

Town of Easton



A Supportive Community



2021/2022 Annual Report of the Municipal Officers

Please bring to town meeting April 4, 2022

Selectmen recognized for years of service



Thank you to Paul Dudley (1984 to 2021) and Mike Corey (1988 to 2021) for their service to the Town of Easton as Selectmen.

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO THE TOWN MEETING

2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

of the Municipal Officers

of the Town of EASTON, MAINE

for Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 2022.

Polls will be open at the Odd Fellows' Hall/Community Center
on Monday, April 4, 2022 from 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM,
continuing with Open Town Meeting at 8:00 PM at the Easton
Elementary School Cafeteria and Gymnasium.



Bruce Flewelling, Chairman



Scott Allen, Vice-Chairman



Tammy Beaulier-Fuller



Douglas Blackstone



Norman Trask

*"Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice.
Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely." Roy T. Bennett*

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It was an honor to have Representative Dave McCrea present Official Expressions of Sentiment to Marcel Chalou for being recognized by NMCC as Student of the Year, Easton Field Days committee for receiving the Spirit of America Award, and Hillary Hallett for receiving MRPA William V. Haskell Distinguished Professional Award.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES



Jim Gardner, Town Manager



Cheryl Clark, Town Clerk



Hillary Hallett, Recreation Director



Bob Clark, Highway Foreman



Troy Finnemore, Highway



Greg White, Fire Chief



Ryan Gundy, Custodian

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Tammy Beaulier-Fuller Term Expires 2024
 Norman Trask Term Expires 2024
 Bruce Flewelling, Chairman Term Expires 2023
 Scott Allen, Vice-Chairman Term Expires 2023
 Douglas Blackstone Term Expires 2022

SCHOOL BOARD

David Hopkins Term Expires 2024
 Vacant Term Expires 2024
 Jeffrey Clark Term Expires 2023
 Thomas Osgood, Chairman Term Expires 2022
 Vacant Term Expires 2022

BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR

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

SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR

Richard Green	Cathy Gundy	Cynthia Flanagan
Richard Henderson	Keith Richardson	Rickie J. Hull
Ruth Cote	Merlon Cronkite	Lewis Copeland
Elise Perrault	Cody Humphrey	Matthew Pelletier
Ryan Guess	Vacant	Vacant

PLANNING BOARD

Kevin Marquis Term Expires 2024
 Richard Henderson Term Expires 2024
 Cynthia Flanagan Term Expires 2023
 Richard Green Term Expires 2023
 David Hopkins Term Expires 2022

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Andrew King	Term Expires 2024
Andrew Keep	Term Expires 2024
Storer DeMerchant	Term Expires 2023
Paul B. McAdam	Term Expires 2023
Stuart Cumming	Term Expires 2022

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 2022-2023 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
Joshua Blanchette	Captain
Chris Wilcox	Lieutenant
Mitchell Dufour	Lieutenant
Shawn Michaud	Training Officer
Hillary Hallett	Clerk

MEMBERS

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

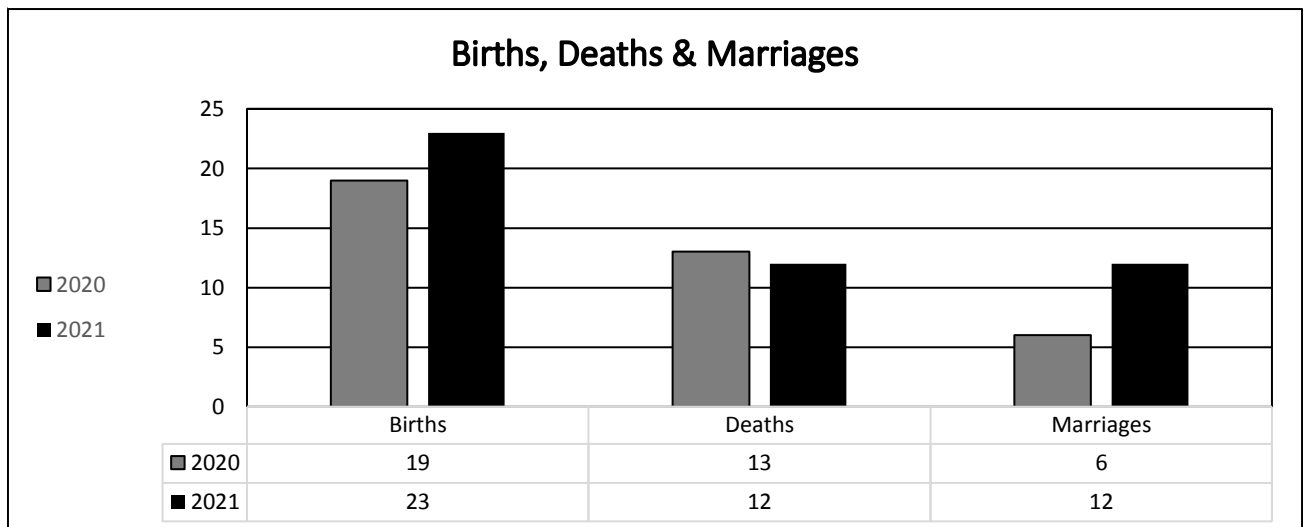
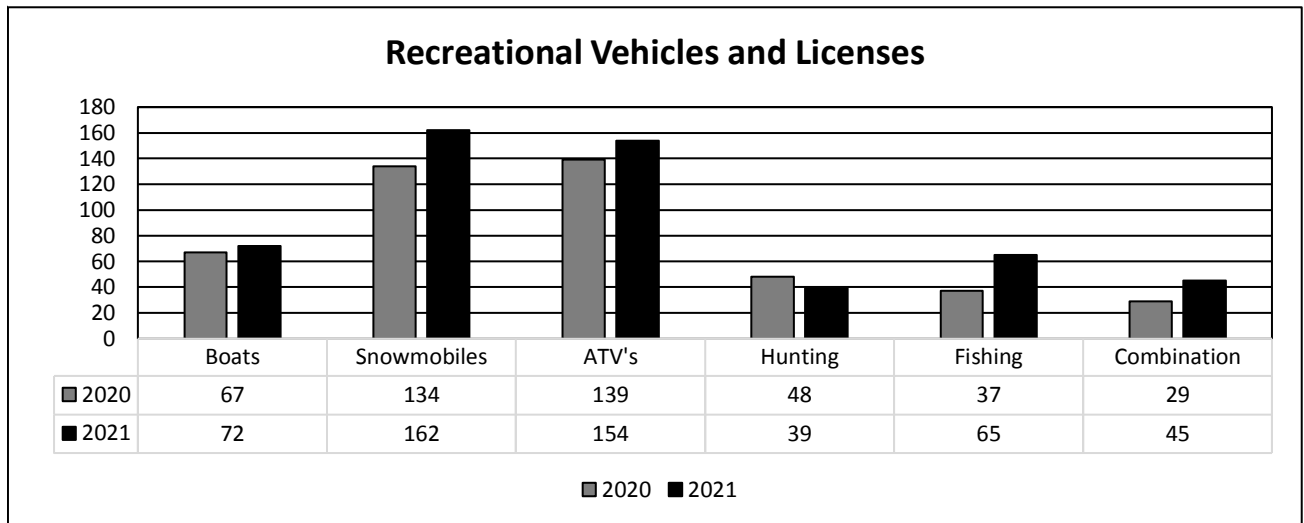
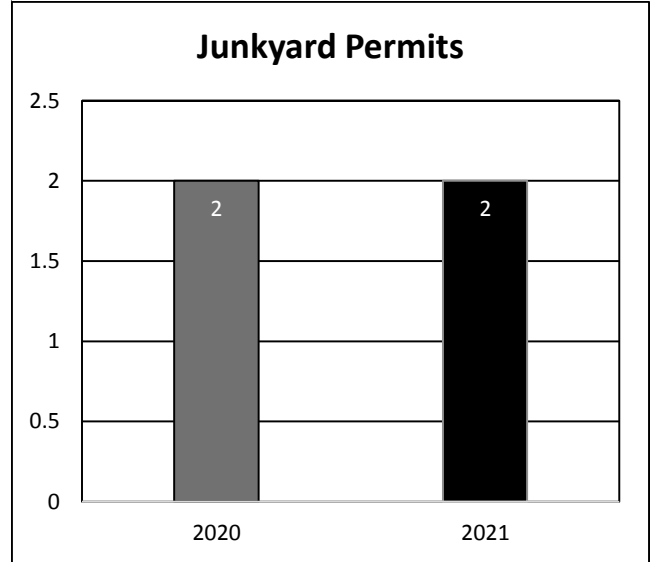
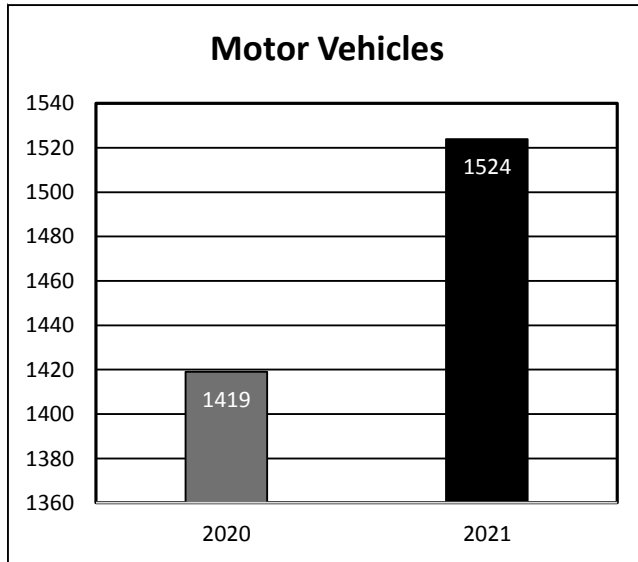
TOWN EMPLOYEES

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
Vacant	Animal Control Officer
Tony Levesque	Plumbing Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer
Hillary Hallett	Recreation Director
Bob Clark	Highway Foreman
Troy Finnemore	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
Craig Lamoreau	Attendance Officer



Town Manager Jim Gardner helps break ground for the new Francis Malcolm Science Center Observatory.

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 2021-2022 (February 16, 2021 – February 15, 2022) to the citizens of Easton.

Here we are, still in the middle of a national pandemic. COVID has had a grip on our nation for two years now; it seems we get out of one variant just to get into another. Yet we remain resilient.

This past year has brought some frustration waiting for the State of Maine to sign our grant contract for the Prestile Community Park Project, but we finally received permission to move forward on February 2, 2022. Starting this spring, we will be able to continue building a community park for all to enjoy.

Another successful financial budget year has come to an end. I would like to thank the Town of Easton Budget Committee members for their insight over the last 11 years, ensuring that all budgetary needs are met while keeping the final number in the black (positive) category. The Town of Easton is closing in on another residential/industrial revaluation 2024. Property in Easton is selling at costs well above the local assessments and this effects our State of Maine Reimbursements that save the local taxpayer on their yearly tax bill.

Our municipal departments should, again, be complemented for their performances in making sure that the residents of Easton receive the best service. Bob and Troy have continued to ensure that our roads are kept in the safest possible conditions for our residents, even being one man short in our Highway Department. I would personally like to thank Ira Dodge for his part-time contribution to plowing our municipal roads. Easton Highway Department continues to move forward in our 10-year paving plan to ensure that all roads in Easton are overlayed with pavement by 2024. You know that you have a special Recreation Department when other communities throughout the State of Maine are calling for suggestions on strengthening their respective recreational programs. Hillary has worked very hard throughout this whole pandemic making sure we can offer all the activities in a safe environment. Ryan has kept the Town of Easton village area in beautiful shape. We get complimented all the time on how nice the flowers, and the Town in general, look. The Town Office continues to move forward with all the changes effecting Municipal Government and the success that the office has had is tributed to Cheryl. I have been a Town Manager for almost 24 years and I have never been associated with a Town Clerk who carries the knowledge, courteousness, well manner ship and work ethic that Chery Clark possesses.

This is the part of my report where I reflect on life in general. I sat and wondered what the Easton girls' basketball team were thinking when Facebook was lit up with comments from certain sports broadcasters. I say to these young ladies, always be proud of who you are because you are very special to many people. In today's social environment, individuals sometimes say things they wish they could take back. I say, if you think that way, then you probably should not have said the statement at all. Always remember to be yourself and not try to be someone else because someone else already has that status in life; that's why we call them someone else.

In closing, I would like to thank my Board of Selectmen. Easton Board of Selectmen continues to look into the future and ensure that Easton residents always receive the best possible service. 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

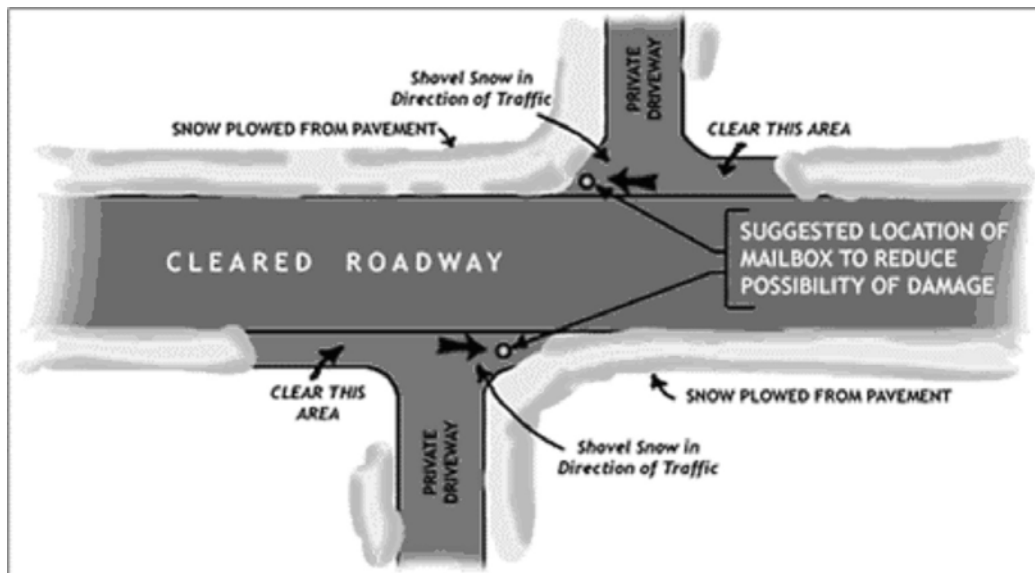
Last year's Highway Department projects included:

- Ditched 260 feet and installed a new driveway entrance and culvert on the Fuller Road.
- Ditched 470 feet on the Henderson Road, as well as installing three new driveway entrances and culverts.
- Cut back 350 feet of roadside brush on Forest Avenue.
- Ditched 500 feet and installed two new driveway entrances and culverts.
- Ditched 300 feet and installed one new driveway entrance and culvert, as well as applied calcium for dust control on the Bowers Road.
- Applied 25 ton of asphalt patch.
- Contracted with Northeast Paving to pave the Allen, Station, Duncan and Perry 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 Town mowing equipment. I would like to thank Troy Finnemore for his work, as well as Ira Dodge and Brent Bradley for helping us with snow plowing. I would also like to thank the Town Office staff and Board of Selectmen for their support.

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.



"People who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do." Roib Siltanen

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

It is my honor and privilege to continue to serve the great Town of Easton as Superintendent of Schools. Easton School Department is one of the last single-town school departments in the State, and is a shining example of how an effective small school can provide a high quality education year in and year out for it's students.

The pandemic has continued to bring unique and ever-changing challenges to the School Department. Faculty and staff have worked tirelessly, taken on new roles, and at times adjusted the way they do business in order to safely provide in-person instruction to the young people of Easton. Against all odds, the school department continues to provide cutting edge instruction and produce fine graduates.

Your School Department continues to set the standard for public education in a small community. Along with the Elementary School being nationally recognized as a "Blue Ribbon" public school, it has been 5th in the State of Maine, with the Jr/Sr High School being ranked 10th in the State of Maine by USNews.com. The schools are constantly commended for their dynamic instructional programming, top-level standardized assessment scores, athletic programs, and music and fine arts. Easton School Department has a rich history of providing the best public education in the area, and the faculty, staff, administration and School Board are committed to continuing that rich tradition and history.

As we begin the process of planning next year's operating budget, we will continue to meet the needs of the students and staff while being fiscally conscientious and responsible. We look forward to working collaboratively with community members to ensure that this is done in an appropriate and effective way.

As always, my most sincere gratitude to the School Board, faculty, staff, and community members for your heartfelt support of this great school system. It is an absolute honor to work with you all.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Stanley, Superintendent of Schools



"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way." Martin Luther King Jr.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

My first year as Animal Control Officer was an eye-opener as I dealt with pets and their owner's different personalities. COVID continued to delay my training in my second year. Working without the benefit of that training was very difficult.

I can proudly say I have had 17 dogs and 2 cats up-to-date on their shots. Next step is to get them licensed. I had to take 1 dog and 14 cats to the animal shelter.

A special "thank you" to someone who helped me humanely trap a feral mother cat with 3 kittens. It took time and patience. Many kudos to you!

I had to get the State Animal Welfare Agent for our area involved with the needed care of some goats, a cow and some chickens. I personally really like goats; I find them funny and smart.

I had to remove an older cat from his home because the owner had suddenly passed away; so sad and difficult. I have learned you wear many hats with this job.

I truly thank all involved for this opportunity of serving the Town of Easton.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Larsen, Animal Control Officer



"We generate fears while we sit. We overcome them by action." Dr. Henry Link

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Department continues to move forward providing the best possible emergency response to all *calls for help* with members dedicated and committed to each situation as well as giving of their time for the training necessary to fulfill this mission. This year, it is time to say thank you to all the residents of this town for your support, most recently with the approval to purchase a new truck. The process for building the truck has been influenced by the availability of many components or the lack thereof, but we are finally closing in on a delivery date of the E-ONE Pumper/Tanker truck for late July 2022. Again, thank you, and be confident this purchase goes a long way in enabling the Department to respond safely and extremely efficiently with the necessary tools to minimize the emergency situation's impact on the lives directly affected. I wish I could say that this purchase totally brings the Department to the set standard we strive for; but I can say that standard has become attainable and will hopefully be achieved soon. In line with acknowledging your support for our departmental needs, I am offering these tips or practices that are paramount in assuring you are as safe as possible in the event of an emergency in your own home.

Please carefully read these points; if you honestly are not able to check them, for whatever reason, then call us and we will do whatever is within our means to help you out. Remember, we participate in a program for the free installation of new smoke detectors at no cost to the homeowner.

Install smoke detectors on every level of your home, inside bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas.

Keep items that can catch on fire at least three feet away from anything that gets hot, such as space heaters.

Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas.

Stay in the kitchen whenever frying, grilling, or broiling food and stay in the house whenever the kitchen stove is on. (Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries.)

Have a fire escape plan: make sure all household members know two ways out from every room; make sure everyone knows where to meet outside; practice escaping from your home twice a year; practice waking up to smoke detectors, crawling low, and meeting outside. Practice STOP, DROP, and ROLL, if clothes are on fire.

GET OUT, STAY OUT, and CALL 911! (Make sure everyone knows how to call 911.)

Respectfully Submitted

Greg White, Fire Chief

Building fires	13
Vehicle fires	1
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fires	1
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	11
Power line down	1
Dispatched and cancelled en route	4
Training or testing	24

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING



"The best way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." Walt Disney

NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS

All dogs six months or older as of January 1, 2022 or whenever they turn six months must be licensed. Any owner that licenses their dog after January 31, 2022 will be charged an additional \$25.00 late fee. A valid rabies certificate must be presented at the time of licensing. On April 1, 2022 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 one dog was taken to the Aroostook Humane Society in 2021.

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, 2022. Persons receiving such an exemption are not required to apply annually.

There are three categories for the exemption: Post WW1 - \$6,000, WWI - \$7,000, and Paraplegic - \$50,000.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Residents who have owned, and lived in, 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.



"Integrity is the most valuable and respected quality of leadership. Always keep your word." Brian Tracy

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS 4/1/2021

Real Estate:

Land Value	\$42,057,100
Building Value	<u>\$97,345,600</u>
Total Real Estate Value	\$139,402,700

Personal Property:

Production machinery and equipment	\$57,624,707
Business Equipment	\$673,133
All other personal property	<u>\$121,866</u>
Total Personal Property	\$58,419,706

Total Taxable Valuation	\$197,822,406
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Municipal Tax Rate per \$1,000 = .0162 (mil rate)	\$3,204,722.98
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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ PLUMBING INSPECTOR REPORT

The following is a summary of the Plumbing Permits issued during 2021:

Internal Plumbing Permits	3
Sub-surface Waste Disposal Systems	<u>7</u>
Total	10

Seven (7) projects have been completed and inspected during 2021. There are no voided permits for 2021 and there are five (5) 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 six (6) Maine Forest Service Intent to Harvest Notifications received and reviewed this year, as well as a Petition for Variance for Performance Standards for a timber harvesting operation.

There have been complaints received on two Miscellaneous Nuisance Violations. Violation letters were issued, as well as two compliance letters.

I have reviewed all the documentation that has been submitted for DEP permitting on a solar farm proposed for location in Easton.

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

"Creativity is intelligence having fun." Albert Einstein

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Often, when I sit and reflect on the past year, I fear, at times, it seems redundant; but these past two years have been anything from repetitive. Programming has looked quite different and we have had to get creative as we've navigated the ever-changing protocols. But we did! Children were able to have new experiences & improve their skills and adults have been able to come back together in fellowship. With that being said, I can't thank our families and community members enough for being flexible and working with us during this pandemic. Also, thank you to our Board of Selectman and our always supportive Town Manager for allowing the Department to operate in the best way we could see fit. And as always, my thanks to you for sharing your children with me. It is an honor to be able to spend time with each and every one of them!

Our summer schedule was able to be closer to "normal" in summer 2021. Our programs were full to capacity and everyone had a great time with many of our programs evolving around the theme of space! We were able to offer a babysitting course, two space-themed art camps with Kristina Lento, Dutch Soccer Academy, two basketball camps, video game camp, kayak camp, dance camp, space science camp, swimming lessons, and field trips. We've also had the privilege, once again, of working with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Jennifer Frost and her crew brought us Blast Off VBS on the Hersom Road. Field trips included hiking Haystack, Tigerland Paintball, Art for Heart, Goughan's Mini Golf, Northern Maine Fair, and Katahdin Learning Project. There were many afternoons spent at the splash pad in Presque Isle and pool side in Fort Fairfield. Special thanks to the Presque Isle Memorial Library for the Lego days and yoga classes we were able to attend. We had a great time with the ladies of Wintergreen at Art for Heart and a week-long camp in their studio. Baseball was back in full-swing. Minor league was coached by our summer staff. Travis Carter led the Major League team, and Pony League was in good hands with Jason Brewer, John Bonner, and Nicole King. New programs for the season included Pitch, Hit & Run, a Community Safety Day, and a high-school/adult soccer league in the evenings. It was a success; folks joined in the fun from all over Aroostook County! We were also able to offer free breakfast and lunch 5-days a week for youth through 18 years of age.

As the weather cooled, children also had an opportunity to participate in multiple week-long programs such as; cooking camp, Build-a-Castle camp & Groovy camp at Wintergreen Arts Center, and golf camp at Mars Hill Country Club. After a year hiatus, the grades 1&2 soccer team was back on the field in the capable hands of Darren Carlisle as coach. Their season ended with an action-packed game of youth against their parents! Our 3rd & 4th grade soccer team enjoyed the beautiful fall weather and were able to sneak in several games including taking on Fort Fairfield, Ashland, Mars Hill, and Washburn. It was great to have our 5th & 6th team and Coach Carter back at it each Saturday participating in several round robins around Aroostook County and a season-end tournament! Thanks to our many volunteer coaches and officials who make this possible! After-school programs included bike safety, pumpkin cooking, a magic show, a visit to the school farm, playdough, Tie-Dye Against Tobacco with Northern Light Health, pumpkin painting, Halloween movie, seasonal crafts, Good News Club, gingerbread houses, and kids' yoga classes.

School vacations and early-release trips have included Horse Camp, Ninja Warrior, Wintergreen Arts, roller-skating, ice-skating, snow tubing & down-hill skiing at Big Rock, and bowling and have been well attended! New this year, we were able bring back our Little Bears Cheerleading program. Thanks so much to Hunter Nicholson for teaching sidelines, jumps, tumbling, and more to these energetic girls.

Our seniors' group has been quieter than usual, but we were able to enjoy our annual BBQ with Washburn and Ashland, Bone Builders classes, meals with Northern Light Health, lunches out, and Happy Days Club.

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito." Dalai Lama

Another greatly attended program offered twice this past year was a Good Canine Citizen class. We had such a great response to this class with Chris from Critter Hill Kennel and look forward to her return this spring.

I would like to thank the many organizations who help keep our programming fresh. I am hesitant to list them all, for fear of forgetting one, but I will do my best as they are so very important. Aroostook Area on Aging, Aroostook County Action Program, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Huber Engineered Woodes, McCain Foods USA, Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library, Northern Light Health – AR Gould, Northern Maine Community Recreation Association, and Wintergreen Arts Center. In addition, we are looking forward to teaming up with MSAD#1 Adult Education and Maine Health 5-2-1-0 in the near future.

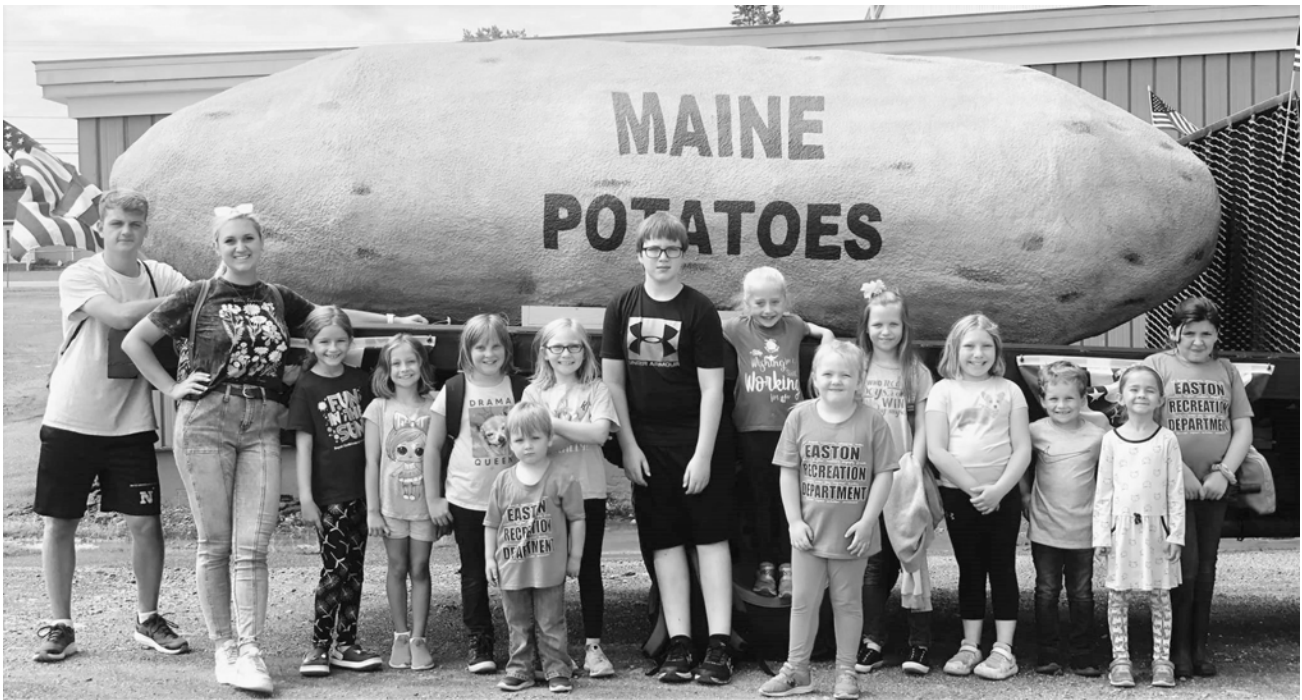
Our Board of Selectmen and Manager allow me to do my job in the best way I know how and support all of my sometimes crazy ambitions. We have a unique thing going here; I get to work closely with our Town Office, Schools, Fire & Highway Departments, etc. It's amazing how much can be accomplished when 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 the 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 & Mike McNaulty 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 are supportive and helpful in countless ways. While I don't know exactly how this coming year will proceed, I will continue to move forward with your children's (and our special little community's) interest at heart! Thanks again for sharing them with us!

Yours in Recreation,
Hillary Hallett, Recreation Director



"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think." Margaret Mead



"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple." Dr. Seuss



"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?" Dr. Suess



"There is no substitute for hard work." Thomas Edison



"Never regret anything that made you smile." Mark Twain

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

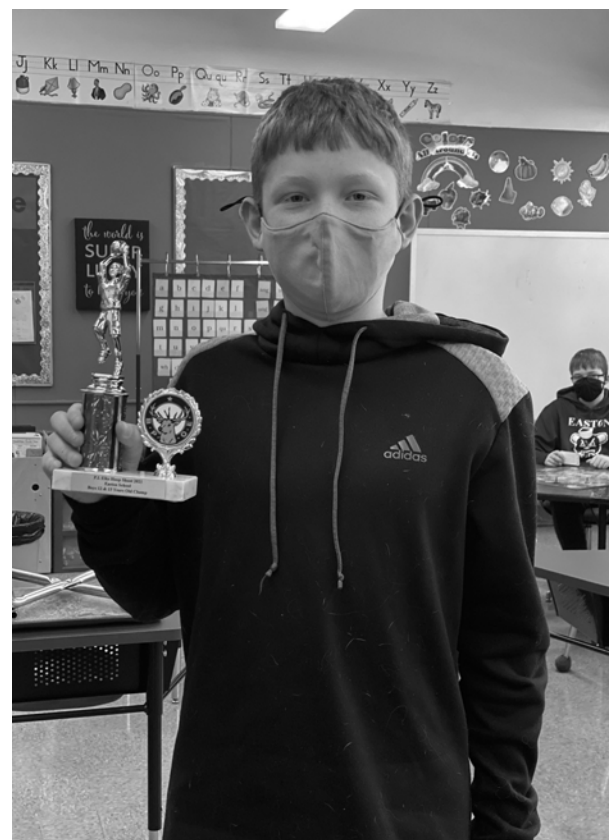
There are also two green containers for corrugated cardboard.

“It’s only after you’ve stepped outside of your comfort zone that you begin to change, grow, and transform.” Roy T. Bennett

2020 TAX LIENS

Burchett, John E.	\$76.93	
Cote, Ruth & Heirs of Roger	\$1,637.51	
Crandall, Heirs of Bernice and Heirs of Gaylord Curtis	\$318.71	*
Creasia, Michael S.	\$609.16	
Dionne, Robert W	\$907.46	
Guyette, Paul	\$472.57	
Hull, Heirs of Hollis, Barbara Bonville-Hull and Rickie M. Hull	\$234.08	Bal.
Lynds, Adam J.	\$843.09	
Maust, Robyn M. & Laurette A. LaFrance	\$397.21	
Nichols, Heirs of Clayton	\$1,708.16	
Nichols, Lawrence W.	\$257.48	
Pessini, Nate	\$97.34	
Plourde, Raymond N.	\$3,670.66	
Skidgel, Edward	\$238.64	
Turner, William	\$730.05	
Woollard, Debi-Jo	\$259.05	
TOTAL	\$12,458.10	

* Paid after books closed.



"We must be willing to let go of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us." Joseph Campbell

2021 LIST OF TAXES DUE

Bate, Kristie L.	\$1,093.50	
Boxwell, Hiers of Kristen D.	\$908.82	
Boxwell, Hiers of Kristen D.	\$1,557.11	Bal.
Burchett, John E.	\$79.38	
Callioras, Steven J.	\$1,582.67	Bal.
Condon, Heirs of Rhonda	\$149.04	
Cote, Ruth and Heirs of Roger	\$1,689.66	
Crandall, Heirs of Bernice and Tony & Andrew Curtis	\$328.86	*
Creasia, Michael S.	\$628.56	
Crockett, Justin A.	\$666.72	Bal.
Daniels, Shawn N.	\$813.01	Bal. *
Desmond, Kenneth C.	\$505.44	
Dionne, Robert W.	\$936.36	
Fitzherbert, Patricia	\$1,786.86	
Francis, Carol A.	\$1,105.44	Bal.
Gadaire, Lisa	\$554.04	*
Gagnon, Robert	\$187.92	
Guyette, Paul A.	\$487.62	
Hair, Jason A.	\$289.98	
Helton, John	\$64.80	
Hewitt, Chad	\$1,359.18	
Hull, Heirs of Hollis, Barbara Bonville-Hull and Rickie M. Hull	\$468.18	
Ireland, Tina L.	\$291.60	
Kennedy, Heirs of Adrienne	\$241.38	
King, Joshua D.	\$330.62	Bal.
Lamoreau, Cole L.	\$863.46	
Lamoreau, Rae M.	\$204.12	
LaTour, Dennis	\$392.08	Bal.
Lynds, Adams J.	\$869.94	
Maston, Michael A.	\$21.07	Bal. *
Maust, Robyn M. & Laurette A. LaFrance	\$409.86	
Mills, Rodney D. & Ian D. Mills	\$422.82	*
New England Tel & Tel Co.	\$1,607.04	
Nichols, Heirs of Clayton	\$1,762.56	
Nichols, Lawrence W.	\$265.68	
Pangburn, Christopher A. & Dale W. Tompkins	\$758.16	
Pangburn, Christopher A. & Dale W. Tompkins	\$1,616.76	
Parlin, Debbie E.	\$68.04	
Parlin, Leighton J. & Glenna P.	\$1,932.66	*
Pessini, Nate	\$100.44	
Plourde, Raymond N.	\$3,787.56	
Porter Farms, LLC	\$328.86	
Robbins, Warner C.	\$665.82	
Robbins, Warner C. & Anna V.	\$199.26	

"Courage isn't having the strength to go on - it is going on when you don't have strength." Napoleon Bonaparte

Sherwood, Cathie	\$948.69	Bal.
Skidgel, Edward L. & Holly A.	\$246.24	
Tibbetts, Adam	\$725.76	*
Tompkins, Samuel A. & Riqui L.	\$1,541.23	Bal.
Tompkins, Trent M.	\$507.06	
Turner, William R.	\$38.92	Bal.
Turner, William R.	\$753.30	
Woollard, Debi-Jo	\$267.30	

TOTAL**\$39,411.44**

* Paid after books closed.



"For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness." Ralph Waldo Emerson

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.

“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.” Mahatma Gandhi

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 4, 2022

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 4, 2022 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 4, 2022 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 40, 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, 2022 and that interest be charged on all unpaid taxes starting November first, 2022 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 allocate the total balance in the Industrial Park Fund to the Economic Community Development designated fund.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 6: 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, 2023.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 7: 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. 8: 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. 9: 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, 2024.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 10: 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, Odd Fellows rental fees, supplemental taxes, license fees and other miscellaneous income to be received in fiscal year ending February 15, 2023 to reduce the tax commitment by \$455,190.00.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 11: 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. 12: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$216,483.00 for Town Administration.

	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Salaries	\$118,439.00	\$116,457.97	\$123,080.00
457 DC Match	1,544.00	1,543.09	1,623.00
Health Insurance	44,031.00	43,140.08	44,921.00
MSRS Match	12,200.00	11,902.63	12,678.00
Medicare Match	1,718.00	1,702.00	2,031.00
Car Allowance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Supplies	5,600.00	5,373.47	5,600.00

Office Equipment Maintenance	1,200.00	929.11	1,200.00
Telephone/Internet	3,440.00	3,595.63	3,950.00
Electric	2,800.00	2,650.70	4,200.00
Training/Travel/Dues	2,500.00	1,757.77	2,500.00
Building Fuel	4,200.00	3,851.17	6,500.00
Postage	2,200.00	1,628.13	2,200.00
Building Services	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>2,216.22</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$207,372.00	\$200,747.97	\$216,483.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$92,622.00 for the Fire Department.

	2021-2022 Appropriated	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 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	3,107.08	3,000.00
Contract Services - Dispatch	2,800.00	2,700.00	2,800.00
Building Fuel	4,000.00	2,258.31	5,800.00
Training	3,000.00	2,344.55	3,000.00
Dues & Printing	1,000.00	809.99	1,000.00
Medicare	675.00	630.75	675.00
FICA	2,697.00	2,500.04	2,697.00
Repairs	9,000.00	7,208.91	9,000.00
Gas/Oil/Diesel	1,350.00	1,926.14	2,000.00
Supplies	5,500.00	6,657.30	6,000.00
Hepatitis Vaccination	100.00	0.00	100.00
Office Supplies/Cleaning Services	750.00	488.16	750.00
SCBA	2,000.00	2,111.84	2,000.00
Gloves, Coats, etc.	8,500.00	8,004.04	8,500.00
Insurance	<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>884.00</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$89,672.00	\$85,831.11	\$92,622.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$366,609.00 for the Highway Department.

	2021-2022 Appropriated	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Proposed
Salaries	\$139,425.00	\$111,414.61	\$153,437.00
457 DC Match	4,183.00	2,891.06	4,605.00
Medicare Match	2,301.00	1,640.62	2,532.00
MSRS Match	14,361.00	11,141.77	15,805.00
Health Insurance	28,610.00	27,398.66	29,580.00
Gas/Oil/Diesel	31,000.00	25,539.55	38,000.00
Sand & Salt	62,000.00	59,040.82	62,000.00

Equipment Repair	30,000.00	36,043.66	30,000.00
Tool & Supplies	7,000.00	7,207.24	7,000.00
Blades & Chains	4,000.00	2,936.11	4,000.00
Telephone/Internet	1,200.00	1,135.78	1,200.00
Electric	3,300.00	2,786.64	4,600.00
Building Fuel	4,500.00	3,442.65	6,600.00
Training/Dues	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Building Maintenance	6,000.00	4,302.90	6,000.00
Drug Testing	<u>250.00</u>	<u>239.25</u>	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL	\$339,130.00	\$297,161.32	\$366,609.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 15: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$106,234.00 for Recreation.

	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Salaries	\$38,090.00	\$38,084.80	\$42,120.00
457 DC Match	1,143.00	1,142.45	1,264.00
Seasonal/Bus Driver Salary	13,500.00	8,122.74	13,500.00
Health Insurance	29,104.00	28,760.06	30,000.00
Medicare Match	749.00	658.70	920.00
MSRS Match	5,314.00	4,459.54	5,730.00
Programs/Equipt/Supplies	7,600.00	5,583.71	7,600.00
Telephone/Internet	1,700.00	1,026.16	1,700.00
Field Maintenance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Training/Travel	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>372.95</u>	<u>2,400.00</u>
TOTAL	\$100,600.00	\$88,211.11	\$106,234.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 16: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$30,295.00 for the Buildings & Ground Maintenance Department.

	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,800.00
Medicare	0.00	0.00	345.00
MSRS Match	0.00	0.00	2,150.00
Supplies/Maintenance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,295.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 17: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$9,425.00 for the operation of the Odd Fellows' Hall.

	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Building Maintenance	\$3,300.00	\$4,007.48	\$1,500.00
Building Fuel	2,500.00	1,792.39	3,625.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,607.04	1,700.00
Electricity	<u>1,700.00</u>	<u>1,646.54</u>	<u>2,600.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8,900.00	\$9,053.45	\$9,425.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 18: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$219,040.00 for other expenses:

	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Tri-Community Landfill	\$124,000.00	\$124,785.50	\$130,000.00
Ambulance Service	14,850.00	14,800.52	14,850.00
Animal Control Officer	2,500.00	2,091.01	1,500.00
Plumbing Inspector	1,680.00	1,674.78	1,680.00
Code Enforcement Officer	560.00	558.28	560.00
Assessing	16,000.00	15,670.99	16,000.00
Beautification	3,000.00	3,267.12	3,000.00
General Assistance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Legal	4,000.00	3,332.25	3,000.00
Audit	8,300.00	8,300.00	8,400.00
Clean Up Day – Moved to TCL	3,700.00	3,971.63	0.00
TAN Interest	2,500.00	1,330.33	1,250.00
Advertising	2,000.00	3,276.00	2,000.00
Town Report	2,100.00	2,163.10	2,300.00
Street Lights	9,000.00	8,395.92	11,000.00
Contract Services	12,034.00	13,314.58	12,700.00
Selectmen's Discretionary	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Elections	2,700.00	1,648.90	2,700.00
Selectmen's Stipend	<u>4,100.00</u>	<u>4,058.00</u>	<u>4,100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$217,024.00	\$216,638.91	\$219,040.00.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 19: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$40,430.00 for Outside Requests:

	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
	Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
Cemetery Appropriation	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
MMA Dues	2,910.00	2,831.00	2,910.00
Catholic Charities	800.00	800.00	800.00
ACAP	260.00	260.00	505.00

Homeless Shelter	1,931.00	1,930.50	1,931.00
NMDC Dues	4,929.00	4,928.84	5,051.00
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	2,446.00	2,508.00
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	5,000.00
Easton ATV Club	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$42,201.00	\$42,121.34	\$40,430.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 20: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,770.00 for insurance.

2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
\$28,797.00	\$28,139.84	\$33,770.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 21: To see if the Town will raise \$300,000.00 for the Town Road Improvement Fund.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 22: To see if the Town will accept approximately \$39,504.00 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. 23: To see if the Town will appropriate \$416,550.00 from the Town Road Improvement account for summer road maintenance and to carry-over any unexpended balance.

2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
\$352,000.00	\$280,656.37	\$416,550.00

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 24: To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$150,000.00 to be placed in the equipment reserve account.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 25: To see if the Town will appropriate \$70,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve account for matching funds used for a new fire truck grant from FEMA.

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.

2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
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 2023.

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 Maintenance
Town Retirement Reserve	Sand/Salt Shed
Signage	Municipal Building Repair Project

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

2022 Carry-over Balances	
Town Road Improvement	\$77,143.27
Town Owned Property Sales	\$57,334.82
Selectmen's Discretionary	\$3,946.72
General Assistance	\$3,721.51
Tennis Court	\$19,311.43
Planning Board Account	\$598.32
Education	\$(43,015.75)
Equipment Reserve	\$97,426.91
Insurance Reserve	\$3,000.00
Office Equipment Reserve	\$4,456.31

Town Retirement Reserve	\$8,753.56
School Retirement Reserve	\$10,000.00
General Building Maintenance	\$174.81
Municipal Building Repair Project	\$25,000.00
Signage	\$2,186.04
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 2024 annual budget during the period from February 16, 2023 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 2022-2023 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 2023.

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 \$14,200.00 to the Easton Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Art. 37: Shall the Town of Easton vote to approve 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 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

Art. 40: To see if the Town will appropriate \$130,000 from the Equipment Reserve account for the purchase of a 2022 Hitachi ZW150-6 payloader for the Highway Department.

Selectmen Recommend: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022 A.D.
EASTON SELECTMEN**

Bruce V. Flewelling

Scott F. Allen

Douglas R. Blackstone

Tammy M. Beaulier-Fuller

Norman G. Trask

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, on the ____ day of March, 2022, 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 4, 2022
9:00 AM TO 6:30 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 2025) VOTE FOR ONE

☐

Blackstone, Douglas

Easton

SCHOOL BOARD (TERM ENDING APRIL 2025) VOTE FOR TWO

☐

Ellis, Meaghan

Easton

☐

MacPherson, Michele

Easton

☐

Osgood, Thomas

Easton

SCHOOL BOARD (TERM ENDING APRIL 2024) VOTE FOR ONE

☐

Siddiqui, Penney

Easton



The following schedules have been excerpted from the year ended February 15, 2022 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
- Long-term debt
- Village Acres Housing Project
- Assigned fund balances

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINEBALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FEBRUARY 15, 2022

	Major Fund General	Special Revenue Funds		Totals
		Major UDAG	Non-Major Other	
<i>Assets</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,559,136	\$ 308,517	\$ -	\$ 1,867,653
Uncollected taxes, net of allowance for uncollectible	39,411	-	-	39,411
Tax liens	15,292	-	-	15,292
Due from other funds	287,746	-	-	287,746
Village Acres Housing Project		69,302		69,302
Notes / accounts receivable	-	92,541	-	92,541
Tax acquired property	10,970	-	-	10,970
	<u>\$ 1,912,555</u>	<u>\$ 470,360</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,382,915</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>				
Other accrued expenses	\$ 943	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 943
Taxes collected in advance	38,063	-	-	38,063
Due to other governments	2,225	-	-	2,225
Due to other funds	-	-	287,746	287,746
	<u>41,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>287,746</u>	<u>328,977</u>
<i>Deferred inflow of resources</i>				
Unearned property tax revenues	35,532	-	-	35,532
<i>Fund Balance:</i>				
Reserved for noncurrent notes receivable	-	69,302	-	69,302
Non-spendable	10,970	-	-	10,970
Committed for Town projects	345,646	-	-	345,646
Unreserved:				
General Fund - School designated	244,730	-	-	244,730
Unassigned fund balance	1,234,446	-	-	1,234,446
Special revenue funds	-	401,058	(287,746)	113,312
Total fund balance	<u>1,835,792</u>	<u>470,360</u>	<u>(287,746)</u>	<u>2,018,406</u>
	<u>\$ 1,912,555</u>	<u>\$ 470,360</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,382,915</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, 2022

	Budget				Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Adjustment	Final	Actual	
<i>Revenues</i>					
Taxes	\$ 3,356,066	\$ -	\$ 3,356,066	\$ 3,444,489	\$ 88,423
Intergovernmental revenues	2,025,012	14,197	2,039,209	2,132,227	93,018
Interest	13,000	-	13,000	7,353	(5,647)
Other revenues	25,000	-	25,000	21,160	(3,840)
	<u>5,419,078</u>	<u>14,197</u>	<u>5,433,275</u>	<u>5,605,229</u>	<u>171,954</u>
<i>Expenditures</i>					
General government	424,396	-	424,396	425,693	(1,297)
Fire department	89,672	-	89,672	85,831	3,841
Highways	339,130	-	339,130	297,161	41,969
County tax	392,277	-	392,277	392,277	-
Education (excluding debt service)	3,832,437	-	3,832,437	3,740,010	92,427
Recreation/Arts	100,600	-	100,600	88,211	12,389
Snowmobile grant	-	14,197	14,197	14,197	-
Odd Fellows' Hall	8,900	-	8,900	9,053	(153)
Outside Requests	30,201	-	30,201	30,121	80
Insurances	28,798	-	28,798	28,140	658
Reserves	159,000	385,000	544,000	476,408	67,592
Capital projects	430,000	-	430,000	280,656	149,344
Total expenditures	<u>5,835,411</u>	<u>399,197</u>	<u>6,234,608</u>	<u>5,867,758</u>	<u>366,850</u>
<i>Other items</i>					
Debt proceeds	-	385,000	385,000	385,000	-
Transfers to fiduciary fund					
Cemetery	(12,000)	-	(12,000)	(12,000)	
	<u>(12,000)</u>	<u>385,000</u>	<u>373,000</u>	<u>373,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures</i>	<u>\$ (428,333)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (428,333)</u>	<u>\$ 110,471</u>	<u>\$ (194,896)</u>
<i>Fund balance, beginning of year</i>				<u>1,725,321</u>	
<i>Fund balance, end of year</i>				<u>\$ 1,835,792</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, 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
<i>Taxes</i>			
Property Taxes	\$ 3,085,266	\$ 3,204,656	\$ 119,390
Supplemental tax	-	201	201
Abatements	-	(58,419)	(58,419)
Excise taxes	270,800	298,051	27,251
	<u>3,356,066</u>	<u>3,444,489</u>	<u>88,423</u>
<i>Intergovernmental revenue</i>			
State education revenues	438,975	483,207	44,232
State revenue sharing	119,000	138,290	19,290
State local road assistance	-	41,658	41,658
Homestead exemption	101,828	89,624	(12,204)
BETE reimbursement	1,365,209	1,365,251	42
Snowmobile grant	-	14,197	14,197
	<u>2,025,012</u>	<u>2,132,227</u>	<u>107,215</u>
<i>Interest:</i>			
Interest/fees on late property taxes	9,000	6,835	(2,165)
Interest on investments	4,000	518	(3,482)
	<u>13,000</u>	<u>7,353</u>	<u>(5,647)</u>
<i>Other revenues</i>			
Clerk fees	1,200	1,344	144
Registration fees	7,000	8,968	1,968
Cleanup day	-	872	872
Miscellaneous town income	16,800	9,976	(6,824)
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>21,160</u>	<u>(3,840)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 5,419,078</u>	<u>\$ 5,605,229</u>	<u>\$ 186,151</u>

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FEBRUARY 15, 2022

	Enterprise Funds		
	Non-Major Industrial Park	Major Grange Apartments	Totals
<i>Current assets:</i>			
Cash	\$ 38,893	\$ 110,224	\$ 149,117
<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)	(267,229)	(291,385)
	43,452	76,278	119,730
	<u>\$ 82,345</u>	<u>\$ 186,502</u>	<u>\$ 268,847</u>
<i>Liabilities:</i>			
Security deposits	\$ -	\$ 2,204	\$ 2,204
Due to General fund	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,204</u>	<u>2,204</u>
<i>Net Position</i>			
Investment in capital assets	43,452	76,278	119,730
Unrestricted	38,893	108,020	146,913
	<u>82,345</u>	<u>184,298</u>	<u>266,643</u>
	<u>\$ 82,345</u>	<u>\$ 186,502</u>	<u>\$ 268,847</u>

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2022

	Enterprise Funds		
	Non-major Industrial Park	Major Grange Apartments	Totals
Revenues			
Rental income	\$ -	\$ 28,861	\$ 28,861
Expenses			
Electricity	-	4,909	4,909
Building maintenance	-	19,209	19,209
Heating oil	-	7,160	7,160
Insurance	-	4,100	4,100
Wages-ground maintenance	-	16,312	16,312
Depreciation	-	626	626
Total expenses	-	52,316	52,316
Operating income (loss)	-	(23,455)	(23,455)
Other income (expense)			
Interest income	95	323	418
Change in net position	95	(23,132)	(23,037)
Net position - February 16	82,250	207,430	289,680
Net position - February 15	\$ 82,345	\$ 184,298	\$ 266,643

Schedule 6

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS - NON MAJOR FUND
FEBRUARY 15, 2022

	Education Federal/State Programs
Liabilities	
Due to other funds	<u>\$ 287,746</u>
Fund balances:	
Unreserved, undesignated	<u>\$ (287,746)</u>

Schedule 7

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL NON-MAJOR FUNDS
FEBRUARY 15, 2022

	Special Revenue Education Federal/State Programs
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Revenues:	
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ 499,608
Expenditures:	
Education	<hr/> 635,051
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(135,443)
Fund balance, beginning of year	<hr/> (152,303)
Fund balance, end of year	<hr/> <u>\$ (287,746)</u>

Schedule 8

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FEBRUARY 15, 2022

	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	\$ 18,486	\$ 2,157	\$ 2,949	\$ 7,555	\$ 413	\$ 1,095,988	\$ 37,266	\$ 85,692	\$ 89	\$ 12,047	\$ 1,262,642
Interfund receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 18,486</u>	<u>\$ 2,157</u>	<u>\$ 2,949</u>	<u>\$ 7,555</u>	<u>\$ 413</u>	<u>\$ 1,095,988</u>	<u>\$ 37,266</u>	<u>\$ 85,692</u>	<u>\$ 89</u>	<u>\$ 12,047</u>	<u>\$ 1,262,642</u>
Liabilities:											
Due to general fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interfund loan payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred compensation payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets:											
Permanently restricted	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	1,000,000
Unreserved	18,486	2,157	2,949	7,555	413	95,988	37,266	85,692	89	12,047	262,642
	<u>18,486</u>	<u>2,157</u>	<u>2,949</u>	<u>7,555</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>1,095,988</u>	<u>37,266</u>	<u>85,692</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>12,047</u>	<u>1,262,642</u>
Total liabilities & net assets	<u>\$ 18,486</u>	<u>\$ 2,157</u>	<u>\$ 2,949</u>	<u>\$ 7,555</u>	<u>\$ 413</u>	<u>\$ 1,095,988</u>	<u>\$ 37,266</u>	<u>\$ 85,692</u>	<u>\$ 89</u>	<u>\$ 12,047</u>	<u>\$ 1,262,642</u>

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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 310	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,978	\$ 18,835	\$ 8,700	\$ 112,823
Interest income	45	6	7	19	1	2,673	79	69	1	34	2,934
Other additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,800	-	-	-	1,800
Total additions	45	6	7	19	311	2,673	1,879	85,047	18,836	8,734	117,557
Deductions:											
Scholarships	-	-	-	500	400	1,500	-	-	-	-	2,400
Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,226	5,820	19,603	-	32,649
Field Days expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,875	10,875
Total deductions	-	-	-	500	400	1,500	7,226	5,820	19,603	10,875	45,924
Changes in net assets	45	6	7	(481)	(89)	1,173	(5,347)	79,227	(767)	(2,141)	71,633
Other items											
Interfund transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,000	-	-	-	12,000
Net assets, February 16	18,441	2,151	2,942	8,036	502	1,094,815	30,613	6,465	856	14,188	1,179,009
Net assets, February 15	\$ 18,486	\$ 2,157	\$ 2,949	\$ 7,555	\$ 413	\$ 1,095,988	\$ 37,266	\$ 85,692	\$ 89	\$ 12,047	\$ 1,262,642

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

SELECTED NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

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 9th 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 \$119,390 for the year ended February 15, 2022.

The Town of Easton receives approximately 63% of its total property tax revenues from McCain Foods, Inc. and J.M. Huber Corp. Total tax revenues from these taxpayers totaled \$2,013,435 and \$2,312,632 for the fiscal years ended February 15, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Notes Receivable**UDAG 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, 2022:

<u>Due From</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>February 15, 2022 Balance</u>
Tucker Sno-Cat Groomer	8/2027	\$ 15,805
Little School septic		1,600
Engineer Station Rd		52,486
Pendexter septic		600
EHC Roofing	6/2030	22,050
		<u>\$ 92,541</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, 2022 is \$22,050.

During the fiscal year ended February 15, 2022, the Town used \$52,486 for engineering costs related to the construction of a subdivision. These funds will be paid back to UDAG as lots are sold in the subdivision.

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd)

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.

Assigned Fund Balance

At February 15, 2022, portions of the general fund equity were designated to future periods as follows:

Equipment Reserve	\$ 97,427
Sand / salt shed	(4,850)
Selectmen's discretionary	3,947
Insurance reserve	3,000
Computer reserve	4,456
Town retirement reserve	8,754
Municipal building repair	174
ARPA Funds	59,944
School retirement reserve	10,000
Town owned property	57,335
Fire truck	38,500
Municipal building project	25,000
Town road improvement	16,142
General assistance	3,722
Tennis courts	19,311
Signage	2,186
Planning	598
	<u>\$ 345,646</u>

January 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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



Best

Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator



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COMMITTEES
APPROPRIATIONS
HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS
SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON AGING

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Harold “Trey” Stewart III
Senator, District 2

130th MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

December 2021

Dear Friends and Residents:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to be a voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta. Ensuring the desires of Northern Maine are heard, I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

The 130th Legislature began unlike any other. Public hearings and work sessions, traditionally held in filled committee rooms at the State House, took place virtually online. And the Legislature convened for the first time in person at the Augusta Civic Center in March. Given the unusual nature of how the Legislature met to accommodate safety considerations required by the pandemic, I was adamant that the balance in state government between the Executive and Legislative branches be restored, and that the public continues to have access in playing a critical role in the work of the Legislature.

I was very pleased when the Legislature was able to convene at the State House in June. Before adjourning on July 19, we passed a supplemental budget and determined how the American Rescue Plan funds should be appropriated. We also passed legislation to give back nearly \$150 million in surplus revenue to taxpayers as a one-time payment of \$285 that was distributed to hard-working Mainers. Despite being in a Democrat-controlled Legislature, 14 of the bills I sponsored became law. I am proud to say that this was the most of any Republican.

The 2nd Session will begin in January. I am eager to get back to work supporting bills that help Mainers and small businesses alike who have struggled as a result of the pandemic. I will continue to serve as the ranking Republican on two committees – Energy, Utilities, and Technology as well as Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please feel free to contact me by phone at 287-1505 or at trey.stewart@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or need assistance in navigating our state’s bureaucracy. If you would like to receive regular legislative updates, you may sign up to do so at www.mesenategop.com. Finally, I encourage you to get involved and contact your local, state and federal representatives to let them know how you feel on various matters. Many things have changed during the pandemic that will have a lasting impact, and it is imperative your representatives know how you feel on these critically important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trey Stewart', is placed above the printed name.

Harold “Trey” Stewart III
State Senator

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Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Small Business

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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



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**HOUSE OF
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TTY: MAINE RELAY 711

Dear Neighbors:

It continues to be an honor to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta.

In 2021, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to deliver big victories for the people of Maine. We passed a two-year state budget with overwhelming bipartisan support that will stabilize property taxes, keep free breakfast and lunch available to all students and protect our natural resources. We took steps to make healthcare more accessible, made much-needed investments in our infrastructure, allocated federal relief funds to help small businesses, filled workforce shortages and expanded access to child care.

As I write this, we are well into the second year of the two-year term in January 2022. In the coming months, I will continue to build on these successes and focus on the areas where more work is needed. That includes expanding access to affordable housing, combatting the opioid epidemic and strengthening our workforce, among other issues.

I continue to serve on the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee where we will take up legislation to improve Maine's education system from prekindergarten, all the way through to our colleges and universities offering a range of higher education degrees. I am also pleased to continue serving on the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee where we will deal with a number of important bills aimed at keeping our environment and the communities that rely on our natural resources safe and prosperous.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I will continue to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we are doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance or if you would like to discuss or testify on any legislation. You can reach me by email at David.McCrea@legislature.maine.gov. I also send out periodic email newsletters. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

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 Easton Town Office at 6:30 PM.

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

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
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STATE SENATE DISTRICT 2

Senator Harold “Trey” Stewart III

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



"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today." Will Rogers

TRI-COMMUNITY LANDFILL HOURS:

	Private	Commercial
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

Easton Town Office	488-6652 or 488-7706 Fax 488-7706
Town Manager	
Town Clerk	
Estes Park Cemetery	
Mount Shiloh Cemetery	
Pine Tree Cemetery	
Easton Grange Apartments	
Easton Odd Fellows' Hall Rental	
Easton Highway Department	488-7705
Easton Fire Department	
EMERGENCY ONLY	911
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
EMERGENCY ONLY	911
Aroostook County Sheriff's Department	532-3471
EMERGENCY ONLY	911

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