV. OF	185.44
MULLEN, JESSICA L.	218.29
MWGW PROPERTY LLC	1,214.37
PARENT, MICHELLE L.	243.12
RATTENNI, WILLIAM .	160.93
REDLEVSKE, AMY J.	308.84
ROBBINS, MICHAEL L.	227.68
ST. GERMAIN, JOSEPH A.	199.30
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	160.97
UEBELHACK, RUSSELL	631.98
VIOLETTE, JOSEPH J.	185.44
WHEELER, BRIAN	401.95
	7,586.11

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE - \$12,919.62**

## MAINE WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This federally funded program helps support eligible households with wastewater utility services.  
(i.e. your sewer bill, including liens)

Call 1-888-623-6762 or email: [water@mainehousing.org](mailto:water@mainehousing.org) for more information

You can also visit [www.mainehousing.org/mainewaterprogram](http://www.mainehousing.org/mainewaterprogram) for the application.

**This program will STOP taking application on July 1, 2023**

Delinquent Amounts as of 3/31/2023

## 2021 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX LIENS

ANDREWS, KARLA	275.29	MCEWEN, HEATHER M.	984.57
BARD, JAMES R.	4,046.87	MCEWEN, HEATHER M.	638.81
BEAULIEU, KAREN M.	660.11	MILLER, DAVID E.	709.73
BELANGER, BENJAMIN	3,321.63	MILLER, SHAWNTYL R.	1,945.64
BIZIER, JEREMIAH J.	688.97	MILLS, STEPHEN A.	2,628.54
BLANCHARD, JASON ALAN	781.36	MILLS, STEPHEN A.	576.98
BOWEN, EARLENE V.	1,433.06	MUZEROLLE, JASON R.	904.77
BROOKS, BEVERLY JEAN	450.25	O'CLAIR, KEITH	1,564.41
BROWN, JAMES J.	5,775.94	PARENT, MICHELLE L.	948.42
BROWN, JAMES JONATHAN	2,793.45	PECKHAM, ROBERT E.	647.56
BROWN, KATHY F.	996.98	PELLETIER, KATE L.	1,074.99
BUCKNAM, CYNTHIA	3,181.79	PELLETIER, KATE L.	355.10
CLEAVER, MATTHEW R.	5,595.94	PHAIR, IAN	154.93
COLE, CHRISTOPHER C.	5,736.94	REMILLARD, CINDY	339.13
CRESS, TOBY L.	277.07	REYNOLDS, SCOTT	424.25
DANFORTH, BRIAN, HEIRS OF	1,568.66	ROCKWOOD ESTATES OWNERS	100.60
DESROSIERS, JOSHUA	472.11	ROY, DREW	903.00
DESROSIERS, JOSHUA	216.79	ST. GERMAIN, JOSEPH A.	1,469.51
DESROSIERS, JOSHUA	3,110.61	TRASK, PAUL	298.62
DONAHUE, GERALD W.	362.18	TURCOTTE, ERIC	2,830.46
DONAHUE, GERALD W.	450.83	VIGUE, ARMAND L.	268.21
ESTABROOK, DARRYL	743.42	WALKER, CHERYL HEIRS	2,547.87
ESTES, CODIE PARKER	232.74	WANDS, CHRISTOPHER	324.94
FOSTER, KIRK R.	2,062.66	WHALEY, DONNA LOU	758.84
HAFFORD, DONALD	1,183.16	WILKIE, SHAWN E.	1,170.76
HARDY, HOWARD C.	2,415.52		
HENTSCHEL, MICHAEL C.	1,332.13		
LAFRENIERE, CYNTHIA J.	1,147.71		
LAFRENIERE, CYNTHIA J.	1,417.47		
LEWIS, SHEENA L.	4,623.37		
MAYBERRY, MECHELL	175.73		
		<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>82,101.38</b>

## 2020-2021 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

MAINLY PROCESSING, LLC	6,860.12
MWGW PROPERTY, LLC	29.52
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<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>6,919.16</b>

Delinquent Amounts as of 3/31/2023

**TOWN OF OAKLAND  
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023**

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 **WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 55 PLEASANT STREET, OAKLAND, MAINE** on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., to act on Articles 1 -23 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 2022-2023 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 2023-2024 taxes shall become payable and to charge interest on same.

Recommendation: Taxes shall be payable in full, or installments, due on August 17, 2023, October 12, 2023, January 11, 2024, and March 14, 2024. Taxes not paid in full on or before due dates shall be charged interest at a rate of 8% per annum. A tax bill of less than \$100.00 shall be payable in full on August 17, 2023 with interest to accrue at a rate of 8% 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	\$ 645,388	\$ 662,318
General Assistance	10,000	15,000
Assessor	169,077	190,992
Insurance	15,710	21,192
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 840,175</b>	<b>\$ 889,502</b>
From Tree Growth Revenue	\$ (12,000)	\$ (20,000)
Tax Increment Financing Revenue	(9,257)	(36,790)
General Assistance Reim.	(9,800)	(10,500)
Transfer from Fund Equity	\$ (27,000)	\$ (40,094)
<b>To be raised by Taxation</b>	<b>\$ 782,118</b>	<b>\$ 782,118</b>

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	\$ 209,855	\$ 208,420
Contingency	11,000	7,500
	<u>220,855</u>	<u>215,920</u>

To be raised by Taxation	\$ 220,855	\$ 215,920
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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	\$ 153,522	\$ 256,251
From Library Trust Fund Income	\$ (50)	\$ (50)
From Clarissa Greenough Trust Fund Income	(300)	(300)
Transfer from Fund Equity		(102,729)

To be raised by Taxation	\$ 153,172	\$ 153,172
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Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 10-1

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

	Last Year	This Year
Recreation	\$ 221,516	\$ 237,045
Recreation Revenue	(7,500)	(10,000)
Transfer from Fund Equity	-	(13,029)

To be raised by Taxation	\$ 214,016	\$ 214,016
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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	\$ 817,361	\$ 808,250
Rescue	71,039	69,670
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 888,400</u>	<u>\$ 877,920</u>

Transfer from Fund Equity	\$ (20,000)	\$ (9,520)
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To be raised by Taxation	\$ 868,400	\$ 868,400
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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	\$ 1,042,559	\$	1,104,386
School Resource Officers	179,111		188,553
Special Details	10,000		10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,231,670</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,302,939</b>
School Resource Officer Reimbursement	\$ (134,333)	\$	(141,414)
Police Department Special Details	(7,000)		(5,000)
Transfer from Fund Equity	(225,000)		(250,000)
<b>To be raised by Taxation</b>	<b>\$ 865,337</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>906,525</b>

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 10-1

**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	\$ 375,823	\$	492,649
Code Enforcement Services	119,570		125,663
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 495,393</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>618,312</b>
Tax Increment Financing Revenue	\$ (8,149)	\$	(8,149)
Transfer from Fund Equity		\$	(122,919)
<b>To be raised by Taxation</b>	<b>\$ 487,244</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>487,244</b>

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	\$	20,000
From Dog License Fees	(3,000)		(5,000)
<b>To be raised by Taxation</b>	<b>\$ 14,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,000</b>

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	\$ 551,322	\$	<b>579,748</b>
Transfer from Fund Equity	-	\$	(16,926)
Commercial Tipping Fees	\$ (500)	\$	(2,000)
Transfer Station Revenue	(70,000)	\$	(80,000)
Recycling Revenues	(22,500)	\$	(22,500)
<b>To be raised by Taxation</b>	<b>\$ 458,322</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>458,322</b>

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	\$ 991,963	\$	1,068,880
<u>Town Road Improvements</u>	<u>370,309</u>		<u>393,042</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,362,272</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,461,922</b>
Excise Tax	\$ (1,223,159)	\$	(1,300,000)
LRAP Funds	(45,000)		(43,000)
Transfer from Fund Equity	\$ (35,000)	\$	(36,322)
Tax Increment Financing Revenue		\$	(22,867)
<b>To be raised by Taxation</b>	<b>\$ 59,113</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>59,733</b>

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	\$ 402,569	\$	<b>431,030</b>
Transfer from Fund Equity	\$ (80,000)		(108,461)
<b>To be raised by Taxation</b>	<b>\$ 322,569</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>322,569</b>

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
Assessing Revaluation	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Building & Grounds Pick -up Truck	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Prop. Maint Mini Excavator	\$ 35,000	\$ -
Transfer Station Loader	\$ -	\$ 75,000
Public Works 310 Back Hoe	\$ 115,000	\$ -
Transfer Station Scale	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Transfer Station Yard Truck	\$ 20,000	
Police Cruiser	\$ 45,000	\$ 35,000
Memorial Hall	\$ 11,000	\$ -
LED Street Lights	\$ 19,700	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 355,700</b>	<b>\$ 370,000</b>
Transfer From Capital Improvement Resv.	\$ (150,000)	\$ (12,500)
Transfer From Fund Equity	(113,000)	(200,000)
Excise Tax	(76,841)	(50,000)
<b>To be raised from Taxation</b>	<b>\$15,859</b>	<b>\$ 107,500</b>

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 11-0

**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	0.00
Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area	500.00	500.00
Community Health & Counseling	0.00	500.00
Kennebec Behavioral Health	500.00	1,000.00
KVCAP Transportation	1,500.00	1,000.00
Mid Maine Homeless Shelter	1,500.00	1,500.00
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support	1,500.00	1,500.00
Spectrum Generations	1,000.00	1,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,500</b>	<b>\$ 7,500</b>
<b>To be raised from Taxation</b>	<b>\$ 7,500</b>	<b>\$ 7,500</b>

Council Recommendation: 3-2

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 8-3

**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
KVCOG	9,209	9,209
Oakland Historical Society	750	2,000
Snow Pond Senior Center		1,500
Memorial Day	500	500
Maine Municipal Association	6,893	7,300
Mid Me Chamber of Commerce	875	875
Snowmobile Club	2,500	2,500
Central Maine Growth Council	24,523	24,523
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 45,250</b>	<b>\$ 48,407</b>
Transfer From Snowmobile Registration Fees	\$ (2,500)	\$ (2,500)
Tax Increment Financing Revenue	(32,194)	(32,194)
<b>To be raised from Taxation</b>	<b>\$ 10,556</b>	<b>\$ 13,713</b>

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	\$ 5,000
East Pond Association	2,500	2,500
Messalonskee/Snow Pond Lake Assoc.	8,500	10,000
McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Assoc.	2,000	2,600
Belgrade Dams Committee	\$ 7,399	\$ 20,830
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,899</b>	<b>\$ 40,930</b>
<b>To be raised from Taxation</b>	<b>\$ 22,899</b>	<b>\$ 40,930</b>

Council Recommendation: 5-0

Budget and Advisory Committee Recommendation: 10-1

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to apply estimated General Fund Revenues in the amount of **\$1,539,900** towards appropriations to reduce taxation. (Last year - \$963,000)

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.

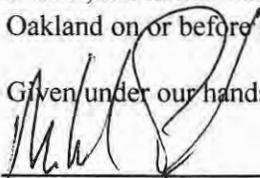
Council Recommendation: 5-0

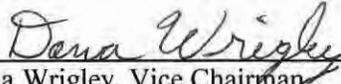
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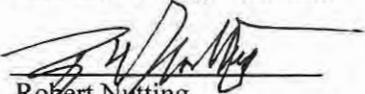
The Registrar will be available to accept names of new voters in person prior to the commencement of the meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Warrant shall be posted in the following conspicuous places on Monday, April 24, 2023 which is at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual 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.

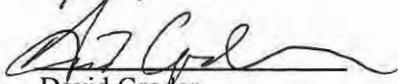
Given under our hands this 22nd day of March 2023.

  
Michael Perkins, Chairman

  
Dana Wrigley, Vice Chairman

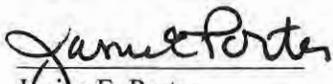
  
Robert Nutting

  
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 28, 2023.**

Attest:

  
Janice E. Porter  
Town Clerk



