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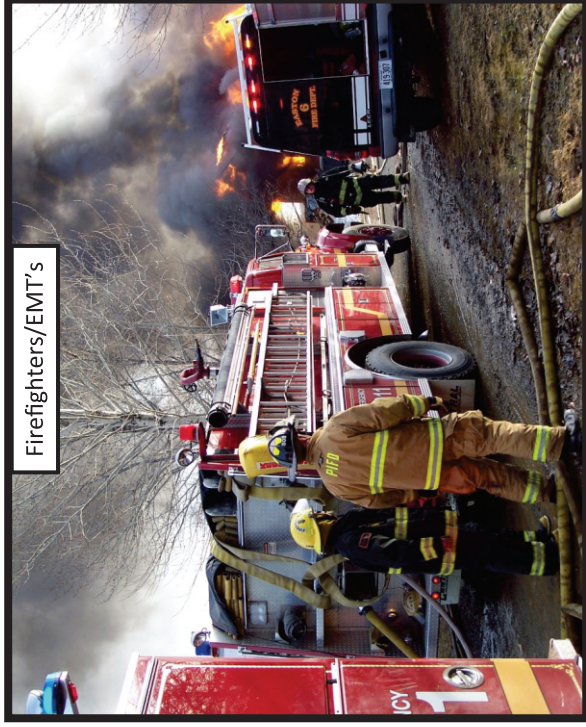


Teachers



Public Works

Thank you to those on the frontline!!



Firefighters/EMT's



Grocery Store Employees

2020/2021 Annual Report of the Municipal Officers

Please bring to town meeting April 5, 2021

Easton Citizens Honored

The Boston Cane

In 1909, The Boston Post Newspaper distributed between 400 and 600 ebony, gold-capped canes among towns in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island that requested one. Although the Post limited distribution of the canes to men until the 1900s, calling them a symbol of the longevity of New England manhood, nearly two-thirds of the holders since then have been women. It was an honor and pleasure to bestow the Boston Post Cane Award to Jean A. Lamoreau as Easton's oldest citizen.



William V. Haskell Award



Hillary Hallett was recognized as the 2020 William V. Haskell Distinguished Professional Award. She has worked on behalf of MRPA members in her region since 2016. She spearheaded efforts to revitalize the various programs of the association by chairing committees and initiating changes to better serve participants in northern Maine communities. Congratulations Hillary! We are very proud of all that you have accomplished!

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO THE TOWN MEETING

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

of the Municipal Officers

of the Town of EASTON, MAINE

for Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 2021.

**Polls will be open at the Odd Fellows' Hall/Community Center
on Monday, April 5, 2021 from 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM,
continuing with Open Town Meeting at 8:00 PM at the Easton
Elementary School Cafeteria and Gymnasium.**



Michael Corey, Chairman



Bruce Flewelling, Vice-Chairman



Paul Dudley



Douglas Blackstone



Scott Allen

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." Theodore Roosevelt

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"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." Milton Berle

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES



Jim Gardner, Town Manager



Cheryl Clark, Town Clerk



Hillary Hallett, Recreation Director



Bob Clark, Highway Foreman



Troy Finnemore, Highway



Stephen Cochran, Highway



Greg White, Fire Chief



Ryan Gundy, Custodian

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Bruce Flewelling, Vice Chairman Term Expires 2023
 Scott Allen Term Expires 2023
 Douglas Blackstone Term Expires 2022
 Paul Dudley Term Expires 2021
 Michael Corey, Chairman Term Expires 2021

SCHOOL BOARD

Jeffrey Clark Term Expires 2023
 Thomas Osgood, Chairman Term Expires 2022
 Mary Lee Keep Term Expires 2022
 Jennifer Morin Term Expires 2021
 David Hopkins Term Expires 2021

BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

Jonah Alexander	Ira Dodge	Vaughn Martin
Paul B. McAdam	Tabitha Dudley	Cynthia Flanagan
Paul DeMerchant	Brian Flewelling	Thomas Osgood
Tammy Beaulier-Fuller	Gaylen Flewelling	Mary Wilcox
Jeff Blackstone	Diane Green	Terry White
Brent Bradley		Carrie Hull

SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

Richard Green	Dennis LaTour	Cynthia Flanagan
Norman Trask	Keith Richardson	Rickie J. Hull
Ruth Cote	Merlon Cronkite	Lewis Copeland
Tony Stevens	Cody Tompkins	Matthew Pelletier
Ryan Guess	Vacant	Richard Henderson

PLANNING BOARD

Cynthia Flanagan Term Expires 2023
 Richard Green Term Expires 2023
 David Hopkins Term Expires 2022
 Kevin Marquis Term Expires 2021
 Richard Henderson Term Expires 2021

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Storer DeMerchant	Term Expires 2023
Paul B. McAdam	Term Expires 2023
Stuart Cumming	Term Expires 2022
Andrew King	Term Expires 2021
Andrew Keep	Term Expires 2021

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Rebecca Allen	Travis Carter	Tammy Beaulier-Fuller
Tabitha Dudley	David Fuller	Nicole King
Denise Clark	Ronnie Mitchell	Peggy Flewelling
Bruce Flewelling	Sheri Carter	Jennifer Daniels

REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Cynthia Flanagan	Brian Flewelling
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PRESTILE PARK COMMITTEE FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

Jim Gardner	Cheryl Clark	Hillary Hallett
Marcel Chalou	Derek Carlow	Matt Hopkins

EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Gregory White	Fire Chief
Kyle White	Asst. Fire Chief
James Desmond	Captain
Joshua Blanchette	Captain
Chris Wilcox	Lieutenant
Derrick Cyr	Lieutenant
Shawn Michaud	Training Officer

MEMBERS

Gary Barnes	Carter Mazerolle	Kim White
Mitchell Dufour	Paul DeMerchant	Dawson Haney
Hillary Hallett	Shelliese Mullen	Mark Kearly
Chad Hewitt	Zack Argraves	Stephanie Bernard
Dana Cyr	Zachary Lamoreau	Jordan Doody
Barb Lovely	Jack Shannon	Justin Cote
	Carl Mullen, Jr.	

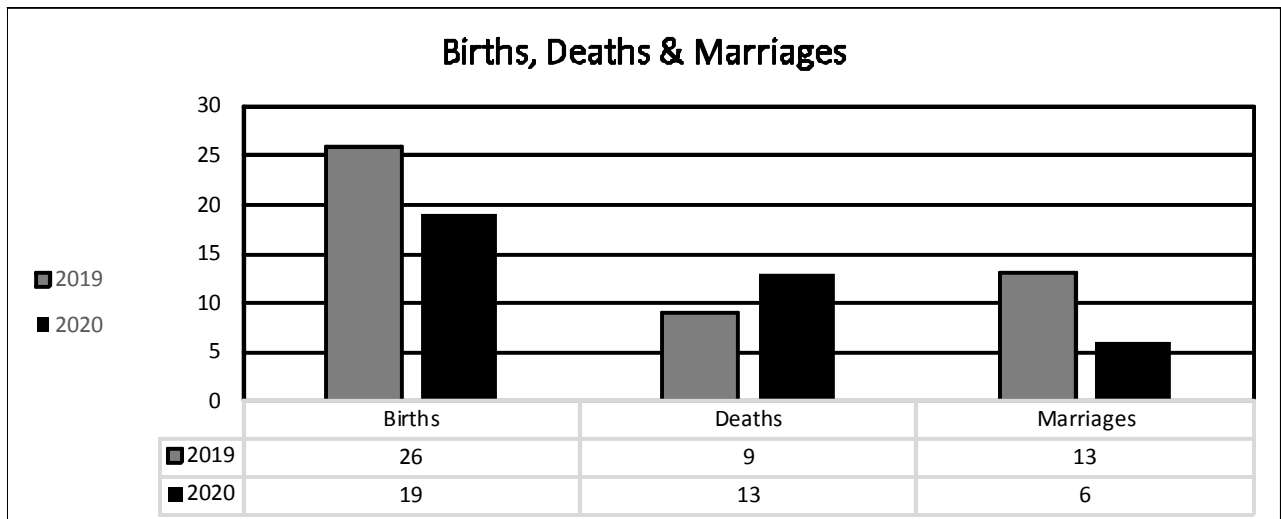
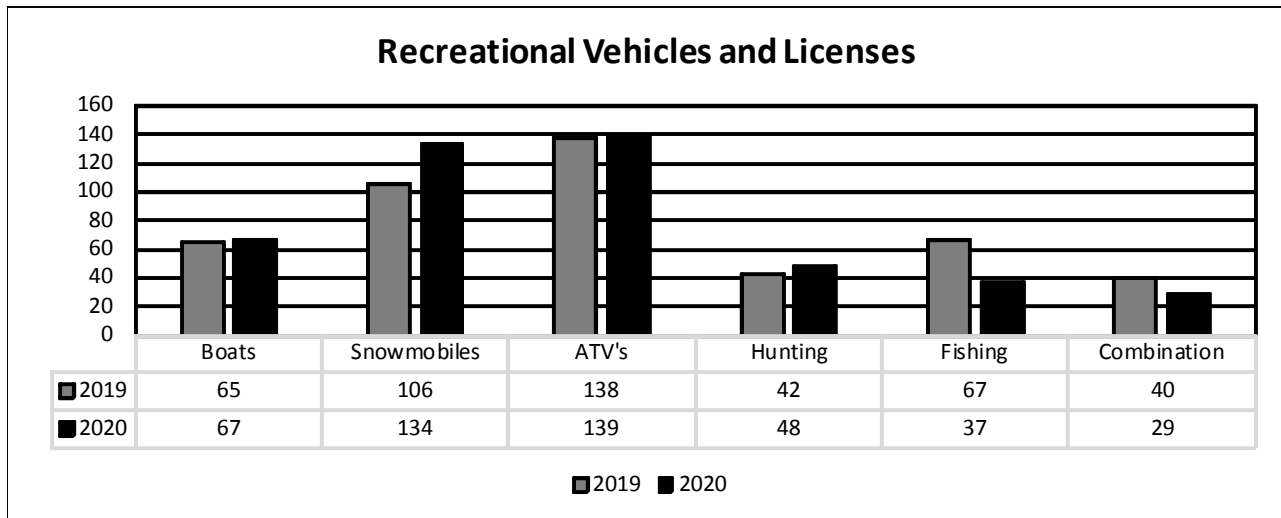
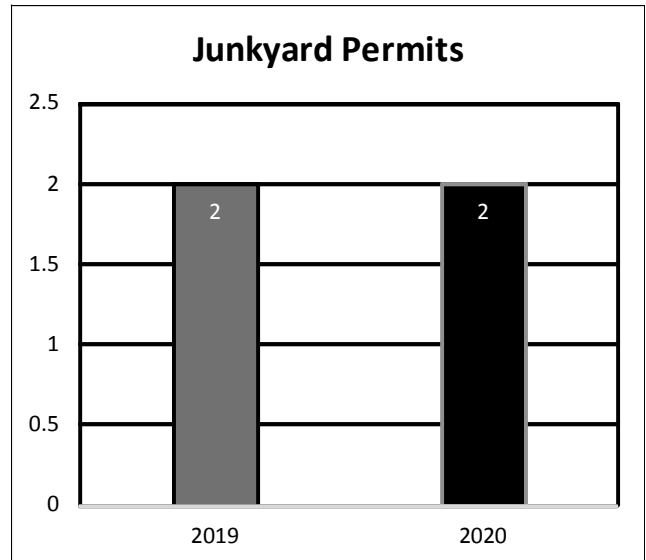
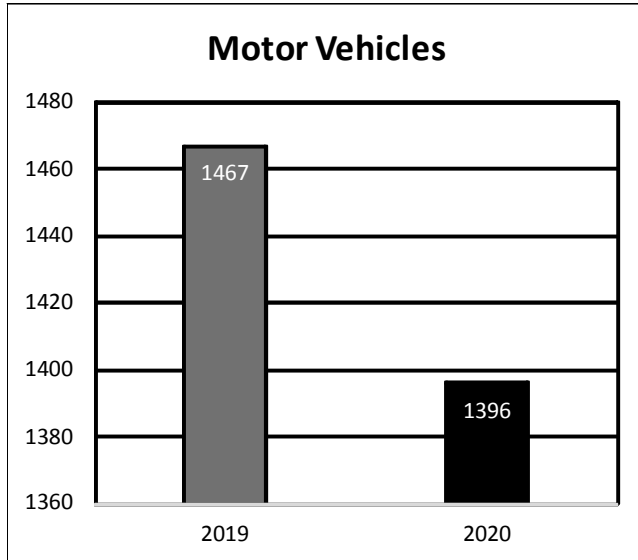
TOWN EMPLOYEES

Jim Gardner	Town Manager
	Tax Collector
	Town Treasurer
	Public Safety Director
	Health Officer
	General Assistance Administrator
	Road Commissioner
Cheryl Clark	Town Clerk
	Excise Tax Collector
	Registrar of Voters
	Election Warden
Kathy Larsen	Animal Control Officer
Tony Levesque	Plumbing Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer
Hillary Hallett	Recreation Director
Bob Clark	Highway Foreman
Troy Finnemore	Highway Operator/Mechanic
Stephen Cochran	Highway Operator/Mechanic
Gregory White	Fire Chief
	Emergency Management Director
Ryan Gundy	Custodian
Mark Stanley	Superintendent of Schools
Laura Hunter	High School Principal
Erin Ireland	Elementary School Principal
Andrew Keep	Attendance Officer



“What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

TOWN CLERK REPORT



**NOTE: Proof of insurance is required when registering motor vehicles.
You must show your insurance identification card at the time of registration.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to provide the Town Manager's report for Fiscal Year 2/16/2020 to 2/15/2021 to the citizens of Easton.

How do you define the past year? Unimaginable! It seemed like the year had only just begun and we were shutting down our office due to a global pandemic. Covid-19 has had a grip on our nation for a year now and, although there is a "light at the end of the tunnel", we are "still in the tunnel". Yet, we must continue to move forward. I think that's what I love most about this community; no matter what cards are dealt, the citizens of Easton are resilient in finding new ways to succeed. This was true in the creative ways we here in the Town Office found ways to service the citizens in paying property taxes, registering vehicles, obtaining birth/marriage/death certificates and burn permits and other services. Cheryl had a great deal to do with all the success. The Town Office has changed in its appearance and the guidelines we have to abide by, but we will continue to follow State of Maine CDC guidelines to be able to serve our citizens.

Another successful financial budget year has come to an end. We continued to move forward with the revaluation of the industrial taxpayers. We found that waiting many years between revaluations of the industrial tax area is not to the Town of Easton's advantage. 13 million in valuation was lost in the revaluations of our two large industries. The impact will be felt this tax year.

Our municipal departments should be complemented for staying in compliance with the State of Maine CDC guidelines and for their continued excellent performance in making sure that the residents of Easton receive the utmost service. Bob, Troy and Stephen have continued to ensure our roads are kept in the safest possible condition for our residents. Sometimes this means plowing our roads on holidays while others enjoy the festivities with their families. Easton Highway Department was very pleased with the paving of the Bangor Road and Henderson Road. Hillary has worked very hard through all the State of Maine CDC guidelines to ensure safety of Easton residents while enjoying all the activities she can provide under the strict guidelines. I would like to congratulate Hillary on being selected for the "William V. Haskell Distinguished Professional" Award. I cannot think of anyone more deserving!! Ryan has kept the Town of Easton village area in beautiful shape. We get complimented all the time on how nice the flowers, and town in general, look.

This is the part of my report where I reflect on life in general. My heart goes out to those high school seniors who, because of this pandemic, were not only unable to showcase their talents in their respective sports, but also the respect, companionship, and courteousness that Easton student's exhibit towards their parents and community.

As we move to the future the end of this pandemic, I ask that we all agree to disagree. Let's have all conversations in a pleasant and constructive way.

In closing, I would like to thank my Board of Selectmen. Easton Board of Selectmen continues to face different challenges and ways to ensure that we move the community forward in a positive direction, while doing "Whatever is best for the citizens of Easton".

As always, remember there is no appointment needed to voice your opinion or concerns in my office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Gardner, Town Manager

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

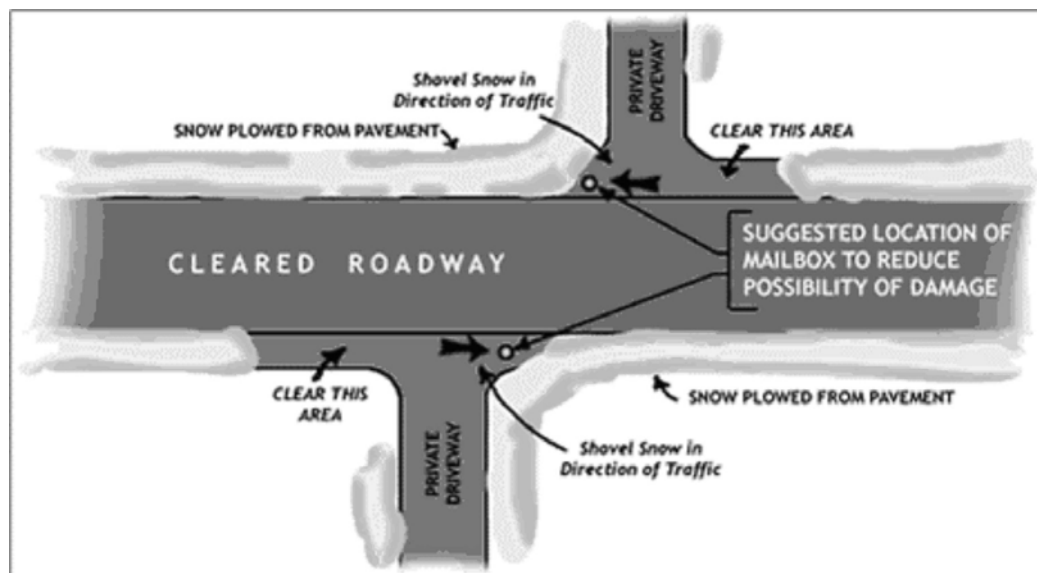
Last year's Highway Department projects included:

- Ditched 880 feet, from 290 Bangor Road, south, to the bottom of the hill; installed a driveway culvert at 290 Bangor Road; replaced a driveway culvert at 298 Bangor Road and replaced a cross culvert just north of 290 Bangor Road.
- Contracted with Steelstone to pave from 131 Bangor Road, south, to 361 Bangor Road.
- Ditched 340 feet on Forest Ave, from 215 Forest Ave, south, to the brook; installed a new driveway culvert and entrance; graded east shoulder from the brook south for 1150 feet.
- Installed two new driveway entrances and culverts and added twenty feet to an existing driveway culvert on Fuller Road.
- Contracted with Soderberg to finish paving, from Gray Road intersection, east, to the end of the Fuller Road.
- Replaced two cross culverts, added two new driveway entrances and culverts, and ditched 1240 feet on the Graham Road.
- Contracted with Steelstone to pave the Henderson Road, from Route 1A to 139 Henderson Road.
- Applied 61 tons of asphalt patch to town roads.
- Mowed road sides, swept roads in the spring and graded dirt roads.

Along with the above mentioned projects, we have done our yearly duties and preventative maintenance programs for the Highway Department, School Department, Fire Department and cemetery equipment. I would like to thank Troy Finnemore and Shag Cochran for all their work, as well as, the Town Office staff and Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Clark, Highway Foreman

Below you will find a sketch showing how your driveway can be initially cleared to reduce the possibility that after the plow passes you will be snow bound again. We suggest you clear your driveway in the manner suggested in the sketch. If you will shovel snow in the direction of traffic, and also make a pocket next to your driveway as shown, snow accumulation on the plow will drop into that pocket and only a bare minimum will go into the driveway opening.



"It is never too late to be what you might have been." George Eliot

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

It's my honor to serve the community members of Easton as Superintendent of Schools, and to report to the Town that your school system continues to provide a high quality education to the young people in the area. With the fantastic faculty and staff and incredibly supportive community, we are able to deliver modern, relevant curriculum through cutting edge instructional strategies in a unique small class setting.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about unique challenges to the school department. Throughout this troublesome period, we have always maintained our philosophy that live, in-person instruction is the most beneficial to our young people. All involved with the school have been diligent in adhering to the many ever changing guidelines and restrictions necessary to maintaining a safe learning environment at this time. The result has been safe, healthy, in-person instruction for all students for the vast majority of the school year. The school day may look different, but the relationships between teachers and students continue to flourish, and we are all learning new ways to deliver content and provide for our students. As an educational institution, we will come out of this stronger.

Various pandemic financial relief packages have provided the school department opportunities to address the immediate health, safety and instructional needs of the students and staff, while also addressing long-term structural/capital needs that would have otherwise been embedded into our yearly operating budget in the next several years. The School Board, administrative team and I continue to be thoughtful and fiscally responsible throughout this pandemic and as we plan our next operating budget, and with the support of the Town Manager, Selectmen and community members of Easton, we will continue to meet the needs of our school department and students.

My sincerest gratitude goes out to the faculty and staff of the school department, for overcoming all odds to continue to provide in-person instruction to our students, and for the parents and community members for trusting your school department to do so in a safe way.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Stanley, Superintendent of Schools



"Be a first rate version of yourself, not a second rate version of someone else." Judy Garland

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

When I heard Kevin was retiring, I became very interested in the Animal Control Officer position. I applied and was hired and have been Easton's ACO for almost a year now. I had great expectations of learning this job and doing it well; and then COVID 19 reared its ugly head! Everything we knew as normal changed.

I have been able to do some training online, but the actual classroom training is still on hold. I have been able to call Kevin when I have questions and I have access to Christina McFarland, the State Animal Welfare Agent for Aroostook County. She has so much knowledge and experience dealing with animal issues. I have learned that using common sense in some situations does work. I have dealt with dog bites, dogs at large, roaming horses and too many homeless cats.

My main objective is to educate the community of the importance of the rabies vaccinations. This is one of our State of Maine laws and pet owners must be compliant with this. Next, is getting your dogs licensed. This is a major form of identification and assures your pet will come home if lost.

I have met so many people who do the right thing to care for their pets; thank you. I have quickly learned this is not an easy job and is very emotional at times. I have a huge love for all animals and they deserve nothing less than access to food, fresh water and a clean dry place to lay down.

Kindness to all can be the beginning of healing our nation; let's work together!

Respectfully Submitted
Kathy Larsen, Animal Control Officer



"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." Mark Twain

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This has definitely been a year for the books!!! The challenges presented were not only in the Emergency responses, as would be expected in the role of firefighter/first responder within the department membership, but extended into the everyday routine of carrying out mandated equipment performance testing all the way to conducting routine business meetings. I am very proud of the participation and commitment of the members to assure the department was always mission ready while conforming to the State of Emergency mandates issued by the Governor. The officers have stepped up and performed equipment checks with small crews on their own schedule and the entire department stepped back from large gatherings and embraced Zoom meetings, to allow the training and routine business to take place from the safety of their own homes.

The call volume for this past year has been one of the highest I have seen, for many reasons, but the actual losses to residents of Easton some of the lowest. The numbers reflect department responses as part of our automatic mutual aid agreements that were signed into effect two years ago with the Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield, and Mars Hill Fire Departments.

Respectfully Submitted
Greg White, Fire Chief

Building fires	16
Vehicle fires	3
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fires	3
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	4
Power line down	3
Dispatched and cancelled en route	8
Training or testing	24



"If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough." Oprah Winfrey

ANNUAL TRAINING AND SAFETY REPORT

At the beginning of this year we had a very ambitious training schedule. However, as Covid-19 gripped the nation, we had to scale back our ambition as we practiced social distancing by order of the governor.

As restrictions were lifted, we were able to host live-burn training. Terry White graciously donated a house to us. We used this house, over the last year and a half, for several trainings with the promise to Terry to eventually burn it down and alleviate his eye sore. We invited our mutual call departments including; Mars Hill, Fort Fairfield, and Presque Isle, to participate in the live-burn. Even Chief Endee of the Fort Kent Fire Department paid us a visit and offered his guidance throughout the day. Several members got to experience live-fire for the first time. It was also a learning experience for our officers and gave several of us an opportunity to practice our jobs in a controlled environment. After several practice rounds, we lit the house for the last time. With the dry conditions we experienced last summer, it didn't take very long for the house to come down, much to the delight of Terry White.

This year, we also worked on our relationship with the Fort Fairfield Fire Department. We went to their fire house and learned about their equipment and how they run operations. They also came to our fire house during our "truck check night" and learned about our equipment and how we run operations. The outcome of this was a more efficient work relationship where we can merge our members to better serve both of our communities, and we've coined the phrase "we are the same department with two different precincts".

Lastly and something I'm most proud of, Chief White and I launched our Accountability Program. We've issued tags to all our members with their names and number on it. When members show up to a scene, they give me their tags and I can know exactly who is on scene and where they are throughout the operation. This increases the safety of our members and makes our operations more efficient.

It was my honor and privilege to serve as Easton's Training and Safety Officer and I look forward to another year training our members.

Respectfully Submitted
Shawn Michaud, Safety & Training Officer



"Live like to the fullest, and focus on the positive." Matt Cameron

NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS

All dogs six months or older as of January 1, 2021 or whenever they turn six months must be licensed. Any owner that licenses their dog after January 31, 2021 will be charged an additional \$25.00 late fee. A valid rabies certificate must be presented at the time of licensing. On April 1, 2021 the assessors will present the dog warden with a warrant listing of all unlicensed dog owners and this will result in an additional warden's fee being charged. If you no longer have your dog, please notify the Town Office. It is unlawful to allow your pet to be without a leash. Approximately 3 dogs were taken to the Aroostook Humane Society in 2020.

Cheryl Clark, Town Clerk

EXEMPTIONS FOR VETERANS AND WIDOWS OF VETERANS

A property tax exemption is available to Veterans age 62 or over, to Veterans under 62 if they are certified by the Veterans Administration Office to be totally disabled, or to the un-remarried widow or minor child of any veteran who would be entitled to such exemption if living, or who is in receipt of a pension or compensation from the Federal Government as the widow or minor child of veteran.

Persons not already receiving this exemption who wish to apply should do so at the Town Office no later than April 1, 2021. Persons receiving such an exemption are not required to apply annually.

The maximum property valuation exemption for veterans or their widows whose service period was prior to or during World War I, is \$6,000. For Veterans or their widows whose service period is after World War I, the maximum property valuation exemption is \$5,000.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Residents who have owned a home in Maine for the past twelve months qualify for a homestead exemption of up to the just value of \$25,000. Applications are available at the Town Office.



"People may hear your words, but they feel your attitude." John C. Maxwell

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS 4/1/19

Real Estate:

Land Value	\$43,239,100
Building Value	<u>\$107,371,300</u>
Total Real Estate Value	\$150,610,400

Personal Property:

Production machinery and equipment	\$56,075,518
Business Equipment	\$543,280
All other personal property	<u>\$63,849</u>
Total Personal Property	\$56,682,647

Total Taxable Valuation	\$207,293,047
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Municipal Tax Rate per \$1,000 = .0157 (mil rate)	\$3,254,500.84
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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ PLUMBING INSPECTOR REPORT

The following is a summary of the Plumbing Permits issued during 2020:

Internal Plumbing Permits	1
Sub-surface Waste Disposal Systems	<u>6</u>
Total	7

Ten (10) projects have been completed and inspected during 2020. There are no voided permits for 2020 and there are four (4) projects pending installation and inspection at this time. I have sent in the State of Maine fees and the State copy of the permits completed and inspected.

There have been nine (9) Maine Forest Service Intent to Harvest Notifications received and reviewed this year.

This year there were four (4) DEP Small Community Grant Septic System Replacement Projects installed and inspected.

There was a complaint received on a Miscellaneous Nuisance Violation and Dangerous Building at one (1) property. Violation letters have been issued and legal action was contemplated to correct the violations.

At this time, I would like to thank you for all your support and cooperation provided to me this past year. It is always a pleasure working with you, the Planning Board and your staff as Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Easton.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Levesque, CEO & LPI

*"Happiness is an attitude of mind, born of the simple determination
to be happy under all outward circumstances." J. Donald Walters*

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

“Superheroes”

Some years, as I sit down to write this report, I am fearful that they sound similar year to year. Of course, we change programming, new children join and the older participants move on, but this entire fiscal year has been a challenge. The task put in front of us was one none of us ever saw coming. With that being said, I cannot be more proud of how our department performed during a world-wide pandemic. This success was, in part, due to our Board of Selectman and our always supportive town manager. However, my standing ovation goes to your children! I read an article recently that described our children as superheroes and I'd like to share an excerpt with you! “Do you know that no kids in history of kids have ever had to do what they're doing right now?... We haven't given them nearly enough credit for rolling with the punches. Kids this past year have been doing the impossible and they're doing a really great job. We've thanked everyone, from healthcare workers to grocery store employees, but we haven't thanked these kids enough for bearing the burden of what we've put on their shoulders. We've said kids are resilient, and they are! They are the real superheroes in the whole scenario for having ZERO say in their lives, but doing their best to adjust every day. Hug your little superheroes today and don't forget to give them the same slack we've given everyone else!” (Credit to Christine Derengowki for this concept).

When everything began “shutting down” in March, we were just wrapping up our Little Bears grade 3rd & 4th and our 5th & 6th boys and girls basketball seasons. Little Bears participated in several in-house scrimmages and our 5&6 teams were able to complete most of their seasons, but unfortunately, were not able to sneak in the final tournaments. Thanks so much to our volunteer coaches for their countless hours with these athletes including; Travis Carter, Nicole King, Kristie Bate & Tabatha Bridges, as well as the many who refereed for our home games!

During the time that Easton Schools were not in session, we were unable to offer in-person programs; but our department did everything we could to stay involved with our community! We organized a local “Easton Bear Hunt”, with over 30 bears (and many other stuffed animals) hidden around the community for families to find while driving by. Another fun event was the “Front Porch Project”. Residents were asked to share a photo of who lives in their home and tell us a little bit more about themselves. I had the pleasure of “meeting” people who I hadn't previously known, during this event, and have had the privileged to have them become part of our programs since then! We had over 50 families participate! We teamed up with the Easton Fire Department to deliver candy & toy filled easter eggs to several homes just before the Easter holiday. Huge thanks to Chief Greg White & Fire Fighter/Recreation Employee Jordan White for making this special event more memorable with the sirens and lights being used to deliver the holiday goodies. During this unique time in history, I heard from several families just how special this “no contact” delivery was! We also participated in an Easter Art contest with former Easton resident Mike Fitzherbert and his lovely wife Lisa. Contest winners were presented with art supplies compliments of the Fitzherberts! There were several other on-line contests and activities including; on-line art classes with Wintergreen Arts Center, nature & scavenger hunts, Superheros Spirit week (a dress theme for each day), a Covid time capsule, on-line dance classes, live book readings & information shared about food give-away and help with food insecurities. A favorite program that we joined in with the Maine Recreation and Parks Association was the Maine Backyard Campout. During the program we joined in with families across the state of Maine; some camped in their living rooms, their back yard and some even at State Parks! It was a great way to enjoy our beautiful Maine summer in a safe, socially distant way! Easton Recreation provided kits to all families in our community who registered. The goodie boxes included: s'more fixings, glow-in-the-dark wish lanterns, glow sticks, scavenger hunt materials and more! The photos submitted for this event showed just how much fun our participants had!

Finally, on July 1st, we were given clearance to start in-person activities again and we took no time doing so. Our summer schedule looked a bit different than in the year's past, but our programs were full to capacity and everyone had a great time! We were able offer a babysitting course, art camp with Kristina Lento, Dutch Soccer Academy, Science Camp, biking program, kayak camp, dance camp, archery lessons with Coach Bryan Shaw, and a morning story and craft time. Thanks to ACAP and Mrs. Ashley Hull of the Easton Elementary School Library for bringing the story-walk program to our community! We've also had the privilege of Child Evangelism Fellowship relocating to our community. Jennifer Frost and her summer interns brought us a wonderful Back Yard Club Summer program at their new location on the Hersom Road! We were also able to offer breakfast and lunch 5-days a week this summer in a safe drive-thru style manner. Our assistant Director was instrumental in making our summer successful; thank you Summer Guess, for all you do for our children!

A favorite program of the harvest break was weekly outings to the Nordic Heritage Center. We participated in a scavenger hunt, Nature B-I-N-G-O, leaf art, and pumpkin painting. The children also had an opportunity to participate in multiple week-long programs; golf camp at Mars Hill Country Club, horseback riding camp at East of Eden Stables, Ninja Warriors at All-Star Gymnastics & Cheering, and an art camp at Wintergreen Arts Center. Our 3rd & 4th grade soccer team enjoyed the beautiful fall weather and were able to sneak in a handful of games close to home. Huge congratulations to our 5th & 6th grade co-ed soccer team, under Coach Carter who placed 2nd in the Northern Maine Community Recreation Association Tournament against a tough Mapleton team! Thanks to our many volunteer coaches and officials, who make this possible! After-school programs included Kids Yoga classes, Chef's Day, making pumpkin playdough, and Halloween movie & crafts. The opportunity also presented itself to work with Aroostook Teen Leadership, which was a free program that teaches leadership skills through fun, team-building activities. We had the privilege to host Northern Light Health with their "Airing Out Tobacco's Dirty Laundry" Program. Students created a powerful display that demonstrated the deadly consequences of tobacco and the tactics used by their marketers. Each participant designed a shirt demonstrating what they had learned!

Winter programs have included; Good News Club, Christmas parties, wreath decorating, come n' play, bowling and we've had some fun with national-holidays including sticker, popcorn, pizza, & ice cream days! School vacations trips such Ninja Warriors, roller-skating, ice-skating clinic, snow tubing at Big Rock, gymnastics, and more have been well attended! New this year, we were able bring back our Little Bears Cheerleading program after a couple years hiatus. Thanks so much to Hunter Nicholson for teaching sidelines, jumps, tumbling and more to these energetic girls. A positive of not having gym time this winter has been our down-hill skiing program participation numbers. We have been going to Big Rock Mountain on a weekly basis since the beginning of January and we have so many able skiers! It has been an absolute privilege watch the kids go from timidly putting on their skis for the first time, to loading the chair lift on their own and cruising down the slopes!

On a dismal note, I miss our senior programming desperately and cannot wait until we can gather again. Please stay healthy and take care of yourselves and check on your neighbors.

In March 2020, I was honored to find out I had been awarded Maine Recreation and Park Association's Haskell Award. I was beyond humbled and honored to be presented with an award that so many individuals I admire and attempt to emulate have received in the past. I had the privilege of reading the letters of support written on my behalf and can't thank you all enough for your kind words. Our Board of Selectmen and Manager allow me to do my job in the best way I know how and support all of my

"Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them." James Baldwin

sometimes-crazy ambitions. I have a unique thing going here as I get to work closely with our schools, fire & highway departments, etc. It's amazing how much can be accomplished when we work together.

My personal gratitude to all who have volunteered, transported children, provided snacks, and served on the Recreation Committee. Thanks to Jim & Cheryl at Town Office who support all my hair-brain thoughts. I am incredibly grateful to Cheryl and Tabitha Dudley for their time spent editing when I can no longer look at my own work. A heartfelt thank you to Larry Sullivan, Bernie McAdam and Leslie Ferris for the many bus excursions and all the extra help along the way! Also, kudos to the Easton School Department for continuing to work with our department; Mr. Stanley, Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Hall & Mrs. Cook & the custodial staff who are supportive and helpful in countless ways. While I don't know what this coming year will bring, I will continue to move forward with your children's (and our special little community's) interests at heart! Please hug your superheroes extra tight and thank you for sharing them with us!

Yours in Recreation,
Hillary Hallett, Recreation Director



"A person's a person, no matter how small." Dr. Seuss



"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today." Stacia Tauscher



"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little." Edmund Burke



"It takes courage to grow up and turn out to be who you really are." E. E. Cummings

RECYCLE!

The amount of tonnage that is being hauled to the landfill has increased causing the cost of waste disposal fees paid by the Town of Easton to increase as well. Recycling is something you can do to help reduce this cost. The recycling containers listed below are available to Easton residents and are located behind the Town Office. The information below was obtained from the Tri-Community Landfill website.

Red Igloo — #2 HDPE Clear Plastic Containers

Do:

- Place only CLEAR plastic containers with the #2 recycling symbol in the igloo
- Include clear milk and water jugs
- Remove the caps and rinse the containers
- Crush the containers to save space in the igloo

Do Not:

- Place white, “light-block” milk jugs in the red igloo - these should be placed in the blue igloo with colored plastic containers (white is a color)
- Place any type of lid or cover in the igloos — these are normally made from a different type of plastic

Blue Igloo — #2 Colored Plastic Containers

Do:

- Place only COLORED, narrow-mouth plastic containers with the #2 symbol in the igloo
- Include detergent, bleach, shampoo, dish liquid, and white light-block milk containers
- Remove the caps and rinse the containers
- Crush the containers to save space in the igloo

Do Not:

- Include wide mouth containers such as whipped cream, plastic coffee cans, or butter, regardless of the #2 recycling symbol. The plastic resins in these containers are different and these items unfortunately are not accepted by the markets.

Gray Igloo — Tin Cans

Do:

- Include food cans, empty aerosol cans, cat food cans, etc.
- Rinse the cans clean
- Labels are acceptable

Do Not:

- Include aluminum cans, aluminum foil, or food trays
- Please do not put bags in the igloo

Yellow Igloo — Newspaper

Do:

- Include newspapers, all magazines and catalogs, telephone books, and newspaper inserts
- Please leave loose

Do Not:

- Include any other paper; such as office paper, cardboard, magazines or mail
- Tie, bundle, or put bags in the igloo

There are also two green containers for corrugated cardboard.

“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the voice at the end of the day that says ‘I’ll try again tomorrow.’” Mary Anne Radmacher

2019 TAX LIENS

Bainton, Arthur B.	\$254.04	
Boxwell, Kristen D.	\$1,432.02	
Cote, Ruth & Heirs of Roger	\$1,576.44	
Creasia, Michael S.	\$566.27	Bal.
Creasia, Michael S.	\$448.57	Bal.
Farland, John J.	\$626.40	
Fitzherbert, Patricia	\$1,666.92	
Guyette, Paul	\$469.80	
Kennedy, Raymond	\$53.94	
Lynds, Adam J.	\$798.66	
Maust, Robyn M. & Laurette A. LaFrance	\$375.84	
Nichols, Heirs of Clayton	\$1,616.46	
Nichols, Lawrence W.	\$267.96	
Pangburn, Christopher & Dale Tompkins	\$696.00	
Pangburn, Christopher & Dale Tompkins	\$1,487.70	
Parlin, Debbie E.	\$62.64	
Parlin, Debbie E.	\$1,160.58	
Plourde, Raymond N.	\$3,476.52	
Shaw, Travis J.	\$173.01	Bal.
Winninghoff, Mark	\$640.71	
Woollard, Debi-Jo	\$245.34	
TOTAL	\$18,095.82	

* Paid after books closed.



"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." Winston Churchill

2020 LIST OF TAXES DUE

Bainton, Arthur B. & Julie A. Bainton	\$268.47	
Bate, Kristie L.	\$1,059.75	
Boxwell, Kristen D.	\$1,511.91	
Burchett, John E.	\$76.93	
Callioras, Steven J.	\$1,698.74	
Callioras, Steven J.	\$609.16	*
Callioras, Steven J.	\$58.09	*
Charles, Arthur James	\$47.10	
Clayton, Stacy L.	\$301.63	Bal.
Condon, Roger W.	\$1,637.51	
Crandall, Heirs of Bernice and Tony & Andrew Curtis	\$318.71	
Creasia, Michael S.	\$609.16	
Creasia, Michael S.	\$483.56	
Dionne, Robert W.	\$907.46	
Emery, Wendy	\$356.39	
Farland, John J.	\$660.97	
Fitzherbert, Patricia	\$1,731.71	
Francis, Carol A.	\$649.73	Bal.
Fuller, Cindy	\$456.87	*
Gadaire, Lisa	\$536.94	
Guyette, Paul A.	\$472.57	
Hersey, Jack L.	\$780.33	Bal. *
Hersey, Jack L.	\$224.51	*
Hewitt, Chad	\$1,317.23	
Hewitt, Jason E.	\$1,116.16	Bal.
Hull, Heirs of Hollis, Barbara Bonville-Hull and Rickie M. Hull	\$453.73	
Hutchins, Leah D	\$464.72	
Jalbert, Paul E.	\$50.10	Bal.
Kennedy, Raymond M.	\$56.52	
Kennedy, Raymond M.	\$681.38	
Lamoreau, Craig M.	\$1,062.89	
Lamoreau, David M. & Penelope L.	\$1,133.54	
Lamoreau, David M. & Penelope L.	\$249.63	
Lynch, Clyde D. & Nancy L	\$907.49	Bal.
Lynds, Adams J.	\$843.09	
Maust, Robyn M. & Laurette A. LaFrance	\$397.21	
Mills, Rodney D. & Ian D. Mills	\$802.27	*
Monroe, Michael & Alexandra J. Dusza	\$779.84	Bal.
Nichols, Heirs of Clayton	\$1,708.16	
Nichols, Lawrence W.	\$257.48	
Pangburn, Christopher A. & Dale W. Tompkins	\$734.76	
Pangburn, Christopher A. & Dale W. Tompkins	\$1,566.86	
Parlin, Debbie E.	\$65.94	
Parlin, Debbie E.	\$833.67	

Parlin, Leighton J. & Glenna P.	\$1,873.01	
Perkins, Matthew A.	\$383.08	
Pessini, Nate	\$97.34	
Plourde, Raymond N.	\$3,670.66	
Poole, Roxanne R.	\$58.09	
Reed, Jeremy L. & Tara L.	\$1,205.76	
Richardson, Mark S.	\$449.02	
Robbins, Warner C.	\$645.27	
Robbins, Warner C. & Anna V.	\$193.11	
Shaw, Travis J.	\$1,113.13	
Sherwood, Cathie	\$983.03	Bal.
Skidgel, Edward L. & Holly A.	\$238.64	
Smith, Jonathan C. & Marcia L. Smith	\$491.59	Bal.
Tibbetts, Adam	\$703.36	
Tompkins, Samuel A. & Riqui L.	\$821.77	Bal.
Tompkins, Trent M.	\$491.41	*
Tompkins, Wilfred J. & Christy J.	\$413.08	Bal.
Turner, William R.	\$949.85	
Turner, William R.	\$730.05	
Winninghoff, Mark W.	\$880.77	
Woollard, Debi-Jo	\$259.05	
Young, Lennie K.	\$1,285.83	*
Young, Lennie K.	\$183.69	*
Young, Lennie K.	\$183.69	*

TOTAL**\$49,245.15**

* Paid after books closed.



"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it." Maya Angelou

NOTICE OF PROCEDURE FOR TOWN MEETING

The **Moderator presides over Town Meeting** in accordance with MRSA Title 30-A §2524. The Moderator further facilitates the meeting in accordance with MMA's Maine Moderators Manual

Please observe separation of Voters from Non-Voters;

Registered Voters must check in with the Registrar and be seated inside the guard rail.

- **Procedure:** The Moderator will read each article aloud and ask if someone will make a motion on the article; usually someone will respond "so moved", then "second". *(Note: it is best to avoid negative motions such as to defeat an article where "yes" means "no" - if you oppose an article; it's best to move the article and vote against it)*
- **Amendments:** an amendment may be motioned and seconded to propose a change to an article; please note capped articles with specific monetary amount(s) contained in the wording are limited in that they can only be decreased (not increased). Ordinances cannot be amended from the floor; only up or down. If an amendment does not pass, then the original motion is voted upon.
- **Voting:** The Moderator will ask for a show of hands, if required - please keep your hand raised until the Moderator (and his/her designees) have concluded counting. Challenge: A voter who wishes to challenge the Moderator's determination should immediately seek to be recognized and state "I doubt it"; if at least six other voters agree; the Moderator will make the determination more certain by using a designated other method of voting. Written Ballots: any voter can move an article to be voted on by written ballot any time before the article is voted upon, the motion must be seconded; no discussion is allowed before voting on the motion to vote by written ballot.
- **If you wish to speak on an article:** wait until the Moderator has opened the floor to public comment discussion; raise your hand and wait for the Moderator to recognize you:
 - State your name for the record & whom you represent, if applicable.
 - Direct commentary or questions directly to the Moderator.
 - State your business in a brief & concise manner; relevant to the current article/motion.
 - The Moderator has the right to set a time limit for comments, and overall on a motion.
- **Order, Prohibitions:**
 - The Moderator will not entertain public comment about specific individuals.
 - Personal or accusatory comments are out of order; comments should be respectful and courteous.
 - Profanity, and disorderly conduct, language, or gestures at meetings are out of order.
 - At no time will the public be allowed to argue debate or introduce a topic that is not on the agenda.
 - Voters & attendees may not speak during Town Meeting unless recognized by the Moderator; the audience shall not disturb the proceedings by whispering, talking or other engaging in other distractions. Cellular phones must be turned off, with the exception of emergency responders.
 - If any person, after a command for order by the Moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the Moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the Moderator may have that person removed until the meeting is adjourned.

Special Note: The following is the "**PROPOSED WARRANT**", as much as the Board of Selectmen attempt to have all the Warrant Articles ready for the Town Report prior to going to print, there are occasions where legally there could be Warrant Articles added, edited or deleted from what has been printed in the Town Report.

Therefore: in accordance with MRSA Title 30-A §2523, please check the legal posting of the Warrant seven days prior to Town Meeting posted at: Town Office, Easton Post Office, Country Farms Market, Easton Elementary School, Easton High School, Tulsa One Stop and www.eastonme.com.

GUIDELINES TO ATTENDING A TOWN MEETING

- If you wish to speak, wait until the Moderator has opened the floor to public comments. When the Moderator has recognized you, stand, state your name for the record, the agenda item and nature of your business.
- Please refrain from discussion on the article if you have a conflict of interest in any article.
- The Moderator will not entertain public comment about specific individuals.
- The Moderator has the right to set a time limit for comments. Be prepared to state your business in a brief and concise manner.
- During a Public Meeting, only the subject matter can be discussed.
- Comments should always be courteous. Personal and accusatory comments are out of order. Profanity, disorderly language or gestures at meetings are prohibited.
- At no time will the public be allowed to argue, debate or introduce a topic that is not on the agenda.
- During discussion, the audience shall not disturb the proceedings by whispering, talking or other distractions.

SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Monday, April 5, 2021

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK

TO: Ryan Gundy, Citizen of the Town of Easton, in the County of Aroostook.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Easton Odd Fellows' Hall/Community Center in said Town on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 9:00 AM in the morning, and then and there to act on Articles 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below. The polls will open at 9:00 AM and close at 6:30 PM.

And then to notify and warn the said inhabitants to meet at the Elementary School Cafeteria and Gymnasium, in said Town on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 8:00 in the evening, then and there to hear the results of the secret ballot on Articles 1 and 2 and to act on Articles 3 through 39, all of the Articles being set out below, to wit:

Art. 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2: To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3: To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable and fix the rate of interest to be charged on all unpaid taxes

Selectmen Recommend: That all taxes be due and payable October first, 2021 and that interest be charged on all unpaid taxes starting November first, 2021 at 6.00 percent.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 4: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes, thereon such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 5: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to accept as gifts any acceptable properties donated to the Town and to sell or dispose of any properties as they deem advantageous to the Town during the fiscal year ending February 15, 2022.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 6: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to sell and assign un-matured tax liens for not less than the amount, interest and costs included.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 7: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to sell any outdated capital equipment after advertising in local newspapers.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 8: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to appoint a budget committee to meet as required, to recommend the necessary appropriations for the fiscal year ending February 15, 2023.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 9: To see if the Town will appropriate in estimated revenue from motor vehicle excise taxes, all state revenue sharing funds, all state snowmobile reimbursements, dog license fees, sludge disposal fees, bus repairs income, Odd Fellows rental fees, supplemental taxes, license fees and other miscellaneous income to be received in fiscal year ending February 15, 2022 to reduce the tax commitment by \$398,000.00.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 10: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to use the overlay as an abatement account and for any costs incurred in resolving abatement requests.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 11: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$207,372.00 for Town Administration.

	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Salaries	\$114,970.00	\$114,941.16	\$118,439.00
457 DC Match	1,500.00	1,498.12	1,544.00
Health Insurance	44,031.00	42,996.79	44,031.00
MSRS Match	11,687.00	11,564.59	12,200.00
Medicare Match	1,675.00	1,679.36	1,718.00
Car Allowance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Supplies	5,600.00	4,364.46	5,600.00
Office Equipment Maintenance	1,200.00	801.64	1,200.00
Telephone/Internet	3,440.00	3,317.91	3,440.00
Electric	2,800.00	2,496.77	2,800.00
Training/Travel/Dues	2,500.00	1,134.98	2,500.00

Building Fuel	4,200.00	2,439.54	4,200.00
Postage	2,200.00	2,156.94	2,200.00
Building Services	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>2,495.66</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$203,323.00	195,887.92	\$207,372.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 12: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$89,672.00 for the Fire Department.

	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Payroll	\$43,500.00	\$43,500.00	\$43,500.00
Chief's Car Allowance	700.00	700.00	700.00
Telephone & Internet	3,000.00	2,976.38	3,000.00
Contract Services - Dispatch	2,500.00	2,755.00	2,800.00
Building Fuel	4,000.00	2,439.51	4,000.00
Training	3,000.00	2,411.58	3,000.00
Dues & Printing	1,000.00	830.00	1,000.00
Medicare	675.00	630.74	675.00
FICA	2,697.00	2,518.30	2,697.00
Repairs	7,300.00	9,940.21	9,000.00
Gas/Oil/Diesel	1,350.00	1,296.32	1,350.00
Supplies	5,500.00	5,569.74	5,500.00
Hepatitis Vaccination	100.00	0.00	100.00
Office Supplies/Cleaning Services	750.00	400.04	750.00
SCBA	2,000.00	1,780.20	2,000.00
Gloves, Coats, etc.	8,500.00	6,208.00	8,500.00
Insurance	<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>884.00</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$87,672.00	\$84,840.02	\$89,672.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$339,130.00 for the Highway Department.

	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Salaries	\$135,325.00	\$136,777.83	\$139,425.00
457 DC Match	2,870.00	2,882.64	4,183.00
Medicare Match	2,100.00	2,008.28	2,301.00
MSRS Match	13,668.00	13,761.15	14,361.00
Health Insurance	28,610.00	27,402.78	28,610.00
Gas/Oil/Diesel	31,000.00	19,084.30	31,000.00
Sand & Salt	62,000.00	60,311.25	62,000.00
Equipment Repair	28,000.00	33,618.15	30,000.00
Tool & Supplies	6,500.00	7,162.40	7,000.00
Blades & Chains	4,000.00	4,044.29	4,000.00
Telephone/Internet	1,100.00	1,052.75	1,200.00
Electric	3,300.00	3,083.43	3,300.00

Building Fuel	4,500.00	2,392.24	4,500.00
Training/Dues	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Building Maintenance	6,000.00	1,566.40	6,000.00
Drug Testing	<u>250.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL	\$330,223.00	\$315,322.89	\$339,130.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100,600 for Recreation.

	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Salaries	\$36,980.00	\$36,982.40	\$38,090.00
457 DC Match	1,110.00	1,109.42	1,143.00
Seasonal/Bus Driver Salary	13,500.00	2,701.50	13,500.00
Health Insurance	29,104.00	28,664.51	29,104.00
Medicare Match	750.00	578.93	749.00
MSRS Match	5,100.00	3,923.32	5,314.00
Programs/Equipt/Supplies	7,600.00	5,730.03	7,600.00
Telephone/Internet	1,700.00	839.33	1,700.00
Field Maintenance	1,000.00	8.36	1,000.00
Training/Travel	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>567.13</u>	<u>2,400.00</u>
TOTAL	\$99,244.00	\$81,104.93	\$100,600.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 15: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$8,900.00 for the operation of the Odd Fellows' Hall.

	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Building Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$3,578.41	\$3,300.00
Building Fuel	2,500.00	1,391.88	2,500.00
Telephone	500.00	549.23	1,400.00
Electricity	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,575.99</u>	<u>1,700.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8,500.00	\$7,095.51	\$8,900.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 16: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$217,024.00 for other expenses:

	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Tri-Community Landfill	\$120,000.00	\$116,797.48	\$124,000.00
Ambulance Service	14,850.00	14,800.52	14,850.00
Animal Control Officer	1,675.00	2,172.03	2,500.00

Plumbing Inspector	1,675.00	1,672.52	1,680.00
Code Enforcement Officer	560.00	557.50	560.00
Assessing	6,500.00	5,809.71	16,000.00
Beautification	3,000.00	2,573.82	3,000.00
General Assistance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Legal	4,000.00	3,174.67	4,000.00
Audit	8,200.00	8,200.00	8,300.00
Clean Up Day	3,700.00	3,262.70	3,700.00
TAN Interest	2,200.00	2,149.99	2,500.00
Advertising	2,000.00	3,153.00	2,000.00
Town Report	2,055.00	2,194.53	2,100.00
Street Lights	8,500.00	7,870.17	9,000.00
Contract Services	11,185.00	11,550.81	12,034.00
Selectmen's Discretionary	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Elections	2,700.00	3,232.09	2,700.00
Selectmen's Stipend	<u>4,100.00</u>	<u>4,063.46</u>	<u>4,100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$200,900.00	\$197,235.00	\$217,024.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 17: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$42,201.00 for Outside Requests:

	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Cemetery Appropriation	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
MMA Dues	2,910.00	2,847.00	2,910.00
Catholic Charities	800.00	800.00	800.00
ACAP	260.00	260.00	260.00
Homeless Shelter	1,931.00	1,931.00	1,931.00
NMDC Dues	4,887.00	4,886.52	4,929.00
Memorial Day Services	350.00	350.00	350.00
Soil & Water Conservation Dist.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Aroostook Agency on Aging	800.00	800.00	800.00
Cen. Aro. Chamber of Commerce	250.00	250.00	250.00
American Red Cross	125.00	125.00	125.00
Little School Restoration	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Humane Society	2,446.00	2,445.30	2,446.00
ME Public Broadcasting	100.00	100.00	100.00
Francis Malcolm Science Center	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Historical Society	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Veteran's Cemetery	100.00	100.00	100.00
Senior Citizens	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Snowmobile Club	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Field Days	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
Easton ATV Club	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$42,159.00	\$42,094.82	\$42,159.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 18: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,797.00 for insurance.

2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
\$28,448.00	\$27,530.12	\$28,797.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 19: To see if the Town will raise \$300,000.00 for the Town Road Improvement Fund.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 20: To see if the Town will accept approximately \$36,687.00 from the State of Maine Urban Rural Initiative Program for town road improvement in accordance with the requirements outlined in public law, chapter 492, L.D. 1691-1981.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 21: To see if the Town will appropriate \$352,000.00 from the Town Road Improvement account for summer road maintenance and to carry-over any unexpended balance.

2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
\$347,160.00	\$332,463.50	\$352,000.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 22: To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$125,000.00 to be placed in the equipment reserve account.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 23: To see if the Town will appropriate \$194,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve account for the purchase of a 2021 Western Star snow plow truck for the Highway Department.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 24: To see if the Town will enter into a municipal loan not to exceed \$385,000.00 for the purchase of a 2021 fire truck with an annual payment not to exceed \$82,900.00 to be appropriated from the Equipment Reserve account for a period of 5 years beginning April 15, 2022.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 25: To see if the Town will appropriate \$25,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund account to repair the Town Office/Fire Department/Bus Garage building.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 26: To see if the Town will raise & appropriate \$2,500.00 for the Municipal Building Repairs account and to carry over any balance.

2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be added to Office Equipment reserve and to carry over any balance.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 28: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to carry-over the following unexpended balances for fiscal year 2022.

Selectmen's Discretionary	Planning Board Account
Education	Tennis Court
General Assistance	Insurance Reserve
Town Road Improvement	Town Owned Properties
Equipment Reserve	Office Equipment Reserve
School Retirement Reserve	Municipal Building Repair
Town Retirement Reserve	Sand/Salt Shed
Signage	

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

2021 Carry-over Balances	
Town Road Improvement	\$16,141.77
Town Owned Property Sales	\$48,385.82
Selectmen's Discretionary	\$3,682.86
General Assistance	\$2,069.41
Tennis Court	\$19,311.43
Planning Board Account	\$633.52
Education	\$225,101.16
Equipment Reserve	\$157,570.94
Insurance Reserve	\$3,000.00
Office Equipment Reserve	\$5,889.80
Town Retirement Reserve	\$8,753.56
School Retirement Reserve	\$10,000.00

Municipal Building Repair	\$1,194.57
Signage	\$6,271.04
Sand/Salt Shed	\$(4,850.00)

Art. 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/6 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2023 annual budget during the period from February 16, 2022 to annual town meeting.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 30: To see if the Town will allow the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Town Manager to apply and accept an award from the State of Maine Small Community 90-10 Matching Grant for pollution abatement construction, to correct, on a priority basis, defective residential septic systems on the Prestile Stream banks or on the banks of other streams or bodies of water, and further authorize the Town Manager to execute the necessary documents pursuant to the application, receipt, implementation, management, and completion of such projects.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 31: To see if the Town will allow the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Town Manager to submit a Community Development Block Grant Application to the Maine State Planning Office and if said application is approved, to further authorize the Town Manager to execute all necessary documents pursuant to the application, receipt, implementation, management and completion of the project.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 32: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes at 6 (six) percent for the fiscal year 2021-2022 pursuant to M.R.S.A. 506A.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of \$4,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 34: To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506 will authorize the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 35: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate \$15,000.00 from unappropriated surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2022.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 36: To see if the Town will vote to expend all proceeds from the State of Maine Grant In Aid Snowmobile Program estimated to be \$12,500.00 to the Easton Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 37: Shall the Town of Easton vote to approve 2021-2022 Community Development Block (Grant) applications for the Business Assistance Program, the Economic Development Fund Loan and the Community Enterprise Program. To submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development, and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 38: Shall the Town of Easton vote to approve 2021-2022 Rural Development Grant applications for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program for \$99,999 and for Rural Business Enterprise Loans for up to \$300,000 each and to submit same to the USDA, and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 39: To see if the Town of Easton will authorize the Easton Board of Selectmen to authorize and accept the proposal of a financial institution to purchase the Town a tax anticipated note, on a drawdown basis, and award said note to a financial institution.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES



**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021 A.D.
EASTON SELECTMEN**

Michael P. Corey

Bruce V. Flewelling

Paul D. Dudley

Douglas R. Blackstone

Scott F. Allen

ATTEST:

Cheryl Clark, Town Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK

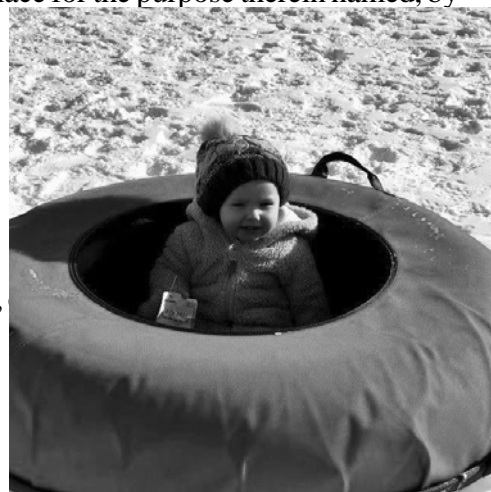
Pursuant to the within warrant, I certify that I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place for the purpose therein named, by posting this day an attested copy of the within warrant at:

Easton Town Office
Country Farm's Market
Easton Elementary School
Easton High School
Easton Post Office

The same being public and conspicuous places in said town,
March, 2021, which is at least 7 days next prior to said meeting.

Dated: _____

Ryan Gundy



SAMPLE BALLOT

STATE OF MAINE
FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION, TOWN OF EASTON
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021
8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

Make a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) in the square at the left of the name of the nominee for whom you wish to vote. Follow directions as to the number of nominees to be elected to each office. You may vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot by writing in the proper blank space and marking a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) in the proper square at the left. Do not erase names. Names written in must show the municipality of residence of each write-in candidate.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (TERM ENDING APRIL 2024) **VOTE FOR TWO**

☐

Beaulier-Fuller, Tammy

Easton

☐

Dudley, Paul

Easton

☐

Trask, Norman

Easton

SCHOOL BOARD (TERM ENDING APRIL 2024)

VOTE FOR TWO☐

Carter, Sheri-Lyn

Easton

☐

Henderson, Richard

Easton

☐

Hopkins, David

Easton

☐

Pelletier, Chantal

Easton



"If you want to test your memory, try to recall what you were worrying about one year ago today." E. Joseph Cossman



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The following schedules have been excerpted from the year ended February 15, 2021 financial statements of the Town of Easton, Maine, a complete copy of which, including my opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town Office. The schedules included herein are as follows:

General Fund:

- Balance sheet (schedule 1)
- Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budgetary Basis (schedule 2)
- Schedule of General Fund Revenues – Budget and Actual (schedule 3)

Proprietary Funds:

- Combining Statement of Net Position (schedule 4)
- Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (schedule 5)

Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds:

- Combining Balance Sheet (schedule 6)
- Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (schedule 7)

Private-purpose Trust Funds:

- Statement of Agency Net Position (schedule 8)
- Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Funds (schedule 9)

Selected notes to the financial statements:

- Property tax
- Notes receivable
- Village Acres Housing Project
- Assigned fund balances

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINEBALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FEBRUARY 15, 2021

	Major Fund General	Special Revenue Funds		Totals
		Major UDAG	Non-Major Other	
<i>Assets</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,543,518	\$ 300,921	\$ -	\$ 1,844,439
Uncollected taxes, net of allowance for uncollectible	55,090	-	-	55,090
Tax liens	20,187	-	-	20,187
Due from other funds	74,151	-	-	74,151
Village Acres Housing Project	-	116,088	-	116,088
Notes / accounts receivable	-	53,651	-	53,651
Tax acquired property	11,150	-	-	11,150
	<u>\$ 1,704,096</u>	<u>\$ 470,660</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,174,756</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>				
Other accrued expenses	\$ 1,757	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,757
Taxes collected in advance	20,836	-	-	20,836
Due to other governments	861	-	-	861
Due to other funds	-	-	72,092	72,092
	<u>23,454</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,092</u>	<u>95,546</u>
<i>Deferred inflow of resources</i>				
Unearned property tax revenues	51,939	-	-	51,939
<i>Fund Balance:</i>				
Reserved for noncurrent notes receivable	-	116,088	-	116,088
Non-spendable	11,150	-	-	11,150
Committed for Town projects	278,054	-	-	278,054
Unreserved:				
General Fund - School designated	225,101	-	-	225,101
Unassigned fund balance	1,114,398	-	-	1,114,398
Special revenue funds	-	354,572	(72,092)	282,480
Total fund balance	<u>1,628,703</u>	<u>470,660</u>	<u>(72,092)</u>	<u>2,027,271</u>
	<u>\$ 1,704,096</u>	<u>\$ 470,660</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,174,756</u>

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2021

	Budget			Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Adjustment	Final		
<i>Revenues</i>					
Taxes	\$ 3,097,783	\$ -	\$ 3,097,783	\$ 3,267,676	\$ 169,893
Intergovernmental revenues	2,193,732	-	2,193,732	2,237,299	43,567
Intergovernmental revenues - MSRS	164,938	-	164,938	-	(164,938)
Interest	15,100	-	15,100	12,067	(3,033)
Other revenues	17,900	-	17,900	17,458	(442)
	<u>5,489,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,489,453</u>	<u>5,534,500</u>	<u>45,047</u>
<i>Expenditures</i>					
General government	404,223	-	404,223	408,122	(3,899)
Fire department	87,672	-	87,672	84,840	2,832
Highways	330,223	-	330,223	315,323	14,900
County tax	374,355	-	374,355	374,355	-
Education (excluding debt service)	3,832,457	426,867	4,259,324	4,025,179	234,145
Pension - MSRS on behalf payments	164,938	-	164,938	-	164,938
Recreation/Arts	99,244	-	99,244	81,105	18,139
Snowmobile grant	12,039	-	12,039	12,039	-
Odd Fellows' Hall	8,500	-	8,500	7,095	1,405
Outside Requests	42,159	-	42,159	42,095	64
Insurances	28,448	-	28,448	27,530	918
Reserves	384,000	-	384,000	370,019	13,981
Total expenditures	<u>5,768,258</u>	<u>426,867</u>	<u>6,195,125</u>	<u>5,747,702</u>	<u>447,423</u>
<i>Other items</i>					
Transfers to fiduciary fund					
Field days	(7,200)	-	(7,200)	(7,200)	-
Cemetery	(12,000)	-	(12,000)	(12,000)	-
	<u>(19,200)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,200)</u>	<u>(19,200)</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures</i>	<u>\$ (298,005)</u>	<u>\$ (426,867)</u>	<u>\$ (717,672)</u>	<u>\$ (232,402)</u>	<u>\$ 492,470</u>
<i>Fund balance, beginning of year</i>				1,861,105	
<i>Fund balance, end of year</i>				<u>\$ 1,628,703</u>	

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2021

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
<i>Taxes</i>			
Property Taxes	\$ 3,101,813	\$ 3,254,501	\$ 152,688
Supplemental tax	-	-	-
Abatements	(274,805)	(274,805)	-
Excise taxes	270,775	287,980	17,205
	<u>3,097,783</u>	<u>3,267,676</u>	<u>169,893</u>
<i>Intergovernmental revenue</i>			
State education revenues	724,969	724,969	-
State revenue sharing	93,160	94,937	1,777
State local road assistance	-	39,444	39,444
Homestead exemption	96,237	98,549	2,312
BETE reimbursement	1,267,327	1,267,361	34
Snowmobile grant	12,039	12,039	-
	<u>2,193,732</u>	<u>2,237,299</u>	<u>43,567</u>
<i>Intergovernmental revenue</i>			
MSRS contributions	164,938	-	(164,938)
<i>Interest:</i>			
Interest/fees on late property taxes	7,100	8,525	1,425
Interest on investments	8,000	3,542	(4,458)
	<u>15,100</u>	<u>12,067</u>	<u>(3,033)</u>
<i>Other revenues</i>			
Clerk fees	1,200	1,264	64
Registration fees	6,000	8,398	2,398
Miscellaneous town income	10,700	7,796	(2,904)
	<u>17,900</u>	<u>17,458</u>	<u>(442)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 5,489,453</u>	<u>\$ 5,534,500</u>	<u>\$ 45,047</u>

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FEBRUARY 15, 2021

	Enterprise Funds		
	Non-Major Industrial Park	Major Grange Apartments	Totals
<i>Current assets:</i>			
Cash	\$ 38,798	\$ 132,949	\$ 171,747
Loan receivable	-	-	-
	<u>38,798</u>	<u>132,949</u>	<u>171,747</u>
<i>Non-current assets:</i>			
Land	43,452	53,166	96,618
Buildings	24,156	269,757	293,913
Equipment	-	20,584	20,584
Less accumulated depreciation			
net of accumulated depreciation	(24,156)	(266,603)	(290,759)
	<u>43,452</u>	<u>76,904</u>	<u>120,356</u>
	<u>\$ 82,250</u>	<u>\$ 209,853</u>	<u>\$ 292,103</u>
<i>Liabilities:</i>			
Security deposits	\$ -	\$ 2,423	\$ 2,423
Due to General fund	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,423</u>	<u>2,423</u>
<i>Net Position</i>			
Investment in capital assets	43,452	76,904	120,356
Unrestricted	38,798	130,526	169,324
	<u>82,250</u>	<u>207,430</u>	<u>289,680</u>
	<u>\$ 82,250</u>	<u>\$ 209,853</u>	<u>\$ 292,103</u>

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2021

	Enterprise Funds		
	Non-major Industrial Park	Major Grange Apartments	Totals
Revenues			
Rental income	\$ -	\$ 31,789	\$ 31,789
Expenses			
Electricity	-	4,983	4,983
Building maintenance	-	15,638	15,638
Heating oil	-	4,961	4,961
Insurance	-	4,000	4,000
Equipment repairs	-	5,531	5,531
Wages-ground maintenance	-	13,067	13,067
Depreciation	-	940	940
Total expenses	-	49,120	49,120
Operating income (loss)	-	(17,331)	(17,331)
Other income (expense)			
Interest income	355	1,321	1,676
Change in net position	355	(16,010)	(15,655)
Net position - February 16	81,895	223,440	305,335
Net position - February 15	<u>\$ 82,250</u>	<u>\$ 207,430</u>	<u>\$ 289,680</u>

Schedule 6

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS - NON MAJOR FUND
FEBRUARY 15, 2021

	Education Federal/State Programs
Liabilities	
Due to other funds	<u>\$ 72,092</u>
Fund balances:	
Unreserved, undesignated	<u>\$ (72,092)</u>

Schedule 7

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL NON-MAJOR FUNDS
FEBRUARY 15, 2021

	Special Revenue
	Education
	Federal/State
	<u>Programs</u>
Revenues:	
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ 269,120
Expenditures:	
Education	<u>278,164</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	
over (under) expenditures	(9,044)
Fund balance, beginning of year	(63,048)
Fund balance, end of year	<u><u>\$ (72,092)</u></u>

Schedule 8

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FEBRUARY 15, 2021

	Larsen Scholarship Fund	McManus Scholarship Fund	Bragdon Scholarship Fund	Malcolm Scholarship Fund	Bradley Scholarship Fund	Hayden Family TR Scholarship	Town Cemetery Fund	Prestile Community Park	Light up our field	Field Days	Totals
Assets											
Cash	\$ 18,441	\$ 2,151	\$ 2,942	\$ 8,036	\$ 502	\$ 1,094,815	\$ 30,613	\$ 6,465	\$ 856	\$ 14,188	\$ 1,179,009
Interfund receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	\$ 18,441	\$ 2,151	\$ 2,942	\$ 8,036	\$ 502	\$ 1,094,815	\$ 30,613	\$ 6,465	\$ 856	\$ 14,188	\$ 1,179,009
Liabilities:											
Due to general fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interfund loan payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred compensation payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets:											
Permanently restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved	18,441	2,151	2,942	8,036	502	1,094,815	30,613	6,465	856	14,188	1,179,009
	<u>18,441</u>	<u>2,151</u>	<u>2,942</u>	<u>8,036</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>1,094,815</u>	<u>30,613</u>	<u>6,465</u>	<u>856</u>	<u>14,188</u>	<u>1,179,009</u>
Total liabilities & net assets	\$ 18,441	\$ 2,151	\$ 2,942	\$ 8,036	\$ 502	\$ 1,094,815	\$ 30,613	\$ 6,465	\$ 856	\$ 14,188	\$ 1,179,009

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONS, DEDUCTIONS AND CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2021

	Larsen Scholarship Fund	McManus Scholarship Fund	Bragdon Scholarship Fund	Malcolm Scholarship Fund	Bradley Scholarship Fund	Hayden Family TR Scholarship	Town Cemetery Fund	Prestile Community Park	Light up our field	Field Days	Totals
Additions:											
Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,493	\$ 32,010	\$ -	\$ 38,603
Interest income	168	21	29	88	4	10,038	235	-	568	64	11,215
Other additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,980	-	-	-	1,980
Total additions	168	21	29	88	104	10,038	2,215	6,493	32,578	64	51,798
Deductions:											
Scholarships	-	200	200	1,500	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	3,900
Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,042	28	107,150	-	116,220
Total deductions	-	200	200	1,500	-	2,000	9,042	28	107,150	-	120,120
Changes in net assets	168	(179)	(171)	(1,412)	104	8,038	(6,827)	6,465	(74,572)	64	(68,322)
Other items	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,000	-	-	7,200	19,200
Interfund transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets, February 16	18,273	2,330	3,113	9,448	398	1,086,777	25,440	-	75,428	6,924	1,228,131
Net assets, February 15	\$ 18,441	\$ 2,151	\$ 2,942	\$ 8,036	\$ 502	\$ 1,094,815	\$ 30,613	\$ 6,465	\$ 856	\$ 14,188	\$ 1,179,009

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

SELECTED NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

Property Tax

Property taxes are levied as of April 1 and are used to finance the operations of the Town for the fiscal budget year beginning February 16. Taxes are committed for collection August 17th and are due and payable on or before October 1st. In accordance with Maine law, taxes not collected within twelve months following the date of commitment are secured by liens. The Town has the authority to foreclose on property eighteen months after the filing of the lien if tax liens and associated costs remain unpaid.

The Town is permitted by the laws of the State of Maine to levy taxes up to 105% of its net budgeted expenditures for the related fiscal period. The amount raised in excess of 100% is referred to as overlay, which amounted to \$152,688 for the year ended February 15, 2021.

The Town of Easton receives approximately 65% of its total property tax revenues from McCain Foods, Inc. and J.M. Huber Corp. Total tax revenues from these taxpayers totaled \$2,118,613 and \$2,312,632 for the fiscal years ended February 15, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Notes ReceivableUDAG Fund

In 1984 the Town was co-recipient (along with the Town of Washburn) of an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) to assist McCain Foods, Inc. in upgrading plant equipment located in each Town. The towns loaned these funds to McCain Foods, Inc. Funds from the repayment of this loan have been used by the Town of Easton to create a revolving loan fund to assist other businesses in the Town. UDAG Fund notes receivable consisted of the following at February 15, 2021:

Due From	Maturity Date	February 15, 2021 Balance
Tucker Sno-Cat Groomer	8/2027	\$ 19,751
Little School septic	2021	2,000
Pendexter septic	2021	2,500
EHC Roofing	6/2030	29,400
		<u>\$ 53,651</u>

The Snowmobile Club borrowed \$59,193 from the UDAG fund for a snow groomer purchase. There is no written agreement for this loan, but the Town has established a 15 year repayment.

In June 2019, the Easton Housing Authority borrowed \$39,750. This is an interest free loan with no formal repayment schedule. The loan balance at February 15, 2021 is \$29,400.

Village Acres Housing Project – UDAG

The Town is investing in a sub-division housing project with an investment to date totaling \$116,088. This amount consists of land; \$69,302 and engineering costs totaling \$46,786. When the project is completed, lots will be sold to repay the UDAG fund.

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd)

Assigned Fund Balance

At February 15, 2021, portions of the general fund equity were designated to future periods as follows:

Equipment Reserve	\$ 157,571
Selectmen's discretionary	3,683
Insurance reserve	3,000
Computer reserve	5,890
Town retirement reserve	8,754
School retirement reserve	10,000
Town owned property	48,386
Salt/sand shed	(4,850)
Municipal building repair	1,194
Town road improvement	16,142
General assistance	2,069
Tennis courts	19,311
Signage	6,271
Planning	633
	<u>\$ 278,054</u>

January 1, 2021

Dear Friends,

2020 was a year unlike any in our lifetimes. Our state and nation dealt with unprecedented challenges—the coronavirus pandemic, ensuing economic fallout, and a prolonged, heavily divisive campaign season each took a significant toll on all of us. The worst part? In order to protect each other, we had to face these challenges in isolation. But a new year represents new possibilities; a chance to take stock of what we're grateful for and focus on the opportunities in front of us. As we reflect back on 2020, we will remember heartbreak and loss – but we cannot forget the shining rays of hope that broke through the darkness, reminding us all that better days are ahead.

Throughout the pandemic, my top focus has been on bridging the partisan divide in Washington in order to deliver desperately-needed relief for Maine people. Joined by colleagues last March, we pushed for bipartisan negotiations to produce a strong bill that helped fellow Mainers, businesses, and institutions weather this storm. In the weeks and months after the *CARES Act* passed, our team stayed in close contact with people throughout the state to determine how we should adjust our response to best support our citizens. Unfortunately, the aid provided by the *CARES Act* lapsed without Congressional action, leaving too many families and businesses in limbo. I never stopped pushing for a bipartisan relief bill and, after extensive negotiations, we ended the year on a good note by breaking the gridlock and passing new relief legislation. This new bill isn't perfect; in fact, it should just be the start our renewed response. As we enter 2021 with a new administration and new Congress, we must fight for additional legislation to help restore stability to our working families and rebuild our economy and public health infrastructure.

In the midst of this crisis, Congress did manage to accomplish a few successes that will outlast this awful pandemic. Among these was the *Great American Outdoors Act*, a bipartisan bill which was enacted into law in August 2020 and will help address a \$12 billion backlog at our national parks so future generations of Americans can enjoy these beautiful lands and create lifelong memories. Also, as we learn more about the recent hacks of our nation's networks, there is help on the way: 27 of the cybersecurity recommendations made by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission – which I co-chair with Republican Congressman Mike Gallagher– made it into this year's defense bill. While there is no guarantee that these provisions would have prevented the massive hack, they will certainly improve our cyber defenses.

Despite the challenges, I'm hopeful for the future. Vaccines are being distributed across our state – starting with our healthcare heroes, who have sacrificed so much throughout this unprecedented catastrophe and deserve our eternal gratitude. If there can be a silver lining from these challenges of 2020, maybe it will be this: I hope that, in the not-so distant future, we will be able to come together physically and we will be reminded of our love for each other. We have differences, without a doubt. But as Maine people stepped up to support each other, we saw again and again that our differences pale in comparison to the values we share. We are one state, and one community – and there is nothing we cannot or will not do for each other. Mary and I wish you a happy and healthy 2021. We can't wait to see you soon.



Best Regards,

Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator



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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to reflect on 2020, an incredibly challenging year for Maine families, small businesses, and communities.

When the pandemic struck, our country faced the specter of an overwhelmed health care system and devastation to our small businesses and the millions of people they employ. I immediately worked with Republicans and Democrats to pass multiple laws allocating approximately \$3 trillion to respond to this public health and economic crisis, including more than \$8 billion directed to Maine to support testing, schools, the economy, and other purposes — that is nearly double Maine’s annual state budget.

I am especially proud of the bipartisan Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) I co-authored. This program has provided three out of four Maine small businesses with nearly \$2.3 billion in forgivable loans, which has helped sustain more than 250,000 Maine jobs. I have met thousands of Maine small employers and employees in all 16 counties who are surviving because of the PPP. As one small business owner told me, the PPP provided “exactly what we needed at exactly the right time.” The PPP also allowed employers to maintain benefits, such as health care, during this challenging time. Another round of PPP is needed to sustain small businesses and their employees.

While the pandemic continues across Maine, our nation, and the world, I thank the first responders, health care professionals, teachers, grocery store employees, factory workers, farmers, truck drivers, postal employees, and so many others who continue to stay on the job during this difficult time. With the deployment of the first vaccines, better tests, and the incredible speed with which these life-saving responses were developed, I am hopeful we can emerge from this crisis in the next few months.

While providing relief to American families was my focus throughout 2020, other accomplishments include the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provides full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and addresses the maintenance backlog at our national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. As Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, in 2020 alone, I secured \$132 million to improve Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, buses, rail, ferries, and seaports. Finally, as Chairman of the Aging Committee, I led the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which funds programs that improve the well-being, independence, and health of our nation’s seniors and their caregivers, and I authored laws to reduce the cost of prescription drugs and protect individuals with Alzheimer’s disease.

As the end of 2020 is approaching, I have cast more than 7,535 votes, never having missed one. In the New Year, my focus remains to work with colleagues to find common ground on policies to help support the health and safety of Mainers and the safe, responsible opening of our communities. If ever I or my staff can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact one of my state offices. May the coming year be a successful one for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Harold "Trey" Stewart III
Senator, District 2

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An Update from Senator Harold "Trey" Stewart III

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for allowing me the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am humbled by the trust you have put in me and can assure you that I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

As you are aware, Maine is in the midst of the one of its greatest difficulties both in public health and economic downturn. The 130th Maine Legislature faces the challenge posed by a \$1.4 billion budget shortfall and perhaps more than ever before, state government must learn to live within its means.

As we move through the Legislative session I will be mindful of this and will do my best to hold the line on any new taxes or unneeded borrowing. Like you and your family, state government must tighten its belt in slow economic times and make the difficult, but necessary decisions that will allow us to weather the storm.

At the same time, it is very important that we restore a sense of balance in state government where both the Governor and the Legislature work together on behalf of you, our constituents. This is even more important given the unusual nature of how and where this Legislature will meet, given the safety considerations required by the global pandemic. However the legislative process plays out, it is imperative that the public continue to have access to and play a critical role in the work of the Legislature. These will be a few of my priorities this coming year.

In addition to addressing these challenges, I will be serving on two legislative committees this session: Energy, Utilities, and Technology; Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 130th Legislature certainly has a great deal of work to do, but I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or trey.stewart@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or need assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Harold 'Trey' Stewart III
State Senator



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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. I know that this year has been challenging for many of our communities. In the midst of these challenges, it remains a privilege to represent you, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on in Congress for the people of the Second Congressional District.

The coronavirus pandemic has made this year an especially difficult one. We've seen the struggles of small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, and states and towns. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. In March, Congress passed the largest of three bipartisan pieces of relief legislation, the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*. The *CARES Act* was a \$2 trillion economic relief package to provide immediate assistance for some of those hit hardest by the pandemic. While an important start, many of the programs and benefits created by the *CARES Act* were set to expire by the end of 2020 at a time when COVID-19 cases were on the rise. That's why in late December, Congress passed another bipartisan bill to provide COVID-19 relief to small businesses and hospitals, the unemployed, and families struggling to put food on the table. However, the action Congress took at the end of 2020 cannot distract from its failure to act sooner. The unwillingness of many members of Congress to accept compromise throughout the fall left many Mainers struggling and led to a rushed process that produced a bill with serious flaws. In 2021, Congress needs to step up, come together, and lead the country through this pandemic and get our economy back on track.

There are a few bright spots that came out of the work done by Congress this year. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I helped advocate for a national defense bill that would include important priorities for American national security, Maine shipbuilders, and servicemembers and their families. The legislation authorizes a new DDG-51 Arleigh Burke-class destroyer to be constructed at Bath Iron Works and helps BIW compete for new work by encouraging a new multi-year procurement process for the DDG-51 Flight III. This funding bill also makes permanent new federal guidelines proposed by Senator King and me to allow Gold Star Families free admission to national parks and other federal lands.

I've been working to improve mental health services for veterans for years, and I led the Maine delegation's effort to address the need for long-term mental health substance abuse treatment for veterans in our state. This past fall the Veterans Administration announced we were successful. Construction starts next year on a new, 24-bed facility at Togus that will ensure Maine veterans won't be sent out of state to receive residential care for substance use disorder and associated mental health issues. This is one result that I am especially proud to deliver for my fellow Maine veterans.

As I reflect upon what I am most grateful for this year, I am especially glad to be able to share that my wife Izzy and I are expecting a baby in 2021. We are excited about this new addition to our family and look forward to the blessings ahead.

This period is challenging for Mainers as we all take steps to limit the spread of the coronavirus, protect our families and our communities, and lean on each other to withstand this pandemic and economic hardship. My staff and I stand ready to assist Mainers as we work through these challenges together. I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf in 2021.

Respectfully,

Jared Golden
Member of Congress



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Dear Easton Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the 130th Legislature. It is truly an honor to serve our community. This legislative session looks quite different because of the ongoing COVID -19 pandemic. We were sworn in at the Augusta Civic Center, and much of our early work has taken place remotely, with both legislators and the public participating via the internet. During this period of remote work, I've worked harder and for longer hours than any time during my four years of service. We may not be physically in Augusta right now, but I am completely dedicated to fighting for you in all of my work as your representative.

A big part of continuing to legislate accessibly and transparently is to keep you informed about the process. All our work is available to access online, either live or after the fact, and I encourage you to visit www.legislature.maine.gov if you are interested. I also hope you will feel free to contact me with any questions about our proceedings.

Our major focus in the upcoming session will be the creation of a balanced two-year state budget, and public hearings on this legislation are underway as of this writing. One of my goals for this budget includes making sure our recovery from the economic fallout of the pandemic leaves nobody behind, especially people in rural areas like ours. I will also be pushing to make sure the budget adequately funds our schools, strengthens our health care and provides help to local governments and property taxpayers.

Another critical area of work will be supporting our working families and businesses. We will continue to expand high-speed internet coverage, augment workforce training and invest in Maine's large infrastructure network. This session I have submitted a major piece of legislation, LD 80, aimed at investing in high-speed internet and broadband infrastructure specifically to support family farms, businesses and residences like those in our area.

This session, I continue to serve on the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee. As Mainers, we have deep ties to the land, both for our livelihoods and for recreation. I am pleased to again have the opportunity to work on policies that will help protect those lands and the industries they support.

I also continue to serve on the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. One of our top priorities this session will be to craft legislation that will help teachers and students navigate the devastating effects the pandemic has had on our schools.

Please contact me if I can be of any help to you and your family, or if you want to discuss any legislation. I fully welcome your questions and feedback.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David H. McCrea".

David McCrea
State Representative

TOWN OF EASTON OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Tuesday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Easton Board of Selectmen meet as needed, but generally on
the second Monday of the month at the Odd Fellows’ Hall at 7:00 PM.

Easton School Board meets the second Monday of the month
at the Easton Elementary School Library at 7:00 PM.

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“A mind is like a parachute. It doesn’t work if it isn’t open.” Frank Zappa



"Children see magic because they look for it." Christopher Moore

TRI-COMMUNITY LANDFILL HOURS:

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Monday-Friday	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

All vehicles are required to display a valid TCL permit sticker, which must be affixed to the permitted vehicle. The permit does not guarantee free waste disposal. Disposal fees are based on type and origin of waste.

Closed all federal and state legal holidays and Sundays.

CLEAN UP DAY INFORMATION:

Easton Clean Up: Twice a year, the Town of Easton will provide a collection point at the town garage on the Fry Pan Road for household junk, such as appliances, tires, furniture, wood, etc. Wood products must be separated. **NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE OR USED OIL.** There will also be a collection point next to the recycling igloos behind the town office to dispose of electronics such as: televisions, computers, monitors, printers, fluorescent bulbs, circuit boards, cell phones, fax machines, scanners, laptops, DVD/VCR players, batteries and copiers. All recyclables must be deposited in the igloos behind the town office. **EASTON RESIDENTS ONLY. NO COMMERCIAL LOADS.**

Pinetree Waste, Inc.: Commercial pick-up on Wednesday and residential pick-up on Thursday.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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Easton Fire Department	
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All other calls	488-6652
Easton Animal Control Officer	488-6652
Easton Recreation Department	488-6601
Easton Odd Fellows' Hall	488-7708
Odd Fellows' Hall: Scheduling of the use of the Odd Fellows' Hall can be done at the Town Office. Check for availability by calling Cheryl at 488-6652.	
Easton School Department	
Elementary School	488-7701
High School	488-7702
Easton Post Office	488-5751
Ambulance	911
Pinetree Waste Management	532-4264
Tri-Community Landfill	473-7840
Plumbing Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer (Tony Levesque)	472-3805
Maine State Police	532-2261
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