

2020
Annual Report

Town of

STOW
Maine



TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Margaret Robbins – Chairman - deceased
Raymond Ryan - Second
James Wilfong - Third

Term Expires 2023
Term Expires 2022
Term Expires 2021

TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, EXCISE TAX COLLECTOR

Christine Carone

Term Expires 2023

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, EXCISE TAX COLLECTOR

Carrie Garland
(appointed)

TREASURER

Diana Davis

Term Expires 2022

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

Board of Selectmen

DOG OFFICER

Cindy Eaton (207) 890-5313
(appointed)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Ronald McAllister – Plumbing
Ronald McAllister – Building
(appointed)

AUDITOR

RHR Smith & Company
3 Old Orchard Rd
Buxton, Me 04093
(207) 929-4606

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Jay Robinson

MSAD #72 DIRECTORS

3 year term

Patricia Patnaude
Linn Tripp Alternate

Term Expires July 1st 2023
Term Expires July 1st 2023

PLANNING BOARD

4 year term

Anthony Higgins	Term Expires 2021
Steven Dupuis	Term Expires 2021
Carrie Garland, Secretary	Term Expires 2022
Cynthia Butters	Term Expires 2024
Melvin Peterson	Term Expires 2024
Robert Flint, Alt.	
Jean Blake, Alt.	
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CEMETERY COMMISSION

3 year term

Steven Dupuis	Term Expires 2021
Susan Smith	Term Expires 2022
Patricia Patnaude	Term Expires 2023

BUDGET COMMITTEE

3 year term

Carl Lindblade, Chairman	Term Expires 2021
Maureen Reilly	Term Expires 2021
Shelia Graves	Term Expires 2021
Patricia Chatman	Term Expires 2022
Andrew Myers	Term Expires 2023
Carl Drew	Term Expires 2023
Joan Lombardo	Term Expires 2023

BOARD OF APPEALS

Carl Lindblade
Samuel Nesbitt, Jr
William Bain
Paul Lusky
Jeffrey Blake, Alt.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

3 year term

Jane Nesbitt	Term Expires 2021
Maureen Reilly	Term Expires 2022
Patricia Patnaude	Term Expires 2023

CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR

Board of Selectmen

E-911 COMMITTEE

Carrie Garland - appointed

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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To Christine Carone, Town Clerk of the Town of Stow, County of Oxford, State of Maine,
Greetings

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Stow, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Fryeburg Fair Grounds in the Expo Center on Saturday the 1st day of May, AD 2021 at 1 PM in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit.

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

Article 2: To vote the salary for Town Clerk-Excise Tax Collector-Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: \$17,000.00 with all fees going to General Fund (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 3: To vote salary for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: \$7,500.00 (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 4: To choose a Selectman, Assessor, and overseer of the poor to serve three years.

Article 5 To choose a Selectman, Assessor, and overseer of the poor to serve the remaining two years left in Margaret Robbins' 3 year term.

Article 6: To vote salaries of Selectmen effective for fiscal year 2021.

Selectmen recommend: \$4000.00 chair, \$3500.00 second, \$3,000.00 third (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 7: To choose all other Town Officers for the ensuing year and vote salaries.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022 to the 2022 annual Town meeting. The only exceptions being the Snow Removal Account and the General Assistance Account.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 9: To see what disposal the Town will vote to make of any money received from the National Forest Reserve Fund during the present fiscal year. This money must be used for schools or roads to comply with the law.

Selectmen recommend: All money going to Highway Account (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to put 2020 Excise Tax money into Equity Account.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to charge 6.00 % interest on all taxes not paid before December 1, 2021.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to allow any Tax payment to be applied to the oldest Tax bill and not to the current year Tax bill.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes and if so, to pay the interest on same from equity.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax process at public auction or bid, except where it is being sold back to the former owner or to a party who has succeeded to title of the former owner, when private sale may be utilized. In each case conveyance to be made by quitclaim deed.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below and any others that may come available as provided by the Maine State Legislature.

State Revenue Sharing

Education Block Grant

Roads Block Grant

Tree Growth Reimbursement

Snowmobile Refund

National Forest Reserve

Veterans Exemption

Taxation Reimbursement

Homestead Property Tax Exemption

General Assistance

Property Tax Relief

Selectmen recommend: Yes (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use any moneys received from the State Treasurer for Snowmobile refund to maintain the snowmobile trails within the town.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$140,541.93 and take from equity \$110,000.00 for the Highway Accounts. Anticipated Breakdown as follows:

\$ 15,000.00 for Sand and Salt Shed

\$ 0 for Equipment(\$7,711.34 from 2020)

\$ 80,000.00 for Snow Removal

\$ 8,000.00 for Tar Account

\$157,000.00 for Town Roads & Bridges

\$ 10,000.00 for Ezra Heald Bridge Repair

\$270,000.00 Total

Using \$ 9,272.00 from Block Grant

Using \$ 10,186.07 from Nat'l Forest Reserve

Using \$140,541.93 from Taxes

Using \$110,000.00 from Equity

\$270,000.00 Total

Selectmen recommend: The above breakdown (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 18: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise this year for the Property Tax Revaluation fund. We had to raise \$40,000 in the past two years because we did not plan for the ten year evaluation. This will be a yearly request to be prepared for the next Revaluation. Requesting \$5,000.00.

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$5,000.00 (2-0)

Budget Committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 19: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for Town Officer's bills for the ensuing year.

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$89,000.00 (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 20: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for maintenance of the Municipal Building and grounds.

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$12,000.00 (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 21: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Planning Board Budget.

Selectmen recommend: Raising no monies (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 22: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Computer System. This account will be a carry forward.

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1,500.00 (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

- Article 23:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Conservation Committee for the ensuing year.
Selectmen recommend: Raising \$150.00 (2-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)
- Article 24:** To see if the Town will take from equity up to \$1,000.00 for General Assistance for the ensuing year.
Selectmen recommend: Yes (2-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)
- Article 25:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for Disposal of Rubbish & Recyclable for the ensuing year. (\$3,618.88 Carry Forward from 2020)
Selectmen recommend: Raising \$58,000.00 (2-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)
- Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$4,732.47 towards the support of the Fryeburg Rescue Unit for the ensuing year. Requested \$4,732.47
Selectmen recommend: Raising \$4,732.47 (2-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)
- Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$1,250.00 for the Fryeburg Rescue, so that Fryeburg Rescue may invest this money into an interest bearing account. These funds are solely to be used towards the purchase of a newer Rescue Vehicle.
Requested \$1,250.00
Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1,250.00 (2-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)
- Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$14,762.50 for the Saco Valley Fire Association for the ensuing year. Requested \$14,762.50
Selectmen recommend: Raising \$14,762.50 (2-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)
- Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$2,000.00 for the Saco Valley Fire Assoc. for the future purchase of a newer fire truck. Requested \$2,000.00
Selectmen recommend: Raising \$2,000.00 (2-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)
- Article 30:** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise this year for the Care of Cemeteries. Requested \$1,000.00
Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1,000.00 (2-0)
Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$600.00 for Community Concepts, Inc. to provide a local match for federal, state, or private grants and help defray the cost of providing services to the residents of Stow. Requested \$600.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$600.00 (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 32: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library in Lovell. Requested \$2,400.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$2,400.00 (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 33: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for support of Harvest Hills Animal Shelter. Requested \$385.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$385.00 (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 34: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Lovell Recreation Department for the ensuing year. Requested \$1,000.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$1,000.00 (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to grant and raise \$385.00 for Lifeflight Foundation to help defray operating costs. Requested \$385.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$385.00 (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 36: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to grant and raise for the Sweden Food Pantry. Requested \$275.00

Selectmen recommend: Raising \$275.00 (2-0)

Budget committee recommends: Same (6-0)

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for Stow by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax limit. Must be by written ballot.

Selectmen recommend: Yes (2-0)

**Given under our hands at
Stow, Maine
May 2021**

Raymond Ryan, Second

James Wilfong, Third

Proposed Budget 2021

Account	Total	Carry	Amount	From	From
	Budgeted	Forward	Asked For	Taxes	Equity
Highway Account					
New Sand & Salt Shed	16,691.84	1,691.84	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Equipment	7,711.34	7,711.34	-	-	
Snow	84,366.82	4,366.82	80,000.00	80,000.00	
Tar	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Town Roads & Bridges	157,000.00	-	157,000.00	47,000.00	110,000.00
Ezra Heald Bridge Repair	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	
	303,770.00	33,770.00	270,000.00	160,000.00	110,000.00
Road Block Grant	(9,272.00)	-	(9,272.00)	(9,272.00)	-
National Forest Reserve	<u>(10,186.07)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,186.07)</u>	<u>(10,186.07)</u>	<u>-</u>
	284,311.93	33,770.00	250,541.93	140,541.93	110,000.00
Revaluation	5,000.00	40,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Town Officers Bills	89,000.00	-	89,000.00	89,000.00	
Municipal Office	14,688.09	2,688.09	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Planning Board	2,975.50	2,975.50	-	-	
Computer System	3,600.01	2,100.01	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Conservation Committee	663.82	513.82	150.00	150.00	
General Assistance	1,000.00	-	1,000.00		1,000.00
Rubbish & Recyclable	61,618.88	3,618.88	58,000.00	58,000.00	
Fryeburg Rescue	4,732.47	-	4,732.47	4,732.47	
Fryeburg Rescue - New Unit	1,250.00	-	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Saco Valley Fire	14,762.50	-	14,762.50	14,762.50	
Saco Valley Fire - truck fund	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Cemeteries	4,186.58	3,186.58	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Community Concepts	600.00	-	600.00	600.00	
Charlotte Memorial Library	2,400.00	-	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	385.00	-	385.00	385.00	
Lovell Recreation Committee	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Lifeflight Foundation	385.00	-	385.00	385.00	
Sweden Food Pantry	<u>275.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>275.00</u>	<u>275.00</u>	
Totals	494,834.78	88,852.88	445,981.90	334,981.90	111,000.00

2020 Board of Selectmen Letter

On behalf of the Citizens of the Town of Stow the Select Board recognizes the generosity of friends and neighbors who have contributed to the wellbeing of the Town. We have had contributions for fuel assistance, repairs of a furnace, joint ventures for road improvements, maintenance and beatification of the Christmas tree triangle, maintenance of the tree lights and other assistance for neighbors in need of a helping hand. The Citizens who have made these contributions are role models for us all. Thank you very much!

On March 3, 2021 our First Selectwoman Margaret “Peg” Robbins passed away. She was an excellent public servant and a wonderful member of our community. Peg was a native of Connecticut who moved to Stow over 2 decades ago. She was a graduate of Amherst College and an entrepreneur who owned a doughnut shop and a real estate agency. Before moving to Maine she also was a banker at Putnam Bank. Peg was a part time postal worker in Lovell and an AARP volunteer who assisted our elderly neighbors with their taxes. She was an avid golfer. The members of our town have lost a hardworking and empathetic Selectperson. Peg will be missed. Her Brother said she would love having trees planted in her memory.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Real Estate Valuation	53,887,995.00	
Homestead Exemption	1,680,000.00	
BETE Exemption Value	770.00	
Personal Property Valuation	<u>72,915.00</u>	
	55,641,680.00	
ASSESSMENTS		
Highway Accounts	84,872.96	
Revaluation	20,000.00	
Town Officer's Bills	83,000.00	
Municipal Office	6,000.00	
Planning Board	1,500.00	
Computer System	1,500.00	
Conservation Comm.	150.00	
Rubbish & Recyclables	58,000.00	
Fryeburg Rescue	4,590.62	
Fryeburg Rescue - new unit	1,250.00	
Saco Valley Fire Department	14,363.25	
Saco Valley Fire - truck fund	2,000.00	
Cemeteries	1,000.00	
Community Concepts	600.00	
Charlotte Hobbs Mem. Library	1,750.00	
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	385.00	
Lovell Recreation Committee	1,500.00	
Lifelight Foundation	<u>385.00</u>	<u>282,846.83</u>
County Tax	52,707.00	
MSAD #72	506,224.72	
Overlay	<u>20,921.90</u>	<u>579,853.62</u>
		862,700.45
Less: State Revenue Sharing	(22,511.08)	
Less: Homestead Reimbursement	(25,368.00)	
Less: BETE Reimbursement	<u>(11.63)</u>	<u>(47,890.71)</u>
Net Assessment for Commitment		814,809.74

TOTAL RECEIPTS

2021 Prepaid Taxes	1,550.83
2020 Property Taxes	751,446.14
2020 Personal Property Taxes	1,101.02
2019 Property Taxes	66,992.23
2018 Tax Liens	5,684.45
2017 Tax Liens	3,707.97
Automobile Registration	12,734.50
Fish & Wildlife	1,073.00
Boats, ATV & Snowmobile Reg.	1,640.00
Animal Welfare Board	392.00
Vital Statistics - State	11.20
Title Fees	1,848.00
Maine Sales Tax	24,212.01
Building Permits	1,301.60
Plumbing Permits	1,180.00
Tax Anticipation Note	250,000.00
Excise Tax - Automobiles	87,283.20
Excise Tax - Boats	549.40
State Revenue Sharing	29,326.68
Homestead	24,415.00
Nat'l Forest Reserve Fund	10,186.07
Dog Licenses	489.00
Town Clerk Fees	2,346.64
Vital Statistics - Town	85.80
Interest - General Fund	509.28
Interest - Property Taxes	4,252.48
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,627.40
Roads Block Grant	9,272.00
State of Maine - Tree Growth	14,348.03
State of ME - Veterans Refund	487.00
Snowmobile Refund - 2019	152.26
MSAD 72 Election Reimbursement	392.40
Roads & Bridges - Reimbursement/Driveways	900.00
Fuel for Neighbors - donation	1,000.00
Tree Growth Penalties	3,572.60
New Sand & Salt Shed sand sales	1,274.00
Workers Comp - Refund	435.50
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	1,317,779.69
Cash on Hand 1/1/2020	253,651.12
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	1,571,430.81

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Auto Registration	12,734.50
Fish & Wildlife	1,274.00
Boats, ATV & Snowmobile Reg.	2,135.00
Animal Welfare	441.00
Vital Statistics	12.00
Title Fees	1,848.00
Maine Sales Tax	24,668.32
Building Permits	1,056.80
Plumbing Permits	280.00
Tax Anticipation Note	250,000.00
Tax Anticipation Note - Interest	1,634.45
Tax Anticipation - Bond Council	1,200.00
Town Officer's Bills	75,677.84
MSAD #72 Election	360.00
Payroll Tax Expense	3,533.59
Municipal Office Expense	9,078.78
Planning Board	610.00
Computer System	-
Conservation Committee	-
Tax Relief for Elderly - Gibson	844.70
Rubbish & Recyclables	54,985.72
Fryeburg Rescue	4,590.62
Fryeburg Rescue - new truck	1,250.00
Saco Valley Fire Department	14,363.25
Saco Valley Fire Department - new truck	2,000.00
Equipment	14,000.00
Snow Removal	75,719.54
New Sand and Salt Shed	19,478.68
Roads & Bridges	144,937.12
Tar Account	8,618.00
Cemeteries	882.00
MSAD #72	506,224.72
Oxford County Tax	52,707.00
Lifeflight Foundation	385.00
Community Concepts	600.00
Charlotte Hobbs Mem. Library	1,750.00
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	385.00
Lovell Recreation Committee	1,500.00
InterState Snowgoers	152.26
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	1,291,917.89
Ending Balance 12/31/2020	<hr/>
	279,732.94
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	1,571,650.83

ITEMIZED EXPENSES

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

From Equity	130,000.00
From Taxes	84,872.96
National Forest Reserve	10,203.04
Road Block Grant	9,924.00

Total Available 235,000.00

Transferred to:

Equipment	15,000.00
Snow Account	80,000.00
New Sand & Salt	15,000.00
Town Roads & Bridges	110,000.00
Tar Account	5,000.00
Ezra Heald Bridge	10,000.00

Total Available 235,000.00

EQUIPMENT

Balance from 2019 11,538.65

Transferred from Highway Account 15,000.00

Total Available 26,538.65

Paid: Steve Morrill - Grizzly Screen 5,000.00

Steve Morrill - DeSite SLG-108 Screen 8,700.00

Union Hill Machine 300.00 14,000.00

12,538.65

Transfer to Tar Account 1,027.01

Transfer to Roads & Bridges 3,800.30 4,827.31

Balance to 2021 7,711.34

SNOW ACCOUNT

Balance from 2019 86.36

Transferred from Highway Account 80,000.00

Total Available 80,086.36

Paid: Morton Salt 5,587.91

Eastern Salt Company, Inc 5,209.54

Southern Maine Region Planning-admin bid fee 32.43

Conway Daily Sun - ads for snow contract bids 39.00

Wilson Excavation - winter sand 2,000.00

H Drew's Logging - winter sand 2,475.00

H Drew's Logging - snow contract 26,320.00

Troy Morse Concrete Inc 34,055.66 75,719.54

Balance to 2021 4,366.82

SAND & SALT SHED

Balance from 2019 4,896.52

Transferred from Highway Account 15,000.00

Revenue from sale of sand 1,274.00

Total Available 21,170.52

Paid: Maine Municipal Bond Bank - CWSRF loan payment 10,845.83

Central Maine Power 556.47

H Drew's Logging - plowing 1,265.00

Frank Eastman -transporting screen 200.00

Malcolm Masonry - container steel roofing 900.00

Malcolm Masonry - constuction of residents sand building 3,500.00

Malcolm Masonry - constuct knee walls in sand shed 2,100.00

James Wilfong - reimbursement tarp & straps 72.92

Trumbulls Hardware - plastic & marking paint 38.46 19,478.68

Balance to 2021 1,691.84

TAR ACCOUNT		
Balance from 2019		2,590.99
Transferred from Highway Account		<u>5,000.00</u>
	Total Available	7,590.99
Paid: Burke Quarry, LLC - cold patch	8,480.00	
James Wilfong-reimbursement-roof materials for cold patch	<u>138.00</u>	<u>8,618.00</u>
		(1,027.01)
Transfer from Equipment		<u>1,027.01</u>
		-
TOWN ROADS & BRIDGES		
Balance from 2019		30,236.82
Transfer from Highway Account		110,000.00
Reimbursements for driveway's junction work		<u>900.00</u>
		141,136.82
Paid: H Drew's Logging - road work	19,035.00	
Central Maine Power Co - street lights	336.38	
Conway Daily Sun	26.00	
Ela Services - road work	657.50	
Frank Eastman- road work	2,880.00	
Archer Tree Service - tree removal	200.00	
White Signs - bump, heavy load, road work, & Whidden Rd	852.44	
Burke Quarry, LLC - materials for roads	15,271.69	
Richard A Douglas, Inc - materials for roads	12,222.75	
Warren Excavation Inc - grading	4,500.00	
Paris Farmers Union - culverts	1,313.48	
Wilson Excavation	81,631.50	
Presby Steel - culverts	2,538.00	
James Wilfong - reimbursement for culverts	3,424.00	
James Wilfong - reimbursement for supplies	<u>48.38</u>	<u>144,937.12</u>
		(3,800.30)
Transfer from Equipment		<u>3,800.30</u>
		-
Ezra Heald Bridge Repair		
Balance from 2019	10,000.00	
Transfer from Highway Account	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Balance to 2021	20,000.00	
TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS		
Appropriation		83,000.00
Paid: Smith & Associates - audit	6,000.00	
John O'Donnell - tax maps	777.75	
John O'Donnell - support & upgrade	1,500.00	
John O'Donnell - assessing	8,500.00	
MMA - Dues	1,591.00	
MMA - Workers Comp	1,758.00	
MMA - Insurance	4,860.50	
Southern Maine Regional Planning - dues	459.00	
Salaries: Christine Carone - Town Clerk/Tax Collector	16,850.00	
Carriann Garland - Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector	5,490.00	
Diana Davis - Treasurer/Bookkeeper	7,500.00	
Diana Davis - Budget Meeting	40.00	
Carriann Garland - Secretary to Selectmen	720.00	
Margaret Robbins - Head Selectman	4,000.00	
Raymond Ryan - Second Selectman	3,499.99	
James Wilfong - Third Selectman	3,000.00	
Ballot Clerks: Jean Magee	360.00	
Cynthia Layne	360.00	
Carriann Garland	240.00	
Christine Carone - election warden & registrar	720.00	
Ballot Counters	320.00	

Consolidated Communications	1,940.62	
Oxford County Registry of Deeds	415.50	
Minuteman Press of Denmark - Town Reports/envelopes	320.62	
Marks Printing	88.20	
Hutchins Brothers - Treasurer's Receipts	210.00	
Price Digest - Auto Red Book	209.97	
Harris Computer System Maintenance TRIO	1,933.28	
Porter Office Machines Corp. maintenance contract	12.83	
Staples Credit Plan-office supplies	542.83	
Walmart Check Order	64.32	
U.S. Post Office	996.25	
Petty Cash	108.68	
Fernald's Hill Homeowner's Assoc - dues on foreclosure	200.00	
Carriann Garland - reimbursement Staples suppl	53.98	
Christine Carone - vacuum parts	19.52	
Return Check Charges	15.00	
Payroll Tax	3,533.59	79,211.43
Balance to Equity		3,788.57
MSAD #72 SCHOOL ELECTION - Reimbursement		392.40
Christine Carone - Registra & Election Warden	240.00	
Carriann Garland - Ballot Clerk	120.00	360.00
Balance to Equity		32.40
MUNICIPAL OFFICE EXPENSES		
Balance from 2019	5,554.76	
Credit for unused heating oil	212.11	
Appropriation	6,000.00	11,766.87
Paid: Central Maine Power	753.23	
B & L Oil - fuel	1,061.92	
B & L Oil - propane	711.40	
B & L Oil - furnace repair	275.75	
B & L Oil - new furnace	4,973.53	
Jean Magee - cleaning office	510.00	
H Drew's Logging - plowing	515.00	
Trumbulls Hardware - carbon monoxide detectors	62.95	
Walker Electrical Services Inc - office lights	140.00	
Howard Allen - mowing	75.00	9,078.78
Balance to 2021		2,688.09
PLANNING BOARD		
Balance from 2019	2,085.50	
Appropriation	1,500.00	3,585.50
Paid: Hastings Malia	200.00	
Alden Brown, Jr	40.00	
Anthony Higgins	80.00	
Carriann Garland	100.00	
Cynthia Layne	10.00	
Melvin Peterson	50.00	
Steven Dupuis	80.00	
Bridgton News	50.00	610.00
Balance to 2021		2,975.50
COMPUTER SYSTEM		
Balance from 2019	600.01	
Appropriation	1,500.00	
Balance to 2021	2,100.01	

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE		
Balance from 2019	363.82	
Appropriation	<u>150.00</u>	
Balance to 2021	513.82	
FRIENDS OF LOVELL RECREATION		
Balance from 2019	31.00	
Paid	<u>-</u>	
Balance to 2021	31.00	
GENERAL ASSISTANCE		
Taken from Equity	1,000.00	
Paid:	<u>-</u>	
Balance to Equity	1,000.00	
FUEL FOR NEIGHBORS		
Balance from 2019	1,243.96	
Donation - anonymous	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Balance to 2021	2,243.96	
TOWN ASSISTANCE:		
FUEL FOR NEIGHBORS - GIBSON		
Balance from 2019	2,500.00	
Paid:	<u>-</u>	
Balance to 2021	2,500.00	
TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY - GIBSON		
Balance from 2019	2,084.80	
Paid: one vouchers	<u>844.70</u>	
Balance to 2021	1,240.10	
RUBBISH & RECYCLABLES		
Balance from 2019	604.60	
Appropriation:	<u>58,000.00</u>	58,604.60
Paid: Mid -Maine Waste Action Corp.	14,007.95	
Town of Lovell	<u>40,977.77</u>	<u>54,985.72</u>
Balance to 2021		3,618.88
FRYEBURG RESCUE		
Appropriation	4,590.62	
Appropriation - new unit	<u>1,250.00</u>	
Total Available	5,840.62	
Paid: Fryeburg Rescue	<u>5,840.62</u>	
	-	
SACO VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Appropriation	14,363.25	
Appropriation for newer truck	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Available	16,363.25	
Paid: Saco Valley Fire Department	<u>16,363.25</u>	
	-	
CARE OF CEMETERIES		
Balance from 2019	3,068.58	
Appropriation	<u>1,000.00</u>	4,068.58
Paid: Trumbulls Hardware - flags	44.50	
Howard Allen - raking, mowing & cleanup	<u>837.50</u>	<u>882.00</u>
Balance to 2021		3,186.58

SCHOOLS		
Appropriation		506,224.72
Paid: MSAD #72		<u>506,224.72</u>
		-
COUNTY TAX		
Appropriation		52,707.00
Paid: Oxford County Treasurer		<u>52,707.00</u>
		-
LIFELIGHT FOUNDATION		
Appropriation		385.00
Paid: Lifeflight Foundation		<u>385.00</u>
		-
COMMUNITY CONCEPTS		
Appropriation		600.00
Paid: Community Concepts		<u>600.00</u>
		-
CHARLOTTE HOBBS MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
Appropriation		1,750.00
Paid: Charlotte Hobbs Library		<u>1,750.00</u>
		-
HARVEST HILLS ANIMAL SHELTER		
Appropriation		385.00
Paid: Harvest Hills Animal Shelter		<u>385.00</u>
		-
LOVELL RECREATION COMMITTEE		
Appropriation		1,500.00
Paid: Lovell Recreation		<u>1,500.00</u>
		-
INTERSTATE SNOGOERS		
Rec'd - Secretary of State for 2019		152.26
Paid: Interstate Snowgoers		<u>152.26</u>
		-
AUTOMOBILE REGRISTRATION		
Rec'd - Town Clerk		12,734.50
		<u>12,734.50</u>
		-
FISH & WILDLIFE		
Balance from 2019	204.00	
Rec'd - Town Clerk	<u>1,073.00</u>	1,277.00
Paid: Treasurer of State		<u>1,274.00</u>
Balance to 2021		3.00
RV, BOAT, ATV REGISTRATIONS		
Balance from 2019	495.00	
Rec'd Town Clerk	<u>1,640.00</u>	2,135.00
Paid: Treasure of State		<u>2,135.00</u>
		-
ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD		
Balance from 2019	82.00	
Rec'd Town Clerk	<u>392.00</u>	474.00
Paid: Animal Welfare Board		<u>441.00</u>
Balance to 2021		33.00
VITAL STATISTICS		
Balance from 2019	2.80	
Rec'd Town Clerk	<u>11.20</u>	14.00
Paid: Treasure of State		<u>12.00</u>
Balance to 2021		2.00

TITLE FEES		
Rec'd Town Clerk		1,848.00
Paid: Secretary of State		<u>1,848.00</u>
		-
MAINE SALES TAX		
Balance from 2019	423.31	
Rec'd Town Clerk	<u>24,212.01</u>	24,635.32
Paid: Treasurer of State		<u>24,668.32</u>
Balance to 2021		(33.00)
STATE WITHHOLDING		
Balance from 2019	120.00	
Payroll Deductions	<u>480.00</u>	600.00
Paid: Treasurer of State		<u>480.00</u>
Balance to 2021		120.00
FICA/ MED / FWH		
Payroll Deductions	4,649.28	
Towns' Payroll Tax Expense	<u>3,533.59</u>	8,182.87
Paid: EFTPS		<u>8,182.87</u>
		-
BUILDING PERMITS		
Rec'd: Ronald McAllister		1,301.60
Paid: Ronald McAllister		<u>1,056.80</u>
		244.80
PLUMBING PERMITS		
Balance from 2019	1,256.00	
Rec'd: Ronald McAllister	<u>1,180.00</u>	2,436.00
Paid: Ronald McAllister	210.00	
Treasurer of State	70.00	<u>280.00</u>
Balance to 2021		2,156.00
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE		
Rec'd: Androscoggin Bank		250,000.00
Paid: Androscoggin Bank	250,000.00	
Interest	1,604.45	
Wire Transfer Fees	30.00	
Bernstein Shur - Bond Counsel	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>252,834.45</u>
		(2,834.45)
Taken from Equity		<u>2,834.45</u>
		-
NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE		
Balance from 2019		10,203.04
Rec'd: Treasurer State of Maine		<u>10,186.07</u>
	Total Available	20,389.11
Transfer to Highway Account		<u>10,203.04</u>
Balance to 2021		10,186.07
ROADS BLOCK GRANT		
Balance from 2019		9,924.00
Rec'd: State of Maine		<u>9,272.00</u>
		19,196.00
Transfer to Highway Account		<u>9,924.00</u>
Balance to 2021		9,272.00

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

Original Commitment	\$841,778.55
Paid Treasurer	(\$779,975.58)
Paid Treasurer Personal Property	(\$1,101.02)
Unpaid Taxes as of Dec 31,2020	\$60,701.95

*Amidon, Evelyn S	\$515.29
*Assoc for Parrot C.A.R.E.	\$590.75
Azevedo, Mario	\$351.23
Baker, Matthew	\$256.70
*Bemis, Eben & Karen	\$1,860.32
Brayman, David M	\$1,704.90
*Butters, Paul C	\$583.74
Carrier, Maurice J. & Betsy N.	\$3,749.63
Cook, Timothy D	\$29,821.99
Corbo, Joseph Jr	\$328.58
*Crivello, Dominic	\$926.52
*Daley, Paul H & Mitzi Trustee	\$2,499.91
Davison, Richard A	\$1,419.28
***Doyle, Marion	\$1,228.49
*Drew, Carl	\$2,521.38
Eastman, Anna	\$758.84
Espinola, Dawn E.Administratrix	\$543.60
Flagg, Richard J	\$347.60
*Flint, Robert	\$439.94
Graves, Peter L. Sr & Gail M	\$909.78
*Graves Peter Jr	\$987.16
*Groves, Clifford I Jr	\$597.42
Hassler, Daniel	\$213.51
Hassler, Daniel	\$958.44
Hefler, John	\$219.25
*Herlihy, Keith M	\$432.16
*Hilarides, William K	\$684.23
Horton, Allen M. Jr	\$213.51
*Jensen, Michael	\$358.53
Johanson, Brigit	\$294.09
Johanson, Brigit	\$517.27
*Knapp, Timmy	\$845.98
*Labonte, Albert	\$353.64
*Labonte, Albert	\$334.31

*Lacouture, Mark J.	\$900.71
**Lewis, Lonna	\$222.27
Mac Investments LLC	\$60.31
*Mahoney, Robert J. & Jayne S.	\$355.15
*Meier, Donald K	\$144.96
*Mishler, Realty Trust	\$6,262.76
Moore, Jr Richard & Lisa	\$1,823.60
Moran, John & Susan	\$1,716.16
Murray, Jerusha	\$861.55
Olive, Russell Trustees	\$1,156.18
O'Neil, Tamsen & Bryan, Kimberlee	\$341.02
Parmenter, Dorothy	\$727.46
Pelkie, Ronald	\$719.39
***Peterson, Lars	\$1,440.84
Remson, John	\$588.90
*Routhier, Marcel & Christina	\$293.35
***Routhier, Marcel & Christina	\$1,397.90
Shackford, David E	\$243.49
Smith, Kenneth M	\$779.67
Smith, Kenneth M.	\$1,015.67
***Stone, Terence J.	\$1,490.02
Thayer, Megan Estate of	\$353.04
*Three Girls Realty	\$727.97
*Tufts, Steven & Spiller, Zoe S.	\$1,775.74
*Waldrep, Michael J	\$331.90
Walker, Peggy	\$2,852.15
White, Brian	\$33.97
Wilfong, Andrew C.	\$5.66
*Wilkie, Robert & Lee Ann	\$213.21
Williams, Evan P	\$1,582.74
*Willoughby, Gary & Anna	\$1,466.07
*Young, Kevin R	\$200.23

* Paid after Books Closed

** Partial Payment

*** Parial Payment after Books Closed

Respectfully Submitted
Christine Carone Tax Collector

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

There were three births in 2020

There were two marriages in 2020

There were three deaths in 2020

Peggy M. Thurston 04/05/2020

John McCormick Nesbitt 04/28/2020

Robert W. Letham 05/18/2020

There were 90 dogs licensed in 2020

There was 1 Kennel license in 2020

Respectfully Submitted

Christine Carone Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Balance in Treasury - January 1, 2020	253,651.12	
Received:		
TD Bank		
Public Finance Moneymarket - interest	473.29	
Checking - interest	35.73	
Debit Card Acct - interest	0.26	
Androscoggin Bank - Tax Anticipation Loan	250,000.00	
Roads & Bridges - Reimbursement/Driveways	900.00	
New Sand & Salt Shed - Sand Sales	1,274.00	
MSAD 72 - Election Reimbursement	392.40	
Workers Comp Refund	435.50	
Fuel for Neighbors - Donation	1,000.00	
Nat'l Forest Reserve Fund	10,186.07	
State Treasurer		
Revenue Sharing	29,326.68	
Roads Block Grant	9,272.00	
Veterans Reimbursement	487.00	
Tree Growth Refund	14,348.03	
Tree Growth Penalties	3,572.60	
State of Maine Snowmobile 2019	152.26	
Homestead Reimbursement	24,415.00	
Town Clerk		
Auto Registration	12,734.50	
Auto Excise	87,283.20	
Boat, Snowmobile,ATV Registration	1,640.00	
Boat Excise	549.40	
Fish and Wildlife	1,073.00	
Dogs(state)	392.00	
Dogs (town)	489.00	
Vital Statistics(state)	11.20	
Vital Statistics(town)	85.80	
Title Fees	1,848.00	
Maine Sales Tax	24,212.01	
Clerk Fees	2,346.64	
Plumbing Permits	1,180.00	
Building Permits	1,301.60	
Miscellaneous	1,627.40	
Tax Collector		
2017 Tax Liens	3,707.97	
2018 Tax Liens	5,684.45	
2019 Property Taxes	66,992.23	
2020 Property Taxes	751,446.14	
2020 Personal Property Taxes	1,101.02	
2021 Prepaid Taxes	1,550.83	
Interest from Taxes	4,252.48	1,571,430.81
Less Warrants 1-55		<u>1,291,697.14</u>
Balance to 2021		279,732.94

Tax Lien: 2018

* Carrier, Maurice	\$3,625.72
* Johanson, Brigit	\$393.90
* Johanson, Brigit	\$568.82
* Parmenter, Dorothy	\$757.98
* Three Girls Realty	\$758.47

Tax Lien: 2019

Carrier, Maurice & Betsy	\$3,996.62
** Cook, Timothy D	\$3,024.68
Espinola, Dawn	\$637.46
Flagg, Richard	\$432.11
Johanson, Brigit	\$403.11
Johanson, Brigit	\$615.63
Mac Investments LLC	\$131.09
Moran, John T	\$1,913.49
Parmenter, Dorothy	\$830.10
Pelkie, Ronald K	\$821.65
* Three Girls Realty	\$830.64
** Walker, Peggy Jo	\$3,165.48
* Wilkie, Robert	\$289.10

* Paid after books closed ** Partial payment

*** Partial Payment after books closed

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Davis, Treasurer

Fryeburg Rescue Town Report for 2020

To the citizens of Fryeburg, Brownfield, Lovell, Stow, and Chatham

First off it's my continued wish that you and your families are safe and healthy and

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of Fryeburg Rescue. We could not do our job as well as we do without it. We appreciate your feedback and are constantly evaluating and refining our service to suit the changing needs of the communities we serve.

As you know we are in the midst of one of the greatest public health crises this world has seen in over a century but the providers and staff of Fryeburg Rescue have met our commitment with dedication and vigilance. We have responded to all of our calls for service this past year even as we adjusted our protocols to provide the highest level of safety during this pandemic.

Our run volume is down about 16% but we have been able to maintain our present staffing levels. The impact of this crisis on everyone has been huge and the rising cost of healthcare and medical supplies hasn't helped. Insurance companies cover less of the incurred costs leaving the balance to the patient, most who are already stretched thin financially, and often forcing us to absorb the loss. Over the past year we have taken receipt of our newest ambulance, unit 503, and we are very thankful for all the support we received from our fundraising campaign. We chose to refurbish, upgrade, and remount the serviceable back portion or "ambulance box" from our older unit 503 on a new cab and chassis to reduce cost and waste.

We were also fortunate to be able purchase a Lucas Device, which is a mechanical CPR device recently approved for use by Maine EMS thanks to a grant that we had written and we are on our way towards obtaining a second device,

This past year we responded to 802 calls for our service. The breakdown was as follows: 517 calls in Fryeburg, 139 in Brownfield, 88 in Lovell, 23 in Chatham, 23 in Stow and 23 mutual aid calls to other Towns and agencies.

Our budget to the Towns covers only the cost of our operations; including items such as fuel, medical supplies, building maintenance, and utilities. Up until now our payroll and all associated expenses were covered by the revenues we received from billing but, unfortunately, as costs – including the state mandated wage increase, earned paid leave and associated employee expenses continue to rise, our budget is being stretched ever tighter.

The total cost to operate Fryeburg Rescue is over \$425,000.00

The Fryeburg Rescue EMS officers for the 2020 calendar year were the following:

Chief, Stephen Goldsmith
Deputy Chief, Eric Meltzer
Assistant Deputy Chief Roberta Lord

The Board of Directors for the 2020 Calendar Year were:

President, Eric Meltzer
Vice President, Penny Parmenter
Treasurer, Bob Ramsay

Other Board Members include, Julie Ontengco, Joann Sparks, Pam Douglass and Bill Kane

If you have any questions or concerns about Fryeburg Rescue please feel free to contact me. Thank you again for all of your support.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Stephen Goldsmith, Chief of Fryeburg Rescue
Ghse@fairpoint.net 925-2572(home) or 935-3024 (station)

OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Christopher R. Wainwright



Sheriff

Christopher Wainwright

Chief Deputy

James Urquhart

January 20, 2021

Dear Residents:

Please find enclosed the 2020 annual report of law enforcement activities provided by the Oxford County Sheriff's Office within your community. This report includes:

- Total Law Enforcement Incidents
- Calls for service by Incident type
-

If you have any questions / concerns, then please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher R. Wainwright".

Christopher R. Wainwright
Sheriff

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Oxford County Sheriff's Office
Christopher R. Wainwright



Sheriff
Christopher Wainwright

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James Urquhart

2020 Annual Report

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Tax Payers,

For the last two years, I have had the honor and privilege to serve the people of Oxford County as Sheriff. Despite the challenges this past year has presented, I am proud of the positive momentum we have heading into this New Year; however, this would not be possible without our team of men and women who continue our mission to serve and protect our communities throughout Oxford County. Their professionalism, integrity, and leadership is what keeps our agency progressing forward.

Looking ahead to 2021, I feel confident that many of our challenges are in the past. This year, our calls to service increased by 20 percent, and we have improved our visibility and response times by utilizing our substations in Brownfield, Rumford, and Bethel. Our plans to convert our current jail facilities from a 72-hour holding facility back to a full-service operation will be finished by July. This will allow the county to restore local control and save our taxpayers money. Additionally, the Town of Dixfield voted to disband their police department and the sheriff's office now has a contract with the town for law enforcement coverage.

This past year, our deputies, corrections officers, and other agency personnel received an outpouring of community support. On behalf of the Oxford County Sheriff's Office, we want to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation as we navigate these difficult circumstances surrounding Covid-19. Our deputies and staff have gone above the call to service and their efforts have not gone unnoticed. This holiday season, a group of community members put together a package for each person in the agency as part of *Operation: Thank the Blue*. Our office is extremely grateful for the generosity we have received, and we want to thank every community member for their understanding and support under these difficult times.

As an agency, we have great opportunities ahead of us and I look forward to the work we will accomplish in the coming year.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Christopher R. Wainwright



OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
2020 Calls for Service by Location
Stow



Offense	Total Incidents
911 hangup call (911H)	9
Abandoned Vehicle ++++ (ABAN)	3
Alarm (ALAR)	1
Animal Problem (ANPR)	1
Agency Assist (ASST)	3
ATV Problem (ATV)	1
Civil Issue (CIIS)	2
Custodial Interference (CINT)	2
Criminal Mischief (CMIS)	1
Dead Body (DBOD)	1
(FPR)	1
Fraud (FRAU)	1
Information (INFO)	1
Misdialed Number to 911 (MISD)	1
Public Indecency (PIND)	1
Protection From Abuse Order (PTAO)	2
Request Call (RCAL)	4
Repossession of Property (REPO)	1
Request Officer (ROFF)	3
Suspicion (SUSP)	3
Traffic Accident, Prop Damage (TAPD)	2
Telephone Harassment (TELO)	1
Threatening (THRE)	2
Traffic Offense (TOFF)	1
Trespassing (TRES)	1
Unattended Death (UATD)	1
Vandalism (VAND)	1
(VIN)	1
Weapons Offense (WOFF)	1
Total Incidents for This Agency:	53

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January 1, 2021

Dear Friends,

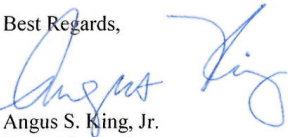
2020 was a year unlike any in our lifetimes. Our state and nation dealt with unprecedented challenges--the coronavirus pandemic, ensuing economic fallout, and a prolonged, heavily divisive campaign season each took a significant toll on all of us. The worst part? In order to protect each other, we had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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator

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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

Jared Golden
Member of Congress

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April 7, 2021

Selectboard
Town of Stow
Stow, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Stow, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Stow, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2020 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule D

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STATEMENT C

TOWN OF STOW, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 279,733	\$ -	\$ 279,733
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	61,803	-	61,803
Liens	23,016	-	23,016
Tax acquired property	3,796	-	3,796
Due from other funds	-	101,750	101,750
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 368,348	\$ 101,750	\$ 470,098
LIABILITIES			
Due to other governments	\$ 2,526	\$ -	\$ 2,526
Due to other funds	101,750	-	101,750
TOTAL LIABILITIES	104,276	-	104,276
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	1,551	-	1,551
Deferred tax revenues	63,585	-	63,585
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	65,136	-	65,136
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	-	-
Restricted	-	30,247	30,247
Committed	-	71,503	71,503
Assigned	17,349	-	17,349
Unassigned	181,587	-	181,587
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	198,936	101,750	300,686
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 368,348	\$ 101,750	\$ 470,098

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TOWN OF STOW, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 826,725	\$ -	\$ 826,725
Excise taxes	87,878	-	87,878
Intergovernmental	71,663	19,458	91,121
Charges for services	2,954	-	2,954
Miscellaneous revenues	7,273	1,000	8,273
TOTAL REVENUES	996,493	20,458	1,016,951
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	91,522	-	91,522
Public safety	22,204	-	22,204
Health and sanitation	54,986	-	54,986
Public works	75,720	-	75,720
Welfare and community agencies	4,620	-	4,620
Cemeteries	882	-	882
Education	506,225	-	506,225
County tax	52,707	-	52,707
Unclassified	-	8,435	8,435
Capital outlay	-	172,269	172,269
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	808,866	180,704	989,570
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	187,627	(160,246)	27,381
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	20,127	176,500	196,627
Transfers (out)	(176,500)	(20,127)	(196,627)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(156,373)	156,373	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	31,254	(3,873)	27,381
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	167,682	105,623	273,305
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 198,936	\$ 101,750	\$ 300,686

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SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF STOW, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 167,682	\$ 167,682	\$ 167,682	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	814,810	814,810	826,725	11,915
Excise taxes	-	-	87,878	87,878
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	22,511	22,511	29,327	6,816
Homestead reimbursement	25,368	25,368	24,415	(953)
Tree growth	-	-	17,921	17,921
BETE reimbursement	12	12	-	(12)
Charges for service	-	-	2,954	2,954
Interest income	-	-	4,769	4,769
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	2,504	2,504
Transfers from other funds	20,127	20,127	20,127	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>1,050,510</u>	<u>1,050,510</u>	<u>1,184,302</u>	<u>133,792</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	90,650	98,653	91,522	7,131
Public safety	22,204	22,204	22,204	-
Health and sanitation	58,000	58,604	54,986	3,618
Public works	80,000	80,087	75,720	4,367
Welfare and community agencies	5,620	5,620	4,620	1,000
Cemeteries	1,000	4,069	882	3,187
Education	506,225	506,225	506,225	-
County tax	52,707	52,707	52,707	-
Unclassified	20,922	20,922	-	20,922
Transfers to other funds	176,500	176,500	176,500	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>1,013,828</u>	<u>1,025,591</u>	<u>985,366</u>	<u>40,225</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 36,682</u>	<u>\$ 24,919</u>	<u>\$ 198,936</u>	<u>\$ 174,017</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	\$ 131,000	\$ 131,000	\$ -	\$ (131,000)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	-	11,763	-	(11,763)
	<u>\$ 131,000</u>	<u>\$ 142,763</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (142,763)</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF STOW, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND REVENUES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 814,810	\$ 814,810	\$ 826,725	\$ 11,915
Auto/boat excise	-	-	87,878	87,878
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	22,511	22,511	29,327	6,816
Homestead reimbursement	25,368	25,368	24,415	(953)
Tree growth	-	-	17,921	17,921
BETE reimbursement	12	12	-	(12)
Charges for services:				
Clerk fees	-	-	2,347	2,347
Dog licenses	-	-	489	489
School election	-	-	32	32
Vital fees	-	-	86	86
Interest income:				
Tax interest	-	-	4,252	4,252
Interest income	-	-	517	517
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	2,504	2,504
Transfers from other funds	20,127	20,127	20,127	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>\$ 882,828</u>	<u>\$ 882,828</u>	<u>\$ 1,016,620</u>	<u>\$ 133,792</u>

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TOWN OF STOW, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Town officers	\$ 83,000	\$ -	\$ 83,000	\$ 79,211	\$ 3,789
Municipal offices	6,000	5,555	11,555	8,867	2,688
Planning Board	1,500	2,085	3,585	610	2,975
Conservation committee	150	363	513	-	513
TAN interest	-	-	-	2,834	(2,834)
Total	90,650	8,003	98,653	91,522	7,131
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Rescue	5,841	-	5,841	5,841	-
Fire department	16,363	-	16,363	16,363	-
Total	22,204	-	22,204	22,204	-
HEALTH AND SANITATION	58,000	604	58,604	54,986	3,618
PUBLIC WORKS					
Snow	80,000	87	80,087	75,720	4,367
Total	80,000	87	80,087	75,720	4,367
WELFARE AND COMMUNITY					
AGENCIES					
Social services	4,620	-	4,620	4,620	-
General assistance	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
Total	5,620	-	5,620	4,620	1,000
CEMETERIES	1,000	3,069	4,069	882	3,187
EDUCATION	506,225	-	506,225	506,225	-
COUNTY TAX	52,707	-	52,707	52,707	-
UNCLASSIFIED					
Overlay	20,922	-	20,922	-	20,922
Total	20,922	-	20,922	-	20,922
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS					
Special revenue funds	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-
Capital projects funds	156,500	-	156,500	156,500	-
Total	176,500	-	176,500	176,500	-
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 1,013,828	\$ 11,763	\$ 1,025,591	\$ 985,366	\$ 40,225

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

SCHEDULE B

TOWN OF STOW, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Due from other funds	\$ 65,473	\$ 31,503	\$ 4,774	\$ 101,750
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 65,473</u>	<u>\$ 31,503</u>	<u>\$ 4,774</u>	<u>\$ 101,750</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	25,473	-	4,774	30,247
Committed	40,000	31,503	-	71,503
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	<u>65,473</u>	<u>31,503</u>	<u>4,774</u>	<u>101,750</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	<u>\$ 65,473</u>	<u>\$ 31,503</u>	<u>\$ 4,774</u>	<u>\$ 101,750</u>

SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF STOW, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 19,458	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,458
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>20,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,458</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	172,269	-	172,269
Other	844	7,591	-	8,435
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>844</u>	<u>179,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,704</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>19,614</u>	<u>(179,860)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(160,246)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	20,000	156,500	-	176,500
Transfers (out)	<u>(20,127)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,127)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(127)</u>	<u>156,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>156,373</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	19,487	(23,360)	-	(3,873)
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JANUARY 1	<u>45,986</u>	<u>54,863</u>	<u>4,774</u>	<u>105,623</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 65,473</u>	<u>\$ 31,503</u>	<u>\$ 4,774</u>	<u>\$ 101,750</u>

- NOTES -