

# ***ANNUAL REPORT***

OF THE  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE  
***TOWN OF LIBERTY***

MAINE  
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

## ***2022***



The Town of Liberty's New Sand Shed

## **TOWN OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday 10 am – 6 pm**

**Tuesday 10 am – 2:30 pm**

**Wednesday CLOSED**

**Thursday 7:30 am – 2:30 pm**

**Friday CLOSED**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month:  
9 am – 1 pm**

**(We will be closed on Federal  
Holidays)**

**\*\*Inclement Weather Policy:  
If RSU 3 is closed,  
the Town Office will be closed. \*\***

## **SELECTBOARD MEETINGS**

**MONDAYS @ 6 pm  
In the Overlock Room**

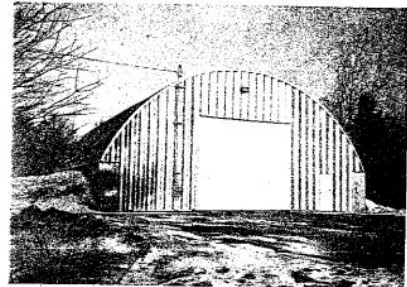
**(Except for Holidays)**

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## **Do you Remember....?**

**Here is Liberty's 1991 Annual  
Report with a picture of our  
previous sand shed!**

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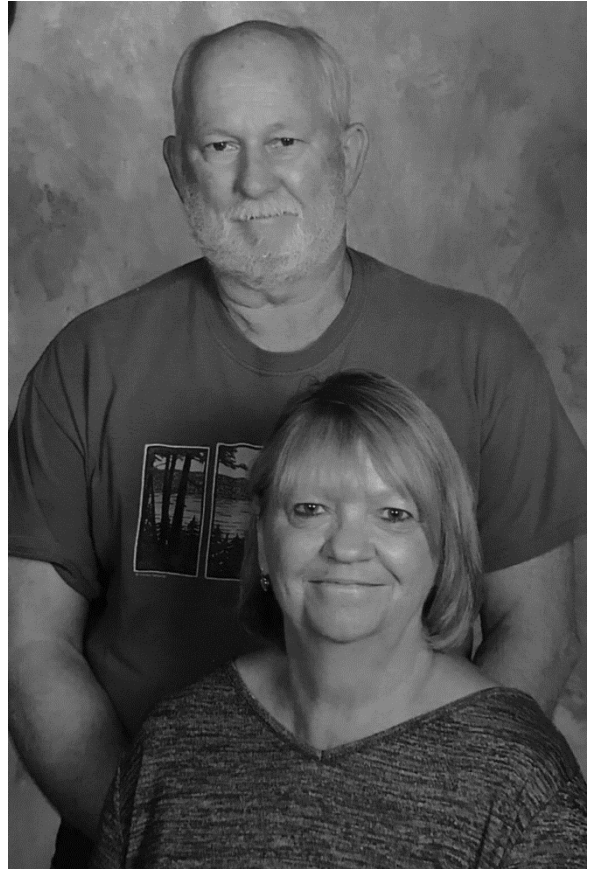


**The Town of Liberty's New Salt and Sand Shed**

## **2022 Annual Town Report Dedication**

**Richard “Dickie” Emery** started his lifelong career at Walker School in 1976. For 47 years he had been the jack of all trades; more formerly known as the janitor/ broom man, or the man with the most infectious smile at Walker School. It was not uncommon for Dickie to arrive at the school at 4:00 a.m. to start his day. His goal was to make sure the school was clean and ready for his kids. He worked under more superintendents than he could recall, along with five different principals.

Dickie was on the third generation of kids passing through the doors at Walker school. Back when he started, his mother Barbara Emery was the cook alongside Linda Whiteside. He recalled the early days at the school when there were four classrooms upstairs and two downstairs with a cafeteria. Back then the kids had to walk to the former community hall in the Village, but in 1986 that changed when the gym and addition was added to the school.



He had spent all these years keeping the school clean inside and out, mowing the lawns and shoveling the snow. He had never wavered in his cleaning position because he said, “his passion was cleaning, and he loved the children.” After the school year would wind down, he spent his time completely dismantling the classrooms. He stressed that he didn’t just wipe things down, he dismantled; even removing the light fixtures. Dickie cleaned every inch, repainted, and put it all together again. Anyone that has ever walked into the school had witnessed his impeccable knack for a neat and meticulous school.

Taking a rough estimate at the kids he had watched pass through the school doors, he figured 5,000 might be pretty accurate. Dickie attended Walker as a child and his children {Daryl and Amanda} did to.

In his free time, Dickie enjoyed spending time with his friends and family; His Mother and Gordan, hunting and spending time with his South Liberty friends, camping with wife (and school secretary) Johann, along with friends Sharon and Andy Clark, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Between them, Dickie and Johann have 5 Children: Cori, Amanda, Kati, Kyle and Daryl and 14 grandchildren.

The Town of Liberty would like to thank Dickie for all his hard work and dedication to our community, he will always be remembered with a smile.

## **Town Officials and Volunteers 2022**

### **Selectmen, Assessors & Overseers of the Poor**

<b>First Selectman</b>	Melinda Steeves
<b>Second Selectman</b>	André Blanchard
<b>Third Selectman</b>	Duane Jewett

<b>Town Clerk / Town Agent</b> .....	Kasey Doody
<b>Town Administrator / Deputy Clerk / Deputy Treasurer</b> .....	Nicole Gates
<b>Treasurer / Tax Collector/ Deputy Clerk</b> .....	Hannah Hatfield
<b>Deputy Treasurer</b> .....	Betsy Davis
<b>Fire Chief / Fire Warden</b> .....	Bill Gillespie
<b>Emergency Management Director</b> .....	Elise Brown
<b>Code Enforcement Officer / Plumbing Inspector</b> .....	Cindy Abbott
<b>911 Addressing Officer / Registrar of Voters</b> .....	Gail Philippi
<b>RSU3 School Board Director</b> .....	Richard Frost
<b>Animal Control Officer</b> .....	Peter Nerber
<b>Road Commissioner</b> .....	Tammy Reynolds
<b>Planning Board</b> .....	<b>Chair:</b> Steve Fountain <b>Co-Chair:</b> Betty-Lu Davis <b>Members:</b> Kristine Gorman, Carol McGovern, Carrie Mancini, John Morris- Alternate Member, Vacant -Alternate Member <b>Secretary:</b> Kate Meadows
<b>Budget Committee</b> .....	<b>Chair:</b> Elise Brown <b>Members:</b> Judith Fuller, Dorothy Thornton, Betsy Levine, Danny McGovern, Henry Hall, Melanie Ripley
<b>Board of Appeals</b> .....	<b>Chair:</b> Dana Valteau <b>Members:</b> Thomas Oppen and Dana Philippi
<b>TCWSMO Committee Representative</b> .....	Henry Hall <b>Alternate:</b> Dana Philippi
<b>Overlock Memorial Scholarship Committee</b> .....	<b>Chair:</b> Toni Clark <b>Members:</b> Christine Brackett, John Morris, and Lucille Peavey <b>Secretary:</b> Barb Rehmyer
<b>Boston Post Cane Holder</b> .....	Charlene Sherman

## Selectboard Report 2022

The town now has a beautiful new sand shed! Thanks to the hard work of our third selectman Duane Jewett. He over saw the work and made sure things were done to specifications. There is also a three-sided building on the lot for residents to collect some sand for their driveways. Please limit this to a five-gallon bucket full.

We all met with the emergency team to make sure if there ever was a catastrophe the town would know what to do. The need rose again in how do we check on those who might need assistance. If you know of a neighbor who would benefit from a check in, please make sure the office has their number to add to our call list.

This past spring, with the rains and melting snow, the town office flooded through the back door. We did some drainage work and replaced the door. We had the boiler at the office cleaned and were told that it is on its last legs. In this warrant you will see that we are asking to take a Municipal Bond out to transfer over to heat pumps and go solar. This should benefit the town in the long run.

It takes a village to run a village, the Select board appreciates all the time and energy that people of this town have given. **Please come to the Annual Town meeting March 25th at 9:00. Your vote matters.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Melinda Steeves  
Andre Blanchard  
Duane Jewett*

# **TOWN WARRANT STATE OF MAINE TOWN OF LIBERTY**

To: **JOE MEADOWS**, Resident of the Town of Liberty, in the County of Waldo, the State of Maine.

Greetings: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Liberty in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Liberty Community Hall** in said Town, on **Saturday, the 25th day of March, 2023 at 9:00** in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

## **ARTICLES**

### **ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

1. To elect by written ballot a moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To see if the Town will vote to make the Tax Collector position appointed beginning FY24 rather than being elected at Town Meeting.
3. To elect the following positions:
  - a. Tax Collector
  - b. Fire Chief (one year).
  - c. Road Commissioner (one year).
4. To elect a Third Selectman to serve on the Selectboard, Board of Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for a three-year term. (Duane Jewett's term is ending.)
5. To elect a Budget Committee not to exceed 8 members to assist the Selectboard by meeting periodically with the Selectboard and Treasurer to review financial accounts of the Town and assist in budgeting town funds. Current members are Elise Brown, Judith Fuller, Dorothy Thornton, Betsy Levine, Melanie Ripley, Danny McGovern, and Henry Hall.

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to transfer unexpended balances to any account requiring said funds for the purpose of balancing accounts.

7. To fix compensation, from taxation, for the following Town Official positions:

ITEM	Adopted FY23	Recommended FY24
Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Town Agent	\$24,426	\$39,750
Deputy Town Clerk	\$25,000	\$13,500
Treasurer (\$10,000 from taxes, \$2,000 from Ambulance)	\$ 10,000	\$12,000
Deputy Treasurer	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
First Selectman	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Second Selectman	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Third Selectman	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Town Administrator	\$18,200	\$19,000
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,250
Fire Chief	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500
Road Commissioner	\$10,000	\$10,000
Animal Control Officer	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Registrar of Voters	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 500
E911 Addressing Officer	\$ 1,000	\$1,000
Emergency Management Director	\$ 1,500	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$126,876</b>	<b>\$133,500</b>

8. To see what sum of money the Town will raise, from taxation, for the following accounts:

ITEM	Adopted FY23	Recommended FY24
Administration	\$30,000	\$30,000
Assessor's Agent	\$ 11,250	\$10,125
Digital Tax Maps	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,500
Legal Fees	\$ 8,855	\$ 4,000
Planning Board	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
TCSWMO	\$28,000	\$30,740
Animal Control	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900
EMA Ops	\$ 250	\$ 250
Cemeteries / Mowing	\$9,800	\$ 9,800
General Assistance	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Streetlights	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300
Insurance	\$20,000	\$20,000
Payroll Taxes	\$ 11,500	\$12,125.25
Parking Management	\$ 3,995	\$ 3,995
Snow Shoveling	\$ 600	\$ 600
Community Hall	\$ 5,000	\$7,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$142,650</b>	<b>\$139,110</b>

9. **ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town of Liberty (1) **approve** a capital improvement project consisting of the purchase of solar panels and heat pumps for the Town Office and Fire Station, including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; (2) **appropriate** the sum of \$100,000 to fund the project; (3) **authorize** the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$100,000 to fund the appropriation; and (4) **delegate** to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

##### 1. TOTAL BOND INDEBTEDNESS

a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$ 310,073.15
b. Bonds authorized and unissued (other than this loan):	\$ -0-
c. Maximum amount to be issued if approved:	\$ 100,000

##### 2. COSTS

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 4.5% for a ten (10) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond will be:

Principal	\$ 100,000
Interest	\$ 24,366
Total:	\$ 124,366

##### 3. VALIDITY

The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any error in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service varies from the estimates, the ratification by the voters nevertheless conclusive, and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

  
Town Treasurer



10. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation for the Computers, Security, and IT services.

ITEM	Adopted FY23	Recommended FY24
Computer Services	\$17,000	\$17,000
Office Equipment Reserve	\$0	\$3,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>

11. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation to supplement the Community Hall Capital Reserve fund. To see if the Town will add any unspent monies from the Community Hall Operations line item, any donation to the fund and fees collected from users of the Community Hall to the Community Hall Capital Reserve account. (Saving for new floors.)

**Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommendation: pass**

ITEM	Adopted FY23	Recommended FY24
Community Hall Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 1,000	\$1,000

## HIGHWAYS

12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation for the Roads and Bridges accounts to be used for the maintenance, sand/salt and snowplowing of contracted Town roads and to be used as Town matching funds for any FEMA/MEMA grants received in FY24.

ITEM	Adopted FY23	Recommended FY24
RDB Maintenance	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Salt & Sand	\$ 48,000	\$ 60,000
Snowplowing	\$189,000	\$206,700
Signs	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$299,000</b>	<b>\$328,700</b>

13. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to supplement the Paving Capital Reserve fund. [Fund balance as of July 1, 2023, is \$4,405.00]

**Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommendation: pass**

ITEM	ADOPTED FY23	RECOMMENDED FY24
Paving Capital Reserve Fund	\$240,000	\$180,000

14. To see if the Town will add any unspent monies from the RDB Maintenance, and Salt & Sand Accounts to the Paving Capital Reserve account.

**Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommendation: pass.**

15. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation, to be used to assure proper operation of the Lake St. George and Stevens Pond dams.

ITEM	ADOPTED FY23	RECOMMENDED FY24
St. George Maintenance	\$1,000	\$1,000
Stevens Pond Maintenance	\$ 500	\$ 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,001</b>

#### **LIBERTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

16. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, to operate the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department, pay Fire Department volunteer firefighters while on the job, and contribute to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

ITEM	Adopted FY23	Recommended FY24
Fire Department Operations	\$ 55,540	\$60,000
Fire Department Payroll Expenses	\$ 25,000	\$25,000
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$ 15,000	\$15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$95,540</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

17. To see if the Town will add any unspent monies from the Operations account to the LVFD Capital Reserve account. [Fund balance as of July 1, 2023, is \$72,365.00]

18. To see if the Town will add any unspent monies from the Payroll Account to the LVFD Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP).

**Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommendation: pass**

19. To see if the Town will use any donations to the LVFD to offset LVFD Operations or Payroll budget overruns and add any surplus to the LVFD Capital Reserve account.

**Selectboard & Budget Committee Recommendation: pass**

## AMBULANCE SERVICE

20. To see if the Town will allow the Treasurer to accept and use revenue from Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service billing to pay Liberty Fire & Rescue expenses.
21. To see if the Town will appropriate from Liberty Fire & Rescue revenue \$60,000 for expenses for FY24.
22. To see if the Town will accept funds from other Municipalities to defray the cost of payroll expenses.
23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate funds, from taxation, \$77,000 to be used for payroll and training expenses for Liberty Fire & Rescue.

## RECREATION ACCOUNT

24. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, for the following recreation requests:

Recreation Request	Adopted FY23	Agency Request	Recommended FY24
Liberty/Montville Farm Team	\$250	-	-
Mt. View Little League	\$100	-	-
Swimming Lessons	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,000
Walker Bum League	\$100	-	-
YMCA	\$250	\$ 150	\$150
Recreation Fund	\$500	-	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$2,150</b>

25. To see if the Town will accept reimbursements from the Town of Montville for maintenance of the recreation area. Montville has been formally requested to raise \$3,000 for this account. **Recommendation: pass**
26. To see if the Town will accept funds from the State of Maine for Recreational Account (Income from the State Park estimated at \$4,930.00)
27. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, the amount of \$2,350 for Park Maintenance including portable toilets.

## LIBERTY LIBRARY

28. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, to help support operation of the Liberty Library.

ITEM	ADOPTED FY23	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED FY24
Liberty Library Operations	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000

## SOCIAL REQUESTS

29. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation for the following:

ITEM	ADOPTED FY23	AGENCY REQUEST	RECOMMENDED FY24
Belfast Area Child Care Services	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Citizens Association Liberty Lakes	\$ 300	\$ 400	\$ 400
Garry Owen House	\$ 350	-	-
Hospice Volunteers of Waldo County	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Liberty Historical Society	\$ 600	\$ 700	\$ 700
Liberty Bicentennial Celebration	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Lifeflight	\$ 913	\$ 934	\$ 934
Maine Public Radio	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Maine Youth Alliance-Game Loft	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
New Hope for Women Midcoast	\$ 750	\$ 900	\$ 900
Spectrum Generations	\$ 850	\$ 850	\$ 850
Waldo Cap	\$ 4,942	\$ 5,757	\$ 5,757
Waldo County Pet Food Pantry	\$ 200	\$ 250	\$ 250
Waldo County Woodshed	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,405</b>	<b>\$13,291</b>	<b>\$13,291</b>

## DEBT SERVICE

30. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, for the following loans:
- a.

ITEM	ADOPTED FY 23	RECOMMENDED FY24
Fire Truck	\$33,710.27	\$33,710.27

## WALKER-OVERLOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

31. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, from taxation, to supplement the WOMS scholarship Account.

ITEM	ADOPTED FY23	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED FY24
WOM Scholarship	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500

## MILEAGE

32. To see what rate the Town will vote to authorize as travel expenses for essential travel by any Town Official when such travel is on town business, out of town and Code Enforcement Officer on town business in town, to be paid from the Administration Account. **Recommendation:** Adopt State Standard Mileage Rate: Current rate \$.46/mile

## PROPERTY TAXES

33. To see if the Town will vote to have all taxes due and payable to the Tax Collector immediately upon Commitment and:
- To see if the Town will determine that the first half taxes not paid 30 days after Commitment are considered delinquent and second payment due first week of May, delinquent 1 day after due date. **Recommendation: pass**
  - To see what sum of interest the Town will vote to charge on all liens and delinquent taxes. **Recommendation: 6%** (The maximum rate of interest that may be charged:8%)
  - To see if the Town will vote that a taxpayer who pays an amount more than that finally assessed shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from date of the overpayment at an annual rate set 4% below that established in the preceding Article. **Recommendation: 2%**
  - To see if the Town will vote to authorize any action necessary, by the Selectboard and Treasurer, to collect any delinquent taxes outstanding for prior years; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired for non-payment of taxes thereon, using a bid process or other such terms as deemed advisable, by the Selectboard and the State, including publishing in local papers, including the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and should the bid process be used, authorize execution of Quit-Claim deeds for such property sold, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S \_\_943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s). **Recommendation: pass**

- e. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the 2023-24 year not yet committed. **Recommendation: pass**
- f. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account.  
**Recommendation: pass**

34. To see if the Town will accept and carry over any Education Block Grants, Emergency Protective Measure Grants, State Revenue Sharing and other funds as may be available to be used toward the FY2023 Budget appropriations. **Recommendation: pass**

35. Should a vacancy in any elected office arise during the Town Meeting, to vote for a replacement of said official. **Recommendation: pass**

36. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Liberty by State law in the event that the FY24 Municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit. (Vote must be by written ballot.) **Recommendation: pass**

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS, THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Melinda Steeves, First Selectman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Andre Blanchard, Second Selectman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Duane Jewett, Third Selectman

A True Copy: Attest \_\_\_\_\_ Kasey Doody, Clerk, Town of Liberty, Maine

**Town of Liberty**  
**Town Clerk's Report 2021/2022**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: 10am-6pm

Tuesday: 10am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm

First Saturday of the month: 9am-1pm

The Town Office will be closed when RSU3 school are canceled due to weather.  
It is suggested that you call ahead if you have any questions as to whether the office is open

**The following is a list of the 2023/2024 State and Town Office Holiday Closures:**

HOLIDAY	DATE OBSERVED
Patriot's Day	Monday, April 17, 2023
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29, 2023
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4, 2023
Labor Day	Monday, September 4, 2023
Indigenous People's Day	Monday, October 9, 2023
Veterans' Day	Friday, November 10, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23, 2023
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25, 2023
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 15, 2024
President's Day	Monday, February 19, 2024

**EXCISE TAX REPORT**

Total Excise Tax Collected 2021/2022: \$161,183.80.

Motor Vehicles Registered 1,251

All new registrations must be done in the Town Office, by the person listed on the title. You can do re-registrations online. Please go to our website, [Libertymaine.us](http://Libertymaine.us), then go down the Homepage to questions. Follow the link available there. Feel free to call us at the Office if you have any questions.

**Recreational Vehicles Registered**

Boats- 135

ATVs- 38

Snowmobiles- 50

Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued- 60

Reminders for Recreational Vehicle Registrations: Boats: Expire December 31 EACH YEAR. Registration is required if the boat has a motor. All freshwater boat registrations are also required to have the Lake and River Protection Stickers. ATVs: Expire June 30 EACH YEAR. Registration is not required for an ATV operated on land on which the owner lives or on land on which the owner is domiciled, as long as the ATV is not operated elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the State. Snowmobiles: Expire June 30 EACH YEAR. Registration is not required for a snowmobile operated over the snow on land on which the owner lives or on land on which the owner is domiciled, provided the snowmobile is not operated elsewhere within the jurisdiction of the State. \*\*Hunting and Fishing Licenses and ATV, Boat and Snowmobile Registrations can be issued directly with the Department of Inland Fisheries ONLINE AT: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/about/index.html>

### Dog Licenses Issued: 202

You can do both new dog registration as well as renewal of your dog license online at [https://www.maine.gov/online/dog\\_license/faq.html](https://www.maine.gov/online/dog_license/faq.html). Dog Registrations are due on or before **January 1** EACH YEAR.

- If, between January 1 and October 15, the dog reaches the age of 6 months or a person becomes the owner or keeper of a dog 6 months of age or older, the owner/keeper must obtain a license within 10 days of this event. To obtain a license, the owner/keeper must file with the Clerk proof that the dog is immunized against rabies (except for wolf hybrids).
- The license fees are **\$11 for each unaltered dog and \$6 for each Spayed/Neutered dog**. Police dogs and trained guide, hearing, service and search/rescue dogs must be licensed but are exempt from the payment of fees.
- Late Fees are imposed when an owner/keeper, required to license a dog by January 1<sup>st</sup>, fails to apply for a license until **after January 31<sup>st</sup>**. The late fee is **\$25 in addition to the license fee**.

Registrations can be completed in the office, during regular business hours, or online. The online service is only available November through January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Calendar Year 2021 Vital Records

Births – There were 12 babies born to Liberty residents. Congratulations to the families!

Marriages – There were 7 Marriage Licenses issued.

Deaths – There were 10 Deaths to report in 2022.

Our sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

<u>Decedent Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Town of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Benner, Bryan Morgan	68	Lewiston	07/30/2022
Billings, Cynthia Pauline	70	Belfast	10/09/2022
Cash, Denis W.	73	Liberty	01/07/2022
Castantine, Richard Francis	66	Liberty	01/03/2022
Howard, Karin Monson	59	Liberty	01/10/2022
Kann, Ben D.	79	Liberty	01/15/2022
Miller, Louis A. Jr.	52	Palermo	06/12/2022
Moore, Jayne Sarah	65	Augusta	09/25/2022
Newton, Ronald Ezra Jr.	74	Liberty	02/20/2022
Raye, Brandon James	37	Liberty	07/13/2022

A lot has happened in the short time that I have worked here! Thank you, Liberty, for being so welcoming, you all made me feel right at home and everyone has been so kind and patient while I have been learning the ropes of this new job. I would not have been able to do this without the training, guidance, and encouragement of Hannah and Nikki. The two of you have been the best coworkers I've had the privilege of working alongside; you both made coming to work something I looked forward to each day. I will miss working with you immensely as I move on in my career. I would like to thank Gail for guiding me through my first election! We did it! Gail also was there for me, only a phone call or email away, to help me with anything I should need. Working for Liberty was never sink or swim; these ladies took it upon themselves to make sure I was always above water, and I will forever be grateful. I also want to thank the Selectboard, Melinda, Dewey and Andre, for this amazing opportunity. Thank you for allowing me to work for Liberty and see what a close-knit community is really like.

*Respectfully Submitted, Kasey Doody, Town Clerk*



<b>Tax Collector's Report Fiscal Year 2022</b>					
RE Taxes Payable					
Totals as of: 06/30/2022					
Interest and costs have accumulated on all accounts that have not been paid in full.					
Accounts with payments made since 06/30/2022 are indicated with:					
* For partial payment					
** For full payment					

**Unpaid 2022 Real Estate Taxes as of 06/30/2022**

	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Original Tax</b>	<b>Balance As of June 30, 2022</b>
**	1	ABBOTT, MICHAEL A.	2022	1,816.75	907.75
**	7	ALLEN BLUEBERRY FREEZER INC	2022	1,489.01	744.50
**	1236	ALLEN BLUEBERRY FREEZER INC	2022	1,031.49	515.74
**	295	ARD, WARREN H. III & LAUREN	2022	5,403.53	2,701.76
*	173	BAKER, COLLEEN	2022	1,815.90	1,815.90
**	1095	BARBOUR, JOHN E	2022	2,908.87	1,454.43
	293	BARBOZA, LYNN	2022	888.07	888.07
	619	BEAL, BEATRICE (HEIRS)	2022	969.15	969.15
**	55	BEAL, FREDERICK	2022	701.48	350.74
**	1307	BEAL, FREDERICK	2022	395.19	197.59
**	1308	BEAL, FREDERICK	2022	428.70	214.35
**	672	BEAULIEU, JAMES A. &	2022	1,810.07	1,810.07
	1111	BELDEN, GALEN	2022	1,113.56	1,113.56
**	917	BELL-COLFER, BRANDON T	2022	997.69	997.69
**	1066	BERKELEY-STORCH FAMILY REVOCABLE	2022	3,147.00	1,573.50
**	759	BILLINGS, BRENDA M	2022	1,676.45	1,676.45
**	77	BILLINGS, CYNTHIA	2022	546.70	546.70
**	80	BIRMINGHAM, JOSHUA	2022	574.11	574.11
**	417	BLISS, BARBARA	2022	2,708.08	33.42
**	124	BREWER, HERBERT E JR	2022	3,142.60	1,571.30
	606	BROCK CHARLES E III	2022	498.56	498.56
	812	BRUNEAU, HENRY	2022	1,647.20	1,647.20
**	1199	BUTLER, THERESA	2022	3,765.13	2,339.14
**	998	CALDWELL, JAMES	2022	4,291.24	2,145.62
**	1259	CALDWELL, JAMES D	2022	319.50	159.75
**	145	CAMPBELL REALTY TRUST	2022	5,811.21	2,905.60
**	365	CAROLE M. MERRIFIELD TRUST	2022	1,511.31	755.65
**	675	CAROLE M. MERRIFIELD TRUST	2022	472.72	236.36
**	676	CAROLE M. MERRIFIELD TRUST	2022	2,730.38	1,365.19
**	678	CAROLE M. MERRIFIELD TRUST	2022	483.51	241.75
**	1088	CARPENTER, AMY	2022	1,237.10	1,237.10
**	224	CARPENTER, AMY RUTH	2022	701.20	701.20
**	148	CARTER, LOIS	2022	1,461.75	731.56
**	154	CASH, GLENN A	2022	993.72	46.78
*	160	CHADWICK, DAPHYNE	2022	829.56	829.56

**	1155	CHADWICK, JUDITH	2022	651.78	325.79
**	175	CLARK, JAMES A	2022	985.05	985.05
**	184	COCHRAN-GAMMON, SHELBY	2022	1,512.44	1,512.44
**	663	COFFIN, KEVIN L	2022	1,468.28	734.14
**	200	COUTURE, MARC P	2022	372.75	186.37
**	201	COX, LEE STUART	2022	1,821.86	0.04
**	706	CRAM, MATTHEW A	2022	1,629.02	1,629.02
**	881	CRONIN, JOHN R	2022	4,040.75	0.01
**	210	CULLIVAN, GARY	2022	2,095.64	1,047.82
**	1262	CULLIVAN, GARY	2022	417.05	208.52
**	1055	DARIGAN, MICHAEL	2022	378.86	378.86
**	1284	Darigan, Michael	2022	367.78	367.78
**	235	DAVIS FAMILY REAL PROPERTY TRUST	2022	4,337.11	2,168.55
**	244	DEMUTH, JANICE M	2022	1,215.38	607.69
**	258	DOBRIC, ALBINO	2022	681.60	-180.00
	407	DOURANT, TERRY M	2022	957.08	904.25
**	1122	ELDRIDGE, LAURA	2022	1,759.38	1,759.38
**	1219	ELLIS, CHARLES W	2022	319.50	0.79
**	566	ENGMAN, KERSTIN L	2022	984.63	0.14
	930	FAGIN FOOD VENTURES, LLC	2022	5,381.23	5,381.23
**	718	FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS	2022	1,098.23	1,098.23
**	1316	FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS	2022	89.46	89.46
**	704	FLYE, CATHY LEE	2022	2,028.90	2,028.90
**	526	FOUNTAIN, SHEILA	2022	3,269.98	3,269.98
**	1002	FRANCIS, MATTHEW	2022	2,594.20	1,297.10
**	1305	FULLER, LOREN	2022	249.49	64.73
**	1029	GARRIGAN, BERNARD B JR	2022	1,746.74	1,746.74
**	1220	GARRY OWEN MC	2022	46.01	46.01
*	363	GENEWICZ, JOHN J	2022	1,169.37	1,169.37
**	1359	GENEWICZ, MICHAEL J	2022	1,540.84	1,540.84
**	378	GORMAN, KEVIN J	2022	6,554.29	3,277.14
**	117	Gorman, Kristine C	2022	1,171.64	585.82
**	841	HAGAR, MARK	2022	489.90	489.90
**	388	HAHN, DALE S	2022	2,266.89	19.99
	393	HANCOCK, LAWRENCE D	2022	827.29	827.29
	281	HARRIMAN, ANGIE	2022	671.52	671.52
**	1229	HARRIMAN, DONALD S JR	2022	325.89	174.66
**	405	HARRIMAN, RICHARD	2022	2,886.15	1,443.07
**	636	HARWELL, TARA MARPLE	2022	262.70	262.70
**	1233	HARWELL, TARA MARPLE	2022	262.70	262.70
**	300	HASKELL, PAMELA	2022	4,400.72	2,200.36
	703	HAVER, MICHELLE	2022	538.89	538.89
	623	HEROUX, PAULINE MAKER	2022	590.58	590.58
	435	HOLBROOK, DAVID	2022	1,347.01	802.26
**	441	HOWARD, JOHN R	2022	1,430.65	2.28
**	1253	HUDSON, RUSSELL J	2022	405.13	405.13

**	1065	HURD, ALLAN M	2022	305.30	209.11
**	226	HURD, ANGELA	2022	316.38	316.38
**	446	HURD, KEVIN L	2022	946.86	946.86
**	449	HUSSEY, ROBERTA	2022	1,049.52	524.76
*	454	IVERY, DAVID WAYNE	2022	284.00	284.00
	1051	JEWETT, DANIEL	2022	241.40	241.40
**	469	JEWETT, DARRELL	2022	396.04	396.04
**	476	JEWETT, RANDALL	2022	1,683.41	841.70
**	477	JEWETT, RANDALL	2022	1,407.22	705.67
	472	JEWETT, STEVEN	2022	213.71	213.71
	1260	JEWETT, STEVEN	2022	127.80	127.80
**	307	JOHNSTONE, GARY I	2022	2,605.13	1,302.56
	166	KASABUSKI, WILLIAM	2022	678.33	678.33
**	506	KEEGAN, ROBERT A	2022	500.55	327.85
**	920	LAFOLLETTE, DUANE J	2022	944.30	944.30
**	291	Lane, Cordelia	2022	2,298.27	1,149.13
**	527	LANPHERE, RYAN D	2022	3,755.33	3,755.33
**	1186	LEMIEUX, ROBIN L	2022	294.65	294.65
**	665	LEWIS, MICHAEL	2022	1,663.81	831.90
	575	LIBBY, DENNIS	2022	337.25	337.25
**	1076	LIBBY, MELISSA	2022	1,171.22	585.61
**	582	LIEBLER, JANE P	2022	1,818.74	909.37
**	591	LINCOLN, SIDNEY (LIFE ESTATE)	2022	2,997.62	1,498.81
	1104	LINDAHL, R SCOTT	2022	952.82	952.82
**	253	MACCREADY, ROBIN M	2022	2,281.37	2,281.34
	1351	MACKEY, WENDY J	2022	363.95	363.95
**	521	MAC'S CONVENIENCE STORES LLC	2022	12,708.57	32.87
**	620	MAHON, HUGH J	2022	1,554.19	777.09
**	414	MAHON, JR., HUGH J.	2022	849.59	424.79
**	151	MAINSTRUCK, MICHAEL (1/2 Int.)	2022	640.56	320.28
**	497	MAINSTRUCK, MICHAEL JR	2022	2,666.62	1,333.31
	942	MARCHAND, DANIEL R	2022	3,113.78	3,113.78
**	643	MARPLE HEIRS, RAMONA	2022	837.80	421.72
**	1103	MARPLE, BRICE	2022	747.49	376.30
*	217	MARPLE, TARA	2022	2,083.99	2,083.99
*	1061	MARPLE, TARA	2022	187.58	187.58
**	92	MARPLE, TARA A	2022	2,076.75	2,076.75
**	349	MARTIN JR, WILLIAM E FAMILY TRUST	2022	1,372.86	686.43
**	957	MASON, RODNEY	2022	2,004.61	-0.15
**	1025	MCDERMOTT, ROBERT B JR	2022	783.56	783.56
**	1250	MCDERMOTT, ROBERT B JR	2022	429.83	414.25
**	57	MCEVITT, CAROLYN B. & HURT, CHRISTINE A.	2022	2,169.05	1,084.52
**	1042	MCEVITT, CAROLYN B. & HURT, CHRISTINE A.	2022	265.26	132.63
	1092	MCFADDEN, ANITA	2022	277.33	275.07

	662	MCFADDEN, JACK	2022	2,189.50	2,189.50
**	896	MCGOVERN, DANNY	2022	681.03	340.51
**	895	MCGOVERN, DANNY J	2022	834.39	417.19
**	1238	MCGOVERN, DANNY J	2022	543.72	271.86
**	715	MCLAUGHLIN, DAVID A	2022	1,616.81	808.41
**	579	MCMAHON, STEVE	2022	659.16	659.16
**	463	Michael Landgarten 2012 Revoc Trust	2022	3,343.25	1,671.62
**	1022	MIDTVEDT, HAROLD & KAREN	2022	1,777.27	-0.01
**	683	MIDTVEDT, HAROLD L. & KAREN D.	2022	5,319.89	-0.01
**	1273	MILLAY, DANIELLE J	2022	300.33	300.33
	1276	MILLAY, GEORGE R	2022	300.33	300.33
**	1274	MILLAY, SARAH K	2022	300.33	205.66
*	1188	MILLER, DANIEL H	2022	935.92	935.92
**	690	MILLER, LINDA A	2022	1,036.46	518.23
**	230	MOORE, AARON	2022	4,781.57	2,390.78
	701	MORDAUNT, CHRISTOPHER	2022	170.40	2.37
	1159	MORGAN, COREY JAMES	2022	340.80	340.80
	1057	MOSHER, ARTHUR	2022	2,186.52	2,186.52
	455	MOSHER, ARTHUR JR	2022	821.33	821.33
**	106	MULLEN FAMILY TRUST DATED JUNE 32015	2022	1,247.19	0.01
**	1087	MUNRO, PAUL	2022	2,659.09	1,329.54
**	713	NEWELL, EVA B TRUST	2022	2,913.98	2,913.98
*	768	NORMAND, DONALD W	2022	355.00	355.00
**	149	OJEDA, PATRICK R	2022	415.35	207.67
**	722	O'NEIL, MARK	2022	1,860.06	1,714.50
**	487	OPPER, THOMAS	2022	454.40	454.40
**	660	OPPER, THOMAS	2022	2,184.39	2,184.39
**	899	OPPER, THOMAS	2022	2,074.90	2,074.90
**	1041	OPPER, THOMAS	2022	470.45	470.45
**	1193	OPPER, THOMAS	2022	345.63	345.63
**	119	OPPER, THOMAS S	2022	2,325.96	2,325.96
**	532	OPPER, THOMAS S	2022	1,580.18	1,579.18
**	726	OPPER, THOMAS S	2022	1,986.30	1,986.30
**	727	OPPER, THOMAS S	2022	5,558.31	2,779.15
**	728	OPPER, THOMAS S	2022	2,134.83	2,134.83
**	729	OPPER, THOMAS S	2022	3,664.03	3,664.03
**	16	OPPER, TOM	2022	3,334.30	3,334.30
**	872	OPPER, TOM	2022	4,769.50	4,769.50
**	569	PAGE, PAMELA J	2022	1,443.29	721.64
	1353	PARKER, DECINDRA W	2022	422.88	211.50
**	746	PARNELL, CHARLES	2022	989.88	494.94
**	1342	PEAVEY, CARRIE	2022	356.85	356.85
**	1345	PEAVEY, CARRIE	2022	401.58	401.58
**	133	PERKINS, JONATHAN	2022	225.07	223.00
**	163	PERKINS, SUSANNE M	2022	4,861.80	2,430.80

**	774	PERKO, ANDREA J	2022	2,543.65	1,271.82
**	822	PERMATTEO, MICHAEL	2022	2,607.55	2,607.55
**	1306	PERMATTEO, MICHAEL	2022	488.76	488.76
**	788	PLUMMER FAMILY REAL ESTATE COR	2022	2,367.85	2,367.85
**	1203	REAL, MICHAEL	2022	439.49	439.49
**	817	RHODES, RUTH	2022	698.21	698.21
**	381	ROSS, JOHN	2022	1,578.90	787.66
**	776	ROWLEY, BRUCE W	2022	720.08	360.04
	839	RUDEK, ROBERT W	2022	745.50	372.75
**	275	SALLY ECCLESTON IRREVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	2022	974.97	487.48
	796	SANDNER, JEFFREY R	2022	1,009.48	1,009.48
*	797	SANDNER, JEFFREY R. & BRENDA	2022	1,192.80	1,192.80
**	1130	SATURDAY COVE PROPERTIES	2022	1,036.32	511.34
**	854	SCHELBLE, PAUL	2022	2,023.22	1,011.61
*	861	Sequeira, Allen A	2022	476.27	259.83
**	862	SEQUIN, CAROL ANN	2022	564.73	564.73
**	869	SHERMAN, DOUGLAS	2022	724.20	724.20
**	1108	SHERMAN, DOUGLAS	2022	149.10	149.10
**	771	SINGER, ROLAND L IV	2022	488.05	88.20
**	971	SKAWINSKI, TODD	2022	71.00	51.87
**	882	SLATER, ROBERT	2022	649.51	649.51
**	629	SMITH, FRED	2022	2,311.76	-61.63
**	1150	SMITH, FRED	2022	123.26	123.26
**	884	SMITH, GEOFFREY O	2022	1,408.64	1,266.46
**	892	SMITH, WAYNE A	2022	1,826.12	913.06
	710	SOULE, NANCY	2022	340.80	340.80
	902	SOULE, NANCY	2022	1,965.85	1,965.85
**	1143	SPENCER, DALE	2022	1,223.90	1,223.90
**	1069	SPROWL, GREGORY	2022	2,128.44	2,128.44
**	313	STAPLES, STEPHEN	2022	1,709.96	854.98
**	1105	STARRETT, CURTIS F	2022	791.65	791.65
**	169	STEEVES, WARREN	2022	955.80	1.18
**	945	STEEVES, WARREN	2022	3,202.10	18.07
**	958	SYLVESTER, BARBARA A & JOHNSON, YVONNE	2022	1,966.98	456.75
**	73	TAX, JOAN C	2022	4,722.21	2,361.10
**	1112	The Liberty 009-39 Land Trust...	2022	3,558.38	3,558.38
**	974	TORREY, JR LARRY	2022	641.56	641.56
**	488	TOWNE, WALLACE A	2022	1,945.83	972.91
**	979	TOWNSLEY, JOSHUA R	2022	2,291.45	2,291.45
	12	TOWNSLEY, RONALD T	2022	610.60	610.60
	17	TOWNSLEY, RONALD T	2022	489.90	489.90
	980	TOWNSLEY, RONALD T	2022	1,132.45	789.21
**	1215	TOWNSLEY, RONALD T	2022	937.20	875.15

**	695	TRUST AGREEMENT OF CARL L MOODY...	2022	1,998.51	1,996.51
**	837	VAN DUYSSEN, DARLEEN	2022	3,296.96	1,648.48
	1221	VAN DUYSSEN, DARLEEN	2022	1,028.65	514.32
	992	VATTER, JOSEPH T	2022	1,415.03	1,415.03
**	999	VITTUM, BARBARA A	2022	2,017.11	823.74
**	1147	VON SALTZA, MALCOLM	2022	420.75	210.37
**	126	WADE, LUKE	2022	707.73	355.20
**	1013	WEEKS, ELWIN	2022	778.59	370.44
**	1017	WEISNER, DONALD P	2022	2,792.71	1,396.35
**	978	WELLS, BENJAMIN	2022	1,797.01	-2.99
**	1168	WENTWORTH, DAVID	2022	1,966.13	1.48

<b>Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year 2022</b>	
RE Tax Lien Payable	
Totals as of: 06/30/2022	
Interest and costs have accumulated on all accounts that have not been paid in full.	
Accounts with payments made since 06/30/2022 are indicated with:	
* For partial payment	
** For full payment	

**Tax Year 2020 Outstanding Tax Liens as of June 30, 2022**

	Account	Name	Year	Principal Due
**	759	BILLINGS, BRENDA M	2020	1,016.90
**	472	JEWETT, STEVEN AND MARY	2020	328.06
*	1260	JEWETT, STEVEN AND MARY	2020	179.20
	1276	MILLAY, GEORGE R.	2020	342.89

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**	293	BARBOZA, LYNN	2021	975.22
**	759	BILLINGS, BRENDA M	2021	1,786.82
	606	BROCK CHARLES E III	2021	811.50
	812	BRUNEAU, HENRY	2021	1,756.71
**	160	CHADWICK, DAPHYNE	2021	914.99
**	1054	COON, PATRICK	2021	813.84
**	1061	CUNNINGHAM, BARBARA, DEVISEES	2021	254.11
**	363	GENEWICZ, JOHN J & MICHAEL J	2021	1,264.81
*	393	HANCOCK, LAWRENCE D.	2021	857.11
**	281	HARRIMAN, ANGIE	2021	752.30
	703	HAVER, MICHELLE	2021	615.76
**	623	HEROUX, PAULINE MAKER	2021	668.97
**	454	IVERY, DAVID WAYNE	2021	240.72

*	472	JEWETT, STEVEN AND MARY	2021	281.00
	1260	JEWETT, STEVEN AND MARY	2021	192.57
**	1186	LEMIEUX, ROBIN L	2021	66.72
	942	MARCHAND, DANIEL R.	2021	3,266.49
	662	MCFADDEN, JACK & DARYL	2021	2,314.99
	1276	MILLAY, GEORGE R.	2021	370.18
**	1057	MOSHER, ARTHUR & VICKI	2021	2,311.91
**	768	NORMAND, DONALD W.	2021	371.83
**	817	RHODES, RUTH	2021	768.49
**	796	SANDNER, JEFFREY R.	2021	1,100.21
**	797	SANDNER, JEFFREY R. & BRENDA	2021	1,288.94
**	710	SOULE, NANCY	2021	411.83
**	902	SOULE, NANCY	2021	2,084.74
**	619	SWANSON, GARY A.	2021	1,183.54
**	979	TOWNSLEY, JOSHUA R.	2021	2,419.94
**	12	TOWNSLEY, RONALD T	2021	689.58
**	17	TOWNSLEY, RONALD T	2021	565.33
**	980	TOWNSLEY, RONALD T	2021	1,226.80
**	1215	TOWNSLEY, RONALD T	2021	1,025.80
	992	VATTER, JOSEPH T	2021	1,517.71

Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year 2022	
BANK ACCOUNTS July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022	
<b>Town of Liberty Checking</b>	
<b>38,756.01</b>	7/1/2021 Balance
1,435,475.11	Deposits and interest
1,644,000.00	Transfers from ICS
415,000.00	Transfers from Savings
-3,589,969.63	Warrants
<b>-56,738.51</b>	Balance as of 6/30/2022
<b>Business Savings</b>	
<b>1,514.82</b>	7/1/2021 Balance
2,391,839.21	Deposits
27.65	Interest
-39.00	Bank Fees
-1,975,000.00	Transfers to ICS
-415,000.00	Transfers to Checking
<b>3,342.68</b>	Balance as of 6/30/2022

<b>ICS Savings</b>		
	<b>357,371.04</b>	7/1/2021 Balance
	1,229.17	Interest
	331,000.00	Net Transfers
	<b>689,600.21</b>	Balance as of 6/30/2022
<b>Hoit CD</b>		
	<b>91,006.29</b>	7/1/2021 Balance
	389.16	Interest
	<b>91,395.45</b>	Balance as of 6/30/2022
<b>Hoit Savings</b>		
	<b>1,877.54</b>	7/1/2021 Balance
	0.93	Interest
	<b>1,878.47</b>	Balance as of 6/30/2022
<b>WOMS Savings</b>		
	<b>3,877.48</b>	7/1/2021 Balance
	1.93	Interest
	<b>3,879.41</b>	Balance as of 6/30/2022
<b>WOMS CEDRS</b>		
	<b>78,150.04</b>	7/1/2021 Balance
	-3,702.95	Transfer to Cemetery Fund
		WOMS Fund
	716.61	Interest
	<b>75,163.70</b>	Balance as of 6/30/2022
<b>Cemetery Checking</b>		
	<b>3,234.40</b>	7/1/2021 Balance
	3,702.95	Cemetery Transfer
	8.33	Interest
	<b>6,945.68</b>	Balance as of 6/30/2022
<b>FUND BALANCES June 30, 2022</b>		
<b>CEMETERY FUND</b>		4,600.38
<b>HOIT FUND</b>		90,174.00
<b>LVFD CAPITAL RESERVE</b>		72,365.00
<b>LOSAP</b>		6,160.00
<b>COM HALL RESERVE</b>		101.00
<b>WOM SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b>		69,175.00
<b>PAVING RESERVE</b>		4,405.00
<b>ARPA GRANT</b>		112,906.00
<b>AMBULANCE FUND</b>		96,442.00
<b>UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE</b>		301,925.00



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REVENUE July 1, 2021-June 30,2022	
2022 Commitment	2,375,451.98
RE Lien/Tax Costs and Interest	14,753.60
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	211.35
Motor Vehicle Excise	185,913.32
Motor Vehicle Agent Fee	6,018.00
Boat Excise	2,871.70
Boat Agent Fees	399.00
Animal Control Fees	977.00
Dog Agent Fees	226.00
Vitals Agent Fees	1,056.80
Planning Board Permits	410.00
Planning Board Fines	250.00
On Line Burn Permits	116.00
Bank Interest	1,245.67
URIP	23,356.00
Maine Revenue Sharing	104,470.09
State Park Fee	4,938.71
Homestead Reimbursement	66,695.00
Renewable Energy Reimbursement	659.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	7,949.93
Veterans Exemption Reimb.	610.00
BETE Reimbursement	82.00
FEMA Grant	18,787.00
Com Hall Revenue	100.00
LVFD Donations	8,000.00
Rec Field From Montville	1,000.00
Duplicate Parking Sticker	15.00
Property Sale	376,096.37
Bond Proceeds	339,503.00
Misc	-10.00
Woodlot	15,117.24
Total Revenue	3,557,269.76

## **Road Commissioner's Report 2022**

The everchanging weather in Maine has continued. In Feb of 2022 the temperature reached 50 degrees, it rained 3 inches, and then dropped to 5 degrees within 24 hours. So of course, with the frozen ground, unexpected thawing happened. Mud reared its ugly head and even the town office building experienced a mud slide within the building. With that being said, mud season arrived very early. Much of March was spent battling the long-lasting mud and potholes, and grading began. We did some much-needed brushing on McLain and Fishtown and regular maintenance all over town.

### **Road by Road July 2021- June 2022**

McLain	\$12,281.00
Prescott Hill	\$6,872.00
Marshall Shores	\$5,182.00
Stickney Hill	\$5,470.00
Back Palermo	\$4,858.00
Hostile Valley	\$4,764.00
Bolin	\$3,992.00
Ridge School	\$3,495.00
Kager	\$2,867.00
Fishtown	\$2,852.00
Water Street	\$1,460.00
Percey	\$1,029.00
Gove	\$1,273.00

Total = \$56,395.00

Guard Rail Back Palermo Rd \$12,358.00

Cold patch/culverts/spray paint/white sign/posted signs \$3,924.96

Total = \$72,677.96

### **FEMA**

The October 2021 Halloween storm that damaged Hostile Valley became FEMA Eligible. Elise Brown (EMA Director) and myself spent much of the summer working on the paperwork required for reimbursement. We just received notice that we have finally been approved, and the funds are being sent to Liberty to reimburse our road account for monies spent. Here is the breakdown:

Total Application: \$19,776.00

Federal Share \$17,798.40

State Share: \$1,186.56

Town Share: \$791.04

Let's not forget the Christmas Eve Rainstorm we recently endured, and we are hoping that it too will become FEMA Eligible.

## PAVING

Paving was completed on the Back Palermo Road entirely, along with Old County Road and a section of Stickney Hill Road. The five-year paving plan crafted by the Road Committee is still moving along as planned, with this being year three of the plan. Ridge School and Fishtown are set to be paved this Spring. Next year will be Lampson, Trask, Tannery and Jacques, and a portion of Hostile Valley.

## DAMS

The dams seemed to have settled down and for the first year in 22 years, not one complaint on water levels.

With that being said, Lake St. George lost one of its best friends in Linda Breslin. Linda was an advocate for the Lake for what seemed like a lifetime. Although Linda was not a Liberty Resident, she fought fiercely for the Lake and its wellbeing. She promoted many ways to keep the lake healthy, and stood by my side many times as we together battled with the state over the upkeep of the dams. She will be forever missed, but her memory can and will continue on each time you see the sun shining off the lake.

## Sand Shed

The sand shed project was completed with a huge shout out to Duane Jewett for leading that project from start to finish putting in endless hours. The building should easily last 40 years and has a nice smaller building off to the side for residents to retrieve some sand if needed. The three-year plowing contract was renewed with Jim Butler this year.

Just for future reference, the following contractors for the sand shed project were:

Rubb Building- \$268,051.18	Cox Machine bending rebar-\$4,940.50
Ronald Gibson concrete forms and pour-\$85,000.00	Liberty Electrical- \$4,850.00
Dave's World Groundwork-\$58,000.00	Mainely Concrete pump- \$3,490.00
Folsom Concrete- \$35,178.27	AE Hodson engineering- \$2,407.07
Viking (Rebar)- \$29,957.21	Misc.- (gate etc.)-\$1,214.82
Pike Paving -\$15,254.88	Tree Removal- \$600.00
Mid coast Water Proofing-\$7,110.00	

Of special interest to this project was that the concrete walls are 12 feet tall, 12 inches thick with a tractor Trailer load of rebar in the project. Footings are 1foot 6 inches thick by 8 feet wide (double mat end walls and footings)

## Community Hall

The hall continues to be a good space to host a variety of activities: benefit dinners, AA Groups and basketball, along with birthday parties, weddings and gatherings. It will receive its first fresh coat of paint this summer.

As always if you have a road concern please contact me,  
*Respectfully, Your Road Commissioner, Tammy Reynolds*

## **E911 Report - 2022**

911 addressing is now electronic. Addresses are uploaded to the ESRI program, and we are updating existing 911 maps to match and contribute to the State GIS information.

Please call us as soon as you know or need to know if you will need an address.

Every new dwelling needs a number, and a driveway must be named if there is more than one building or lot accessed by the same driveway. A long driveway with just one house does not need a name. This applies to public and private roads.

Naming a road does not mean it is a Town Road. Please note that you should never post your own road sign with a name of your choosing if it has not been approved by the town and is not in the system. This can lead to confusion in an emergency or for mail delivery.

The phone company, CMP and insurance companies usually require property owners to get an address before they will provide service. They are requesting the information earlier in the process than they used to. The Town provides the address and gives it to the property owner, and the Postal Service. Please call the Town Office at 589-4318.

As always, we still have a problem with sign loss. If you know of a damaged or missing street sign, please let us know. **Missing signs can be a safety issue and more than an inconvenience in an emergency.**

There are still property owners who have not **put-up house #s** and in a few cases need to **remove old RR#s and old CALL camp #s**. These old #s could lead to confusion in an emergency. **Numbers should be at least 3" high and contrast with your building or be reflective. If the house is not visible from the road, they should be posted at the end of your driveway or on your mailbox if you have one.**

Another reminder about cell phones: **When you call 911 from a cell phone, the dispatcher will not necessarily know where you are.** This is less likely to happen than it used to be as the technology is much improved. Regular "land lines" will show your location automatically when the emergency call is received. From a cell phone you may still need to supply all the information starting with the Town you are in, directions from the Fire Station / ambulance to your house or directions to wherever you are if you are not home or if you need the police.

### **For all callers, Be Specific:**

- ✓ Use official road names, right and left turns, distances even if approximate, and any landmarks you can think of.
- ✓ If you are at home, leave an outside light on or a car with lights flashing where it can be seen from the road.
- ✓ Do not assume people will know where you are. There are always new people joining the emergency services and there are new residents, homes, and road names.
- ✓ Write the directions to your house from the Fire Station and leave them by your phone. You, a visitor, or renter of your home or camp who may not be familiar with your location, can simply read the directions over the phone to the dispatcher.

Do not forget to shovel out your mailbox, trim branches and keep your address visible year-round! Thank you.

*Respectfully submitted, Gail Philippi*

## **2022 Liberty Historical Society Report**

The Liberty Historical Society is fifty years old this year. Most of the original members are gone now. The current membership is eagerly looking forward to the celebration of our Bicentennial on January 31, 2027.

If any citizen participated in or has memories of the Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1977, we welcome any thoughts or insights, and we will be reaching out to those we are already acquainted with. Even better, come join us!

At present we are outlining our plans for events in January 2027 and a bigger celebration in the summer of 2027. We are considering endeavors similar to the 1977 Sesquicentennial and also inquiries to date into the participation of various local businesses have been well received. Please contact any member of the Liberty Historical Society.

We are always interested in artifacts of Liberty's industries and images, photos, newspaper articles about people and places.

Octagonal Post Office Museum hours are Saturday 1 – 4 pm between July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day. If you are interested in joining the Society, in being a host or assisting at the Octagonal Post Office please contact us at 589-4730 or any member of the LHS. Officers are Dana Philippi, President; Diane Grosser, Vice President; Gail Philippi, Treasurer and Matthew Kopishke, Secretary. Members include Katie Light, Dot Wyman, Elizabeth Wilson, and others who support us in the background.

*Thank You, Dana Philippi*

## **2022 Liberty Fire & Rescue Annual Report**

Once again, I am both honored and humbled to be your Fire Chief and would like to thank everyone for their unwavering support of our service.

2022 had its share of exciting changes that took place. In February we purchased a newer Ambulance from a Department in North Carolina and put it into service in April. This allowed us the opportunity to complete some much-needed repairs to our older ambulance with a plan of keeping two in service.

After months of discussion, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, we started to provide EMS services to the town of Palermo. As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, and after a year of planning, Liberty Ambulance successfully transitioned into Liberty Fire & Rescue. This allowed us to better manage the day-to-day operations and to control the revenue to ensure the level of accountability and professionalism needed to sustain our EMS service that will last well into the future. I am happy to report that your department rose to the challenge and responded to 362 calls for service and had over 380 patient contacts. On several occasions we responded to multiple calls at the same time with two ambulances in service and a roster of 20 dedicated providers. This almost doubled our 2021 call value of just over 200 calls.

The town breakdown is as follows:

- Palermo - 137 calls (37.8%)
- Liberty - 109 calls (30.1%)
- Montville - 96 calls (26.5%)
- Searsmont - 11 calls, Freedom - 6 calls, Knox - 1 call, China - 1 call, Washington - 1 call (.5%)

As for the fire side, we responded to 124 calls for service and the natures are as follows:

- Structure Fires - 14
- Auto Accidents - 36
- Weather - 29
- Station Coverage - 8
- Wildfires - 6
- Medical assist - 15
- Alarm investigations - 2
- Hazard/odor - 4
- Vehicle Fires - 4
- Chimney Fires - 6

We have continued to solicit and welcome new members to our department and added 3 over the past year, bringing our roster to 19 active members. All of our members have remained active in learning new skills and vigilant in ongoing training.

In June we took delivery of two new Fire Boats and spent time training all our members and our mutual aid partners on proper operation.

I am proud to report that we once again passed our Bureau of Labor Standard SHAPE Award Recertification. This award recognizes a small number of Fire Departments that consistently offer a safe work environment through ongoing training, recordkeeping, and a safe workplace.

Liberty Engine Company 7 remained active last year with our Easter egg hunt, our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Chicken BBQ, and Halloween. We thank the public for supporting our fundraising efforts.

It is my honor for the first time to submit this report as one agency. I am so thankful for all the members for their commitment. I am especially thankful to Deputy EMS Chief Earle Albert for stepping up to Lead our EMS providers, our officers for their commitment, and our members who are gifted individuals that show their commitment to our community daily. Your great work and good deeds do not go unnoticed.

*Chief Bill Gillespie*

## **What's the Current State of Bringing Broadband Internet to Liberty?**

In 2022, our town voted to enter into an Inter-Local Agreement (ILA) with the towns of Freedom, Montville, Palermo, and Searsmont, to form a "Broadband Utility District", or "BUD", for the purpose of creating and running a broadband internet network designed to serve the residents of all five member towns. That "BUD" is called the Waldo Broadband Corporation (WBC). Creating this utility district allows our town to be a member of a not-for-profit utility that hopes to deliver affordable, reliable, high-speed internet service to all residents of Liberty and other WBC member towns, if we can find the funding to build that network, which I'll discuss more in just a moment. I was appointed by the Select Board to be Liberty's representative on the Board of Directors for this new utility. Each of the other four member towns also has a representative, and each of the five member towns has an equal vote on the board. Directors serve strictly as volunteers and cannot be paid for their service.

WBC was formed for three reasons:

- First, many residents were finding that a lack of high-speed internet access was causing problems in their daily lives, and in many cases, was placing residents at a disadvantage when it came to earning and living, gaining education, and even having access to healthcare.
- Second, existing internet service providers in our towns weren't willing to commit to making high-speed internet available to most, much less all, residents of our towns, and there was no guarantee from them that they would work to keep that service affordable for those that could get access to it. So, to ensure service for all at an affordable price, we felt we needed to keep control in the hands of our towns, and not some distant corporation.
- Third, our towns knew that a large amount of money was going to become available from the federal and state government to help fund broadband expansion, so we probably wouldn't have another opportunity to build a network again for many years, if ever.

Of course, the skills and experience needed to build and operate a broadband network aren't something you can find just anywhere, and none of the WBC's member towns had any desire to hire employees, buy trucks, or do the many other things necessary to make a network a reality. So, WBC worked with a well-known Maine broadband consulting group, Mission Broadband, to put out a request for proposal for a company to build our network, IF we could get the funds necessary to do it (a big task in itself). The WBC sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to many different companies, seeking a company willing to do this, and that could work with us to apply for grants to fund the network. Five companies responded, and three submitted proposals that the WBC Board found workable, based on the needs of the towns. After much examination and thought, the WBC Board selected Sebago Fiber and Wifi as the company to design, build, and for at least the first three years, operate, the broadband network. Sebago is a young company, but they have already built a network on Frye Island in Sebago Lake using techniques and processes, and with results, that the WBC Board found very impressive. They did this primarily with their own money, and the prices they charge for that network are higher than what WBC hopes to charge, because WBC is a not-for-profit organization. For our network, the WBC Board will be setting the prices for service, with Sebago simply carrying out the role of network operator.



The “bottom line” is that Sebago’s expertise, approach, thoroughness, and experience with their own network impressed the WBC Board, and since their selection the Board has continued to be impressed by this small company’s expertise and willingness to work with our towns on both our grant application for funding, and the planning and design work necessary to build a network. Also, it’s important to note that Sebago is doing this without a penny of guaranteed compensation. If we can’t get funding for the project, they make nothing on it.

The WBC’s plan for the network is focused on giving every home and business in each of our five towns a state of the art, optical fiber connection to the internet. Based on almost all industry experts, this technology is both the best technology current available, and the one that will allow WBC to offer state of the art broadband, comparable to or better than that available in many cities across the US, for the next 30 years or more. Fiber is also more resilient than older technologies such as copper cables, an important consideration when you think about downed trees, ice storms, and other problems we face on a regular basis. And, it doesn’t really cost more to install than those older technologies, which makes it especially attractive. The Board also considered almost every other possible way of delivering broadband (wireless, satellite, mobile, etc.) but found that fiber was by far the best way to give our residents a system that puts us on an equal footing vs. other communities now and well into the future, which is important for the future economic health of our towns and the ability of our residents to live and work here for at least the next generation, or longer. But it costs money to build any network, and that’s the current challenge we’re working hard to overcome. Based on current costs for materials and labor, experts estimate that it will cost almost \$16 million to build this network across all five towns, and for that, we’re going to need a lot of grant money.

Currently, there is more money being put toward broadband expansion by the federal and state government than at any time in history. If you look back in history, this is very similar to what happened decades ago for both the expansion of electricity, and for phone service. Without a lot of government support, neither of those systems would look anything like the reliable systems we have today, because it costs too much to run miles and miles of cable in rural areas where there aren’t a lot of people. For-profit companies tend to build out only in areas where they can quickly recoup their investments, and that leaves areas like ours in a bad situation. We just aren’t as attractive an investment as other, more densely populated areas, so for-profit companies don’t invest in areas like ours until their other options are exhausted, if ever. And even then, they often invest in stringing cable and providing service only along “main roads”. That often leaves most residents in towns like ours, where people often live off the main highways, without service. To prevent that from happening with broadband, the federal and state government are now offering a variety of programs and grants to help rural communities like ours to build broadband networks like the one we’re proposing. But obtaining those grant funds is a very competitive process, and sometimes requires that communities come up with a portion of the money themselves. That’s very difficult for small towns like ours, when available tax dollars are needed for essential services like maintaining roads and funding ambulances and fire departments.

All that said, WBC is currently trying its hardest to win some of those grant funds and is actively working with various groups including the Maine Connectivity Authority, the Maine Broadband Coalition, the Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Coalition, and both state and federal legislators, in that effort.

In fact, we were initially recommended for approval of a grant of more than \$11 million back in January. However, that grant required us to come up with more than \$4.5 million on our own, which we can't currently do. But we're working hard to address that, while still protecting our towns from taking on debt that we can't afford.

When the towns voted to form the WBC via the earlier-mentioned Inter-Local Agreement, they stipulated that the towns would neither incur debt, nor guarantee debt, for the WBC. The WBC Board fully supports that decision because we agree that scarce taxpayer dollars in our communities need to be directed toward essential services like roads and safety, and because we think that the people using the broadband service should be responsible for paying for it. Our business model shows that this can be accomplished by having the WBC issue a special type of bond (a "revenue" bond) that is repaid from the money customers pay to receive broadband service, but that doesn't obligate the towns or taxpayers to guarantee that debt. Better still, we believe we can accomplish this while charging rates comparable to or lower than those offered by most commercial providers across the state, because we don't need to earn a profit or return money to shareholders. However, we're in the position of having no track record, and no towns or other groups that can "co-sign" for our debt, in the unlikely event we can't repay it. So, in that respect, we're a lot like a young adult with a great idea, work ethic, and business plan. Despite all that, no one is likely to loan them money unless someone else will "cosign" the loan, and currently, most grants require that we put up at least some of the money necessary to build the network. It's a "Catch 22", or "chicken vs. egg" problem, but we're working hard to solve it.

The WBC Board and many others around the state agree that the most likely path forward for our towns, and many others around the state, is to have a state agency or other entity guarantee our revenue bonds or other debt, in the unlikely event we or other, similar, community-owned utility districts can't repay their debt. Having those guarantees would make it much more likely for us to be able to issue revenue bonds, which in turn makes it much more likely that we can obtain matching-type grants, like the one we just "lost" because we couldn't come up with our share of the necessary money. But getting those assurances for our bonds or other debt requires some changes to current state law, and other efforts to shift government funds into these types of loan guarantees. Thankfully, there are efforts currently underway by many in the state to bring those changes about, but it will likely take several months to get that done. It's unlikely we'll see community-owned broadband in our towns this year, but we're fighting hard to make that possible in the next couple of years.

So, what can YOU do to help bring affordable, reliable broadband to our town?

- First, talk to legislators and elected officials at every level, telling them how important this is to you. Without their support, nothing will happen. But with it, much can be done. Thankfully, our legislators have been very supportive of our efforts.
- Next, get involved in groups such as the Southwestern Waldo Country Broadband Coalition, which continues to serve as a sort of volunteer "booster club" for the WBC.

We desperately need to seek as many different sources of grant funding as possible, and people to help work on finding and applying for those grants. We also need a strong network of local people who can help us spread the word about the network when we are able to build it.

- When we eventually do get the funds to build, please look at the offers available and consider becoming a customer. Remember, as a member of the community, this will basically be YOUR network, along with everyone else that calls Liberty and the other towns, home.

If you want to learn more, or discuss anything related to WBC or broadband in our town, please feel free to contact me at [liberty.director@waldobroadband.org](mailto:liberty.director@waldobroadband.org) so we can set up a time to speak. Also, if you are interested in serving as Liberty's representative to the WBC, either now or in the future, please let me or a Select Board member know this. I think it's important for us to have many informed, involved people working on this project, and I would be happy to "pass the torch" to a person with a similar passion for helping our community ensure a better future through its connection to the rest of the world.22588

*Joe Meadows*

*Liberty Representative & Board Member*

*Waldo Broadband Corporation*

## **2022 Registrar of Voters** **Annual Report and Notice**

All residents of the Town of Liberty wishing to vote in any Town Meeting or Election, Annual or Special, **MUST BE ON THE VOTING LIST AS A REGISTERED VOTER.**

In November 2022 we had a very large turnout of 78%. Liberty always has a high turnout and Thank You all for voting!

The Town of Liberty currently has 676 registered voters: 238 Republican, 234 Democrat, 23 Green Independent, 2 Libertarians and 179 Unenrolled in a party. There are also 110 voters designated as Inactive. They have not responded to mailings but will become active again if they vote in Liberty or sign a petition. The **official political parties** in which you may register are: Democratic, Republican and Green Independent. There are also three **new** political parties: Forward, No Labels, and People's. Voters do not need to select a political party though; you may register to vote and be Unenrolled in a party.

All Liberty residents at least aged 18 can **register** any time in the Town Office or on voting day. A 17-year-old who will be 18 on Election Day in November can register ahead of time. Bring **identification and proof of residency**. Voters new to Liberty are required to supply either a Maine driver's license or photo ID for identification at the time of your first registration in Liberty. If your mailing address is a P.O. Box, that alone is not proof of residency. We must also see mail you receive at a Liberty address (example: a utility bill showing the place of service or street address, or an insurance bill or bank statement) to prove residency. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles will now put a residence address on the back of your driver's license if your mailing address is a P.O. Box.

No one may switch parties less than 15 days before any voting day or caucus **UNLESS** you are currently Unenrolled in a party. Only official parties have a Primary. Unenrolled voters may not vote in a Primary or caucus but may choose a party up to and including that day. Once a voter has chosen or switched to a new party you must stay in that party for at least 3 months. I attend all party caucuses in even years and all Town Meetings for a half hour before they start to register new voters or allow those voters Unenrolled in a party to switch to a party for a Primary.

We have **Accessible Voting** equipment which is useful to anyone who has difficulty seeing or reading. Assistance is always available. This equipment can be used by anyone with no reason required to prove need & it will be available at all state and federal elections.

When you sign a **petition**, please be sure to sign and print your name in the correct columns. Use your street address, even if you have a P.O. Box. Using just the P.O. Box could be declared ineligible in Augusta even though we know who you are here in Town. Where you reside not where you get your mail is what is required. There are so many petitions, and they can circulate for long enough that it can be hard to remember what petition issues you have already signed. The Registrar has to certify all signatures and duplicates are eliminated at the State level.

**Absentee ballots** may now be requested in person, by phone, and online through the Secretary of State's office at maine.gov. You must still leave enough time for us to mail the ballot to you and for you to mail it back. Absentee ballots must now be requested **no less than 3 business days** before an election unless you have an emergency. This is the Thursday before voting day.

Many thank yous go to Election Warden Karen Fitzmaurice, Town Clerk Kasey Doody, all the election clerks and ballot counters\*\* and Deputy Town Clerks Susan Fahlberg-Hanson, Nikki Gates, and Hannah Hatfield for putting in long hours. If you would like to help at the polls, please contact anyone in the Town Office. And do not hesitate to call us first!

**Polling hours** are 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. Any voter already in line at 8:00 pm can vote.

*Respectfully submitted, Gail Hansen Philippi, Registrar of Voters*

\*\*Election Clerks: Jane Bourassa, Elise Brown, Betsey Davis, Judith Fuller, Terri Fuller, Kristine Gorman, Joy Hadsell, Debra Harriman, Kelly Hassanein, Melissa Hatch, Jacqueline Libby, Roberta McCard, Kathryn Meadows, Jo Ann Peavey, Lucille Peavey, Heidi Perkins, Jane Perkins, Sara Salley and Marilyn Stumpff, Dorothy Wyman.

## **Citizens' Association of Liberty Lakes (CALL) 2022 Report**

The Town of Liberty is blessed with lakes and ponds of exceptional resource value. Protecting the health of Lake St. George, Stevens Pond and Cargill Pond impacts both the tax base of the Town and directly benefits our quality of life.

CALL is an all-volunteer organization whose purpose is to maintain and improve the quality of Liberty's lakes for the benefit for all who live, work and recreate in the watershed. We are pleased to have over 250 active members to help achieve our mission.

2022 was marked by the loss of a cherished lake advocate, leader and friend – Linda Breslin; initiation of special programming as a result of last year's grant from Woodward & Curran; the resumption of in-person Lake Keepers Camp; and a record number of boat inspections.

We all mourn the loss of our friend Linda Breslin who loved our lakes, served as CALL President for over 20 years and was instrumental in shaping the organization and its relationship with the Town of Liberty. Linda spearheaded a watershed survey of our three lakes in 2003 that identified major threats to water quality. She organized an annual education program for area youth – free of charge – that for over a dozen years has given future lake stewards a passion for understanding the ecology of the lakes and how to protect them. Many Liberty residents will remember Linda's presence at Selectboard and Town meetings, advocating for repair of our dams and maintaining our lakes at the highest quality level despite ever-changing threats.

Our core activity continues to be the monitoring and protection of our water quality. Kerry Black oversees the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program as well as the Invasive Plant Program with the assistance of Barbara Edmond who writes the DEP grant that supports part of the program and Julie Beckford who coordinates the training and scheduling of boat inspectors. Rick Hurwitz organizes the E. coli testing. Volunteers participate in:

- Courtesy Boat Inspections at Lake St. George and Stevens Pond resulted in 1839 inspections, totaling 500 hours, with no invasive plants found. Nonmotorized crafts made up 22% of the traffic at Lake St. George and 84% of traffic at Stevens Pond.
- In-water surveys also seek to identify any potential invasive aquatic plants. Volunteer surveyors are trained by Lake Stewards of Maine and inspect lake perimeters. Happily, no invasives were found. Also, regarding the parrot feather found in a private pond in 2021, DEP laid down a biolith barrier (weed mat) after pulling much of the weed by hand.
- E. coli testing is conducted in 23 locations on our lakes/ponds to identify any bacteria outbreaks as early as possible. There were no areas of concern in 2022. In past years elevated readings were associated with failed septic systems. CALL is grateful for Town support of testing, which historically has been shared by the town and CALL.

- Water clarity monitoring shows continued high quality of our lakes/ponds. However, recent intensity of rainstorms increases the threat of runoff, adding to phosphorus in the lakes, which in turn can lead to algal blooms.

With the Woodward & Curran grant, CALL is expanding its water quality monitoring and educational efforts. Funds allowed for the purchase of a meter to measure dissolved oxygen, which is an important measure of a lake's ability to support aquatic life – from tiny macroinvertebrates to landlocked salmon. CALL sponsored a camp road workshop which explored proper road construction/maintenance and common problems leading to excess runoff of fine particles, the most common pathway for phosphate pollution. Beginning in 2023, CALL will begin phosphate monitoring in an attempt to identify problems early.

Lake Keepers Camp is a free program to encourage youth to appreciate and care for our lake environments. Camp returned to an in-person experience in 2022 teaching about watersheds, the water cycle, erosion, invasive plants and macroinvertebrates at the base of the lake food chain. Youth learned about town history along the St. George River with its old mill sites. A dozen campers, three youth counselors and five adult volunteers contributed to the success of camp. To offer the camp in 2023, CALL must identify a paid coordinator plus adult volunteers to assist with educational units.

All are welcome to attend CALL's 2023 Annual meeting set for Friday evening, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

CALL will continue working with volunteers, local youth, the Town of Liberty, Maine DEP and Lake Stewards of Maine to ensure the quality of Liberty lakes through our monitoring and education programs. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in our programs. Specific volunteer needs include assembling data from boat inspections (can be done at home on a computer), paddling an invasive plant inspector on a portion of a lake, a paid coordinator and adult assistants for the Lake Keepers' Camp, and serving on a board level (three yearly meetings plus being involved in an activity). To volunteer or to obtain up-to-date information on CALL please refer to our website [www.libertylakes.net](http://www.libertylakes.net) or follow us on Facebook, CALL: Citizens' Association of Liberty Lakes or email us at [libertylakesmaine@gmail.com](mailto:libertylakesmaine@gmail.com).

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Teresa Smith, President  
Bob Kohl, Board Member*

## 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board is an appointed board whose five full and two associate members each serve three (3) year terms. The Board shall perform duties and exercise such powers as are provided by the Town of Liberty and its pertaining ordinances and the laws of the State of Maine. Shoreland Zoning and Subdivision applications are available online through the Town website as well as the Town Office. Relevant ordinance and contact information may also be found on the Town website.

Planning Board meetings are regularly held on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thursday of each month and are open to the public. Agenda(s) for the meetings are posted one week in advance and all applications are required to be submitted twenty-one (21) days prior to meetings to be reviewed and placed on the following month's agenda. Planning Board members recommend that residents and property owners consider attending a meeting prior to applying to ask applicable questions and ensure what information and documentation will be required before submitting an actual application.

The Planning Board held twelve monthly meetings in 2022.

The Planning Board's roster currently consists of Steve Fountain, Chair (term expiration 2023); Betty-Lu Davis, Vice-Chair (term expiration 2025); Carol McGovern, Member (term expiration 2024); Kristine McGovern, Member (term expiration 2025); Carrie Mancini, Member (term expiration 2025); John Morris, Associate Member (term expiration 2025); Vacant, Associate Member, Kate Meadows, Secretary (term expiration 2024).

Members Dallas Parmenter and Francis Stewart are thanked for their time served on the Planning Board in 2022. Everyone's respective commitment, contribution and knowledge has been greatly beneficial to the Board and much appreciated.

It has been an honor to continue to serve the Town as Chair and work with the entire Planning Board. We will continue our commitment to work with residents, property owners, and Cindy Abbott, the Code Enforcement Officer to protect the natural resources of Liberty, which make this town such an extraordinary place to reside.

The following Shoreland Zoning applications were submitted and approved (for more details, please visit: <https://www.libertymaine.us>):

- 119 Steven Pond Road
- 3 Evergreen Heights
- 171 Smith Road
- 3 & 5 Norwood Lane
- 91 Quigg Island Road (2)
- 205 Knowlton Shore Road
- 189 Marshall Shore Road
- 360 Stickney Hill Road
- 34 Sherman Road
- 12 Lucas Point Road

The following Subdivision applications were submitted (still in process):

- Green Island

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve Fountain, Chair*





## Liberty Library Annual Report 2022

The Liberty Library is an invaluable asset to our local communities. Library membership is free for anyone who pays taxes or lives in Liberty or Montville. The library is open 5-days a week, Monday 12-7:00 and Tuesday-Friday 10-4:00. You will usually find the Library Director there on Thursday and Friday. Library volunteers staff the other days. This year the library loaned about 8000 books, DVDs, audiobooks, Discovery Kits, and passes to Maine State Parks and Farnsworth Museum. A popular new program was free tickets to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens.

The Liberty Library is part of MILS (Maine InfoNet Library System), a consortium of small Maine libraries. About 900 additional items were borrowed for patrons from other libraries. Items are requested online or you can contact someone at the library for help. Van delivery is on Thursday. An email is sent when your items are ready to pick up. If the item is not available in the MILS system, you have access to MaineCat, a statewide catalog of more than 3 million items that combines library collections across Maine.

A new service this year called Maine Reciprocal Borrowing allows patrons to visit participating libraries and check out books in person. You can visit any of the other 50+ participating libraries and check out materials. It is often referred to as “walk-in” borrowing because it essentially turns your local library card into a “statewide” library card! Liberty Library does not normally give out library cards, but you can request one so that you can take advantage of reciprocal borrowing.

Members really took advantage of digital services from hoopla®, Download Library/CloudLibrary, and ComicsPlus by downloading or streaming 2666 eBooks, audiobooks, videos, TV shows, music, and graphic novels. Even if you don’t have internet at home, most can be downloaded to your smart phone or tablet and viewed or listened to at home. Liberty Library offers the fastest internet speed around of about 1 gigabit per second and wi-fi is available 24-7. Throughout the year, many folks viewed their classes or Zoom programs, sometimes while sitting in their car. Computer use and printing of documents is available inside the library.

We offered ten virtual or live programs this year, as well as fundraising events such as Pie Sales and raffles this summer. A grant from the Maine Arts Commission enabled us to offer a printmaking workshop with Holly Barry this fall. Monthly Scrabble games are the second Wednesday and Book Discussions are the third Wednesday of the month. A weekly Story Time for preschoolers happens on Fridays at 10:30am. For upcoming events, subscribe to our newsletter at [liberty.lib.me.us](http://liberty.lib.me.us).

Twenty years ago, the Liberty Library moved to its present location in the renovated “old firehouse.” Buildings age and the well pump needed replaced in June and LED retrofits were installed to the building’s lights in October. We hope to mitigate our heating costs with two heat pumps installed in November. We applied and received assistance from Efficiency Maine for some of these expenses.

In order for the library to continue to provide services, we need you to allocate funds to the library. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Rehmeier  
Library Director

Visit our website: [liberty.lib.me.us](http://liberty.lib.me.us)  
Subscribe to the newsletter and Facebook page

## **-Tri County Solid Waste Management**

Union, Maine

To all Tri County patrons.

The year 2022 is now past, the 2022 calendar taken down and replaced by a fresh new one for 2023. Yes, we find our new calendars in the “free section”. Reuse continues to be a rewarding and productive enterprise at the transfer station. This past year we collected, repaired and distributed, among other things: 2 rototillers, 6 table saws, 1 drill press, 3 circular saws, 2 reciprocating saws, 28 lawn mowers, 15 bicycles, 4 pressure washers, 2 generators, 7 string trimmers, 3 clocks and approximately 1647 canning jars.

Our priority continues to be our service to you, our valued customers. The old adage “the show must go on” certainly applies to the transfer station. We make every effort to ensure that our level of service wavers not in the face of adverse weather conditions, unforeseen workforce absences, and equipment breakdowns.

Unprecedented volume of demolition debris delivered to the station this past year was a welcome test of our capability and process efficiency. For our success in this unexpected endeavor, I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude not only to our station attendants, Don, Kevin, Bunny and Walt, our faithful administrative assistant Gail (collectively, my “dream team”), but also to the employees of Gordon Libby, our transportation folks. Without the hard work, flexibility and conscientious dedication of all, we would surely have stumbled and fallen.

Finally, again this year, I thank all of you, our faithful patrons, who, forgoing popular, yet less environmentally responsible waste disposal options, continue to support us by your regular deliveries of waste stream material. We continue to strive in every way to make your effort worthwhile.

Regards.

David Stanley, manager

## **Willard A. Overlock Scholarship Fund**

Applicants for this scholarship must be a resident of Liberty for at least five years and entering their second year of study in the University of Maine System or any Maine Community College. The Administration of the Scholarship is delegated to a Board of five administrators.

Applications should state the applicant’s name, address and campus attending. The applicant should make a brief statement of need and any circumstance that might make the need of the fund especially essential. The applicant should state other funds or grants they are receiving or expect to receive. The deadline for application is August 1, 2023.

We are pleased to announce that the 2022 recipient was Lily Blake. Lily received \$3879.57.

# **James W. Wadman**

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT**

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.  
Ronald C. Bean, C.P.A.  
Kellie M. Bowden, C.P.A.  
Wanese L. Lynch, C.P.A.

## ***INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT***

Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Liberty  
P.O. Box 116  
Liberty, ME 04949

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Liberty, Maine (the Town) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for Town of Liberty, Maine as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibility under those standards is further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town, and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

**TOWN OF LIBERTY, MAINE**  
**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2022**

**Exhibit C**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Equivalents	685,456	179,262	864,718
Receivables			
Taxes	224,990		224,990
Tax Liens	37,822		37,822
Accounts	95,748		95,748
Prepaid Expenditures	6,655		6,655
Due from Other Funds	15,313	112,906	128,219
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,065,984</b>	<b>292,168</b>	<b>1,358,152</b>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	18,297		18,297
Due to Other Funds	112,906	15,313	128,219
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>131,203</b>	<b>15,313</b>	<b>146,516</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>			
Property Taxes Collected in Advance	16,449		16,449
Unavailable Property Tax Revenue	96,803		96,803
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>113,252</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,252</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Restricted	80,066	203,080	283,146
Committed	173,313		173,313
Assigned	266,225	73,775	340,000
Unassigned	301,925		301,925
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>821,529</b>	<b>276,855</b>	<b>1,098,384</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	<b>1,065,984</b>	<b>292,168</b>	<b>1,358,152</b>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:			
Total Fund Balance			1,098,384
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of 3,939,592			3,097,053
Certain long-term assets are not available to pay for current fund liabilities and, therefore, are deferred in the funds:			
Unavailable Taxes			96,803
Certain long-term liabilities are not due and payable from current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:			
Bonds Payable			(345,703)
Net Position of Governmental Activities			3,946,537

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF LIBERTY, MAINE**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

**Exhibit E**  
**Page 1 of 2**

	<i>Original Budget</i>	<i>Final Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</i>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Taxes	2,544,358	2,544,358	2,577,006	32,648
Intergovernmental Revenues	176,313	176,313	185,521	9,208
Other Local Sources	421,441	421,441	395,978	(25,463)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,142,112</b>	<b>3,142,112</b>	<b>3,158,505</b>	<b>16,393</b>
<b>Expenditures (Net of Departmental Revenues)</b>				
Town Officials	121,661	121,661	115,057	6,604
General Government	154,435	154,435	163,256	(8,821)
Highways	765,200	765,200	765,226	(26)
Dam Maintenance	1,500	1,500	(1,441)	2,941
Fire Department	139,528	139,528	137,545	1,983
Recreation	11,300	11,300	7,674	3,626
Ambulance	56,250	56,250	56,305	(55)
Other	17,521	17,521	16,890	631
Debt	395,487	395,487	397,614	(2,127)
Assessments	1,781,483	1,781,483	1,776,993	4,490
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,444,365</b>	<b>3,444,365</b>	<b>3,435,119</b>	<b>9,246</b>
<b>Excess Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>(302,253)</b>	<b>(302,253)</b>	<b>(276,614)</b>	<b>25,639</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>				
Transfers In	339,503	339,503	339,503	-
Transfers Out	(162,250)	(162,250)	(167,951)	(5,701)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>177,253</b>	<b>177,253</b>	<b>171,552</b>	<b>(5,701)</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>(125,000)</b>	<b>(125,000)</b>	<b>(105,062)</b>	<b>19,938</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Fund Balances to Exhibit D:</b>				
<b>Beginning Fund Balances</b>			407,807	
Municipal Revenue Sharing			80,066	
Ambulance Fund			96,442	
Community Hall			(820)	
Fire Department Reserve			72,365	
Capital Equipment Reserve			101	
Paving Reserve			4,405	
Encumbrances			266,225	
<b>Ending Fund Balances</b>			<b>821,529</b>	

**TOWN OF LIBERTY, MAINE**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

**Exhibit A-2**  
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	<i>Encumbered from 2021</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Receipts and Reimbursements</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balances (Over) Under</i>	<i>Encumbered</i>
					<i>Lapsed</i>	
Town Officials						
Town Clerk		24,426		21,998	2,428	
Deputy Clerk		22,185		22,386	(201)	
Selectmen		15,000		15,000	-	
Town Administrator		18,200		15,204	2,996	
Treasurer		8,000		8,000	-	
Deputy Treasurer		1,500		369	1,131	
Code Enforcement		5,250		5,250	-	
Fire Chief		9,500		9,500	-	
Road Commissioner		10,000		10,000	-	
Animal Control Officer		4,000		4,000	-	
Registrar of Voters		850		850	-	
Plumbing Inspector		500		500	-	
E-911 Addressing Officer		500		500	-	
Health		250			250	
Emergency Management Director		1,500		1,500	-	
	-	121,661	-	115,057	6,604	-
General Government						
Administration		42,500		56,749	(14,249)	
TRIO Software/Upgrade		3,445		4,430	(985)	
Assessors Agent	12,644	9,750		14,625	-	7,769
Parking Management	1,195	2,800	15	3,155	855	
Snow Shoveling		600		425	175	
Digital Tax Maps	1,720	3,200		2,653	-	2,267
Legal Fees	8,273	7,221		6,930	-	8,564
Planning Board / Board of Appeals		3,000		1,756	1,244	
Tri County Solid Waste		28,000		26,790	1,210	
Animal Control		1,900		1,181	719	
Emergency Management	250	250		473	27	
Cemeteries		10,300		9,225	1,075	
General Assistance		4,000		635	-	3,365
Street Lights		3,300		3,108	192	
Insurance		18,000		18,820	(820)	
Payroll Expenses		9,154		10,691	(1,537)	
Emergency Fund	7,015	7,015			-	14,030
Lien Fees			8,003	4,730	3,273	
	31,097	154,435	8,018	166,376	(8,821)	35,995

**TOWN OF LIBERTY, MAINE**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

**Exhibit A-2**  
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	<i>Encumbered from 2021</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Receipts and Reimbursements</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balances (Over) Under</i>	<i>Encumbered</i>
					<i>Lapsed</i>	
Highways						
Roads/Bridge/Dam Maintenance		70,000		73,211	(3,211)	
911 Signs		2,000		1,452	548	
Paving - DOT	8,358		23,356	22,590	-	9,124
FEMA			18,787	19,776	(989)	
Parks		3,000		3,092	(92)	
Salt and Sand		48,000		44,282	3,718	
Sand Shed Repair		418,000		220,554	-	197,446
Snowplowing		224,200		206,700	-	17,500
	8,358	765,200	42,143	591,657	(26)	224,070
Dam Maintenance						
Lake St. George Dam Maintenance	725	1,000		500	1,225	
Steven's Pond Dam Maintenance	1,216	500			1,716	
	1,941	1,500	-	500	2,941	-
Fire Department						
Fire Department Expenditures		50,000		48,017	1,983	
Fire Department Wages		25,000		18,840	-	6,160
Fire Department Boats		64,528		64,528	-	
	-	139,528	-	131,385	1,983	6,160
Recreation						
Recreation		9,000	875	7,449	2,426	
Recreation Requests		2,300		1,100	1,200	
	-	11,300	875	8,549	3,626	-
Ambulance						
Operations		56,250		56,305	(55)	
	-	56,250		56,305	(55)	-

	<i>Encumbered from 2021</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Receipts and Reimbursements</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balances (Over) Under</i>	<i>Encumbered</i>
Other						
Library		5,000		5,000	-	
Paint town office	700			69	631	
Social Requests		12,521		12,521	-	
	<u>700</u>	<u>17,521</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,590</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>-</u>
Debt						
Bridge Loan		7,300		7,278	22	
Fire Truck Loan		388,187		390,336	(2,149)	
		<u>395,487</u>		<u>397,614</u>	<u>(2,127)</u>	
Assessments						
RSU #3		1,479,578		1,479,578	-	
County Taxes		279,920		279,920	-	
Overlay		21,985		17,495	4,490	
		<u>1,781,483</u>		<u>1,776,993</u>	<u>4,490</u>	
Transfers to Other Funds						
Fire Department Reserve		15,000		16,983	(1,983)	
Paving Reserve Fund		120,000		123,718	(3,718)	
Capital Equipment		1,000		1,000	-	
Ambulance Fund		18,750		18,750	-	
Community Hall		6,000		6,000	-	
Overlock Scholarship		1,500		1,500	-	
		<u>162,250</u>		<u>167,951</u>	<u>(5,701)</u>	
	<u>42,096</u>	<u>3,606,615</u>	<u>51,036</u>	<u>3,429,977</u>	<u>3,545</u>	<u>266,225</u>

A complete postaudit report  
is on file at the Town Office

30 January 2023



Dear community members and friends:

The mission of Midcoast Conservancy is to protect and restore vital lands and waters on a scale that matters, in partnership with the communities we serve, throughout the Midcoast Maine region. Our service area comprises 24 towns, three watersheds and over 15,000 acres of conserved land which include 55 preserves and over 95 miles of trails.

In 2022, we protected more than 1,100 new acres of habitat; completed a scientific analysis to prioritize efforts for our 30x30 Land and Water Conservation Initiative; and developed a new tier system to manage our public lands for access, wildlife habitat, and connectivity. In addition, we launched innovative programs to promote native landscaping, protect hemlocks from disease, and remove invasive species such as knotweed; engaged thousands of school children in our nature-based educational programs; and hosted more than 150 public events covering everything from naturalist lessons to sustainable forestry.

In Liberty and nearby this year, Midcoast Conservancy

- Completed the 29th year of water quality sampling in Sheepscot River
- Launched the Sheepscot River Rapid Geomorphic Assessment/Habitat enhancement site, a pilot study to assess the stream conditions for suitable habitat with a focus on Atlantic salmon, in partnership with DMR and USFWS
- Supported the Friends of Haystack Mountain in their efforts to protect the land from development
- In partnership with MCHT, acquired a 12.5 acre parcel with 1300 feet of frontage along the West Branch Sheepscot River near China

Liberty is a vital partner for all the work we do. Many of our members and volunteers come from Liberty and we invite more of you to join us. Learn more at [www.midcoastconservancy.org](http://www.midcoastconservancy.org). Feel free to call or email me or our staff anytime.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pete Nichols", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Pete Nichols  
Executive Director





# RSU 3

## Regional School Unit #3

Charles Brown  
Superintendent of Schools

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February 2023

To the Residents of RSU #3:

The 2022-23 School Year is moving along well. School is not exactly like pre-COVID, but it is nice to be moving beyond the pandemic and writing the next chapter of our story. The students and staff should be commended for their resilience and willingness to work hard each and every day. I am grateful for the support of our schools from our families and the greater school community.

As we continue through the school year and beyond, we will continue our efforts to build relationships within our school community and beyond. It has been great to see many community and school events held this year, with great attendance. Thank you to everyone involved in making these events a success.

Staffing continues to be a significant obstacle this year. A shortage of substitutes in all areas, a lack of applicants for open positions, and more have proved difficult for us in RSU 3. There have been position openings in RSU 3 since the school year began.

RSU 3 continues to utilize Federal Grant monies available to schools. Grant monies have been used for facility improvements to include ventilation, energy efficiency, and sanitation; student supports to include additional academic support staff, social & emotional resources, and additional health supports; and staff supports, including instructional practice training, assessment training, and social & emotional training. The Federal Grant monies available to RSU 3 will begin to phase out in the next Fiscal Year. In order to maintain much of this work and positions, there will be additions to the RSU 3 General Budget.

Our schools continue to work hard to support our students, implementing new methods of instruction to meet their needs in this ever changing environment. We continue to support our students and staff with adequate access to technology for instruction. Staff have been engaged in high-quality professional development to refine their craft. Our schools continue to make growth and meet the needs of their students by maximizing our resources and by clarifying procedures and expectations for students.

The administration and the RSU 3 Board of Directors are working diligently to build a fiscally responsible budget while meeting our students' needs. As we progress through the next few months, I look forward to continued conversations with stakeholders that allow us to move our school system forward in a positive direction.

Again, I want to emphasize my gratitude for our community's support for all our students' education. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles D. Brown,  
Superintendent of Schools

*Providing the communities of Brooks,  
Montville, Thorndike, Troy, Unity, and Waldo*



*Freedom, Jackson, Knox, Liberty, Monroe  
with quality educational services since 1958*

## **WALDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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Belfast, ME 04915

### **SHERIFF**

Jason W. Trundy

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Matthew C. Curtis

### **CHIEF DEPUTY**

January 19, 2023

Citizens of Waldo County,

The Members of the Waldo County Sheriff's Office are proud to serve the citizens of our great County. We want to thank the members of the public for their continued support. We are a full-service Sheriff's Office providing Law Enforcement, Corrections and Civil Paperwork Service to those who live, work, and visit Waldo County.

Our patrol division handled 8,944 calls for service in 2022. These calls included all types of incidents from murders, domestic violence, robberies, burglaries, thefts, child abuse, sexual abuse, drug overdoses, and much more. The patrol division also conducted 1,659 traffic stops throughout the county in an effort to increase traffic safety on our roads and highways.

Our corrections division finished its thirteenth year in the operation of our 72-hour intake and the Maine Coastal Regional Re-entry Center. The men who participated in the programming of the re-entry center were nearing the end of their term of incarceration. Our many programs assist them with their integration back into society as productive and contributing citizens. During their stay at the re-entry center, residents provided 2,958 hours of community service throughout Waldo County. This translated to a savings in labor costs of \$40,820 to citizens and non-profit agencies. Residents also provided more than 40,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to local food pantries and those in need from the County's Garden Project overseen by Waldo County Commissioner William Shorey. The residents also paid \$21,312.00 dollars in room and board to the County.

The seventy-two-hour holding and booking facility processed 757 persons who were arrested in Waldo County by all the law enforcement agencies serving our County. If a person who has been arrested cannot make bail within 72 hours, he or she has to be transported to the Knox County Jail in Rockland by our Transport Division. Our average daily population of Waldo County prisoners held at the Knox County Jail was 23 men and women. This along with bringing prisoners to court and medical appointments, generated 246 transports with our transport division, traveling more than 35,392 miles in 2022.

Our Civil Service Division served 1,388 sets of legal paperwork all over the County in 2022.

It has been an honor for all of us to be of service to the citizens of Waldo County in 2022. In my first year as your newly elected Sheriff, it is my intention to focus the resources of the Sheriff's Office on enhancing traffic safety and addressing substance abuse. These issues and the associated criminal behavior associated with them impact the quality of life of everyone in Waldo County. We look forward to providing the citizens of Waldo County with Professional law enforcement services based on our core values of Integrity, Teamwork and Compassion. We wish everyone a safe and productive 2023.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Jason W. Trundy



## Waldo County Sheriff's Office

• 6 Public Safety Way Belfast Maine 04915 •  
• 207-338-2040 •



### Total Number of Complaints received in 2022 for Liberty

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
911 Disconnect	21	6.46%
911 Misdialed	13	4.00%
911 Open Line	9	2.77%
Abandoned Vehicle	4	1.23%
Agency Assist	23	7.08%
Alarm	6	1.85%
Animal Prob ACO	1	0.31%
Animal Prob LAW	1	0.31%
Assault	3	0.92%
BOLO	3	0.92%
Burglary	4	1.23%
Car/Deer PD	10	3.08%
Civil	8	2.46%
Crim Mischief	13	4.00%
Crim Trespass	6	1.85%
Cruiser Accident	1	0.31%
Detail Bail Chk	4	1.23%
Detail K-9	2	0.62%
Detail Misc	1	0.31%
Detail Radar	5	1.54%
Detail School	3	0.92%
Disturbance	12	3.69%
Domestic	3	0.92%
Drugs	3	0.92%
Electronic Mon	2	0.62%
Escort	1	0.31%
Fraud	1	0.31%
Friendly Caller	20	6.15%
Harassment	3	0.92%
Identity Theft	1	0.31%
Information	19	5.85%
Intoxication	1	0.31%
Juvenile Prob	4	1.23%
Late 10-55	4	1.23%
MV Complaint	27	8.31%
Mental Medical	5	1.54%
Message/Delivery	1	0.31%
Motorist Assist	5	1.54%
Noise Complaint	4	1.23%
PD Accident	8	2.46%
PI Accident	5	1.54%
Paperwork	1	0.31%
Parking Problem	3	0.92%
Public Assist	4	1.23%
Rape	1	0.31%
Reported Death	1	0.31%
Scam	1	0.31%
Service PO	7	2.15%
Suspicious	9	2.77%
Theft	4	1.23%
Threatening	1	0.31%
Traffic Offense	4	1.23%
VIN Verify	1	0.31%
Viol Cond Rel	1	0.31%
Violation PO	1	0.31%
Wanted Person	4	1.23%
Welfare Check	11	3.38%
Wildlife Prob	1	0.31%

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**Total Complaints Reported: 325**

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**Total Traffic Stops: 27**

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**Stanley Paige Zeigler Jr.**

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Dear Liberty Neighbors:

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

As I write this, we have just begun the first session of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature that started in January. We have a lot of work to do in the coming months, from addressing the opioid epidemic and the threat of climate change to supporting our working waterfront and improving access to affordable housing. We are ready to get started.

This session, I have been appointed to serve as House chair of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. Our committee oversees energy policy relating to energy resources, wind energy development, biomass energy, hydropower, solar energy, efficiency and conservation. We have begun holding public hearings and are working through the bills referenced to our committee.

I will continue to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we are doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance or if you would like to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is [StanleyPaige.Zeigler@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:StanleyPaige.Zeigler@legislature.maine.gov). My phone number is 207-322-1414. I also send out periodic email newsletters. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

I am so thankful that you have again entrusted me with this great responsibility, and I look forward to connecting with you over the next two years.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley Paige Zeigler Jr.", written in a cursive style.

S. Paige Zeigler, Jr.  
State Representative

District 40: Appleton, Islesboro, Liberty, Lincolnville, Montville, Morrill and Searsmont



Glenn "Chip" Curry  
Senator, District 11

**THE MAINE SENATE**  
131st Legislature

3 State House Station  
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February 1, 2023

Dear Friends and Residents of Liberty,

Thank you for the opportunity to once again serve as your State Senator. I'm incredibly proud to represent our communities in Augusta, and I promise to work as hard as I can on your behalf. Now that we are through the worst days of the pandemic, I am excited for lawmakers and the public to return like normal to the State House.

My career as an educator, academic advisor, and youth development advocate has been driven by a calling to help people of all ages reach their highest potential.

For the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, Swearing-In Day was Wednesday, December 7, 2022. I'm honored to share that I continued to serve as Senate chair of the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee. We are responsible for looking at a wide range of issues, including supporting and uplifting Maine's workforce, strengthening local businesses, and encouraging economic development. Our work is critical to planning Maine's economic recovery. I also continue to serve on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, which focuses on enabling and promoting the safe enjoyment of Maine's outdoors and conservation duties to protect our wild resources.

On the first day of the 131st Legislature, I'm proud to share that my colleagues and I voted to support LD 1, a bill that would have provided immediate heating and housing relief for Mainers. Despite initial setbacks, we were determined to find a solution. We successfully passed a nearly identical bill, LD 3, which took effect immediately and provides much-needed assistance for Maine Families.

Please remember that I am a resource for you all year. If you need to contact a state agency or department or want to share a comment, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can email me at [Chip.Curry@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Chip.Curry@legislature.maine.gov) or call my legislative office at (207) 287-1515. I know that the winter can be challenging for families, but please don't be afraid to ask for help. After all, I'm here to serve you.

Sincerely,

**Chip Curry**  
State Senator, District 11  
*Representing the twenty-six rural, coastal, and island communities of Waldo County*

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Dear Friends:

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

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

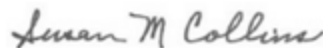
Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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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.

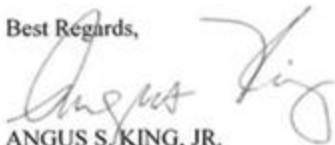
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed 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,



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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **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.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress



## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

State Police	800-452-4664
Waldo County Sheriff	800-660-3398
Central Maine Power Outages	800-696-1000
WCAP	800-498-3025
Oil Spills (Emergency)	800-482-0777
Poison Control Center	800-442-6305
Department of Human Services – Child Abuse	800-452-1999
Department of Human Services – Adult Abuse	800-624-8404

Ambulance Service – Earl Albert	382-8260
Animal Control Officer – Peter Nerber	242-6251
Code Enforcement Officer – Cindy Abbott	505-0743
E911 Coordinator – Gail Philippi	589-4730
Emergency Management Director – Elise Brown	592-2970
Fire Chief – Bill Gillespie	542-3794
First Selectman – Melinda Steeves	406-1097
Liberty Library	589-3161
Mt. View Junior High	568-7561
Mt. View Senior High	568-3255
Planning Board Chair – Steve Fountain	505-0515
Plumbing Inspector – Cindy Abbott	505-0743
Post Office	589-4200
Registrar of Voters – Gail Philippi	589-4730
Road Commissioner – Tammy Reynolds	322-2339
RSU#3 Board Director – Richard Frost	604-0412
RSU#3 Superintendent's Office	948-6136
Second Selectman – Andre Blanchard	233-3952
Snow Plowing – Jim Butler	505-2685
Third Selectman – Duane Jewett	323-3577
Town Administrator – Nicole Gates	589-3014
Town Office FAX machine	589-3160
Town Office/Clerk/Tax Collector – Kasey Doody	589-4318
Treasurer – Hannah Hatfield	589-4318
Tri-County Transfer Station	785-2261
Walker School	589-4330

State Representative – Stanley Zeigler, Jr.	323-6044
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