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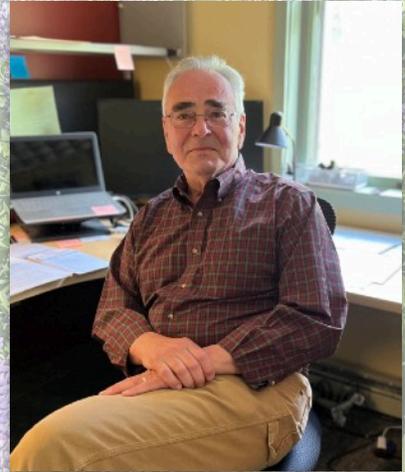
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February 17, 1789

**Maine's 69th Town
233rd Annual Report**

January 1, 2022 ~ December 31, 2022





233rd Annual Report & Warrant Town of Durham, Maine

For the year ending December 31, 2022

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207-753-2500 (Non-Emergency)

Chief Deputy William Gagne
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Director of Public Safety Major Mark Cornelio
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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
www.casella.com/casella

Codes Official
207-725-5051

Durham Fire & Rescue
(Emergency) 911
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207-353-2473

Durham Community School
207-353-9333
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Durham Public Works Department
207-353-3281

Durham Town Office
207-353-2561
Town Manager - Option 1
Town Clerk - Option 2
Treasurer - Option 3
(Fax) 207-353-5367
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Freeport High School
207-865-4706

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 Department of Environmental Protection
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, 2022

Town Manager

Jerry Douglass
Mitchell Berkowitz (Interim)

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

Jessica Landberg

Deputy Treasurer/Deputy Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector

Janet Bowie

Part-Time Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Cynthia Faragi

Assessor

Donna Hays

Code Enforcement Officer

Alan Plummer

Town Planner

George Thebarga

Information Technology Officer & Public Information Officer

Devin Garneau

Kimberly Garneau

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

Bradley Bisbee

Part-Time

Elmer Allen

Brandon Wilkins

Alex Brookhouse

Mark Blake

Board of Selectmen

Kevin Nadeau, Chair 2023

Richard George, Vice Chair 2024

Todd Beaulieu 2023

Joseph Tomm 2025

Josh Klein-Golden 2025

Board of Appeals

Barbara Schneider 2024

Dean Clark 2026

Gary Wood 2023

Milton Simon 2027

Heather Roy 2025

Paul First 2025

Terry Kirk 2025

Budget Committee

Milton Simon, Chair 2023

Jill Gastonguay, Vice Chair 2025

Allan Purinton 2023

Neil Berry 2024

Heather Roy 2024

John Talbot 2025

Jane Rice 2025

Mark Blake Interim

Rod Stimpson Interim

Historic District Commission

Lois Kilby-Chesley, Chair 2025

Mary Fallon, Secretary 2023

Anita Sellars 2024

Linda Litchfield 2023

Page Atherton 2025

Paula Erdmann-Purdy 2025

Planning Board

John Talbot, Chairman 2026

Juliet Caplinger, Vice-Chair 2026

Ron Williams 2023

Allan Purinton 2027

Tyler Hutchison 2026

Anne Torregrossa 2027

RSU5 School Board Committee

Michelle Ritcheson, Chair 2025

Candace deCsipkes 2024

Jennifer Galletta 2023

Capital Improvement Committee

Paul First, Chair

Joseph Tomm, Vice Chair

Michelle Rouleau

Peter Jabaut

Cemetery Committee

Tia Wilson, Chair

Linda Bowie, Vice Chair

Greg Wilson

Joseph Donovan

Lindsey Lopes

Natasha Skelton

Philip Baker

Richard Thompson

Conservation Commission

Samantha Cuccaro, Chair

Joseph Roy

Juliet Caplinger

Roberta Brezinski

Zack Labbay

Eureka Center Committee

Pearl Scribner

Kathleen Lowe

Anita Sellars

Scholarship Committee

Christine Cormier

Kendra O'Connell

Jonathan Pollock

Animal Control Officer

Jeff Cooper



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

Board of Selectmen Report

The primary focus for the Board of Selectmen in 2022 was managing the transition from the resignation of our first Town Manager in February of 2022, to the hiring our new Town Manager, Jerry Douglass last August. While it was certainly a stressful time, especially for Town Office staff, we have landed in a good spot. In his first 6 months on the job, Jerry has proven himself to be an excellent fit for the Town of Durham.

Jerry leads a great team of dedicated professionals. The Board would like to take this opportunity to let the citizens of Durham know how truly fortunate we are to have this group working on our behalf and highlight some of their work over the past year.

- Chief Rob Tripp has been a tremendous leader for our Fire Department. His dedication and commitment to the people he leads have strengthened morale and membership in the Department to a level not seen in several years. Many small Towns are struggling to keep their Fire Departments viable. That is not the case in Durham.
- Town Planner George Theborge has stepped up and taken on a bigger role in working with the Planning Board to improve the project review and approval process. He also led the effort to bring Durham's mapping technology into the 21st century. Look for the GIS Mapping link on the Town website.
- New Code Enforcement Officer Alan Plummer comes to Durham with a lot of valuable experience and has made great progress in simplifying the permitting process. Citizens can now complete and pay for most permit applications on our website. Alan is leading the work to update our fee structure so that we are in line with what other Towns are charging and is also working on organizing and digitizing many of our old records.
- Town Clerk Jessica Landberg has done a fantastic job managing the additional work and complexity of our elections due to the dramatic increase in early and absentee voting. She has also stepped up and taken on additional duties when needed. She is the 2022 Town Office MVP.
- Kimberly Garneau and her son Devin, an IT student at CMCC, have done great work improving the process for broadcasting and recording our meetings, improving the timeliness and relevance of information available on our Town website, and using our weekly email newsletter and social media sites to keep citizens informed.
- Public Works has enjoyed a long period of steady, reliable work. We haven't seen the level of staff turnover many other Towns have. Credit for that goes to Calvin Beaumier and his leadership.

Of course, the job is never finished; and there is always room for improvement, but Durham citizens can feel confident that we have a strong team in place to get the job done. And finally, the Board would like to thank the committee members and volunteers that devote many hours of service to the Town. Without their efforts, the Town could not function.

Respectfully Submitted,



Durham Select Board
Kevin Nadeau, Chairman
Rich George, Vice-Chairman
Todd Beaulieu
Joshua Klein-Golden
Joseph Tomm

Town Manager's Report



Hello Durham Residents, I would like to introduce myself to you, the community. I was born in Bath, Maine, and attended Bath area schools graduating from Morse High School in 1984. From there I worked 12 years for a general contractor in residential development. In 1996, I enrolled at the University of Maine at Orono, where I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Management and a Bachelor of Science degree in Parks, Recreation & Tourism. In 2000, I started working with the Maine Department of Transportation at the administrative headquarters building in Augusta.

In my 16+ years working for that state agency I gained valuable experience working with Federal, State and Local officials. The majority of my career with MaineDOT was spent as the Program Manager for Maine Local Roads Center where I served as a trusted resource for municipalities. This is where I gained valuable experience working with city and town officials on local issues and problem solving. After working and collaborating across the state with many cities and towns, I decided to take my education, training and experience directly to a municipal city by going to work for the City of Gardiner.

As Gardiner's Public Works Director, I was in charge of two departments, ten employees, developing and managing a 2.1 million-dollar budget. Being one of seven department heads and working closely with the Finance Director and City Manager, I gained valuable experience learning firsthand the challenges and complexities of running local government and developing budgets with limited resources. After several years of working in the transportation sector and a couple of years holding a department head position for a city, I felt like I needed to do something more in my career development. This is why I applied to be the Town Manager of Durham. When I applied for the position, I knew the Town was going through a transition and thought it would be exciting to be part of that process, knowing that it would be challenging and also rewarding.

Upon arriving in Durham on August 22nd, 2022, I learned the Town had hired all new front office staff in July of 2021, and in May of 2022 a new code enforcement officer. In the middle of a pandemic, the labor pool was limited and it was tough for any employer to find qualified workers to fill vacant positions. I arrived with all new front office staff who had very little, if any, municipal experience, and their only training was "on the job training." I also learned that the financial books hadn't been reconciled and needed serious attention as the current 2022 operational budget wasn't entered into our accounting program accurately.

With this kind of staff turnover in any organization, there are going to be challenges. The Town was very fortunate to hire the staff they did in 2021. These committed workers were asked to learn the demands of their jobs with very little training. They stepped up and provided the necessary services to the residents without complaint. In fiscal year 2022, at or around their anniversary date, Town office staff received a salary market adjustment, plus the Town voted to give a cost-of-living adjustment. The code enforcement officer was hired at the market rate. Because the town had to recruit and retain employees during the 2022 budget year, the beginning salaries of the employees increased before I started in August of 2022.

Inflation kept rising in 2022, closing at a northeast average of 7 percent, which presents significant challenges in our 2023 budget. The proposed budget for this year will do a few things. First, it compensates our employees with a fair cost of living salary adjustment that brings us to the market average. It is still extremely difficult to find qualified employees, and it is important for us to retain good employees by compensating them with a competitive wage. Second, this budget represents a fairly large increase in the cost of providing services, including energy costs such as gas, diesel, electricity, as well as equipment parts and contracted services.

I want to thank our entire staff for their dedication and hard work this past year. They are an amazing group of people and I am proud to be part of their team. Your Select Board has worked hard during the year on various time-consuming issues, and we owe them a great deal of gratitude for all the work they have done. I want to especially thank Selectmen Todd Beaulieu and Kevin Nadeau for all their hard work, years of service and dedication to the Town of Durham. Selectman Nadeau has been a big help during my first six months and I appreciate all his time and advice! And lastly, thank you to the volunteers on our committees. You all have worked tremendously hard, and the Town of Durham is the beneficiary of your hard work.

My promise to the residents of Durham is to lead the hard-working Town staff, support them each and every day, while working as a team to provide the services the residents deserve. I will do my best to lead with conviction, and be open, honest, and communicative to everyone. For me, it's an amazing place to work, and for you all, an amazing place to live and play!

I would like to thank everyone for their support in my first six months as your Town Manager. I appreciate all the kind words I've received from the community - thank you! I am enjoying my new role and I am looking forward to all the important work still to come. As I move forward in this role, I look forward to hearing from the community about your priorities, questions, and hopes for Durham, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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 2022:

Male/Female - 33
Neuter/Spay - 205

Total: 238

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.



November 8th General Election

Durham had an outstanding voter turnout in the November 8th General Election with the total votes cast of 2,477. The Town Clerk processed an unprecedented 926 absentee ballots for the General Election.

Elections 2022

Municipal Officers Election	April 1, 2022
Town Meeting	April 2, 2022
Municipal Budget Referendum RSU5	June 14, 2022
State Primary Election	June 14, 2022
Special Town Meeting	August 16, 2022
General Election	November 8, 2022



Voter Registration

Democrat	1091
Green Independent	234
Libertarian	3
Republican	1156
Unenrolled	1276
Total	3760

2022 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.

Deaths

Residents who have passed in 2022. We send our condolences to the families and friends of these deceased individuals.



Births

There were 49 Births in Durham in 2022. Congratulations and Welcome!

Margaret Austin
Paul A. Banks
Elwin Beal
Roger Maurice Bertrand
Robert Bruce Bigelow
Dolores F. Bilodeau
Daniel P. Bourgoin
Barbara Gail Carignan
Richard Robert Caron
Nahum Edward Cloutier
Frank N. Copp, Sr.
Jonathan D. Drake
Gerald Paul Dugal
Leonard R. Foss
Edward Isaac Gayton III

Ronald Paul Granholm, Sr.
Norma J. Lane
Omer Roger Levesque, Jr.
Maynard James Libby
Donna Louise McGary
Dennis O'Leary
Glenn L. Osgood
Marcel Donald Pessant
John A. Peterson
Marguerite Joan Pollock
Maryhelen Rice
Erik Francis Stone
Richard O. Thompson
Jill S. Toher

Marriages

There were 36 marriages in 2022. Congratulations to our Newlyweds!

Alden Charles Allen to Baile Mae Perry
Paige Teresa Larrivee to John Nelson Thurlow II
Erika Lynne Lenentine to Joseph Lawrence Toner
Abigail Deanna Turner to Jason Ray Wipf
Isabel Alexis Aguilar to Luis Humbert Perez Castillo
Noori Sameer Al Najaf to Tabarek Saad Alaboodi
Rebecca Anne Puffer to Cole Michael Harrison
Kristen LeAnn Cianelli to Lindsey Renay Voigt
Evan Chistoph Hartmann to Elaine Marie Swan
Alexandria Ma Hammond to Korey Brendon St. Amand
Ashley Ann Wright to Benjamin Curtis Freeman



Saturday, January 8, 2022
Saturday, April 9, 2022
Saturday, May 21, 2022
Saturday, June 4, 2022
Tuesday, June 7, 2022
Saturday, June 11, 2022
Saturday, June 11, 2022
Saturday, June 18, 2022
Saturday, June 25, 2022
Saturday, July 16, 2022
Saturday, July 16, 2022

Corey Heath Brown to Cynthia May Corson
 Mckenszie Lee Rogers to Jonathan Michael Snell, Jr.
 Seric Allen Kapp to Rebecca Louise Smith
 Colby G. Leathers-Pouliot to Matthew Paul Tondreau
 Leigh Jordan Moody to Lindsey Teresa McKenna
 Zachary Dennis Atherton to Stephanie Marie Hood
 Joseph Jacques to April Stone
 Kyleigh Marie Mains to Phillip Charles Cardwell
 Zachary Benoit Radcliffe to Lauren Janice McKenna
 Lauren Victoria Stackhouse to Jonathan Earl Dennett
 Kendra Star Thatcher to Xavier Eric Sylvain
 Benjamin Joseph Bianco to Meghan Marie Campbell
 Connor Logan Twomey to Ella Amelia Carter
 Angela Nicole Hallowell to Zachary Edward Goulette
 Paige Lauren Plourde to Ian James McLaughlin
 Heather Joy MacLennan to Ryan Richard Brown
 Brendan Earl Paradis to Amarinda Lea Keys
 Natalie Nichole Ritchie to Ronald Lee Holleran
 Stephen Douglas Burr, Jr. to Cameo Marie Dutton
 Tabitha Alison Lima to Michael Albert Ferriter
 Nicole Kristin Rush to James Robert Monaghan
 Dean Allen Rollins to Katherine Sue Hotham
 Paul Phillip Bernier, Jr. to Deborah Elaine Farling
 Nicholas Kyle Howard to Samantha Elizabeth Crowley
 Sabrina Marie Best to Ryan Steven Sparks



Friday, July 22, 2022
 Tuesday, July 26, 2022
 Saturday, August 13, 2022
 Saturday, August 13, 2022
 Saturday, August 27, 2022
 Saturday, September 3, 2022
 Saturday, September 3, 2022
 Saturday, September 10, 2022
 Saturday, September 10, 2022
 Saturday, September 10, 2022
 Saturday, September 10, 2022
 Saturday, September 17, 2022
 Saturday, September 17, 2022
 Saturday, September 24, 2022
 Saturday, September 24, 2022
 Sunday, September 25, 2022
 Saturday, October 1, 2022
 Saturday, October 1, 2022
 Saturday, October 8, 2022
 Saturday, October 15, 2022
 Thursday, October 27, 2022
 Friday, November 18, 2022
 Saturday, December 3, 2022
 Sunday, December 4, 2022
 Friday, December 16, 2022

21st Annual Durham Giving Tree

The 21st Annual Giving Tree was another success for our Town. We added a new tradition the “First Annual Giving Tree Parade” with our Pre-K and Kindergartener’s decorating our tree with handmade ornaments and parading from Durham Community School over to the Town Office to place their decorations on the Giving Tree.



The residents of Durham generously donated to the 2022 Giving Tree and as a result, the town was able to support several families in our community.



Treasurer's Report

Account	YTD Net
Real Estate & Personal Property Commitment	\$7,740,500.04
Automobile Excise	\$1,034,097.32
Boat Excise	\$6354.10
Animal Control	\$949.00
Conditional Use Permits	\$100.00
Site Review Fee	\$300.00
Subdivision Review Fee	\$2,800.00
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$753,371.94
Urban Renewal Init. Program	\$54,724.00
Bete Reimbursement	\$1,041.00
Homestead Reimbursement	\$328,210.00
State Park Fees	\$9.00
User Fees ~ Collections	\$33,381.00
Building Inspection Fees	\$28,153.88
Electric Inspection Fees	\$9,975.00
Plumbing Inspection Fees	\$11,435.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$4,994.80
Reregistration Fees	\$21,288.00
Admin Interest	\$20,955.42
Voting/Mail	\$33.00
Photocopies	\$178.00
Junkyard Fees	0.00
Snowmobile Fees	\$2,204.46
Tree Growth/Ve Reimbursement	\$23,852.50
Miscellaneous	\$45,647.86
Appeals Admin Fees	\$216.24
FD Hydrants & Insurance	\$70,910.68
Cemetery Lot Sales	0.00
Cable Franchise Fees	\$45,887.20
FD Training/Education Grant	0.00
Capital Improvement Inter	0.00
General Grant Match Reimbursement	0.00
American Recovery Plan Grant	\$211,351.92
Eureka Rental Fees	\$1,420.00
Total Revenues	\$10,454,441.36
Total Expenditures	\$9,699,941.14
Taxes receivable 2022	\$234,634.53
Tax Commitment 2022	\$7,687,522.53



Outstanding Taxes

Real Estate

* Interest as of 2/28/23

Property Owner	Total Due w/interest*	Property Owner	Total Due w/interest*
2020			
Easler, Doreen B	\$3576.10	Powers, Paula Marie	\$79.51
Emerson, John (<i>Heirs Of</i>)	\$3088.53	Pratt, Evone	\$2714.51
Gillespie, Kristine	\$2401.15	St. Pierre, Tammy	\$1910.33
Gillespie, Kristine	\$911.29	Stanley, Barbara	\$2532.67
Newell, Steven D. II, PR	\$1882.23		
2021		2022	
Bachelor, Cindy PR	\$1218.29	Allen, Kimberly Jane	\$4631.90
Bailey, Kenneth	\$1605.14	Autumns Kaleidoscope, LLC	\$12,473.12
Dewitt, Lisa	\$1652.94	Bachelor, Cindy PR	\$2942.57
Easler, Doreen B	\$3395.76	Bailey, Joshua D	\$3133.10
Emerson, John (Heirs Of)	\$2942.81	Bailey, Kenneth	\$1388.72
Gillespie, Kristine	\$2286.39	Baldwin, Marcus A	\$226.51
Gillespie, Kristine	\$921.77	Ballou, Kathryn	\$3353.26
Harkins, Sandra	\$1778.62	Bassett, Stephen	\$39.56
Hinderks, Susan	\$0.50	Beaudoin, Karen E	\$9.20
Huntington, Vincent W. II	\$865.59	Bowie, Inc.	\$1420.48
Johnson, Ture G	\$6439.96	Bradstreet, Linda Mae	\$3683.51
Lacasse, Michael R., Jr.	\$1402.32	Caron, Joseph L	\$3715.26
Laflamme, Phillip A	\$3280.14	Collins, John A	\$1376.02
Lane, Scott	\$2.62	Craig, Paul E	\$999.20
Maclean, Peter	\$1225.13	Crandall, Earl III	\$2739.34
Mayes, Charity Haskin	\$5841.00	Cunningham, Dale B	\$3524.73
Merrill, Royce E	\$2255.80	Daniels, Dale Daggett	\$268.85
Millhime, James D	\$3.24	Dewitt, Kevin Andrew (<i>Party in Possession</i>)	\$948.40
Newell, Steven D. II, PR	\$1880.57	Dewitt, Lisa	\$1458.58
Nye, Kenneth A	\$2418.58	Dewitt, Patricia R	\$2876.95
Peterson, Troy	\$3712.05	Drown, Karon Morneault	\$2646.20
		Doten, Rebecca Lynn	\$5135.83

Real Estate, continued

* Interest as of 2/28/23

Property Owner	Total Due w/interest*	Property Owner	Total Due w/interest*
Easler, Doreen B	\$3063.24	Lane, Scott	\$825.61
Ekstrand, Yennika A	\$119.88	Laughlin, Henry A. III	\$1708.38
Emerson, John (<i>Heirs Of</i>)	\$2646.20	Lenentine, Erika	\$800.21
Fairpoint Communications, Inc.	\$12.13	Libby, Kenneth W	\$2152.95
Fisher, Daniel A	\$1.28	Libby, Stephen	\$46.28
Fisher, Daniel A	\$0.42	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$1852.34
Frank, Richard A	\$1391.58	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$531.36
Gillespie, Kristiine	\$2068.27	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$531.36
Gillespie, Kristine	\$785.39	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$531.36
Gravier Homes, Inc.	\$4909.23	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$531.36
Harkins, Sandra	\$1568.67	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$531.36
Harriman, Robin	\$2235.51	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$531.36
Holbrook, Heather N	\$2028.70	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$531.36
Holbrook, Jason L	\$1151.63	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$533.47
Horizons Development, Inc.	\$2042.86	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$531.36
Horizons Development, Inc.	\$1763.43	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$533.47
Huntington, Vincent W. II	\$1138.92	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$533.47
Idone, John	\$1189.73	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$535.59
Johnson, Greg L	\$6549.85	Lobozzo, Jonathan	\$531.36
Johnson, Ture G	\$5866.09	Lopez, Celeste C	\$920.88
Jones, Alisha M	\$2377.34	MacLean, Peter	\$2669.48
Keamy, Eric F	\$3365.96	Mayes, Charity Haskin	\$5341.08
Koenig, Nicholas R	\$1264.79	Merrill, Kevin	\$230.75
Lacasse, Michael R., Jr.	\$1227.84	Merrill, Royce E	\$3410.42
Lafamme, Philip A	\$2976.44	Merrill, Royce E	\$3266.47
Lane, Gary L	\$1575.02	Merrill, Royce E	\$52.92
Lane, Gary P	\$3270.70	Merrill, Royce E	\$1069.06

Outstanding Taxes (Continued)

Real Estate, continued

Property Owner	Total Due w/interest*
2022, continued	
Newell, Ronald E., Jr.	\$2553.20
Newell, Stephen D. II, PR	\$1668.16
Nye, Kenneth A	\$2163.53
Osgood, David & Linwood & Glenn	\$119.57
Osgood, Derek	\$7.84
Paszkowski, Linda J	\$2342.88
Peterson, Troy	\$3399.83
Powers, Paula Marie	\$116.43
Pratt, Evone	\$2455.67
Quigg, Patrick	\$124.07
Racioppi, Stephen	\$613.92
Rice, Jessica A	\$2290.55
Ridlon, Tyler	\$3519.46
Schlichting, Douglas & Pamela	\$238.83
Scott, Iris M	\$2.18
Scribner, Diane E	\$3384.02
Shute, Richard L	\$2148.71
Smith, Dean	\$376.82
Snell Construction, LLC	\$7936.47
Sopo Holdings, LLC/401K Trust	\$1886.21
St. Germain, Thomas	\$1850.22
St. Pierre, Tammy	\$1704.15
Stanley, Barbara	\$3952.36
Staples, Christopher N, Jr.	\$990.60

Property Owner	Total Due w/interest*
Thompson, Jeremy	\$156.65
Turcotte, Jason D	\$978.03
Wallace, Chelsea Stewart	\$2066.15

Personal Property

2020

AT & T Mobility, LLC	\$1,891.35
Harkins, Sandra	\$131.63
Huntington's Truck Repair	\$44.55
Sitarz, Jon J. & Elizabeth W.	\$22.60
Total	\$2,090.13

Personal Property

2021

AT & T Mobility, LLC	\$1,297.89
Harkins, Sandra	\$132.48
Huntington's Truck Repair	\$43.47
Sitarz, Jon J. & Elizabeth W.	\$43.47
Total	\$1517.31

Personal Property

2022

AT & T Mobility, LLC	\$277.38
Autumns Kaleidoscope	\$414.00
Bailey, Benjamin H.	\$82.80
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	\$2775.87

* Interest as of 2/28/23

Trust Accounts

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	01/01/2022			12/31/22
Cemetery Fund*	\$7,650.53	\$20.32		\$7,670.85
Restoration Fund	\$38,209.32	\$98.62	-\$16,850.00	\$21,457.94
River Park Project	\$7,934.99	\$20.97		\$7,955.96
Scholarship Fund	\$14,638.45	\$38.68	-\$1,000.00	\$13,677.13

*Denotes Perpetual Care

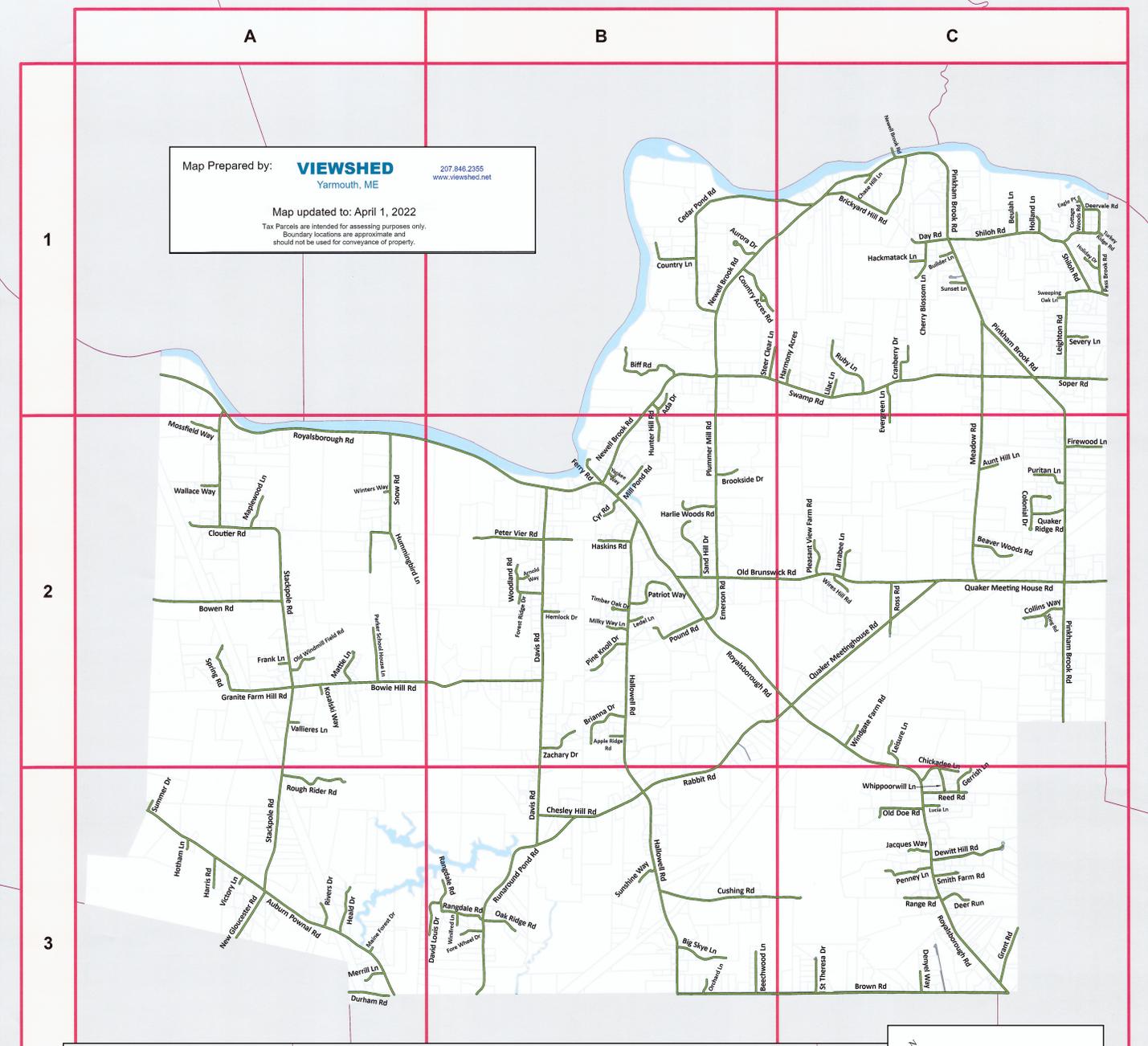
John B Hasty	\$50.00	Helen Trufant Loring	\$200.00
Harriet Novel	\$200.00	Marjorie Taylor	\$200.00
Hattie White	\$600.00	D. & A. Blakely	\$400.00
L.O. Morse	\$200.00	Emille Haskell	\$100.00
Burton C. Gee	\$100.00	John C. Merrill	\$50.00
A. Waterman	\$100.00	Charles Harmon	\$200.00
Marcine Russell	\$500.00	Mrs. Walter White	\$100.00
Kate Miller	\$150.00	Eve B. Butcher est.	\$200.00
Charles W. Thomas	\$100.00		
Total Perpetual:	\$3,450.00		



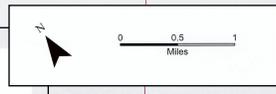
Town of Durham Street Map

Map Prepared by: **VIEWSHED**
 Yarmouth, ME 207.846.2355
 www.viewshed.net

Map updated to: April 1, 2022
 Tax Parcels are intended for assessing purposes only.
 Boundary locations are approximate and
 should not be used for conveyance of property.



A-B-C	Country Ln	B1	Harris Rd	A3	Oak Ridge Rd	B3	Sand Hill Dr	B2
Ada Dr	Cranberry Dr	C1	Haskins Rd	B2	Old Brunswick Rd	B2, C2	Severy Ln	C1
Apple Ridge Rd	Cushing Rd	B3, C3	Heald Dr	A3	Old Doe Rd	C3	Shiloh Rd	C1
Arnold Way	Cyr Rd	B2	Hemlock Dr	B2	Old Windmill Field Rd	A2	Smith Farm Rd	C3
Auburn Pownal Rd	D-E-F		Holiday Dr	C1	Orchard Ln	B3	Snow Rd	A2, C1
Aunt Hill Ln	David Louis Dr	B3	Holland Ln	C1	Parker School House Ln	A2	Soper Rd	C1
Aurora Dr	Davis Rd	B2, B3	Hotham Ln	A3	Pass Brook Rd	C1	Spring Rd	A2
Beaver Woods Rd	Deer Run	C1	Hummingbird Ln	A2	Patriot Way	B2	St Theresa Dr	C3
Beechwood Ln	Deerole Rd	C1	Hunter Hill Rd	B1, B2	Penney Ln	C3	Stackpole Rd	A1, A2, A3
Belulah Ln	Demuel Way	C3	Jacques Way	C3	Peter Vier Rd	B2	Steer Clear Ln	B1
Biff Rd	Dewitt Hill Rd	C3	K-L-M		Pine Knoll Dr	B2	Stieg Rd	C2
Big Skye Ln	Durham Rd	A3	Kosalski Way	A2	Pinkham Brook Rd	C1, C2	Summer Dr	A3
Bowen Rd	Eagle Pt	C1	Larabee Ln	C2	Pleasant View Farm Rd	C2	Sunset Ln	C1
Bowie Hill Rd	Emerson Rd	B2	Ledel Ln	B2	Plummer Mill Rd	B1, B2	Sunshine Way	B3
Brianna Dr	Evergreen Ln	C1	Leighton Rd	C1	Pound Rd	B2	Swamp Rd	B1, C1
Brickyard Hill Rd	Ferry Rd	B2	Leisure Ln	C2	Puritan Ln	C2	Sweeping Oak Ln	C1
Brookside Dr	Firewood Ln	C2	Lilac Ln	C1	Quaker Meetinghouse Rd	C2	Timber Oak Dr	B2
Brown Rd	Fore Wheel Dr	B3	Lucia Ln	C3	Quaker Ridge Rd	C2	Turkey Ridge Rd	C1
Builder Ln	Forest Ridge Rd	B2	Maine Forest Dr	A3	Rabbit Rd	B2, B3, C2	Vallieres Ln	A2
Cedar Pond Rd	Frank Ln	A2	Maplewood Ln	A2	Rangdale Rd	B3	Victory Ln	A3
Chase Hill Ln	G-H-I-J		Mattie Ln	A2	Range Rd	C3	Wallace Way	A2
Cherry Blossom Ln	Gerrish Ln	C3	Meadow Rd	C1, C2	Reed Rd	C3	Whippoorwill Ln	C3
Chesley Hill Rd	Granite Farm Hill Rd	A2	Merrill Ln	A3	Rivers Dr	A3	Windgate Farm Rd	C2
Chickadee Ln	Grant Rd	C3	Milky Way Ln	B2	Ross Rd	C2	Winifred Ln	B3
Cloutier Rd	Hackmatack Ln	C1	Mill Pond Rd	B2	Rough Rider Rd	A3	Winters Way	A2
Collins Way	Hallowell Rd	B2, B3	Mossfield Way	A2	Royalsborough Rd	A1, A2, B2, C2, C3	Wires Hill Rd	C2
Colonial Rd	Harlie Woods Rd	B2	N-O-P		Ruby Ln	C1	Woodland Rd	B2
Cottage Woods Rd	Harmony Acres	C1	New Gloucester Rd	A3	Runaround Pond Rd	B3	Yankee Way	B2
Country Acres Rd			Newell Brook Rd	B1, B2, C1			Zachary Dr	B2

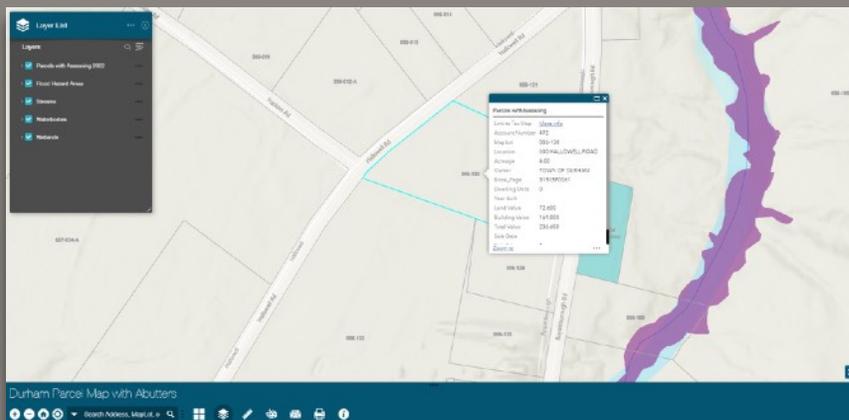


Geographic Information System (GIS) Report

Up until last year, Durham was one of the few towns in southern Maine still using paper copies of tax maps for updating property records. In April of 2022, the survey company O'Donnell Associates notified the Town that their company would no longer do paper drafting for annual updates of property maps that record the creation of new lots for addition to the tax base. The Town Planner, Code Officer, and Assessor worked together as a team to explore options for digitizing the tax maps and creating a Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping and assessment data base that could make tax map and assessment data available to property owners and interested members of the public.

Using ARPA funding, the Town contracted with Spatial Alternatives of Yarmouth to provide the following services:

- **Task 1** - converted the existing tax maps into a composite GIS parcel base for more than 2000 parcels. The maps were rectified to match roads and other physical features in aerial photographs and E911 road layers. A search was made for tax map parcels that do not match assessing data so the Assessor can make those corrections.
- **Task 2** - created new digital tax maps with annotation for map/lot numbers, acreage, road names, stream names and miscellaneous text from the existing paper tax maps.
- **Task 3** - developed a digital street map with all state E911 data with an alphabetical name list and grid location. This street map can be updated easily whenever new roads are added or road names changed, which is critical to for emergency services.
- **Task 4** - set up an online viewer that can be accessed by the public through the Town website for maps and assessing data. That viewer will provide access to flood plain and zoning information as well as other data layers that can be added over time.



Coming Soon . . .

An Introduction to the GIS Mapping System will be held at the Town Office for interested residents.



Fire, Rescue & EMA Report



Responses for 2022

Structure	
Chimney	1
Mutual Aid Fire	22
Structure Fire	4
Fire Alarms	15
Total	42

Forestry	
Grass Fire	1
Outdoor Burn Investigation	2
Total	3

Rescue	
Responses	273

Vehicle	
RV Fire	1
Extrications	2
Total	3

Other	
MVA	52
Wires/Tree Down	47
Mutual Aid Rescue	43
Total	142

Total Combined Fire Department Responses: 521

As we close out 74 years of volunteerism and community service, we begin #75 with an increased dedication to our citizens and those we serve. The department is planning a yearlong celebration of our history and its members. The department's membership remains stable and committed. With the daytime per diem staffing, coupled with a strong driver cadre, we continue to achieve self-reliance with a low turnout and response time. Nighttime rescue coverage has become a challenge with many members moving further out of town, and others taking full-time firefighter jobs nearby.

Training hours have increased with the loosening of Covid restrictions. Members spent an entire day honing their firefighting skills at the Yarmouth burn academy. Many of our members are enrolled in a two year long paramedic college degree program. This past year brought specialized training in the form of vehicle extrication, surface ice rescue and rapid intervention (RIT) with the donation of an acquired house.



The office of emergency management director has seen a busy year. Durham was hit with multiple wind storms that knocked out power on a frequent basis. The Maine DOT worked for eight days to restore a culvert washout on the Newell Brook Road. Tracking of Covid, avian flu in domestic birds, and the influenza virus have led to a constant communication pathway from headquarters to the office of Maine CDC.

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 2022

Online Warden Report859



As we have seen a 7% decrease in the number of permits issued for this past year, the town of Durham remains in the top ten percent of all towns reporting for permits given.

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.

Tools and tips for helping to knock out more brown tail moths can be found at:
www.maine.gov/dacf/knockoutbtm

Rob Tripp
Fire Chief
Town Forest Warden

Animal Control Report

Animal Control Calls For Service 2022



	Lisbon	Sabattus	Bowdoin	Durham
Animal Related Issues	53	18	8	15
Missing Animals	43		11	5
Cat Complaints	54	37	4	6
Cruelty	5	4	3	4
Dog Bites	12	2	1	4
Barking Dog	21	3	4	2
Dangerous Dog	2	3	0	1
Loose Dog	100	31	29	25
Injured Animal	8	0	3	0
Rabid Animal	3	0	1	1
Wildlife	48	17	3	3
Assist Other Agency	52	31	1	2
Poultry /Trespass	6	0	1	5 Horse
Swine / Trespass	1	0	1	1
Institutionalized	1	0	0	0
Animal In Car	0	0	0	0
Total Calls	361	146	70	59
Total Combined Calls	636			



Humane Law Enforcement Call For Service History

CALL FOR SERVICE HISTORY				
YR	LISBON	SABATTUS	BOWDOIN	DURHAM
2003	569	528		
2004	564	583		
2005	570	384		
2006	620	401		
2007	593	396		
2008	536	403		
2009	632	278	40	
2010	667	217	97	17
2011	412	232	95	77
2012	448	236	78	122
2013	642	246	76	96
2014	585	261	69	69
2015	729	270	94	44
2016	616	461	115	0
2017	490	137	97	0
2018	542	169	74	25
2019	487	100	83	76
2020	423	131	79	67
2021	526	170	92	69
2022	361	146	70	59

Road Commissioner Report



In 2022 the Durham Public Works Department ditched 2 miles of road (that's 4 miles of ditch-line) and paved 2.54 miles of roadway. These efforts resulted in an extremely ambitious work load that included paving, surfacing, shouldering, ditching and resurfacing 2.54 miles (5.08 lane miles) of Durham's roadway network, including:

2022 Maintenance Paving:

- Stackpole Road - 1.42 miles
- Bowie Hill Road - 0.63 Miles
- Patriots Way - 0.49 Miles



TOTAL 2.54 Miles

Scope of Maintenance Paving

We ditched, replaced cross culverts along with driveway 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 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.

Route 9 Culvert Failure

The Maine Department of Transportation implemented an emergency road closure and detour on Tuesday, October 18th. Heavy rain, sandy soil, and a beaver dam contributed to the culvert failure on Route 9 between Routes 125 and 136. The road was closed for about two weeks while Maine Department of Transportation crews replaced the failed culvert at Dyer Brook with a larger one.



Winter Roads

As of February 15th, 2023, we have responded to 28 winter weather related events using 1,400 tons of road salt and 400 yards of winter sand. Although the number of events is down this year, we have had a lot of freezing rain which requires considerably more salt and sand to keep ahead of ice build-up.

In 2023 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.
- In November of 2020, with the permission of the Select Board, I applied for two separate grants with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection agency for stream crossing structures. These structures would allow for safe fish passage, mitigate road flooding, and reduce future expenses to the Durham tax- payers. We were awarded both non-matching grants of \$125,000 apiece, one at Meadow Brook on Swamp Road, and the other at Newell Brook on Quaker Meeting House Road. These projects did not get done in 2021 or 2022 due to permitting issues with the Army Corps. of Engineers. Significant changes to the design were made to comply with the ACOE. After these changes were made, it became apparent that the cost of each crossing would be substantially more expensive and would only allow us to complete one of these projects. The original Grants expired last year so we had to reapply this year with an anticipated award list being published prior to Town Meeting.
- 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 will start this spring with an anticipated end date of Nov 15th 2024. The MDOT representative has told me that they are planning on a one lane road with a traffic light allowing alternating traffic movement. This means that Pinkham Brook Road will be a one lane road through this section, just past Brickyard Hill Road, for the next two summers.



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. As always, it is the department’s mind-set that the Durham taxpayers are customers who pay for a service through their tax bill and are due a level of service in keeping with that payment.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin Beaumier



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 dhays@durhamme.com 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:

1. Have their permanent residence in Durham on April 1st
2. Are a veteran who was honorably discharged
3. Served during a recognized war period in the U.S. Armed Forces
4. Are 62 or older or an un-remarried widow/widower of a qualifying veteran
5. 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 is 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 property no longer qualifies as farmland or the landowner withdraws from the program then 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.

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.

1. Ordinary Open Space – 20% reduction
2. Permanently Protected – 30% reduction
3. Forever Wild – 20% reduction
4. 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/ptfcsmary.htm>.

Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement 2022

Hello from the Durham Code Enforcement Office! I began working as Durham's Code Enforcement Officer in May of 2022 after Robert Forrest retired in February of 2022. I came from the town of Mechanic Falls as their Code Enforcement Officer.

I've lived my life in Maine, grew up in North Whitefield, honorably served and decorated in the US Army. Graduated from the University of Maine in Farmington, Thomas College and the University of Southern Maine and hold several degrees. I taught in the Public School system for 15 years, during which I became a builder in my "spare time". I'm very interested in Affordable Housing and tend to play by the rules, even when I don't "need to".

I've enjoyed meeting and talking to many of you during my months here in Durham. I am here to help YOU. I hope that you have found my interactions with each of you honorable, and have witnessed that I am guided by reason.



ARPA Funds

What a great benefit the town has received with the ARPA funds to date! We have new up-to-date PDF Tax Maps and a new GIS Online Tax Parcel Viewer for use by anyone with a modern cell phone or computer with an internet connection. This year I'll be offering some learning sessions at the town office for residents to learn how to navigate the GIS Online Maps. Stay tuned and watch for dates on the news blast.

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. I agree, that is unfortunate, so please, if you wonder if there is a rule you should be following, please ask me.

Slipping Through The Cracks

I've noticed that after work is complete with building, plumbing or electrical, that people don't always notify me for inspections. That could create a bad situation. If something has been permitted and recorded in the property file, and not inspected, it is not legal. When someone calls my office to verify something, the inspection signature and date on any permit in each person's property file are very important. To have something inspected after the fact could prove very costly as drywall or anything else covering up the illegal, non-inspected work may need to be removed to allow for an inspection. Re-sale is when a lot of these issues arise, when people are trying to sell a property. Don't get caught in those situations, please.

911 Addressing Requirements

If you don't know the 911 addressing requirements for every home and business, please get in touch with me and I can go over the rules with you.

Maine Energy Code (IECC 2015)

The Town of Durham has “opted in” to follow MUBEC (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. If you do not know the code, that fact could cost you significant amount of dollars, so please find out the information you need before building. There are a number of qualified builders that work in this area and it's up to you to hire someone that will work in your best interest.



If you are unfamiliar with the Energy Code, please get in touch with me. I have some general guidelines that will give you an idea of what I'll be looking for during a renovation or new construction.



Large Format Scanner

I've begun working through some less than organized and poorly stored large documents. I'm scanning them and electronically filing those which are all required to be archived by the town. It will take awhile, but I'm creating more desk space in the code office. YAY! On that note, we now have a large format scanner and as time allows, I can scan large documents to you, Durham residents of a nominal fee at the town office. All large documents presented to the town, going forward, should be provided electronically so as to save space in our small town office. If you need something scanned, get in touch with the Code Office and we'll schedule a time to scan any large documents for you.

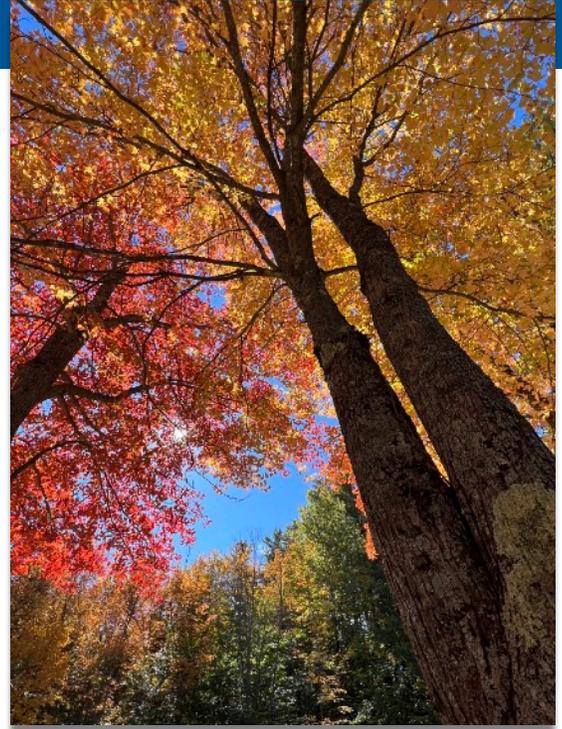
Permits

All Building Permits	83
New Homes	34
Electrical	132
Demolitions	3
Internal Plumbing	42
External Plumbing	45

Annual Total of Permit Fees Collected <i>Approximate</i> (Low)	\$42,339.40
Average Permit Fee (ALL) <i>Approximate</i> (Low)	\$167.35



Conservation Commission



Durham Conservation Commission

The Durham Conservation Commission shall work on conservation-related issues in a climate of mutual respect with all Durham employees, volunteers and residents, other communities, and advocacy groups.

We will seek to foster a collaborative working relationship with public and private groups organized around the preservation and enjoyment of the natural environment.

With Zoom meetings behind us, the Commission has been able to fine tune our goals in 2022. We have worked collaboratively with the Planning Board and the Select Board and continue to build a presence in Durham.

Commission goals:

- 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.

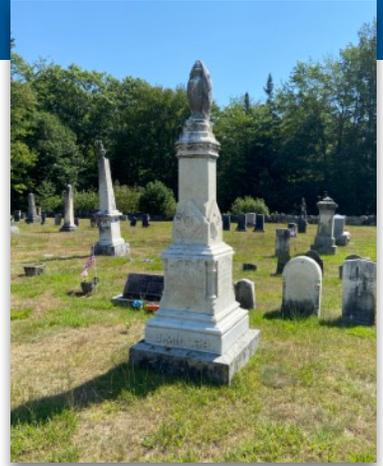
Discussion topics of 2022:

- Welcomed two new members to the Commission;
- Conducted a Public Information meeting at the Eureka Center to answer questions regarding proposed changes to the zoning related to Resource Protection;
- Began the process of conducting interviews with community members and stakeholders as part of our efforts to secure grant funding through the Community Resilience Partnership, a program through the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future.

Members:

Roberta Brezinski
Jess Costa
Samantha Cuccaro
Michael Friendly
Joe Roy
Robin Snyder

Cemetery Committee Report



The Cemetery Committee works for and under the authority of the Board of Selectmen. 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 for those wishing to be buried in town. The Committee has no affiliation with the private cemetery associations located in Durham.

At our April meeting we elected officers and awarded a mowing contract to Yankee Yardworks of Durham, Maine. Thank you Yardworks for all of the years of hard work at keeping our cemeteries mowed.



This year the committee members performed the following:

- Inspected all the cemeteries under our jurisdiction
- Cleaned up four cemeteries: Bradbury, Gerrish, Gerrish Family and Strout Cemetery
- Note: No cemetery plot was sold in 2022.

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 Boy Scout Troop #145 for helping to place the Veteran's Memorial Day flags.

Lastly, the committee would like to give a very special thanks to Richard (Dick) Thompson, who served on the cemetery committee for over 20 years. Dick never missed a meeting and was always there for every cemetery clean up. He always showed up with his camera in hand, ready to document the committee's hard work at keeping our cemeteries beautiful. His dedication, commitment, stories and smile will surely be missed by all members of the town and cemetery committee. Dick's final resting place is in Durham's Strout Cemetery, located on Hallowell Road.

Respectfully submitted by,

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



Durham Historical Society

Roof restoration on Union Church



The Durham Historical Society's 2022 year continued to be impacted by the pandemic. In December, members of the society came together to reorganize the museum in the Union Church. Tyler and Emily Hutchinson, Paula Erdmann-Purdy, Lois Kilby-Chelsey and Greg and Tia Wilson, all dedicated a full day of work to the organization. More work is scheduled in the next few months, with hope of having an open house in the spring.

The society is confident that 2023 will allow us to continue the organization of the historical documents and artifacts within the Union Church, ultimately creating a more functional historical museum. We also hope to work with the Historic District Commission to resume the Durham Historical Tour, which was very popular . . . stay tuned for more details.

The society also issued its 2nd annual calendar fundraiser, with historical pictures of the town throughout its pages. We plan to continue to make this an annual fundraiser.

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 \$10. The society meets every 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Please remember to follow the Durham Historical Society on Facebook at: facebook.com/durhammainehistoricalsociety to keep up with society activities, as well as looking at historic photos and articles about the town.

Durham Historical Society Officers

~ Tia Wilson, Chair/Secretary

~ Paula Erdmann-Purdy, Vice-Chair



Downstairs Before



Downstairs After



Upstairs Before

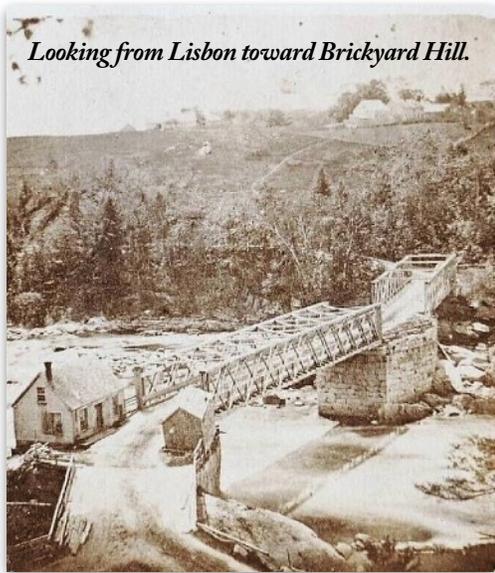


Upstairs After

Historic District Commission Report

The mission of the Durham Historic District Commission 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. In addition, the Comprehensive Plan states our goals are to preserve and protect historic and archaeological resources in Durham.

The Durham Historic District Commission is given several responsibilities within the Comprehensive Plan including:



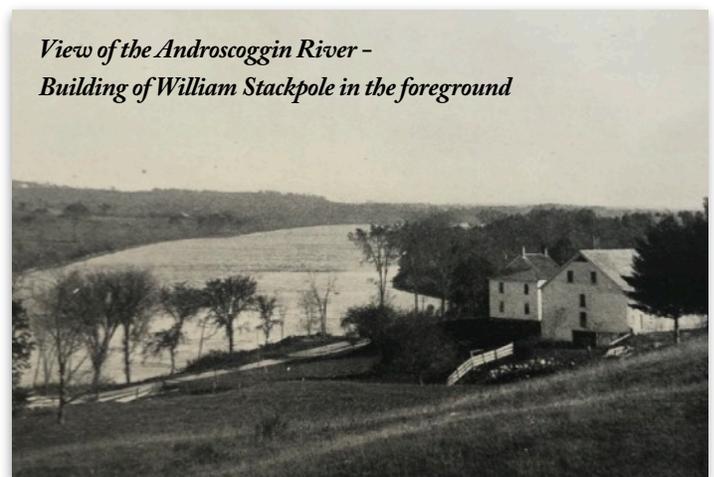
- To promote the maintenance and restoration of historic structures and properties;
- To seek funding to preserve sites on the National Historic Register and repair or maintain other historic sites in town;
- To assure that before historic structures are altered or demolished, or that archaeological sites are disturbed, their values are fully assessed;
- 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;
- To improve communication and public education on the presence and importance of historic and archaeological resources in Durham.

Work in 2022, focused on the mission and goals to the best of our ability. A primary activity was to begin to update the Town's ordinances to align with the protection of properties both privately owned and owned by the Town. This work will continue into 2023, as we strive to meet the responsibility we have been given and to develop clear understandable ordinances to be followed.

Our all-volunteer commission has continued to build relationships with others with similar goals through increased communication with the town's officers, with other historical organizations and with the Durham Historical Society. It is important that all stakeholders have the same information accessible when making important decisions about Durham's past, present and future, and we strive to be a bridge for sharing historical knowledge.

We have had conversations about the maintenance and viability of the Union Church/Old Town Hall on Rt 136 which is Town owned, and the privately owned West Durham Methodist Church and Parker School on Bowie Hill Road, among others. Durham presently has five properties on the National Register of Historic Sites, with five additional properties identified as eligible for inclusion, though there are many more that may be eligible.

Please visit our Facebook page to get updates on meetings and other interesting topics. Agendas and minutes for meetings can be found on the Town website.



Planning Board Report

The Durham Planning Board is responsible for administering certain portions of the Durham Land Use Ordinance, including review of subdivision, conditional use, and site plan applications. The current Planning Board members are the Chair John Talbot, Vice Chair Juliet Caplinger, Allan Purinton, Ron Williams, Tyler Hutchison, and alternate Anne Torregrossa. There is currently an opening for the second alternate member. The Planning Board also recommends changes to the Land Use Ordinance as recommended by the Comprehensive Plan, 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 Information Technology staff.

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 an extra effort to ensure that all materials for any application that will be coming 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 required information and anything else that they think the Board might find helpful in making its decision. Many projects have been delayed because applicants did not provide enough information or documentation. The more prepared the applicant is, the more quickly the application moves through the process.

Work continued on updating the Land Use Ordinance and Zoning Map to make these land use regulatory codes more workable and consistent with State legal requirements. Another important goal is to implement policy recommendations in the new Comprehensive Plan adopted by voters in 2019, which set a vision for preserving the rural character and low development density of the community while strengthening our regulations to protect our natural resources and neighborhood integrity of existing residents. The next phase of upgrades to the growth management program include:

- Revisions to the Zoning Map to realign the Resource Protection District boundary with the latest and most accurate natural resources data provided by the State and correcting outdated and inaccurate information that served as a basis for restricting development over the past two decades;
- Revisions to the Land Use Ordinance to implement the Comprehensive Plan recommendations for providing greater diversity of housing options and to comply with Maine's new affordable housing law, which requires that up to three housing units be allowed on any lot containing a single-family dwelling or two housing units on any vacant lot; and,
- Clarifying the process for getting acceptance of a private road for public maintenance, which requires a vote at Town Meeting.

These amendments to the Land Use Ordinance will be considered as warrant articles at the April 1, 2023 Town Meeting.



RSU5 Superintendent Report



Dear Citizens,

We want to thank all the residents for the passage of our current budget. The adopted budget for 2022-2023 is \$37,223,151. The majority of the expenditure increases included additional costs in the following areas: contractual salary and benefits, funding for additional support staff, two additional elementary teachers due to increased enrollment, one additional bus driver/custodian position, the establishment of an early intervention team consisting of a speech teacher, occupational therapist, and physical therapist, and increased hours of the athletic trainer to support our athletes. We are excited that our students will receive in-person instruction for five days a week without restrictions for the first time in three years.

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, Jen Galletta, and School Board Chair Michelle Ritcheson; members from Freeport are Susana Hancock, Maddy Vertenten, Colin Cheney, Valy Steverlynck, Maura Pillsbury and Kara Kaikini; and members from Pownal are Jill Piker and Vice-chair Elizabeth Munsen. Our current student representative on the Board is Piper Williams.

All Board goals aim to ensure every student has an engaging, student-centered education, and graduates ready to enter college or the workforce. In June, 156 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 1990 students during the 2021-2022 school year, which was an increase of 41 students from the October 1st enrollment from 2020. We believe this increase was due to a combination of new housing available to families, students returning from homeschooling after the pandemic, and the enrollment of new Mainers. Currently, the non-certified enrollment is 2100. If this remains stable, this will be an increase of 110 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

Eureka Community Center

Durham Eureka Community Center

We are happy to report that the community center has been a busy place. There were 21 rents in 2022. Two Girl Scout troops that meet there. The center is used for several different town events from meetings, to voting. A cribbage group meets twice a month since the fall. Different town group also hold their meetings there.

There were some repairs made to the foundation and more to happen in the spring. The outer doors both back and front need to be replaced. The outside lighting both back and front need to be updated. There was a break-in in the spring, some vandalism and a broken window that had to be replaced. A second time the siding got chipped by flying rocks from someone skidding around in the parking lot. Thankfully, no windows were broken this time.



The committee would like to thank our volunteers, the town office and public works for all they do for the center.

Respectively Submitted,

The Durham Eureka Community Center Committee

Did you know the Eureka Center was once a source of entertainment? The second floor held public dances.



Unfinished upstairs section of the Eureka Community Center

Telecommunications Report

The Durham Telecommunications department worked on many projects during the past year. Redefining the role this department has in the town has also been an area of improvement. The department moved from having a single employee do the work to now having two with distinct duties. The Public Information Officer is responsible for all public relations between the town and the public. This includes writing meeting minutes for boards and committees and posting content to the town website as well as all town social media pages. The Information Technology Officer is responsible for all technology-related aspects of town function. This includes providing helpdesk support to town officials as well as communicating with other technology providers as needed to keep systems running.

A new internet service was installed in town buildings in the month of August to increase productivity, especially at the town office counter where having faster internet helps to keep lines moving for registrations and other needs. This also came with an improvement to the networking infrastructure in town buildings to support the new systems being installed.



The department worked to swap out the old telephone system with a more modern and functional system. Some of the issues with the old system were poor sound on calls and occasional dropping of calls altogether. The new phone system covers all these concerns and also adds new features that will continue to improve the communication between town officials and the public.

The telecommunications major focus is upgrading town staff computers. The town office, fire station and public works computers have been aging while the work needed to be done requires more demanding hardware. A rollout of new computers, starting with just eight for now and eight more to be done next year, will allow for a more reasonable upgrade schedule than doing all the machines at once.

A project goal for the telecommunications department is updating our website to better inform the public of important news bulletins and to better our overall public relations responsibilities. Another project is getting the Eureka Center set up for meetings. We have gathered some of the technology necessary to stream our meetings from the Eureka Center but the project does require a robust planning and implementation that is still ongoing.

We are excited to continue our work in the next year and will continue working to improve our telecommunication abilities for the future.



Devin Garneau
Information Technology Officer



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Solid Waste Report

The Town of Durham contracts with Casella for curbside solid waste and recycling collection. Requests for Proposals are submitted every three years and run on a fiscal (July 1 to June 30) year. The most current contract began on July 1, 2020 and an extension was added to that contract for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.



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.

Town of Durham 2022 - Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling Report (by tons)

Prepared For: Jessica Landberg, Town Clerk

Contacts: Talya Bent, Municipal Account Manager Phone: (603) 327-9098

Date: 12/13/22



(2022) Month	Municipal Solid Waste (Curbside Services)	Zero-Sort Recycling (Curbside Services)	Recycled Metal	Oversized Bulky Waste/ Construction Debris	Total Tons Collected
January	49.50	19.51			69.01
February	44.56	17.51			62.07
March	55.17	21.66			76.83
April	62.63	23.23			85.86
May	44.11	20.79			64.90
June	66.05	26.79			92.84
July	63.37	25.52			88.89
August	61.97	24.47			86.44
September	68.51	25.33			93.84
October	56.85	21.98			78.83
November	60.38	23.34			83.72
December	63.55	24.42			87.97
Total Tons	696.65	274.55	0.00	0.00	971.20

Proposed Municipal Budget

Operating Budget	2022 Budget	SelectBoard 2023 Recommendation Budget	\$+/- vs LY Budget	% +/- vs LY Budget
Administration	447,869	535,924	88,055	19.66%
Animal Control	18,686	18,600	(86)	-0.46%
Assessing	21,300	21,000	(300)	-1.41%
Cemeteries	4,950	450	(4500)	-90.91%
Conservation, Parks & Recreation	6,000	9,380	3,380	56.33%
Eureka Community Center	5,000	6,535	1,535	30.70%
General Assistance	600	600	0	0.00%
Fire-Rescue-EMA	496,153	522,470	26,317	5.30%
Planning Board/Appeals	44,861	46,420	1,559	3.48%
Public Works	1,250,000	1,338,920	88,920	7.11%
Solid Waste	307,821	372,540	64,719	21.02%
Bulky Waste Day	0	12,000	12,000	
Telecommunications	46,732	52,000	5,268	11.27%
Raise Pool	21,275	0	(21,275)	-100.00%
Emergency Fund	0	0	0	
Grant Matching	0	0	0	
Operations Articles Subtotal	2,671,247	2,936,839	265,592	9.94%
Debt Service (last payment)				
2016 Road Bond (2023)	162,408	159,878	(2,530)	-1.56%
2014 PW Equipment Bond (2024)	141,524	141,524	0	0.00%
2019 Ambulance Bond (2026)	40,512	39,915	(597)	-1.47%
2018 Fire Truck Bond (2028)	58,895	58,895	0	0.00%
2018 Road Bond (2028)	238,160	233,260	(4,900)	-2.06%
2014 PW Building Bond (2029)	91,120	91,120	0	0.00%
2019 Road Bond (2029)	237,185	233,802	(3,383)	-1.43%
Debt Service Subtotal	969,804	958,394	(11,410)	-1.18%
Operating Budget Total	3,641,051	3,895,233	254,182	6.98%

Proposed Municipal Budget (Cont.)

					Indicates ARPA
Capital Budget	Expenditure	Selectboard Expenditure	\$+/- vs LY Budget	% +/- vs LY Budget	Reserves/ARPA Appropriated
Public Works - Stream Crossing	101,000	50,000	(51,000)	-50.50%	50,000
Fire Department Exhaust Removal	0	50,000	50,000		50,000
Fire Department Quint Rehab	0	125,000	125,000		125,000
Public Works One -Ton Plow Truck	0	105,000	105,000		105,000
Assessing Market Revaluation Reserve	0	60,000	60,000		
Fire Department Chief's Truck	0	60,000	60,000		60,000
Fire Department Generator	0	32,800	32,800		32,800
Public Works Capital Reserve	49,000	100,000	51,000	104.08%	
Fire - Breathing Apparatus	63,000		(63,000)	-100.00%	
Public Works Plow Truck	242,000		(242,000)	-100.00%	
Fire - Capital Reserve	59,000		(59,000)	-100.00%	
Market Revaluation Project	60,000		(60,000)	-100.00%	
Capital Budget Total	574,000	582,800	8,800	1.53%	422,800
Grand Total:	4,215,051	4,478,033	262,982	6.24%	



Board of Selectmen

Kevin Nadeau, Chair
 Rich George, Vice-Chair
 Todd Beaulieu
 Joe Tomm
 Josh Klein-Golden

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Fire Department Quint Rehab	0	125,000	125,000		125,000
Public Works One -Ton Plow Truck	0	105,000	105,000		105,000
Assessing Market Revaluation Reserve	0	60,000	60,000		
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Grand Total:	4,215,051	4,428,033	212,982	5.05%	



Budget Committee

Milt Simon, Chair
 Jane Rice
 Heather Roy
 Jill Gastonguay
 Mark Blake
 Rod Simpson
 Neil Berry
 John Talbot
 Allan Purinton (absent)

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2023
Durham Town Warrant



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, March 31, 2023 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 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., then and there to act upon Articles 3 through 43 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.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLES

- Article 5** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$50,000 from the Public Works Capital Reserves Fund for stream crossing/culvert replacements.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes
- Article 6** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$105,000 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: "One-Ton Plow Truck for Public Works."
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes
- Article 7** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 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: "Exhaust removal equipment at the Fire Station."
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000 for future Assessing/Market Revaluation Reserves.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$60,000 for the Fire Department Rapid Response Vehicle.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$32,800 from the Fire Department Capital Reserves Fund for the purchase of a Generator.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$125,000 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: “Quint Fire Truck Refurbishing.”

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

Article 12 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works Reserves.

Select Board Recommendation		Budget Committee Recommendation	
Raise and Appropriate	\$100,000	Raise and Appropriate	\$50,000

ORDINANCE WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to enact amendments to the Land Use Ordinance and Zoning Map as set forth in the document "Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, April 2, 2022, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 1, 2023, PART 1 – DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO APPLY RESOURCE PROTECTION CRITERIA PER 2018 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS (Article 2 and the Official Zoning Map) to revise the Resource Protection District criteria and boundary to follow recommendations of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan for protection of natural resources and to correct mapping based on inaccurate floodplain data.

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

- Yes
- No

- Article 14** 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 2, 2022, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 1, 2023, PART 2 – DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS FOR TOWN MAINTENANCE (Article 5)" to clarify that acceptance of any road for public maintenance requires Town Meeting approval.
Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhamme.com
- Yes
 - No

BUDGET ARTICLES

- Article 15** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all General and Intergovernmental revenues received that are not dedicated or otherwise appropriated for other expenses, to reduce the tax commitment.

Auto Excise Tax	\$1,034,097
LRAP (Local Roads Assistance)	\$54,724
Building Permits	\$28,154
Electrical Permits	\$9,975
Plumbing Permits	\$11,435
Vehicle Registration Fees	\$21,288
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$20,955
Tax Exemption Reimbursement	\$23,853
Town Clerk Fees	\$4,995
Misc. Revenues	\$45,648
Solid Waste Revenue	\$33,381
Ambulance Fees	\$67,522
Animal Control Fees	\$949
Cemetery Lot Sales	\$0
Eureka Community Center	\$1,420
Planning Fees	\$3,416
Total	1,361,812
Intergovernmental Revenue	
State Revenue Sharing	\$551,052
Homestead Reimbursement	\$322,683
BETE Reimbursement	\$1,027
Total	\$874,762

Article 16 To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance to be used toward the 2023 budget appropriation, thereby decreasing the amount to be raised from property taxes.

Select Board Recommendation	
Total Appropriation	\$230,000

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Total Appropriation	\$230,000

Article 17 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire and Rescue Department Budget.

Select Board Recommendation	
Raise and Appropriate	\$522,470

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Raise and Appropriate	\$522,470

Article 18 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works Operating Budget:

Select Board Recommendation	
Raise and Appropriate	\$1,338,920

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Raise and Appropriate	\$1,338,920

Article 19 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration Budget:

Select Board Recommendation	
Raise and Appropriate	\$535,924

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Raise and Appropriate	\$535,924

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$372,540** for Solid Waste.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$12,000** for Bulky Waste Day.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$958,394** for the Town of Durham’s annual debt service.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

Article 23 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for: Animal Control

Select Board Recommendation	
Animal Control	\$18,600

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Animal Control	\$18,600

Article 24 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for: Assessing

Select Board Recommendation	
Assessing	\$21,000

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Assessing	\$21,000

Article 25 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for: Cemeteries

Select Board Recommendation	
Cemeteries	\$450

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Cemeteries	\$450

Article 26 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for: Conservation, Parks & Recreation

Select Board Recommendation	
Transfer from Conservation, Parks and Recreation	\$9,380
Raise	\$0
Total Appropriation	\$9,380

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Transfer from Conservation, Parks and Recreation	\$9,380
Raise	\$0
Total Appropriation	\$9,380

Article 27 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for: Eureka Community Center

Select Board Recommendation	
Eureka Center	\$6,535

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Eureka Center	\$6,535

Article 28 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for: General Assistance

Select Board Recommendation	
General Assistance	\$600

Budget Committee Recommendation	
General Assistance	\$600

Article 29 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Telecommunication Budget:

Select Board Recommendation	
Transfer from Franchise Fees	\$52,000
Raise	\$0
Total Appropriation	\$52,000

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Transfer from Franchise Fees	\$52,000
Raise	\$0
Total Appropriation	\$52,000

Article 30 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board/Appeals Board/Historic District Commission Budget:

Select Board Recommendation	
Raise and Appropriate	\$46,420

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Raise and Appropriate	\$46,420

PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT

Article 31 To see if the Town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State Law, in the event that the municipal budget approved by this referendum results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy limit otherwise allowable. The levy limit is: **\$1,872.790.00**

Note: The municipal tax assessment is expected to be well under the Levy Limit in 2023, making a vote on this article unnecessary. However, it appears on the warrant in the event the budget is amended at Town Meeting to an amount that would exceed the Levy Limit.

BUSINESS ARTICLES

- Article 32** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the number of seats on the Budget Committee from 9 to 7, electing 2 members instead of 3 in 2024 and 2025; the process would be that if a seat is vacated by a member prior to the end of their term, that seat shall not be filled by Select Board appointment or Special Election unless filling the seat is necessary to maintain a minimum of 7 Budget Committee members.
- Article 33** To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed 5% of the total 2023 Net Assessment for Commitment to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the 2023 fiscal year.
- Article 34** 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 35** 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 36** 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 37** 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 38** 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 Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.

- Article 39** 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.
- Article 40** 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 41** 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 42** 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 43** 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.

Given under our hands this 14th day of March, 2023 by the Durham Select Board:

Kevin Nadeau, Chair

Richard George, Vice Chair

Joseph Tomm

Josh Klein-Golden

Todd Beaulieu

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Dear Friends:

For four years it has been my privilege to guide our great state, working with the Legislature to keep Maine people safe and put our economy on a path to recovery.

Since the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccines in December 2020, we have worked hard to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly as possible. Since the COVID-19 vaccine became available, more than a million Maine people have gotten fully vaccinated from COVID-19. It is thanks to them that our state has one of highest vaccination rates and one of the lowest death rates from COVID-19, despite having a much older population than other states. People are coming to Maine because we are one of the safest states in the nation.

Following the recommendations of the Economic Recovery Committee, our economy has not only fully recovered, but has surpassed pre-pandemic projections and unemployment claims have dropped to pre-pandemic levels. And, last year, I was pleased to sign a balanced, bipartisan budget that finally achieves the State's commitment to 55 percent education funding, fully restores revenue sharing and expands property tax relief for Maine residents.

Maine can be proud of our nation-leading progress, but our work is far from done. Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we will continue to address our longstanding workforce shortage, the expansion of broadband, education and job training opportunities, housing, childcare, and transportation. Drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, together we will rebuild our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge as a state that is stronger than ever.

In 2022, we focused on our economy, on our climate, on our kids, on keeping people safe and on the health and welfare of all Maine people. We have persevered, and, while challenges remain, we will get through them together. I am proud of the people of Maine, and I am proud to be your Governor.

Thank you,

A blue ink signature of Janet T. Mills, written in a cursive style.

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan M. Collins". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

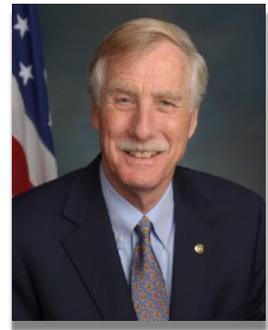
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January 1, 2023



Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

ANGUS S. KING, JR.
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Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine



Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

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

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress

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January 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your State Representative. It is truly an honor. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to make a difference in the community and I am looking forward to the new challenges that await in the 2023 legislative session.

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

For the next two years, I will be serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. On this panel, we will discuss many issues in regards to the Committee's jurisdiction over all new bills pertaining to the Department of Labor; Maine State Housing Authority and landlord-tenant laws and affordable housing. These matters are crucial to our community and I hope to hear from you to discuss ways to improve our community.

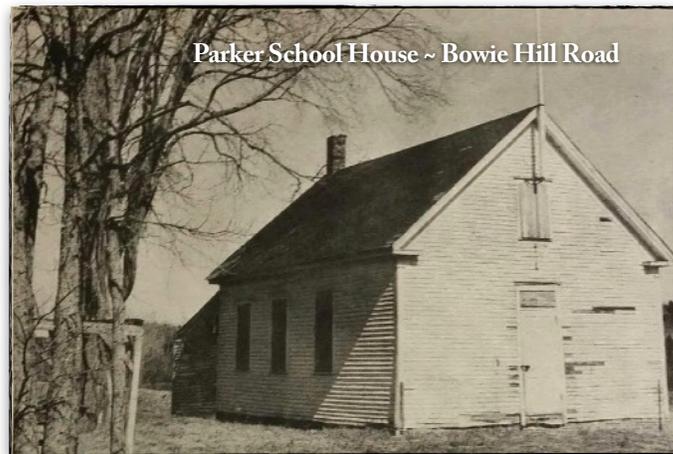
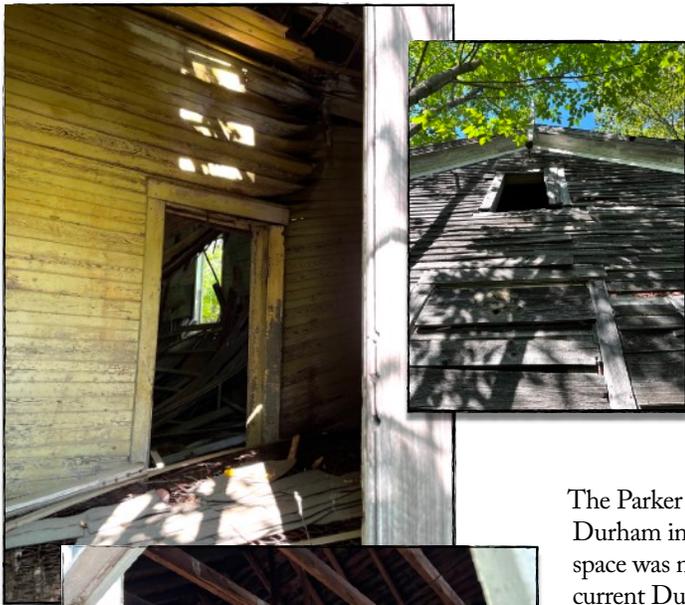
Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 98. I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request at Joseph.Galletta@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph C. Galletta'.

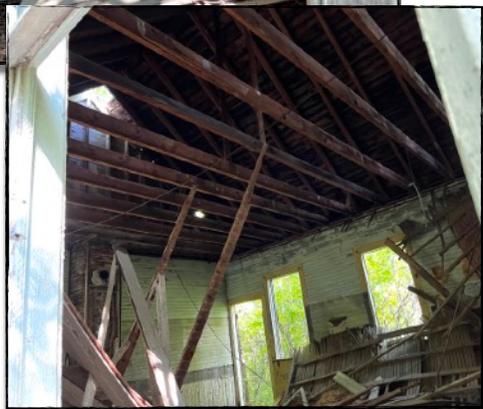
Joseph C. Galletta
State Representative

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



Parker School House ~ Bowie Hill Road

The Parker School House on Bowie Hill Road was one of eleven local schools in Durham in 1920. By 1950, only a handful remained. As the town grew, and more space was needed, a larger consolidated school was built in 1960, on the site of the current Durham Community School. The Parker School remained open until the mid-60's when all children were moved to the "new school".

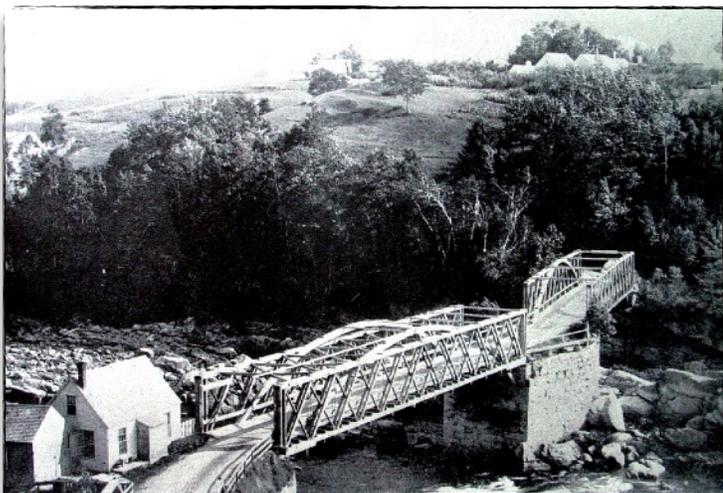


"In an effort to delay any demolition of the Parker School House, an Appeal was filed on a demolition permit in May 2022 because the wording in the Durham Land Use Ordinance prohibits tearing down a school older than 100 years, and a Stop Work Order was given by the Town to the landowner. The landowner agreed to have an independent engineer report and a moving company assessment done to determine if the schoolhouse was salvageable. But both accounts indicated due to rot, asbestos, vandalism, and neglect, the building is not able to be renovated."

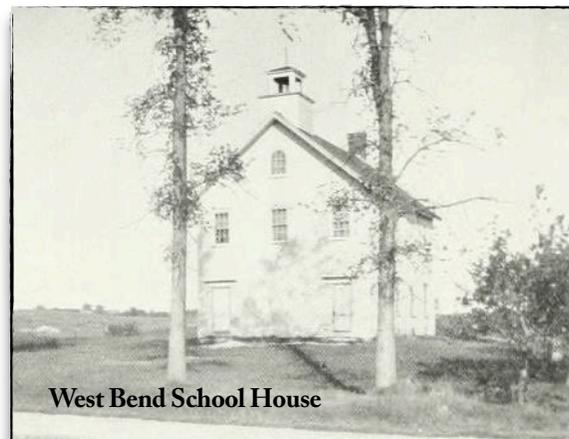
Pictures *of the* Past



Eureka Grange



Lisbon Falls to Durham Androscoggin River Toll Bridge, c.1890. This bridge was replaced in 1895. The iron arches are later additions to the original wood construction.



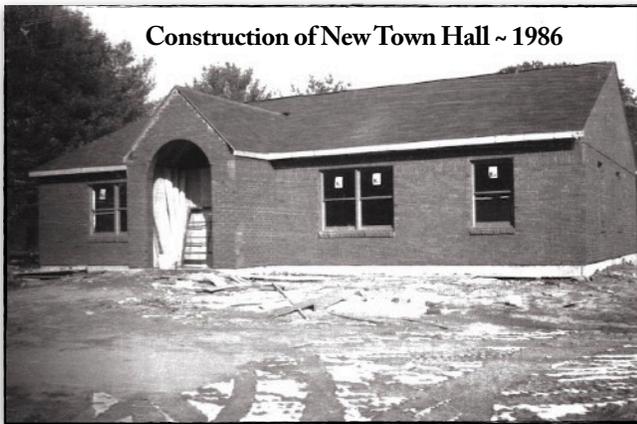
West Bend School House



South West Bend Band Stand

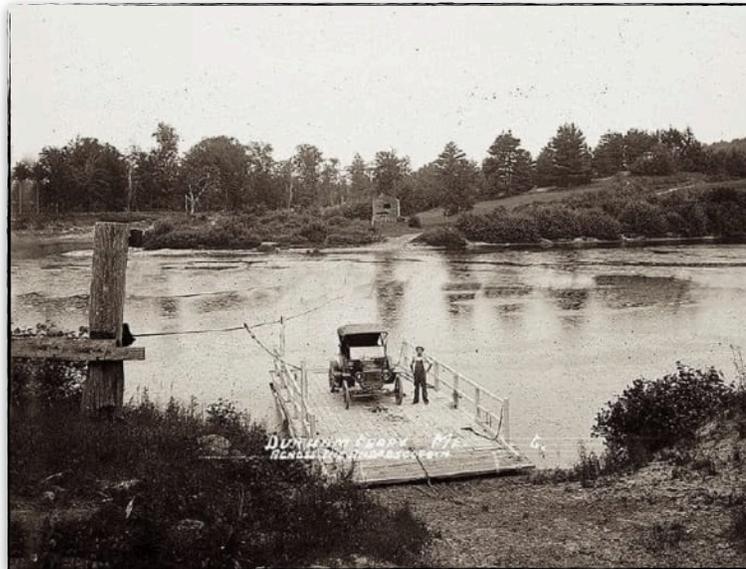


Union Church - Old Town Hall



Construction of New Town Hall ~ 1986

Pictures _____
_____ of the Past



This ferry was located on the Ferry Road at Southwest Bend. The cement anchors for the rope can still be seen on the Lisbon side.



Bert Dwelley delivering the mail on Route 136 in Durham, in the year 1932.



New Year's Day (Observed)	Monday, January 2, 2023
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 16, 2023
President's Day	Monday, February 20, 2023
Patriot's Day	Monday, April 17, 2023
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29, 2023
Juneteenth	Monday, June 19, 2023
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4, 2023
Labor Day	Monday, September 4, 2023
Indigenous People's Day	Monday, October 9, 2023
Veteran's Day (Observed)	Friday, November 10, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23, 2023
Thanksgiving Friday	Friday, November 24, 2023
Christmas	Monday, December 25, 2023
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2024

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Annual Town Meeting
April 1, 2023
Durham Community School