

TOWN OF DIXFIELD

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024



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Dixfield Town Office

46 Main Street

PO Box 808

Dixfield, Maine 04224

	Hours
Sunday	Closed
Monday	8am-4pm
Tuesday	8am-4pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	8am-4pm
Friday	8am-4pm
Saturday	Closed

Important Telephone Numbers	
Town Office	562-8151
Code Enforcement	418-5026
Assessor's Office	562-8151
Water/Sewer Office	562-8151
Public Works	364-5422
RSU#56 Superintendent	562-4300
Dirigo Elementary School	562-4207
TW Kelly Dirigo Middle School	562-8255
Dirigo High School	562-4251

Dixfield is the 147th town in the State of Maine

Population: 1,512 (as of 2022)

Founded by Colonel Jonathan Holman

Incorporated on June 21, 1803

Town website: www.dixfield.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TownOfDixfield



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Town Employees

General Government/Town Office:

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

Bethany Child – Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Treasurer

Christen Lashua – Deputy Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters

Nicole Baltrus – Water & Sewer Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Town Clerk

Patricia Castagna – former Water & Sewer, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Town Clerk

Dixfield Fire Company:

Scott Dennett – Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director

Derek Bryant – Deputy Chief, Fire Warden

Berry Prescott – Captain

Daniel Carrier Sr. – Captain

Randy Hall – East Dixfield Fire Chief

Public Works:

Craig Woods – Lead Foreman as of December 2024

Jason Gurney

Edward Macomber

Jason Virgin

Jason LaPointe

Randy Glover – Former Lead Foreman

(resigned December 2024)

Ludden Memorial Library:

Korina Lee – Library Director

Wendy Ames

Loretta Blancato

Jody Campbell

Carol Cantin

Margaret (Peggy) Malley

Prudence Schofield

Megan Whitman

Grounds:

Robert Halacy

Boards and Committees

Select Board:

Richard Pickett – Chairman of the Board

Peter Holman – Vice Chairman of the Board

Angela Varnum

Janice Merrill

Ricky Davis - *Stepped down; Sept. 2024*

Laurie Woodhead - *Elected; October 2024*

Planning Board:

Ken Hinkley

Grayson Child

Elizabeth Kelly

Tony Carter

Greg Gagne

Budget Committee:

Recreation Committee:

Scott Blaisdell

Bruce Weld

Aaron Perreault

Elizabeth Kelly

Scott Dennett

McGouldrick Park Committee:

Scott Blaisdell

Grayson Child

Dixfield Economic Development Committee:

Elizabeth Kelly

Deb Morang

Richard Pickett

Fran Szostek

Sheila Weld

Reach out to the Town Office to learn about various committees with openings!

Dixfield Historical Society

PO Box 182, Dixfield Maine 04224

DixfieldHistSoc@yahoo.com

<http://dixfieldhs.mainememory.net>

Our Mission

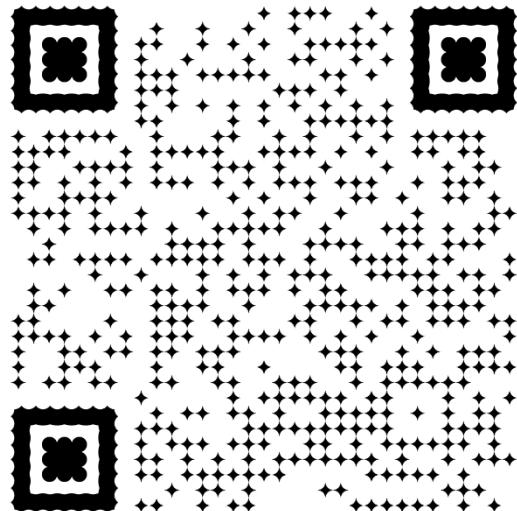
The Dixfield Historical Society is a non-profit 501-c3 corporation whose purpose is to collect and preserve artifacts and data from Dixfield's past, protect current historical materials and promote through education the desire for future generations to honor and respect their heritage.

Meetings and Programs

Held the 2nd Thursday evenings in April, May, September and October at 6:00 pm · Annual Open House – 4th Saturday in June from 1:00pm to 3:00 pm.

Membership

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



Follow on Facebook by scanning the QR code

www.facebook.com/DixfieldHistoricalSociety/

Dedication

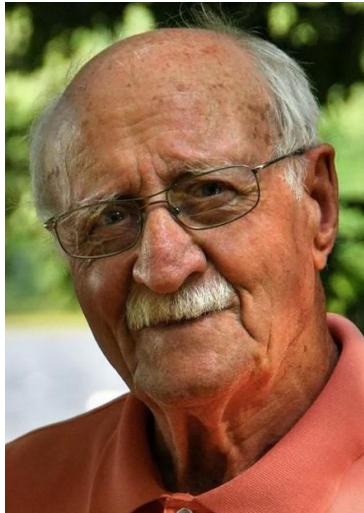
Albert Spaulding Jr.

Albert came to Dixfield in 1940 with his aunt Susie Spaulding-Weld and his brother Shirley. Dixfield truly became his hometown. It was at the High School where he met his future wife, Annie Elizabeth Brown. Albert and Annie graduated together in 1942.

After serving as a Merchant Marine and serving in the Army, Albert returned to Dixfield to build a life with Annie. He worked at the Berst-Forster-Dixfield Mill before eventually settling in the office of Coats and Clark's Stowell MacGregor Mill in Dixfield. Albert was identified as a promising addition to the office staff. He took over production management and, later, financial and credit roles at the facility.

Albert was an active member of the Dixfield community. He always wanted to give back, which he did many times over - teaching Sunday School at the Congregational Church, coaching Little League, serving on the school board, and participating in local government functions for many years. He was a founding member of the Dixfield Historical Society and later served as president. In 2018 he was presented with Dixfield's Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award.

We thank Albert for taking Dixfield into his heart and making it his home, and all the ways he gave back.



Albert W. Spaulding Jr.

July 24, 1923 – August 29, 2023

Vital Statistics & Licenses

7/01/23 through 6/30/24

Marriages: 24

Births: 14

Deaths: 32

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

Dog Licenses

Dixfield issued 53 dog licenses, and 1 kennel license

Motor Vehicle Registrations: 2,228

Registrar of Voters & Elections

During the fiscal year of July 2023 to June 2024 we held two (2) elections:

Tuesday, November 7th 2023

Tuesday, June 11th 2024

The town of Dixfield greatly appreciates the use of RSU 56 for these elections. Also, a huge thank you to all of our election volunteers & town clerks, you are critical to the efficiency and integrity of election day.

OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Christopher R. Wainwright



Chief Deputy James Urquhart

Major Dana Thompson

Annual Town Report

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Taxpayers,

As I enter my seventh year as sheriff, I am extremely proud of the work our office has accomplished throughout our Western Maine communities. At the heart of our success is the incredible team of professionals who dedicate themselves daily to keeping our county safe. From our deputies and corrections officers to school resource officers and civil personnel, each individual plays a vital role in fostering trust, providing support, and ensuring the well-being of all residents.

In 2024, our office responded to over 12,000 calls for service, a number that continues to grow both in volume and complexity. More and more, deputies are addressing calls involving mental health concerns—a trend that has steadily increased since the COVID-19 pandemic. This underscores the pressing need for greater funding for sheriff's departments across the state, ensuring we can connect individuals in crisis with the treatment and support they deserve.

We remain committed to addressing the opioid epidemic in Oxford County by partnering with organizations like the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative. Through programs such as Project Save ME, our deputies connect eligible individuals struggling with substance use disorder to recovery coaches, advocates, and treatment services to support their path to recovery.

This year, we added a full-time school resource officer to serve RSU 10. Funded through a Department of Education grant, this position strengthens our ability to build stronger connections with schools, and students, and deliver the proactive support needed to foster safe and positive learning environments.

Since 2018, we've made significant strides in improving the Oxford County Jail, beginning with the priority of restoring it to a full-service operation. This was essential not only to enhance services but also to save taxpayer money. Over time, we've continued to invest in the facility's infrastructure to ensure it meets the evolving needs of our community.

In 2024, the inmate population grew from 43 at the beginning of the year to 88 by January 2025, with a peak of 96 inmates on some days. Throughout the year, we processed 1,683 new bookings and admissions. For most of the year, operations were temporarily relocated to the courthouse holding area while upgrades were made to the facility. A key accomplishment was the replacement of the jail's original HVAC system, funded primarily through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

As an agency, we have great opportunities ahead of us. I look forward to the work we will continue to accomplish in the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 207-743-9554 and follow us on Facebook at: Oxford County Sheriff's Office.

I wish you all a safe and healthy year ahead.

Respectfully,

Christopher Wainwright
Oxford County Sheriff



Oxford County Sheriffs Office Town Of Dixfield Calls for Service 2024



<u>Offense</u>	<u>Offense</u>	1
911 hangup call	61 Operating After Suspension	1
Abandoned Vehicle	3 Parking Problem	6
Alarm	18 Property Damage, Non-vandalism	2
Ambulance or Medical Assist	14 Peace Officer	11
Animal Problem	12 Inspection/Towing Permit	1
Assault, Simple	3 Service Of Papers	7
Agency Assist	43 Protection From Abuse Order	16
Attempt to Locate	2 Protection Harassment Order	4
Bail Check Follow Up Detail	1 Property Watch	9
Burglary, Resident, Unlawf Ent	8 Request Call	61
Citizen Dispute	17 Repossession of Property	3
Child Abuse or Neglect	2 Recovered Stolen Property	1
Civil Issue	24 Request Officer	17
Custodial Interference	2 Sexual Abuse Of Minor	1
Citizen Assist	8 Sex Offense	2
Criminal Mischief	7 Sex Offender Reg Verification	5
Counterfeit Money	1 Search Warrant	3
Cont Substance/Sale/Manu/Other	6 Subpoena Service	6
Disabled Vehicle	10 Suicidal Person/Welfare Check	10
Dead Body	2 Suspicion	58
Disorderly Conduct	3 Traffic Accident, Prop Damage	44
Domestic Incident	22 Traffic Accident, Pers Injury	18
Drug Info/Statistics	3 Telephone Harassment	1
Detail	40 Traffic Hazard	6
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	1 Threatening	4
Domestic Violence Follow Up	1 Traffic Offense	9
Request Extra Patrol	5 Theft, Property, Other	21
Fraud	7 Theft Prop Prescription Drugs	1
Fireworks	1 Trespassing	11
Gross Sexual Assault	1 Theft, Vehicle: Automobile	2
Harassment	24 Unsecure Premises	5
Identity Theft	1 VIN	4
Information	8 Violation of Protection Order	16
Juvenile Problem	16 Welfare Check	63
K-9 Assisted	2 Warrant Failure to Appear	4
Loitering	2 Weapons Offense	7
LPR	2	
Misdialed Number to 911	18	Total Incidents
Missing Person	11	862
Mental Subject	4	
Noise Problem	6	



Dixfield Fire Company

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

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Dixfield Fire Company responded to the following National Fire Incident Reporting System call types:

[100] Fire (building, vehicle, vegetation)	16
[200] Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Over heat (no fire)	0
[300] Rescue & EMS(Assists); Accidents	39
[400] Hazardous Conditions (no fire)	22
[500] Service Call	14
[600] Good Intent Call	36
[700] False Alarm & False Call	3
[800] Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
[900] Special Incident Type	0

Of these 130 calls, 42 involved mutual aid, either given or received. We appreciate our close working relationships with our neighboring departments and the seamless interoperability either when we need assistance, or when we are able to offer ours. Manpower issues, especially during the daytime, are a continuing struggle for most departments and mutual aid is vital to getting the job done.

Equipment and services provided to departments become more expensive each day. While new OSHA proposals affecting the fire service are currently still in the review process, we expect more stringent requirements will be released in the months to come. With these changes there will likely be a financial component in order to meet any new requirements. In addition, changes to best practices to protect personnel after exposures to combustible products are also highlighted in the fire service. We are looking at various ways to meet the changing fire service environment so we can successfully and safely continue our response to the citizens of Dixfield.

I am very thankful to the men and women of the Dixfield Fire Company that are here to serve and help in someone's time of distress.

Thank you to the citizens of Dixfield, without your support we would not be able to respond when needed.

Please, be fire safe every day!

Scott R Dennett

Scott R Dennett

Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director

phone 207-562-7629 fax 207-562-4311 firechief@dixfield.org www.dixfieldfire.org

Animal Control Officer: Eric Giroux
Secondary Animal Control officer: Cynthia Souriolle

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



**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,

Our meter replacement program is in our 18th year. The cost of the new meter along with other much needed equipment has slowed the program down. The majority of meters replaced were due to freeze up's during the winter months. The department currently has some meters on hand but will need to purchase additional meters.

The department continues to prioritize the cleaning and maintenance of facilities such as; maintaining and replacing dosage pumps as needed, maintaining and replacing the fluoride saturator, PH probe, and the master meter as needed. As well as cleaning the wells and reservoir.

The Town of Dixfield thanks former Superintendent Terrance Smith for his eight years with us, and we look forward to working with Robert Brown.

We look forward to another great year serving the residents of Dixfield .

Ludden Memorial Library

Town Report 2023-2024

"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 9,080 and the staff completed 952 reference transactions. Interlibrary loans were totaled at 8,771 both borrowed from us and received for our library patrons. A total of 6,987 children's materials were circulated and 10,556 adult materials were circulated for the year. 726 electronic materials, children & adult, were also circulated this year, for a grand total of 18,269 materials circulated for the year.

The library currently has 7 public use computers which were used for 729 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 8,885 children and young-adult print materials, 13,166 adult print materials, 1,290 audio CDs, 2,305 DVDs, and 30 current print serial subscriptions. The library also participates in the Cloud Library service for online access to a variety of electronic books (E-Books) as well as audio downloadable books (E-audio books).

The library was operated with a municipal appropriated budget of \$195,326 for the FY 2023-2024. We have collected revenues consisting of non-resident fees, fines, print and copy fees, etc. of \$4,265.

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 2,879 registered users.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

Our Preschool story-time hour remains a popular event at the library on Monday mornings. The fabulous Ms. Loretta does an excellent job with these story-times. Preschool story-time hours are on Mondays during the school year starting after Labor Day with the last day being the Monday before Memorial Day, following the school calendar.

Our 2024 Children's Summer Reading program in July had a total of 38 active participants. The theme for the Summer Reading Program was "Read, Renew, Repeat" with a focus of being "Green" and protecting our planet. For the weekly programs, we had the wonderful "Mr. I" showing off his love of science, a Maine State Park Ranger-Jaimie Cantin where the Children were able to each make animal tracks to take home, the founder of MV BEES who did an incredible presentation about Bees, a game day where the participants put up with me leading them through a game of "Oh, Deer!" and a Craft Day where the children decorated bird houses out of recycled cardboard juice/milk cartons and everyone was sent home with a baggie of bird food. 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 Frosty Delight 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' Fifth Annual Food Drive in October-November 2023. 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.

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@ludden.lib.me.us

Respectfully submitted,
Korina Lee
Library Director

Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Board

Annual Report 2024

Revenues from recycling were down in 2024 and tipping fees continue to increase, creating a shortfall in revenues making it necessary to raise appropriations to towns by 7.14% for 2025. We recycled a total of 878 tons of materials, well below the 1120 tons in 2023. Revenues from recycling brought in \$95,700, much less than \$125,515 we made in 2023. We processed a total of 9976 tons of municipal solid waste from our six member towns. The cost for disposal (not including transportation) was \$650,811.

Yes, recycling is an effort, but separating recyclables from your trash not only creates revenue, but decreases the cost of disposal.

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 128 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 7thth 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, Labonville in Mexico, 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)

Richard Philbrick (Mexico)

Reggie Arsenault, Vice-Chair (Mexico)
Stacy Carter, Administrator (Rumford)
William Porter (Rumford)
John Blais (Rumford)

Sandra Witas (Roxbury)
Leslie Skibitsky (Dixfield)
Raquel Welch-Day (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 2024 Dixfield awarded \$8,250 which was distributed to the 7 applicants.

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 2024 Dixfield awarded \$4,000 which was divided equally for the 8 applicants, equaling \$500 per student.

Key Bank and Verdurina Trust Accounts

Fund	% of Earned Interest	Balance of Accrued Interest 6/30/2024
Ione Harlow Dixfield Community Fund	55.23%	\$27,461.48
Ion Harlow Dixfield Community Fund Scholarships	16.65%	\$8,278.72
Cemetery Trusts	17.59%	\$8,745.78
Odd Fellows Scholarship Trust	8.11%	\$4,032.46
Harlow Library Trust	2.20%	\$1,403.80
Ministerial School Trust	0.00223%	\$112.49
Totals		\$50,034.73

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 (FY2024) interest totaled **\$309.92**.

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

<u>Dept.:</u>	<u>Dept Name</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>
1	Executive	370,363.00	423,830.00	53,467.00	14.436%
3	Public Works	547,071.00	631,300.00	84,229.00	13.342%
4	Fire Dept.	126,717.00	141,747.00	15,030.00	11.861%
5	Library	173,382.00	195,325.92	21,943.92	12.66%
6	Board & Committees	2,558.00	2,440.00	(118.00)	-4.613%
7	Public Safety	504,128.00	541,062.48	36,934.48	7.326%
8	Health, Animal & Code Enforcement	14,083.00	16,323.00	2,240.00	15.906%
9	Recreation	12,500.00	13,655.00	1,155.00	9.240%
10	Grounds	63,746.00	57,672.00	(6,074.00)	-9.528%
11	Insurances	43,653.00	52,866.00	9,213.00	21.105%
12	Social Services	7,357.00	6,227.00	(1,130.00)	-15.360%
13	Regional Expenses	185,259.43	177,828.24	(7,431.19)	-4.011%
14	Miscellaneous	4,500.00	3,900.00	(600.00)	-13.333%
15	Reserve Accounts	297,000.00	307,000.00	10,000.00	3.367%
16	Debt Services	115,502.00	117,838.68	2,336.68	2.023%
18	General Assistance	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	0.000%
		\$2,476,819.43	\$2,698,015.32	221,195.89	8.93%

Tax Rate Calculation

2025 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	118,852,000	
2. Total taxable valuation of personal property	2	35,123,711	(must match MVR Page 1, line 6)
3. Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2)	3	153,975,711	(must match MVR Page 1, line10)
4. (a) Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted	4(a)	12,865,900	(must match MVR Page 1, line 14f)
(b) Homestead exemption reimbursement value	4(b)	9,778,084	(Line 4(a) multiplied by 0.76)
5. Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property	5(a)	30,593,371	
Enhanced Total of all reimbursable BETE Exempt Valuation	5(b)	20,752,949	(must match MVR Page 2, line 15c)
6. Total valuation base (Line 3 plus line 4(b) plus line 5(b))	6	184,506,744	
Assessments			
7. County tax	7		
8. Municipal appropriation	8		
9. TIF Financing plan amount	9		
10. Local education appropriation (local share/contribution)	10		(must match MVR Page 2, line 16c +16d)
(Adjusted to municipal fiscal year)			
11. Total Appropriation (Add lines 7 through 10)	11		0.00
ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS			
12. Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing	12		
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		
14. Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13)	14		0.00
15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14)	15		0.00
16. 0.00 X 1.05 = 0.00			Maximum Allowable Tax
(Amount from line 15)			
17. 0.00 / 184,506,744 = 0.000000			Minimum Tax Rate
(Amount from line 15)			
18. 0.00 / 184,506,744 = 0.000000			Maximum Tax Rate
(Amount from line 16)			
19. 153,975,711 X (Selected Rate) = 0.00			Tax for Commitment
(Amount from line 3)			(Enter on MVR Page 1, line 13)
20. 0.00 X 0.05 = 0.00			Maximum Overlay
(Amount from line 15)			
21. 9,778,084 X (Selected Rate) = 0.00			Homestead Reimbursement
(Amount from line 4b)			(Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)
22. 20,752,949 X (Selected Rate) = 0.00			BETE Reimbursement
(Amount from line 5b)			(Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)
23. 0.00 - 0.00 = 0.00			Overlay
(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22)			(Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)

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

Results from this completed form should be used to prepare the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, Certificate of Assessment to Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Valuation Return.

Tax Liens

Name	Tax Due	Balance due w/ Interest
ADAMS PRICE	1,108.32	529.13
ADAMS, PRICE ADAMS, LAURIE A	30.1	41.76
ALLEN CINDY	1,054.57	1,087.00
BAKHTIAR, ADAM	997.6	472.87
BAKHTIAR, ADAM	419.25	185.58
BARBOUR SANDRA	615.97	639.51
BARBOUR SANDRA	116.1	129.5
BEAN RICHARD E	1,269.57	1,306.36
BISHOP ETHAN	474.08	494.74
BLAUVELT GORDON LANDRY DIANE	1,720.00	1,765.93
BRANN MICHAEL W BRANN DARLENE	414.95	434.41
BRANN MICHAEL W BRANN DARLENE J	1,140.57	1,174.75
BRANN MICHAEL W BRANN DARLENE J	167.7	181.11
BRANN MICHAEL W	68.8	80.38
BRANN MICHAEL W BRANN DARLENE J	6.45	16.61
BRANN NELSON C/O ISADORE BRANN	131.15	144.86
BRESETTE ALBERT A	1,677.00	1,722.06
BRESETTE ALBERT A	1,163.15	763.39
BROWN, JASON BROWN, JODY M	778.3	402.93
BRYANT, DEREK E	397.75	416.87
CAMPBELL CHRISTOPHER R CAMPBELL DIANE J	1,485.65	760.14
CAMPBELL CHRISTOPHER R CAMPBELL DIANE J	774	401.32
CARRIER PHILIP F TIBBETTS ELAINE M	2,342.42	3.15
CLEAN CUT PROPERTIES PUTNAM, JOSHUA	180.6	102.11
COLLINS RICKY S	1,102.95	337.29
COOLIDGE MARVIN K	303.15	320.35
CROCKETT ELIZABETH F	572.97	595.64
CROWLEY, APRIL H LAND CONTRACT W/ TYLER, ROLAND	561.15	583.58
CROWLEY, APRIL H	332.17	349.95
CURIT MAURICE A JR CURIT SHERRI L	290.25	307.19
CURTIS KERRY D	1,029.85	1,061.78
DAIGLE SALLY L	805.18	100.99
DAVIS DAWN VIITALA, RICHARD L. JR.	992.22	1,023.39
DAY DAISY H L	261.22	277.56
DENIKE, DAVID HEISEL, ROSEMARIA	1,442.65	385.51
DOLLOFF JAMES G JR Estate C/O Rebecca Dolloff	2,134.95	1,087.53
DOLLOFF JAMES G JR Estate C/O Rebeca Dolloff	292.4	158.48
DOYON BENJAMIN	1,236.25	634.39
DUCHARME DENIS & PATRICK	957.83	988.3
DUMAS, WILFRED	305.3	322.54
DUMONT STEPHANIE LEAVITT ET ALS	666.5	587.8
Elohim, LLC	1,677.00	1,722.06
EXILES MOTORCYCLE CLUB	1,335.15	1,244.38
FALLON SEAN	769.7	796.36

FALLON SEAN	1,171.75	1,206.56
GOMEZ, ERICA	3,072.35	3,145.70
GONZALEZ FRANCISCO L GONZALEZ FRANCISCO M	206.4	212.27
GONZALEZ, JOHN GONZALEZ, STACEY	2,534.85	2,597.30
HALEY MICHELLE	822.37	850.09
HALLORAN, JOHN J III	3,314.23	3,392.48
HARDY ANITA ESTATE, HARDY ELIZABETH P.R.	973.95	4.17
HARRISON, NATHAN HARRISON, SABRINA	445.05	465.13
HARRISON, NATHAN HARRISON, SABRINA	1,119.07	1,152.81
HAYNES JEFFREY N	1,041.68	1,073.85
HAYNES JEFFREY N	288.1	305.00
HOLMAN EDWARD A	40.85	52.73
HOLMAN EDWARD A	1,048.13	1,080.44
JARVIS BRENDA	1,305.05	589.78
JORDAN, TRAVIS	939.55	969.66
KILROY DAVID TRUSTEE	2,257.50	2,124.75
KNIGHT, DONALD	652.53	348.89
LABELLE, LISA	1,199.70	1,235.08
LALIBERTY ERIN	217.15	232.61
LAPRELL, DARRYL J	1,099.72	1,133.07
LECLERC, THOMAS L	1,324.40	1,362.30
LECOURS NANCY S	409.58	217.57
LIBBY, MATTHEW	986.85	519.45
MADOR, SUSAN MADOR, PETER	2,079.05	1,059.35
MAXIM OLA	385.92	205.96
MILLS JOAQUIN I MILLS CRYSTAL	1,277.10	1,218.52
MNA, LLC	320.35	337.89
MNA, LLC	6,424.20	6,565.51
MNA, LLC	1,231.95	1,267.98
Oconnell, Kieran	2,549.90	2,612.66
O'CONNOR, CRYSTAL O'CONNOR, ANTHONY	1,378.15	14.99
OSTOPOWICH, KRISTIN E WARNER, ROBERT L III	406.35	102.11
OTT, ROBERT	3,295.95	3,373.84
OUIMET, RUSSELL VIRGIN, CLIFFORD S INTERESTED PARTY	722.4	581.82
PACKARD, CASSIDY	388.08	407
PEPIN LAURA M	2,518.73	52.59
PUNDERSON, FOREST	763.25	789.77
RENAUD SUNNYROSE	638.55	662.55
RIDLEY JUSTIN	538.57	560.54
ROBBINS RYAN ROBBINS, ASHLEY	577.28	600.04
ROBBINS RYAN K ROBBINS ASHLEY N	1,149.18	1,183.53
ROBBINS, DEREK J	19.35	26.31
RONAN, LENNY L	117.18	130.6
ROY CHAD & CHARLENE	1,606.05	19.99
SECKINGER, DOUGLAS J	154.8	168.99
SELL, TERRI	741.75	385.05
SIMARD, DANIEL	423.55	443.19

SMITH CHRISTOPHER	924.5	954.29
SOKOLSKI, MARK	1,266.35	651.31
S-SEVERY LODGE LLC	526.75	278.16
TAYLOR, JAMES	913.75	943.33
THOMAS, GAVIN G	543.95	365.55
TOMPKINS, CLARENCE	971.8	1,002.55
VARGAS, JOHN J	1,242.70	1,278.95
VAUGHN, DERRICK M	2,079.05	2,132.26
VERRILL, DAVID	582.65	89.36
WELCH BENJAMIN M	55.9	68.09
WELCH BENJAMIN M	55.9	68.09
WELCH O DITSON ESTATE	2,076.90	2,130.07
WELCH, JODY	844.95	873.14
WELCH, JODY	58.05	70.28
WELCH, JODY	235.43	251.25
WILBUR TIMOTHY	400.98	420.16
WYMAN, RICHARD A	238.65	254.54
Total:	256,147.78	82,638.38

Audited Financial Statements and
Other Financial Information

Town of Dixfield, Maine

June 30, 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Selectboard
Town of Dixfield
Dixfield, Maine

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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

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

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Dixfield, Maine and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Dixfield, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise doubt about the Town of Dixfield, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5 through 12 and 48 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Dixfield, Maine's basic financial statements. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial

statements and capital asset schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 12, 2024 on our consideration of the Town of Dixfield, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Dixfield, Maine's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Dixfield, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

RHR Smith & Company

Buxton, Maine
December 12, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Selectboard
Town of Dixfield
Dixfield, Maine

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Dixfield, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Dixfield, Maine's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 12, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Dixfield, Maine's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town Dixfield, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town Dixfield, Maine's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Dixfield, Maine's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. We noted certain other matters that we reported to management of the Town of Dixfield, Maine in a separate letter dated December 12, 2024.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Buxton, Maine
December 12, 2024



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January 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are just beginning the first year of the 132nd Legislative session and I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you once more as your State Representative.

I am honored to announce that I have been appointed once more to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. As your representative, I am committed to ensuring that Maine's natural resources are preserved and protected for future generations, while also promoting policies that support responsible resource management and economic growth. I will focus on balancing environmental protections with the needs of our local businesses, communities, and industries. By prioritizing common sense solutions, I aim to foster sustainable practices that support our economy, safeguard our environment, and ensure that Maine remains a great place to live and work.

Please know that your voice is valuable to me. I encourage you to contact me with questions, comments, or concerns about state government. I can be reached at Tammy.Schmersal-Burgess@legislature.maine.gov or by phone at (207) 369-3696.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you at the State House and may you all have a safe and healthy 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy Schmersal-Burgess". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Tammy" on the first line and "Schmersal-Burgess" on the second line.

Tammy Schmersal-Burgess

State Representative



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. It is truly an honor to represent the communities of western Maine; and I can assure you I will work diligently on your behalf.

The First Regular Session of the 132nd Maine State Legislature began on Dec. 4, 2024, when we were sworn in by Gov. Janet Mills. It was a ceremonial day steeped in tradition and attended by the families and friends of incoming members.

Throughout my campaign, I heard from many of you regarding the biggest issues you are facing. Such issues include the increasingly high costs of energy, child care, housing, and concerns about education, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development and community safety, among others.

As your State Senator, I promise to advocate for commonsense solutions to these problems. Additionally, the 132nd Maine Legislature has much work ahead of us regarding our anticipated budget gap and setting our spending priorities for the next biennium. However, I believe there is nothing we cannot accomplish if we work collaboratively.

Throughout my term, I encourage you to reach out to me with your thoughts, concerns and ideas about state government. Your input will greatly help me to represent your interests and those of the community in the best possible way.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at Joseph.Martin@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph E. Martin".

Joseph Martin
State Senator

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Dear Friends,

Each year comes with renewed hope – to celebrate each other's successes and care for each other in times of need. I am thankful to each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. We always work together to get things done. This past year was no different.

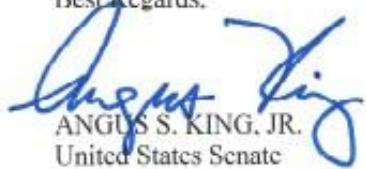
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services. The *Inflation Reduction Act* has been incredible for older people in Maine – Medicare is finally negotiating lower prices for prescription drugs, on top of the \$35 per month cap for insulin that took effect in 2023. We have an opportunity to build on what we have in common and do what Maine people do best; we will continue to help each other and lead through example.

I have also been consistently working to help our veterans. My team has repeatedly been successful in securing long-overdue recognition of military medals for many of Maine's combat veterans and working to resolve issues with claims, travel pay, and access to healthcare and benefits our veterans earned through their selfless service to our country. I have also worked with my Veterans Affairs and Defense partners in Washington to successfully pass a national defense bill that strengthens our national security, takes care of our service members, and supports Maine businesses from Aroostook to York County.

I am also thankful to have such an incredible team across Maine available to you for hurdles you may face with the federal government. Whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, IRS and more, please never hesitate to reach out to my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow us the chance to be part of your solutions.

Together, over the next six years, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2025.

Best Regards,



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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share several key accomplishments for our state from the previous year.

As Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee in 2024, I have secured nearly \$580 million for 230 projects across all of Maine's 16 counties to promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; support law enforcement; improve public education and infrastructure; and protect our environment. As the new Congress begins, I am honored to be taking the helm of the Committee, the first Mainer to do so in nearly a century, and I remain committed to ensuring that federal spending produces real results for our state and nation.

Maine has the oldest average age in the country, which is why I have long prioritized health-focused legislative efforts. There were more than 1,860 health care bills introduced during the 118th Congress. Only 15 health care bills were signed into law, and I was a lead sponsor of five of them. These bills will enhance care for individuals with Alzheimer's, autism, and substance abuse issues through improved research funding, strengthened public health programs, and increased support for rural first responders.

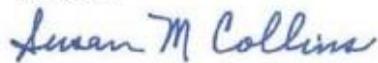
Another important bill that I coauthored was the *Social Security Fairness Act*. Since 2003, when I led the first-ever Senate hearing on the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, I have sought to end these provisions of the *Social Security Act* that unfairly reduce the Social Security benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned. I am pleased to say that with the passage of my bill, the *Social Security Fairness Act*, in December, public sector retirees will now receive the full Social Security benefits they have earned.

When the Maine way of life was under threat, I was certain to defend the interests of our state. I worked to protect Maine's potato farmers when the Department of Agriculture tried to reclassify the potato from a vegetable to a grain. I thwarted efforts to consolidate USPS mail operations at the Hampden postal facility, which would have disrupted mail delivery throughout our state. I sounded the alarm with leaders at the FBI and Departments of State and Treasury on the spate of illicit marijuana growing operations that are destroying properties and providing refuge to foreign criminals in our state. Following damage to our working waterfronts after last winter's storms, I secured \$15 million to help fishing communities recover. I championed funding to support the Maine Air National Guard base, Bath Iron Works, and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

As of last December, I have cast more than 9,100 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997. My ranking as the most bipartisan Senator reflects Maine's tradition of working with a spirit of cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that Maine's needs are met. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at collins.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. Thank you for the opportunity to share an update on the work I've been doing for the people of the Second Congressional District.

Fisheries: This spring, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) announced a gauge increase for lobsters caught in the Gulf of Maine beginning in January 2025. Maine fishermen warned that this decision is founded on incomplete and inaccurate data. Additionally, this gauge increase could put Mainers at a competitive disadvantage to Canadian fishermen with looser regulations. That's why I sent a [letter](#) to the ASMFC urging them to delay their decision until they can evaluate data with fishermen, whose proactive stewardship provides invaluable insight. I have also submitted an amendment to this year's funding bill that would block federal funding from being used to implement and enforce a gauge increase. Because of these efforts, the ASFMC made the decision to delay the implementation of this new requirement. I'll always stand with Maine lobstermen against unfair, unnecessary regulations that threaten their livelihoods and industry.

Veterans: The first meeting I attended as an elected official was with a large group of veterans and the former Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. We discussed a lot, but one issue rose above the rest: how little was being done for Maine veterans who needed treatment for mental health issues or substance use. At the time, there were no in-patient treatment beds in Maine, so veterans had to wait for a bed to open up at an out-of-state facility. Fast forward 10 years, through unending red tape, and I'm delighted to report we just broke ground on a treatment facility at the Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta. This was the direct result of the tireless advocacy of veterans from across our state — this win is theirs.

Postal Service: This spring, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) announced plans to consolidate and move some processing operations from the Eastern Maine Processing & Distribution Center in Hampden to Scarborough. This would have caused significant mail delivery delays that

disproportionately harm rural communities. That's why I introduced the *Timely Mail Delivery and Postal Services Protection Act*, which would have halted this planned consolidation across the country. Following these efforts, the USPS announced they have scrapped their plan entirely. While this is a win for Maine, it is also evidence that we cannot become complacent. That's why I recently introduced the bipartisan *Postmaster General Reform Act*, which would establish term limits for the United States Postal Service's (USPS) postmaster general and require nominations to be confirmed by the Senate.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help 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:

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I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden

Member of Congress



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Dear Maine Resident:

I have always 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 been investing in what people need to succeed, like job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

We are seeing results — 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. These are all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has one of the best rates of economic growth in the nation.

That's good news, but I know that not everyone is feeling the benefits of our strong economy. The cost of living in Maine, as in much of America, is too high. The price of fuel, the cost of supplies, utilities and labor have driven up expenses for families across the country and impacted the budgets of towns, counties and nearly every state, including Maine.

I want everyone to benefit from the availability of good jobs, a good public education, and good health care in our state. That is why I have put forward a balanced budget proposal that proposes some savings and certain targeted revenue increases to maintain things we all support, like the state paying 55 percent of the cost of education and 5 percent municipal revenue sharing, to keep all these costs from being passed along to property taxpayers.

We have made good progress over the past six years to ensure that every person in Maine can find a good-paying job in a rewarding and stable career; go to the doctor when they feel sick because they have health insurance; and have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school.

I look forward to working with communities and citizens across the state to solve problems, manage our finances, and keep our people healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

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