

# *Town of Easton*



Missing from Photo: Erin Ireland, Vonda Lavway, Earlene Lawrence, Karen Ireland, and Tabitha Bridges.

*Thank you to our dedicated teachers*



*2022/2023 Annual Report of the Municipal Officers  
Please bring to town meeting April 3, 2023*

# **2022 MSA Groomer of the Year Dwight Flewelling**



**Dwight Flewelling is one of the founders of the Easton Trail-breakers Club and has served as Trailmaster for over 30 years. He is out in the fields driving stakes and putting up field markers as soon as the farmers are done in the fall and when the snow leaves in the spring he is right back out there pulling them back out so the farmers can get back to work. At 77, he is still in the driver's seat of the groomer, and it's usually at midnight until the wee hours of the morning. Congratulations Dwight, for this well-deserved honor!** Photo and content credit to Mark Chinnock, MSA Trails Chairman

# **PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO THE TOWN MEETING**

## **2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

**of the Municipal Officers**

**of the Town of EASTON, MAINE**

**for Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 2023.**

**Polls will be open at the Odd Fellows' Hall/Community Center  
on Monday, April 3, 2023 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

*“Leadership is not about being in charge. Leadership is about taking care of those in your charge.” Simon Sinek*

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**Thank you to Machias Savings Bank for a donation of \$2,500 to the Prestile Community Park for playground equipment!**  
 Pictured from L to R: Ken Stewart - Business Banker, Cheryl Clark - Town Clerk, Tim Goff - Presque Isle Branch Manager, Jim Gardner - Town Manager and Ryan Madore - Cash Management Relationship Manager.

## MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES



Jim Gardner, Town Manager



Cheryl Clark, Town Clerk



Hillary Hallett, Recreation Director



Bob Clark, Highway Foreman



Michael Pelkey, Highway



Greg White, Fire Chief



Ryan Gundy, Buildings & Grounds

# MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Douglas Blackstone ..... Term Expires 2025  
 Tammy Beaulier-Fuller ..... Term Expires 2024  
 Norman Trask ..... Term Expires 2024  
 Bruce Flewelling, Chairman ..... Term Expires 2023  
 Scott Allen, Vice-Chairman ..... Term Expires 2023

## SCHOOL BOARD

Michele Dodge ..... Term Expires 2025  
 Vacant ..... Term Expires 2025  
 David Hopkins, Chairman ..... Term Expires 2024  
 Penney Siddiqui ..... Term Expires 2024  
 Jeffrey Clark ..... Term Expires 2023

## BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE 2023-2024 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	Merlon Cronkite	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	Averill Gardner
Elise Perrault	Cody Humphrey	Matthew Pelletier
Ryan Guess	Vacant	Ira Dodge

## PLANNING BOARD

Cody Humphrey ..... Term Expires 2025  
 Kevin Marquis ..... Term Expires 2024  
 Richard Henderson ..... Term Expires 2024  
 Cynthia Flanagan ..... Term Expires 2023  
 Richard Green ..... Term Expires 2023

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Stuart Cumming .....	Term Expires 2025
Andrew King .....	Term Expires 2024
Andrew Keep .....	Term Expires 2024
Storer DeMerchant .....	Term Expires 2023
Paul B. McAdam .....	Term Expires 2023

## 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

## 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

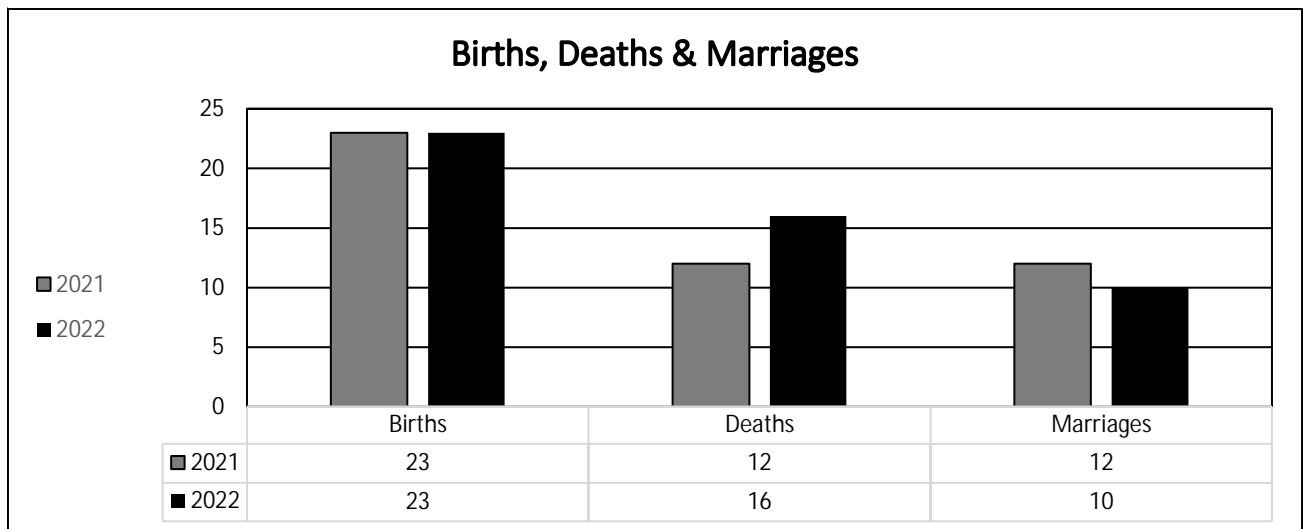
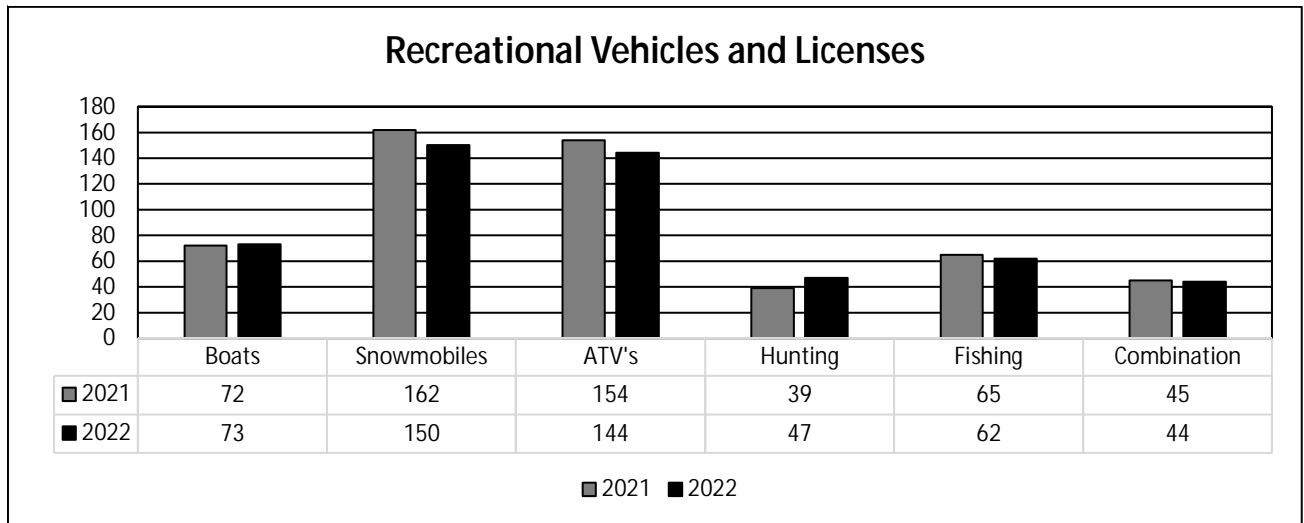
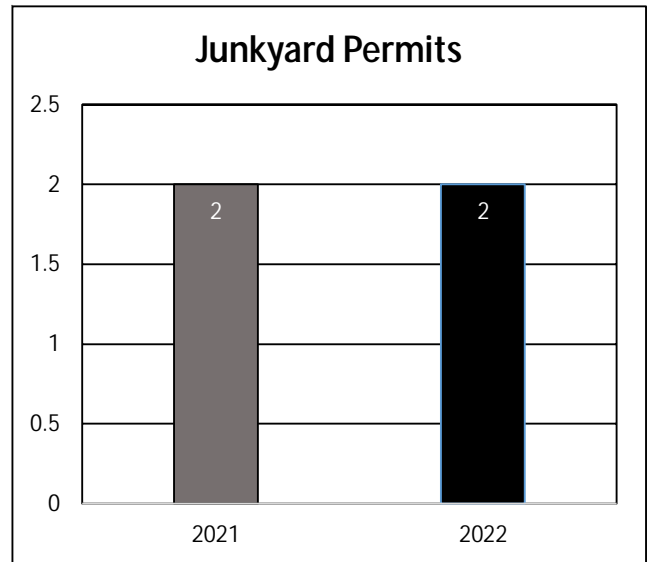
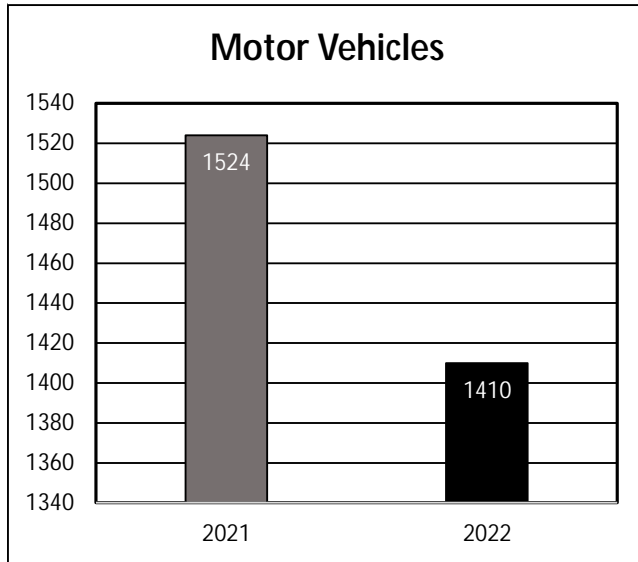
Gary Barnes	James Desmond	Kim White
Justin Cote	Paul DeMerchant	Brady Smith
Carl Mullen, Jr.	Shelliese Mullen	Carter Mazerolle
Chad Hewitt	Zack Argraves	Stephanie Bernard
Dana Cyr	Zachary Lamoreau	Jordan Doody
Wilder Mitchell	Dan Varnum	Adam Perkins
Trey Brewer	Zach Mills	Zach Pelletier
Rylee Cassidy	Grace Ellis	Kenzie Legassie

## 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
Michael Pelkey .....	Highway Operator/Mechanic
Gregory White .....	Fire Chief
	Emergency Management Director
Ryan Gundy .....	Buildings and Grounds
Mark Stanley .....	Superintendent of Schools
Laura Hunter .....	High School Principal
Erin Ireland .....	Elementary School Principal
Adam Perkins .....	Attendance Officer



# 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 2022-2023 (February 16, 2022 – February 15, 2023) to the citizens of Easton.

As we waded through the COVID 19 pandemic, there seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel. Scientist and physicians continue to try and find the right medicine to be administered for different variants.

This past year has been, to say the least, very busy and productive. After receiving our contract approval for the Prestile Community Park from the Department of Conservation, the Prestile Community Park Committee went to work. We have completed the 125' berm, completed the pavilion, dug the well and cleaned the area for the next piece of the project. The Prestile Community Park Committee hopes to have a grand opening of the park in the fall of 2023.

I am sure most citizens have notice that the Easton Town Office has moved to, what some will remember as the health clinic, or for those who have been around awhile, the restaurant. We have had nothing but positive comments on the facility. The Easton Board of Selectmen are now in the planning stages with the Easton Fire Department in renovating the building that houses the Easton Fire Department, Easton Recreation Department, Easton Buildings and Grounds Department and Easton School Department buses.

Another successful financial budget year has come to an end. I can't thank the Easton Budget Committee enough for their insight and suggestions on our annual budget. This year will be a challenge to create a budget that has as little impact on our mil rate as possible. It is very clear from this point that the mil rate will increase in 2023 tax year because of high inflation numbers and newly signed contracts for emergency medical care services, as well as, other uncontrolled increases in other services.

Our municipal departments should, again, be complemented for their performances in making sure that the residents of Easton receive the best service. Highway Department has a new face in Mike Pelkey. Bob Clark continues to lead a very successful department in assuring that our roads are safe for all citizens. As stated in some of my past letters to the citizens of Easton, we are very fortunate to have Hillary Hallett as our Recreation Director. Hillary continues to offer an array of programs, both educational and fun activities, for all citizens of Easton. Ryan Gundy has taken control of Easton's Buildings and Grounds Department, which has clearly been a great asset for the Town of Easton. From keeping our community looking attractive in the summer to ensuring our sidewalks are free of ice and snow in the winter, Ryan has displayed the necessary tools and energy to continue the success that this department has accomplished to date. I know that I do not only speak for myself, but for every Town Manager she has shared her work day with, without Cheryl Clark, Easton Town Office would not run as smoothly as it does.

This is the part of my report where I reflect on life in general. As I have just finished my 6<sup>th</sup> and final year as Executive Board member and President of the Maine Municipal Association, I was proud to be Easton's Town Manager. There have been many comments from other Town Managers on how a little community in Northern Maine could be so successful in all their endeavors. This success could not be possible without our productive industries, school department, and most of all, citizens of our small community.

In closing, I would like to thank my Board of Selectmen. Easton Board of Selectmen continue to look into ventures of improving our community 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

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

I am proud to provide you with a report on the exciting things happening with your local schools. First and most importantly, the Easton School Department continues to provide top instruction for the students, and their standardized assessment scores again surpass state averages. This is a testament to the quality of teaching within our schools, the hard working, inquisitive students we are lucky to instruct, and the supportive families that trust us with their children.

The Heating and Ventilation Project has proceeded as expected and will be completed within budget. Each building is now equipped with 2 high efficiency boilers, new pumps and delivery system, and each classroom within the schools has a high efficiency unit ventilator which provides warm, fresh air to the instructional spaces. Each building is now set up with a versatile, cutting-edge control system, as well as, an alarm system that is specifically designed for the School Department's needs. In mid-April, we will be installing Energy Recovery Ventilators in both gymnasiums, in order to provide fresh air to the most commonly used spaces for community events.

I am also pleased to announce that the Easton School Department has launched an aggressive fundraising campaign to renovate the Jr/Sr High School Gymnasium, with the goal of installation in the summer of 2024. Estimates have a new floor, bleachers, wall padding and protective floor covering to be approximately \$175,000. Through their "Impact Your Community" grant, JM Huber Corporation has donated \$50,000, one of 12 grants given worldwide this year. McCain Foods has also generously donated \$50,000 to our cause. The generosity of these two companies is incredible, and will allow us to provide a top-notch gymnasium for our students. In February, Easton School Committee meeting voted unanimously to name the Jr/Sr High School Gymnasium the "Gaylen Flewelling Memorial Gymnasium" once the project is complete, in honor of Mr. Gaylen Flewelling. Mr. Flewelling served for decades as the School Committee Chair and his child-centered leadership and selfless service to the greater Aroostook County community continues to be an inspiration to us all at Easton School Department.

As always, it is my honor to serve you as your superintendent of this great school department.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Stanley, Superintendent of Schools



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

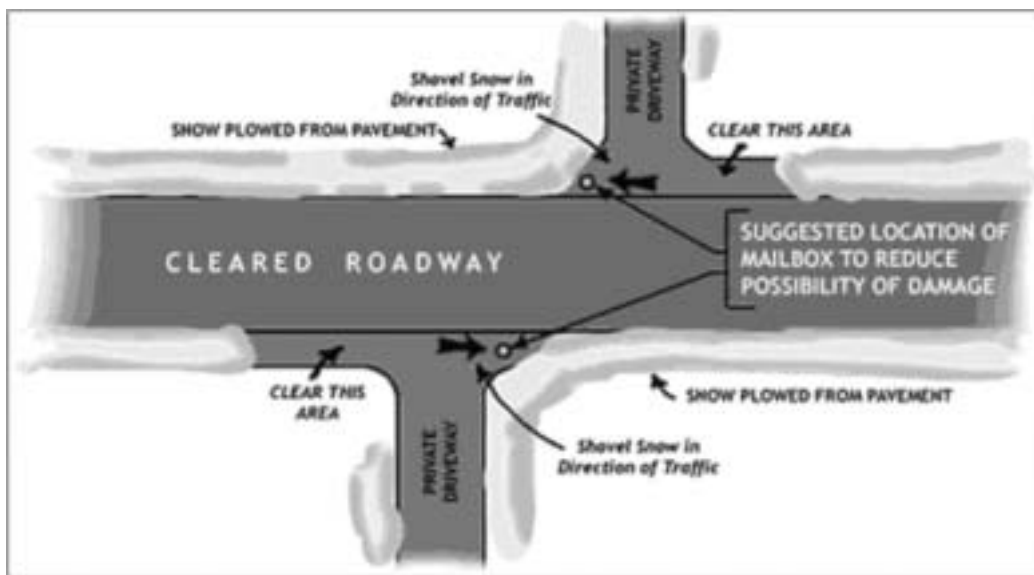
Last's year Highway Department projects included:

- Forest Avenue – Ditched 300 feet and replaced driveway culvert.
- Mahany Road – Contracted with Northeast Paving to pave 3,900 feet on the west end of the road.
- Hersom Road – Contracted with Northeast Paving to pave one (1) mile of road and replace two cross culverts. Highway Dept. installed two driveway culverts and replaced one driveway culvert.
- Bowers Road – Contracted with Steelstone Industries to repair 1,200 feet of roadway and ditch both sides of the road. The Highway Dept. installed two driveway culverts and replaced one driveway culvert.
- Contracted with McGillen Inc. to replace catch basin next to the Fire Department.
- Applied 56.81 tons of asphalt patch.
- Mowed road sides and swept sanded roads in the spring.
- Graded the Bowers and Mahany Roads.

Along with the above mentioned projects, we have done our yearly duties and preventative maintenance programs for the Highway, Fire, School and Buildings & Grounds Departments. I would like to welcome Mike Pelkey to the Highway Department and thank Ira Dodge, Matt Pelletier, Brent Bradley for their help with plowing and Ryan Gundy for his help with patching. I would also like to thank the Town Office staff and the Board of Selectmen for their support.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bob Clark, Highway Foreman

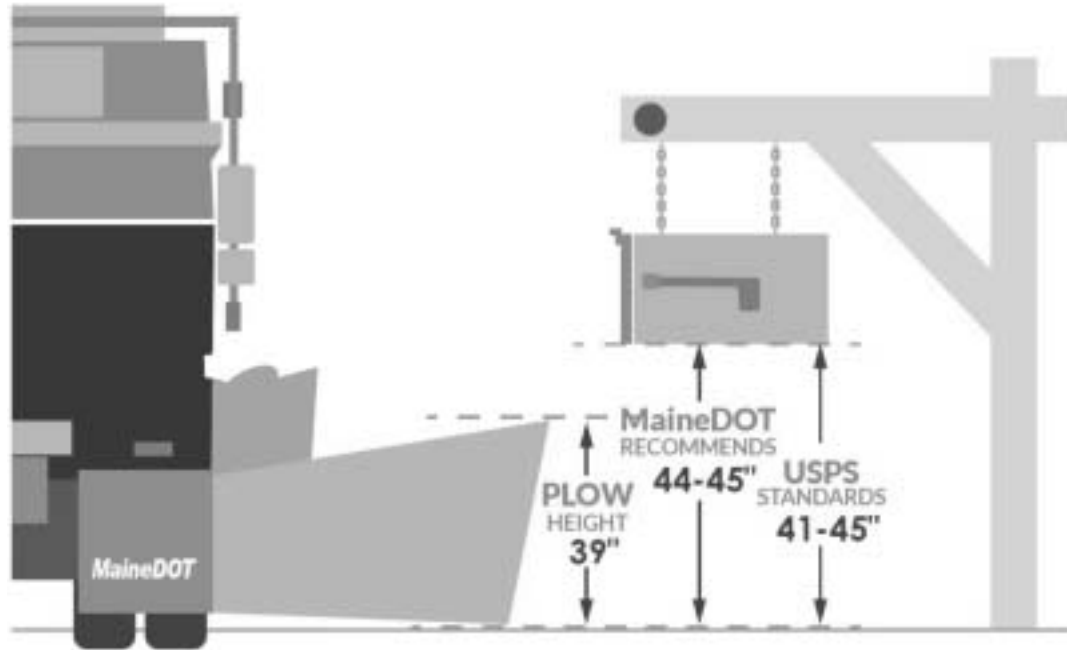
Below you will find a sketch showing how your driveway can be initially cleared to reduce the possibility that after the plow passes you will be snow bound again. We suggest you clear your driveway in the manner suggested in the sketch. If you will shovel snow in the direction of traffic, and also make 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.



*"Be happy in this moment. This moment is your life." Omar Khayyam*

## MAILBOX HEIGHT REGULATIONS

There isn't a statute that addresses mailboxes specifically, but the rule that mailboxes located within the road right-of-way are there at the owner's risk is well established. The rule is based on the fact that the land under the road right-of-way is subject to an easement for travel purposes and anything located in the right-of-way is subordinate to the use of the road for travel purposes. This is even more clear for roads actually owned by the town in fee simple - a person has no inherent right to place objects on the Town's property. Therefore, if a mailbox is damaged as a result of routine plowing, there is no liability for the Town.



*"Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results." Willie Nelson*

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

An ACO is responsible for making sure Easton residents have their dogs immunized against rabies and licensed with the Town each year. All dogs six months and older are required to be licensed by December 31st each year and, if the licensing is not done by February 1st, a \$25.00 per dog late fee will be charged. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required at the time of licensing.

If you need help with getting your dog or cat spayed or neutered, you can go to [acf.helpfixme@maine.gov](mailto:acf.helpfixme@maine.gov) or call (800) 367-1317. The goal of this program is to reduce shelter intakes and euthanasia. This program is restricted to cats and dogs, with a focus on pit bulls and pit bull mixes as these breeds are at a higher number in our shelters. Please call, other breeds can be accepted.

We are taking applications for the position of Animal Control Officer in Easton. If you are interested, please stop into the Easton Town Office and pick up an application.

If you have any concerns about animals, domestic or wild, please call Animal Welfare Agent for Aroostook County, Chrissy MacFarland, at (207) 592-1057 and she will do her best to help or to find the appropriate agency to help. For animal traffic safety concerns, call Maine State Police Barracks in Houlton, (207) 532-5400. You may also call the Easton Town Office during regular business hours, (207) 488-6652.

## NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS

All dogs six months or older as of January 1, 2023 or whenever they turn six months must be licensed. Any owner that licenses their dog after January 31, 2023 will be charged an additional \$25.00 late fee. A valid rabies certificate must be presented at the time of licensing. On April 1, 2023 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.



*"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Benjamin Franklin*



*“Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle.” Napoleon Hill*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year has been an eventful one! It is hard to pinpoint the exact starting point that leads to our year end review. Some history on the work done and planning that went into making this one of the greatest years for the Department is called for. In 2020, the Department and Selectmen agreed it was time to fortify our equipment. Our second out engine was over 25 years old, and our tanker, that actually was a converted oil delivery truck, was over 35 years old and neither were as reliable or safe. The result was the purchase of a 2022 four-door International chassis with seating for four (4) SCBA firefighters and the driver/engineer. The truck, built by E-ONE, is a 3,000-gallon tanker with a 1,250 gallons-per-minute pump with all the attributes of a first responding engine; it literally is two trucks in one! That truck arrived in November of this past year. Yes, it took that long to get everything put together as specified in our bid. I am extremely proud to say this truck has already made a positive difference in our ability to protect and serve the community. More history: 6 months after this pumper/tanker was ordered, I was notified by Susan Collins office that our grant application to the Assistance to Fire Department grants, that we had been aggressively pursuing for over 12 years, was finally awarded. The sum of \$323,000.00 was being given to the Easton Fire Department for the sole purpose of replacing the unsafe, converted oil truck tanker. The Fire Department and Selectmen agreed to ask the voters in our annual meeting for the required 10 percent match and the article was approved. The Department, through its truck committee, solicited bids on the tanker replacement, and the best offer came from Greenwood EV and E-ONE to build an exact twin to the pumper/tanker as we had previously contracted for. To conclude the history of the past few years, we have a second new pumper/tanker on order, but without a delivery date at this point, due to the unforeseeable supply chain problems hindering all aspects of manufacturing of emergency vehicles. As these are some very large and high performing apparatus, space becomes a concern. In cooperation with the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager, a beneficial agreement was made to relocate the Town Office and award the Fire Department the building, immediately solving the issue of no training space. Through other allocation of usage, the Department now has one bay downstairs in the old highway department area. This helps with two issues; a place to store the heavy truck safely and a location to wash apparatus indoors. These changes have made it possible to continue on with business as usual, but the truth still remains the Fire Department may someday in the near future require a facility specifically designed for its purpose.

The remaining great news from within the Department is we are at the maximum number of firefighters allowed on our roster. We are extremely fortunate to have a complete variety of ages and talents, from high school attending members to those who have reached retirement but are still willing to give. This makes Easton one of the premier Departments; not only in numbers, but in the ability to serve with wisdom and vigor, as well as one of the finest equipped in the county.

Believe it or not, there are more points of interest that we have been blessed with this year, but I am saving those for in-person conversations. Please make it a point to stop by the fire station and see first hand what and who we are!

Respectfully Submitted  
Greg White, Fire Chief

*"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." Thomas A. Edison*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING



**2022 E-One International Pumper-Tanker**



## **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, 2023. 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.

## **MAINE PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM**

The State Property Tax Deferral Program is a program that allows certain individuals to defer (postpone) payment of the property taxes on their homesteads until they pass away, move, or sell their property. During the period when the taxes are being deferred, the State reimburses the municipality for the deferred taxes. The deferred tax, plus interest, is then required to be repaid to the State by the individual or their estate when they pass away, move, sell the property, or move the property (if mobile or floating home) out of Maine.

You must file an application with your local municipal assessor between January 1 and April 1. The application is available on the MRS website at [www.maine.gov/revenue/tax-return-forms/property-tax](http://www.maine.gov/revenue/tax-return-forms/property-tax). The municipal assessor will verify certain information, then forward the application to MRS for review. MRS will review your application and may request additional information from you to confirm your eligibility for the program. For more information visit State Property Tax Deferral Program/Maine Revenue Services.



*“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.” Aristotle*

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS 4/1/2022

### Real Estate:

Land Value	\$42,873,900
Building Value	<u>\$97,567,600</u>
Total Real Estate Value	\$140,441,500

### Personal Property:

Production machinery and equipment	\$50,998,481
Business Equipment	\$913,795
All other personal property	<u>\$113,774</u>
Total Personal Property	\$52,026,050

Total Taxable Valuation	\$192,467,550
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Municipal Tax Rate per \$1,000 = .01633 (mil rate)	\$3,142,995.09
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## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ PLUMBING INSPECTOR REPORT

The following is a summary of the Plumbing Permits issued during 2022:

Internal Plumbing Permits	2
Sub-surface Waste Disposal Systems	<u>4</u>
Total	6

Seven (7) projects have been completed and inspected during 2022. There are no voided permits for 2022 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 three (3) Maine Forest Service Intent to Harvest Notifications received and reviewed this year, as well as a notification from the Maine Forest Service that they are no longer accepting paper Forest Operations Notification (six-digit FON number).

There have been complaints received on one (1) Miscellaneous Nuisance Violation. A violation letter was issued and a follow up inspection was conducted.

I have reviewed all the documentation that has been submitted for DEP permitting on a solar farm proposed for location in Easton and also responded to a zoning inquiry on the sale of a seven unit apartment building.

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

## PROPERTY TAX STABILIZATION PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Recently enacted legislation adds a new property tax relief option for Maine residents 65 years or older.

PL 2021, c. 751 (to be codified at 36 M.R.S. § 6281), requires municipalities to “stabilize” – meaning freeze – the property tax responsibility of eligible taxpayers at the amount billed the preceding tax year. If taxes assessed on eligible property exceed the “stabilized” amount, the state must reimburse municipalities 100% of the difference.

An eligible taxpayer must: (1) be 65 years or older, (2) be a permanent Maine resident as defined in the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax program (“Homestead Program”), and (3) have owned a qualifying homestead in Maine for at least 10 years prior to application. “Stabilization” applies only to property occupied by an eligible taxpayer which is eligible for a Homestead Program exemption for the property tax year during which stabilization is requested. The law includes no limits on an applicant’s income or the market value of the homestead property.

Taxpayers must annually apply for the program by the December 1st preceding the property tax year (beginning on April 1st) for which stabilization is requested. Eligible taxpayers may also transfer stabilization benefits to new homesteads established within Maine.

Note that the law does *not* freeze an eligible homestead’s property tax valuation or the taxpayer’s tax assessment; municipal assessors must continue to record the property’s just value in each annual property tax commitment. The law merely freezes the amount an eligible taxpayer may be billed by the municipality.

Taxpayers may begin applying for the program upon the law’s effective date (August 8, 2022) until December 1, 2022. However, “stabilization” will first apply only to property taxes committed during calendar year 2023 (based on an assessment date of April 1, 2023). Tax bills issued based on property taxes committed during calendar 2022 will not be affected.

The Maine Revenue Services Property Tax Division has issued an application form and program guidance on its website at: <https://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-program/property-tax-relief-programs/stabilization-program>. (S.F.P.) Access the text of the law here: PL 2021, c. 751



## PRESTILE COMMUNITY PARK



*"Just when you think it can't get any worse, it can. And just when you think it can't get any better, it can." Nicholas Sparks*

## RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

“Do what you love, love what you do” ~ the community of Easton definitely makes that possible for me every day! I am never quite sure what the day’s events may bring, but I do know I will interact with our citizens, enjoy special moments with your children and grandchildren, and attempt to better our town with each decision. A big event for the Recreation Director position (and me personally) transpired in August of 2022. After 20 years, I have an office to work from on a daily basis! Thank you to our Board of Selectman and the Fire Department for allowing me this space to organize, meet with parents and programmers and keep everything in a central location. If you haven’t popped in to say hello, please do soon!

Summer of 2022 was “normal” and, after the past few years, it was an amazing feeling for staff and participants! Our programs were full to capacity, and everyone enjoyed their time together. Our summer staff of Kaden Arnett, Kody Carter, and Chloe Lento were crucial in how smoothly the summer programs operated! We were able to offer Dutch Soccer Academy (with record attendance), two basketball camps, spy camp, “adopt-a-pet” camp, two art camps, cooking camp, golf camp, Wilderness Day camp, archery camp, swimming lessons, and Ninja Warriors. Bus trips included the splash pad, swimming pool, Haystack, Houlton Farms Dairy, LEGO Club, Art for Heart, Goughan’s Mini Golf, and Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library. Our three baseball leagues kept us on the diamond for much of the summer and we were privileged to have Chance Bragan, Kody Carter and Nicole King manage these teams. Our Major league team worked extremely hard and earned the title of runners-up in the 2022 NMCRA Majors Baseball Tournament! Also offered was ATV/Snowmobile safety class, Track n’ Field, and MLB Pitch, Hit, & Run. “Back-to-School” was a successful new program that benefited 36 Easton elementary & junior high students. Every child who registered was presented with a back pack, lunch box filled with snacks, water bottle and all the school supplies requested by their classroom teachers. We cannot express adequate thanks to our sponsors for this program including ACAP’s 5-2-1-0, Easton Fire Department, Huber Engineered Woods, McCain Foods, and Northern Light Health – AR Gould. For six weeks of summer break, breakfast and lunch were offered 5-days a week, regardless of income, to all residents under 18 years of age.

When harvest came, children had an opportunity to participate in multiple week-long programs including; pizza cooking camp, golf camp at Mars Hill Country Club, horseback riding at East of Eden Stables, Friends, Fun, & Faith at the Child Evangelism property on Hersom Road, STEAM camp at Wintergreen Arts Center and swim lessons at Gentile Hall. Field trips during break included Goughan’s corn maze, mini golf and the MSAD #1 School Farm. Grades 1&2 soccer team were back on the field with Coach Darren Carlisle and the 3rd & 4th grade soccer team enjoyed the beautiful fall weather and were able to compete in several games under the direction of Coach Kody Carter. It was great to have our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> team competing each Saturday in several round robins around Aroostook County and a season-end tournament with Coach Travis Carter! Thanks to our many volunteer officials who make this possible!

After-school programs during the school year included Origami, oral health, 4H classes, bicycle safety, BINGO, down-hill skiing, cooking, movement & nutrition classes, pumpkin fun, needle point, ornament making, holiday movies, seasonal crafts, Good News Club, gingerbread houses, looping blanket making class, open gyms, Earth Day, Mandala painting, and kids’ yoga classes.

School vacations and early-release trips have included; Horse Camp, dodge ball, Wintergreen Arts, the Maple Moose, Mother’s and Father’s Days gifts, bowling, roller-skating, ice-skating, snow tubing and have been well attended!

*“I have never been hurt by what I have not said.” Calvin Coolidge*

Our seniors' group has also gotten back into the flow. We've enjoyed "lunch n' learns" compliments of Northern Light Health discussing eating on budget, mental health, planted container gardens, painted snowmen, and learned many different ways to cook with squash. The cookout with Washburn and Ashland senior groups is an annual favorite and Area on Aging's Bone Builders classes continue to exercise twice a week. Special holiday meals were held for St. Patty's, Easter, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. If you wish to be added the mailing list, please call 488-6601.

Good Canine Citizen classes have graduated many well-behaved pooches. We had such a great response to this class with Chris from Critter Hill Kennel and look forward to her return this spring. If you would like to be on the list for that class, please call 488-6601. Also, special thanks to the State of Maine Safety Office for bringing ATV, snowmobile, and hunter safety courses to Easton Rec!

Much gratitude for the many organizations & businesses that facilitate programs or assist us with funding. I am hesitant to list them all for fear of forgetting one, but I will do my best as they are an integral part of our department: All Star-Gymnastics & Cheerleading, Aroostook County Action Program, Big Rock, Child Evangelism Fellowship, East of Eden Stables, Easton Fire Department, Huber Engineered Woods, McCain Foods USA, MSAD#1 Adult Education, Maine Health 5-2-1-0, Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library, Mars Hill Country Club, Northern Light Health – AR Gould, Northern Maine Community Recreation Association, Quoggy Jo, State Street Baptist Church, UMPI girls' basketball team, UMPI Gentile Hall, and Wintergreen Arts Center.

Our Board of Selectmen and Town Manager allow me to do my job in the best way I know how and support my crazy ambitions. We have a great working relationship with our schools, fire, & highway departments, etc. It's amazing how much can be accomplished when we work together.

My personal thanks to all who have refereed, chaperoned, transported children, provided snacks, and served on the Field Day & Recreation Committees. Thanks to Jim & Cheryl at Town Office who have to listen to my hair-brain thoughts. I am incredibly grateful to Cheryl, Tabitha Dudley, & Penney Siddiqui for their time spent editing when I can no longer look at my own work. A heartfelt thank you to Mike McNulty, Andrew Keep, & 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. Ellis & the custodial staff who are helpful in countless ways. Most importantly, thanks to our community for your participation and support over the past year!

Yours in Recreation,  
Hillary Hallett, Recreation Director





*"Some of us think holding on makes us strong; but sometimes it is letting go." Hermann Hesse*



*"If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading." Lao Tzu*



*"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop." Confucius*



*"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." Charles R. Swindoll*

# 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.**

## 2021 TAX LIENS

Boxwell, Heirs of Kristen D.	\$908.82	
Boxwell, Heirs of Kristen D.	\$1,557.11	Bal.
Burchett, John E.	\$79.38	
Creasia, Michael S.	\$628.56	
Dionne, Robert W	\$936.36	
Francis, Carol A.	\$1,105.44	Bal.
Guyette, Paul	\$487.62	
Hull, Heirs of Hollis, Barbara Bonville-Hull and Rickie M. Hull	\$468.18	
Maust, Robyn M. & Laurette A. LaFrance	\$409.86	
Nichols, Heirs of Clayton	\$1,762.56	
Nichols, Lawrence W.	\$265.68	
Plourde, Raymond N.	\$3,787.56	
Skidgel, Edward L. & Holly A	\$246.24	
Turner, William	\$753.30	
Woollard, Debi-Jo	\$60.34	Bal.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,457.01</b>	

\* Paid after books closed.



*"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." Mark Twain*

## 2022 LIST OF TAXES DUE

Bate, Kristie L.	\$694.02	
Boxwell, Hiers of Kristen D.	\$916.11	
Boxwell, Hiers of Kristen D.	\$1,572.58	
Burchett, John E.	\$65.32	
Callioras, Steven J.	\$1,570.90	Bal.
Carlow, Derek P. & Jennifer H.	\$961.00	Bal.
Crandall, Heirs of Bernice and Tony & Andrew Curtis	\$331.50	
Creasia, Michael S.	\$633.60	
Crockett, Justin A.	\$672.80	*
Dake, Graham V.	\$60.42	
Dionne, Robert W.	\$943.87	
Francis, Carol A.	\$1,130.04	
Gadaire, Lisa & Heirs of Thomas	\$558.49	
Gough, Robert R.	\$8.22	Bal.
Gregg, Terrance	38.43	Bal.
Guyette, Paul A.	\$491.53	
Hersey, Jack L.	\$1,314.56	
Hersey, Jack L.	\$233.52	
Hewitt, Chad	\$1,370.09	
Hewitt, Jason E.	\$549.33	Bal.
Hull, Heirs of Hollis, Barbara Bonville-Hull and Rickie M. Hull	\$471.94	
J & D Investment Group Inc.	\$181.26	
Jordan, Deloris I.	\$1,765.27	
Kennedy, Heirs of Adrienne	\$313.01	Bal.
Kennedy, Raymond M.	708.72	
Lacasse, Stacey & Robert	\$218.84	Bal.
Lamoreau, Cole L. & Rae	\$870.39	
Lamoreau, Craig M. & Amanda L.	\$1,105.54	*
Lamoreau, Rae M. & Cole L.	\$205.76	
LaTour, Dennis & Marta	\$488.33	Bal.
Maust, Robyn M. & Laurette A. LaFrance	\$413.15	
Mills, Rodney D. & Ian D. Mills	\$426.21	
Mitchell, Kevin P. & Ronnie L.	\$1,294.97	*
Nadeau, Holly R.	\$360.89	
Nichols, Heirs of Clayton	\$1,776.70	
Nichols, Lawrence W.	\$267.81	
Pangburn, Christopher A. & Dale W. Tompkins	\$764.24	
Pangburn, Christopher A. & Dale W. Tompkins	\$1,629.73	
Parlin, Leighton J. & Glenna P.	\$1,748.17	Bal.
Patterson, Patrick T.	\$1,074.51	*
Perkins, Matthew A.	\$398.45	
Plourde, Raymond N.	\$3,817.95	
Poole, Roxanne R.	\$60.42	
Reed, Jeremy L. & Tara L.	\$845.89	

*"Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open." John Barrymore*

Richardson, Mark S.	\$467.04	
Robbins, Anna V.	\$506.23	
Robbins, Warner C.	\$528.96	Bal.
Saucier, Leane M.	\$1,959.60	
Sherwood, Cathie	\$453.61	Bal.
Skidgel, Edward L. & Holly A.	\$248.22	
Smith, Jonathan C. & Marsha L.	\$710.35	
Smith, Kent & Virginia	\$442.54	
Tibbetts, Adam	\$731.58	
Tompkins, Trent M.	\$511.13	
Turner, William R.	\$987.96	
Turner, William R.	\$759.34	
Vado, Cyrill	\$883.45	
White, Brittney M. & Loren K. Jr.	\$210.66	*
Winninghoff, Mark W.	\$916.11	
Woollard, Debi-Jo	\$269.44	
Young, Lennie K.	\$1,435.41	*
Young, Lennie K. & Deborah L.	\$191.06	*
Young, Lennie K. & Deborah L.	\$191.06	*

**TOTAL****\$47,728.23**

\* Paid after books closed.



*"You cannot have a positive life and a negative mind." Joyce Meyer*

# 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.

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**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](http://www.eastonme.com).

*"Whenever people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government." Thomas Jefferson*

## **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 3, 2023**

**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 3, 2023 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 3, 2023 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 37, 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, 2023 and that interest be charged on all unpaid taxes starting November first, 2023 at 8.00 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, 2024.

**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, 2025.

**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, Odd Fellows rental fees, supplemental taxes, license fees and other miscellaneous income to be received in fiscal year ending February 15, 2024 to reduce the tax commitment by \$468,600.00.

**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 \$223,897.00 for Town Administration.

	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Salaries	\$123,080.00	\$122,041.70	\$132,845.00
457 DC Match	1,623.00	1,622.39	1,736.00
Health Insurance	44,921.00	44,185.60	45,836.00
MSRS Match	12,678.00	12,496.96	13,550.00
Medicare Match	2,031.00	1,785.57	1,927.00
Car Allowance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Supplies	5,600.00	5,577.15	5,200.00
Office Equipment Maintenance	1,200.00	2,260.90	1,200.00
IT Services	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Telephone/Internet	3,950.00	3,721.13	4,308.00
Electric	4,200.00	3,413.29	2,595.00
Training/Travel/Dues	2,500.00	1,359.19	2,500.00

Building Fuel	6,500.00	5,573.72	3,000.00
Postage	2,200.00	2,458.70	2,500.00
Building Services	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>987.67</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$216,483.00	\$211,483.97	\$223,897.00

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 12: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$109,233.00 for the Fire Department.

	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Payroll	\$43,500.00	\$43,500.00	\$44,805.00
Chief's Car Allowance	700.00	700.00	1,000.00
Telephone & Internet	3,000.00	3,167.95	3,500.00
Contract Services - Dispatch	2,800.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Building Fuel	5,800.00	5,573.69	10,900.00
Electric	0.00	0.00	4,200.00
IT Support	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Training	3,000.00	2,510.66	3,200.00
Dues & Printing	1,000.00	1,078.95	1,000.00
Medicare	675.00	630.76	650.00
FICA	2,697.00	2,500.10	2,778.00
Repairs	9,000.00	7,938.11	9,000.00
Gas/Oil/Diesel	2,000.00	3,676.89	4,000.00
Supplies	6,000.00	6,274.05	7,000.00
Hepatitis Vaccination	100.00	0.00	100.00
Office Supplies/Cleaning Services	750.00	1,030.09	1,000.00
SCBA	2,000.00	1,294.39	2,400.00
Gloves, Coats, etc.	8,500.00	7,726.21	9,000.00
Insurance	<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>884.00</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$92,622.00	\$90,885.85	\$109,233.00

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$393,134.00 for the Highway Department.

	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Salaries	\$153,437.00	\$128,993.49	\$164,725.00
457 DC Match	4,605.00	3,121.61	4,942.00
Medicare Match	2,532.00	1,892.03	2,389.00
MSRS Match	15,805.00	12,264.15	16,809.00
Health Insurance	29,580.00	26,966.72	29,069.00
Gas/Oil/Diesel	38,000.00	39,026.75	42,000.00
Sand & Salt	62,000.00	60,893.49	70,000.00
Equipment Repair	30,000.00	29,550.25	30,000.00
Tool & Supplies	7,000.00	6,794.52	7,000.00
Blades & Chains	4,000.00	4,033.00	4,000.00
Telephone/Internet	1,200.00	1,162.60	1,300.00

Electric	4,600.00	3,349.85	4,600.00
IT Support	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Building Fuel	6,600.00	4,478.69	6,600.00
Training/Dues	1,000.00	65.00	1,000.00
Building Maintenance	6,000.00	3,907.04	7,000.00
Drug Testing	<u>250.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$366,609.00	\$326,674.19	\$393,134.00

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$113,237.00 for Recreation.

	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Salaries	\$42,120.00	\$42,120.00	\$45,058.00
457 DC Match	1,264.00	1,263.58	1,352.00
Seasonal/Bus Driver Salary	13,500.00	7,708.72	13,500.00
Health Insurance	30,000.00	29,457.06	30,554.00
Medicare Match	920.00	728.21	850.00
MSRS Match	5,730.00	5,094.26	5,973.00
Programs/Equipt/Supplies	7,600.00	7,552.93	8,200.00
Telephone/Internet	1,700.00	1,004.56	2,550.00
Electric	0.00	0.00	300.00
Building Fuel	0.00	0.00	700.00
IT Support	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Field Maintenance	1,000.00	243.76	1,000.00
Training/Travel	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>920.13</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$106,234.00	\$96,093.21	\$113,237.00

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 15: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$34,945.00 for the Buildings & Ground Maintenance Department.

	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Salaries	\$20,800.00	\$12,747.50	\$25,029.00
Medicare	345.00	184.85	363.00
MSRS Match	2,150.00	1,302.16	2,553.00
Gas	0.00	0.00	1,400.00
Electric	0.00	0.00	300.00
Tools & Supplies	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Building Fuel	0.00	0.00	700.00
Building/Vehicle Maint.	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>5,895.29</u>	<u>2,100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$30,295.00	\$20,129.80	\$34,945.00

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 16: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$9,525.00 for the operation of the Odd Fellows' Hall.

	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Building Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.80	\$1,500.00
Building Fuel	3,625.00	2,979.54	3,625.00
Telephone	1,700.00	1,344.94	1,700.00
Electricity	<u>2,600.00</u>	<u>1,886.02</u>	<u>2,700.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,425.00</b>	<b>\$9,211.30</b>	<b>\$9,525.00</b>

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 17: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$337,110.00 for other expenses:

	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Tri-Community Landfill	\$130,000.00	\$137,027.04	\$165,000.00
Ambulance Service	14,850.00	14,800.52	85,800.00
Animal Control Officer	1,500.00	892.81	1,675.00
Plumbing Inspector	1,680.00	1,675.52	2,235.00
Code Enforcement Officer	560.00	558.50	1,120.00
Assessing	16,000.00	10,987.77	16,000.00
Beautification	3,000.00	2,573.23	4,000.00
General Assistance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Legal	3,000.00	1,422.62	3,000.00
Audit	8,400.00	10,400.50	12,000.00
TAN Interest	1,250.00	1,786.05	1,750.00
Advertising	2,000.00	2,456.00	4,000.00
Town Report	2,300.00	2,129.83	2,500.00
Street Lights	11,000.00	9,171.26	13,530.00
Contract Services	12,700.00	12,745.27	13,700.00
Selectmen's Discretionary	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Elections	2,700.00	2,320.26	2,700.00
<u>Selectmen's Stipend</u>	<u>4,100.00</u>	<u>4,058.02</u>	<u>4,100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$219,040.00</b>	<b>\$219,005.20</b>	<b>\$337,110.00</b>

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 18: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$44,769.00 for Outside Requests:

	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Cemetery Appropriation	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$13,500.00
MMA Dues	2,910.00	2,885.00	3,080.00
Catholic Charities	800.00	800.00	800.00
ACAP	505.00	505.00	505.00
Homeless Shelter	1,931.00	1,931.00	1,980.00

NMDC Dues	5,051.00	5,050.41	5,046.00
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	250.00
Little School Restoration	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Humane Society	2,508.00	2,508.00	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	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,500.00
<u>Easton ATV Club</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,430.00</b>	<b>\$40,404.41</b>	<b>\$44,769.00</b>

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 19: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,595.00 for insurance.

<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
\$33,770.00	\$33,698.85	\$35,595.00

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 20: To see if the Town will raise \$300,000.00 for the Town Road Improvement Fund.

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 21: 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. 22: To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to carry-over the following unexpended balances for fiscal year 2024.

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  
 Town Retirement Reserve  
 Signage  
 Septic System  
 Ed McDonald Safety Grant

Municipal Building Maintenance  
 Sand/Salt Shed  
 Municipal Building Repair Project  
 Fire Truck  
 Economic Community Development

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

2023 Carry-over Balances	
Town Road Improvement	\$70,535.87
Town Owned Property Sales	\$35,535.88
Selectmen's Discretionary	\$4,627.69
General Assistance	\$4,596.61
Tennis Court	\$11,696.55
Planning Board Account	\$598.32
Education	\$(256,766.50)
Equipment Reserve	\$22,740.54
Insurance Reserve	\$3,000.00
Office Equipment Reserve	\$0.00
Town Retirement Reserve	\$8,753.56
School Retirement Reserve	\$10,000.00
General Building Maintenance	\$1,528.22
Municipal Building Repair Project	\$22,462.25
Signage	\$2,186.04
Sand/Salt Shed	\$(6,685.00)
Septic System	\$(790.00)
Fire Truck	\$1,000.00
Ed McDonald Safety Grant	\$(2,600.00)
Economic Community Development	\$3,143.68

Art. 23: To see if the Town will appropriate \$409,504.00 from the Town Road Improvement account for summer road maintenance and to carry-over any unexpended balance.

2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024
Appropriated	Actual	Proposed
\$416,550.00	\$348,523.41	\$409,504.00

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 24: To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$200,000.00 to be placed in the equipment reserve account.

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 25: To see if the Town will appropriate \$5,000.00 from the equipment reserve account to purchase and install a used SCBA compressor and refill station.

**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.

<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
\$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 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, 2024 to annual town meeting.

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 29: 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. 30: 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. 31: 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 2023-2024 pursuant to M.S.R.A. Title 36 §506A.

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 32: 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. 33: To see if the Town, in accordance with M.S.R.A. Title 36 §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. 34: 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 2024.

**Selectmen Recommend: YES**

**Budget Committee Recommends: YES**

Art. 35: 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. 36: Shall the Town of Easton vote to approve 2023-2024 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. 37: 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**



**GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023 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, 2023, which is at least 7 days next prior to said meeting.

Dated: March \_\_, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Ryan Gundy**



# SAMPLE BALLOT

**STATE OF MAINE  
FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION, TOWN OF EASTON  
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023  
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 2026)      VOTE FOR TWO**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Allen, Scott	Easton
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flewelling, Bruce	Easton
		Easton

**SCHOOL BOARD (TERM ENDING APRIL 2026)      VOTE FOR ONE**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Gundy, Catherine	Easton
<input type="checkbox"/>	Henderson, Richard	Easton
		Easton

**SCHOOL BOARD (TERM ENDING APRIL 2025)      VOTE FOR ONE**

<input type="checkbox"/>	King, Andrew	Easton
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lento, Kristina	Easton
		Easton

*“Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength.” Arnold Schwarzenegger*



March 16, 2023

Selectboard  
Town of Easton  
Easton, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Easton and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Easton as of and for the year ended February 15, 2023. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2023 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Schedule E
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds	Schedule G

*RHR Smith & Company*

Certified Public Accountants

## SCHEDULE 1

## TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, February 16, 2022, Restated	\$ 1,478,931	\$ 1,478,931	\$ 1,478,931	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	3,142,994	3,142,994	3,141,146	(1,848)
Excise Taxes	300,890	300,890	288,944	(11,946)
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	119,537	119,537	163,766	44,229
Homestead Reimbursement	112,765	112,765	111,588	(1,177)
BETE Reimbursement	1,608,876	1,608,876	1,608,920	44
LRAP	39,504	39,504	39,284	(220)
Snowmobile	-	11,143	11,143	-
Other	700	700	-	(700)
Charges for Services	10,100	10,100	10,286	186
Interest on Taxes/Lien Costs	9,000	9,000	4,907	(4,093)
Interest Income	500	500	4,264	3,764
Miscellaneous Revenues	8,500	8,500	9,385	885
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>6,832,297</u>	<u>6,843,440</u>	<u>6,872,564</u>	<u>29,124</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	290,993	290,993	281,193	9,800
Public Safety	119,972	119,972	115,751	4,221
Public Works	526,904	526,904	483,831	43,073
Recreation and Culture	106,234	106,234	96,093	10,141
Education	3,173,677	-	-	-
County Tax	433,092	433,092	433,092	-
Outside Appropriations	40,430	40,430	40,404	26
Unclassified	201,814	227,957	111,190	116,767
Debt service:				
Interest	1,250	1,250	1,786	(536)
Transfers to Other Funds	459,000	3,671,961	3,671,961	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>5,353,366</u>	<u>5,418,793</u>	<u>5,235,301</u>	<u>183,492</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, February 15, 2023	<u>\$ 1,478,931</u>	<u>\$ 1,424,647</u>	<u>\$ 1,637,263</u>	<u>\$ 212,616</u>
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 54,284</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (54,284)</u>

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## STATEMENT C

## TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FEBRUARY 15, 2023

	General Fund	UDAG Fund	Education Fund	Education Bond	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,223,890	\$ 411,115	\$ -	\$ 165,623	\$ 30,984	\$ 1,831,612
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):						
Taxes	52,853	-	-	-	-	52,853
Liens	13,457	-	-	-	-	13,457
Other	-	87,594	-	-	-	87,594
Due from other governments	13,124	-	-	-	-	13,124
Tax acquired property	15,519	-	-	-	-	15,519
Due from other funds	567,703	-	-	-	179,666	747,369
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,886,546</b>	<b>\$ 498,709</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 165,623</b>	<b>\$ 210,650</b>	<b>\$ 2,761,528</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable	\$ 1,860	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,860
Due to other governments	634	-	-	-	-	634
Due to other funds	179,666	-	261,639	-	306,064	747,369
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>182,160</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>261,639</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>306,064</b>	<b>749,863</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Prepaid taxes	25,904	-	-	-	-	25,904
Deferred tax revenue	41,219	-	-	-	-	41,219
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>67,123</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,123</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>						
Nonspendable	15,519	-	-	-	-	15,519
Restricted	-	-	-	165,623	-	165,623
Committed	-	498,709	-	-	202,407	701,116
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	1,621,744	-	(261,639)	-	(297,821)	1,062,284
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,637,263</b>	<b>498,709</b>	<b>(261,639)</b>	<b>165,623</b>	<b>(95,414)</b>	<b>1,944,542</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 1,886,546</b>	<b>\$ 498,709</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 165,623</b>	<b>\$ 210,650</b>	<b>\$ 2,761,528</b>

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## STATEMENT E

## TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2023

	General Fund	UDAG Fund	Education Fund	Education Bond	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
Taxes:						
Property taxes	\$ 3,141,146	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,141,146
Excise taxes	288,944	-	-	-	-	288,944
Intergovernmental revenues	1,934,701	-	495,339	-	422,311	2,852,351
Charges for services	10,286	-	-	-	-	10,286
Investment income	4,264	2,742	-	-	246	7,252
Miscellaneous revenues	14,292	234,700	-	-	4,905	253,897
TOTAL REVENUES	5,393,633	237,442	495,339	-	427,462	6,553,876
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	281,193	-	-	-	-	281,193
Public safety	115,751	-	-	-	-	115,751
Public works	483,831	-	-	-	-	483,831
Recreation and culture	96,093	-	-	-	-	96,093
Education	-	-	3,887,639	-	-	3,887,639
County tax	433,092	-	-	-	-	433,092
Outside appropriations	40,404	-	-	-	-	40,404
Unclassified	111,190	319,392	-	-	420,732	851,314
Debt service:						
Principal	-	-	-	-	120,400	120,400
Interest	1,786	-	-	213	-	1,999
Capital outlay	-	-	-	2,801,461	612,838	3,414,299
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,563,340	319,392	3,887,639	2,801,674	1,153,970	9,726,015
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	3,830,293	(81,950)	(3,392,300)	(2,801,674)	(726,508)	(3,172,139)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Debt proceeds	-	-	-	2,967,297	-	2,967,297
Transfers in	-	110,299	3,173,677	-	537,192	3,821,168
Transfers (out)	(3,671,961)	-	-	-	(25,000)	(3,696,961)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(3,671,961)	110,299	3,173,677	2,967,297	512,192	3,091,504
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	158,332	28,349	(218,623)	165,623	(214,316)	(80,635)
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - FEBRUARY 16, 2022, RESTATED	1,478,931	470,360	(43,016)	-	118,902	2,025,177
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - FEBRUARY 15, 2023	\$ 1,637,263	\$ 498,709	\$ (261,639)	\$ 165,623	\$ (95,414)	\$ 1,944,542

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## SCHEDULE A

## TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
General government	\$ 216,483	\$ -	\$ 216,483	\$ 211,484	\$ 4,999
Selectmen's stipend	4,100	-	4,100	4,058	42
Plumbing inspector	1,680	-	1,680	1,676	4
Code Enforcement officer	560	-	560	558	2
Insurance	33,770	-	33,770	33,699	71
Audit	8,400	-	8,400	10,401	(2,001)
Legal	3,000	-	3,000	1,423	1,577
Advertising	2,000	-	2,000	2,456	(456)
Town report	2,300	-	2,300	2,130	170
Elections	2,700	-	2,700	2,320	380
Assessing	16,000	-	16,000	10,988	5,012
	<u>290,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>290,993</u>	<u>281,193</u>	<u>9,800</u>
Public Safety -					
Animal control	1,500	-	1,500	893	607
Fire department	92,622	-	92,622	90,886	1,736
Ambulance	14,850	-	14,850	14,801	49
Street lights	11,000	-	11,000	9,171	1,829
	<u>119,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,972</u>	<u>115,751</u>	<u>4,221</u>

## TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Public Works -					
Highway	366,609	-	366,609	326,674	39,935
Buildings and grounds	30,295	-	30,295	20,130	10,165
Tri-Community landfill	130,000	-	130,000	137,027	(7,027)
	<u>526,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>526,904</u>	<u>483,831</u>	<u>43,073</u>
Recreation and Culture -					
Recreation	106,234	-	106,234	96,093	10,141
	<u>106,234</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,234</u>	<u>96,093</u>	<u>10,141</u>
Education	<u>3,173,677</u>	<u>(3,173,677)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
County Tax	<u>433,092</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>433,092</u>	<u>433,092</u>	<u>-</u>
Outside Appropriations	<u>40,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,430</u>	<u>40,404</u>	<u>26</u>
Debt Service -					
TAN Interest	1,250	-	1,250	1,786	(536)
	<u>1,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>1,786</u>	<u>(536)</u>

## SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

## TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified -					
Odd Fellows	9,425	-	9,425	9,211	214
Beautification	3,000	-	3,000	2,573	427
Contract services	12,700	-	12,700	12,745	(45)
Snowmobile grant	-	11,143	11,143	11,143	-
Unanticipated expenses	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Overlay	176,689	-	176,689	60,518	116,171
	<u>201,814</u>	<u>26,143</u>	<u>227,957</u>	<u>111,190</u>	<u>116,767</u>
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Education fund	-	3,173,677	3,173,677	3,173,677	-
Special revenue funds	6,500	-	6,500	6,500	-
Capital projects funds	452,500	39,284	491,784	491,784	-
	<u>459,000</u>	<u>3,212,961</u>	<u>3,671,961</u>	<u>3,671,961</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Departmental Operations	<u>\$ 5,353,366</u>	<u>\$ 65,427</u>	<u>\$ 5,418,793</u>	<u>\$ 5,235,301</u>	<u>\$ 183,492</u>

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## SCHEDULE B

## TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FEBRUARY 15, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 30,984	\$ 30,984
Due from other funds	84,140	95,526	179,666
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 84,140</u>	<u>\$ 126,510</u>	<u>\$ 210,650</u>
LIABILITIES			
Due to other funds	\$ 291,136	\$ 14,928	\$ 306,064
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>291,136</u>	<u>14,928</u>	<u>306,064</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	-
Committed	84,140	118,267	202,407
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	(291,136)	(6,685)	(297,821)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	<u>(206,996)</u>	<u>111,582</u>	<u>(95,414)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	<u>\$ 84,140</u>	<u>\$ 126,510</u>	<u>\$ 210,650</u>

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## SCHEDULE C

## TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	\$ 422,311	\$ -	\$ 422,311
Interest income	-	246	246
Other	3,605	1,300	4,905
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>425,916</u>	<u>1,546</u>	<u>427,462</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	133,147	479,691	612,838
Debt service:			
Principal	-	120,400	120,400
Other	398,724	22,008	420,732
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>531,871</u>	<u>622,099</u>	<u>1,153,970</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(105,955)</u>	<u>(620,553)</u>	<u>(726,508)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	42,908	494,284	537,192
Transfers (out)	(25,000)	-	(25,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>17,908</u>	<u>494,284</u>	<u>512,192</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	(88,047)	(126,269)	(214,316)
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - FEBRUARY 16, 2022, RESTATED	<u>(118,949)</u>	<u>237,851</u>	<u>118,902</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - FEBRUARY 15, 2023	<u>\$ (206,996)</u>	<u>\$ 111,582</u>	<u>\$ (95,414)</u>

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## SCHEDULE E

## TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2023

	Signage	Economic Community Development	ARPA	VFA Wildlife Grant	Insurance	Town Retirement	School Retirement
REVENUES							
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,439	\$ 2,020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	-	-	62,439	2,020	-	-	-
EXPENDITURES							
Capital outlay	-	10,764	122,383	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	4,620	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	10,764	122,383	4,620	-	-	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	(10,764)	(59,944)	(2,600)	-	-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	-	38,908	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	(25,000)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	13,908	-	-	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	-	3,144	(59,944)	(2,600)	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - FEBRUARY 16, 2022, RESTATED	2,186	-	59,944	-	3,000	8,754	10,000
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - FEBRUARY 15, 2023	\$ 2,186	\$ 3,144	\$ -	\$ (2,600)	\$ 3,000	\$ 8,754	\$ 10,000

TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE E (CONTINUED)

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2023

	Education Federal/State Programs	Selectmen's Discretionary	General Assistance	Planning	Town/Owned Property Sales/Maint	Tennis Courts	Septic	Total
REVENUES								
Intergovernmental	\$ 357,187	\$ -	\$ 665	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 422,311
Other	-	-	-	-	3,605	-	-	3,605
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>357,187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>425,916</u>
EXPENDITURES								
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133,147
Other	357,187	1,319	1,790	-	25,404	7,614	790	398,724
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>357,187</u>	<u>1,319</u>	<u>1,790</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,404</u>	<u>7,614</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>531,871</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,319)</u>	<u>(1,125)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,799)</u>	<u>(7,614)</u>	<u>(790)</u>	<u>(105,955)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	42,908
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(25,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,908</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	<u>-</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,799)</u>	<u>(7,614)</u>	<u>(790)</u>	<u>(88,047)</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - FEBRUARY 16, 2022, RESTATED	<u>(287,746)</u>	<u>3,947</u>	<u>3,722</u>	<u>598</u>	<u>57,335</u>	<u>19,311</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(118,949)</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - FEBRUARY 15, 2023	<u>\$ (287,746)</u>	<u>\$ 4,628</u>	<u>\$ 4,597</u>	<u>\$ 598</u>	<u>\$ 35,536</u>	<u>\$ 11,697</u>	<u>\$ (790)</u>	<u>\$ (206,996)</u>

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## SCHEDULE G

## TOWN OF EASTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 2023

	Building Repair	Equipment Reserve	Computer Reserve	Municipal Building Repair	Salt/Sand Shed	Town Road Improvements	Fire Truck	Total
REVENUES								
Interest income	\$ -	\$ 246	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 246
Other	-	-	1,300	-	-	-	-	1,300
TOTAL REVENUES	-	246	1,300	-	-	-	-	1,546
EXPENDITURES								
Capital outlay	-	133,800	-	-	-	345,891	-	479,691
Debt service:								
Principal	-	82,900	-	-	-	-	37,500	120,400
Other	1,147	8,232	8,256	2,538	1,835	-	-	22,008
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,147	224,932	8,256	2,538	1,835	345,891	37,500	622,099
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,147)	(224,686)	(6,956)	(2,538)	(1,835)	(345,891)	(37,500)	(620,553)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in	2,500	150,000	2,500	-	-	339,284	-	494,284
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	2,500	150,000	2,500	-	-	339,284	-	494,284
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	1,353	(74,686)	(4,456)	(2,538)	(1,835)	(6,607)	(37,500)	(126,269)
FUND BALANCES - FEBRUARY 16, 2022, RESTATED	175	97,427	4,456	25,000	(4,850)	77,143	38,500	237,851
FUND BALANCES - FEBRUARY 15, 2023	\$ 1,528	\$ 22,741	\$ -	\$ 22,462	\$ (6,685)	\$ 70,536	\$ 1,000	\$ 111,582

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

January 1, 2023

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angus S. King, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small "Jr." at the end.

ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
United States Senator

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
MAINE

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
ON AGING

Dear Friends:

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

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

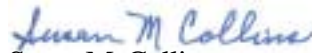
Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins

United States Senator



Harold "Trey" Stewart III  
Senator, District 2

130<sup>th</sup> MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

January 1, 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you, your family, and the communities of District 2 in the Maine Senate. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of our region.

In addition to serving my second term in the Maine State Senate, I was recently elected as Senate Republican Leader. While some of the towns in District 2 have changed as a result of redistricting, I know many of the important issues to those in rural Maine remain the same.

With a struggling economy and the cost of groceries, gas, home heating oil and electricity increasing, Maine people and small businesses need relief from the high costs breaking their budgets. Addressing the policies that have led to many of these high costs is a priority of mine.

In addition to addressing the many important pieces of legislation that will be considered for enactment this session, there is one item the Legislature is required to pass according to the Constitution of Maine: a balanced, biennial budget. By June 30, 2023, the Governor must submit and the Legislature must enact a balanced budget. This will require careful review of current state spending and prioritizing our needs versus wants, just like you and I do with our own budgets. As your State Senator, I will be working to find ways to lower taxes and rein in state spending so that you can keep more of your hard-earned money.

Again, thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of representing your interests in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you or a member of your family is having difficulties navigating state bureaucracy. I can be reached by email at [trey.stewart@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:trey.stewart@legislature.maine.gov) or you can contact my office by phone at (207) 287-1505.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009

**Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767

**Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

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

Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## Mark Michael Babin

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January 2023

Easton Town Office  
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I would first like to thank the residents of Easton for helping to elect me as your State Representative. I take this responsibility very seriously. With nearly 2,000 pieces of legislation submitted for the upcoming session, I know I will be very busy.

Legislative leadership has appointed me to serve on the Energy, Utilities, & Technology Committee. The EUT committee will review legislation pertaining to energy policy, including energy resources, wind energy development, biomass energy, hydropower, solar energy, efficiency, and conservation; electric industry, natural gas industry; telecommunications industry, including telephone, internet, broadband, and cable television services; E-9-1-1; water and sewer utilities, including district charters; Public utility commission; Office of the Public Advocate; Governor's Energy Office; ConnectME Authority and Efficiency Maine Trust.

I was elected to the Maine Legislature on the promise to represent you, the people of District 3. To do this, I will be seeking your input regularly and want to hear from you with your comments and concerns. Please call me anytime at **(207) 227-0198** or email at [mark.babin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:mark.babin@legislature.maine.gov) to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by signing up at the town office or emailing me directly with your request.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark M. Babin".

Mark M. Babin  
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 LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 3

Representative Mark M. Babin

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Senator Harold “Trey” Stewart III

Augusta (sessions only) ..... (207) 287-1505  
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## 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

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Town Manager

Town Clerk

Estes Park Cemetery

Mount Shiloh Cemetery

Pine Tree Cemetery

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

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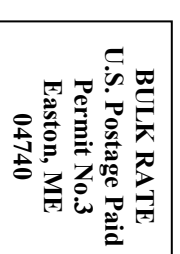
Aroostook County Sheriff's Department ..... 532-3471

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