

# **ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**

## **Town of Van Buren**

**INCORPORATED IN 1881**



**FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**  
**(Annual Audit for year ending June 30, 2022)**

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STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
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Dear Friends:

For four years it has been my privilege to guide our great state, working with the Legislature to keep Maine people safe and put our economy on a path to recovery.

Since the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccines in December 2020, we have worked hard to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly as possible. Since the COVID-19 vaccine became available, more than a million Maine people have gotten fully vaccinated from COVID-19. It is thanks to them that our state has one of highest vaccination rates and one of the lowest death rates from COVID-19, despite having a much older population than other states. People are coming to Maine because we are one of the safest states in the nation.

Following the recommendations of the Economic Recovery Committee, our economy has not only fully recovered, but has surpassed pre-pandemic projections and unemployment claims have dropped to pre-pandemic levels. And, last year, I was pleased to sign a balanced, bipartisan budget that finally achieves the State's commitment to 55 percent education funding, fully restores revenue sharing, and expands property tax relief for Maine residents.

Maine can be proud of our nation-leading progress, but our work is far from done. Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we will continue to address our longstanding workforce shortage, the expansion of broadband, education and job training opportunities, housing, child care, and transportation. Drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, together we will rebuild our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge a state that is stronger than ever.

In 2022, we focused on our economy, on our climate, on our kids, on keeping people safe and on the health and welfare of all Maine people. We have persevered, and, while challenges remain, we will get through them together. I am proud of the people of Maine, and I am proud to be your Governor.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janet T. Mills'.

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
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COMMITTEES:  
APPROPRIATIONS  
HEALTH, EDUCATION,  
LABOR, AND PENSIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
ON AGING

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

January 1, 2023

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

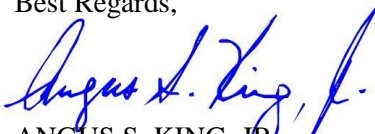
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
United States Senator



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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

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

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress



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January 2023

Van Buren Town Office  
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Van Buren ME 04785

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

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

Legislative leadership has appointed me to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. Here, we will work diligently to improve standards for motor vehicle registration, driver licenses, driver education, the Maine Turnpike Authority, bridge construction & maintenance, and highway safety.

I was elected to the Maine Legislature on the promise to represent you, the people of District 2. To do this, I will be seeking your input regularly and want to hear from you with your comments and concerns. Please call me anytime at **(207) 436-9156** or email at [Roger.Albert@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Roger.Albert@legislature.maine.gov) to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by signing up at the town office or emailing me directly with your request.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger C. Albert".

Roger C. Albert  
State Representative

**TOWN OF VAN BUREN**  
**ANNUAL REPORT OF MUNICIPAL ACTIVITIES**

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

**Town Meeting Schedule**

Polls for elections:

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

8:00AM – 8:00 PM

*The polls for balloting on Elective Town Offices will be held at the Community Center on Champlain Street.*

**Meeting on Warrant Articles**

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Action on the Warrant Articles will be conducted at the  
M.S.A.D. #24 Auditorium



## Town Council

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John Beaulieu – Chairman (2025)

Peter Madore – Secretary (2025)

Anne-Maire Poitras (2024)

Paul Nadeau (2024)

Kevin Lapointe (2023)

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### **Boards and Committees**

#### **Budget Committee (Appointed)**

Jennifer Bresett, Chair 2020  
Peter Ashley 2019  
Balazs Gerebin 2019  
Dominic Lajoie 2019

#### **Library Board of Trustees (no term)**

John Hebert Jr., Chair  
Leslie Beaulieu, Secretary  
Paul Dubois  
Nancy Ouellette  
Matt Rossignol

#### **Cemetery Committee**

Eric Krajewski  
Jim Ouellette  
Michael Ouellette  
Vernon Ouellette  
Roger Searles

#### **Planning Board**

Jay LaJoie, Chair  
Jason Grandmaison, Secretary  
Percy Berube  
Steve Doucette  
Dayton Grandmaison

#### **Board of Appeals**

Theodore Smith, Chair  
Peter Laplante, Secretary  
Myles Ouellette  
Derek Grivois  
Edmund Saucier III

#### **Civil Emergency Preparedness Director**

Vernon Ouellette

#### **Recreation Committee (no term)**

John Hebert, Chair  
Jaci Lapointe, Secretary  
Jessica Cyr  
Rick Dolan  
James Lapointe  
Theodore Smith  
Paul Violette

#### **MSAD #24 Board of Director**

Nicholas Parent, Chair 2023  
Leslie Beaulieu 2024  
Christina Needham 2024  
Heather Bresett 2025  
Peter Laplante 2023  
Jimmy Don Madore 2023  
Balazs “Bo” Gereben 2025  
Jesse Cormier 2024

#### **Commissioners of Van Buren Housing Authority**

Steve Lapierre, Director  
Ronald J. Dumond, Chair 2025  
Peter Ashley 2024  
Donald Gagnon 2023  
Daniel Lapointe 2023  
David J Madore 2026  
Joyce Martin 2022  
Charles Plourde 2026

#### **Van Buren Water District**

Bill Schofield, Manager  
Robert Doucette, Chair 2023  
Daniel Pelletier, Treasurer 2024  
Jay LaJoie, Clerk 2025

#### **Van Buren Light & Power Trustees**

Bill Schofield, Manager  
Carl Morrow, Chair 2025  
Ronald J. Dumond, Treasurer 2024  
Patrick Vaillancourt, Clerk 2023

## Staff Directory

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### Administration

Luke Dyer	Town Manager	Michael Ouellette	Bookkeeper
Jessica Cyr	Town Clerk, BMV & IFW Agent, Wastewater Clerk	Devin Parent	Assessors Agent, Code Enforcement Officer, IT
Heather Parent	Deputy Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Tax Clerk		

### Library

Nancy Troeger	Library Director	Verna Ouellette	Librarian Assistant
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### Recreation

Dean Gendreau	Director		
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### Public Works

Ricky Sirois	Director & Wastewater Operator	Eddie Saucier	Heavy Equipment
Alan Bouchard	Heavy Equipment Mechanic	Hollis Chambers	Recycling Manager
Nickolas Gagnon	Heavy Equipment	Jamie Rockwell	Wastewater Assistant
Ricky Rossignol	Heavy Equipment		

### Fire Department

Brian Caron	Fire Chief	Jacob Burgess	Volunteer Firefighter
Michael Ouellette	Deputy Chief	Dean Cormier	Volunteer Firefighter
Ryan Burgess	Assistant Chief	Ken Dumond	Volunteer Firefighter
Nickolas Gagnon	Assistant Chief	Chandler Madore	Volunteer Firefighter
Brian Parent	Captain	Peter Madore	Volunteer Firefighter
Kyle Chasse	Captain	Devin Parent	Volunteer Firefighter
Jimmy Willette	Captain	Jared Pinette	Volunteer Firefighter
Forrest Bouchard	Lieutenant	Erik Rossignol	Volunteer Firefighter
Andy Gendreau	Lieutenant	Eddie Saucier	Volunteer Firefighter
Derek Grivois	Lieutenant	Cory Searles	Volunteer Firefighter
Scott Castonguay	Safety Officer	Mason Soucy	Volunteer Firefighter
Roger Searles	Safety Officer	Garik Theriault	Volunteer Firefighter
Tyler Adams	Volunteer Firefighter	Garey Thibeault	Volunteer Firefighter
Shayne Ayotte	Volunteer Firefighter	Kyle Whittle	Volunteer Firefighter
Isaac Blier	Volunteer Firefighter	Ashlie Wilson	Volunteer Firefighter

### Ambulance Department

Amy Dionne	Paramedic Crew Chief	Lacy Cyr	EMT
Andrew Gagnon	Paramedic	Morgan Grant	EMT
Amanda Skidgel	Paramedic	Gloria Ouellette	EMT
Chase Labbe	Paramedic	Andy Gendreau	Fire Fighter Driver
Mickel Morrow	Advanced EMT	Derek Grivois	Fire Fighter Driver
Jacob Theriault	Advanced EMT	Eddie Saucier	Fire Fighter Driver
Ben Zetterman	Advanced EMT	Dean Cormier	Fire Fighter Driver

To the citizens of Van Buren,

It is my privilege to address you as the Chairman of the Town Council. We are fortunate in this town, we have in my humble opinion one of the best, if not the best, group of town employees in the state of Maine. I don't make this claim lightly. As the saying goes "the proof is in the pudding" and our team here puts in the work and makes our town run like a top.

This past year has been quite something, we have seen a lot of change for the good in our town and as we move forward let's remember that good things come to those who wait. We have moved to a new town office site, this building is far more efficient to heat and has all we need to see us into our future. Along with the new location has come a new venture, The PLAYground is our new town store spreading the word of our beautiful natural resources, with Van Buren, snowmobile and ATV branded apparel. Along with the new apparel it is also the counties only Pro level Pickleball shop, a new market that is rapidly growing and has already shown great returns.

The future of our downtown main street area is changing also. Through the efforts of our fire chief, and town manager we were awarded Congressional funding from the FY2023 budget for 2.177 million dollars. This money is for the construction of a new firehouse and training facility where the current Dead River Co. building sits. This gets our fire trucks right on main street so response times will benefit when seconds could matter.

The town will also benefit from a Planning Partnership Initiative grant, to improve the traffic flow, access to our Sea Plane Base, and boat landing area, as well as a new pocket park in the area that was occupied by the former Gagnon hardware store. Our community has also received a grant fully funding the installation of three level three fast charging stations for electric vehicles to the tune of \$291,000 dollars.

The efforts of our town manager have led to much needed up grades to our recreation department's Champlain Street location. With new efficient LED lighting for the skating rink and tennis courts, the installation of three dedicated pickleball outdoor courts, the only such facilities in the county. As well as the resurfacing and rehabilitation of the tennis courts scheduled for this summer. The Gibson grant a recreation grant that was started through a charitable donation has been revived and used to buy and give to each of the 80 children who took part in our rec basketball program a brand-new reversable jersey. This Replaced the years old, stained, and tattered uniforms that our teams were wearing when representing our town in multi-town tournaments. This small but very important act, helps to improve our towns image, instill pride in our recreation program and in our children.

In closing on behalf of our Town Council I want to thank all our employees for the work that they do every single day. Change is hard, it is far easier to remain complacent. This team of dedicated, individuals are doing the hard things necessary to affect change for the good of our town. We the council will continue to help facilitate these efforts by finding funding while remaining fiscally responsible and rolling up our sleeves to join in when we can.

The good that is happening here is the fruit of hard work, and as the saying goes many hands make light work. As citizens we have many talents among us, please consider helping out where you can to make Van Buren a town we can all be proud to call our home.

Respectfully,

John P. Beaulieu

Chairman, Van Buren Town Council



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*Gateway  
To The  
St. John Valley*

Dear Citizens of the Town of Van Buren,

As the Town Manager, it is my pleasure to provide you with an update on the progress and accomplishments we have made during the previous year. The collective efforts and dedication have resulted in significant milestones that will enhance our community.

In November 2022, we successfully moved into the new Town Office, located in the former NAA building on Main Street. The building is modern, hi-tech and ready to serve our community for decades to come.

I am also pleased to announce that we have successfully secured a substantial grant of 2.177 million dollars for the construction of a new firehouse and training center. This accomplishment was the result of months of diligent work by our dedicated staff, in collaboration with federal authorities. The new facility will serve as a cornerstone for our fire department, providing them with the modern infrastructure and resources necessary to effectively respond to emergencies and protect our beloved town.

This state-of-the-art firehouse and training center will not only elevate our emergency response capabilities but also provide a space for area firefighters to enhance their skills through comprehensive training programs. By investing in their development, we are ensuring that our first responders have the knowledge and expertise to tackle any challenges that may arise, ultimately safeguarding the lives and properties of our residents and surrounding communities.

The municipality also secured a \$291,000 grant from Efficiency Maine to install three, Level 3 EV charging stations in the parking lot behind the Farmer's Market. We were the only municipality in the State of Maine granted this opportunity among dozens of applicants. Construction will begin on the project shortly and they are expected to be fully functional in the fall.

Moreover, our achievements go beyond the construction of new projects. Over the past year, we have diligently pursued various initiatives aimed at improving the overall quality of life in our town. Our commitment to fostering a vibrant community has resulted in upgrades to the town's parks and recreational facilities. Utilizing funds from donations made to the Gibson Recreation Grant, several pickleball courts and new basketball nets were installed within the community skating rink that has sat dormant during the off season since it was constructed in the early 1970s. New LED lighting was installed to illuminate both the ice rink/pickleball courts and the tennis courts, which are scheduled to be paved in late June. The lights were installed using American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the municipality.

Additionally, we did a considerable amount of clean up, brush removal and repairs to our boat landing area and pavilion. New picnics tables provide a front row seat to a newly cleared view of our beloved St. John River. Expanded parking space for boat trailers was also implemented into the project as the area grows into a coveted fishing destination.

*Van Buren is an Equal Opportunity Employer & Provider*

Throughout the year we have worked diligently with various entrepreneurs and home businesses to achieve funding through loan programs and grant opportunities through the Northern Maine Development Corporation. Our efforts will start to become obvious as an array of new businesses slowly start to pop up in our downtown footprint. These have been months long projects with several planning to officially open mid-summer.

We have worked hard to collaborate with local clubs, businesses and volunteer groups to organize community events, such as the Christmas Town celebration and the highly successful Spring Fling sledding event, reviving a sense of community spirit that has not existed in years. To keep the community excitement alive, plans are currently underway for our 'Christmas In July' celebration to be held July 29<sup>th</sup> throughout several locations around town with the event finale being held at the boat landing.

These achievements would not have been possible without the unwavering support and engagement of our employees, citizens, our volunteer groups and our active Town Council members. Your input, enthusiasm, and commitment to our town have been instrumental in shaping our progress. Together, we are revitalizing a resilient community that takes pride in its accomplishments and looks forward to a bright future.

As we move forward, I encourage you to become an active participant in our committees, clubs and revitalization groups who are working hard behind the scenes to create a new, improved version of our downtown.

Thank you for your continued trust in our leadership. Together, we will continue to build upon our accomplishments and create an even stronger Town of Van Buren.

Warm regards,

Luke Dyer  
Town Manager



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*Gateway  
To The  
St. John Valley*

Dear Van Buren Residents,

I hope this message finds you well. As your Assessor, I'm writing to share our plans and some important updates for this year's property assessments.

Our Goals:

1. Fairly and accurately assess all properties in Van Buren.
2. Follow Maine's statutory laws for property assessment.
3. Keep our geographic data analysis maps up to date.
4. Process legal documents promptly for accurate property ownership records.
5. Provide quality services and respond to your needs.

Remember, property is assessed as it stands on April 1st. If you bought or sold property after April 1st, the April 1st owner receives the tax bill.

If you think you might qualify for a property tax exemption, submit your application to the Assessor's office by April 1st. You can find applications at the town office or on our website. Need help with your application? Don't hesitate to contact us.

Property Tax Exemptions:

1. Homestead Exemption
2. Veteran Exemption
3. Paraplegic Veteran
4. Blind Exemption
5. BETE (Business Equipment Tax Exemption)

For detailed information about these exemptions, please visit our website or contact our office.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have questions or need further clarification, feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully,

Devin Parent, CMA  
Assessors' Agent  
Devin.parent@vanburenmaine.com

### **ASSESSORS' NOTICE**

To resident owners, all Inhabitants of the Town of Van Buren, Maine, and all Administrators, Executors, Trustees, etc. of all estates taxable in said Town, such persons are hereby notified to: MAKE AND BRING IN TO THE ASSESSORS [A] TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS OF THEIR ESTATE, REAL AND PERSONAL, not by law exempt from taxation of which they are possessed on the FIRST DAY OF APRIL, 2023, and be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same and to answer all property inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation, and value of ALL property liable to be taxed.

### **FAILURE TO NOTIFY**

And any resident owner who neglects to comply with this notice is hereby barred of the right to make application to the Assessors of the County Commissioners for any abatement of taxes, unless a list is provided, accompanied with satisfaction, as to why the list was unable to be offered at the time appointed.

### **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**

Do you have a homestead exemption?

Homestead Exemption. This program provides a measure of property tax relief for certain individuals that have owned homestead property in Maine for at least twelve months and make the property they occupy on April first their permanent residence. Property owners would receive an exemption of \$25,000. In order to be eligible for a tax exemption, please notify, IN WRITING THROUGH APPLICATION, the Assessors of the Municipality of Van Buren, together with proof of residency. Once made, it need not be repeated in succeeding years. If an application is not completed by April 1, 2023, the applicant will not be considered for a 2023 homestead exemption.

### **VETERAN'S EXEMPTION**

Are you a veteran?

Veteran Exemption. A veteran who served during a recognized war period and is 62 years or older; or, is receiving 100% disability as a Veteran; or, became 100% disabled while serving, is eligible for \$6,000. In order to be eligible for a tax exemption, please notify, IN WRITING THROUGH APPLICATION, the Assessors of the Municipality of Van Buren, together with proof of residency. Once made, it need not be repeated in succeeding years. If an application is not completed by April 1, 2023, the applicant will not be considered for a 2023 veteran's exemption.

### **BLIND EXEMPTION**

Are you legally blind?

Blind Exemption. An individual who is determined to be legally blind receives \$4,000. In order to be eligible for a tax exemption, please notify, IN WRITING THROUGH APPLICATION, the Assessors of the Municipality of Van Buren, together with proof of residency. Once made, it need not be repeated in succeeding years. If an application is not completed by April 1, 2023, the applicant will not be considered for a 2023 blind exemption.

### **BETE EXEMPTION**

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESSES!!!

Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE). Partial exemptions must be adjusted by the municipality's certified assessment ratio. All of the above exemptions require completion of an application to the local town office where the property is located. Exemption claims may require additional information to support the claim for exemption, and must be delivered to the Assessor's office no later than April 1. In order to be eligible for a tax exemption, please notify, IN WRITING THROUGH APPLICATION, the Assessors of the Municipality of Van Buren, together with a true and perfect list of personal property. The application MUST be submitted every year by April 1 in order to qualify for any given year. If an application is not completed by April 1, 2023, the applicant will not be considered for a 2023 BETE exemption\*. RETAIL, SERVICES, & SALES DO NOT QUALIFY FOR BETE<sup>1</sup>\*. For more information, please contact the Town Office.

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\* Deadline is automatically extended to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year; further time may be granted upon written request to the Assessor.

**PERSONS DOOMED**

Any persons or entity neglecting to comply with this notice is hereby barred of the right to make application to the Assessors of the County Commissioners for any abatement of taxes, unless a list is provided, accompanied with satisfaction, as to why the list was unable to be offered at the time appointed.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

The following is a statement of the *inventory and valuation* of the taxable property, *both real and personal estates*, found in the Town of Van Buren on April, 2023.

<b>ASSESSED REAL ESTATE (TAXABLE<sup>2</sup>) VALUATION</b>	
Land	\$ 15,658,442.00
Buildings	\$ 62,741,128.00
Total Assessed Real Estate Valuation	<u>\$ 78,399,570.00</u>
Less Exemptions:	
Homestead, Veteran, Blind	\$ 13,219,000.00
Total Taxable Real Estate Valuation	<u>\$ 65,180,570.00</u>

<b>ASSESSED PERSONAL PROPERTY (TAXABLE<sup>3</sup>) VALUATION</b>	
Total Assessed Personal Property Valuation	<u>\$ 4,403,402.00</u>
Less BETE:	\$ 2,116,325.00
Total Taxable Personal Property Valuation	<u>\$ 2,287,077.00</u>

TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION: \$67,467,647<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Retail operations may qualify for BETR. Please contact Maine Revenue Services for more information.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes real estate owned by tax-exempt entities and organizations.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes personal property owned by tax-exempt entities and organizations.

<sup>4</sup> Information presented is accurate as of May 11, 2023, and *may* change by the commitment of taxes.



**Clerk's Office**  
**Monday to Friday**  
**8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

The clerk's office serves and supports Van Buren residents, Town Council and municipal staff through a variety of activities. We record and index all vital records, which include birth, marriage, and death. The clerk's office also issues various town licenses and permits such as liquor licenses, special amusement permits for music, dancing and entertainment, as well as dog, hunting/fishing licenses and boat, ATV and snowmobile

registrations. In addition, the Town Clerk ensures the integrity of voting in local and state elections by making certain all Maine statutes are complied with. The office also retains and makes available to the public all town ordinances and policies.

**Vital Statistic Events**

	2020	2021	2022	2023*
Birth	17	19	11	9
Marriage	6	6	9	12
Death	37	38	51	42

\* ending April 30

**Certified Copies Issued**

	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23*
Birth	152	109	102	91
Marriage	27	30	33	28
Death	141	204	227	139
Burial Permit	38	44	40	33

\* ending March 31

**Certified copies** of birth, marriage and death certificates are available at a cost of \$15.00 (additional copies are \$6.00 each).

**Non-certified copies** are \$10 each.

**Marriage licenses** can be issued on the same day as filing the intentions. *NOTE:* persons previously married must present the record of divorce or annulment decree or a certified copy (with raised seal of issuing office) of the death certificate (unless on file with Van Buren). The license fee is \$40.00/couple.

**Motor Vehicle Report**

	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23*
Van Buren	1804	2106	1950	1420
Rapid Renewals	152	176	120	84
T17 R3	33	39	35	28
<b>Transactions</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>2321</b>	<b>2105</b>	

\* ending April 30

**A summary of registered voters as of  
 December 31, 2022**

Democratic Party	-	641
Republican Party	-	262
Green Independent	-	57
Libertarian	-	1
Unenrolled	-	427

**IFW Registrations & Licensing**

	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY* 22-23
Boat	70	75	66	34
Milfoil	10	2	14	8
ATV	189	226	229	105
Snowmobile	100	75	74	119
Hunting/Fishing	69	69	79	74

\* ending April 30

**Dog Licensing**

All dogs age 6 months or older must be licensed by December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Registrations begin each year on October 15. In order for us to license your dog, we need **(1) rabies certificate** and **(2) neutered or spayed certificate**. (M.R.S.A. Title 7 Part 9 Chapter 721 §3923-A)

The fees are \$6.00 for Neuter/Spayed dogs and \$11 for unaltered dogs.

A late fee of \$25 will be applied beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>.

	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY* 22-23
Neuter/Spayed	220	135	221	173
Unaltered	38	18	43	37
Kennels	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>210</b>

\* ending April 30

**Available On-Line Services:**

- Rapid Renewal – motor vehicle registrations
- ATV, snowmobile, & boat registrations
- Hunting and fishing licenses
- Sewer and tax payments

[www.vanburenmaine.com](http://www.vanburenmaine.com)



**Jessica L Cyr**

Jessica L. Cyr, Town Clerk, BMV & IFW Agent, Wastewater Collector  
 jessica.cyr@vanburenmaine.com

**Heather L. Parent**

Heather L. Parent, Deputy Clerk, Registrar of Voters & Deputy Tax Collector  
 heather.parent@vanburenmaine.com



**Brian R Caron, Fire Chief**  
Van Buren Fire Department  
51 Main Street, Suite 101  
Van Buren Maine 04785



To: Residents of Van Buren

2022/2023 year was an exciting year for a few reasons.

- 1- We received a forestry grant for 4 pagers getting us closer to get all newer style pagers for all firefighters.
- 2- In April of 2022 we were awarded a FEMA grant for a new custom built Brush Attack truck, this grant was a value of \$185,00.00 with a 5% match from our budget. We have completed our bid process and have signed the agreement to have the truck built. This truck will be a new F550 crew cab, 4x4 with a custom-built body to include a new forestry pump with 300-gallon tank ready to go. This truck will accommodate our needs “year-round” as the old 1977 surplus 6-wheeler brush truck that we currently have that is only used in the summer months.
- 3- Also, in the spring of 2022 we were awarded \$2.177 million to build a new fire station. This project was dually supported by Senator Collins and Senator King, we are very happy that our project was chosen. The fire station is in the very early stages but hoping we can break ground in the spring of 24. The new station will be located on main street and be a 12,600 sqft building which 9000 sqft will be for the trucks and equipment and the other 3600 sqft will be for office, storage, radio, and meeting rooms also a training facility to be able to host county wide trainings for ALL agencies that want to use the facility. We are planning on getting some certified instructors and being the host of many firefighter training courses for all surrounding communities.

Thank You to all who continue to support the FD!  
Best Regards

Chief, Brian Caron



**Town of Van Buren  
Highway Department  
375 Main Street  
Van Buren, Maine 04785**



2022-2023 winter season most of the snow came mid-January and stayed till mid-April. We received a couple 12+ inch storms that kept the highway crew busy. The crew responded to over 40 call outs for plowing and treating icy roads and a good majority of the call outs were after normal working hours and on weekends. I want to thank my crew for their dedication and all their hard work.

After a year and a half of waiting, we finally took possession of a New 2023 Western Star Plow truck last December. Combined with the 2017 Western Star plow truck, it allows this department to have more reliable equipment to handle winter snowstorms.

The town will have another ambitious paving project this summer with 12 streets and parking lots being paved.

I want to remind residents of the State of Maine Motor Vehicle Statute, *Title 29-A §2396*, "A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally."

The following is a partial list of services provided to the residents of Van Buren:

- Respond to a wide variety of questions, complaints and suggestions (street damage, drain problems, downed trees, etc.)
- Maintain roadways, curbs and sidewalks
- Maintain and/or replace culverts and catch basins
- Install and maintain roadway signage and road markings
- Sweep/clean town streets and sidewalks
- Patch potholes
- Mow town owned lawns
- Line stripping
- Brush removal
- Snow plowing and snow removal from roads, sidewalks and town parking lots

Sincerely,

***Rick Sirois***

Rick Sirois  
Public Works Director

**Town of Van Buren  
 Recycling Center & Transfer Station  
 Van Buren, Maine 04785  
 (207) 868-5875 Fax (207) 868-2222  
[vbwastewater@live.com](mailto:vbwastewater@live.com)**

Van Buren Municipal Recycling Rates for 2021 is 34.3%

Van Buren Municipal Recycling Rates for 2022 is 37.8 %

These numbers were calculated by subtracting Recyclable goods like Cardboard, paper, metal, electronics. etc. from the non-recycled trash sent to the landfill.

Recyclables Breakdown by Category

2020 Tonnage	
Newspaper	15.08
Plastics	4.04
Cardboard	106.46

2021 Tonnage	
Newspaper	21.99
Plastics	7.16
Cardboard	116.64

2022 Tonnage	
Newspaper	14.6
Plastics	
Cardboard	112.36

In 2022, Van Buren sent 503 tons of waste to the Northwest Regional Service Commission Landfill formally CONGERNO.

Some items that can be recycled are:

- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- No.2 plastics
- Milk Containers
- Detergent Containers
- Television sets
- Computers

Please speak to the recycling attendant if you have any questions on what can or cannot be recycled.

Respectfully,

***Rick Sirois***

Rick Sirois  
 Public Works Director





To the residents of Van Buren, I would like to thank you all for the support you have given the recreation department over the past year. It has been a busy year with hopes of continuing to offer new and exciting programs for young and old.

Last summer we had over seventy children register for the six-week summer camp program, which was held at the Van Buren high school. There, the children participated in programs such as capture the flag, dodgeball, and basketball. We also had playground activities and plenty of assorted crafts for the children to do. With the success of this program, we are excited for the 2023 summer to begin with many planned activities waiting to happen.

The youth of the community also had programs like Hershey track and field, travel baseball, tee ball, in-house soccer, and travel soccer to participate in throughout the summer and fall seasons. Basketball for children in grades 1 – 6 occurred during the winter months with great participation.

Since recreation is not only for the youth, the adults of the community have also started to pick-up and participate in the fastest-growing sports in the United States. The game of pickleball has become a very popular activity in Van Buren. It has become so popular that the Town has built three stand-alone courts inside the skating rink on Champlain Street just for pickleball enthusiasts.

Finally, this past winter we did not have the greatest ice making weather to successfully complete a skating rink. With having to rely on Mother Nature sometimes she doesn't always cooperate. We are hoping to run a skating rink next winter with this being the department's number one priority, fingers crossed for cold ice making weather.

I would like to thank the recreation committee for their support and the many businesses that continue to give to our youth in the community so that everyone can have a positive recreational experience.

Yours in Recreation

*Dean Gendreau*

Van Buren Recreation Director

**Abel J. Morneault Memorial Library**  
153 Main Street  
Van Buren, Maine 04785  
(207)868-5076

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### Library Hours of Operation

**Sunday & Monday . . . . . CLOSED**  
**Tuesday – Friday . . . . . 10 AM – 5 PM**  
**Saturday . . . . . 11 AM – 2 PM**

### *Annual Report 2022-2023*

The library parking lot was rebuilt and repaved in the summer of 2022 and the landscaping in the front of the library will be redesigned, including a new sign, during the next year. March of 2024 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this library and we look forward to celebrating that milestone next year.

Here are just some of the services your library has to offer:

1. FREE High-Speed Internet and WiFi using your own device or one of our three public access computers. Printing has a small fee.
  2. Over 20,000 books in all genres and for all ages that can be checked out for up to two weeks (or longer) and we have access by interlibrary loan to thousands of other titles. If you need something to read, we have it OR we can find it for you.
  3. Ebooks and audiobooks to listen to or read on your personal device. You just need a library card to access the CloudLibrary APP and start enjoying books while you travel or relax at home.
  4. Researching your family history? The Martine A. Pelletier Special Collection Room has hundreds of books and resources to help you find your relatives and complete your family tree, from both the US and Canada, including free access to Ancestry.com while in the library.
  5. Our Children's Room welcomes families with toddlers to play and explore with a puppet theatre, kitchen and grocery store, chalk board, games, dress up costumes, and more.
- Finally, if you need help finding or completing government forms, including tax rebates, or finding answers to questions on any subject, we are here to assist you.

*Nancy Troeger, Library Director & Verna Ouellette, Library Assistant*

*Thank you all for your continued enthusiasm for this library and for your generous support*



Van Buren Wastewater Treatment Plants new sludge drying bed went online last December. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection allowed us to land apply sludge until Aug. 5 ,2022. We were able to transfer approximately 40,000 gallons of treated sludge into four of the drying bed pods. Preliminary lab calculation, we are around a 70% dry matter compared to the old system of land applying a 3% dry matter. This will greatly eliminate land fill disposal fees. This new process will be a learning curve for the plant operators. We anticipate the contractor to finish up final groundwork early this spring.

Sewer lines and sewer pump stations are designed to handle water, human waste and toilet paper only. Examples of what should not be flushed down toilets or poured down drains are as follows:

- Baby wipes, toilet wipes, towelettes, disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind
- Medicine in pill or liquid form
- Feminine hygiene products
- Grease of any kind
- Pesticides
- Paint and paint removers
- Motor oils, anti-freeze, gas and heating oil or any explosive material

While most people don't want to think about the work of a wastewater treatment facility, we all rely on it every single day for our personal well-being and the health of our environment.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact us at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Respectfully,

*Rick Sirois*

Rick Sirois  
Public Works Director

## TOWN OF VAN BUREN Annual Wastewater Rate Schedule

**Residential:**

R1:	\$329.16	Residential/Apartment (each unit)
R2:	\$623.39	with Business
R3:	\$822.89	with High Usage Business

**Commercial:**

C1:	\$623.39	Commercial No Public Facility
C2:	\$822.89	Commercial Public Facility/High Usage
C3:	\$1,152.03	Restaurants/Bars
C4:	\$4,114.39	Hospital/Boarding/Nursing < or=50 + *
C5:	\$5,485.86	Hospital/Boarding/Nursing > 50 + *

**Industrial:**

I1:	\$1,321.58	Any < or = 25 employees
I2:	\$2,742.92	Any < or = 50 employees
I3:	\$5,485.86	Any > 50 employees

\*= \$95.00 per bed

**Government:**

G1:	\$1,595.89	Govt < or = 10 employees/customers + **
G2:	\$4,114.39	Govt < or = 25 employees/customers + **
G3:	\$5,485.86	Govt < or = 50 employees/customers + **
G4:	\$8,228.79	Govt < or = 100 employees/customers + **
G5:	\$11,669.91	Govt > 100 employees/customers + **

**Civic:**

V1:	\$329.16	Religious
V2:	\$822.89	Organizations

\*\*= \$95.00 per jail/holding cell

Town Council has the final decision on setting, amending, adjusting and abating any and all fees listed or not listed, as needed. The following definitions should be used to determine which classification all customers would fall within. If the Council feels a customer does not fall within any listed classification, they may determine a rate for that particular customer. This rate schedule supersedes all previous schedules and should be reviewed and if applicable adjusted annually.

### Rate Classification Definitions

**R1** – Single family home, each duplex or apartment unit attached or non-attached at the same location are a combined total.

**R2** – Same as R1 with a business operated out of the same location attached or non-attached.

**R3** – Residential unit with a business such as a child daycare facility, beauty salon, green house or any other business considered high water usage.

**C1** – A commercial entity without any public facilities available and is used by employees only; facilities such as a service office or retail.



**C2** – A commercial entity with public facilities available for use on a minimal basis or a commercial entity with no public facilities available but has high usage; facilities such as service stations, car washes, funereal homes, and any other facilities meeting the above criteria.

**C3** – Same as C2 but have been identified as unique commercial entities with public facilities available with major high usage; facilities such as restaurants and bars)

**C4** – Hospitals, boarding homes, nursing homes have been designated as a unique commercial entity with less than or equal to 50 employees/customers or combination thereof.

**C5** – Same as C4 with more than 50 employees/customers or combination thereof.

**I1** – An industrial entity with less than or equal to 25 employees.

**I2** – Same as I1 but with less than or equal to 50 employees.

**I3** – Same as I1 but with more than 50 employees.

**G1** - A federal, state or local government entity with less than or equal to 10 employees or customers housed on a regular basis within that facility.

**G2**- A federal, state or local government entity with less than or equal to 25 employees or customers housed on a regular basis within that facility.

**G2** – Same as G1 but with less than or equal to 50 employees/customers.

**G3** - Same as G1 but with less than or equal to 100 employees/customers.

**G4** - Same as G1 but with more than 100 employees/customers.

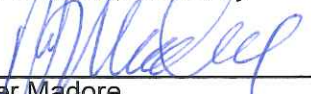
**V1** – Religious organizations such as churches or rectories.

**V2** – Organizations include profit or non-profit clubs or civic organizations.

This rate schedule has been approved this **19<sup>th</sup>** day of **April, 2023** by the following:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John Beaulieu, Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Nadeau, Secretary

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Madore

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Lapointe

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Anne-Marie Poitras

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Luke Dyer, Town Manager

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

**Delinquent Wastewater Listing as of 05/15/2023**

\*\*\* amounts include principal, interest & costs\*\*\*

Acct #	Customer	2016 to 2018	2018 to 2019	2019 to 2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
2	Basenterprises (137 High St)					\$ 414.26
300	Basenterprises (113 St Francis St)					\$ 414.26
334	Basenterprises (108 Pine St)					\$ 422.08
316	Bellamy, Mitchell (107 Rossignol Dr)				\$ 400.76	\$ 414.26
165	Berry, Brianna (568 Main St)				\$ 408.09	\$ 422.08
81	Brissette, Amy (150 Poplar St)					\$ 191.07
530	Broad, Timothy (134 St Bruno St)					\$ 59.43
100	Chabre, Heath (201 Lynne St)					\$ 244.07
106	Chasse, Gerald J (176 State St)					\$ 758.89
108	Chasse, Gerald J (110 Ferry St)					\$ 758.89
633	Coventry, Michael (114 Cyr Ave)					\$ 422.08
159	Cyr, David (140 High St)					\$ 414.26
182	Daigle, John (555 Main St)					\$ 155.52
217	Doucette, Kenneth Jr (103 Upland Rd)					\$ 429.90
588	Dustin, David (165 Champlain St)					\$ 414.26
53	Gagnon, George (547 Main St)				\$ 415.42	\$ 422.08
328	Guillette, Charles (109 Pond Rd)					\$ 422.08
347	Jambard, Rita (157 Champlain St)				\$ 400.76	\$ 414.26
580	Learnard, Ricky (283 Main St)					\$ 413.43
449	Levesque, Jessica (115 Watermill Rd)	\$ 925.09	\$ 446.99	\$ 422.94	\$ 400.76	\$ 414.26
393	Lilly Darin (118 Harrison St)					\$ 343.84
175	Mattson, Edward (116 St Francis St)					\$ 766.71
516	Michaud, Armand (501 Main St)					\$ 422.08
519	Michaud, Brenda (139 Violette St)					\$ 405.71
552	Michaud, Lillian (131 Park St)				\$ 304.77	\$ 422.08
41	Michaud, Wade (60 Main St)				\$ 400.76	\$ 414.26
279	Northern Financial (13 Main St)					\$ 205.01
589	Ouellet, Donalda (150 McKinley St)				\$ 400.76	\$ 414.26
590	Ouellet, Donalda (317 Main St)				\$ 391.50	\$ 414.26
607	Ouellette, Linda (156 State St)					\$ 414.26
738	Searles, Rose Marie (156 Hillside St)					\$ 414.26
739	Searles, Rose Marie (111 Coolidge St)					\$ 758.89
267	Searles, Rose Marie (314 Main St)					\$ 1,778.63
255	Stephenson, George (106 Hoover Dr)					\$ 420.19
777	Sytulek, Gary (111 Rossignol Dr)					\$ 414.26
130	Willette, Pamela (149 Champlain St)					\$ 428.91
Total		\$ 925.09	\$ 446.99	\$ 422.94	\$ 3,523.58	\$ 16,459.03

**Van Buren Ambulance Service**  
**51 Main Street, Suite 101**  
**Van Buren, Maine 04785**

**Phone: (207) 868-2251**

**Fax: (207) 868-2222**



The Van Buren Ambulance Service responded to 714 calls for service for the calendar year ending December 2022. This represents a increase of over 100 runs from the previous year.

Our transport totals are below:

Van Buren	658
Hamlin	32
Cyr Plantation	17
Madawaska (Mutual Aid)	7

Currently, Van Buren Ambulance employs two full-time and twelve part-time members. Current providers/drivers are as follows:

Amy Dionne, Paramedic Crew Chief	Benjamin Zetterman, Advanced EMT
Amanda Skidgel, Paramedic	Lacy Cyr, Advanced EMT
Gloria Ouellette, EMT	Jacob Theriault, Advanced EMT
Andrew 'AJ' Gagnon, Paramedic	Mikel Morrow, Advanced EMT
Morgan Grant, EMT	Chase Labbe, Paramedic
Edmund 'Eddie' Saucier, Fire Fighter Driver	Dean Cormier, Fire Fighter Driver
Derek Grivois, Fire Fighter Driver	Andy Gendreau, Fire Fighter Driver

The Van Buren Ambulance Service is a dedicated team of professional providers who have worked tireless hours to ensure that the citizens of our community have the immediate medical care needed when called upon. Post-Covid easing of restrictions has given the crew the ability to return to 'in person' trainings and protocol updates critical to providing the most up to date care available.

Paramedic Amy Dionne, the Crew Chief, is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the ambulance as well as training our providers. She has been leading our service with several years of experience as a paramedic and instructor.

As always, we want to thank the citizens of the Town of Van Buren and our contract communities for their unwavering support of our team.

Respectfully,

Luke R Dyer, Financial Director



Proven Expertise & Integrity

June 1, 2023

Town Council  
Town of Van Buren  
Van Buren, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Van Buren, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Van Buren, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022. The following schedules have been excerpted from the 2022 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Statement of Net Position - Proprietary Funds	Statement G
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position - Proprietary Funds	Statement H
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Certified Public Accountants

## TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Revolving Loan Fund	American Cares Act Grant	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,397,826	\$ 300,777	\$ -	\$ 216,407	\$ 1,915,010
Investments	378,323	-	-	53,149	431,472
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):					
Taxes	33,137	-	-	-	33,137
Liens	135,809	-	-	-	135,809
Notes	-	152,542	-	-	152,542
Other	210,122	-	-	-	210,122
Due from other governments	-	-	-	10,506	10,506
Tax acquired property	78,991	-	-	-	78,991
Due from other funds	873,869	18,456	177,132	486,291	1,555,748
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 3,108,077</b>	<b>\$ 471,775</b>	<b>\$ 177,132</b>	<b>\$ 766,353</b>	<b>\$ 4,523,337</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 138,869	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 138,869
Accrued expenses	24,027	-	-	-	24,027
Due to other governments	321	-	-	-	321
Due to other funds	1,260,107	-	-	334,703	1,594,810
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,423,324</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>334,703</b>	<b>1,758,027</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
Prepaid taxes	14,225	-	-	-	14,225
Deferred revenue	11,318	-	-	-	11,318
Deferred tax revenue	145,163	-	-	-	145,163
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>170,706</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>170,706</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable	78,991	-	-	-	78,991
Restricted	-	471,775	177,132	227,629	876,536
Committed	-	-	-	467,922	467,922
Assigned	13,949	-	-	4,087	18,036
Unassigned	1,421,107	-	-	(267,988)	1,153,119
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,514,047</b>	<b>471,775</b>	<b>177,132</b>	<b>431,650</b>	<b>2,594,604</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 3,108,077</b>	<b>\$ 471,775</b>	<b>\$ 177,132</b>	<b>\$ 766,353</b>	<b>\$ 4,523,337</b>

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## TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Revolving Loan Fund	American Cares Act Grant	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Taxes:					
Property taxes	\$ 1,452,996	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,452,996
Excise taxes	371,172	-	-	-	371,172
Intergovernmental revenues	660,925	-	211,371	337,150	1,209,446
Charges for services	293,215	-	-	-	293,215
Miscellaneous revenues	37,296	1,006	-	97,394	135,696
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,815,604</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>211,371</b>	<b>434,544</b>	<b>3,462,525</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
General government	693,283	-	-	-	693,283
Public safety	292,599	-	-	-	292,599
Public works	517,800	-	-	-	517,800
Education	497,957	-	-	-	497,957
County tax	97,335	-	-	-	97,335
Recreation and culture	62,038	-	-	-	62,038
Health and welfare	7,315	-	-	-	7,315
Economic and community development	5,747	-	-	-	5,747
Library	38,939	-	-	-	38,939
Unclassified	50,329	6,518	34,239	250,156	341,242
Debt service:					
Principal	60,732	-	-	-	60,732
Interest	12,394	-	-	-	12,394
Capital outlay	-	-	-	258,064	258,064
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,336,468</b>	<b>6,518</b>	<b>34,239</b>	<b>508,220</b>	<b>2,885,445</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>479,136</b>	<b>(5,512)</b>	<b>177,132</b>	<b>(73,676)</b>	<b>577,080</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers in	-	-	-	175,000	175,000
Transfers (out)	(175,000)	-	-	-	(175,000)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(175,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>304,136</b>	<b>(5,512)</b>	<b>177,132</b>	<b>101,324</b>	<b>577,080</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JULY 1</b>	<b>1,209,911</b>	<b>477,287</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>330,326</b>	<b>2,017,524</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30</b>	<b>\$ 1,514,047</b>	<b>\$ 471,775</b>	<b>\$ 177,132</b>	<b>\$ 431,650</b>	<b>\$ 2,594,604</b>

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## TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2022

	Enterprise Funds			Total
	Wastewater	Ambulance	WW Sludge Dewater Grant	
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 329,421	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 329,421
Investments	18,090	-	-	18,090
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	92,396	99,729	-	192,125
Due from other funds	574,643	-	3,585	578,228
Total current assets	<u>1,014,550</u>	<u>99,729</u>	<u>3,585</u>	<u>1,117,864</u>
Noncurrent assets:				
Capital assets:				
Non-depreciable assets	6,390	-	-	6,390
Buildings, building and land improvements	1,717,251	-	-	1,717,251
Vehicles and equipment	295,889	629,807	79,026	1,004,722
Infrastructure	4,218,365	5,500	-	4,223,865
Total capital assets	<u>6,237,895</u>	<u>635,307</u>	<u>79,026</u>	<u>6,952,228</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,601,073)</u>	<u>(287,856)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,888,929)</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>3,636,822</u>	<u>347,451</u>	<u>79,026</u>	<u>4,063,299</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>4,651,372</u>	<u>447,180</u>	<u>82,611</u>	<u>5,181,163</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred outflows related to pensions	16,007	70,028	-	86,035
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>16,007</u>	<u>70,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,035</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>\$ 4,667,379</u>	<u>\$ 517,208</u>	<u>\$ 82,611</u>	<u>\$ 5,267,198</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Current liabilities:				
Accrued expenses	\$ 3,306	\$ 12,092	\$ -	\$ 15,398
Due to other funds	-	539,166	-	539,166
Current portion of long-term obligations	72,102	10,431	-	82,533
Total current liabilities	<u>75,408</u>	<u>561,689</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>637,097</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations:				
Bonds payable	847,338	-	-	847,338
Net pension liability/(asset)	(2,756)	(12,057)	-	(14,813)
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>844,582</u>	<u>(12,057)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>832,525</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>919,990</u>	<u>549,632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,469,622</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred inflows related to pensions	40,015	175,063	-	215,078
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>40,015</u>	<u>175,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>215,078</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net investment in capital assets	2,731,487	347,451	79,026	3,157,964
Restricted	521,651	9,353	3,585	534,589
Unrestricted (deficit)	454,236	(564,291)	-	(110,055)
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>3,707,374</u>	<u>(207,487)</u>	<u>82,611</u>	<u>3,582,498</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ 4,667,379</u>	<u>\$ 517,208</u>	<u>\$ 82,611</u>	<u>\$ 5,267,198</u>

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## TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Enterprise Funds			Total
	Wastewater	Ambulance	WW Sludge Dewater Grant	
OPERATING REVENUES				
Charges for services	\$ 413,369	\$ 211,990	\$ -	\$ 625,359
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>413,369</u>	<u>211,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>625,359</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Salaries, wages and benefits	143,960	520,727	-	664,687
Program expenses	139,947	99,282	-	239,229
Other	-	1,605	-	1,605
Depreciation	241,783	38,455	-	280,238
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>525,690</u>	<u>660,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,185,759</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(112,321)</u>	<u>(448,079)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(560,400)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
Interest income	5,040	-	-	5,040
Interest expense	(26,738)	-	-	(26,738)
Grant revenue	-	-	332,898	332,898
Grant expenses	-	-	(250,287)	(250,287)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>(21,698)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,611</u>	<u>60,913</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(134,019)	(448,079)	82,611	(499,487)
NET POSITION - JULY 1, RESTATED	<u>3,841,393</u>	<u>240,592</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,081,985</u>
NET POSITION - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 3,707,374</u>	<u>\$ (207,487)</u>	<u>\$ 82,611</u>	<u>\$ 3,582,498</u>

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## TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 1,209,911	\$ 1,209,911	\$ 1,209,911	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	1,388,527	1,388,527	1,452,996	64,469
Excise Taxes	219,700	219,700	371,172	151,472
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	398,504	398,504	509,205	110,701
Homestead Reimbursement	192,619	192,619	101,392	(91,227)
Other	43,904	43,904	50,328	6,424
Charges for Services				
General government	8,225	8,225	17,305	9,080
Public safety	46,440	46,440	63,066	16,626
Public works	214,735	214,735	205,425	(9,310)
Recreation and culture	2,100	2,100	6,969	4,869
Library	450	450	450	-
Interest Income	1,300	1,300	2,831	1,531
Interest on Taxes/Lien Costs	18,341	18,341	25,997	7,656
Miscellaneous Revenues	8,400	8,400	8,468	68
Amounts Available for Appropriation	3,753,156	3,753,156	4,025,515	272,359
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	678,679	678,679	693,283	(14,604)
Public Safety	310,145	310,145	292,599	17,546
Public Works	498,735	498,735	517,800	(19,065)
Education	497,946	497,946	497,957	(11)
County Tax	97,335	97,335	97,335	-
Recreation and Culture	58,337	58,337	62,038	(3,701)
Health and Welfare	12,135	12,135	7,315	4,820
Economic and Community Development	12,000	12,000	5,747	6,253
Library	53,183	53,183	38,939	14,244
Unclassified	76,620	76,620	50,329	26,291
Debt service	73,130	73,130	73,126	4
Transfers to Other Funds	175,000	175,000	175,000	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	2,543,245	2,543,245	2,511,468	31,777
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 1,209,911	\$ 1,209,911	\$ 1,514,047	\$ 304,136

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TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
General government	\$ 678,679	\$ -	\$ 678,679	\$ 693,283	\$ (14,604)
	<u>678,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>678,679</u>	<u>693,283</u>	<u>(14,604)</u>
Public Safety -					
Animal control	-	-	-	607	(607)
Police department	7,487	-	7,487	7,951	(464)
Fire department	93,998	-	93,998	90,637	3,361
Fire extinguisher	700	-	700	-	700
Hydrant rentals	171,960	-	171,960	171,960	-
Street lights	36,000	-	36,000	21,444	14,556
	<u>310,145</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>310,145</u>	<u>292,599</u>	<u>17,546</u>
Public Works -					
Highway department	361,563	-	361,563	378,695	(17,132)
Recycling center	137,172	-	137,172	139,105	(1,933)
	<u>498,735</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>498,735</u>	<u>517,800</u>	<u>(19,065)</u>
Education	497,946	-	497,946	497,957	(11)
County Tax	97,335	-	97,335	97,335	-

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Recreation and Culture - Recreation department	58,337	-	58,337	62,038	(3,701)
	<u>58,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,337</u>	<u>62,038</u>	<u>(3,701)</u>
Health and Welfare -					
General assistance	6,000	-	6,000	3,180	2,820
Food pantry	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Catholic Charities	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000
ACAP	435	-	435	435	-
AAA on Aging	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	-
	<u>12,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,135</u>	<u>7,315</u>	<u>4,820</u>
Economic and Community Development - Economic development	12,000	-	12,000	5,747	6,253
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>5,747</u>	<u>6,253</u>
Library	53,183	-	53,183	38,939	14,244

TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified -					
Recognition night	3,000	-	3,000	1,403	1,597
Memorial Day	600	-	600	600	-
NMDC	3,120	-	3,120	3,120	-
Boat landing	500	-	500	90	410
Maine Acadian Heritage Council	200	-	200	200	-
Van Buren Summerfest	5,000	-	5,000	4,933	67
American Red Cross	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
Northern Maine Veterans Cemetery	100	-	100	100	-
Leave accrual reserve	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000
TV Station and IT	6,000	-	6,000	4,187	1,813
Miscellaneous	21,000	-	21,000	16,496	4,504
Special funds	800	-	800	800	-
Overlay	24,300	-	24,300	16,400	7,900
	<u>76,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,620</u>	<u>50,329</u>	<u>26,291</u>
Debt Service					
Principal	60,732	-	60,732	60,732	-
Interest	12,398	-	12,398	12,394	4
	<u>73,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,130</u>	<u>73,126</u>	<u>4</u>
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Capital projects funds	175,000	-	175,000	175,000	-
	<u>175,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Departmental Operations	<u>\$ 2,543,245</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,543,245</u>	<u>\$ 2,511,468</u>	<u>\$ 31,777</u>

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## TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 87,135	\$ -	\$ 129,272	\$ 216,407
Investments	-	-	53,149	53,149
Due from other governments	10,506	-	-	10,506
Due from other funds	10,669	467,922	7,700	486,291
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 108,310</b>	<b>\$ 467,922</b>	<b>\$ 190,121</b>	<b>\$ 766,353</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	\$ 334,703	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 334,703
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>334,703</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>334,703</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	37,508	-	190,121	227,629
Committed	-	467,922	-	467,922
Assigned	4,087	-	-	4,087
Unassigned	(267,988)	-	-	(267,988)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(226,393)</b>	<b>467,922</b>	<b>190,121</b>	<b>431,650</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 108,310</b>	<b>\$ 467,922</b>	<b>\$ 190,121</b>	<b>\$ 766,353</b>

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TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 337,150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 337,150
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	39	-	(1,614)	(1,575)
Other	22,500	68,001	8,468	98,969
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>359,689</u>	<u>68,001</u>	<u>6,854</u>	<u>434,544</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Capital outlay	152,193	105,871	-	258,064
Other	244,894	1,877	3,385	250,156
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>397,087</u>	<u>107,748</u>	<u>3,385</u>	<u>508,220</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(37,398)</u>	<u>(39,747)</u>	<u>3,469</u>	<u>(73,676)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	-	175,000	-	175,000
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175,000</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)</b>	(37,398)	135,253	3,469	101,324
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - JULY 1</b>	<u>(188,995)</u>	<u>332,669</u>	<u>186,652</u>	<u>330,326</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT) - JUNE 30</b>	<u>\$ (226,393)</u>	<u>\$ 467,922</u>	<u>\$ 190,121</u>	<u>\$ 431,650</u>

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### Delinquent Real Estate Tax Listing as of May 15, 2023

\*\*\* Amounts Include Principal, Interest & Costs \*\*\*

Acct #	Customer	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
49	Allen, Alicia & Justin							\$ 1,432.10
4	Basenterprises	\$ 1,437.50	\$ 706.37	\$ 628.54				
573	Basenterprises			\$ 1,398.02	\$ 1,295.37	\$ 1,146.46		
545	Bellamy, Mitchell	\$ 576.35	\$ 1,218.87	\$ 1,222.41	\$ 357.16	\$ 346.31	\$ 276.71	\$ 245.75
293	Berry, Brianna M						\$ 584.92	\$ 504.88
196	Chabre, Heath							\$ 1,965.66
660	Corriveau, Robert J							\$ 47.84
279	Cyr, David M						\$ 543.88	\$ 535.54
322	Daigle, John							\$ 694.69
379	Doucette, Kenneth R JR							\$ 1,051.54
1238	Fagundes, Dolores A						\$ 1,039.45	\$ 1,140.04
1232	Fuller, William C							\$ 77.67
519	Gagnon, Armance							\$ 407.53
108	Gagnon, George P							\$ 1,588.31
374	Gagnon, Hector						\$ 167.86	\$ 157.45
533	Gendreau, Kim							\$ 183.33
1257	Hall, Joyce C, Simpson, Hannah Mae, Hastings, Seth & Schofield, Katrina							\$ 1,378.78
585	Jambard, Rita						\$ 307.81	\$ 272.91
1385	JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA							\$ 309.14
1011	Learnard, Ricky C							\$ 1,597.37
1211	Learnard, Ricky C							\$ 464.30
764	Levesque, Jessica		\$ 1,265.36	\$ 1,269.57	\$ 1,143.99	\$ 1,091.15	\$ 1,028.01	\$ 902.31
788	Levesque, Ralph							\$ 41.42
921	Lewis, Dusty L							\$ 679.87
682	Lilly, Darin							\$ 1,216.80
170	McClary, James G							\$ 964.47
89	Michaud, Wade					\$ 586.59	\$ 489.10	\$ 438.19
967	Morin, John P & Jheri E							\$ 566.94
491	Nothern Financial Home Mortgage Corp							\$ 1,013.25
1339	Northern Maine Ministries, LLC							\$ 483.47
1021	Ouellet, Donald S					\$ 1,255.92	\$ 1,341.48	1,109.07
1029	Ouellet, Donald S						\$ 1,268.95	\$ 1,046.17
1033	Ouellett, Joseph B D SR		\$ 392.96	\$ 512.44	\$ 152.29			
1045	Ouellette, Gary S							\$ 644.21
1143	Pennington, Tanya A.				\$ 94.92	\$ 229.59	\$ 245.59	\$ 225.37
1022	Rockhold, Daniel			\$ 955.32	\$ 1,096.86	\$ 1,039.21	\$ 1,043.52	\$ 857.42
1262	Sirois, Gregory L.							\$ 587.62
1290	Soucy, Michelle							\$ 116.50
1324	Sytulek, Gary J							\$ 1,135.52
1200	Van Buren Hydroponics, LLC					\$ 8.69	\$ 141.99	\$ 128.01
1389	Varley, Eleanor							\$ 576.29
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$2,013.85</b>	<b>\$3,583.56</b>	<b>\$ 5,986.30</b>	<b>\$ 4,140.59</b>	<b>\$ 5,703.92</b>	<b>\$ 8,479.27</b>	<b>\$ 25,678.66</b>

**Delinquent Personal Property Tax Listing as of May 15, 2023**

\*\*\* Amounts Include Principal, Interest & Costs \*\*\*

Acct #	Customer	2009 - 2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
65	Aroostook Vending, Inc.											6.06
109	Bechard's Diner					\$ 515.84	\$ 464.35	\$ 470.81	\$ 434.56			
204	Chasse, Gerald J.									\$ 99.54	\$ 49.23	\$ 42.69
316	Context Media LLC									\$ 4.89	\$ 6.24	\$ 4.89
184	Cormier's Autobody		\$ 39.88	\$ 43.18	\$ 37.64	\$ 43.55	\$ 41.50					
49	Edna's Floral Arrangement								\$ 75.45			
224	Fern's Tool Rental					\$ 95.91						
255	Frog Hollow							\$ 707.70				
252	Maine Fiber Company, Inc.											\$ 37.97
244	Medeiros, Michael & Barbara (Rental)						\$ 43.44					
310	Motion Industries, Inc.											\$ 65.09
231	Nitco									\$ 1,102.83	\$ 1,682.06	\$ 1,197.03
219	Ouellette Heating and Air Conditioning									\$ 23.82	\$ 17.98	\$ 2.97
150	Rioux C & D Management, Inc.	\$ 27,167.32	\$ 1,674.69			\$ 98.54	\$ 97.06	\$ 98.40	\$ 90.83			\$ 56.29
110	Rita Michaud (Rentals)					\$ 188.25	\$ 184.07	\$ 186.64	\$ 172.27	\$ 163.08		
152	RM Lawn care								\$ 678.23	\$ 642.04	\$ 484.60	\$ 331.71
153	Robin's Restaurant								\$ 458.24			
208	Rose Marie Searles (Rental)					\$ 16.45	\$ 16.15	\$ 16.37	\$ 15.12	\$ 14.32	\$ 10.81	\$ 9.22
203	RPJ Valley Apartments (Rental)		\$ 8.05	\$ 8.51	\$ 7.26	\$ 8.58	\$ 8.40	\$ 8.52	\$ 7.87	\$ 7.44		
189	Signs & Graphics			\$ 723.16								
186	Talk of the Town			\$ 145.19	\$ 126.89							
206	Terry Helms (Rental)					\$ 8.58	\$ 8.40					
104	TMC of Maine, LLC									\$ 6.48	\$ 12.96	\$ 11.24
226	T-Quip Sales & Rentals (Deleted)		\$ 6,013.49	\$ 5,827.12								
201	Valley Carpentry LLC		\$ 566.82	\$ 558.86	\$ 445.81	\$ 475.55	\$ 421.96	\$ 427.83	\$ 394.91			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$27,167.32</b>	<b>\$8,302.93</b>	<b>\$7,306.02</b>	<b>\$617.60</b>	<b>\$ 1,451.25</b>	<b>\$1,285.33</b>	<b>\$ 1,916.27</b>	<b>\$ 2,327.48</b>	<b>\$ 2,064.44</b>	<b>\$ 2,263.88</b>	<b>\$ 1,759.10</b>



**General Government Estimated Revenues**

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 Actuals	2021-2022 Actuals	2022-2023 Budget	2022-2023 as of 5/23/23	2023-2024 Projected
0001 Taxes	1,473,381	1,388,530	1,442,237	1,396,573	1,445,000
0002 Supplemental	266	6768			
0050 Plumbing Permits	0	813			
0055 Planning Board Ad	0	182			
0075 BETE Reimb	18,833	17,548	17,516	23,435	23,000
0100 Town Clerk Research	0	15			
0104 Fines/Bldg Permits	0				
0105 CEO Permits	875	492	500	222	
0106 CEO Misc Rev	14				
0110 Town Clerk Fee	4,698	4,734	4,500	4,649	4,500
0115 Tree Growth	760	11,381	11,524	12,818	12,818
0120 Permit - Garage Sales	315	255	200	90	200
0125 Vets Exempt	3,243	2,430	3,243	2,204	3,200
0135 State Rev Sharing	354,933	509,205	443,137	539,152	456,762
0140 MV Reg Fees	10,900	9,925	8,000	8,246	8,000
0150 Lien Costs	11,916	11,084	10,000	9,694	10,000
0175 Fax Services	64	72	100	60	100
0180 Photocopy Service	22	24	25	60	25
0185 Assessor Copies	0				
0190 Delinq Tax Interest	22,749	17,158	14,000	14,727	14,000
0210 Rental Income	8,400	8,400	8,400	9,200	12,000
0220 Land Sale	0				
0310 Vehicle Excise	403,779	370,871	353,000	327,132	353,000
0315 Boat Excise	1,321	1,454	1,500	955	1,500
0400 Unemp Comp	0				
0425 Surplus Sale	0				
0550 NSF Fees	20	70		140	
0610 Snowmobile	808	860			
1000 GG Misc Rev	0				
1100 Payroll Reimb	33,054	18,185	18,185	18,185	18,185
1105 Interest Surplus	3,194	2,674	1,400	2,072	2,000
1110 Interest Check	136	156	50	118	50
1111 Interest CIP	0	50	50	23	50
1120 Homestead Exempt	247,062	165,212	168,619	183,242	183,881
1200 Over/Short	0				
1300 Surplus Undesignated	0				
1400 Carry Forward	0				
<b>Gen Gov Rev</b>	<b>2,600,743</b>	<b>2,548,548</b>	<b>2,506,186</b>	<b>2,552,997</b>	<b>2,548,271</b>

**Police Department Estimated Revenues**

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 Actuals	2021-2022 Actuals	2022-2023 BUDGET		2023-2024 Projected
0840 Police Rpts	30	10			0
0845 Police Witness	200			50	0
<b>Police Dept Rev</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>

**Fire Department Estimated Revenues**

ACCOUNT	2019-2020 Actuals	2020-2021 Actuals	2021-2022 Actuals	2022-2023 as of 5/23/23	2023-2024 Projected
0155 Fire Protection - Cyr	15,669	15,213	15,213	16,140	16,140
0400 Fire Protection - Cty	9,626	9,891	9,891	7,603	9,891
1000 FD-Misc Rev	12	0			
1010 Fire Protection - Ham	21,336	21,635	23,314	23,314	23,314
<b>Fire Dept Rev</b>	<b>46,643</b>	<b>46,739</b>	<b>48,418</b>	<b>47,057</b>	<b>49,345</b>

**Highway Department Estimated Revenues**

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 Actuals	2021-2022 Actuals	2022-2023 Projected	2022-2023 as of 5/23/23	2023-2024 Projected
0165 Plowing	17,255	17,946	17,946	17,600	17,600
0325 Local Road URIP	28,568	30,000	30,000	31,016	32,000
0330 Misc	0				
<b>Highway Dept Rev</b>	<b>45,823</b>	<b>47,946</b>	<b>47,946</b>	<b>48,616</b>	<b>49,600</b>

**Recycling Department Estimated Revenues**

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 Actuals	2021-2022 Actuals	2022-2023 Projected	2022-2023 as of 5/23/23	2023-2024 Projected
0290 SW Private Haul	61,474		0		
0305 Recycling Sales	17,637	20,155	10,000	9,453	10,000
0320 Landfill Fee	110,072	134,361	165,000	103,778	162,574
0410 Recycle Cty	2,100	2,126	2,135	1,626	2,135
1200 Recycle Over/Short	0				
<b>Recycling Rev</b>	<b>191,283</b>	<b>156,642</b>	<b>177,135</b>	<b>114,857</b>	<b>174,709</b>

**Recreation Department Estimated Revenues**

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 Actuals	2021-2022 Actuals	2022-2023 Projected	2022-2023 as of 5/23/23	2023-2024 Projected
0615 Concessions	1,770	290	1,000	0	1,000
0620 Skating Fee	739	279	500	0	500
1000 Rec Misc Revenue	5800	6400	600	16,575	600
<b>Rec Dept Rev</b>	<b>8,309</b>	<b>6,969</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>16,575</b>	<b>2,100</b>

**Library Department Estimated Revenues**

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 Actuals	2021-2022 Actuals	2022-2023 Projected	2022-2023 as of 5/23/23	2023-2024 Projected
0710 Library Hamlin	350	350	350	350	350
0711 Library Cyr	100	100	100	100	100
Library Trust	12				
<b>Library Dept Rev</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>450</b>

**Misc. & Unclassified Estimated Revenues**

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 Actuals	2021-2022 Actuals	2022-2023 Projected	2022-2023 as of 5/23/23	2023-2024 Projected
0010 GA Reimb	2,057	1,709	4,200	3,113	4,200
<b>MISC &amp; Unclass Rev</b>	<b>2,057</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>3,113</b>	<b>4,200</b>

	2020-2021 Actuals	2021-2022 Actuals	2022-2023 Projected	2022-2023 as of 5/23/23	2023-2024 Projected
<b>Total Town Revenues</b>	<b>2,895,550</b>	<b>3,084,552</b>	<b>3,177,923</b>	<b>3,246,021</b>	<b>3,287,363</b>

\*\* FY2021-2022 & FY2022-2023 Includes Ambulance

**Wastewater Department Estimated Revenues**

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 Actuals	2021-2022 Actuals	2022-2023 Projected	2022-2023 as of 5/23/23	2023-2024 Projected
0100 Ant. WW Rev	378,220	406,497	406,776	410,091	420,734
0220 Land Sale					
0331 WW FEMA Reimb					
0550 NSF Fees					
0600 Certified Mail					
1000 WW Int	1,760	1,600	2,000	3,425	2,000
1100 WW Lien Cost	4,964	5,114	6,500	4,735	6,500
1101 WW Misc Rev					
1105 Interest Surplus					
1110 Checking Interest					
1111 Interest CIP	1,233	750	1,000	330	1,000
1400 Sewer Line Misc					
<b>Wastewater Rev</b>	<b>386,177</b>	<b>413,961</b>	<b>416,276</b>	<b>418,581</b>	<b>430,234</b>

**Ambulance Department Estimated Revenues**

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 Actuals	2021-2022 Actuals	2022-2023 Projected	2022-2023 as of 5/23/23	2023-2024 Projected
0150 Grand Isle Contract	15,900		0		
0151 Cyr Plan Contract	2,200	4,680	4,992	4,992	
0152 Hamlin Contract	7,347	9,960	10,624	9,960	10,624
0200 Run Billings	453,116	193,710	475,000	440,000	440,000
0225 Amb Edu Rev	0		0		
0401 County Contract	4,000	4,120	7,872	5,904	8,064
1105 Interest Surplus	0				
1109 Misc Rev	2250	62682		1,500	
1110 Checking Interest	0				
1111 Int CIP	850		0		
1112 Contractual Adj	(53,665)	(27,308)	-95,000		
1113 Write Offs	(834)	(401)	-12,000		
<b>Ambulance Rev</b>	<b>431,164</b>	<b>247,443</b>	<b>391,488</b>	<b>462,356</b>	<b>458,688</b>

### General Government Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
0001 Twn Council	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
0002 Town Manager	66,300	68,640	72,100	75,895
0005 Director Pay	40,983	41,600	43,680	45,864
0007 Clerk/Wastewater	36,065	36,605	38,435	40,357
0008 Deputy Tx Collector	28,065	28,485	29,910	31,406
0011 Town Clerk	3,250	3,500	3,500	3,750
0013 Assessor	43,424	43,246	46,280	48,594
0023 Janitor/Maint	6,340	6,000	4,000	4,000
0025 Safety Risk	750	750	750	750
0051 Town Council Exp	500	500	500	500
0052 Town Mgr Exp	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
0054 Staff Exp	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
0055 Clerk Exp	750	750	750	750
0057 Election Exp	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
0084 Janitor Supplies	1,100	800	800	800
0101 Bldg Exp	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,500
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	5,000	5,000	5,000	6,000
0122 HW/SW Maint	14,430	19,108	18,000	19,000
0124 Security Contract	750	750	750	750
0240 CEO/LPI Pay	7,775	10,813	8,290	8,705
0251 Office Supplies	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
0252 Print & Publ	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,500
0254 Postage	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
0258 Office Equip	500	500	500	1,000
1023 Lien Costs	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
1201 Legal Services	5,000	2,000	3,500	6,000
1204 Audit	7,700	8,000	8,000	8,500
1205 Dispatch	11,500	9,000	9,000	9,000
1277 GG MMBB Pmt	51,646	51,642	50,536	51,750
1302 Telephone	6,500	7,100	5,400	4,000
1304 Cell Phone	2,500	1,950	1,000	1,100
1306 Electricity	11,000	11,000	9,000	9,000
1308 Heat	33,000	33,000	33,000	35,000
1310 Heat Sys Maint	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
1320 Water	3,350	3,350	3,350	3,350
1330 Property/Pub Ins	58,000	65,000	72,000	70,000
1340 Medical Ins	107,100	113,520	120,000	120,000
1350 Unemp Comp	8,900	6,200	6,200	6,200
1360 Workers Comp	56,500	56,500	47,200	37,200
1370 Medicare / SS	4,020	3,683	3,818	4,293
1380 M.S.R.S.	74,428	54,729	63,200	63,200
1381 Maine Retiree Life Premium	500	800	800	800
1395 Capital Improvement Account	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
<b>Gen Gov Exp</b>	<b>808,426</b>	<b>805,321</b>	<b>820,049</b>	<b>829,814</b>

### Police Department Expense

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
0004 Chief Pay	57,594	7,380	7,749	8,137
0007 FT Staff Pay	97,175			
0008 PT Staff Pay	34,472			
0026 Overtime	13,000			
0028 Standby Pay	6,000			
0054 Staff Exp	2,500			
Drug Testing/Lab	1,500			
0061 Equip/Pur/Maint	600			
0062 Veh Pur/Maint	11,000			
0063 Duty Gear	2,500			
0069 Prisoner Exp	1,200			
0079 Books/Periodicals	400			
0102 Physicals	350			
0103 Phys Incent	500			
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	300			
1370 Medicare / SS	6,205	107	112	118
<b>Police Dept Exp</b>	<b>235,296</b>	<b>7,487</b>	<b>7,861</b>	<b>8,255</b>

### Fire Department Expense

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
0004 Chief Pay	17,160	17,418	18,289	19,204
0016 Off Incent Pay	13,430	13,430	13,430	13,430
0022 Volunteer Pay	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500
0054 Staff Train	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
0061 Equip/Pur	7,500	7,500	8,500	8,500
0062 Veh Pur/Maint	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
0063 Duty Gear	3,500	3,500	2,500	2,500
0064 Rescue	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
0101 Bldg Exp	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
0102 Physicals	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	800	800	800	800
1370 Medicare / SS	4,713	4,850	4,913	4,983
<b>Fire Dept Exp</b>	<b>93,603</b>	<b>93,998</b>	<b>94,932</b>	<b>95,917</b>

### Highway Dept Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
0005 Director Pay	26,308	29,016	30,467	31,991
0007 FT Staff Pay	139,561	167,076	175,430	184,202
0010 Seasonal Staff	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
0026 Overtime	12,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
0028 Standby Pay	5,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
0054 Staff Exp	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
0061 Fuel				40,000
0062 Veh Pur/Maint	77,000	85,000	85,000	50,000
0063 Duty Gear	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,500
0066 Tools	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
0067 Cold/Hot	4,000	4,000	4,000	5,000
0070 Signs/Paint	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
0072 Salt/Chloride	35,000	35,000	40,000	45,000
0101 Bldg Exp	5,000	2,000	2,000	4,000
0102 Physicals	300	400	400	200
0134 Manhole Cleaning	500	500	500	500
1370 Medicare / SS	3,302	3,271	3,636	4,041
<b>Highway Dept Exp</b>	<b>323,071</b>	<b>361,563</b>	<b>376,732</b>	<b>399,934</b>

### Recycling Dept Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
0005 Director Pay	5,847	6,448	6,770	7,108
0006 Recycling Manager	32,600	36,046	37,848	40,697
0008 PT Staff Pay	16,225	9,011	9,462	9,936
0054 Staff Exp	500	500	400	400
0061 Equip/Pur/Maint	3,000	3,000	2,500	2,500
0062 Veh Pur/Maint	1,000	1,000	2,500	2,500
0063 Duty Gear	400	400	400	400
0101 Building Expense	3,000	3,000	3,000	4,000
0120 SW Hauler	50,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	70,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
0251 Supplies	750	750	750	900
1275 Univ Waste	500	500	400	400
1302 Telephone	250	650	650	1,235
1306 Electricity	600	600	600	600
1308 Heat/Maintenance	800	1,200	1,200	1,200
1276 Recycl MMBB	23,786	21,488	22,206	22,206
1340 Medical Insurance		10,320	10,430	10,900
1360 Workers Comp	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
1370 Medicare / SS	1,798	747	784	837
1380 Maine State Retirement			5,570	5,890
<b>Recycling Exp</b>	<b>213,556</b>	<b>158,660</b>	<b>168,470</b>	<b>174,709</b>

### Recreation Dept Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
0005 Director Pay	33,056	33,552	44,720	46,956
0010 Seasonal Staff	13,000	13,000	15,000	16,000
0054 Staff Exp	500	500	500	500
0075 Rec/Sports	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300
0076 Concession	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
0101 Bldg Exp	1,500	2,000	2,500	3,000
0104 Transportation	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
1370 Medicare / SS	1,330	1,485	1,795	2,137
<b>Rec Dept Exp</b>	<b>57,686</b>	<b>58,337</b>	<b>72,315</b>	<b>76,393</b>

### Library Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
0005 Director Pay	28,882	29,315	37,765	39,654
0008 PT Staff Pay	16,075	16,204	18,200	19,100
0054 Staff Exp	500	500	500	500
0079 Books/Periodicals	4,000	4,000	5,000	5,000
0101 Bldg Exp	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
1370 Medicare / SS	1,641	1,664	1,940	2,314
<b>Library Dept Exp</b>	<b>52,598</b>	<b>53,183</b>	<b>64,905</b>	<b>68,068</b>

### Economic Development Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
0005 Director Pay	10,000	10,000	20,000	20,000
0054 Staff Exp	500	500	500	500
0142 Downtown	500	500	500	750
1204 Audit	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>Eco Development Exp</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>22,250</b>

### Miscellaneous Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
0143 Emp Recog	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
0148 Special Fund	800	800	800	800
1207 Hydrant Pmts	171,960	171,960	171,960	191,444
1208 Street Light	35,000	36,000	18,000	18,000
1226 Resurf/Repair	55,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
1228 Gen Assist	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
1236 Fire Exting	700	700	700	900
1252 Memorial Day	600	600	600	600
1254 NMDC	3,090	3,120	3,120	3,144
1257 Building Demolition	4,000	20,000	25,000	25,000
1258 Boat Landing	500	500	500	500
1260 ME Heritage	200	200	200	200
1261 Summerfest	4,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
TV Station/IT	6,500	6,000	6,500	8,500
1263 Red Cross	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
1264 ME Vet Cemetery	100	100	100	100
1266 A.C.A.P	435	435	750	870
1267 Catholic Charities	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
1269 Food Pantry	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,000
1270 Agency Aging	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
1280 Misc Exp	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1396 Lv Accrual Reserve	3,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
<b>MISC &amp; UNCLA Exp</b>	<b>303,085</b>	<b>373,115</b>	<b>360,930</b>	<b>382,258</b>

### MSAD#24 & County Tax Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
1230 MSAD #24 Educ	537,204	532,848	490,917	512,105
Adult Ed Reim (5 yrs)	6,275	6,275	0	
<b>MSAD#24</b>	<b>543,479</b>	<b>539,123</b>	<b>490,917</b>	<b>512,105</b>

1232 County Taxes	93,413	97,335	112,650	121,005
<b>County Taxes</b>	<b>93,413</b>	<b>97,335</b>	<b>112,650</b>	<b>121,005</b>

	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
<b>TOWN GOV TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,683,493</b>	<b>3,146,423</b>	<b>3,177,923</b>	<b>3,287,363</b>

\*\*FY2021-2022, FY2022-2023, FY2023-2024 Includes Ambulance



### 2023-2024 Proposed Wastewater Dept

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
0005 Director Pay	26,307	29,016	30,467	31,990
0007 FT Staff Pay	35,398	36,046	37,848	39,740
0008 PT Staff Pay		9,011	9,462	9,935
0009 Reimb To GG	18,054	18,185	19,095	20,050
0026 Overtime	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
0054 Staff Exp	700	700	700	500
0028 Standby	3,000	0	0	3,000
0061 Equip/Pur/Maint	5,000	5,000	5,000	6,000
0062 Veh Pur/Maint	2,000	2,000	2,000	4,000
0101 Building Expenses	5,000	3,000	2,000	2,000
0063 Duty Gear	800	800	800	600
0102 Physicals	150	150	150	100
0105 Lab Supplies	9,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
0106 Poly/Lime/Hypo	11,000	11,000	11,000	9,000
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	2,250	2,250	2,250	7,000
0122 HW/SW Maint	300	300	300	300
0251 Office Supplies	200	200	200	200
0252 Print & Publ	400	400	400	400
0254 Postage	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
1010 Sewer Line	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
1020 Sludge Maint	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
1023 Lien Costs	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
1201 Legal Services	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1204 Audit	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
1278 WW MMBB Pmt	51,902	50,405	51,620	51,620
1279 USDA Loan Repayment	32,895	32,895	32,895	32,895
1302 Telephone	900	1,236	200	1,050
1304 Cell Phone	1,740	1,740	900	900
1306 Electricity	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
1308 Heat	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
1310 Heat Sys Maint	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
1312 Diesel/Propane	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1320 Water	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
1330 Property/Pub Ins	6,050	7,000	8,050	8,050
1340 Medical Ins	21,360	20,640	20,860	21,277
1350 Unemp Comp	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450
1360 Workers Comp	5,500	7,135	4,785	4,285
1370 Medicare / SS	895	1,066	1,128	1,174
1380 M.S.R.S.	6,232	7,836	8,217	8,217
1395 Cap Equip Reserve	50,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
4105 Abatements	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>Wastewater Exp</b>	<b>396,483</b>	<b>413,961</b>	<b>416,277</b>	<b>430,234</b>

### Ambulance Department Expenses

ACCOUNT	2020-2021 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2021-2022 BUDGET	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
0005 Director Pay	57,855	<b>57,855</b>	57,855	32,500	32,500
0007 FT Staff Pay	130,000	177,792	177,792	161,968	170,100
0008 PT Staff Pay	70,000	26,992	26,992	65,100	68,400
0009 Reimb To GG	15,000				
0012 Billing Clerk	17,000	17,000	17,000	20,000	20,000
0026 Overtime	65,000	41,256	41,256	48,589	55,000
0028 Standby Pay	1,000	29,120	29,120		0
0029 Meal Reimb	500	500	500	200	300
0054 Staff Exp	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
0061 Equip/Pur/Maint	5,000	5,000	5,000	7,500	7,500
0062 Veh Pur/Maint	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
0063 Duty Gear	25,000	25,000	25,000	7,500	10,000
0068 Medical Supplies				20,000	20,000
0077 Patient Transfer				20,000	15,000
0078 Rent Expence	7,800			8,400	8,400
0082 Laundry	750	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
0085 Misc Exp	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
0101 Bldg Exp	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000
0102 Physicals	200	200	200	200	200
0121 Dues/Fees/Licenses	1,800	1,800	1,800	2,000	2,000
0122 HW/SW Maint	200	200	200	200	200
1201 Legal Services	600	600	600	600	600
1204 Audit	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
1205 Dispatch	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
1302 Telephone	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	500
1304 Cell Phone	625	625	625	660	660
1306 Electricity	700	700	700	500	600
1308 Heat	5,000	5,000	5,000	7,500	5,000
1310 Heat Sys Maint	250	250	250	250	250
1320 Water	400	400	400	400	400
1330 Property/Pub Ins	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
1340 Medical Ins	51,600	51,600	51,600	42,000	42,000
1350 Unemp Comp	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
1360 Workers Comp	45,000	45,000	45,000	34,000	31,000
1370 Medicare / SS	2,065	2,065	2,065	8,795	8,970
1380 M.S.R.S.	25,046	25,046	25,046	25,000	26,275
1395 Cap Equip Reserve	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
<b>Ambulance Expenses</b>	<b>599,491</b>	<b>586,301</b>	<b>586,301</b>	<b>586,162</b>	<b>596,655</b>

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF VAN BUREN, MAINE  
June 13-14, 2023**

**COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK, SS. VAN BUREN, MAINE**

**TO:** Luke Dyer, a constable of the Town of Van Buren, in the County of Aroostook, State of Maine.

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Voters of the Town of Van Buren in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Community Center at 130 Champlain Street in said Town on Tuesday, the 13th day of June, A.D., 2023 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on Articles 1-2.

And to notify and warn said Voters to assemble at the M.S.A.D. #24 High School Auditorium in said Town on Wednesday, the 14th day of June, A.D. 2023 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the Articles 3 - 32 to-wit:

**TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE**

**~~~TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023, 8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. ~~~**

The polls for balloting on Elective Town Offices will be open at the Community Center at 130 Champlain Street at 8:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M.

**~~~WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023, 7:00 P.M.~~~**

All other business under this Warrant will be conducted upon the opening of the Business Meeting, to be held at the M.S.A.D. #24 High School Auditorium beginning at 7:00 P.M.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**JUNE 13, 2023 - 8:00 AM**

**ARTICLE 1**

To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2**

To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year:

- One position for Town Councilor for a term of three years
- One position for Van Buren Water District Trustee for a term of three years
- One position for Van Buren Light & Power District Trustee for a term of three years
- Two Directors of M.S.A.D. #24 for a term of three years

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**JUNE 14, 2023 - 7:00 PM**

**ARTICLE 3**

Elect a moderator if one has not already been elected.

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**ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to appoint all other necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

**Council Recommends: YES**

**Budget Recommends: YES**

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**ARTICLE 5**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **General Government**.

**2022/2023 Appropriations**

**Council Recommends**

**Budget Recommends**

**\$ 820,049**

**\$ 829,814**

**\$ 829,814**

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**ARTICLE 6**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Police Department**.

<b><u>2022/2023 Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>Council Recommends</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Recommends</u></b>
\$7,861	\$8,255	\$8,255

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**ARTICLE 7**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Fire Department**.

<b><u>2022/2023 Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>Council Recommends</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Recommends</u></b>
\$ 94,932	\$95,917	\$95,917

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**ARTICLE 8**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Highway Department**.

<b><u>2022/2023 Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>Council Recommends</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Recommends</u></b>
\$ 376,732	\$ 399,934	\$ 399,934

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**ARTICLE 9**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Recycling Center**.

<b><u>2022/2023 Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>Council Recommends</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Recommends</u></b>
\$ 168,470	\$ 174,709	\$ 174,709

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**ARTICLE 10**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Recreation Department**.

<b><u>2022/2023 Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>Council Recommends</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Recommends</u></b>
\$ 72,315	\$ 76,393	\$ 76,393

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**ARTICLE 11**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Abel J. Morneau Memorial Library**.

<b><u>2022/2023 Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>Council Recommends</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Recommends</u></b>
\$ 64,905	\$ 68,068	\$ 68,068

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**ARTICLE 12**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **Economic Development**.

<b><u>2022/2023 Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>Council Recommends</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Recommends</u></b>
<b>\$ 22,000</b>	<b>\$ 22,250</b>	<b>\$ 22,250</b>

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**ARTICLE 13**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the **Miscellaneous & Unclassified Accounts**.

<b><u>2022/2023 Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>Council Recommends</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Recommends</u></b>
<b>\$ 360,930</b>	<b>\$ 382,258</b>	<b>\$ 382,258</b>

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**ARTICLE 14**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **MSAD #24**.

<b><u>2022/2023 Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>Council Recommends</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Recommends</u></b>
<b>\$ 490,917</b>	<b>\$ 512,105</b>	<b>\$ 512,105</b>

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**ARTICLE 15**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for **County Taxes**.

<b><u>2022/2023 Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>Council Recommends</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Recommends</u></b>
<b>\$ 112,650</b>	<b>\$ 121,005</b>	<b>\$ 121,005</b>

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**ARTICLE 16**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for **Wastewater Department**.

<b><u>2022/2023 Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>Council Recommends</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Recommends</u></b>
<b>\$ 416,276</b>	<b>\$ 430,234</b>	<b>\$ 430,234</b>

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**ARTICLE 17**

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for **Ambulance Department**.

<b><u>2022/2023 Appropriations</u></b>	<b><u>Council Recommends</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Recommends</u></b>
<b>\$ 586,162</b>	<b>\$ 596,655</b>	<b>\$ 596,655</b>

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**ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Voters of the Town of Van Buren will authorize the Council to use Overlay for Abatements.

**Council Recommends: Yes      Budget Recommends: Yes**

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**ARTICLE 19**

Shall the Town vote to accept any and all funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature and to use the revenues to reduce the 2023/2024 Tax Commitment:

**Council Recommends: Yes      Budget Recommends: Yes**

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**ARTICLE 20**

To see if the Town will accept prepayment of taxes prior to the date of commitment to Tax Collector.

**Council Recommends: Yes      Budget Recommends: Yes**

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**ARTICLE 21**

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town to pay three (3%) percent on any overpayment of taxes. Payable from the date of such overpayment through the date on which a refund shall be issued. (Three percent is the minimum amount of interest permitted by Statute.)

**Council Recommends: Yes      Budget Recommends: Yes**

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**ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to bring writs of entry of recovery of such parcels of land as have been acquired by the Town by reason of non-payment of taxes/liens for which the time of redemption has expired.

**Council Recommends: Yes      Budget Recommends: Yes**

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**ARTICLE 23**

To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes for the year 2023/2024 shall be due and payable and to see what action the Town will vote to take with respect to interest on unpaid taxes.

RECOMMENDATION is that taxes shall be due and payable upon presentation of tax bills. Interest at the rate of 8% per annum shall accrue on all taxes not paid within 60 days after the date of the first billing and also with respect to all taxes not paid within 60 days after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Council Recommends: Yes      Budget Recommends: Yes**

**ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to dispose of Town-owned personal property under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable and to apply the proceeds from any such sales towards the Departmental Revenues.

**Council Recommends: Yes**

**Budget Recommends: Yes**

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**ARTICLE 25**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council, on behalf of the Town, to sell or lease or otherwise dispose of real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes/liens thereon, such sale or lease to be on such terms as they may deem advisable. This includes the authorization to the Town Council to issue Quitclaim Deeds without Covenants in connection with the sale of any such property.

**Council Recommends: Yes**

**Budget Recommends: Yes**

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**ARTICLE 26**

Shall the Town vote to accept grant funds from such Community Development Block Grant Applications, Rural Development Applications, Federal Emergency Management Agency Applications, and Department of Environmental Protection Applications as may be submitted and approved by the different departments, and to accept grant funds from such other and further agencies or entities for which the submittal of grant applications has been approved by the municipal officers of this Town. If so approved, the municipal officers shall be authorized to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program(s). Type of grants, but not limited to, are: Public Infrastructure, Housing Assistance, Planning, Emergency Needs, Business Assistance, Development, Economic Development, Rural Development, FEMA and DEP.

**Council Recommends: Yes**

**Budget Recommends: Yes**

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**ARTICLE 27**

To see if the Voters of the Town of Van Buren will authorize the Town Council to use Surplus Funds to match Federal Emergency Management Funds (FEMA) and State of Maine Funds for damages caused by future natural disasters if needed.

**Council Recommends: Yes**

**Budget Recommends: Yes**

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**ARTICLE 28**

To see if the Voters of the Town of Van Buren will authorize the Town Council to use 2021/2022 unspent appropriations from all Department to cover the FY 2022/2023 Ambulance Department losses.

**Council Recommends: Yes**

**Budget Recommends: Yes**



ARTICLE 29

To see if the Voters of the Town of Van Buren will authorize the Town to apply payment of taxes as follows: any outstanding liens to be satisfied first, then any interest and fees, then personal property taxes, and then real estate taxes, as applicable. The authorization will be valid until rescinded by the Voters.

**Council Recommends: Yes**

**Budget Recommends: Yes**

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to transfer the 2023 MDOT snowmobile license refund to the Gateway Snowmobile Club.

**Council Recommends: Yes**

**Budget Recommends: Yes**

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to exceed the **Property Tax Levy Limit**. (Written ballot required.)

**Council Recommends: No**

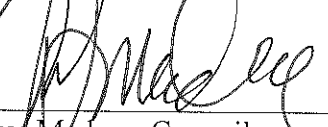
**Budget Recommends: No**

ARTICLE 32

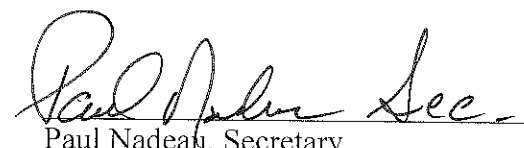
Adjournment


Approved and signed on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023.

  
John Beaulieu, Chair

  
Peter Madore, Councilor

  
Kevin Lapointe, Councilor

  
Paul Nadeau, Secretary

  
Anne-Marie Poitras