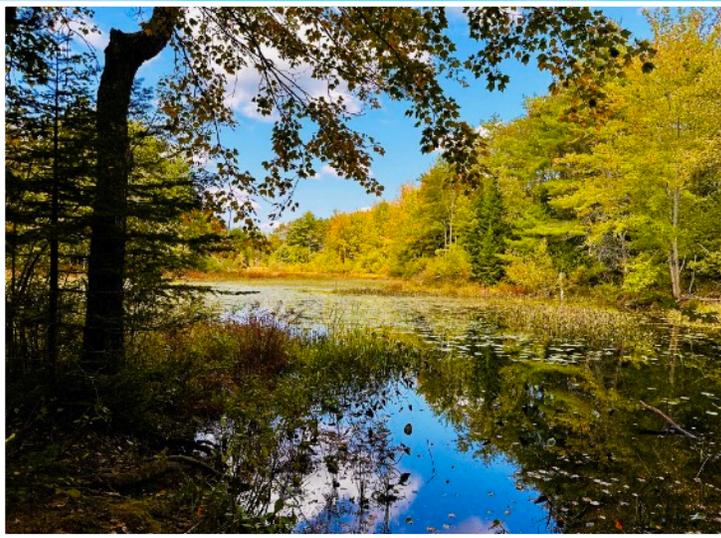


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Maine
Incorporated
February 17, 1789

Maine's 69th Town
234th Annual Report
January 1, 2023 ~ December 31, 2023





234th Annual Report & Warrant Town of Durham, Maine

For the year ending December 31, 2023

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207-753-2500 (Non-Emergency)

Chief Deputy William Gagne
wgagne@androscoggincountymaine.gov

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mcornelio@androscoggincountymaine.gov

Androscoggin County Commissioners
207-753-2500 (Ext. 1801)

Androscoggin Registry of Deeds
207-753-2500 (Ext. 1981)

Animal Control Officer
Jeff Cooper
207-353-2500 (Ext. 340)

Casella Waste Systems, Inc.
1-888-485-1469 or www.casella.com/casella

Codes Official
207-725-5051

Durham Fire & Rescue
(Emergency) 911
(Non-Emergency/Health Officer/EMA Director)
207-353-2473

Durham Community School
Tel: 207-353-9333
dcs.rsu5.org

Durham Public Works Department
207-353-3281
Road Commissioner (207- 844-1774)

Durham Town Office
207-353-2561
Town Manager - Ext. 110
Town Clerk - Ext. 111
Treasurer - Ext. 112
(Fax) 207-353-5367
(Website) www.durhamme.com

Freeport High School
Tel: 207-865-4706
Website: fhs.rsu5.org

Game Warden Service
1-800-452-4664

General Assistance (Hotline)
1-800-442-6003

Greater Androscoggin Humane Society
info@gahumane.org
207-783-2311

Lisbon Post Office
207-353-4935 or 1-800-275-8777

Maine Department of Human Services
207-287-3707

Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection Services
207-287-7688 or 1-800-452-1942

Maine Department of Transportation
207-624-3000

Maine Poison Control
1-800-222-1222

Maine State Police (Troop B)
207-624-7076 or 1-800-452-4664



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Town Officers, Committees & Officials

As of December 31, 2023

Town Manager

Jerry Douglass

Clerk/Registrar/Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer/GA Administrator

Jessica Landberg

Deputy Treasurer/Deputy Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector

Cynthia Faragi

Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer/Information Technology Officer

Devin Garneau

Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer/Public Information Officer

Kimberly Garneau

Animal Control Officer

Jeff Cooper

Assessor

Donna Hays

Code Enforcement Officer

Alan Plummer

Town Planner

George Thebarga

Fire Rescue Chief/Fire Warden/Emergency Management Director

Robert J. Tripp

Curtis Dimock, Assistant

Fire/EMS Office Manager

Diana Dimock

EMS Deputy Chief

John Faith

Road Commissioner

Calvin Beaumier

Public Works

Ron Dube

Brian Wilson

Michael Rivera

Thomas Griswold

Clifton Larrabee, Jr.

Elmer Allen

On Call

Brandon Wilkins

Alex Brookhouse

Mark Blake

Select Board

Joseph Tomm, Chair 2025

Richard George, Vice Chair 2024

Josh Klein-Golden 2025

Heather Roy 2026

Joe Roy 2026

Board of Appeals

Barbara Schneider, Chair 2024

Neil Berry 2027

Paul First 2025

Terry Kirk 2025

Byron Philbrick, Alternate 2028

Milton Simon 2027

Budget Committee

Milton Simon, Chair 2026

Jill Gastonguay, Vice Chair 2025

Neil Berry 2024

Jane Rice 2025

Allan Purinton 2026

John Talbot 2025

Donna Church 2026

Phyllis Brannon 2024

Historic District Commission

Lois Kilby-Chesley, Chair 2025

Emily Alexander 2025

Candace deCsipkes 2025

David McLellan 2026

Paula Erdmann-Purdy 2025

Anita Sellars 2024

Sandra Hilton, Alternate 2026

Planning Board

John Talbot, Chairman 2026

Juliet Caplinger, Vice-Chair 2027

Allan Purinton 2027

Tyler Hutchison 2026

Brian Lanoie 2028

Anne Torregrossa, Alternate 2027

RSU5 School Board Committee

Michelle Ritcheson, Chair 2025

Candace deCsipkes 2024

Danielle George 2026

Capital Improvement Committee

Paul First, Chair

Joseph Tomm, Vice Chair

Michelle Rouleau

Peter Jabaut

Jill Gastonguay

Cemetery Committee

Tia Wilson, Chair

Linda Bowie, Vice Chair

Lindsey Lopes, Secretary

Philip Baker

Joseph Donovick

Natasha Skelton

Greg Wilson

Conservation Commission

Jess Costa, Chair

Roberta Brezinski

Samantha Cuccaro

Joseph Roy

Michael Friendly

Eureka Center Committee

Pearl Scribner

Jeanne Costigan

Kathleen Lowe

Anita Sellars

Cathy Sentner

Scholarship Committee

Christine Cormier

Susan Hardison

Kendra O'Connell

Jonathan Pollock

Solid Waste Committee

Curtis Dimock, Chair

Juliet Caplinger, Vice Chair

Jill Schofield, Secretary

Claire Ross

Milton Simon

Union Church Committee

Bill Schneider, Chair

Lois Kilby-Chesley, Vice Chair

Tyler Hutchison, Secretary

Emily Alexander

Neil Berry

Paula Erdmann-Purdy

John Talbot

Candace deCsipkes, Alternate

Tia Wilson, Alternate



Board, Committee or Commission
Members with dates are appointed or elected
for multi-year terms.



Dedication

Firefighter Kenneth Scribner



In 1970, Kenneth Scribner joined the Durham Volunteer Fire Department. At that time, the department was managed by the corporation with only a modest contribution from the town. In 1974 he was promoted to deputy chief and remained deputy chief until 1990. After he retired from Maine Oxy, Scribner rejoined the fire department in 2011 as a driver/operator. He was named Androscoggin County Firefighter of the Year in 2015 for his “quiet, unwavering dedication to the community and the department”, as quoted from retired Fire Chief, Bill St. Michel.

Scribner was a member of the Army Reserves, and a lifetime member of the Durham Amvets Post 13. He served on the town’s Budget Committee and he was an integral part in the acquisition of Durham’s quintuple combination aerial truck. Ken was a driver engineer since 2013. He was also the driver trainer for the last several years, training the rookies and making sure they were competent operators. Ken was always willing to jump in and help out with Fire prevention and EMS week. He enjoyed teaching students about gun safety and was always happy to show off the apparatus!

Ken’s dedication to fire service was a family affair. His wife Pearl, once served as a red phone operator/dispatcher and their son K.J. was a member and first responder and son Kris was a firefighter. Ken was always there to answer the call...day or night! His dedication and devotion to Durham Fire and Rescue will leave a lasting imprint on all those he has served alongside!

The Town of Durham dedicates the 234th Annual Report to long-time resident and retired Senior Engineer, Kenneth Scribner. He leaves the department with decades of dedicated service and we wish him well in retirement.



Firefighter of the Year

Awarded by the Fire Fighters Association for Androscoggin County in 2015

Deputy Fire Chief

1974 to 1990

Senior Engineer

2013 to 2023



Select Board Report

The Select Board focus in 2023 was on policies, committee needs and safety.

We have 13 boards, committees and commissions in Durham, manned by a talented group of volunteers, putting in countless hours of their time to keep the Citizen's interests represented and to foster new growth areas. Each is unique and focused on various issues such as conservation, ordinance enhancement and historical artifacts while others focus on town ongoing business such as Budget, Appeals and Planning and then there is the Solid Waste committee looking for new innovative ways to handle Durham's future trash and recycling programs in a fiscally responsible manner. A very diverse set of goals, but a very dedicated team for each cause.



The Select Board continues to support our Town Manager, Jerry Douglass, as he adjusts a number of functions and positions within the town. These changes have increased the staff morale and provided a clear path of cross pollination. All of these changes have led to a stronger bond within the town and has streamlined the Citizen experience. Jerry's other large task was to organize the town finances and in doing so the town has found itself in a better financial position than previously documented. Jerry has brought a new level of management and professionalism into our growing town which is much appreciated. The Board would like to take the opportunity to let the citizens of Durham know how truly fortunate we are to have Jerry and his staff of professionals working on our behalf. They truly make this town run smoothly and safely.

The Select Board would like to thank the town employees, volunteers of the committees, commissions and boards for their countless hours and dedication to each cause. The Town would not run without this dedicated group and the Select Board looks forward to working with these groups in 2024 as our work together is never over.

Respectfully Submitted,

Durham Select Board
Joe Tomm, Chairman
Rich George, Vice-Chairman
Joshua Klein-Golden
Heather Roy
Joseph Roy



Town Manager's Report

Two years ago, the Town hired all new office staff, a new Code Enforcement Officer, a new Fire Chief, and a Town Manager to provide the services that residents have come to depend on. Having all new employees during a Covid pandemic proved to be challenging, but I am happy to report that the new staff has worked tirelessly to learn, solve, and overcome all those challenges we faced. Without our dedicated staff, Durham would not be where it is today. I want to personally thank all our loyal employees for everything they do and will continue to do for many years to come. Now that we are living in what seems to be post pandemic times, we are getting a better picture of what a post pandemic economy looks like. The changes are real and have led many municipalities to think differently, especially about recruiting and retaining employees. This year, along with many other municipalities, we decided to go to a four-day work week. This provides a better work-life balance for employees while at the same time adding more service hours at the Town office than we were providing in 2022. We are open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8 am to 5 pm and on Thursday from 10 am to 6 pm. Another post pandemic challenge we face is the increased cost of housing and providing services. What makes these issues especially challenging is that we cannot solve these alone at the local level. Workable solutions will require involving other levels of government, a civil society, and the private sector who all have a role to play in developing new ideas and implementing new solutions. While the Town of Durham certainly has a role in addressing these issues, we must keep in mind what that limited role is and how we can be most efficient in meeting the needs of the community. We will need to pursue all opportunities that make us a more sustainable community. While the form and extent of these opportunities is unclear, we need to do our best to be prepared for them. This should entail revisiting existing plans, updating current policies and processes, and keeping open minds to how we may need to change to better function as an organization and community in a rapidly changing world.



Highlights for 2023

The Town worked hard this year to find efficiency in every service function. By joining a workplace safety program with the Maine Municipal Association, we spend much less money on workers compensation insurance. We also expanded cooperative bidding and secured lower fuel costs and lower electricity rates. The Town hired an outside accountant to comb through the Town's financials and I am happy to report that the Town is in good financial shape, carrying a healthy general fund balance.

The Town took advantage of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to address important needs. Funds provided by the federal government allowed us to purchase much needed equipment without raising taxes. We were able to upgrade several computers in the Town Offices, Public Works purchased a new one-ton plow truck, and the Fire Department installed exhaust removal equipment for the Fire Station. We also used these funds for digitizing our tax maps so they can be viewed on-line from any location, thereby reducing trips to the Town Office to access information.

The Town enrolled in the State of Maine's Community Resilience Partnership Program. In addition to having access to funding opportunities, joining this program provides the Town assistance with project development and grant writing, training on important topics, and peer-to-peer learning events. This important partnership with the State is

a starting place for acquiring the necessary resources and technical assistance to begin planning and implementation of initiatives to address climate change and reduce the Town's carbon footprint.

We capitalized on some grant opportunities this year, securing funding to replace all the lights with new efficient LED lights in the Town Offices and Eureka Community Center, thus reducing the overall electricity cost to the Town. We continued to receive safety grant funding to replace some of the safety gear for the Fire Department. The Town received a non-matching grant through the Greater Portland Council of Governments to develop a master plan for our municipal properties. Please keep an eye on the Town's webpage and news blast for more information on how to get involved in this visionary planning process. We will continue to look for more grant opportunities in the future to help pay for any planning or project initiatives.

Challenges Ahead

As the Town continues to see growth and development, the challenge will be how the Town manages the impacts of that growth. Affordable housing, a mandate from the State, is one of the bigger issues that most communities are facing. As housing costs continue to rise, especially in the surrounding urban communities, folks will be looking for opportunities to re-locate outside of those urban centers, putting pressure on smaller rural communities. Increased residential development puts an economic strain on Town services. With more people come more registrations, permits, licenses, voters, etc., and as the Town grows and develops so must the infrastructure to provide those services. The Town Offices are currently maxed out with no room for growth. We've had to shuffle employees around who had no workstations or desks to sit at. We had one full-time employee and two part-time employees sharing the same 10x10 office space. Another pressing need is a meeting space that is adequate for larger groups and remotely accessible by members of the community who cannot attend meetings in person. To address this need and free up office space all Select Board and Planning Board meetings will now be held at the Fire Station. All other board and commission meetings will be held at the Fire Station or Eureka Community Center. These are temporary solutions until the Town develops and implements a plan to address current and future space needs. I would like to thank the Select Board for their support and giving me the opportunity to serve the residents of this Town. It is a privilege and a pleasure to come to work every day in this capacity, and I look forward to serving you all for many years to come. A special thank you to Richard George for serving as a Select Board member for seven years. His dedicated service speaks to his commitment to serving the Town and its residents.

Most of all, thank you the citizens of Durham for your continued support. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your Town Manager.

Jerry Douglass



Town Clerk Report

The Town Clerk's office is the record keeping department for the Town of Durham. The office issues licenses and maintains and preserves vital records (birth, marriage, and death certificates), the Municipal Code of Ordinances and other official documents. The office is also responsible for the following: dog, hunting, fishing, boat, ATV, snowmobile, and business licenses. The Town Clerk administers all aspects of elections, voter registrations and campaign finance as well as Board, Committee and Commission openings and applications and Notary services.



Dog Licenses Issued for 2023:

Male/Female - 30
Neuter/Spay - 224

Total: 255



Dog licenses are done by calendar year. Licenses are available for the following year on October 15. A late fee of \$25 per dog is applied beginning February 1. To avoid a late fee, either come to the town office or register your dog online between October 15 to January 31. The cost to register a neuter/spayed dog is \$6, or \$11 for an intact male or female. Per Maine law, all dogs six (6) months and older are required to be registered. Current rabies certificate and certificate of spaying, if applicable, are required to process the registration.



Elections 2023

Municipal Officers Election	March 31, 2023
Town Meeting	April 1, 2023
Municipal Budget Referendum RSU5	June 13, 2023
General Election	November 7, 2023

November 7th General Election

The total votes cast for the November 7th General Election was 1338. And the Town Clerk processed 387 absentee ballots for the General Election.

Voter Registration

Democrat	1106
Green Independent	235
Libertarian	5
No Label	5
Republican	1178
Unenrolled	1302

Total 3831



2023 Transitions

Vitals

Birth, Marriage, and Death Certificates are available at the Town Office during regular office hours. Certificates are \$15 for the first one and \$6 for each additional of the same certificate requested during the same visit.

Marriage licenses are available at the Town Office during regular office hours. One of the parties must be a Durham resident or, if both reside outside of Maine, they must intend to be married in Maine. If either party has been married previously, a certified copy of the Divorce or Death Certificate is required. The cost of a marriage license is \$40 and both parties must be present. The marriage license process takes approximately 30 minutes to complete, therefore appointments are required. Marriage licenses are valid for ninety days from issuance.



Births

There were 39 Births in Durham in 2023. Congratulations and Welcome!

Deaths

Residents who have passed in 2023. We send our condolences to the families and friends of these deceased individuals.

Maureen C. Bates
Lucille Gertrude Bowie
Marguerite Esther Bucklin
Frances Matthew Carignan
Paula Collin
Janet Clark Copley
Robert Thomas Crowder II
Lorraine Louise Curtis
Ronald James Daigle
Karen Ann Dewitt
Eric Jonathan Doyle-Gillespie
Robert J. Harvey
Adam J. Higgins
Brian Royce Jewett
Kelli Michelle Johnson
Joan Lord Johnson
Frances Jordan

Bertrand R. Langelier
Peggy Jane Libby
Robert T. Manrow
Howard D. Margerison
David Margolis
Paul Clark Marstaller
Laurel Ann McCormick
Everett Roger Meserve, Jr.
Blanche Germaine Michaud
Cynthia Lynn Michaud
Daniel Andrew Munsey
Ethan Everett Owen
Richard D. Ross
Clara M. Rubio
John Wallace Winn, Jr.
Jonica Ann Winn

Marriages

There were 30 marriages in 2023. Congratulations to our Newlyweds!

Joshua August Viekman to Arielle Bellefleur Cox
Shain Roger St. Amand to Amanda Genevieve Johnson
Julia E. Smith to Ian C. King
Jenna Rose Soucie to Jayce Normand Doyon
Ezra Darren Smith to Laura Justine Donovan
Stephen J. Yenco to Monique Lucille Heckenberg
Matthew James Elwell to Renee Rae Lavoie
Edasnen Eskeben Rijo Linares, SR to Maura Fernanda Diverna Telemaco
Brittany Allison Hosmer to Thomas Allen Beesley
Amber Whitney Smith to Ashton James Randall-Jordan
Heather Lee Mann to Scott Philip Tibbets



Saturday, January 7, 2023
Friday, January 13, 2023
Saturday, January 28, 2023
Sunday, January 29, 2023
Saturday, February 18, 2023
Friday, March 3, 2023
Saturday, April 1, 2023
Friday, April 7, 2023
Saturday, May 13, 2023
Saturday, May 27, 2023
Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Ashley Elizabeth Martin to Jade Ann Parker
 Juliette Marie Sylvester to Brandon Nathaniel Soule
 Cassidy Lynn Neuser to Evan Henry Bertrand
 Jesse Lee Bennett to Kaylin Hart Huey
 Amanda Jean Jordan to Charles Lloyd Cormiea
 Michael Francis O'Neil to Gabriel Mae Tilton
 Leigh James Forbush III to Kelly Joan Waddle
 Katie Elizabeth Berryman to James Roger Wagoner
 Alex Dane Pass to Deirdre Ann Whitemore
 Laura Lee Young to Patrick Scott Donohue
 Xiaoshu Du to Nathaniel Christopher Hayes
 Steven Andrew Kelly to Britney Nichole St. Pierre
 Sean Patrick Pierce to Rita Elizabeth Sieracki
 Grace Elizabeth Quatticci to Ronald Richard Thibeault
 Zoe Jennifer Oswald to Charles Cody Kinsella
 Elizabeth Vincenza Perry to Nicholas Martin Jacques
 Shawn Robert Wyman to Samantha Elizabeth Naylon
 Jade Alexandra Blodgett to Paul Joseph Mangiafico
 Yana D. Keene to Jared Quincy Cloutier

Saturday, June 10, 2023
 Saturday, June 17, 2023
 Tuesday, June 20, 2023
 Saturday, June 24, 2023
 Saturday, June 24, 2023
 Saturday, July 15, 2023
 Thursday, July 20, 2023
 Saturday, July 22, 2023
 Thursday, August 3, 2023
 Saturday, August 12, 2023
 Tuesday, August 15, 2023
 Saturday, August 19, 2023
 Monday, August 21, 2023
 Saturday, September 23, 2023
 Thursday, September 28, 2023
 Saturday, October 7, 2023
 Saturday, October 7, 2023
 Saturday, October 14, 2023
 Sunday, October 22, 2023



22nd Annual Durham Giving Tree



The residents of Durham generously donated to the 2023 Giving Tree and as a result, the town was able to support several families in our community.

2nd Annual Ornament Parade

Continuing our tradition with Durham Community School, on Thursday, November 30, 2023, the Town staff welcomed the Pre-K and Kindergarten students to decorate the Durham Giving Tree with their handmade ornaments. We want to thank the teachers and students for continuing to make this a special tradition for the Town of Durham.



Outstanding Taxes

Real Estate

* Interest as of 3/12/24

Property Owner	Total Due w/interest*	Property Owner	Total Due w/interest*
2021			
Easler, Doreen B	\$3676.64	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$554.02
Emerson, John (Heirs Of)	\$3185.45	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$554.02
Gillespie, Kristine	\$993.79	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$554.02
Lafamme, Phillip A	\$3550.64	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$554.02
Newell, Steven D. II, PR	\$2033.53	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$554.02
St. Pierre, Tammy	\$2066.59	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$554.20
Vertilla, Frank	\$1180.90	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$556.23
2022			
Bachelor, Cindy PR	\$3068.07	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$558.43
Dewitt, Kevin Andrew (<i>Party in Possession</i>)	\$988.85	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$554.02
Dewitt, Lisa	\$1511.90	Merrill, Kevin	\$240.59
Easler, Doreen B	\$3193.88	Merrill, Royce E	\$2359.12
Emerson, John (<i>Heirs Of</i>)	\$2759.05	Newell, Ronald E., Jr.	\$2662.10
Gillespie, Kristine	\$818.89	Newell, Steven D. II, PR	\$1739.31
Harkins, Sandra	\$1635.57	Peterson, Troy	\$3544.83
Harriman, Robin	\$2330.85	Pratt, Evone	\$2541.60
Holbrook, Jason L	\$1200.74	Shute, Richard L.	\$2240.35
Huntington, Vincent W. II	\$1067.51	St. Pierre, Tammy	\$1776.83
Johnson, Greg L	\$6831.73	Stanley, Barbara	\$3994.30
Johnson, Ture G	\$6116.27	Thompson, Jeremy	\$163.34
Keamy, Eric F	\$3509.52	2023	
Lacasse, Michael R., Jr.	\$1280.20	Allen, Kimberly Jane	\$5356.49
Lafamme, Philip A	\$3103.38	Anderson, Clyde	\$5041.35
Lane, Scott	\$860.83	Anderson, Jessica A.	\$3945.61
Laughlin, Henry A. III	\$1781.25	Autumns Kaleidoscope, LLC	\$13,289.22
Lenentine, Erika	\$834.34	Bachelder, Cindy M.	\$2742.19
Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1931.34	Bailey, Joshua D.	\$4025.24
Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$554.02	Ballou, Kathryn	\$3177.35
Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$554.02	Blake Forest LLC	\$2144.76
		Brookhouse, Susan J.	\$3702.23

Outstanding Taxes *(continued)*

Real Estate, continued

* Interest as of 3/12/24

Property Owner	Total Due w/interest*	Property Owner	Total Due w/interest*
Brown, Elizabeth C.	\$2209.45	Keamy, Eric F.	\$3566.52
Caron, Denise	\$99.82	Kersula, Michael E.	\$62.83
Caron, Joseph L.	\$4009.53	Lacasse, Michael R., Jr.	\$1301.00
Craig, Paul E.	\$1058.74	Laflamme, Philip A.	\$3226.70
Cunningham, Dale B.	\$3807.65	Lane, Gary L.	\$1741.77
Dame, Ryan L.	\$1240.44	Lane, Scott	\$874.81
Dewitt, Kevin Andrew <i>(Party in Possession)</i>	\$1004.91	Larochelle, John R.	\$181.38
Dewitt, Lisa	\$1545.50	Laughlin, Henry A. III	\$1460.26
Doyon, Jayce	\$729.01	Lenentine, Erika	\$847.89
Drown, Karon Morneault	\$2876.77	Libby, Kenneth W.	\$2354.13
Easler, Doreen B.	\$3245.76	Lincoln, David W.	\$4793.50
Emerson, John <i>(Heirs of)</i>	\$2803.87	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1962.71
Emerson-Mains, Heather L.	\$3770.65	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1123.80
Fairservice, Michael	\$1289.79	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1123.80
Faragi, John C.	\$6752.84	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1123.80
Finch, Sonya	\$771.62	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1123.80
Gillespie, Kristine	\$832.19	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1123.80
Harkins, Sandra	\$1662.14	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1123.80
Harriman, Robin	\$1992.99	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1123.80
Hewitt, Kristin	\$2806.12	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1123.80
Hilliker, Lorelei L.	\$4582.65	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1126.03
Hinderks, Susan	\$95.81	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1128.28
Holbrook, Heather N.	\$1119.47	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1123.80
Holbrook, Jason L.	\$1220.24	Lopez, Celeste C.	\$975.75
Holbrook, Peter	\$305.59	Maclean, Peter	\$2828.55
Howitt, Julia Carolyn	\$4658.53	Merrill, Kevin	\$317.40
Huntington, Vincent W. II	\$1279.69	Merrill, Royce E.	\$3503.61
Johnson, Greg L.	\$7002.94	Merrill, Royce E.	\$3461.10
Johnson, Ture G.	\$5839.90	Merrill, Royce E.	\$1132.77
Jones, Alisha M.	\$2519.00	Michaud, Steven	\$924.16

Outstanding Taxes *(continued)*

Real Estate, continued

** Interest as of 3/12/24*

Property Owner	Total Due w/interest*
Miller, Camden T.	\$7061.26
Munn, Jeffery	\$62.00
Newell, Ronald E., Jr.	\$2810.60
Newell, Steven D. II, PR	\$1767.56
Newlin, Mitchell T.	\$1475.96
Nye, Kenneth A.	\$2292.44
Paszkowski, Linda J.	\$2483.11
Perry, Angela	\$284.83
Peterson, Troy	\$3602.41
Pooley, Emily E.	\$299.32
Pratt, Evone	\$2522.77
Provost, Trudie L.	\$51.17
Quigg, Patrick	\$7342.77
Ridlon, Tyler	\$3779.62
Schlichting, Douglas E & Pamela B.	\$253.48
Shute, Richard L.	\$2349.64
Smith, Julia E.	\$153.72
Snell Construction, LLC	\$7316.13
Spier, John F. III	\$329.74
St. Germain, Thomas	\$1535.16
St. Pierre, Tammy	\$1805.70
Stanley, Barbara	\$4060.36
Stephenson, David A.	\$135.35
Stevens, Betty	\$336.46
Sullivan, Bruce A.	\$1413.15
Thompson, Jeremy	\$238.89
Turcotte, Jason D.	\$1045.17
Wallace, Chelsea Stewart	\$2189.26
Williams, Dylan	\$2916.02

Personal Property 2021

Harkins, Sandra	\$132.48
Huntington's Truck Repair	\$43.47
Sitarz, Jon J. & Elizabeth W.	\$42.72
Total	\$218.67

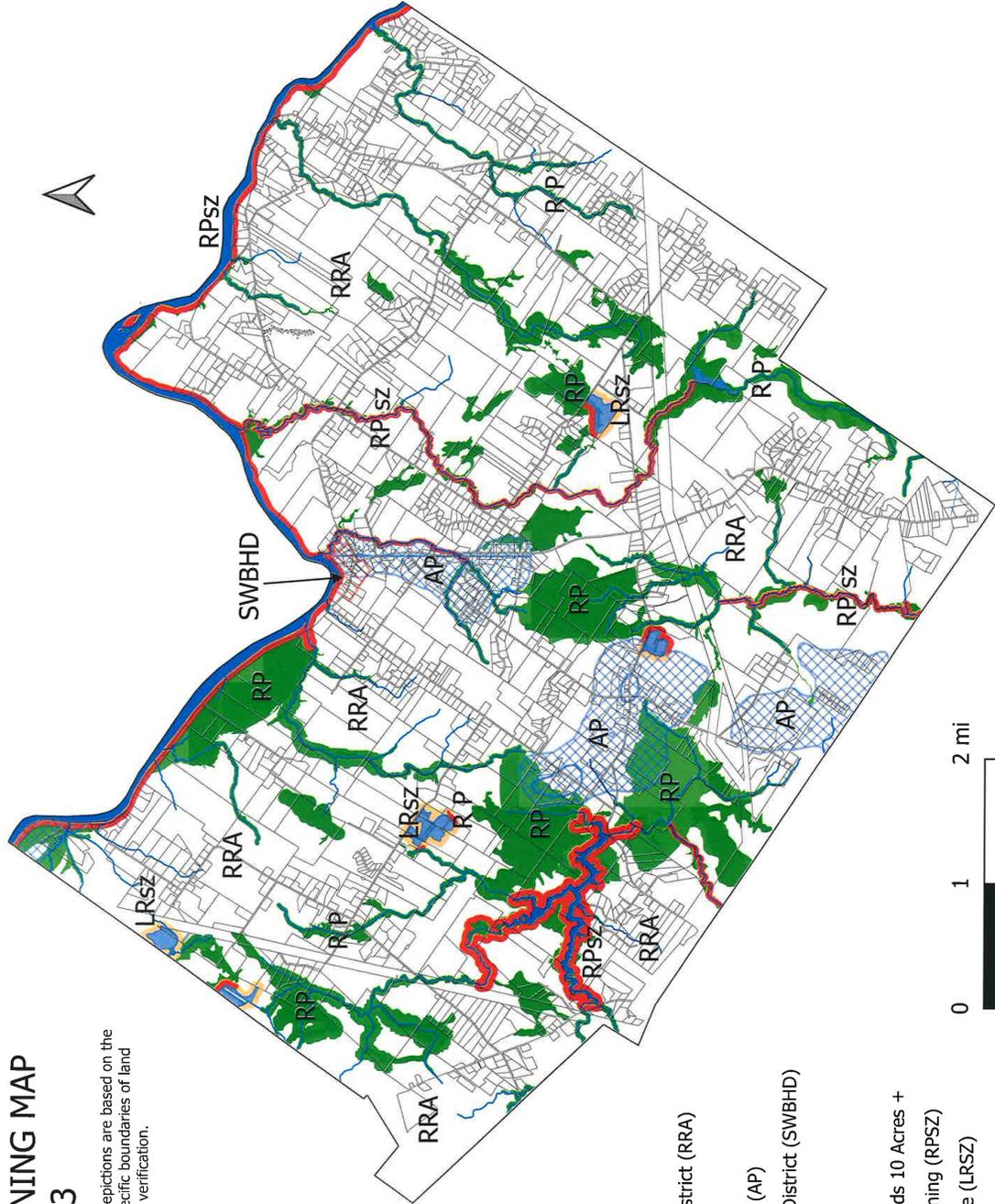
Personal Property 2022

Coastal Construction Services	\$1753.29
Harkins, Sandra	\$124.20
Huntington's Truck Repair	\$41.40
Riverbend Landscaping LLC	\$41.40
Sitarz, Jon J. & Elizabeth W.	\$41.40
Total	\$2001.69

Personal Property 2023

AT & T Mobility LLC	\$42.82
Autumns Kaleidoscope	\$358.68
Coastal Construction Services	\$1411.24
Harkins, Sandra	\$106.75
Huntington's Truck Repair	\$36.30
Riverbend Landscaping LLC	\$36.30
Sitarz, Jon J & Elizabeth W.	\$36.30
Total	\$2028.39

Durham, Maine Zoning Map (Adopted April 1, 2023)



DURHAM MAINE ZONING MAP Adopted April 1, 2023

This map is for informational purposes only. Depictions are based on the best readily available mapping inventories. Specific boundaries of land features and property boundaries require field verification.

Attested a True Copy

[Signature]
Durham Town Clerk

MAP LEGEND

- Rural Residential & Agricultural District (RRA)
- Durham Resource Protection
- Aquifer Protection Overlay District (AP)
- Southwest Bend Historic Overlay District (SWBHD)
- Durham Shoreland Zoning**
- Durham Rivers & Great Ponds
- NWI Freshwater Emergent Wetlands 10 Acres +
- Resource Protection Shoreland Zoning (RPSZ)
- Limited Residential Shoreland Zone (LRSZ)
- NRPA Regulated Streams



Fire, Rescue & EMA Report



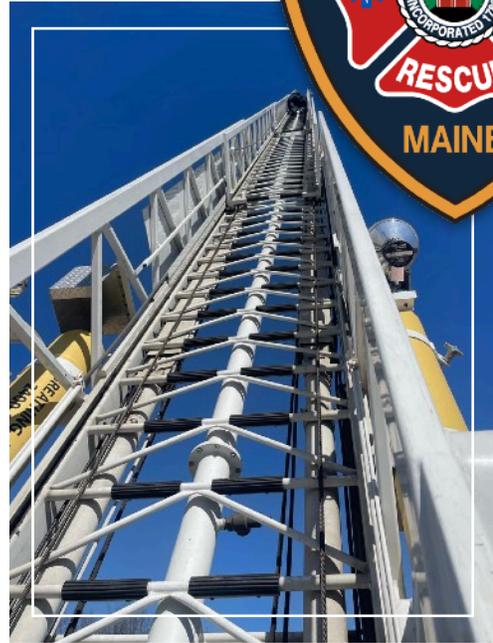
Responses for 2023

Structure

Equipment Fire	2
Fire / CO Alarms	12
Mutual Aid Fire	31
Structure Fire	4
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Total	49

Forestry

Grass Fire	2
Outdoor Burn Investigation	3
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Total	5



Fire Response

Response Calls	253
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Rescue

Response Calls	297
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Vehicle

Extrications	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	57
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Total	59

Other

Mutual Aid Rescue	48
Wires / Tree Down	36
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Total	84

Total Combined Fire Department Responses: 550

In 2023 our requests for services increased by 7.4% overall to 550 total responses.

A milestone of service was achieved with the fire department celebrating 75 years of dedicated service to the town. Your volunteers have an unwaning thirst to help neighbors and strangers alike. Call volumes have increased year over year, presenting the need for night per diem coverage.

This past year, you allowed the fire department to add an exhaust removal system in the apparatus bay, to start the rehab process of our quint ladder truck, to install a new station generator and to fund the purchase of a new utility truck. Your investments in the fire department allow its members to provide the highest level of response and care to the citizens they serve.



The office of emergency management director has seen another busy year. Durham was hit with multiple rain and wind storms that knocked out power on a frequent basis. Unprecedented flooding closed route 136 for more than two days. The Androscoggin River hit flood stages not seen in decades. Preparing, responding and recovering from these events are a constant training and funding cycle. Through the process of applying and receiving grants, the department was awarded over \$30,000 in funding, used to bolster our personal protective equipment and to purchase needed radios.

As always, if you want to volunteer and become a family member, just stop in or call (207-353-2473). We never close.

Rob Tripp
Fire & Rescue Chief/EMA Director



Town Forest Warden Report



Burning Permits Issued in 2023

Online Warden Report	1064
Written Permits	5
State Site	2

This year we saw a 23.8 percent increase from last years on-line permit totals.

By definition, a “recreational campfire” means an outdoor fire that is used for cooking, personal warmth, light or ceremonial or aesthetic purposes that is not a part of debris disposal (AKA burning brush). A residential fire contained within an outdoor fireplace also falls into this category. Campfires may not exceed 3 feet in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire or 3 feet in height.

We are encouraging the public to utilize the Wardens Report website www.wardensreport.com which can be accessed on your computer, smartphone or tablet. If you do have technical issues, please call the station at 353-2473 and the on-duty staff will assist you. This method has transitioned to a free service.

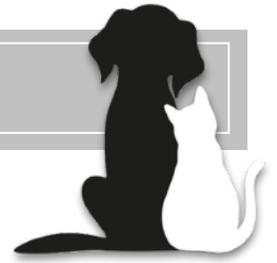
Any person wanting to burn logs, brush, grass, pasture, blueberry land or have a campfire is required by Maine Law to obtain a burning permit. If you have a question about whether it is permissible to burn the material you are considering, please call the station and we'd be happy to come out and inspect it.

There are time frames in which burning can and cannot be done. Permits cannot be taken before 9AM. The class day and local weather conditions play a part in determining whether burning permits will be issued as well. Please understand that changes in weather conditions may require us to suspend permits that have already been issued. You will be contacted by the fire department directly should this happen.

The individual who applies for the permit is legally responsible for the fire. They are required to make sure all safety precautions and time frames are adhered to. The fire must be attended at all times. The person signing the permit is legally responsible for any damages or suppression costs resulting from the Fire Department being called to contain the fire should it get out of control.

Rob Tripp
Fire Chief
Town Forest Warden

Animal Control Report



Animal Control Calls For Service 2023

	Bowdoin	Durham	Lisbon	Sabattus
Animal Related Issues	9	0	42	10
Missing Animals	6	8	24	0
Cat Complaints	4	11	39	22
Cruelty	2	1	8	7
Dog Bites	4	6	9	10
Barking Dog	1	0	6	4
Dangerous Dog	0	0	3	0
Loose Dog	40	31	121	36
Rabid/Suspected	0	0	7	1
Wildlife	6	2	63	14
Assist Other Agency	0	1	44	30
Animal Trespass	1	0	23	4
Swine	0	0	0	0
Institutionalized	0	0	0	0
Animal In Car	0	0	0	0
Total Calls	73	60	389	138

Total Combined Calls 660

Humane Law Enforcement Call For Service History



Year	Bowdoin	Durham	Lisbon	Sabattus
2016	115	0	616	461
2017	97	0	490	137
2018	74	25	542	169
2019	83	76	487	100
2020	79	67	423	131
2021	92	69	526	170
2022	70	59	361	146
2023	73	60	389	138

Road Commissioner Report

In 2023 the Durham Public Works Department ditched 2.25 miles of road (that's 4.5 miles of ditch-line) and paved 2.25 miles of roadway network.

2023 Maintenance Paving:



Quaker Meetinghouse Road - 2.25 Miles

Total 2.25 Miles



Road Commissioner, Calvin Beaumier awarded Maine "Road Scholar"

Scope of Maintenance Paving:

We ditched, replaced culverts as needed, shimmed and overlaid existing pavement with 9. mm hot mix asphalt, and applied new shoulders. We also spent a few weeks sealing cracks in the pavement on various roads with hot liquified rubber to keep water from getting into the pavement. Crack-sealing is an important tool in our toolbox as a preventative maintenance measure. When water gets into the cracks it freezes and expands which breaks the pavement and makes the cracks even larger, eventually becoming potholes.

2023 Winter Roads:

The Durham Public Works Department plows and treats 152 lane miles of roadway throughout the winter months. As of February 12th, 2024, we have responded to 17 winter weather related events using 700 tons of road salt and 150 yards of winter sand.

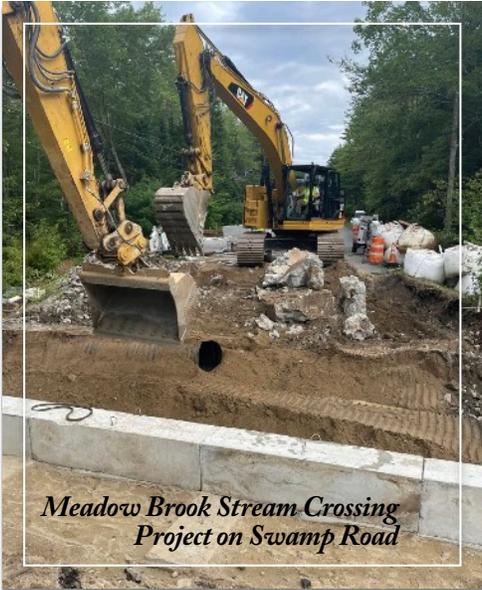
2023 Highlights:

- The Public Works Department re-decked the Mill Pond Bridge with locally sawn rough Hemlock timbers in the summer of 2023.
- The department assumed the responsibility of maintaining all Town owned cemeteries in Durham. We have located them all and have begun a very thorough removal of leaves and brush in addition to mowing and grass trimming. We will continue to work on head- stone repairs and other restoration and preservation projects.
- The department worked tirelessly throughout the December 19-20th flood that completely submerged many parts of Route 136 and 125. We were left with road closures from downed wires, trees, and flooding along with surrounding towns which made detouring very difficult to establish and manage. The ditches ran full, and many roads were under water, however; due to our very aggressive ditching and erosion control campaign over the last several years, we have had minimal damage to our road infrastructure.





- On March 1st, 2023, we were awarded a stream crossing grant for the crossing over Meadow Brook on Swamp Road (RFA # 202208126). This was an amended award to the 2022 award which was unable to be completed due to ACOE permitting issues. St. Laurent and Son Inc. replaced the stream crossing over the summer of 2023 with a concrete open bottom structure. This project cost \$281,450 with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection Grant paying \$150,000 of the total bill.



- Tracy Brook Bridge – The MDOT has awarded the contract for the replacement of the Tracy Brook Bridge on Pinkham Brook Road to Shaw Brothers Construction of Gorham, Maine. This is a 4.8-million-dollar project that began work in the spring of 2023 with an anticipated end date of Nov 15th, 2024.
- In 2023 the department received our new F550 dump truck. This was paid for with Federal ARPA (covid relief funds).



In 2024 we will be focusing on:

Ditching and culvert replacements in connection with a very aggressive maintenance overlay paving program that will include 2.47 miles of roadway.

Once again, I would like to thank the many Durham citizens for another year of support and the many compliments and thanks, we at the department have received over the past year. We will continue to make every effort to **Earn** your support and trust as we move forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin Beaumier
Road Commissioner



Board of Assessors Report

Donna M. Hays, CMA serves as agent of the Board of Assessors. She reviews all new construction and properties that have building permits or are being carried as unfinished on the Town's records. This is done in the spring of the year after April 1st. The agent also processes all the property transfers and reviews the applications for exemptions. Ms. Hays works the first and third Mondays of the month and if you wish to speak with her about your valuation, please call the Town Office. The assessor can also be reached via email at assessor@durhammaine.gov but will respond during office hours only.



WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR PROPERTY TAX

The following information is provided in an effort to help reduce your property tax burden. All applications are available at the Town Office or by visiting the Maine Revenue Services web site at www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax.

Property Tax Exemptions

Homestead Exemption

Under this law, homeowners are eligible for a \$25,000 reduction in valuation. In order to qualify you must have owned homestead property in Maine for at least twelve months prior to April 1st and make the property you occupy your permanent residence.

Veteran's Exemption

A homeowner may be eligible for a reduction in the valuation of their property if they:

- Have their permanent residence in Durham on April 1st
- Are a veteran who was honorably discharged
- Served during a recognized war period in the U.S. Armed Forces
- Are 62 or older or an un-remarried widow/widower of a qualifying veteran
- Are under 62 but 100% disabled due to a service-related disability

An application along with proof of service and discharge, such as a copy of their DD214 must be provided. For veterans who served during World War II or later the exemption is a \$6,000 reduction in valuation.

Paraplegic Veteran

A veteran who received a federal grant for a specially adapted housing unit may receive an exemption of \$50,000 in valuation.

Blind Exemption

A homeowner who is determined to be legally blind by a medical doctor receives a \$4,000 exemption.

All of the above exemptions require a completed application and may require additional information to support the claim for exemption. All applications must be submitted to the Town Office no later than April 1st.

Current Use Programs

The State of Maine offers the following "current use programs" which give the property owner a reduction in their assessed value. Applications for all these programs are available at the Town Office or at the Maine Revenue

Services web site and must be filed on or before April 1st. In order to be eligible each program has certain criteria that must be met and any change in use of the land warrants withdrawal from the program and a penalty assessed.

Tree Growth

This program provides for the landowner with at least 10 acres of forested land who wishes to maintain land for the planting, culture and continuous harvesting of trees. A Forest Management and Harvest Plan must be prepared and submitted with the application. Applications must include a map of the parcel indicating the forest type breakdown as well as all other areas not classified as tree growth. The 100% valuation per acre for each forest type by county is determined by the State Tax Assessor each year. If the classified parcel no longer meets the criteria of eligibility or the landowner withdraws from the program a penalty of an amount between 20 and 30% of the difference between the tree growth value and the fair market value will be assessed depending on the amount of time in the program.

Farm Land

In the farmland program the land must be used for farming, agriculture, horticulture and can include woodland and wasteland. At least 5 contiguous acres of land are required and the tract must contribute at least \$2,000 gross income from farming activities per year in one of the two or three of the five calendar years preceding the date of application. If the classified parcel no longer meets the criteria of eligibility or the landowner withdraws from the program a penalty of an amount between 20 and 30% of the difference between the farmland value and the fair market value will be assessed depending on the amount of time in the program, or a penalty equal to an amount of taxes that would have been paid in the last five years had it not been in the program, less the taxes that were originally assessed, plus any interest on that balance will be assessed, whichever is greater.

Open Space

Under this program no minimum acreage is required and the tract of land must be preserved or restricted in use to provide a public benefit such as public recreation, scenic resources, game management or preserving wildlife habitat. Classified land is valued by reducing the fair market value in accordance with a cumulative percentage reduction for which the land is eligible according to certain categories.

- Ordinary Open Space – 20% reduction
- Permanently Protected – 30% reduction
- Forever Wild – 20% reduction
- Public Access – 25% reduction

If the property met all of the above requirements, the owner would see a cumulative reduction of up to 95% on the classified land. If the classified parcel no longer meets the criteria of eligibility or the landowner withdraws from the program a penalty of an amount between 20 and 30% of the difference between the open space value and fair market value will be assessed depending on the amount of time in the program.

Property Tax Fairness Credit

The State of Maine also offers a Property Tax Fairness Credit. Eligible Maine taxpayers may receive a portion of the property tax or rent paid during the tax year on the Maine individual income tax return whether they owe Maine income tax or not. To claim credit, file Form 1040ME and Schedule PTFC for the tax year during which the property tax or rent was paid. For more information call 207-626-8475 or visit <http://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxrelief/ptfcsurvey.htm>.

Code Enforcement Report



Code Enforcement 2023

After nearly two years of working with me as the Durham Code Officer, you should be aware that I use reason as my guide and I do my best to educate, inform & inspect based on current building codes used statewide and the ordinances created by the Legislative body of Durham.

2023 Permits issued

All Building Permits	51
New homes	20
Electrical	114
Demolitions.....	1
Internal Plumbing	45
External Plumbing (Septic System).....	31

Annual total of Permit Fees Collected Approximately \$50,051.63
Average permit fee (ALL) Approximately \$201.82



Ordinances

If you have questions about the rules here in Durham, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me and ASK. There really are no bad questions and I'm happy to steer you in the right direction or help you understand our ordinances. Unfortunately, a citizen not knowing about an ordinance, doesn't "protect them" from receiving a citation or a fine for not following the rules.

Codification

The town manager, town planner and I have had extensive discussions about the condition, and readability of Durham's ordinances. If you didn't know it, Ordinances are the local rules for Durham created by the "Legislative body" which is the Town Meeting. Yes, you the people of Durham are the base level "Government of Durham". Sometimes small changes occur (at the town meeting) to the ordinances of the town. Some of these changes inadvertently make things fragmented and sometimes difficult to decipher the big picture of a rule the which has a negative affect on the readability of the ordinance. As one of the key people in town who use the ordinances, I see the difficulty and confusion of residents, and I have difficulty understanding and interpreting those ordinances myself.

I believe codification is needed for Durham's Ordinances. To codify means only to arrange laws, rules, or regulations into a systematic code. The process of Codification does NOT mean to create NEW law/s, it merely means arranging existing law, usually by subject into a more clear and more understandable format. Currently you might need to look at 2 - 4 different areas in an ordinance in order to find the rules pertaining to some activity you want to accomplish which could lead to taking action in a way that is not allowed. NO FUN! This process will also review our content for contradictory wording, highlight wording in our ordinances that is contrary to state law and will make finding out what the rules are much easier for residents.

I hope you support codification in this year's budget and understand that it will be a good step towards making the rules of Durham easier to understand & decipher. Codification will NOT completely fix all ordinances that are "broken" but it's a step in the right direction.

Permit required... or NOT?

Don't know if you need a permit? Check our [website](#) under code Enforcement and scroll down for the section titled "PERMIT REQUIRED IF YOU DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING." There is also a list of when permits ARE NOT required.

911 addressing requirements

FOR YOUR SAFETY, please look at your mailbox or signpost near your home. If the house numbers are small, or do not clearly stand out, please know that each home is required to have their home number indicated with 4" reflective numbers of contrasting colors to the background and visible from both direction of the road, even if on a dead-end street. This will help any rescue vehicle driver spot your home as quickly as possible and render the care required. If you don't know the 911 addressing requirements for EVERY HOME and BUSINESS, please get in touch and I can go over the rules with you. The section that pertains to this rule is in the Durham Land Use Ordinance which can be found online or in the town office under Section 13.7.



Maine Energy & Electric Code

The Town of Durham has "opted in" to follow MUBEC which stands for Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. YES, if you are building any structure in Durham, you ARE REQUIRED TO BUILD to that Code. That means you need to know what that code is, and it is what I will use to inspect any building before using that building or part of a building if adding on.

A new ENERGY CODE (2021), and Electrical Code NEC (2023) will be implemented by the State of Maine soon. Be advised these codes become the Rule of the Land as soon as adopted by the State.

De-Cluttering

All large documents presented to the town going forward should be provided electronically so as to save space in our small town office. Most documents presented to the town office MUST be stored by the town for a certain amount of time, but that storage requirement is allowed to be fulfilled with electronic versions.

Some examples:

Building Permits & Pertinent Documents = For the life of the building + One Year

Septic Disposal Sites = Permanent

During these slower winter months, I've been busy scanning many of the large plot plans and building plan files that are taking up a great deal of space in the town office. Not only are those large rolled or folded plan sets difficult to store and they do deteriorate over time if moved around a lot, but it makes efficiently locating required documents when needed years after building extremely difficult.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alan Plummer
Code Enforcement Officer

Conservation Commission Report

Conservation Commission

Durham Conservation Commission focuses on conservation-related issues in collaboration with Durham employees, volunteers and residents, other communities, and public and private advocacy groups. We seek to preserve the rural character of Durham consistent with the Town Comprehensive Plan and to promote the conservation and enjoyment of the natural environment.

Our goals are:

- To protect current and potential water resources;
- To conserve natural resources in the Town of Durham;
- To create and preserve open space for recreational use and wildlife habitat
- To advise Board of Selectmen and Planning Board on sustaining our Town's natural resources, including land, water, air, wildlife habitat, and scenic views; and
- To conduct research, in conjunction with the Planning Board, into local land areas that are being considered for development.



Pictured from left to right: John Talbot (Planning Board Chair), Jess Costa (Conservation Commission Chair) and George Theberge (Town Planner).

Town of Durham Recognized for “Best Project Award 2023”

The Maine Association of Planners recognized the Town of Durham for the Resource Protection Realignment Project. The factors that particularly led to this recognition were the Town's ability to do this level of community planning with limited resources, the innovative use of State natural resource data, the extensive public participation process, and the collaboration of the various boards and committees involved in developing land use policies. The Maine Association of Planners review committee saw the value of this project as an example for other small rural towns.

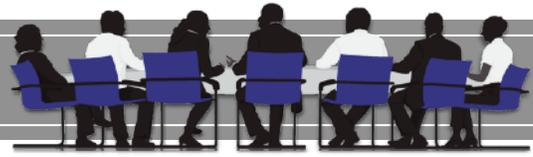
In 2023 we worked collaboratively with the Town Planner and Planning Board to develop a solar ordinance to be included on the Town warrant in April 2024 and to be incorporated into the Town's Land Use Ordinance once approved. We hosted a community meeting to solicit resident feedback on the draft solar ordinance in December 2023. We met with Town stakeholders to discuss climate impact priorities and concerns in advance of applying for a Community Resilience Partnership Community Action Grant. Following collaboration with the Planning Board and Select Board, the Town Planner and the Conservation Commission were awarded the 2023 Maine Association of Planners Best Project award for finalizing the updates to the Town's resource protection zoning framework. Factors that led to the award included cross committee collaboration and creative use of Durham's limited resources to undertake this extensive effort of community involvement while using state natural resource data to overhaul the zoning framework, setting a good example for other small towns in Maine.

Conservation Commission Members:



Jess Costa, Chair
Roberta Brezinski
Samantha Cuccaro
Joseph Roy
Michael Friendly

Planning Board Report



The Durham Planning Board is responsible for implementing certain portions of the Durham Land Use Ordinance, including review of subdivision, conditional use, and site plan applications. The Planning Board also recommends changes to the Land Use Ordinance as appropriate and has held numerous workshops over the past several years on various changes to try to make the Land Use Ordinance easier to understand and implement, and to keep it current with required State laws. The Planning Board is supported in its work by the Code Enforcement Officer, Town Planner, and Planning Board Secretary.

The Planning Board meets regularly on the first Wednesday of each month, with additional meetings or workshops scheduled as needed. Recently, the Planning Board has been making extra effort to ensure that all materials for any applications that come before it are posted on the website so that abutters and interested members of the public can review these materials before any meeting.

The Planning Board can only consider applications that are in front of it, and citizens can find out more about the process of filing an application by contacting the Code Enforcement Officer or Town Planner. When applying, applicants are strongly encouraged to make sure that they have provided all the required information. Many projects have been delayed because applicants did not provide enough information or documentation that is required under the Land Use Ordinance. The more prepared the applicant is, the more quickly the application moves through the process.

Work continued updating the Land Use Ordinance to respond to new State requirements and trends in regional development that can impact Durham, including:

- Drafting revisions to the Land Use Ordinance to bring Durham's regulations into compliance with the new State law on housing density. To address the regional housing crisis, the State has mandated increased density by allowing multiple housing units on individual lots. After an extensive public participation process, the Planning Board is recommending following the Comprehensive Plan recommendations to allow more smaller, accessory apartments and to increase lot sizes when multiple, full-sized dwellings when they are required by the State;
- Addressing another regional trend in the proliferation of solar energy systems that can affect rural character and create special challenges for public safety services. The Conservation Commission took the lead on developing draft regulations that favor the installation of smaller, individual home and business solar systems, but will put in place effective buffering requirements and safety protections for larger solar energy systems and address decommissioning of abandoned facilities; and,
- Adding new fees for services to the Land Use Ordinance. In 2022, voters delegated to the Select Board authority to adjust fees that are referenced in the Land Use Ordinance with a separate fee schedule, but that delegation did not include authority to add new fees for services associated with enforcing regulations. An example is adding a fee to cover the cost of assigning addresses for new homes and subdivisions, a service required by Ordinance and provided by the Code Officer. The Town Attorney has advised that any new fee the Town wants to collect must be stated in the Land Use Ordinance, which can only happen by a Town Meeting vote to amend the Ordinance.

These amendments to the Land Use Ordinance will be considered as warrant articles at the April 6, 2024 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board supports the proposal to Comprehensive Plan to protect the Town's rural character, promote agricultural uses and protect the environment, the appointed boards and commissions have addressed the Town's outdated provisions in piece-meal fashion, looking only at the most pressing policy issues which have the greatest town-wide impacts. Although much progress has been made, the lack of adequate resources to modernize the regulations leaves the Town vulnerable to development impacts and lawsuits challenging the Town's land use protections. In addition to providing a comprehensive legal review of all regulations, the codification process will clarify ambiguous provisions and give the staff and volunteer boards and commissions better tools to carry out their responsibilities to manage growth and development for the protection of our community.

The Durham Planning Board

Eureka Community Center

We are happy to report that the Eureka Community Center's daily usage continues to grow each year. There were 36 rentals in 2023, averaging three a month, and 82 meetings or gatherings. The Girl Scouts continue to meet, cribbage meets twice a month, and a new Durham Fiber-Friend group meets every other week during fall and spring. Trek Across Maine used the Eureka grounds as a rest stop during the summer. And in December the community center was open for three days as a warming center, while many residents were without power.



The Eureka Community Center was turned over to the town in 2002, 22 years ago. The physical structure of the building is in need of repairs and upgrading. Here is a list of some of the necessary repairs and upgrades:

- Exterior Doors
- Backup Heating System
- Flooring
- Parking Lot Lighting

In early February, the Eureka Center had an issue with frozen pipes. The extreme cold temperatures were too much for the heat pumps to properly heat the building. The kitchen ceiling and both of the bathroom ceilings and flooring were damaged. The issues were addressed promptly and repairs were made with the exception to the kitchen floor.

The committee would like to thank the volunteers, the Town Office staff and the Public Works crew for all they do for the community center. A special thank you to the Girl Scout group for their tremendous help in spring cleaning and to the Fire Department for opening the doors of the Eureka Center as a warming center during the December storm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eureka Community Center Committee

Pearl Scribner, Chair
Kathleen Lowe, Vice-Chair
Anita Sellars
Jeanne Costigan
Cathy Sentner



Cemetery Committee Report

The Cemetery Committee works for and under the authority of the Select Board. Our members are unpaid volunteers whose mission is the care and maintenance of the sixteen (16) cemeteries for which the town has responsibility. We also offer cemetery plots in Strout Cemetery, located on Hallowell Road, for those wishing to be buried in town. The Committee has no affiliation with the private cemetery associations located in Durham.



At our May meeting we elected officers and discussed that the town's public works would be maintaining the town cemeteries this year. Thank you for the wonderful job at keeping the cemeteries looking beautiful this year!

This year the committee members performed the following:

- Inspected all the cemeteries under our jurisdiction.
- Cleaned up four cemeteries: Cedar Grove, Littlefield, Fairfield, and Gerrish

No cemetery plot was sold in 2023.



We would also like to thank those individuals and groups who help maintain our cemeteries. Special thanks to the Acacia Masonic Lodge for their work at Cedar Grove Cemetery and the local Girl Scouts Troop for helping place the Veteran's Memorial Day flags.

In 2024, we are aiming to have the crumbling wall repaired at Littlefield Cemetery with the help of Public Works.

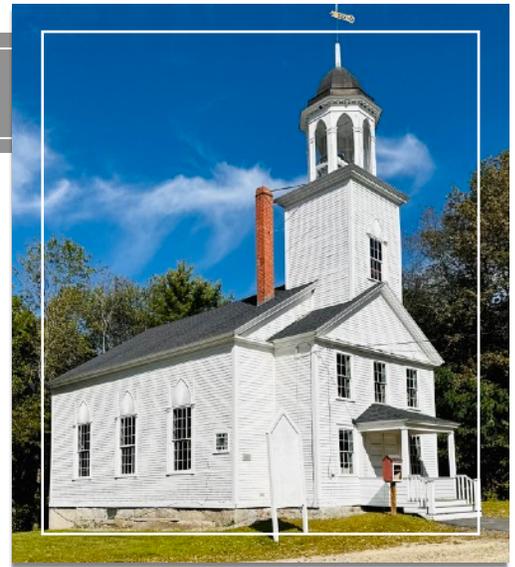
Respectfully submitted by,

Tia Wilson, Chair
Linda Bowie, Vice-Chair
Lindsey Lopes, Secretary
Phil Baker
Joe Donovick
Natasha Skelton
Greg Wilson



Durham Historical Society

The Durham Historical Society's 2023 was extremely eventful! We started off the year with a bang, by organizing the museum. Emily Alexander, Candy deCspikes, Sandra Hilton, Tyler Hutchison, Lois Kilby-Chesley, Paula Purdy-Erdmann, Natasha Skelton, Greg Wilson & Tia Wilson spent over 400 volunteer hours from March to September, preparing the historical museum for their open house. During this process, our first ever Archivist, worked diligently to photograph and document every historical artifact located in the church, so we can have electronic documentation. We also gained 5 new members this year.



The Friends of the West Durham Methodist Church, in partnership with the Durham Historical Society, has made major progress in the renovation of the 1804 Church. Grants from the Belvedere Historic Preservation Fund, National Window Preservation Alliance, and 1772 Foundation in 2023, have provided opportunities for the doors and windows to be renovated. As a building on the National Register of Historic Sites these renovations together with previous repairs to the trusses, roof and a portion of the foundation have completed about half of the exterior repairs that have been identified. With continued support from residents and organization grants, the West Durham Methodist Church may soon be another center for community use.



In February, DHS raised enough money from 13 local donors to purchase 10 brand new dress forms and a hat rack to display their vintage clothing that was once owned by the Bliss family. These dress forms have all been given name plaques in honor of those who donated towards this purchase. February also was the start of our new Instagram page, which can be viewed at www.instagram.com/durhammainehistoricalsociety. Be sure to check it out! During the month of February, we also started a new tradition of "Heart Bombing". This year we heart bombed the Union Church. By doing this, it will bring attention to historical buildings in our town, by showing them how much we care about them. We will continue this new tradition for years to come.

In March, we rolled out our first ever website, which can be viewed at www.durhamhistoricalsociety.com. Emily Alexander and Tyler Hutchison, who are our newest members, took on this extremely difficult task and truly turned it into a work of art. We encourage everyone to visit the website. More information will continuously be added. We are very excited at the opportunities the website will bring us.

In June, DHS received donations from 14 members of the community, which allowed us to have two maps professionally framed by the Picture Framer in Topsham. These maps date back to 1795 and the other 1833. A plaque now hangs next to these beautiful framed maps, to honor those who donated towards their preservation.

In September, the Historical Society held their first annual silent auction fundraiser. We received numerous donations from local businesses to be auctioned off. This fundraiser was more successful than we could have ever imagined. During the event, Tia Wilson also gave a presentation on the History of Durham. We had over 100 members of the community attend this wonderful event, and even had an auction winners from out of state!



In November, Tia Wilson gave a presentation to the 3rd grade class at Durham Community School on the History of Durham. She also took them on a field trip to historical locations within the town, where they learned about Durham's past and how to do grave rubbings. We hope this will become a new tradition for DHS and DCS.

Our final fundraiser of the year ended with a bang! We decided to sell Thanksgiving pies for the first time. We sold 43 pies! Emily, Tyler, Lois, Sandra, Natasha, Tia & Greg all got together and baked the pies from scratch. It ended up being such a wonderful event, we can't wait to do it again next year!

As always, we welcome new members to join the Durham Historical Society. If you are interested in becoming a member of the society, the annual membership dues are \$20. The society meets every 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

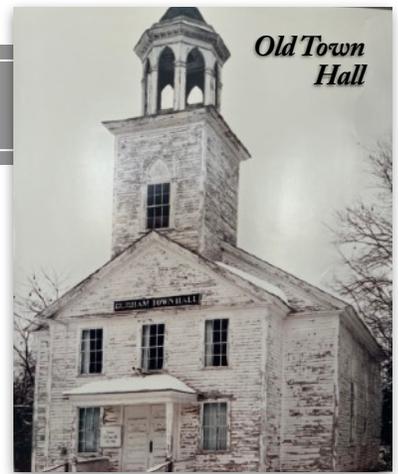
Please remember to follow the Durham Historical Society on Facebook at [facebook.com/durhammainehistoricalsociety](https://www.facebook.com/durhammainehistoricalsociety) to keep up with society activities, as well as look through historic photos and articles about the town.



— Durham Historical Society Officers & Members —

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| Tia Wilson, Chair | Greg Wilson, Member |
| Lois Kilby-Chesley, Secretary | Natasha Skelton, Member |
| Tyler Hutchison, Treasurer | Candy deCsipkes, Member |
| Emily Alexander, Archivist | Paula Erdmann-Purdy, Member |
| Sandra Hilton, Member | Kirk Purdy, Member |
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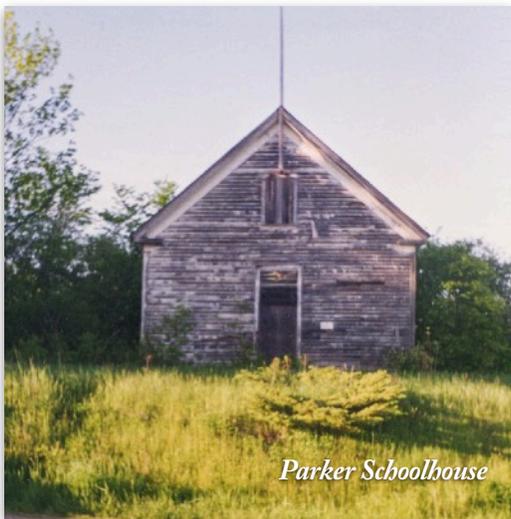
Historic District Commission Report



Activities of 2023

The Durham Historic District Commission's (DHDC) Mission is "to identify, preserve and inform citizens of the Town of Durham about its unique historical heritage. In fulfilling this mission, the Commission encourages local ordinances, by-laws or public action that preserves historic properties, both private and public. The Commission encourages appropriate maintenance and restoration of the town's historical structures and open spaces."

2023 was a busy one for the DHDC. We had several topics on which we focused, including but not limited to, the work charge to review and edit the Durham Land Use Ordinances pertaining to Historical Resources (Comprehensive Plan, Section 4) and, within that, the attempt to initiate repairs on the Union Church (Old Town Hall) on Route 136 (Comprehensive Plan, Section 1.1)



The Commission was created by the Town residents in 2007 to support the Comprehensive Plan and the Ordinances having to do with Historical Resources in Durham. Those sections of the Comprehensive Plan that are identified as the responsibility of the Durham Historic District Commission (DHDC) are:

Section 1 - To promote the maintenance and restoration of historic structures and properties. *(Responsible: DHDC)*

Section 2 - To seek funding to preserve sites on the National Historic Register and repair or maintain other sites in Town. *(Responsible: DHDC)*

Section 3 - To assure that before historic structures are altered or demolished or archaeological sites are disturbed, their values are fully assessed. *(Responsible: CEO, Planning Board, GPCOG, DHDC)*

Section 4 - To update the Town's ordinances to protect significant historic and archaeological resources in the community with recognition of the need for reasonable and flexible treatment of property owners. *(Responsible: DHDC, CEO, Town Planner)*

Section 5 - To improve communication and public education on the presence and importance of historic and archaeological resources in Durham. *(Responsible: DHDC, Public Information Tech)*

The work of the DHDC in 2023, included many of the responsibilities set forth in the Comprehensive Plan.

Section 1: The Commission went before the Town Meeting and received \$10,000 in the Town Budget for repair of the foundation sill at the Union Church. (The West Durham Methodist Church is no longer owned by the Town). We attempted to work with the Select Board in the on-going plan for the repair of the Union Church but ultimately all money for repairs was withheld. The Select Board closed the building's access stating that it was not safe. After hiring a structural engineer and having two contractors evaluate the building, it was found



to be safe and suitable for use. There are identified repairs that are needed currently, including the foundation sill and rear right corner post. There is also expected routine maintenance that has been identified as necessary.

Section 2: The DHDC received \$10,000 in an affirmative vote at the 2023 Town Meeting for repair of the Union Church foundation sill. The Union Church is one of five buildings in Durham on the National Registry of Historic Places. The budgeted money was not released for use during 2023. In addition the DHDC requested that \$21,000+ that was earmarked for renovation of the Union Church be released to be used for repairs. That money was not released during 2023.

Section 3: Upon learning belatedly that the Parker School on Bowie Hill Road had been issued a permit to be demolished, the Commission began conversations with the landowner in an effort to save the building. Unfortunately the building was unable to be renovated and was demolished in August 2023. Commissioners hope that in the future, through better communication with Town officials, we will learn early on of plans such as these so we can intervene as necessary to protect historical sites.

Section 4: A significant portion of the work completed in 2023 by the DHDC was editing the current Ordinances to better reflect the work of the Commission and its relationship to other Town offices. That work was completed in 2023. However, it was voted in August to wait to present our edited version until there could be open dialogue with other groups including the Codes Enforcement Officer (CEO) and Town Planner. The communication path between the Commission and Town officials has been difficult and we look forward to having conversations and coming to a consensus on many important issues beginning in 2024.

Durham Historic District Commission Goals for 2024:

1. To identify, preserve and inform citizens of the Town of Durham about its historical heritage;
2. To work with non-profit organizations and members of the community that have an interest in historic resources;
3. To continue to work for the appropriate future use and restoration of the Union Church.
4. To strive to develop a working relationship with Town Officials in which we are all supporting the Historical Resources in Durham, and clarify for the general public, the boundaries of committees (Durham Historical Society vs Durham Historic District Commission).

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Kilby-Chesley, Chair (2025)
Candace deCsiptes, Vice Chair (2025)
Emily Alexander, Secretary (2025)

Paula Erdmann-Purdy (2025)
Santra Hilton (2026)
David McLellan (2026)

References

2018 Durham Comprehensive Plan (www.durhamme.com)

Durham Land Use Ordinance/Historic Resources (www.durhamme.com)

For the full report, please view online: Historic District Commission 2023 Report or www.durhamme.com/Boards and Committees/Historic District Commission

Information Technology Report



The Information Technology department was busy in 2023. Improvements to the town's streaming capabilities were the primary focus. The outdated recording equipment began to show its age through glitches and poor quality. The IT department struggled to keep the old system running, deciding instead to move towards a more modern recording solution. The department transitioned from the analog public access channel to using a dedicated YouTube channel.

In addition to the new system being more accessible and more robust, it is considerably cheaper for the town to implement an online streaming setup. Before the switch, the town was paying for *Town Hall Streams*, which allowed for online access to the recordings, however, it came with a cost that didn't make much sense with cheaper options available. YouTube has no operating cost, it is free and easy to use. The only expenses are with hardware, to film and capture audio, which can last for years without issue or need to upgrade.

Moving forward, the IT department will continue to implement ways to improve our technology infrastructure efficiently and sustainably. To learn about the Information Technology department, go to the town's website at www.durhamme.com. To watch town meetings, go to our [YouTube Channel](#).

Devin Garneau _____
Information Technology Officer

INTRODUCING A NEW CASELLA APP FOR DURHAM RESIDENTS



Casella has developed an App that has information specific to the residents of Durham.

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Solid Waste Report



The Town of Durham contracts with Casella for curbside solid waste and recycling collection. Each bag of regular household waste picked up at curbside must be tagged. There is a weight limit of 25 pounds per bag. Residents may put out 32 gallon trash cans which do not exceed the 25 pounds and tag the can. Residents are allotted 26 tags free of charge per year which are available the first Monday after Town Meeting. New property owners are entitled to a pro-rated number of tags, One (1) for every two weeks remaining until the next Town Meeting. Tags for rental units are limited to 26 regardless of tenant changes. Additional tags can be purchased at the Town Office for \$3 each.



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Town of Durham

2023 - Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling Report (by tons)



Month	Municipal Solid Waste (Curbside Services)	Zero-Sort Recycling (Curbside Services)	Recycled Metal	Oversized Bulky Waste/ Construction Debris	Total Tons Collected
January	113.54	22.25	0.00	0.00	135.79
February	97.78	37.77	0.00	0.00	135.55
March	138.46	50.17	0.00	0.00	188.63
April	112.34	41.43	0.00	0.00	153.77
May	123.70	45.29	45.51	34.69	249.19
June	147.46	53.22	0.00	0.00	200.68
July	123.13	41.71	0.00	0.00	164.84
August	146.31	50.68	0.00	0.00	196.99
September	127.50	44.76	0.00	0.00	172.26
October	118.83	40.92	0.00	0.00	159.75
November	147.55	55.75	0.00	0.00	203.30
December	145.97	50.28	0.00	0.00	196.25
Total Tons	1542.57	534.23	45.51	34.69	2157.00

RSU5 Superintendent Report

Dear Citizens,

We want to thank all the residents for the passage of our current budget. The adopted budget for 2023-2024 is \$38,968,569. The majority of the expenditure increases in addition to contractual salaries and benefits, included costs in the following areas: funding for an additional Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages and a .2 Physical Education teacher due to increased enrollment, three .5 social work positions, a .5 Guidance Counselor, and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst to support student wellness, an Athletic Trainer to better support our student athletes, and an Assistant Principal to support increased enrollment and specialized programming.

We are grateful for the individuals willing to volunteer and serve on the RSU5 Board of Directors. Current Board members from Durham are Candace deCsipkes, Danielle George and School Board Chair Michelle Ritcheson; members from Freeport are Colin Cheney, Susana Hancock, Kara Kaikini, Maura Pillsbury and Maddy Vertenten; and members from Pownal are Malik Harlow and Vice-Chair Elisabeth Munson. Two student representatives from Freeport High School are selected each fall.

All Board goals aim to ensure every student has engaging, student-centered education, and graduates ready to enter college or the workforce. In June, 169 students graduated from Freeport High School, ready to venture into their post-graduation lives. We are very appreciative of all the financial contributions for scholarships to support our students in post-secondary education.

We have an extremely dedicated, qualified staff serving our students. We educated 2066 students during the 2022-2023 school year, which was an increase of 76 students from the October 1st enrollment from 2021. We believe this increase was due to a combination of new housing available to families and the enrollment of new Mainers. Currently, the non-certified enrollment is 2107. If this remains stable, this will be an increase of 41 from last year's October 1st certified enrollment.

Through the collective efforts of our staff, parents, students and community members, we strive to provide a quality education for all of our students. As we strive "to inspire and support every learner by challenging minds, building character, sparking creativity, and nurturing passions," we appreciate your support and involvement in educating our students in RSU5!



Sincerely,

Jean M. Skorapa
Superintendent of Schools

2024 Proposed Budget



**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

SUMMARY	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Budget	FY23 - FY24 % Variance
Funding Requirements					
General Government	\$ 519,841	\$ 665,344	\$ 633,316	\$ 689,991	3.7%
Public Safety	521,301	541,070	535,740	622,495	15.0%
Public Works	1,514,397	1,723,460	1,642,868	1,843,228	6.9%
Culture and Recreation	6,945	15,915	12,571	-	-100.0%
Community Services	2,558	1,050	449	16,700	1490.5%
Town-wide	7,338,828	7,497,383	7,513,115	8,089,325	7.9%
Total Funding Requirements	9,903,870	10,444,222	10,338,059	11,261,739	7.8%
Less: Funding Sources					
Excise Taxes	1,040,451	1,034,097	1,076,440	1,100,000	6.4%
Permits and Fees	80,212	80,212	76,066	75,400	-6.0%
Intergovernmental	1,157,886	936,174	1,146,438	1,149,714	22.8%
Charges for Services	163,143	163,703	167,942	172,000	5.1%
Other Revenues	96,192	66,603	36,385	65,000	-2.4%
Other Financing Sources	106,056	-	47,754	-	
Total Funding Sources	2,643,940	2,280,789	2,551,025	2,562,114	12.3%
Equals: Deficit (Surplus) Before Changes in Fund Balance and Taxes	7,259,930	8,163,433	7,787,034	8,699,625	6.6%
Additions to (Use of) Fund Balance	480,570	(135,820)	259,011	(668,000)	391.8%
Equals: Property Tax Levy	\$ 7,740,500	\$ 8,027,613	\$ 8,046,045	\$ 8,031,625	0.0%
Taxable Valuation (\$ thousands)	\$ 373,440	\$ 376,001	\$ 376,001	\$ 376,001	0.0%
Mil Rate (per \$1,000)	\$ 20.700	\$ 21.350	\$ 21.350	\$ 21.361	0.0%

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

FUNDING SOURCES		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Budget	FY23 - FY24 % Variance
Excise Taxes						
11-6100	Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 1,034,097	\$ 1,034,097	\$ 1,070,148	\$ 1,095,000	5.9%
11-6105	Other Excise	6,354	-	6,292	5,000	
	Total Excise Taxes	1,040,451	1,034,097	1,076,440	1,100,000	6.4%
Permits and Fees						
12-6200	Town Clerk Fees	26,283	26,283	25,945	26,000	-1.1%
12-6205	Lien Fees	-	-	529	-	
12-6210	Planning Board Fees	2,900	3,416	4,735	3,000	-12.2%
12-6215	Code Enforcement Fees	49,864	49,564	41,350	45,000	-9.2%
12-6220	Dog Licenses	949	949	1,457	1,400	47.5%
12-6221	Animal Control Fees	-	-	50	-	
12-6299	Miscellaneous Permits and Fees	216	-	2,000	-	
	Total Permits and Fees	80,212	80,212	76,066	75,400	-6.0%
Intergovernmental						
13-6300	State Revenue Sharing	753,372	551,052	740,214	740,214	34.3%
13-6305	Homestead Exemption	322,683	305,116	302,687	305,000	0.0%
13-6310	Business Equipment Tax Exemption	1,041	1,429	14	1,500	5.0%
13-6315	Veterans Exemption	-	-	3,142	3,000	
13-6320	Tree Growth	23,853	23,853	37,147	35,000	46.7%
13-6325	Local Road Assistance Program	54,724	54,724	63,108	65,000	18.8%
13-6330	Snowmobile Program	2,204	-	-	-	
13-6336	State Park Fees	9	-	-	-	
13-6399	Miscellaneous Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
	Total Intergovernmental	1,157,886	936,174	1,146,438	1,149,714	22.8%

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

FUNDING SOURCES		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Budget	FY23 - FY24 % Variance
Charges for Services						
14-6400	Recreation Program Fees	\$ -	\$ 9,380	\$ -	\$ -	-100.0%
14-6425	Eureka Rental Fees	1,420	1,420	2,205	2,000	40.8%
14-6450	Junkyard Fees	-	-	120	-	
14-6451	User Fees and Trash Tags	33,381	33,381	30,074	30,000	-10.1%
14-6460	Cable Franchise Fees	45,887	52,000	42,596	45,000	-13.5%
14-6470	Ambulance Fees	82,278	67,522	92,612	95,000	40.7%
14-6499	Misc Charges for Services	177	-	335	-	
	Total Charges for Services	163,143	163,703	167,942	172,000	5.1%
Other Revenues						
19-6900	Interest on Property Taxes	21,022	20,955	16,124	20,000	-4.6%
19-6910	Interest Income	-	-	28,929	20,000	
19-6950	Private Donations	-	-	2,000	-	
19-6980	Private Grants	-	-	-	-	
19-6999	Miscellaneous Revenue	75,170	45,648	(10,668)	25,000	-45.2%
	Total Other Revenues	96,192	66,603	36,385	65,000	-2.4%
Other Financing Sources						
99-8000	Transfers In	106,056	-	47,754	-	
99-8050	Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-	
99-8100	Sales of Assets	-	-	-	-	
	Total Other Financing Sources	106,056	-	47,754	-	
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES		\$ 2,643,940	\$ 2,280,789	\$ 2,551,025	\$ 2,562,114	12.3%

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Budget	FY23 - FY24 % Variance
General Government						
20	Administration	\$ 408,678	\$ 518,124	\$ 497,447	\$ 473,656	-8.6%
21	Municipal Buildings	14,359	17,800	24,569	22,235	24.9%
23	Assessing	18,000	21,000	20,525	22,800	8.6%
26	Information Technology	43,056	52,000	47,752	47,000	-9.6%
27	Planning and Code Enforcement	35,748	56,420	43,023	124,300	120.3%
	Total General Government	519,841	665,344	633,316	689,991	3.7%
Public Safety						
30	Fire Department	503,386	522,470	517,334	603,845	15.6%
39	Other Public Safety	17,915	18,600	18,406	18,650	0.3%
	Total Public Safety	521,301	541,070	535,740	622,495	15.0%
Public Works						
40	Public Works	1,214,665	1,338,920	1,268,718	1,454,228	8.6%
42	Solid Waste	299,732	384,540	374,150	389,000	1.2%
	Total Public Works	1,514,397	1,723,460	1,642,868	1,843,228	6.9%
Culture and Recreation						
50	Parks and Recreation	2,456	9,380	6,620	-	-100.0%
52	Eureka Community Center	4,489	6,535	5,951	-	-100.0%
	Total Culture and Recreation	6,945	15,915	12,571	-	-100.0%
Community Services						
69	Other Community Services	2,558	1,050	449	16,700	1490.5%
	Total Community Services	2,558	1,050	449	16,700	1490.5%

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Budget	FY23 - FY24 % Variance
Town-wide						
91	Capital Expenditures	\$ 91,040	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
92	Debt Service	969,801	958,394	958,390	780,349	-18.6%
96	Assessments and Fixed Costs	6,138,849	6,393,743	6,393,743	6,692,140	4.7%
97	Abatements and Bad Debt	16,703	35,246	8,386	-	-100.0%
99	Other Financing Uses	122,435	110,000	152,596	616,836	460.8%
	Total Town-wide	7,338,828	7,497,383	7,513,115	8,089,325	7.9%
TOTAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS		\$ 9,903,870	\$ 10,444,222	\$ 10,338,059	\$ 11,261,739	7.8%

Proposed

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

General Government		FY2022	FY2023	FY2023	FY2024	FY23 - FY24
Administration		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	% Variance
20-7000	Department Head Wages	\$ 89,982	\$ 97,000	\$ 100,877	\$ 110,000	13.4%
20-7015	Full Time Staff Wages	127,707	104,310	128,270	93,000	-10.8%
20-7020	Part Time Staff Wages	11,644	39,312	16,632	45,000	14.5%
20-7026	Election Worker Wages	6,100	3,800	3,673	4,000	5.3%
20-7030	Elected Official Wages	10,320	10,320	11,180	11,500	11.4%
20-7050	Payroll Taxes	22,335	24,809	14,720	8,400	-66.1%
20-7055	Health Insurance	19,876	25,187	24,334	15,600	-38.1%
20-7070	Workers Comp	3,144	5,850	5,847	3,256	-44.3%
20-7075	Retirement	2,079	-	8,628	14,100	
20-7105	Training and Development	6,445	8,000	2,677	4,000	-50.0%
20-7110	Travel and Mileage	-	1,000	1,887	500	-50.0%
20-7200	Heat	-	-	308	2,500	
20-7201	Electricity	-	-	60	4,000	
20-7210	Telephone and Internet	-	-	274	6,300	
20-7220	Legal	2,992	11,000	3,088	10,000	-9.1%
20-7221	Auditor	12,400	15,500	18,500	13,000	-16.1%
20-7222	Business Services	-	74,500	44,658	30,000	-59.7%
20-7223	Payroll Processing Services	-	-	-	10,000	
20-7250	Equipment Rentals	4,117	2,500	3,885	4,300	72.0%
20-7253	Building Repairs and Maint	-	-	-	5,000	
20-7340	General Insurance	41,060	42,000	39,156	45,000	7.1%
20-7350	Advertising	1,305	1,500	80	1,500	0.0%
20-7351	Printing and Copying	1,580	1,600	2,597	5,000	212.5%
20-7352	Postage and Freight	3,567	4,500	1,463	1,500	-66.7%
20-7353	Bank Service Charges	-	-	174	-	
20-7354	Dues and Subscriptions	12,981	13,336	14,166	14,500	8.7%
20-7356	Software Licenses	19,805	21,100	44,322	-	-100.0%
20-7400	General Supplies	3,889	5,500	5,974	6,500	18.2%
20-7490	Books and Periodicals	533	500	-	500	0.0%
20-7500	Small Equipment	137	150	-	-	-100.0%
20-7800	Lien Costs	3,167	2,500	141	1,500	-40.0%
20-7801	Election Costs	1,513	2,250	(223)	2,200	-2.2%
20-7999	Miscellaneous Expenditures	-	100	99	1,000	900.0%
Total Administration		408,678	518,124	497,447	473,656	-8.6%

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

General Government		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Budget	FY23 - FY24 % Variance
Municipal Buildings						
21-7020	Part Time Staff Wages	\$ 1,436	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,835	\$ 6,300	215.0%
21-7050	Payroll Taxes	110	170	217	485	185.3%
21-7200	Heat	2,444	2,500	4,066	-	-100.0%
21-7201	Electricity	3,105	3,500	3,735	6,200	77.1%
21-7210	Telephone and Internet	3,739	3,715	7,136	650	-82.5%
21-7252	Equipment Repairs and Maint	115	300	-	-	-100.0%
21-7253	Building Repairs and Maint	403	2,500	1,217	5,000	100.0%
21-7359	Street Lights	1,432	1,500	2,215	-	-100.0%
21-7362	Security	822	825	1,728	1,600	93.9%
21-7400	General Supplies	332	350	442	1,000	185.7%
21-7808	Flags	-	-	-	1,000	
21-7820	Union Church Costs	421	440	978	-	-100.0%
	Total Municipal Buildings	14,359	17,800	24,569	22,235	24.9%
Assessing						
23-7228	Mapping	-	2,300	2,225	2,800	21.7%
23-7235	Assessing Services	18,000	18,000	18,000	19,200	6.7%
23-7400	General Supplies	-	200	212	250	25.0%
23-7802	Deeds Costs	-	-	-	300	
23-7999	Miscellaneous Expenditures	-	500	88	250	-50.0%
	Total Assessing	18,000	21,000	20,525	22,800	8.6%

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

General Government		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Budget	FY23 - FY24 % Variance
Information Technology						
26-7020	Part Time Staff Wages	\$ 17,079	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,976	\$ -	-100.0%
26-7050	Payroll Taxes	167	-	1,788	-	
26-7070	Workers Comp	143	-	-	-	
26-7105	Training and Development	-	100	-	-	-100.0%
26-7212	IT Services	18,533	15,000	13,109	15,000	0.0%
26-7213	Website	2,929	3,000	2,415	3,000	0.0%
26-7215	Access Channel	1,030	3,000	-	-	-100.0%
26-7351	Printing and Copying	1,809	2,000	1,928	-	-100.0%
26-7356	Software Licenses	254	2,200	1,033	24,000	990.9%
26-7400	General Supplies	-	500	202	-	-100.0%
26-7404	Hardware	1,112	1,200	1,301	5,000	316.7%
	Total Information Technology	43,056	52,000	47,752	47,000	-9.6%
Planning and Code Enforcement						
27-7015	Full Time Staff Wages	-	-	-	60,500	
27-7020	Part Time Staff Wages	29,574	33,280	33,352	40,000	20.2%
27-7035	Committee Member Wages	2,700	3,750	2,300	6,000	60.0%
27-7050	Payroll Taxes	2,326	3,190	2,732	4,400	37.9%
27-7055	Health Insurance	-	-	302	1,200	
27-7075	Retirement	-	-	25	5,400	
27-7110	Travel and Mileage	-	-	-	2,000	
27-7220	Legal	315	1,000	630	-	-100.0%
27-7350	Advertising	286	900	111	500	-44.4%
27-7352	Postage and Freight	27	400	889	1,500	275.0%
27-7354	Dues and Subscriptions	205	1,200	1,280	1,300	8.3%
27-7400	General Supplies	315	700	950	1,000	42.9%
27-7820	Union Church Costs	-	10,000	-	-	-100.0%
27-7999	Miscellaneous Expenditures	-	2,000	452	500	-75.0%
	Total Planning and Code Enforcement	35,748	56,420	43,023	124,300	120.3%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 519,841	\$ 665,344	\$ 633,316	\$ 689,991	3.7%

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

Public Safety		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Budget	FY23 - FY24 % Variance
Fire Department						
30-7000	Department Head Wages	\$ 72,352	\$ 77,175	\$ 76,179	\$ 81,035	5.0%
30-7020	Part Time Staff Wages	184,328	193,000	202,136	262,222	35.9%
30-7050	Payroll Taxes	22,375	24,900	21,987	21,600	-13.3%
30-7055	Health Insurance	2,463	2,525	2,449	2,500	-1.0%
30-7070	Workers Comp	44,637	50,670	50,670	33,238	-34.4%
30-7075	Retirement	-	-	3,436	7,250	
30-7100	Stipends	4,214	4,100	4,943	4,600	12.2%
30-7105	Training and Development	6,514	7,000	3,310	7,000	0.0%
30-7200	Heat	6,574	7,800	11,326	8,000	2.6%
30-7201	Electricity	5,353	5,500	7,908	9,000	63.6%
30-7210	Telephone and Internet	-	-	827	5,900	
30-7229	Dispatch Services	36,028	36,000	31,662	27,000	-25.0%
30-7230	Ambulance Services	4,577	14,200	16,665	20,000	40.8%
30-7252	Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	62,710	58,000	49,542	20,000	-65.5%
30-7253	Building Repairs and Maintenance	8,562	7,800	10,931	12,000	53.8%
30-7255	Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	40,000	
30-7354	Dues and Subscriptions	818	3,000	2,160	3,000	0.0%
30-7400	General Supplies	4,042	4,800	1,651	4,800	0.0%
30-7502	Radios	-	-	-	6,000	
30-7504	Safety Equipment	27,710	15,000	13,423	15,000	0.0%
30-7550	Gas and Diesel	7,264	8,000	5,790	10,700	33.8%
30-7999	Miscellaneous Expenditures	2,865	3,000	339	3,000	0.0%
	Total Fire Department	503,386	522,470	517,334	603,845	15.6%
Other Public Safety						
39-7240	Animal Control	17,915	18,600	18,406	18,650	0.3%
	Total Other Public Safety	17,915	18,600	18,406	18,650	0.3%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ 521,301	\$ 541,070	\$ 535,740	\$ 622,495	15.0%

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

Public Works		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Budget	FY23 - FY24 % Variance
Public Works						
40-7000	Department Head Wages	\$ 70,341	\$ 73,500	\$ 73,486	\$ 77,200	5.0%
40-7015	Full Time Staff Wages	264,982	288,540	279,138	263,000	-8.9%
40-7016	Overtime Wages	-	-	3,516	30,000	
40-7020	Part Time Staff Wages	1,075	1,500	12,636	15,000	900.0%
40-7050	Payroll Taxes	32,071	35,500	23,689	5,700	-83.9%
40-7055	Health Insurance	78,978	95,650	91,439	99,715	4.2%
40-7070	Workers Comp	40,004	40,930	40,926	25,063	-38.8%
40-7075	Retirement	-	-	14,222	33,000	
40-7100	Stipends	-	-	2,040	1,200	
40-7105	Training and Development	1,006	1,000	469	1,000	0.0%
40-7200	Heat	-	10,000	6,317	7,000	-30.0%
40-7201	Electricity	16,410	2,500	9,052	8,000	220.0%
40-7210	Telephone and Internet	-	5,500	6,651	5,100	-7.3%
40-7224	Engineers	-	-	773	-	
40-7245	Flagging Services	-	1,000	15	-	-100.0%
40-7249	Other Contracted Services	14,434	10,000	7,140	10,000	0.0%
40-7250	Equipment Rentals	3,053	10,000	3,412	10,000	0.0%
40-7252	Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	84,495	90,000	128,414	40,000	-55.6%
40-7253	Building Repairs and Maintenance	12,914	10,000	14,393	12,000	20.0%
40-7254	Grounds Maintenance	4,500	-	-	10,000	
40-7255	Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	80,000	
40-7256	Tree Services	-	4,000	5,200	6,000	50.0%
40-7257	Paving and Road Work	341,255	375,000	285,158	400,000	6.7%
40-7258	Road Painting and Striping	-	-	-	16,000	
40-7259	Crack Sealing	-	-	-	15,000	
40-7400	General Supplies	3,775	3,500	5,054	4,500	28.6%
40-7450	Salt	146,510	165,000	160,214	147,000	-10.9%
40-7451	Liquid De-Icer	-	-	-	16,000	
40-7452	Winter Sand	-	-	-	7,000	
40-7454	Gravel, Asphal, Tar, Concrete	27,367	31,000	26,961	31,000	0.0%
40-7455	Erosion Control	2,310	3,000	2,867	3,500	16.7%
40-7456	Signs	3,023	4,000	3,519	4,000	0.0%
40-7457	Culverts	8,839	5,000	4,926	5,000	0.0%
40-7500	Small Equipment	3,638	3,500	2,081	3,500	0.0%

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Budget	FY23 - FY24 % Variance
Public Works						
Public Works						
40-7501	Tools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	
40-7502	Radios	2,178	1,300	2,187	2,500	92.3%
40-7503	Uniforms	1,394	2,000	2,017	2,750	37.5%
40-7504	Safety Equipment	2,568	2,500	2,760	3,000	20.0%
40-7549	Miscellaneous Equipment	10,747	7,500	4,992	7,500	0.0%
40-7550	Gas and Diesel	36,798	56,000	43,054	45,000	-19.6%
40-7999	Miscellaneous Expenditures	-	-	-	1,000	
	Total Public Works	1,214,665	1,338,920	1,268,718	1,454,228	8.6%
Solid Waste						
42-7231	Hauling	299,732	370,000	361,304	375,000	1.4%
42-7407	Tags	-	2,540	1,858	2,000	-21.3%
42-7815	Bulky Waste Day	-	12,000	10,988	12,000	0.0%
	Total Solid Waste	299,732	384,540	374,150	389,000	1.2%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$ 1,514,397	\$ 1,723,460	\$ 1,642,868	\$ 1,843,228	6.9%

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Budget	FY23 - FY24 % Variance
Culture and Recreation						
Parks and Recreation						
50-7201	Electricity	\$ 362	\$ 400	\$ 606	\$ -	-100.0%
50-7249	Other Contracted Services	-	980	1,030	-	-100.0%
50-7252	Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	-	
50-7254	Grounds Maintenance	593	1,600	1,823	-	-100.0%
50-7354	Dues and Subscriptions	300	300	-	-	-100.0%
50-7400	General Supplies	-	-	7	-	
50-7808	War Memorial Flags	-	350	654	-	-100.0%
50-7812	Recreation Programs	1,100	5,000	2,500	-	-100.0%
50-7813	Memorial Day Parade	101	750	-	-	-100.0%
50-7999	Miscellaneous Expenditures	-	-	-	-	
	Total Parks and Recreation	2,456	9,380	6,620	-	-100.0%
Eureka Community Center						
53-7020	Part Time Staff Wages	1,091	1,500	1,476	-	-100.0%
53-7050	Payroll Taxes	83	135	110	-	-100.0%
53-7200	Heat	-	100	-	-	-100.0%
53-7201	Electricity	2,100	2,000	3,266	-	-100.0%
53-7253	Building Repairs and Maintenance	1,054	2,500	899	-	-100.0%
53-7400	General Supplies	161	300	200	-	-100.0%
	Total Eureka Community Centery	4,489	6,535	5,951	-	-100.0%
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		\$ 6,945	\$ 15,915	\$ 12,571	\$ -	-100.0%

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

Community Services		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Budget	FY23 - FY24 % Variance
Other Community Services						
69-7805	General Assistance	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600	0.0%
69-7807	Outside Organizations	2,204	-	-	16,100	
69-7808	Cemetery Flags	354	450	449	-	-100.0%
	Total Other Community Services	2,558	1,050	449	16,700	1490.5%
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES		<u>\$ 2,558</u>	<u>\$ 1,050</u>	<u>\$ 449</u>	<u>\$ 16,700</u>	1490.5%

Proposed

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

Town-wide		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Budget	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Budget	FY23 - FY24 % Variance
Capital Expenditures						
91-7640	Bldgs and Bldg Improvements	\$ 71,714	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
91-7680	Equipment	-	-	-	-	
91-7700	Vehicles	19,326	-	-	-	
91-7720	Infrastructure	-	-	-	-	
	Total Capital Expenditures	91,040	-	-	-	
Debt Service						
92-7900	Debt Service Principal	838,381	848,059	848,060	691,867	-18.4%
92-7901	Debt Service Interest	131,420	110,335	110,330	88,482	-19.8%
	Total Debt Service	969,801	958,394	958,390	780,349	-18.6%
Assessments and Fixed Costs						
96-7910	County Tax	600,886	677,388	677,388	742,140	9.6%
96-7915	Education	5,537,963	5,716,355	5,716,355	5,950,000	4.1%
	Total Assessments and Fixed Costs	6,138,849	6,393,743	6,393,743	6,692,140	4.7%
Abatements and Bad Debt						
97-7970	Tax Abatements	16,703	35,246	8,386	-	-100.0%
	Total Abatements and Bad Debt	16,703	35,246	8,386	-	-100.0%
Other Financing Uses						
99-8500	Transfers Out	122,435	110,000	152,596	616,836	460.8%
	Total Other Financing Uses	122,435	110,000	152,596	616,836	460.8%
TOTAL TOWN-WIDE		\$ 7,338,828	\$ 7,497,383	\$ 7,513,115	\$ 8,089,325	7.9%

**Town of Durham
FY2024 Budget**

Fund #	Fund Name	FY23 Beginning Fund Balance	Revenue	Transfers In (Transfers Out)	Expenditures	FY23 Ending Fund Balance
01	General Fund	\$ 3,443,374	\$ 10,549,316	\$ (104,843)	\$ (10,185,462)	\$ 3,702,385
02	ARPA Fund	348,024	-	-	(178,394)	169,630 B
03	Zoning Compliance Fund	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
04	River Park Donations Reserve	7,956	65	-	-	8,021
05	Scholarships Reserve	14,677	120	-	(2,000)	12,797
06	Heating Assistance Reserve	11,245	200	-	(489)	10,956
07	Giving Tree Reserve	544	1,340	-	-	1,884
08	Historic District Commission Reserve	1,330	-	-	-	1,330
09	Jackson-Tupper Memorial Reserve	123	-	-	-	123
	Total Restricted	383,899	6,725	-	(180,883)	209,741
70	Emergency Reserve	16,953	-	-	-	16,953
71	Grants Matching Reserve	27,077	-	-	-	27,077
72	Recreation Reserve	23,742	-	-	-	23,742
73	Telecommunications Reserve	83,981	-	(5,157)	-	78,824
74	Revaluation Reserve	-	-	60,000	-	60,000
75	Eureka Capital Reserve	2,719	1,000	-	-	3,719
76	Fire Rescue Capital Reserve	221,401	-	-	(79,310)	142,091 C
77	Municipal Building Capital Reserve	97,632	-	-	(7,120)	90,512
78	Public Works Capital Reserve	460,950	144,330	50,000	(502,192)	153,088 D
79	Union Church Restoration Reserve	21,457	175	-	-	21,632
	Total Committed	955,912	145,505	104,843	(588,622)	617,638
80	Cemetery Permanent Fund	7,671	62	-	-	7,733
	Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 4,790,856	\$ 10,701,608	\$ -	\$ (10,954,967)	\$ 4,537,497

Notes

- A The above figures are preliminary, unadjusted amounts.
- B Of the ARPA Fund's remaining balance, \$125,000 is set aside for the FD Quint Rehab. This leaves \$44,630 available for other future expenditures.
- C Of the Fire Rescue Capital Reserve's remaining fund balance, \$15,704 is set aside for a generator. This leaves \$126,387 available for other future expenditures.
- D Of the Public Works Capital Reserve's remaining fund balance, \$14,073 is set aside to pay the retainage on the Swamp Road Culvert Project. This leaves \$139,015 available for other future expenditures.

2024
Durham Town Warrant



2024 DURHAM TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES

To: Kimberly Garneau, a resident of the Town of Durham, Androscoggin County, 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 Durham in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at The Durham Eureka Community Center, 606 Hallowell Road, Durham, Maine on Friday, April 5, 2024 at 7:45 a.m., then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 as set out below. Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Further, to notify and warn said inhabitants to assemble at Durham Community School on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., then and there to act upon Articles 3 through 39 as set out to wit:

Article 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 To elect all municipal officers, school committee members, and budget committee members as are required to be elected.

Article 3 To see if the town will allow non-residents, who have information pertaining to any following articles, to speak when recognized.

Article 4 To see if the Town of Durham will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed the 2023 Durham Municipal Budget for any budget articles **not** approved in this warrant.

OVERSPENT ARTICLE

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer **\$3,235** from undesignated fund balance to cover Fire Department expenditures above the approved 2022 Fire Department budget.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

2024 DURHAM TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES

OPERATING BUDGET ARTICLES

Article 6 To see if the Town will Vote to raise and appropriate **\$689,991** for General Government.

	FY23 Appr	FY24 Req
Administration	\$ 518,124	\$ 473,656
Municipal Buildings & Grounds	30,565	22,235
Assessing	21,000	22,800
Information Technology	52,000	47,000
Planning and Code Enforcement	56,420	124,300

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

Article 7 To see if the Town will Vote to raise and appropriate **\$622,495** for Public Safety.

	FY23 Appr	FY24 Req
Fire Department	\$ 522,470	\$ 603,845
Animal Control	18,600	18,650

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

Article 8 To see if the Town will Vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,843,228** for Public Works.

	FY23 Appr	FY24 Req
Public Works	\$ 1,338,920	\$ 1,454,228
Solid Waste	370,000	375,000
Tags	2,540	2000
Bulky Waste Day	12,000	12,000

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

Article 9 To see if the Town will Vote to raise and appropriate **\$16,700** for Community Services.

	FY23 Appr	FY24 Req
General Assistance	\$ 600	\$ 600
Durham Youth Baseball	2,500	2,500
Durham Snowmobile Trails	1,100	1,100
AMVETS (Generator)	0	2,500
Freeport Scholarship Fund	0	10,000

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

2024 DURHAM TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 10 To see if the Town will Vote to raise and appropriate **\$780,349** for Debt Service.

	<u>FY23 Appr</u>	<u>FY24 Req</u>
Debt Service	958,394	780,349

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

ADDITIONS TO RESERVES ARTICLES

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$180,000** for the Fire Department Capital Reserve.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$205,000** for the Public Works Department Capital Reserve.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** for the Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$50,000** for the Eureka Community Center Reserve.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$160,000** for the Assessing and Revaluation Reserve.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,293** for the Grants Match Reserve.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

2024 DURHAM TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 17 To see if the Town will Vote to raise and appropriate **\$9,543** for the Union Church Restoration Reserve.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

Explanatory Note: The monies in the Union Church Restoration Fund would be managed jointly by the Historical Society and the Town. Any expenditure from the Fund would be for maintenance, repair and/or restoration of the Church. All expenditures would be approved by the Select Board.

FUNDING SOURCES ARTICLES

Article 18 To see if the Town will Vote to reduce the amounts authorized to be raised in taxes in Articles 6 through 17 by **\$2,562,114** based on estimates for non-tax municipal revenues.

	FY23 Est	FY24 Est
Excise Taxes	\$ 1,034,097	\$ 1,100,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	80,212	75,400
Intergovernmental Revenue	936,174	1,149,714
Charges for Services	163,703	172,000
Other Revenues	66,603	65,000
Total	\$2,280,789	\$2,562,114

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

Article 19 To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to appropriate up to **\$668,000** from the General Fund’s existing fund balance to reduce the amounts authorized to be raised in taxes in Articles 6 through 17.

Select Board recommends \$668,000.
Budget Committee recommends \$628,475.

2024 DURHAM TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES

RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS ARTICLES

(Note: The amounts approved in this section do not affect the amount of taxes being raised.)

- Article 20** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$9,130** from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan or ARPA Funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Upgrades to the Eureka Community Center.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.
- Article 21** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$25,000** from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan or ARPA Funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Computer Aided Dispatch for Emergency Vehicles
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.
- Article 22** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$10,500** from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan or ARPA Funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Codification of the Towns Land Use Ordinance
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.
- Article 23** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to appropriate funds upon the request of the Town Manager from the Town's reserves as they deem necessary for expenditures in accordance with the purpose of the reserves.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend Approval.

2024 DURHAM TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES

ORDINANCE WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to enact amendments to the Land Use Ordinance as set forth in the document “Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, April 1, 2023, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 6, 2024, PART 1 – DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOUSING DIVERSITY & TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW ON HOUSING DENSITY (Articles 4, 5, 16, & 19)” to make greater allowance for accessory apartments and to increase lot sizes where State law requires multiple full-sized dwelling units on a single lot.

Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhamme.com

- Yes**
- No**

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to enact amendments to the Land Use Ordinance as set forth in the document “Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, April 1, 2023, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 6, 2024, PART 2 – DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO ENACT STANDARDS FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS (Articles 3, 5, 8, & 19)” to establish submission requirements, review procedures, and performance standards for solar energy systems.

Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhamme.com

- Yes**
- No**

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to enact amendments to the Land Use Ordinance as set forth in the document “Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, April 1, 2023, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 6, 2024, PART 3 – DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO CODIFY CERTAIN FEES FOR INCLUSION IN THE FEE SCHEDULE (Article 18)” to enact new fees for certain permitting services provided by Town.

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- Yes**
- No**

2024 DURHAM TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES

BUSINESS ARTICLES

Article 27 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to transfer the property located at 744 Royalsborough Road, Durham, Maine, also known as the Union Church, to the Durham Historical Society by means of a quitclaim deed.

Explanatory Note: The deed from the Town to the Historical Society would contain a reversionary clause that would require the Union Church to be used solely for the Historical Society use and if the property were ever to be used for other purposes, the property would revert back to the Town.

Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to spend the funds in the Union Church Restoration Reserve account in conjunction with the Durham Historical Society for repairs and maintenance of the Union Church.

Explanatory Note: Prior to this Annual Meeting there was \$21,632 in the Union Church Restoration account. Article 17 asked the town to raise and appropriate an additional \$9,543 to the reserve account for a total of \$31,175.

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to seek, accept and disburse grant funds from private, state or federal agencies, for the purpose so designated in each specific grant.

Article 30 To see what action the Town will take in regard to fixing interest on delinquent taxes and establishing a date for interest to start. Interest shall begin to accrue on all unpaid taxes forty-five days after the date taxes are committed. The interest rate on delinquent taxes shall be the maximum allowable by State Law.

Article 31 To see if the Town will vote to leave the appointment of standing committee members and officials in the hands of the Select Board.

Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of town owned property which they determine is no longer needed or usable by the town, on such terms as they deem advisable.

Article 33 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens and allow the Select Board to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.

Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on overpayment of abated taxes at 2% pursuant to 36 MRSA § 506-A.

2024 DURHAM TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES

- Article 35** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet due or assessed, and to pay interest thereon at an interest rate of 0% pursuant to 36 MRSA § 506.
- Article 36** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to resolve any disputes with parties having an interest adverse to that of the Town which do not involve the expenditure of public funds or where there are sufficient funds in budgeted accounts to allow payment of any claim which is to be settled.
- Article 37** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed one third (1/3) of the budget amount in each category of the Town of Durham 2023 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2024, to the close of the 2024 annual town meeting.
- Article 38** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money on notes approved by at least three members of the Select Board and countersigned by the Select Board Chair, to pay for the operating costs of the Town.
- Article 39** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to move up to 5% of budget lines that have unexpended appropriations to other budget lines, as they deem necessary, to avoid individual budget lines being over-expended.

Given under our hands this 26th day of March 2024 by the Durham Select Board:

Joseph Tomm, Chair

Richard George, Vice Chair

Josh Klein-Golden

Heather Roy

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Dear Maine Resident:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

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

Janet T. Mills
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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Collins".

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

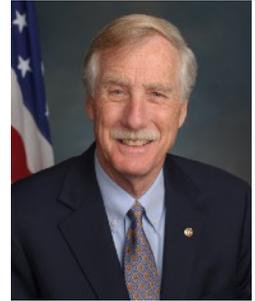
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Dear Friends,

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

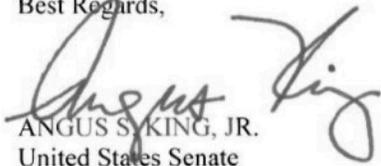
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



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Senator, District 20



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work and conduct business. I assure you, I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of Senate District 20.

The First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during its first year.

One area of success was in the Highway Fund. In the past, the Highway Fund has been supported through gasoline taxes, which have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles, and bonding; however, we now have created a sustainable source of funding to maintain our transportation infrastructure. We will accomplish this by dedicating 40% of the vehicle sales tax along with the sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. This action is predicted to raise more than \$200 million for infrastructure each biennium.

The Second Regular Session will begin in January 2024. I am eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. I have heard from many of you regarding the biggest concerns you are facing, including increasing energy costs; access to health care and child care; education; housing; inflation; child welfare; mental health and substance abuse; workforce development; and crime, among others. As your State Senator, I will continue to do all I can to advocate for your priorities in Augusta.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 131st Legislature has a great deal more work to do; however, I believe, if we work collaboratively, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at Eric.Brakey@legislature.maine.gov. If you have comments, questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

For Liberty!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric L. Brakey".

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Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine



Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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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 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress

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January 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the Second Regular Session of the Maine State Legislature convenes, I would like to thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve Durham, and all of District 98, in the Maine House of Representatives.

The First Regular Session of the Legislature was a busy one, as lawmakers faced many difficult issues and decisions. I believe you will be pleased with some of the accomplishments of the 131st Legislature so far. My colleagues and I were able to pass multiple bi-partisan spending agreements that included supporting hospitals and long-term care facilities, working to stabilize highway and road funding, and improving the efficient delivery of government services. I continue to support legislation that would reduce high energy costs while shoring up supply resiliency and capacity, as well as procurement and generation priorities. As a member of the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing, I look forward to continuing my work on that committee during the Second Regular Session as we tackle matters that are crucial to our community.

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

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 98. I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request at Joseph.Galletta@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Galletta
State Representative

District 98 Durham, Pownal (part), Lisbon (part), Bowdoin & Topsham



