

# Town Of Dixfield

## Annual Report

### Fiscal Year 2023



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**Dixfield Town Office**  
**46 Main Street**  
**PO Box 808**  
**Dixfield, Maine 04224**

	Hours	Important Telephone Numbers
Sunday	Closed	Town Office 562-8151
Monday	8am-4pm	Code Enforcement 418-5026
Tuesday	8am-4pm	Assessor's Office 562-8151
Wednesday	8am-4pm	Water/Sewer Office 562-8151
Thursday	8am-4pm	Public Works 364-5422
Friday	8am-4pm	RSU#56 Superintendent 562-4300
Saturday	Closed	Dirigo Elementary School 562-4207
		TW Kelly Dirigo Middle School 562-8255
		Dirigo High School 562-4251

Dixfield is the 147<sup>th</sup> town in the State of Maine

Population: 2,253 (as of 2020)

Founded by Colonel Jonathan Holman

Incorporated on June 21, 1803

Town website: [www.dixfield.org](http://www.dixfield.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TownOfDixfield](https://www.facebook.com/TownOfDixfield)

Alicia Conn: Town Manager, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk

Scott Dennett: Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director

Randy Hall: East Dixfield Fire Chief

Randy Glover: Public Works Lead Foreman

Korina Lee: Library Director

Jessica Voter: Deputy Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters (June 2022 - April 2024)

Bethany Child: Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Clerk

Patricia Castagna: Deputy Treasurer, Water and Sewer Clerk

Paul Binette: Tax Accessor

Ryan Glover: Code Enforcement Officer

Board of Selectmen:

Richard Pickett - Chairman of the Board

Peter Holman - Vice Chairman of the Board

Angela Varnum

Janice Merrill

Ricky Davis

Recreation Committee:

Scott Blaisdell

Bruce Weld

McGouldrick Park Committee:

Scott Blaisdell

Grayson Child

Dixfield Economic Development Committee:

Elizabeth Kelly

Deb Morang

Richard Pickett

Fran Szostek

Sheila Weld

Planning Board:

Ken Hinkley

Grayson Child

Elizabeth Kelly

Tony Carter

Greg Gagne

Budget Committee:

Aaron Perreault

Elizabeth Kelly

Scott Dennett

# Dixfield Historical Society

63 Main Street

PO Box 162

<http://dixfieldhs.mainememory.net>

## Our Mission

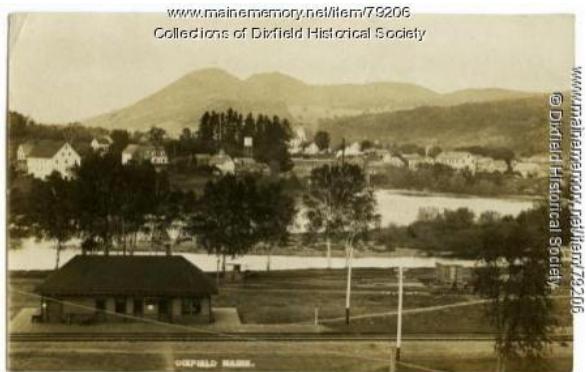
The Dixfield Historical Society is a non-profit 501-c3 corporation whose purpose is to collect and preserve artifacts and data from Dixfield's past, protect current historical materials and promote through education the desire for future generations to honor and respect their heritage.

## Meetings and Programs

Held the 2nd Thursday evenings in April, May, September and October at 7:00 pm · Annual Open House - 3rd Sunday in August from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

## Membership

Membership is \$10.00/year which includes the Dixfield Star newsletter published three times a year. Lifetime memberships are also available.



This view of Dixfield Village is taken from the Town of Peru side of the Androscoggin River. The Central Maine Railroad "Dixfield Station" is in the foreground and was actually located in the town of Peru. "Church on the Hill" is sitting on Meeting House Hill.



This view of Main Street in Dixfield, ca. 1890, shows three of the major business of the day. First on the left is Barrett & Smith Meat, Groceries, and Provisions. Second is the famous brick H. G. Harlow Block, and third is the National House Hotel. None of which exist today. Two horse and buggies are pictured and hitching posts line both sides of the

# Dedication

Jon and Sue Holmes

This annual report is dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Jon & Sue Holmes, devoted members of the Dixfield community.

Jon and Sue owned and operated Holmes Market, a Dixfield staple, for thirty-one years. At their market you could buy quality meats and grocery items, as well as penny candy. Community members loved Jon's delicious chili accompanied with Sue's scrumptious breads and baked goods. Additionally, many enjoyed a hot dog from Jon's hot dog cart in the summertime.

Sue and Jon spent countless hours attending community events, especially in support of the Dirigo Cougars. Sue was known as a homemaker/handyman extraordinaire. She could decorate a cake or hem a pair of pants with the same skill she could fix a leaky pipe or cut and split firewood. Sue was an avid supporter of Dirigo athletics, and helped raise money with the Booster Club. Sue also volunteered on the Dixfield Planning Board. Later in life she became a dedicated advocate for the study and treatment of Lyme disease in Maine.

Jon was president of the Poodunk Snowmobile Club and active in the Maine Snowmobile Association. He was known as a prankster with a big heart. Additionally, Jon was a past President of the Dixfield/Dirigo Alumni Association as well as a charter member of the now defunct Dixfield Jaycees. He was involved in youth sports in Dixfield for many years and coached little league during that time. He was also active in The Dirigo Boosters. In the last few years, Jon found a passion doing "Trail Magic" — feeding hikers on the Appalachian Trail. Thanks to Jon, they got to have the best ever bacon cheeseburger.

Together, Jon and Sue enjoyed 56 years and touched the hearts of many in Dixfield. We thank them for their commitment and the time they shared with us all.



Jon W. Holmes

February 26, 1945 – February 4, 2024

Susan R. Holmes

March 13, 1946 - January 6, 2020

# Vital Statistics & Licenses

7/01/22 through 6/30/23

Marriages: 14

Births: 31

Deaths: 27

*Certified copies of any of the above are available for purchase at the Town Office*

## Dog Licenses

Neutered or Spayed: 102

Not Neutered or Spayed: 26

Kennels: 1

Motor Vehicle Registrations: 2,215

# Registrar of Voters & Elections

During the fiscal year of July 2022 to June 2023 we held two (2) elections:

A General Election on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

A primary Election on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

November's election was the last to be held at the Dixfield American Legion. The June election was the first to be held in the gymnasium of Dirigo High School, and we greatly appreciate being able to use the facility.

# OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*Christopher R. Wainwright*



*Sheriff*

*Christopher Wainwright*

*Chief Deputy*

*James Urquhart*

## **2023 Annual Report Annual Town Report**

January 10, 2024

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Taxpayers,

As I step into my Sixth year as Sheriff, I reflect with immense pride on the achievements of our agency across the county. The momentum we have going into the New Year is a testament to the dedicated team of men and women who serve Oxford County with unwavering pride. Their commitment to our mission, rooted in professionalism, integrity, and leadership, is the driving force propelling our agency forward.

In previous years, I've highlighted the escalating volume and complexity of our calls to service. Notably, the surge in responses to mental health concerns since 2019 underscores the pressing need for increased state funding for community services and sheriff's departments statewide. This is crucial to ensuring the safety of individuals in need and those around them.

Our commitment to addressing the opioid epidemic in Oxford County persists through our collaboration with local organizations, notably the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative. We actively refer eligible individuals to Project Save ME as part of our ongoing efforts. This police-assisted initiative aims to bridge individuals affected by substance use disorder with dedicated recovery coaches, advocates, and various treatment services, providing crucial support on their journey to recovery.

Over the summer, deputies participated in Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D (Police Officers Striving To Create And Reinforce Dreams). This camp provides children with a week filled with activities, including swimming, boating, hiking, crafts, and campfires. As the week unfolds, the kids discover that their camp counselors and leaders are police officers and sheriff's deputies from across Maine. This initiative underscores that for our deputies, being visible and present in our communities extends beyond their call of duty; they also serve as leaders, fostering positive connections with the next generation.

With that in mind, on behalf of our deputies, correctional officers, and support staff I want to thank our community for the ongoing support we have received. Whether through letters, social media, or public acknowledgments, your backing resonates throughout our agency.

We have great opportunities ahead of us, and I look forward to the work we will accomplish in the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 207-743-9554.

I wish you all a safe and healthy year ahead.

Respectfully,

Christopher Wainwright  
Oxford County Sheriff



# Dixfield Fire Company

*PO Box 808, 38 Main Street, Dixfield, ME 04224*

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the Dixfield Fire Company responded to the following incidents:

## Fire

Structure (includes chimney fires)	20
Wood & Grass	3
All other	4
Report of Smoke	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	26
Rescue Related	3
Alarm Activation	6
Power Line / Tree on Wires	24
Carbon Monoxide check	1
Public Assistance	5
Unauthorized burning	2
Other Miscellaneous	24
Medical Assist	7

During this reporting period 36 calls involved mutual aid, either received or given. Thanks to our neighboring emergency service agencies and the Oxford Regional Communication Center – we are all partners in serving our citizens.

## **New State regulations regarding outdoor burning.**

A recreational campfire (cooking or warming) does not require a permit. However, beginning October 25, 2023, Maine Statute will define a recreational campfire as being no larger than 3 feet in diameter on the ground and no higher than 3 feet. If a fire exceeds this, a Burn Permit is required! Burn permits are

available without charge online at Wardensreport.com or Maineburnpermit.com. Use extreme caution with any burning, especially during dry or windy conditions. Also New - No Outdoor burning will be allowed during a **Red Flag Warning** – these are issued when warm temperatures, very low relative humidities and strong winds are expected to increase the risk of fire danger. Daily fire danger ratings can be found at [www.mainefireweather.org](http://www.mainefireweather.org). **Never Leave Any Burns Unattended.**

Equipment and services are becoming more expensive each day and regulations become more burdensome for small volunteer departments. As cancer threats become more evident to firefighters, we are attempting to address this issue. We are also evaluating the needs for physical requirements within the station to contain contaminants.

Thank you to our citizens for providing the equipment needed to complete our mission, *“to safely respond to all emergencies within the community and to help its citizens deal with those emergencies, with resources available. And with utmost regard for the safety of its members, do all it can to limit loss to life, property, and the environment.”*

Please, be fire safe every day!

*Scott R Dennett*

Scott R Dennett

Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director

Animal Control Officer: Eric Giroux

Animal Control Dispatch

207-743-9554

Help Stop Animal Abuse in Maine

Animal Welfare Program

28 State House Station

90 Blossom Lane

Deering Building

Augusta, ME 04333

Phone: 207-287-3846 Fax: 207-287-7548

[animal.welfare@maine.gov](mailto:animal.welfare@maine.gov)



**Dixfield Water Department**  
**P.O. BOX 808**  
**DIXFIELD ME 04224**

TEL. # DIXFIELD OFFICE 562-8151  
MEXICO WATER DISTRICT OFFICE 364-2061, MEXICO PLANT 364-2195

**“DIXFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ORGANIZATION “**

**TO THE CITIZENS OF DIXFIELD**

**FOR THE YEAR 2023, THE DIXFIELD WATER DEPT. PUMPED OVER 41,747,000 GALS. OF DRINKING WATER.**

OUR METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IS IN OUR 17TH YEAR. THE COST OF THE NEW METERS ALONG WITH OTHER MUCH NEEDED EQUIPMENT HAS SLOWED THE METER CHANGE PROGRAM DOWN IN 2023 TO ONLY 6 NEW METER'S BEING INSTALLED. THE MAJORITY OF THOSE METERES WERE DO TO FREEZE UP'S DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. THE GOAL NOW IS TO HAVE THE REMAINING METERS CHANGED OUT BY EARLY 2025. THE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAS 18 METERS ON HAND AND NEEDS TO PURCHASE THE REMAINING 60. THE MAJORITY OF THE METERS ON HAND WILL BE RESERVED TO REPLACE FROZEN METERS IN 2024. THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IS AT THE POINT WHERE 3 CHEMICAL DOSEAGE PUMPS NEED TO BE REPLACED SOON ALONG WITH THE FLOURIDE SATURATOR, PH PROBE AND THE MASTER METER THAT RECORDS THE RAW WATER FLOW FROM THE WELL'S IS ALSO IN NEED OF BEING REPLACED. ANOTHER NECESSITY THAT SHOULD BE DONE IS THE CLEANING OF THE #1 WELL AND 1,000,000 GALLON RESERVOIR. THE DEPARTMENT DID PURCHASE AND INSTALL A NEW CL2 (CHLORINE) DOSEAGE PUMP IN JULY. TO ALSO KEEP THE WATER FLOWING THERE'S THE NEED TO HAVE BRASS FITTINGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE MOMENTS NOTICE. KEEPING AN ADEQUATE INVENTORY IS A NECESSITY AND EXPENSIVE, IN THE PAST THE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD TO ‘BORROW’ MATERIALS FROM NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS TO COMPLETE NECESSARY REPAIR ON MAINS AND SERVICES.

THE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT OF 2022 IS NOW 1 YEAR BEHIND US. UNFORTUNATELY, THE DIXFIELD WATER DEPT WAS UNABLE TO USE THE REMAINING FUNDS. THE ADDITIONAL WORK NEEDED TO BE DONE BY THE CONTRACTOR ALREADY INVOLVED AND WITH THEIR WORK LOAD GOING FORWARD THE PROJECTS COULDN'T BE DONE IN A TIMELY FASHION AND THE FUNDING WINDOW EXPIRED. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE OF THIS IS THAT DIXFIELD RECEIVED GRANTS THAT PROVIDED A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE OVERALL COST OF THE PROJECT.

THE DIXFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT AGAIN IN 2023 APPLIED FOR ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING TO CONTINUE WITH SYSTEM INPROVMENTS AND AGAIN WE WERE OFFERED THIS FUNDING. DIXFIELD RESPONDED WITH A LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE AND THE DECESSION WILL NEED TO BE MADE SOON AS TO WHETHER TO CONTINUE FORWARD WITH THE FUNDING OR INFORM THE STATE OF MAINE THAT AFTER REVIEWING OUR CURRENT FINANCIAL OBLICATIONS WE ARE OPTING OUT OF THE FUNDING.

I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH ALL OF THE WONDERFULL PEOPLE OF DIXFIELD FOR ALMOST 8 YEARS AND TOTALLY UNDERSTAND THE PRESSURE THAT WE ARE UNDER TO MAKE ENDS MEET. THERE FOR YEARS HAS BEEN TALK OF A MUCH-NEEDED RATE INCREASE FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO MEET THEIR NEEDS

**AND BE ABLE TO CONTINUE PROVIDING SAFE, QUALITY DRINKING WATER.**

**GENERAL LIST OF WORK PERFORMED**

Alarms	15
Collections (notices)	8
Complaints	7
Curb box repairs	13
Curb Box record updates	5
Dig safe request	55
Hydrant painting	0
Leak detection	15
Main break	1
Service line breaks	3
Hydrant snow removal	7 times
Hydrant repairs	2
New service lines	3
Meter reads and rechecks	8
Flushing	4 Days
Lawn mowing	11 times
Shutoffs	3 times
Snowplowing	10
Water on and offs	35 times
Winter watch list	16 times
Winterizing and rechecks of Hydrants	78 hydrants (twice)
State drinking water reports	12
Daily water sampling and testing	365 times
Monthly/yearly sampling	52

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR, WORKING FOR THE TOWN OF DIXFIELD.**

**THANK YOU,  
TERRY SMITH  
SUPERINTENDENT**

# Ludden Memorial Library

## Town Report 2022-2023

*“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.” — Albert Einstein*

### OUR TOTALS FOR THE YEAR



Library visits amounted to 8,441 and the staff completed 938 reference transactions. Interlibrary loans were totaled at 8,498 both borrowed from us and received for our library patrons. A total of 7,142 children's materials were circulated and 10,267 adult materials were circulated for the year. 687 electronic materials, children & adult, were also circulated this year, for a grand total of 18,097 materials circulated for the year.

The library has 9 public use computers which were used for 693 sessions by the general public during the year. We do have Wi-Fi capabilities, which allows patrons to use their own wireless devices at the library at all times as well.

The holdings of the library include 8,876 children and young-adult print materials, 13,105 adult print materials, 19,941 electronic books (E-Books), 1,192 audio CDs, 9,018 audio downloadable books, 2,294 DVDs, and 30 current print serial subscriptions.

The library was operated with a municipal appropriated budget of \$173,382 for the FY 2022-2023. We have collected revenues consisting of non-resident fees, fines, print and copy fees, etc. of \$3,723.

As a member of the Minerva library consortium, we also have access to the catalogs of all other libraries in the group. We provide interlibrary loans to other Minerva libraries and receive interlibrary loans from those libraries as well.

This library serves the towns of Dixfield, Canton, Carthage, and Peru with a total of 2,826 registered users.

### WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

Our Preschool story-time hour remains a popular event at the library on Monday mornings. We have thankfully been able to host in-person story-time for almost two years now! We started back from the pandemic with a small group of core attendees and it has only continued to grow.

Our 2023 Children's Summer Reading program in July had a total of 33 active participants. The theme for the Summer Reading Program was “All Together Now” with a focus on kindness,

community, and working together. For the weekly programs, we had the wonderful “Mr. I” showing off his love of science, Chewonki with their very interesting “Bugmobile”, Andrew Silver with his incredible one-person “Silver Circus”, and the last day finale “Craft Day” where the participants made kindness jars. Each participant was also entered into the raffle for a chance to win the big Summer-Fun Tote Bag. Weekly prizes for completing the reading requirements included a Summer Reading themed t-shirt and gift certificates to Jimmies and Sam’s Italian and the final prize: a book of their own to keep! The lucky winner for the tote bag was drawn on the last day of the program.

**Some of this year's other highlights included:**

- The library was pleased to host its' Fourth Annual Food Drive in October-November 2022. The collected donations this year supported 4 local area food pantries. Thank you to everyone who donated!
- February was once again “Blind Date with a Book” month with wrapped library books waiting to be checked out based only upon a few descriptive words. You can't judge a book by its cover, as the saying goes and how true it is!
- The library is still offering the MAINE STATE PARK VEHICLE PASSES, available to be checked out for a 3-day loan period. You must be 18 years old and a Ludden library cardholder to check one out. This pass allows free entrance into Maine State Parks and other specified sites around the state.
- The library now has a book club, meeting monthly. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for dates and the current book selection.
- Adult Craft programming has been offered sporadically but with overwhelming excitement. It is our hope to be able to continue these adult craft days on a more scheduled basis in the future.

**IN CLOSING,**

We want to thank all of our wonderful patrons for their continued use and support of our small library. We look forward to continuing to serve and assist this great community in any ways that we can. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments. We love to hear from you!

We are located at: 42 Main Street Dixfield, ME 04224

We can be reached by phone: (207) 562-8838, or e-mail:  
[lmlibrary@ladden.lib.me.us](mailto:lmlibrary@ludden.lib.me.us)

Respectfully submitted,  
Korina Lee  
Library Director



## **Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Board**

### **Annual Report 2023**

Revenues from recycling continue to hold steady in 2023, but tipping fees have increased significantly creating a shortfall in revenues making it necessary to raise appropriations to towns by over 12% In 2023 we recycled a total of 1120 tons of materials compared to 904 in 2022. Revenues from recycling brought in \$125,515, less than the \$129,868 in 2022. We processed a total of 9,381 tons of municipal solid waste from our six member towns. The cost for disposal (not including transportation) was \$617,364.

Separating recyclables from your trash not only creates revenue, but decreases the cost of disposal. Most people have already made up their minds that one person cannot make any difference in regard to recycling waste. That thinking might apply in other fields, but in recycling, an individual can make a big difference.

Materials that are recyclable include aluminum and metal cans, newspaper, office paper, magazines, junk mail and any cardboard including paperboard such as cereal boxes, eggs cartons, shoe boxes, etc. Plastic recycling has been expanded to include all plastic containers, with the exception of plastic bags and Styrofoam. Glass is currently being collected, including glass containers, drinking glasses and cups, plates and baking dishes, etc.

We collected 94 units of household hazardous waste from area residents during last year's collection event. This amount was an increase from previous collections. This year's event is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Region 9 parking lot. If you happen to miss this collection, there will be other alternatives available to dispose of these materials in neighboring towns.

Bring paint and paint products anytime to the Recycling/Transfer Station. In addition, many garages will take your used motor oil.

Universal waste such as fluorescent lamps, thermometers, mercury switches, TVs, computer monitors and towers, etc. must also be separated from the waste stream. These items should be brought to the Recycling/Transfer Station.

Bins are also available to collect textiles, including clothing, shoes, handbags, bedding, towels, etc. Bins are located at the Recycling/Transfer Station, the Dixfield Laundromat, and the former Marden's Shopping Center.

For more information on recycling, contact the Regional Solid Waste and Recycling facility at 364-3645.

Respectfully Submitted, Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Board

Patricia Duguay, Chair (Byron)  
Reggie Arsenault, Vice-Chair (Mexico)  
Stacy Carter, Administrator (Rumford)  
William Porter (Rumford)  
Greg Buccina (Rumford)

Richard Philbrick (Mexico)  
Sandra Witas (Roxbury)  
Royal Swan (Dixfield)  
John Witherell (Peru)

## **Ione Harlow Scholarship**

Miss Ione Harlow, an esteemed citizen of Dixfield, died on January 18, 1968 at the age of 97. Under the terms of her will, the residue of her estate was to be held in trust by the Town of Dixfield. This trust was to be known as the Ione Harlow Dixfield Community Fund and had two explicit purposes: one-quarter to provide scholarships for residents of the town and three-quarters to be used for general purposes of the town, with certain restrictions.

In 2023 Dixfield awarded \$7,000 which was divided amongst the seven applicants, equally  
\$1,000.00 per student.

## **Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Scholarship**

In July 1985, the Tuscan Lodge No. 22, I.O.O.F., Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Dixfield disbanded and entrusted their remaining funds to the Town of Dixfield. These Funds were directed to be held in trust with accrued interest awarded as scholarships to the students of RSU # 56 (Canton, Carthage, Dixfield, and Peru) who wish to further their education.

In 2023 Dixfield awarded \$3,800 which was divided amongst the eight applicants, equaling  
\$475.00 per student.

# Key Bank and Verdurina Trust Accounts

Fund	% of Earned Interest	Balance of Accrued Interest 6/30/2023
Ione Harlow Dixfield Community Fund	55.23%	\$36,074.81
Ion Harlow Dixfield Community Fund Scholarships	16.65%	\$10,875.35
Cemetery Trusts	17.59%	\$11,489.00
Odd Fellows Scholarship Trust	8.11%	\$5,297.24
Harlow Library Trust	2.20%	\$1,835.13
Ministerial School Trust	0.00223%	\$147.05
Totals	100.00%	\$65,718.58

## Verdurina Ludden Trust

Verdurina Ludden Trust is a separate trust fund, although managed through Key Bank Trust (together with those listed above). These funds are dedicated as an off-set to the library's annual budget and are placed in a library revenue account each year.

This year's interest (2023) totaled **\$398.15**.

# Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

<u>Dept.:</u>	<u>Dept Name</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>
		\$ 356,415.00	\$ 370,363.00	\$ 13,948.00	4%
01	Executive	\$	\$	\$	
03	Public Works	\$ 531,161.00	\$ 547,071.00	\$ 15,910.00	3%
04	Fire Dept.	\$ 117,310.00	\$ 126,717.00	\$ 9,407.00	8%
05	Library	\$ 168,388.00	\$ 176,954.00	\$ 8,566.00	5%
06	Board & Committees	\$ 2,558.00	\$ 2,558.00	-	0%
07	Public Safety	\$ 563,500.00	\$ 504,128.00	(\$ 59,372.00)	-11%
08	Health, ACO, Code Enforcement	\$ 16,043.00	\$ 14,083.00	(\$ 1,960.00)	-12%
09	Recreation	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	-	0%
10	Grounds	\$ 39,734.00	\$ 37,797.00	(\$ 1,937.00)	-5%
11	Insurances	\$ 40,663.00	\$ 43,653.00	\$ 2,990.00	7%
12	Social Services	\$ 10,775.00	\$ 6,857.00	(\$ 3,918.00)	-36%
13	Regional Expenses	\$ 184,706.00	\$ 185,259.43	\$ 553.43	0%
14	Miscellaneous	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	-	0%
15	Reserve Accounts	\$ 363,000.00	\$ 534,000.00	\$ 171,000.00	47%
16	Dept Services	\$ 115,502.00	\$ 115,502.00	-	0%
19	General Assistance	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	-	0%
		\$ 2,535,755.00	\$ 2,690,942.43	\$ 155,187.43	6%

# Tax Rate Calculation

## MAINE REVENUE SERVICES - 2022 ENHANCED BETE MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION FORM

Municipality: Dixfield

### **BE SURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE FILLING IN THE TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT**

1. Total taxable valuation of real estate	1	112,839,300 (must match MVR Page 1, line 6)
2. Total taxable valuation of personal property	2	37,451,325 (must match MVR Page 1, line10)
3. Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2)	3	150,290,625 (must match MVR Page 1, line 11)
4. (a) Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted	4(a)	16,031,000 (must match MVR Page 1, line 14f)
(b) Homestead exemption reimbursement value	4(b)	11,702,630 (Line 4(a) multiplied by .73)
5. (a) Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property	5(a)	30,275,003 (must match MVR Page 2, line 15c)
(b) Enhanced BETE exemption reimbursement value	5(b)	20,815,256
6. Total valuation base (Line 3 plus line 4(b) plus line 5(b))	6	182,808,511
<b><u>Assessments</u></b>		
7. County tax	7	174,501.00
8. Municipal appropriation	8	2,476,320.00
9. TIF Financing plan amount	9	0.00
10. Local education appropriation (Adjusted to municipal fiscal year)	10 (local share/contribution)	2,046,730.00 (must match MVR Page 2, line 16c +16d)
11. Total Appropriation (Add lines 7 through 10)	11	4,697,551.00
<b><u>ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS</u></b>		
12. Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing	12	500,000.00
13. Other revenues: (All other revenues that have been formally appropriated to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, T.G. reimbursement, renewable energy reimbursement, trust fund or bank interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. (Do Not Include any homestead or BETE Reimbursement))	13	436,070.00
14. Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13)	14	936,070.00
15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14)	15	3,761,481.00
16. 3,761,481.00 <b>X</b> 1.05 = 3,949,555.05 Maximum Allowable Tax (Amount from line 15)		
17. 3,761,481.00 / 182,808,511 = 0.020576 Minimum Tax Rate (Amount from line 15) (Amount from line 6)		
18. 3,949,555.05 / 182,808,511 = 0.021604 Maximum Tax Rate (Amount from line 16) (Amount from line 6)		
19. 150,290,625 <b>X</b> 0.021500 = 3,231,248.44 Tax for Commitment (Amount from line 3) (Selected Rate) (Enter on MVR Page 1, line 13)		
20. 3,761,481.00 <b>X</b> 0.05 = 188,074.05 Maximum Overlay (Amount from line 15) (Selected Rate) (Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)		
21. 11,702,630 <b>X</b> 0.021500 = 251,606.55 Homestead Reimbursement (Amount from line 4b) (Selected Rate) (Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)		
22. 20,815,256 <b>X</b> 0.021500 = 447,528.00 BETE Reimbursement (Amount from line 5b) (Selected Rate) (Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)		
23. 3,930,382.99 - 3,761,481.00 = 168,901.99 Overlay (Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22) (Amount from line 15) (Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)		

(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)

# Tax Liens

Acct	Name	Tax Due	Tax Due w/Interest
468	ADAMS LEONARD F ADAMS TANIA	1,558.03	1,558.03
1220	ALLEN CINDY	1,054.31	1,054.63
1510	BARTASH SUE D	520.23	520.23
585	BEAN RICHARD E	1,049.24	1,049.56
1236	BERRYMENT, CHRISTOPHER	715.34	715.34
1237	BERRYMENT, CHRISTOPHER	135.14	135.14
1169	Blackburn, Shelley I	1,456.16	1,456.16
371	BLAUVELT GORDON LANDRY DIANE	1,842.94	1,842.94
21	BRANN NELSON C/O ISADORE BRANN	202.76	202.80
1707	BRYANT, DEREK E	498.78	498.92
557	CHOUINARD MATTHEW	862.78	862.78
1357	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE	276.47	276.47
564	COOLIDGE MARVIN K	249.26	249.32
598	CORMIER, KEVIN	141.36	141.36
805	CURIT MAURICE A JR CURIT SHERRI L	382.09	382.19
479	DAVIS DAWN	1,013.73	1,013.73
317	DOYON BENJAMIN	213.43	213.43
1607	DUMONT STEPHANIE LEAVITT ET ALS	840.85	840.85
974	Elohim, LLC	1,779.35	1,779.35
675	EXILES MOTORCYCLE CLUB	1,258.54	1,258.54
1095	FREEMAN CYNTHIA G	378.18	378.18
1017	GIBERSON RICHARD	438.54	438.54
1557	GIBERSON TY GIBERSON KRISTEN	2,877.58	2,877.58
911	Go America, LLC	1,029.43	1,029.43

935	GOMEZ, ERICA	3,202.46	3,203.48
707	GONZALEZ FRANCISCO, GONZALEZ FRANCISCO	310.20	310.20
1565	HALEY MICHELLE	840.50	840.50
881	HALLORAN, JOHN	3,366.91	3,366.91
1368	HAMILTON WANDA L	2,090.38	2,090.38
1177	HANSON DONNA R	121.25	121.25
670	HANSON JEFFREY P HANSON VERONICA L	1,214.25	1,214.25
599	HARDY ANITA ESTATE, HARDY ELIZABETH P.R.	1,062.32	1,062.32
67	HARRISON, NATHAN HARRISON, SABRINA	1,483.78	1,483.78
76	HODSDON MARION	296.58	296.58
77	HODSDON MARION	1,098.53	1,098.53
235	JARVIS BRENDA	1,400.00	1,400.00
107	JARVIS DAVID JARVIS BRENDA	217.57	217.57
895	KAJA HOLDINGS 2 LLC	3,171.76	3,171.76
498	KENNEDY, MATTIE	261.97	261.97
80	KILROY DAVID TRUSTEE	2,386.40	2,386.40
1712	KNIGHT, DONALD	694.04	694.04
937	KOEHLER JEFFREY	770.68	770.68
1372	LABELLE, LISA	1,292.57	1,292.97
258	LALIBERTY ERIN	290.47	290.47
59	LAPRELL, DARRYL J	1,123.37	1,123.71
446	LEAVITT WILLIAM	459.31	459.44
1666	LEAVITT WILLIAM	0.00	1.19
1282	Lesnick, Marcia	1,000.93	1,000.93
919	LOUVAT, DAVID LOUVAT, CHARLOTTE M	715.51	715.51

116	MARSTALLER, JERRY MARSTALLER, DARLENE	622.78	622.78
550	MASTINE, ERIC	249.98	250.04
768	MILLS WAMAN HIERS OF MILLS BERNADETTE VM	143.56	143.56
1052	MNA, LLC	6,612.36	6,614.50
871	OConnell, Kieran	2,677.11	2,677.11
1117	PAINÉ RICHARD HEIRS SMITH CAROLINE S	1,169.77	1,169.77
601	PUNDERSON, FOREST	453.72	453.72
578	RIDLEY JUSTIN	536.06	536.21
1384	ROBBINS RYAN K ROBBINS ASHLEY N	921.31	921.31
533	ROBINSON BERYL E	1,879.10	471.93
1264	ROCKY GARLAND, GARLAND KERRY & BRENDA Estate	661.79	661.79
852	SAYCE PRISCILLA	1,349.57	1,349.57
1151	SMITH CHRISTOPHER	1,011.89	1,012.20
665	SPERANZA JAMES	519.33	519.33
748	STERNS KELLY	121.28	121.29
1063	SWAN, ELIZABETH	827.70	827.95
480	THOMAS, GAVIN G	71.47	71.47
202	TODD, ANTHONY	571.15	571.15
923	TOMPKINS, MALLORY J	2,147.74	2,148.42
967	TOWLE PROPERTIES, LLC	1,055.74	1,055.74
1191	VARGAS, JOHN J	1,336.42	1,336.42
908	VAUGHN, DERRICK M	1,116.95	1,117.30
534	VERRILL, PATRICIA VERRILL, DAVID	210.48	210.53
590	VIEL, JEREMY	1,159.15	1,159.15
767	WELCH BENJAMIN M	130.39	130.39

773	WELCH BENJAMIN M	134.78	134.78
783	WELCH BENJAMIN M	669.82	670.02
1166	WELCH O DITSON ESTATE	1,197.53	1,197.53
976	WHITTEMORE, DANA WHITTEMORE, BRETT	127.52	127.52
1213	WILBUR TIMOTHY	943.91	944.20
477	WILSON MATHEAU WILSON TRINITY	938.01	938.01
1190	WING DANNY L JR WING DAVID L; WING DANNY L	665.43	665.43
1072	WYMAN, RICHARD A	327.40	327.40
<b>Total:</b>		<b>82,207.46</b>	<b>80,808.84</b>

## Note about the Audit Report

As of this printing, there is not a completed audit to be published in this year's report. Previous audits are available at the office, during regular business hours. Due to staffing issues at the Auditors office, they have run behind in completing our audits. There will be copy available, for review, at the Town Office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

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January 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the Second Regular Session of the Maine State Legislature convenes, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve the citizens of District 77 in the Maine House of Representatives. Representing you is an honor and a privilege I take seriously.

I continue to serve on the Joint Standing Committee of Environment and Natural Resources where the hot topic this past year was the proposed mandate on electric vehicle sales in our state and how a rulemaking procedure allowed a group of bureaucrats to make that determination. As I write, this issue is still hanging over us due to the storm and power outages in December that cancelled the impending vote, now scheduled for February.

With significant increases in tax revenues this past year the Legislature chose to grow state government rather than reform the income tax structure and help us all with the challenges we face due to inflation. The Legislature repealed the *Property Tax Stabilization Act* rather than adopt revisions that would benefit our seniors, especially those with a fixed income.

I encourage you to participate in your local government and school board. Phone calls and letters are always welcome; and due to the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are even more accessible. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: **Legislature.Maine.Gov**, you will find access to Committee hearings via Zoom, where you can observe or testify for or against a bill from the comfort of your home.

I send a weekly email newsletter with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at [Tammy.Schmersal-Burgess@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Tammy.Schmersal-Burgess@legislature.maine.gov), and we will gladly add you to our list. Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you at the State House and may you all have a safe and healthy 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Schmersal-Burgess".

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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.

Maine's heritage industries are the backbone of our state's economy. That is why one of the first bills I introduced in this Congress was the *Northeast Fisheries Heritage Protection Act*, which would prohibit commercial offshore wind energy development in Lobster Management Area 1 (LMA 1) in the Gulf of Maine. LMA 1 was identified by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as a potential commercial offshore wind site. LMA 1 is a critical and highly productive fishing ground for a variety of sea life, including lobster. Prohibiting offshore wind development in LMA 1 would help to avoid conflict with the New England commercial and recreational fishing industries. Additionally, the bill would initiate a federal study on the environmental review processes of any relevant Federal agencies for offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine.

I also continue to advocate on behalf of our veterans and those providing care to our former service members. The current pay for VA employees in the Kennebec and Penobscot counties does not reflect the critical services they are providing. As the oldest state in the nation, with the fifth highest veteran population, Mainers rely on the services offered at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities. That's why recently, Senator Collins, Senator King, Representative Pingree, and I called on the Biden Administration to increase locality pay for VA employees in Kennebec and Penobscot counties. The level of care received is impacted by job vacancies, and the high turnover rate among its healthcare workforce is often the result of pay and compensation issues, which is further exacerbated by the increased cost of living.

Lastly, I'm excited that Mainers are continuing to reap the benefits of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL). Recently, millions of dollars in grants have been awarded across the state, including \$35 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) program to conserve spawning and migratory habitats for native fish species in Maine, \$460,000 through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program for the Princeton Municipal Airport, Stephen A. Bean Municipal Airport, and Dexter Regional Airport, and nearly \$8 million through the Buses and Bus Facilities Program for Bangor's bus system. These investments are critical to ensuring Maine's infrastructure and will help to ensure Mainers and businesses across Maine are connected.

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 2024. 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



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

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

The First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131<sup>st</sup> Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during its first year.

Promoting policies that empower people to build to a better future for themselves is always the focus of my work; in this era of diminishing personal liberty, restrictive regulations, and soaring costs, commonsense solutions have never been more essential.

We did find success in the Highway Fund. In the past, the Highway Fund has been supported through gasoline taxes, which have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles, with a heavy reliance on bonds to fill the gap. However, we now have created a sustainable source of funding to maintain our transportation infrastructure by dedicating 40% of vehicle sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. This dedicated revenue stream is predicted to raise more than \$200 million for infrastructure each biennium and take us away from using borrowed money for basic upkeep.

The Second Regular Session began in January 2024. I have heard from many of you regarding the biggest concerns you are facing, including increasing energy costs, child care, education, housing, inflation, child welfare, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development, and community safety, among others. As your State Senator, I will continue to advocate for you in Augusta.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please do not hesitate to reach out with your comments or questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa M. Keim".

Lisa Keim  
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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.

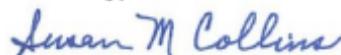
These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855th consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



Janet T. Mills  
GOVERNOR

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Spring 2024

Dear Maine Resident:

Since my first day in office, I have been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has invested in what people need to succeed — job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

Those investments are working — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers — all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has the best rate of economic growth in New England and one of the best rates in the nation.

At the same time, we have our challenges. In late October, a gunman took the lives of 18 innocent citizens and injured many more in an act of senseless and unconscionable violence. Then, in December and January, heavy rains and powerful winds brought massive flooding that destroyed homes and businesses, roads, and bridges, and changed the very landscape of our coast.

I have proposed legislation to address both issues — first, to rebuild from these storms and prepare for those to come; and, second, to expand mental health services and keep weapons out of the hands of dangerous people to better protect public safety.

We have made good progress over the past five years to ensure that every person can find a good-paying job in Maine; have affordable health insurance; have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school; breathe clean air and drink clean water and enjoy the rolling hills, lush forests, mighty rivers, and bold coast of Maine.

There are still plenty of challenges, particularly when it comes to the affordability of housing, child care, energy, and other things, but thanks to the resilience and the resolve of Maine people, I am more confident than ever before in the future of our state.

It is my honor to serve as your governor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet T. Mills".

Janet T. Mills  
Governor