

Town of Washington



Annual Report – 2021

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WASHINGTON, MAINE

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021



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Charlotte Henderson

The picture says it all...

Charlotte moved to Washington in 2003 to join her friend and partner Jere Davis. And from the get go she embraced our community rolled up her sleeves and jumped right in.

Many know Charlotte from her Washington News Column in The Courier Gazette. Her articles have been described as “whimsical at times and deeply caring of the people and the organizations of our community.” They are an invitation to a local event or to explore our environment. When a new family moves to Washington asking what is going on in town, we all direct them to her column.

Charlotte considers her involvement with the Washington Lakes Watershed Association Board and the reintroduction of alewives to Washington Pond as her life work. After 18 years of service (most of them as President) Charlotte stepped down from the WLWA board in 2021. The remaining board members are finding it takes all 11 of them to fill Charlotte’s shoes.

Every organization in town is indebted to Charlotte. She has been involved in the Evening Star Grange, the Historical Society, the Washington Recreation Committee, and the Gibbs Library to name a few.

In 2021 Charlotte was awarded the prestigious Community Service Award from the Evening Star Grange. In 2013 her community service was also recognized by the Washington Select Board’s presentation of the Spirit of America Award.

Her writings and community works speak of who Charlotte is: A lifelong learner, a mentor and a role model who has found her home here in our town. The People of Washington thank you for enriching our lives.

In Memoriam



Henry Sainio

Henry Sainio, 91, died February 24, 2021, at a Bangor healthcare facility, with his family surrounding him. Henry's family moved to Washington July 3, 1932, to a farm they purchased on the corner of Calderwood and Sprague Road.

In 1951, he married his fiancée, Dorothy Ripley.

Henry worked for various small construction firms in the mid-coast area before joining H.P. Cummings. As a super for H.P. Cummings, he oversaw multi-million-dollar construction projects (primarily banks, hospitals and schools) throughout New England, including Northern Lights Hospital, Camden National Bank, Pen Bay Medical Center, Colby College, Maine Maritime Academy, Central Maine Medical Center, Down East Community Hospital, Brunswick Regional Hospital and Philips Exeter Academy.

Henry loved to play baseball and played on the Washington Town Team. They were not a winning team, but they had a lot of fun. He was an active volunteer in the community, serving as Fire Chief for many years.

It was during this time his sauna caught on fire and burned flat while he was watching TV. That news made a headline in the Courier, "Fire Chief watches TV while his sauna burns flat" which resulted in a lot of razzing.

Henry served as a 4-H leader, was a very active member of Evening Star Grange and spent every Saturday night for several years starting the fire at the South Liberty Baptist Church so it would be warm for services Sunday morning.

He also enjoyed country music and dancing. He and his wife spent every Saturday night at local dances that resulted in many new friendships.

When Dorothy died in November, the loss of his lifetime companion and the loneliness of COVID-19 isolation took their toll.

Town Officers

Select Board, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Wesley F. Daniel Thomas Johnston Mitchell Garnett

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer

Mary Anderson

Deputy Town Clerk/ Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer

*Joan Tognacci

Stephanie Grinnell

Registrar of Voters

Joan Tognacci

Deputy Registrar of Voters

Mary Anderson

Stephanie Grinnell

Road Foreman

Frank Jones, Jr.

Code Enforcement Officer/ Plumbing Inspector

Corey Fortin

***Edward R. Temple

Fire Chief

Philip Meunier

Deputy Fire Chief

Dean Batlis

Emergency Management Director

Donald Grinnell

Forest Fire Wardens

Kenneth Boisse, Deputy Phil Meunier

Health Officer

Brian Alves

Animal Control Officers

Nicole Bissett

Constable

Christopher Lascoutx

M.S.A.D. #40 School Board Directors

Guy Bourrie Julia Abernethy

Town Meeting Moderators

Walter Metcalf

Deputy Moderator

Michael Mayo

Election Warden

Walter Metcalf

Election Clerks

Republican

Elizabeth Grinnell

Mildred Melgard

Jaquelyn Metcalf

Deborah RoyRoberts

Democrat

Cathy Blake

Katherine Grinnell

Linda Luce

Planning Board

Steve Ocean, Chair

Erick Anderson

Seth Anderson

Sarah Collins

Katherine Grinnell

*Jesse Casas

**Kristie Grant, ALT

*Ezra Casas, ALT

*Debra Dean

Board of Appeals

Lowell Freiman, Chairman

Cathy Blake

Robert deGroff

James Kearney

Norman Casas

*Traci Hoffman

Kimberly Felicetti, ALT

Budget Committee

Donald Grinnell, Chair

Wendy Carr	Jesse Casas
Walter Metcalf, ALT	Peg Hobbs, ALT
David Martucci	Kathleen Ocean
Deborah Bocko	
David Williams	

Housing Committee

Traci Hoffman

Conservation Committee

David Spahr

Mineral Ordinance Committee

Deborah Bocko	David Martucci
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Recreation Committee

Peg Hobbs, Chair

*Helen Caddie-Larcenia, Co Chair

*Dakota Green	*John Green
Kathleen Gross	Neil Gross
Alison Leavitt	*Ashley Elwell
Steve Ocean, School Liaison	Travis Perez

Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization

Norman Casas	*Charlotte Henderson
Lee Shane, ALT	

Washington Scholarship Committee

Jan Birk	Judy Good
Mindy Gould	Mildred Melgard
Amiee Gess	

Roads Committee

Christopher Armstrong	Merton Moore
Albert Hutchinson	Kevin Kirkpatrick

Alewives Committee Liaison

Charlotte Henderson	Brian Alves
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Driveway Entrance Coordinator

Frank Jones, Jr.

E911 Address Coordinator

Thomas Johnston

State Senator~District 13

Chloe Maxmin

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***Resigned**

****Started in 2022**

*****Retired**

Select Board's Report, Discussion, and Analysis

The following management's discussion and analysis of the Town of Washington, Maine's financial performance provides an overview of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the Town's financial statements.

Financial Statement Overview

The Town of Washington's basic financial statements include the following components:

1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also includes required supplementary information which consists of the general fund budgetary comparison schedule, and other supplementary information which includes combining and other schedules.

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include financial information in two differing views: the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements. These basic financial statements also include the notes to financial statements that explain in more detail certain information in the financial statements and also provide the user with the accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide a broad view of the Town's operations in a manner that is similar to private businesses. These statements provide both short-term as well as long-term information in regards to the Town's financial position. These financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. This measurement focus takes into account all revenues and expenses associated with the fiscal year regardless of when cash is received or paid. The government-wide financial statements include the following two statements:

The Statement of Net Position - this statement presents all of the government's assets and liabilities with the difference being reported as net position.

The Statement of Activities - this statement presents information that shows how the government's net position changed during the period. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Both of the above mentioned financial statements have one column for the Town's one type of activity. The type of activity presented for the Town of Washington is:

Governmental activities - The activities in this section are mostly supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (federal and state grants). All of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental activities, which include general government, public safety, health and sanitation, public works, education, social services, and other unclassified.

Town programs include education, general government, health and welfare, highways and bridges, protection, special assessments (County tax), and unclassified. Each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by activities) is presented below. The net costs show the financial burden placed on the Town's taxpayers by each of the functions:

Governmental Activities	Net 2021	Net 2020	Net 2019	Net 2018	Net 2017
General Government	73,338.45	277,636.61	320,848.40	277,064.72	282,771.01
Public Assistance	(136.09)	370.51	668.40	228.19	490.81
Public Works	469,188.47	322,250.83	1,011,865.05	697,043.82	578,377.01
Education	1,777,067.48	1,777,067.04	1,743,763.48	1,628,330.04	1,509,724.77
Knox Communication	50,038.00	50,450.00	47,944.00	45,166.00	41,422.00
Interest	15,761.66	10,881.64	11,087.79	12,461.81	11,408.22
County Tax	181,078.67	174,353.61	160,725.20	160,112.36	149,050.62
Public Safety	124,171.05	111,773.85	99,091.05	88,906.08	108,677.89
Unclassified	39,843.91	37,863.81	37,745.29	34,988.21	33,375.68
TCSWMO	45,092.31	43,504.23	42,435.33	42,145.20	41,778.72
	<u>2,775,443.91</u>	<u>2,806,152.13</u>	<u>3,476,173.99</u>	<u>2,986,446.43</u>	<u>2,757,076.73</u>

On December 31, 2021, Washington's net position for governmental activities totaled \$2,965,229.00. The net position as of December 31, 2020 was \$2,654,712.91, thus an increase in net position of \$310,516.09 during fiscal year 2021.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Washington, like other local governments uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financial related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town of Washington are categorized as one fund type: governmental funds.

Governmental funds: All of the basic services provided by the Town are financed through governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported in governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources. They also focus on the balance of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information will be useful in evaluating the government's near-term financing requirements. This approach is known as the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this approach revenues are recorded when cash is received or when susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when liabilities are incurred and due. These statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's finances to assist in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet the current needs of the Town.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government’s near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. These reconciliations are presented on Exhibits C and D of the financial statements.

The Town of Washington presents only one column in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances. The Town’s major governmental fund is the general fund.

The general fund is the only fund for which the Town legally adopted a budget. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund provides a comparison of the original and final budget and the actual expenditures for the current year.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the Government-Wide and the Fund Financial Statements. The Notes to Financial Statements can be found following the Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities.

Required Supplementary Information

The basic financial statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information, which includes a Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund.

Washington had five outstanding loans at the end of fiscal year 2021: a loan for a plow truck which matures in 2023, a garage loan maturing in 2032, a fire truck loan maturing in 2024, a plow truck loan maturing in 2026, and a fire truck loan maturing in 2026.

	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017
Long-Term Debt	536,173.49	622,727.88	373,712.36	427,140.84	479,195.30
Special Assessments are as follows:					
	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017
TCSWMO	45,092.31	43,504.23	42,435.33	42,145.20	41,778.72
Knox County Tax	181,078.67	174,353.61	160,725.20	160,112.36	149,050.62
Knox Communication	50,038.00	50,450.00	47,944.00	45,166.00	41,422.00

Other Administrative Notes:

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Tax Commitment	2,461,461.06	2,369,643.53	2,373,425.97	2,135,797.23	2,015,535.38
Mil Rate	.0153	.0163	.0163	.0157	0.0152
Taxes Receivable	215,337.53	249,677.37	263,166.74	261,792.63	254,349.61
% Collected	91.26%	89.46%	88.91%	87.74%	87.38%
Outstanding Tax Liens	54,514.24	60,679.54	67,823.65	65,548.95	51,140.63
BETE	30,017.00	43,230.00	39,790.00	38,865.00	38,194.00
Excise Taxes	315,467.45	285,998.51	291,502.33	259,809.07	252,020.54
State Revenue Sharing	115,000.00	111,800.00	82,756.54	62,251.98	55,591.53
Homestead	135,609.41	141,009.59	98,397.69	93,189.11	75,309.20
Interest Income	2,461.39	3,915.08	9,380.77	7,289.03	7,521.05

Summary**Town of Washington Select Board Summary**

The year 2021 started with a new United States President with promising hopes and a vaccine to fight COVID-19. Our town and state remained under a State of Emergency as the pandemic continued to change our small-town rural life. A special thanks to the town's many employees, and volunteers that adapted to fast changing safety requirements, mandates and new situations while continuing to provide high level services.

In January, the Town hired a new assistant Code Enforcement Officer, Corey Fortin, to help Bob Temple. The new town Broadband Committee was formed, headed by Sara Bullard, and work started to bring high speed internet to the town, a survey was distributed and speed test was recorded.

In March, the Town was able to hold an "in person town meeting". As the town citizens came being together, along with the early spring weather created a sense of hope in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Select Board and Town recognized Berkley Linscott for his years of service as Select Board member. Mitchell Garnett was sworn in as the newly elected Select Board member. All articles on the town Warrant passed.

The early and wet spring kept the Public Works crew busy keeping the many dirt roads in town passable. Corey Fortin was promoted to acting Code Enforcement Officer as Bob Temple stepped aside for health reasons. Steven Ocean took over duties as Chair for the Washington Planning Board.

In May the town established a new Cemetery Committee headed by Don Grinnell and Joan Tognocci. In June the street lights in town were converted to LED and the town bought new signs with solar flashing lights for the village area to help remind drivers of the 25 miles per hour speed limit. A COVID-19 vaccination clinic was held at the town office, coordinated by the town Health Officer, Brian Alves. The towns Public Works department worked on the McDowell Road, ditching and cutting brush and the Youngs Hill road was re paved. In July the Public Works crew moved to the Dorman Road, and then to the Prescott Road for ditching and cutting brush.

A special town meeting for funding of a Planning Grant of \$12,500.00 for broadband internet was held in August. The unanimous vote in favor and shortest town meeting ever held showed how imperative upgrading the internet service is to the Town. The Town hired Axiom Technologies, LLC to work on the Planning grant.

Chinese Mystery Snails were found in Washington Pond. Peg Hobbs and the Washington Lakes Watershed Association navigated a search and destroy campaign to rid our lake of these invasive species.

The Town hired Becky Adams as the new Assessor's Agent replacing Stanley Millay after 28 years of service. Stanley stayed on until October helping acclimate Becky with the town. A special "homemade pie thanks to you day" for Stanley was held with town staff, select board and citizens.

The Town's Public Works crew ditched and cut brush on the Calderwood Road. The Town sold the oldest town plow truck for \$12,500.00.

The Select Board met with Peg Hobbs and Roxanne Eggen regarding the newly formed Washington Parade Committee, going over exciting plans for the return of a town parade in July 2022.

In November the Town received half of the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. The Select Board and Budget Committee have discussed purchasing air packs for the fire department.

In the month of December, a special training exercise coordinated by Knox County Emergency Management and the town Emergency Management Director, Don Grinnell, worked with the fire department, public works, town office staff and select board to help form emergency procedures, find flaws and highlight strengths.

The Select Board normally meet each Wednesday night at 7:00PM and welcome folks to attend. Contact Mary at the town office if you would like to be on the agenda. The Select Board are always looking for volunteers for its boards and committees, if you're interested in being an active citizen again contact Mary at the town office for information. The Town of Washington could not function without its many volunteers. Special thanks to the volunteers, Fire Chief and fire fighters, town office staff, Code Enforcement Officer, and Public Works crew for their hard work and goals accomplished in 2021.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements December 31, 2021

Cash Balance, January 1 \$798,472.21

ADD: CASH RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Collections:

Current Year	\$2,242,113.94
Prior Years	255,294.64
Prepayments	<u>3,022.04</u>

Total Property Tax Collections	\$2,500,430.62
Excise Taxes - Auto	313,224.25
Excise Taxes - Boat	2,243.20
Departmental (Schedule B-3)	372,683.65
State Revenue Sharing	184,708.42
Homestead Reimbursement	141,070.00
Due to Trust	3,187.00
Line of Credit	<u>100,000.00</u>

Total Cash Receipts	<u>3,617,547.14</u>
Total Cash Available	<u>\$4,416,019.35</u>

LESS: CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Departmental (Schedule B-3)	\$3,173,159.29
Accounts Payable	2,770.42
State Fees	<u>1,907.56</u>

Total Cash Disbursements	<u>3,177,837.27</u>
Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$1,238,182.08</u></u>

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance – December 31, 2021

Cash on Hand		\$310.00
First National Bank:		
General Fund Checking:		
Balance Per Bank Statement	\$990,780.33	
Deduct: Outstanding Checks	(20,022.08)	
Add: Deposits in Transit	<u>2,353.87</u>	
Balance Per Books		973,112.12
First National Bank:		
Savings - Roads		123,552.83
Savings - Fire Truck		25,753.16
Savings - Plow Truck		35,494.16
Savings - ARPA		<u>79,959.81</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2021		<u><u>\$1,238,182.08</u></u>

Statement of Taxes Receivable – December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
2021	213,563.67	-
2020	48.90	249,076.37
2019	48.90	293.40
2018	47.10	47.10
2017	45.60	45.60
2016	44.70	44.70
2015	44.70	44.70
2012		125.50
	<u><u>\$213,843.57</u></u>	<u><u>\$249,677.37</u></u>

Trust Funds – December 31, 2021**Trust Fund Investments**

	Unexpended		
	Principal	Income	Total
Davis Daggett Cemetery	5,450.00	1,610.80	7,060.80
Maple Grove Cemetery	2,500.00	1,985.34	4,485.34
Marr Cemetery	25,500.00	8,022.71	33,522.71
McDowell Cemetery	300.00	82.31	382.31
Mountain Cemetery	300.00	296.67	596.67
Overlook Cemetery	800.00	1,657.56	2,457.56
Pierpoint Cemetery	1,450.00	1,162.23	2,612.23
Skidmore Cemetery	50.00	32.55	82.55
Soldiers Monument	682.98	241.94	924.92
West Washington Cemetery	9,200.00	457.57	9,657.57
Community Scholarship	26,700.37	20,606.14	47,306.51
Phillip Scriber Memorial	660.00	1,214.61	1,874.61
Daggett School	1,477.76	2,164.97	3,642.73
Storer Cemetery	500.00	41.41	541.41
Gibbs Library	4,066.00	372.14	4,438.14
	<u>\$79,637.11</u>	<u>\$39,948.95</u>	<u>\$119,586.06</u>

Agency Funds – December 31, 2021**LEVENSALE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION:**

Fund Balance, January 1	9,612.76	
Add: Interest Earned	40.25	
Less: Cemetery Expenses	<u>(300.00)</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31		<u>\$9,353.01</u>

Town Clerk’s Report

2021 LICENSES SOLD 1/1/21 - 12/31/21

DOG LICENSES SOLD	
Kennels	04
Males/Females	67
Neutered/Spayed	<u>234</u>
Total	305

All dogs 6 months and older must have a license. If you become the owner of a dog 6 months or older, the dog must be licensed by January of each year. In order to obtain a license for your dog, the owner must present a current State of Maine rabies certificate obtained from a veterinarian. All dog licenses expire December 31 of each year. Renewal of licenses for the following year can be done at the Town Office starting October 15th.

You also have the option to register online at:

https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl

Dog license fees are \$6.00 per year for spayed/neutered dogs and \$11.00 for dogs not spayed/neutered. Per State law, any dog re-licensed after January 31 will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee plus the regular license fee per dog.

Post card reminders were mailed again this year in October.

FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES SOLD

Junior Hunting	2	Resident Muzzleloader	5
Combination	35	Resident Crossbow	4
Hunting	12	Non-Resident Fishing	2
Fishing	46	Resident Superpack	3
Archery	4	Coyote Night Hunting	1
Spring/Fall Turkey Permits	3	Over 70 Lifetime	1

RV, BOAT & SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATIONS SOLD

Boats up to 10 HP	38
Boats 11-50 HP	30
Boats 51-115 HP	23
Boats over 115 HP	20
Lake and River Sticker	2
Snowmobiles	51
ATVs	44

RECORD OF FEES RETURNED TO THE TOWN

Motor Vehicles Fees	\$9,351.00
Recreational Vehicle Fees	268.00
Fish & Wildlife License Fees	227.00
Dog License Fees	270.00
Vital Records Fees	1,216.00
Return Check Fees	55.00
Building Permit Fees	142,257.00
Mining Permit Fees	6,000.00
Junkyard Permit Fees	225.00
Notary Fees	410.00

Respectfully submitted,
MARY ANDERSON
Town Clerk

2021 VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED

01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

12 Births 8 Marriages 18 Deaths

Marriages

Date of Marriage	Names
06/26/2021	Maitana S. Benicio & Jonathan R. Cormier
07/02/2021	Amberly N. Lebert & Eugene W. Fowler Jr.
07/04/2021	Samantha E. deGroff & Jason A. Irizarry
07/17/2021	Daryan E. Danielle & Jared R. Hunt
07/23/2021	Quincy T. Abrams & Sharon R. Cross
08/28/2021	Katherine A. Grinnell & Aaron L. Trembley
09/18/2021	Dakota L. Maddocks & Joshua D. Cutler
10/02/2021	Olivia K. Overlock & Ryan S. Patten

Deaths

Date of Death	Name	Place of Death	Age
01/17/2021	Patricia M. Creamer	Rockport	86
02/02/2021	Jeffrey L. Green	Rockport	73
03/24/2021	David J. Strout	Portland	64
03/25/2021	Gwenith N. Gee	Rockport	91
04/12/2021	Lester W. Morrell	Washington	94
04/23/2021	Lowell E. Frost	Portland	70
04/25/2021	Eileen M. Turner	Portland	64
05/09/2021	Billine M. Alley	Rockport	83
06/05/2021	Mahlon A. Linscott	Washington	82
06/08/2021	Wendell W. Ware Sr.	Washington	72
07/04/2021	Robert B. Pratt	Washington	84
07/09/2021	Annette R. Harrington	Augusta	60
09/01/2021	Bernard R. Cunningham	Washington	79
09/18/2021	Sandra A. Grinnell	Washington	69
10/24/2021	Garrett A. Ostrander	Washington	59
11/30/2021	Dorothy L. Williamson	Rockport	89
12/10/2021	Jere H. Davis	Rockport	86
12/14/2021	Harry N. Munson	Rockport	58

Assessors' Report

Greetings Town of Washington,

I would like to introduce myself as your new Assessors' Agent. I joined your town in September after the retirement of your long time Assessors' Agent Stan Millay. I have spent the first couple months transferring deeds, reviewing records, and getting to know your town.

I will be in the town office one day a month to meet with taxpayers and complete the work required by the state. If you have questions, please call the town office to set up an appointment or leave a message and I will contact you directly my next day in town.

Around April 1, I will begin reviewing building permits and inspecting all new construction so you may see me out and about town. If you plan to tear down or remove any structures, please contact the Code Enforcement Officer to see if a demo permit is necessary. It is always a good idea to let the town office know so I am able to remove these structures from the tax rolls.

If you are not receiving the Homestead Exemption, check to see if you qualify. This is a property tax exemption available for permanent residents of Maine who have owned a homestead in Maine for 12 consecutive months prior to the April 1 assessment closing. Owners of mobile homes also qualify for this property tax exemption. The 2022 exemption amount will be \$25,000 of just valuation. Please contact the town office for an application form, or go to www.maine.gov/revenue. Homestead Exemption application forms must be submitted to the assessing office prior to April 1.

I also encourage people to contact me if they have questions about the Veterans Exemption or Tree Growth, Farmland, and Open Space Land use programs.

I have enjoyed working in your town this past fall and look forward to 2022 with you.

Respectfully Submitted,
REBECCA (BECKY) ADAMS
Assessors' Agent

Tax Collector's Report

Valuation, Assessment, and Collections – December 31, 2021

VALUATION:

Real Estate	\$159,995,256.00
Personal Property	884,552.00
	<u>\$160,879,808.00</u>

ASSESSMENT:

Valuation x Rate (\$160,879,808.00 x .0153)	\$2,461,461.06	
Supplemental	<u>695.26</u>	
		\$2,462,156.32

COLLECTIONS AND CREDITS:

Cash Collections	\$2,242,113.94
Prepayments	4,503.25
Abatements	<u>481.50</u>

Total Collections and Credits	<u>2,247,098.69</u>
2021 Taxes Receivable - December 31, 2021	<u>\$215,057.63</u>

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Tax Commitment	\$2,461,461.06	
Surplus	461,275.00	
State Revenue Sharing	115,000.00	
Homestead Reimbursement	135,548.67	
BETE	<u>30,011.44</u>	
		\$3,203,296.17

REQUIREMENTS:

Municipal	\$1,178,616.00	
MSAD #40	1,777,067.00	
County Tax	<u>181,078.67</u>	
		<u>3,136,761.67</u>
Overlay		<u>\$66,534.50</u>

Tax Liens – December 31, 20212020

Belcher, Corey A.	967.90	Jones, Steven W.	240.06
Bickford, Michael	1,346.22	Jones, Steven W.	276.29
Bradstreet, David	2,559.10	Kirkland, Heather A.	134.74
Bremilst, Robert L., Sr., Heirs	370.01	Knowlton, William, II	897.89
Bridges, Linda	1,059.37	Lee, Sarah	24.29
Cooley, Ramona	1,782.42	Lermond, Robert F., Trustee	5,430.25
Cooley, Scott	1,379.27	Lewis, Leonard C.	1,775.03
Esancy, Nancy L.	552.57	Mank, Timothy A.	688.68
Ewan, Excle R.	908.58	Mank, Timothy A.	1,544.70
Foster, Scott	1,123.72	Mank, Timothy A.	2,105.78
Foster, Scott, I.	1,216.99	Mattingly, Elizabeth F., Heirs	1,095.72
Foster, Scott, I.	795.85	Mazzeo, Emilio D., Jr.	384.34
French, Richard E.	558.27	Merrill, Jaynee	1,814.35
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,681.76	Miller, Jared L.	1,747.67
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,723.32	Rhinehart, Elizabeth	964.08
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	156.48	Rideout, John	2,207.93
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	188.27	Rideout, John	443.03
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	239.61	Shenett, Daniel	749.80
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	114.10	Shenett, Theresa	555.02
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	6,492.21	Turffs, L. Kim	1,332.00
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	102.69	Turffs, L. Kim	404.24
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	1,874.89		\$54,009.49

Taxes Receivable – December 31, 2021

*Paid in full after 12/31/2021 **Partial Payment ***Tax Club member

Real Estate

Adams, Curtis	946.88 ***	Bo'Lait Farm, LLC	3,156.29 ***
Antonino, Sadra A.	750.45	Bourgeois, Cynthia L.	496.51 ***
Antonino, Stephen F.	347.31	Bowman, Alice	640.26 **
Baker, Jason	1,393.56 ***	Bowman, Joseph P.	318.75 **
Bartlett, Sheryl R.	2,857.66 ***	Bowman, Joseph P.	279.99
Bedard, Darius	568.16	Bowman, Joseph P.	161.80
Belanger, Mark	536.28 ***	Bradstreet, David	2,651.49
Belcher, Corey A.	1,259.16	Bremilst,	
Berry, Brigitte A.	2,258.40	Robert L., Sr., Heirs	347.31
Berry, Brigitte A.	337.67	Bridges, Linda	1,068.34
Berry, Gregory	1,200.00 ***	Bromfield, Terry,	
Bickford, Michael	1,713.06	2006 Revocable Trust	1,494.38 ***
Birk, Robert G.,		Bryant, Forest O.	125.77
Trustee	1,915.62 ***	Carco, Cynthia Y.	928.16 ***
Bixby, David B.	358.74	Chavanne, Daniel P. &	
Bocko, Deborah A.,		Carrie A.	12.99
Living Trust	3,120.27 ***	Clement, Julia K.	2,196.50

Compound Holdings, LLC	174.42	*	Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	6,093.91	
Compound Holdings, LLC	540.73	*	Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	96.39	
Connors, Ernest W.	1,528.61	***	Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	1,766.31	
Cooley, Ramona	1,754.60		Harriman, Christopher J.	2,361.94	*
Cooley, Scott	1,462.48		Harring, Peter R.	602.00	***
Crane, Tami L.	126.47		Harrington, Daniel R.	2,651.66	
Daniels, Jane W.	1,272.64	***	Harrington, David O., II	974.56	***
Davis, George	867.51	**	Hedberg, Eric	1,667.55	
Davis, Jessica D.	1,066.50	*	Hedberg, Erik	600.95	
Driscoll, Shawn A.	41.33	*	Heilman, Erika	2,850.03	***
Dube, Timothy A.	1,939.48	***	Holloway, Stanley J.	493.43	
Dufresne, Kevin	830.87	***	Holloway, Stanley J.	107.31	
Ellis, David	267.68		Holloway, Stanley J.	453.65	
Esancy, Nancy L.	575.86		Horovitz, Daniel A.	1,373.25	***
Etchells, David	224.69	***	Hutchins, Katherine A.	1,004.69	***
Ewan, Excle R.	904.38		Jackson, William M.	620.85	
Farrell, Susan	1,536.71	***	Jelenfy, Jeffrey & C. Karen	1,753.38	
Fillenbrown, Heather	403.00		Jenkins, Anne W.	2,086.53	***
Folger, Robin W.	505.28	***	Jenkins, James D.	1,102.90	***
Foster, Scott	\$1,008.88		Jermyn, Jillianne	476.36	***
Foster, Scott I.	1,172.85		Johnston, Constance R.	1,458.34	***
Foster, Scott I.	901.46		Johnston, Martha L.	333.45	***
Fournier, Rebecca J.	1,656.52	***	Jones, Casie R.	991.58	
French, Richard E.	537.03		Jones, Frank E., Jr.	305.22	***
Frye, James P.	1,347.99	***	Jones, James C.	1,264.27	*
Gaudreau, Richard	640.32	**	Jones, Steven W.	234.09	
Grinnell, Donald L. & Elizabeth A. & Katherine A.	1,961.80	***	Jones, Steven W.	259.34	
Grinnell, Jeffrey E.	1,603.31	***	Julian, Margaret E., 1996 Revocable Trust	3,433.78	*
Gushee, Joylie L.	322.68		Julian, Margaret E., 1996 Revocable Trust	55.69	*
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,517.23		Julian, Margaret E., 1996 Revocable Trust	15.30	*
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,556.25		Julian, Margaret E., 1996 Revocable Trust	15.30	*
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	146.88		Julian, Margaret E., 1996 Revocable Trust	2,322.30	*
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	176.72		Julian, Margaret E., 1996 Revocable Trust	103.00	*
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	224.91		Keefe, Timothy J.	\$140.91	
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	107.10		Keefe, Timothy J.	656.98	
			Keefe, Timothy J.	93.18	

Kelly, Sandra M. & Sharon M.	775.00 ***	Pedrone, Matthew T.	669.22
Kerr-Lewis, Jean A.	447.07 ***	Pierpont, Willard	607.26
Kirkland, Heather A.	126.47	Pierpont, Willard	662.08 **
Knight, Glenn, Etals	666.26 ***	Pierpont, Willard	42.84
Knowlton, William, II	789.37	Pierpont, Willard	380.97
Koches, Ellen	1,981.32 ***	Pierpont, Willard	68.85
Lee, Jessica G.	24.70 **	Reddish, Robert T.	995.49 ***
Lee, Sarah	1,577.26	Reilly, Keith	1,144.10 ***
Leigh, Elmer E., Jr.	564.49	Rhinehart, Elizabeth	944.87
Lermond, Robert F., Trustee	5,667.52	Ribar, Dorothy E.	335.07
Lewis, Leonard C.	2,440.44	Rideout, John	2,172.31
Lewis, Leonard C.	1,643.01 ***	Rideout, John	422.88
Linscott, Harrison L.	937.92 *	Riley, Leanne Dibenedetti	1,786.29
Lloy, Dedre E.	1,158.82 ***	Robinson, Thomas L.	1,002.41
Lopez, Paula A.	516.38	Royroberts, Deborah R.	1,274.09 ***
Mank, Timothy A.	1,051.88	Rubenstein, Russell	274.56 ***
Mank, Timothy A.	1,510.98	Sanborn, Philip	1,527.32
Mank, Timothy A.	2,284.44	Sanborn, Philip	10.71
Mariano, Joseph A.	16.06 **	Sanchez, Sarah M.	292.69
Marston, Faughn, III	381.50	Scarponi, Megan A.	1,723.12 ***
Massey, F. Lane	282.40 ***	Schmitt, Dorothea	1,400.00 ***
Massey, Franklin L.	1,264.89 ***	Schnur, Rebecca	1,810.65 ***
Masters, Andrew B.	1,844.11 ***	Shaggy, Michael	1,004.04 ***
Mattingly, Elizabeth F., Heirs	1,054.02	Shaggy, Thomas W.	536.77 ***
Mazzeo, Emilio D., Jr.	360.76	Shane, Lee	1,277.79 ***
McFarland, Matthew G.	451.02 ***	Shenett, Daniel	749.70
Medeika, Patricia E.	3,160.14 ***	Shenett, Theresa	520.97
Medeika, Patricia E.	2,489.20 ***	Sorrentino, Michael	2,527.33
Merrill, Jaynee	2,509.18	Spahr, David L.	1,534.51
Michaud, Bryan J.	1,959.33 ***	Spahr, David L.	448.67
Michelson, Anita	1,101.77	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	112.07
Millar, Cynthia	1,029.04 ***	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	866.52
Miller, Jared L.	1,983.72	Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	16.07
Miller, Wayne A.	2,156.01 **	Sweet, Frederick	503.37
Morgan, Joel W.	123.01	Sweet, Frederick	10.71
Morris, Brian A.	3,281.86 ***	Thompson, Andrew L.	497.02 **
Moscato, Daniel P.	5.36	Till, James C., Etals	639.47 ***
Ocean, Steven H.	1,219.35 ***	Turffs, L. Kim	1,335.14
Orrick, William P., Jr.	1,581.07 ***	Turffs, L. Kim	379.44
Packard, Priscilla B.	1,375.74 ***	Vigue, Christopher	1,261.40 ***
Packard, Priscilla B.	1,898.99 ***	Vogel, Donald E.	1,776.53 ***
PBNJ Self Storage, LLC	8,710.07 ***	Wadsworth, Laurie L.	573.77
Pease, Douglas E., Jr.	1,159.30	Werner, Larry C.	829.26
		Wilson, William D.	500.00 ***
		Zeigler, Cyd	4,158.99 ***
			\$214,399.73

Personal Property

Bench Dogs, Inc.	\$306.00	Jackson's Corner Store	45.90
Fortune Trucking	306.00		657.90
			<u>\$215,057.63</u>

Prior Years Taxes Receivable December 31, 2021Personal Property

<u>2020</u>		<u>2017</u>	
Jackson's Corner Store	48.90	Jackson's Corner Store	45.60
<u>2019</u>		<u>2016</u>	
Jackson's Corner Store	48.90	Jackson's Corner Store	44.70
<u>2018</u>		<u>2015</u>	
Jackson's Corner Store	47.10	Jackson's Corner Store	44.70
			<u>\$279.90</u>

Abatements and Supplementals December 31, 2021

ABATEMENTS

David Caragh &		C. Coolidge LLC	366.00
Louise Fitzgerald	142.63	Chapelaine Maine	
Willard Pierpont	125.50	Realty Trust	115.50
			<u>\$749.63</u>

SUPPLEMENTALS

T.L. Perez		James D. Thomas	381.31
Residential Services	313.95		<u>\$695.26</u>

Registrar of Voters

After all of the excitement of last year's Presidential Election, this year looked to be pretty quiet but we ended up having quite a few events. Washington began the year with 1,265 registered voters and ended with 1,267.

The first election of the year was held on March 26th to vote for Selectman. We had 108 residents cast their votes. Berkley Linscott, the incumbent, ran against Mitchell Garnett as a write-in candidate. It was a close race with Mitchell winning with 60 votes. Berkley received 42 with the remainder uncast or "other" write-ins.

The Town Meeting was held on March 27th. It was a brisk event that brought 52 residents out to vote for the Town Warrant. It was one of the fastest Town Meetings, according to everyone's recollection. There were not many residents that displayed disappointment with the expediency of the Meeting.

On June 8th, the Town held a Referendum to approve the RSU 40 School Budget. 71 residents cast their votes and the School Budget was passed.

On August 4th, a Special Town Meeting was called to approve an appropriation of \$12,500.00 for Axiom Technologies, LLC to develop an Internet Planning Document to facilitate bringing Broadband to Washington. 66 Voters turned out to show support for this project. The meeting began at 7:00pm and concluded at 7:13pm with unanimous approval for the expenditure. Wow, that was fast!

Lastly, on November 2nd, a Referendum Election was held to vote on several State Referendum questions and one change to the Town Ordinances. 559 votes were cast and all the Referendums passed as well as a change to the Town Land Use Ordinance.

I would like to send sincere thanks out to our many volunteers who show up and help with our Elections. If it weren't for them, we could not hold the fair and free elections that make Washington a wonderful place to live! Thanks to our hard-working Ballot Clerks and Wardens: Nancy Barker, Cathy Blake, Elizabeth and Katherine Grinnell, Charlotte Henderson, Linda Luce, Walter and Jaqueline Metcalf, Mildred Melgard and to all the other residents that volunteer but didn't get called up.

This will be my last year as the Registrar of Voters. I am still going to be involved as a Ballot Clerk or Warden. It has been a rollercoaster ride these last couple years but it's been an honor to be entrusted to make sure that all of your vote's count!

Respectfully Submitted,
JOAN M. TOGNACCI
(formerly HAYWARD)
Registrar of Voters

Washington Planning Board

2021 was a year of change for the Washington Planning Board, with some turnover in membership and a new Code Enforcement Officer. Despite the continuing challenges of the pandemic the board was able to meet regularly with some members participating on Zoom. The board held 14 meetings during the year as we dealt with various applications. In March, longtime chair Mitch Garnett was elected as Select Board Member; his contributions to the Planning Board over the years were huge and we wish him the best as he moves on to an elected position. The new slate of officers for 2021 was elected by the board in May.

The board granted permits for several new buildings in 2021. A new building on Waldoboro Road (Route 220) for Hometown Towing, one on Augusta Road (Route 17) for Summit Geoengineering, a residential garage on South Nelson Ridge Road and a Quonset Hut on Waldoboro Road (Route 220) for CTL Land Management. An application for an Events Barn on Route 105 in West Washington was submitted, a public hearing held and later withdrawn by the applicant.

The Planning Board extends best wishes to our members who have moved on this year, Jesse Casas, Debra Dean and Ezra Casas. Also, best wishes to former Code Enforcement Officer, Bob Temple who worked with the Planning Board for many years. Special thanks to our Secretary, Kelly Hassanein, who goes above and beyond to help keep us going. The board continues to schedule public meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,
STEVE OCEAN, Chair
KATHERINE GRINNELL,
Vice Chair and Secretary

Members
ERICK ANDERSON
SETH ANDERSON
SARAH COLLINS

Alternate Members
KRISTIE GRANT
(VACANT)

Washington Budget Committee

During December, January, and February the budget committee met several times with the Select Board to formulate the 2022 municipal budget. At the end of the late January meeting, as we were nearing completion of the budget, we still needed the proposed assessment from Union Ambulance. The day following the Select Board received the proposed assessment of \$202,832. This was over a 3-fold increase from the 2021 assessment. We deemed that increase as totally unacceptable.

We immediately contacted the Union Ambulance director and asked for a meeting to explain the proposed assessment. At the meeting he stated that the Union Select Board and Budget Committee had approved the assessment (which he considered the “Cadillac” plan). The Union Ambulance budget would increase hourly pay rates and hire four full-time paramedics. After discussion, we agreed that hourly rates needed to be more competitive with nearby departments, big box stores, and fast food restaurants, but we asked the director to consider working at the current staffing level, which only includes per diem EMS personnel. This reduced the proposed assessment to \$117,290, still an 86% increase.

The result of our meeting led to a flurry of phone calls, emails, letters, and follow-up meetings with Union, Appleton, and Washington municipal officials. These activities resulted in an understanding that an advisory committee would be formed so that all three towns will have budget input in the future. We highly recommend that at least one member of the budget committee be included on this advisory committee. Preliminary discussions with other EMS providers has also occurred but without definitive proposals at this time.

Because of the short timeframe for getting warrant information to the town report publisher, we were left with little choice but to recommend the \$117,290 for Union Ambulance. You can be assured that there were many questions and lively discussions by the Budget Committee surrounding the EMS issue. Ultimately, we were backed into a corner with little alternative. We can only hope that the situation improves for the 2023 budget process.

The town meeting warrant will contain an article authorizing the Select Board to explore formation of an inter-local agreement for emergency medical services similar to what we have for solid waste disposal at Tri-County Solid Waste Management Agency.

The remainder of the budget has modest increases (and some decreases). The municipal portion of the budget is actually a decrease of 2.35%. As inflation increases, we need to keep our valued employees, so we recommend salary increases, including the Select Board who have not had an increase in 10 years. We also support a program allowing employees, making over \$5,000 annually, be allowed to enroll in a town sponsored IRA program which would be matched by the town up to a maximum of three percent of total salary.

I want to thank the committee members for their work. Every member came prepared to each meeting, and each budget line was fully examined.

Your Budget Committee Members,
DON GRINNELL
DAVE WILLIAMS
KATHY OCEAN
PEG HOBBS
WALTER METCALF
WENDY CARR
JESSE CASAS
DEBORAH BOCKO
DAVE MARTUCCI

Code Enforcement Officer

33 Total Building Permits were approved and issued during 2021.

I take questions by phone and email during the year and schedule appointments on an as needed basis.

It has been a pleasure working with the town of Washington, Select Board, Planning Board, Appeals Board, and office staff.

Respectfully submitted,
COREY FORTIN,
CEO

Plumbing Inspector's Report

The Plumbing Permits issued for 2021 are as follows:

Subsurface Wastewater Permits	19
Internal Plumbing Permits	2

It has been a pleasure working with the town of Washington, Select Board, Planning Board, Appeals Board, and office staff.

Respectfully submitted,
COREY FORTIN,
LPI

Washington Appeals Board

The Washington Appeals Board met one time last year. The officers remain the same as the previous year, with Lowell Freiman as Chair and James Kearney as Vice Chair/Secretary. The Board is shy one Alternate Board Member; Robert deGroff moved from Alternate to Member and Kimberly Felicetti became an Alternate Board Member.

There was only one meeting this past year to review and finalize the Findings of Fact from the prior year's affirmation of a stop work order.

The work of all the Board Members continues to be appreciated. We are slowly getting acclimated to a combination of Zoom and in person meetings. The public is invited to attend meetings either in person or by Zoom on the second Thursday of every odd month.

Respectfully submitted,
LOWELL FREIMAN, Chair

JAMES KEARNEY,
Vice Chair/Secretary

Members:
NORMAN CASAS
CATHY BLAKE
ROBERT DEGROFF

Alternate:
KIMBERLY FELICETTI

Parade Committee Report

We are a new committee working on the Washington Parade: Washington Thru the Decades: Past, Present, and Future.

This year's parade will be on Saturday, July 9 starting at 0900.

The Washington Parade Committee is excited to announce the 2022 Washington Community Parade. We would like to invite you to participate in what we believe will be an exciting celebration!

The parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 9:00am. The parade theme will be "Washington: Past, Present, and Future." The parade committee is seeking a variety of participants, including local businesses, organizations, marching bands, artistic performers, antique vehicles (that are road safe and legal), veteran's groups, school groups, 4H Groups, scout groups. We are excited to see the creativity that each entry will bring to the parade! There is no charge to place an entry in the parade.

If you have an interest in assisting as a committee member, or have experience with parades in any capacity, your expertise would be greatly appreciated.

We hope you will take the opportunity to join us as we celebrate Washington, Maine.

The parade application, and rules are on the Washington Town Website. Submit your application to by June 30, 2022. Send applications to:

Washington Citizens Parade Committee

c/o Peg Hobbs

P.O. Box 146

Washington, ME 04574

Washington Citizens

Parade Committee:

WENDY CARR

MILDRED MELGARD

ROXANNE EGGEN

MATT SHANNON

PEG HOBBS

TRAVIS PEREZ

Washington Fire Department

PO Box 244, Washington, ME 04574 ~ Established 1950

Fire Station – 845-2245

Phil Meunier, Chief 542-9928 Dean Batlis, Deputy Chief 542-0824

Jacolby Leavitt, Assistant Chief 505-5651

Emergency Dial 911

To the Citizens of the Town of Washington:

The Washington Fire Department responded to the following calls in 2021:

Building fire	7
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
Trash or rubbish fire	1
Car fire	2
Wild land fire	4
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	8
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	20
Trapped by power lines	1
Power line down	4
Tree down	1
Assist police or another governmental agency	1
Cover, assignment, standby, move up	2
Fire call canceled en route	9
No incident found on arrival at address	1
Steam, vapor, fog, or dust thought to be smoke	1
Fire alarm activation, no fire, unintentional	1
Lightning strike, no fire	1
TOTAL	65

I would like to thank all the firefighters and their families for their response during the COVID-19 pandemic. We could not do our jobs without the support of our families. I would also like to thank the citizens of Washington for their continuing support.

Although our runs are down a little, some of our calls were very difficult with the loss of a local business and a fatal fire in one of our mutual aid towns. Our firefighters and mutual aid towns performed in a very professional way and all are to be commended for their work.

The free smoke detector program is up and running. Please leave your contact information at the town office or the fire station and someone will contact you.

Free burning permits are available at wardensreport.com. Also, the state permits available on the Maine Department of Conservation website are also free. As of this writing written burn permits are available at Washington Auto Parts.

We have 2 new members that will be taking Basic Fire School to be interior certified. We also had 2 members complete Firefighter 1 & 2 and are Pro Board Certified. We also had 1 member complete an instructor course. As usual we can use more help. We are at the station every Monday night. Our meetings are on the 2nd Monday and training is on the 4th Monday. If you see us training stop in and we can explain what is going on.

Thank you,
PHIL MEUNIER,
Fire Chief

Emergency Management Agency

Would you like to get emergency notifications from municipal officials? These notifications could include town office closures, reminders of voting hours and town meetings, road closures, official CMP power outage reports and better estimation of restoration efforts and times, opening of the town warming center, rabies reports or other town health officer information, or food pantry reminders. During a November 2021 table top exercise (TTX) attended by municipal officials/staff, the fire department, and Knox County Emergency Management, based on a severe winter storm scenario, we identified a primary weakness was getting information from the town to our citizens. We have just entered into an agreement with a company to provide you with emergency alert notifications. By opting into this system, you may receive these official notifications via text, voice message, or email (or all three). There is no cost to you, and you can opt out at any time. Only town officials will be able to send messages, so you will not be inundated with messages that we feel are not useful.

To enroll – sign up at the town office or go to the town website (washington.maine.gov) home page or under How do I...sign up for town alerts.

As your local Emergency Management Director, I receive official National Weather Service reports and notification of weather advisories, watches and warnings. C.J. Hickey has been kind enough to allow me to post these weather alerts on the Facebook page which he administers “Washington Maine Community Board”. I will soon be opening my own Facebook page, “Washington ME Emergency Management”, but will continue to share it on the Community Board. As the town website is updated this spring, there will be a link to my EMA page.

It is my pleasure to serve you as your EMA Director. My goal is to provide information and resources to the citizens and businesses of Washington that they may use to help them make informed decisions to keep them and their families safe.

Respectfully submitted,
DON GRINNELL,
Local EMA Director

Health Officer

As of late, I have had more than one request from concerned Town of Washington residents to check on our neighbors experiencing hard times, or requests from the persons themselves. Out of a concern for their privacy, I've opted to handle such issues without the assistance of the Select Board. If I do have to address any issues with the Select Board, I have and will do so (with permission from that person).

I write this because some of our neighbors are suffering quietly with mental health/psychological issues, physical health issues, food issues, financial issues, heating assistance issues, and so on and so forth. Some just need direction to locate assistance programs provided by DHHS, SENIOR SPECTRUM, MEALS ON WHEELS, and other local, regional, and/or State help groups/organizations as is appropriate. There often is help out there but some don't always know where to look, and others are just too overwhelmed to reach out for themselves.

If you have reason to suspect that a neighbor might be having difficulty, I ask that you consider gently approaching them if you have a rapport with them, and if they will agree to do so, I will call them or meet up with them. If you are more comfortable having me initially broach any potential issues with them, you can always call the Town Office during business hours, and they will call me directly.

Thank you and Best,
BRIAN ALVES,
Your Local Health Officer

Road Foreman's Report

Here we are again in the start of the year. Some snow and rain, and in spring came mud season which was not good. The dirt roads were all mud and we fixed them the best we could.

For summer work, we ditched McDowell Road, Calderwood Road, Dorman Road and started on Prescott Road. We replaced culverts and chipped brush on Nelson Ridge Road. We also crushed stone to make gravel and put up 400 yards of winter sand and unplugged culverts plugged by beavers and downed trees from wind. We then graded the dirt roads and paved Youngs Hill Road and put down new shoulders on new pavement.

This year, David Bixby joined the Public Works Department; and our part-time drivers for plowing snow are Troy Packard, Jason Chapman and Ricky Linscott.

FRANK JONES JR.
Road Foreman

Washington Lakes Watershed Association

It is my pleasure to submit the annual report for the Washington Lakes Watershed Association for the year 2021.

The last year has been busy for the group. After basically going into hiatus for 2020 due to COVID, we started out the year with renewed enthusiasm. We changed some meeting formats that allowed members who do not live in town to be involved in the off season while still meeting in person during the spring and summer months.

Our annual meeting was held in July, coinciding with our first annual photo contest/art show which was held at the Village Gallery. Congratulations to Matt Shannon for first place over all. This was followed by two talks from Holly Stone about the history of Medomak Camps and Jeff Grinnell about the history of the watershed and the mills along its various routes. All three events were very well attended.

One thing this group would like to go on record, as this topic comes up from time to time still, in regard to the Alewives Restoration Project, this group does not now, nor ever will, support the removal of the dam at the outlet of Washington Pond. The dam/dam rights are actually owned by the Town of Washington and any such action would require action from both the Selectboard and the citizens. We do support the installation of a fishway that would allow fish access so long as the mean lake levels are not affected.

Roger Cady continued with water quality testing in both Washington Pond and Crystal Lake. After a small scare from an early algae bloom in a portion of Crystal, we are happy to report that water quality in both lakes remains good. We did find and are working on remediation of a non-native snail infestation at the boat launch area in Washington Pond through focused manual removal... i.e., BUCKETS and HANDS. This may become an annual event.

We are also working on two projects, one is to get grant funding from the state to install a simple dock system at the Washington Pond launch to make launching carry in boats easier, and to allow better access to the water. We are also working to install a weather station/camera on the north end of Washington Pond which would be viewable to the public via our website.

Lastly, we had a change of presidents of the association. We would like to express our thanks to Charlotte Henderson, who stepped down, for all of her years of dedicated and tireless service to the town through this group. She did agree to stay on as “the keeper of institutional knowledge” and for that we are very happy.

Thank you to all the current members of this group for all your tireless work and dedication, and if anyone is interested in joining you can find out how on our website, our Facebook page, OR just get in touch with me through the town office.

Respectfully submitted,
JEFF GRINNELL, President
Washington Lakes
Watershed Association

Washington Lakes Water Quality

It is fitting that this year's Town Report is being dedicated to Charlotte Henderson, whose years of dedication to our Lakes and the Washington Lakes Watershed Association (WLWA) has inspired so many of us to care for our lakes. Prior to 2015, the WLWA, with the help of the Town engaged a paid analysis and report on lakes water quality but only on every three years basis due to cost. Starting in 2015, under the auspices of VLMP/LSM*, WLWA volunteers undertook to create the report on an annual basis to give the town a more frequent and comprehensive view of lakes' quality. This is the seventh report in that series. 2021 continues to add to the comprehensive data set created by WLWA, certified by LSM and accepted into the State of Maine database maintained by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Washington Pond (Midas 4894)

Washington Pond was in good shape for 2021. In 2020, it displayed the consistently highest secchi disk readings (clearest water) since the start of our database 43 years ago. This year was not quite as high, but above normal ranges. Other parameters were also well within normal.

The finding of Chinese Mystery Snails in the south end of the lake was disturbing, but they are not known to have an effect on the water quality. They are an invasive nuisance and hopefully we can find a way to limit their nuisance factor. They are, however, a wakeup call that Washington Pond and Crystal Lake can get invasives, and we should be patrolling for invasive plants and animals as part of our lake monitoring activities. We need to get an active team to do so to help protect not only a pristine lake, but property and town economic values.

Crystal Lake (Midas 4900)

Two years ago, we reported abnormal readings on Crystal. 2020 was entirely normal, and our tests in 2021 indicate it is remaining normal. Secchi disk (water clarity), an indication of algae density was slightly lower than expected, but also within historical ranges. Chlorophyll, an indicator of algae, was up above average but within historical range. The dissolved oxygen was in the middle of range. Thus, from a water chemistry standpoint, the lake and fishery appear to once again maintain normal conditions.

Weather

Precipitation patterns have a profound effect on lakes. Heavy rains increase runoff and this adds phosphorus to the lake (naturally available in soils), promoting algae growth. Dry conditions remove this potential, resulting in clearer lakes. This year we had only one large rain event and a lower-than-normal precipitation. Overall, although average temperatures were nearly normal, there were spikes of heat in June and longer periods of cool in July. The lakes withstood these well.

Volunteers for Citizen Science

We desperately need volunteers to carry on this important Lakes Quality Monitoring, both water testing and invasive plant patrolling. It is fun, interesting and educational, a wonderful way to spend time on our lakes in the summer. Training is available. Please help. Contact Jeff Grinnell, President of Washington Lakes Watershed Association (207-542-1836) or Roger Cady (207-845-2280) to learn more.

ROGER CADY

Medomak Brook Connection

Alewife Access to Washington Pond

A project of the Lloyd Davis Anadromous Fish Trust

The MEDOMAK BROOK (Alewife) CONNECTION (in association with LLOYD DAVIS TRUST in Waldoboro), is making steady progress to reintroduce alewives into their once natural habitat of Washington Pond. The project was begun by a mere handful of concerned citizens in Waldoboro back in the 1980s. As I write, the DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES along with MAINE RIVERS (a nonprofit organization focused on providing access for reintroduction of anadromous fish to their once natural spawning grounds) are working with us. Projects like this typically take time, and we are no exception to that “rule.” Also, each project has its own unique set of obstacles, both literally and figuratively, to overcome to reach fruition.

As of 2022, moving this project forward is still being handled by just a few dedicated souls who have put in a tremendous amount of time and effort to see this project through.

The project is being fully funded by outside resources and groups such as the DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES.

As an aside, the Lincoln County News recently posted an article regarding a planned “removal of the dam on Washington Pond.” Such information is absolutely incorrect (there is no such plan) and the Lincoln County News has since retracted the article. A correction was to be posted by LCN (per the editor that I spoke with after the article came to my attention). Unfortunately, the Lincoln County News did not address any project issues with THE MEDOMAK BROOK CONNECTION nor with LLOYD DAVIS TRUST, nor inform us that they would be posting an article about anything regarding the project. We from the MEDOMAK BROOK CONNECTION have done our best to clear up the misinformation from LCN.

If you have any questions about the ongoing project, you can contact Charlotte Henderson or me, and we will be glad to answer your questions. We hope to see adult alewives coming back to spawn into Washington Pond in the coming years!

Best,
BRIAN ALVES,
Medomak Brook Connection

Midcoast Conservancy

Dear community members and friends:

The mission of Midcoast Conservancy is to protect and restore vital lands and waters on a scale that matters, in partnership with the communities we serve, throughout the Midcoast Maine region through conservation, restoration, outdoor recreation and learning. Our service area comprises 24 towns, three watersheds and over 14,000 acres of conserved land which include 55 preserves and over 95 miles of trails.

In 2021, as Midcoast Conservancy's new Executive Director, I announced our 30x30 initiative, which aspires to conserve 30,000 acres of the midcoast area by 2030. Doubling our current conservation efforts will contribute significantly to protecting and restoring the vital lands and waters of the midcoast, act to mitigate the impacts of climate change, and ensure the quality of life our residents and communities deserve.

In Washington and nearby last year, Midcoast Conservancy did the following:

Land Protection: Accepted the 544-acre EarthSong Sanctuary donation in Somerville and Washington.

Community programs: Guided hikes, as part of our Wednesday Wanders series, at preserves including the West Branch Preserve, Hidden Valley Nature Center and Palermo Preserve, all near Washington.

Trail work: Three new bridges at the West Branch Preserve.

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

Respectfully submitted,
PETE NICHOLS
Executive Director

Washington Recreation Committee



2022 PreK-2 Soccer Team

Spring of 2021 into 2022 saw the return of sports and Washington Recreation Committee (WRC) events. Little League, PreK-2 Soccer, and PreK-2 Basketball all happened this year.

We held our Third Annual Paddle Craft Race in July at the Washington Pond Public Access. All kayaks participated in the Kids Race around the island as well as the longer course (which is marked but not measured). And although our numbers remain small, the fun was huge! Participants worked up an appetite for the Ladies Guild's Strawberry Festival held later in the morning at the Washington Fire House.

Speaking of the Washington Pond Public Access, did you notice that once again there was a Port-A-Potty this summer? The WRC, as last year, partnered with the Washington Lakes Watershed Association to provide this needed service. The area was busy this summer and both organizations are dedicated to keeping our waters clean. The WRC also put out signs warning of the poison ivy that grows along the parking lot.

Our Washington Challenge, 5K/Fun Run saw a slight alteration in our course. We started and ended at the back parking lot of the Library/Town Office complex. 5K course was down the Bill Luce Road, almost to McDowell and back. Although the last long hill of the previous course was eliminated, all said there was still plenty of challenge. A new course means a new record is set. Gavin Wagner came in with a blistering 18:52! Second place was Jason Luce: 25:17 with Dale Turner close behind with 25:44. The Fun Run started at the monument up to Prescott Memorial School and back. The winners were: 1. Charlie Zarrow 7:49, 2. Luke Baker 11:55, 3. Gus Letowski 13:09.

T-shirts were included in the registration fee. There were medals for overall and age-group winners. After the race, prizes ranging from gift certificates to local businesses and eateries to farm fresh eggs, maple syrup, fresh flowers, and homemade brownies were given out.

The Monday Walkers continue to brave rain, heat, and snow to get their week started on the right foot. We meet at the back parking lot of the Library/Town Office. It is an out and back up the Bill Luce to McDowell Rd. A little over 5K, walkers are encouraged to go at their own pace and distance. The hills of the Bill Luce Road. provide a cardio workout. Well behaved and leashed dogs are welcome. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Peg Hobbs: (207) 790-0723. Participants are asked to sign a Liability Waiver and Photo Release.

This year the WRC is working with the newly created Washington Citizens Parade Committee. The parade theme is "Washington Thru the Decades: Past, Present, and Future." It will be held Saturday, July 9th.

The WRC wishes to thank our coaches: Little League, Evan Morrison; Soccer, Alison Leavitt and her daughter Madison; Basketball, Morgan DiBenedetti and Candi Fontaine.

Also, a thank you to our t-shirt sponsors: Holly and George Stone (5K/Fun Run) and Chris and Pam Packard (PreK-2 Basketball). Sponsorship helps keep registration fees affordable. These fees cover t-shirts. And to the donations for the 5K/Fun Run door prizes, Washington General, Jackson's Corner Store, Sweet Season Farm, and Blueberry Fields B&B as well as those who baked and farm produce.

Look for upcoming dates for our Annual Paddle Craft Races in July and the Washington Challenge: 5K/Fun Run in August posted on the Washington Town website and local papers. If you have a project the WRC could help you with, we would love to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,
PEG HOBBS, WRC Chair

Members:
PEG HOBBS
KATHLEEN GROSS
NEIL GROSS
ALISON LEAVITT
TRAVIS PEREZ
STEVE OCEAN, School Liaison

Hill & Gully Riders Snowmobile Club

To the Residents of Washington:

Hill & Gully Riders Snowmobile Club currently has 18 members. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Washington Fire Department. Our annual activities include trail maintenance, snow packing, trail grooming, and working with landowners. We also host our annual Snowfest & Fishing Derby on Washington Pond every February.

We are honored to offer an annual scholarship to a Medomak Valley High School graduate and Washington resident with plans to continue on to higher education.

Due to our rainy summer and fall a few of the projects we had planned will have to be revisited next off season. We will have to wait and see if Mother Nature will be kind to us on the snow front. If one of our trails crosses your property and you are uncertain of its status, please feel free to reach out to us as landowner relations are of the upmost importance to us.

Our trails are open to snowshoers, cross-country skiers, and hikers. If you own a snowmobile and ride in town please remember the many hours it takes to maintain the trails and that many hands make light work.

To the landowners who support our trails, we cannot thank you enough. Our club members as well as all who use the trails appreciate your generosity.

We are always looking for members who are ready and willing to help maintain our 35 miles of trails.

Sincerely,
MATTHEW KOPISHKE
President, Hill & Gully Riders



Gibbs Library

Gibbs Library and the Board of Trustees of the Washington Library Association thanks the Town of Washington, the Washington Budget Committee and the Select Board for your ongoing support and funding in 2021.

A year of transitions, we accepted Librarian Julie Madden's resignation from her position and welcomed Antyna Gould as our new head Librarian.

September brought another resignation from long time Library Manager, Kate Nichols. We hired Washington resident Misty Darton as our new manager in December.

Gibbs Library has continued to adapt to our "new normal." Our community appreciates our consistency as attendance, computer use, and circulation have stayed at steady levels or even increased. Our Art Gallery shows have returned, gracing our walls with the work of local artists. Trunk-or-Treat was back at the library with a few modifications. We worked with Prescott Memorial to virtually host authors. While our inaugural Sweetgrass Winery art auction fundraiser in September was a successful and lovely event, the income was in line with a first-time event during an ongoing pandemic. We are excited to build on this event in years to come.

We continue to be ever thankful that the community, which enjoys our "free" books, DVDs, wi-fi, and general reference assistance, has been willing to support those same resources. We are able to do so much because so many donate their most valuable resource - their time.

Volunteers staff our circulation desk, prepare books for the shelves, assist with summer reading, plan and undertake children's events and programs and continue to fundraise!

Looking into 2022, we anticipate a continued increase in demand for library services as we begin to offer more programs (we miss seeing our community at the educational programs, Jazz Cafes, and other events!). Gibbs Library and the Washington Library Association invite you to come into the Gibbs, browse the stacks, use Ancestry.com, log on to a computer and visit our children's section newly stocked with toys. We look forward to seeing you.

We ask at this time that you wear a mask while visiting the library.

Respectfully submitted,
SARAH MASTERS
KATHLEEN OCEAN

“The mission of the Gibbs Library is to serve as a volunteer-based center whose purpose is to enrich the lives of our community members with free access to programs, materials, and services that empower, educate, and inspire.”

Washington Historical Society

The Washington Historical Society (WHS) continued on this past year with a lighter schedule than usual because of the lingering COVID issues.

We welcomed the Prescott sixth grade for the annual school visit in June. We had both buildings open and shared displays, storyboards and had a photo walk back in time with old and recent photos for the students to try to identify.

We took part in the Washington Community Sale Event in July with the Minnie Weaver Scholarship Committee joining us at our location.

Our 2022 calendar has the theme of “Living Off the Land and Water.” Pictures and write-ups show and tell how families supported themselves in the early days of Putnam and later Washington. A few copies are still available around town and at our events. Work is beginning on a 2023 calendar at this time! Thanks to all who support us buying ads and purchasing calendars. Funds raised help cover our operating expenses.

Our summer maintenance project involved moving and re-building the platform located in the Town House. The platform had never left the building but had been moved around and needed a lot of work to reclaim its original location. More work will be done this summer to complete the project with a voting booth added back.

The third side of Razorville Hall, our museum, was stripped of its vinyl siding and in late fall wood clapboards were added returning it to the original siding when built. Painting will be this spring or summer’s project.



We held Heritage Day in September with Kevin Johnson from the Penobscot Marine Museum sharing pictures taken by Kosti Ruohomaa at the 1948 Washington Town Meeting. Our event was held in the same building as the 1948 town meeting. Some family members and Washington residents were recognized in the pictures. Plans are to invite Kevin back this

September to share their collection of F. W. Cunningham photos. Mark your calendars now for the September 10, 2022 Heritage Day.

We usually meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7 at the Masonic Hall or the Town House during the warm months. Our office is at the Masonic Hall. Please contact us if you have items to share or donate to us or are seeking information we might have to offer. Check our web site www.washingtonhistorical.org and like us on Facebook. Membership dues are \$5 annually. Please join and help preserve Washington's history.

HAZEL KOPISHKE
Secretary WHS

Washington Scholarship Committee

Another year of learning how to live with COVID. Challenging as it is for all of us, we're sure it will have a lasting impact on our students. We had twelve graduates from our town but only received two applications this year. Since we only had two qualifying applications, we were able to increase our awards to \$2,000.00 each.

Our local businesses were very generous again in their response to our appeal letter as well as our Scholarship Committee members selling tickets for a raffle of two \$150 gas cards this fall. These two sources helped to replenish the monies awarded and will help with the 2022 awards to be granted.

If you qualify as a Washington resident for at least one year, please send your COMPLETED application to the committee by May 1st for consideration. The address to mail it to is on the application which can be found on the town website (washington.maine.gov), the Guidance Department at your school or at the Washington Town Office. Please remind students you may know to do this, whether they are in your family, friends, or in your neighborhood. This money is available for all students continuing their education, whether a college or trade school of any kind.

We wish all our Washington students' success in their future endeavors and look forward to awarding scholarships to our 2022 graduates. Continue to be smart and safe. Thank you for your support of our Scholarship Committee work.

JAN BIRK
AIMEE GESS
JUDY GOOD
MINDY GOULD
MILDRED MELGARD

Minnie B. Weaver Scholarship

The Minnie B. Weaver Scholarship was established in 1986 to honor the memory of Mrs. Weaver, a lifelong educator. Minnie Cramer was raised in Washington and attended the Hodge School. She graduated from Washington High School in 1921 and that fall, after passing a special teacher's exam, began her teaching career at the age of 17. In 1925, she graduated from the Eastern State Normal School in Castine. She taught in four of Washington's one room schools and eventually retired from Prescott Memorial in 1972 after 49 years of teaching.

After her death, a committee formed to establish a scholarship in her memory. Fund raising began and the first scholarship was awarded in 1990. The scholarship base has grown through the years with varying fund-raising projects and donations. The Weaver Scholarship Committee raises funds at the Community Auction or Community Sale, receives funding from the town, and awards interest earned from the Minnie Weaver Scholarship Fund investment with Maine Community Foundation, allowing for scholarships to be awarded annually. Two scholarships were awarded to graduating 2021 seniors from Washington.

Applications are available at the Guidance Office at Medomak Valley High School. Applicants must be a graduating senior from MVHS, have resided in Washington for five years, be accepted at a school of higher learning, and submit a complete application by the deadline of April 30.

Applications may be mailed to Minnie Weaver Scholarship, 471 Liberty Rd., Washington, ME 04574. Because of Mrs. Weaver's dedicated teaching experience, preference is given to education majors but it is not limited to field of education majors.



Minnie Weaver
Scholarship Committee:
WENDY CARR
HAZEL KOPISHKE
KATHY DANIEL
BETTE PELLETIER
DALE BRANN
CHRIS DEGROFF
DEBRA DEAN
STEPHANIE GRINNELL

LifeFlight of Maine

Mainers have always been known for their courage, creativity, grit, and willingness to help a friend or neighbor in need. Although the past eighteen months have challenged us in many ways, together we have powered through the pandemic, politics, and the various ripple effects that have impacted our lives, families, and communities.

**From all of us at LifeFlight of Maine,
thank you for all that YOU do to
keep Maine connected and strong.**

Every four hours, almost every day of the year, LifeFlight is dispatched to provide critical care and rapid transport to a patient somewhere in Maine. Much more than just the iconic helicopters, LifeFlight plays an integral role in connecting Maine's widely dispersed and increasingly stressed healthcare system. The highly skilled aviation and medical teams bring ICU-level care safely and directly to the patient, in whichever corner of the state they might be. **LifeFlight's commitment to Maine is that every person, in every community, has access to critical care and medical transport when they need it.**

Now in our 23rd year as Maine's sole air medical provider, LifeFlight has served 32,000 patients from every town and hospital in the state. The organization has become nationally and internationally recognized as a leader in the field of transport medicine for quality, safety, community service, and innovation. Whether the call for help comes from a rural hospital seeking care and transport for a critically ill patient, or from a first responder requiring assistance at a scene call, **LifeFlight is ready.**

We recognize and appreciate that all of what we do would not be possible without the support and help from **each one of you**. We admire your tenacity, we are grateful for your courage and compassion, and we are proud to partner with you to care for the people of Maine.

**From the entire crew at LifeFlight of Maine and
The LifeFlight Foundation - thank you!
We wish you and your teams, colleagues, and families
all the very best as we look ahead to 2022.**



American Red Cross

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **6 disaster cases** in **Knox County**, providing assistance to **24 individuals**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Camden	1	7
Hope	1	2
Rockport	3	11
Thomaston	1	4

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **10** of **Knox County’s Service Members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Blood Drives

During the last fiscal year, we collected **1,696 pints** of lifesaving blood at **56 drives** in **Knox County**.

Training Services

Last year, **196 Knox County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

Volunteer Services

Knox County is home to **17 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.

Waldo Community Action Partners

Program	Services Provided	Dollar Value of Services	2022 Support Request
Mid-Coast Public Transportation	3,282 vehicle miles 9 individuals	\$10,126	\$253
Home Energy Assistance (LiHeap; Emergency Crisis Intervention; Keep Waldo Warm)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Head Start and Early Head Start	N/A	N/A	N/A
Housing Programs (CHIP, Weatherization, Home Repair, Above Ground Storage Tanks)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Community Service Programs (Neighbor for Neighbor, Heroes for Hunger, Cinderella Project)	N/A	N/A	N/A
<u>County Wide Programs:</u>			
County Wide Programs Totals:	N/A	N/A	N/A
WASHINGTON TOTAL		\$10,126	\$253

While our traditional service area is Waldo County, we have, since the closure of Coastal Transportation in Rockland in 2016, been providing an increasing amount of transportation services in your community and the remainder of Knox, Lincoln, and Sagadahoc counties.

History and Mission

Waldo Community Action Partners (WCAP) is a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has served Waldo County since 1965. We provide leadership and advocacy in the community to collaborate and develop programs and workgroups that address community problems and obstacles that prevent families from thriving. Elimination and alleviation of poverty in the areas of body, mind and spirit is our ultimate goal, and service and advocacy are the primary tools.

Waldo Community Action Partners provides programs and services to support members of our community as they strive to lead meaningful and productive lives. We have strong commitments to Food Insecurity Assistance, Transportation Services, Housing Repair Services, Family Services such as Head Start/Child Nutrition, Energy Services, and Community Services carried out in partnership with other community groups.

Our mission is “Building strong families and communities by empowering people to achieve economic independence and self-reliance.”

New Hope Midcoast

You may have heard that New Hope for Women celebrated our 40th anniversary earlier this year. **In November, we celebrated another defining moment in our evolution... we officially changed our name to New Hope Midcoast.** The staff, board members and volunteers here could not be more pleased to share this news with you. We have always worked to be an inclusive organization and our new name reaffirms our commitment to serving everyone in our communities, regardless of gender, race, age or economic circumstance.

The name New Hope Midcoast is the result of a months-long process to evaluate how important issues of equity and inclusion affect our services and what changes we should make to ensure the public and our partners understand the work we do each and every day.

One in four women and one in ten men report having experienced domestic abuse, sexual violence or stalking. According to some surveys, the number of men who experience domestic abuse is closer to 30%. And over half of the respondents to the US Transgender Survey have experienced some form of intimate partner violence. **Because domestic abuse impacts people of all genders, we felt it was vital to drop gender-exclusive language from our name.**

With the pandemic creating new levels of isolation and stress, we also recognized it is more important than ever that the people in our communities know where to go for help when faced with issues of domestic abuse.

New Hope Midcoast has served as a trusted partner in Maine for forty years, providing essential assistance to people affected by domestic abuse. Over the years, we have never stopped learning, evolving and updating our approach and our programs to best meet the needs of the communities we serve. **Today, our services include legal advocacy, transitional housing and emergency sheltering support, a 24/7 helpline, and a robust community education program.** Here at New Hope Midcoast, we employ an empowerment model of support. We offer options. We don't tell our clients what to do. Each person's journey to safety and self-sufficiency looks different. We empower survivors and help them find a path forward that works for them.

You can support our cause in a number of ways:

Display the enclosed poster in your office or place of business. Share it with other businesses or community organizations. Need extra copies? Just give us a call at 207-594-2128.

Invite a member of our community education team to give a presentation to your business or community organization. Email rebekahh@newhopemidcoast.org for more information.

Make a donation anytime on our website: www.newhopemidcoast.org/take-action/donate.

Stay up-to-date by signing up for our e-newsletter. Our newsletter is sent just 3-4 times per year and it's filled with inspirational impact stories, information about educational opportunities, news from the legislature, and creative ways to support our community. Email developmentdirector@newhopemidcoast.org to join the list.

In this season of giving thanks, I want to share my gratitude for the warm support New Hope Midcoast has received from the communities in Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox and Waldo counties. Domestic abuse is a pervasive challenge, but if we work together we can create a safer and healthier future for everyone.

REBEKAH PAREDES,
Executive Director

The Washington Food Pantry

The pantry was originally founded by Alma Jones and was operated out of her home for many years. We are now graciously given space to operate in the Washington Village church. The Pantry is a fully incorporated 501-(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We are also partnered with Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine. Our pantry runs each month because of generous donations from our supportive community, access to discounted foods through Good Shepherd, and dedicated individuals who donate their time to the process of preparing food for our community.

Currently, the Pantry serves an average of 40 families/120 individuals a month, roughly 7% of our population.

At each distribution approximately seven days of food is given in prepacked boxes of frozen products, dry goods, and fresh produce. We also offer household goods, toiletries, and pet food when they become available. Clients are served one household at a time on distribution day but we also offer limited delivery to clients who have no transportation to the actual pantry on distribution day. You must contact the Pantry to arrange for this service.

Distribution pickup times are always from 8-10am on the following dates in 2022:

Feb 2nd, Mar 2nd, Apr 6th, May 4th, Jun 8th, Jul 6th,
Aug 3rd, Sep 7th, Oct 5th, Nov 2nd, Dec 7th

We understand that these times and dates may conflict with people's schedules therefore, to make an appointment outside these times please contact the Pantry.

Our officers are Deborah Vannah: President/Director, Dan Desrochers: Vice President, Elizabeth Grinnell: Treasurer, and Brad Bean: Secretary.

If you are interested in volunteering or accessing our services, please contact either:

Deborah Vannah at 207-409-9247 or Liz Grinnell at 207-242-6494

This year we have been incredibly blessed with donations from individuals and businesses in our community. We have also received grants to offset extra unanticipated expenses during 2021. These financial contributions are helping us to meet needs that we have been unable to previously address as well as explore ways for us to continue to grow and meet the increasing needs of those who struggle with food insecurities.

If you would like to financially support The Washington Food Pantry, donations can be mailed to **The Washington Food Pantry P.O. Box 315, Washington, Maine 04574**. All donations go directly to the purchase of food and operational costs associated with the Pantry.

We would like to especially thank our donors for their contributions. We would also like to thank our volunteers who unwaveringly dedicate their time to our cause. Without such contributions the food pantry would not be possible. Perhaps most importantly, we would like to thank our community for letting us be of service to them.

Penquis

To: Citizens of Washington

Penquis provides social and other support services to low-income individuals and families throughout Knox, Penobscot and Piscataquis counties in order to alleviate and eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty.

For the year ending May 31, 2021 the following services were provided to residents:

Case Management	1 Client	\$1,128
<i>Provides assistance connecting to benefits and available resources to meet individual needs.</i>		
Child and Adult Care Food Program	1 Provider	\$7,133
<i>Reimburses child care providers for nutritious meals and snacks.</i>		
COVID-19 Community Supports	4 Families	\$0
<i>Provides social supports to allow families and individuals to safely isolate or quarantine due to a COVID-19 diagnosis or confirmation of a COVID-19 close contact.</i>		
COVID-19 Rental Relief Program	3 Households	\$11,300
<i>Provides rental assistance to renters who cannot afford to pay their rent due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic.</i>		
Emergency Crisis Intervention Program	1 Household	\$264
<i>Provides home heating assistance to income-eligible households that are in an emergency or energy crisis.</i>		
Family Development Account (FDA) Program	1 Client	\$686
<i>Provides matched savings accounts statewide for home purchase & repair, car purchase & repair, microbusiness development, and emergencies.</i>		
Good Neighbor Heating Assistance	3 Households	\$815
<i>Provides 100 gallons of heating fuel to households whose income is 250% of the federal poverty level or less.</i>		
Heat Pump Program	2 Households	\$3,300
<i>Pays for the cost and installation of one heat pump for eligible Maine homeowners to supplement the household's primary heating system.</i>		
Home Buyer Education	3 Clients	\$743
<i>An 8-hour certified hoMEworks training course to help individuals make prudent home purchase decisions and access MaineHousing loan programs and down payment assistance.</i>		
Home Energy Assistance Program	40 Households	\$24,998
<i>Assists income-eligible households with home heating costs.</i>		
Total Value:		\$50,367

**Values reported as "0" have been omitted when the value of services cannot be quantified or when recipients of the service may reside outside of the town (e.g. children receiving school-based services).*

This year we are requesting: \$1,536

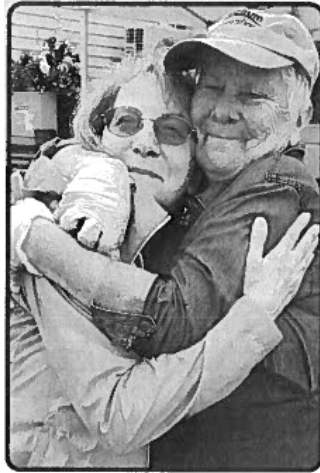
Municipal support is greatly appreciated, as it provides flexible funds to meet important needs that specific, earmarked Federal and State funding does not allow.

Thank you for your continued interest and support!

Spectrum Generations

How Spectrum Generations helped the
Town of Washington
in our most recent fiscal year:

- Provided services to **29 unduplicated Washington** residents.
- Aging and Disability Resource Specialists provided **44.75 hours** of outreach, counseling on topics including elder abuse, prescription drug coverage, and long-term care to **27 people**.
- **1 resident** volunteered **110.5 hours** of their time supporting Spectrum Generations.
- Additionally, **2 caregivers** were able to receive respite services, aiding in the balancing act of working and taking care of an older or disabled loved one; **1 meal** and socialization were enjoyed through our community dining program.



Help Line: 1-800-639-1553 | spectrumgenerations.org

Spectrum Generations is the Central Maine Area Agency on Aging,
501 (c)(3) Tax ID: 01-0318051.

*Data is from services provided during the period (9.1.20 - 8.31.21).

Washington Broadband Committee

We have made some progress since everyone voted to work to improve our internet speeds at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. On August 4, 2021 we had a Special Town Meeting to vote on partnering with Axiom Technologies. There was a unanimous “yay” vote without any discussion! We even had some seasonal residents attend to show their support. Our Moderator, Dave Martucci, said that he has “never seen such a like-minded body.”

Around the time of our Special Town Meeting, the State (ConnectMaine Authority) invited our Town of Washington to be part of a \$30M application to NTIA (U.S. Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration) that grouped several projects into one application. Several internet service providers had the opportunity to partner with us to submit the grant application. Axiom Technologies (our planning partner) worked with us and was ultimately the only partner willing to submit on our behalf.

On February 25, 2022 we were informed that ConnectMaine Authority was awarded the Federal NTIA grant, and that we will receive grant funding to partner with Axiom on a municipally owned project. The NTIA grant will cover 90% of the project and the state will cover the 10% match that would typically need to be provided by the town. We have the opportunity to improve our internet speeds with zero cost to the Town! The grant will cover the cost of running the fiber to your home. This is a really amazing and unprecedented opportunity.

We have been working with Axiom on the planning process. We have an upcoming meeting with the National Digital Equity Center (NDEC) to develop a Digital Equity and Inclusion Plan for Washington. We want to be as prepared as possible to be able to provide affordable equal access high speed internet to all.

We hope you will stay engaged as local enthusiasm will be important to demonstrate moving forward. We appreciate all of your time and support.

Sincerely,
The Washington
Broadband Committee,
SARA BULLARD, Chair
TOM JOHNSTON, Select Board
SARAH MASTERS, Secretary
WILL DARTON
PATIENCE EATON
VALERIE JACKSON
WILL CASSIS
ANDREW MASTERS
MISTY DARTON
LEE SHANE

Tri County Solid Waste Management Organization

To all Tri County patrons:

Once again I summon my elusive Muse to share in writing reflections of the past year at the transfer station. Early last fall, Terri Gilman, an attendant who primarily worked on Saturday, moved to Kentucky. The resultant workforce vacancy has, at this time, yet to be permanently filled.

Notable facility improvements would include the purchase of a new 50 yard roll-off container (the blue “metal bin”), and the purchase and installation of a standby generator. This generator will allow us to now operate the station in its full capacity (including the scales) in the event of any power outage, however extended.

Our recycling efforts have expanded to include printer and copier ink cartridges. We recently shipped over 350 cartridges to a firm dedicated to their recycling. Your collective contribution in support of our recycling efforts truly does make a difference.

Area transfer stations have much in common: the goals and issues of one are the goals and issues of many. Hence, more now than ever, we maintain an ongoing interactive dialogue with each other for the benefit of all.

We strive to provide you, our faithful customers, with exemplary service. If you have a question, please ask. We’re here to make it happen. As always, we once more thank you for your support, past, present and future.

Regards.
DAVID STANLEY,
Manager

U.S. Senator's Report

Washington, DC

Dear Friends,

On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged this crisis and created new risks for Maine people. The challenges raised tension levels to boiling points during the fallout of the 2020 presidential election and the January 6th Capitol attack. But despite that, Congress was able to deliver for a nation gripped by an unprecedented pandemic. As we reflect back on the year, we see the important action that will make a difference for Maine people – as well as work still unfinished.

As COVID-19 continued to impact communities across our state and the country, Congress's first priority this year was to confront the pandemic's health threats and economic toll. We immediately got to work on the *American Rescue Plan*, crafting an emergency bill to meet the moment and get our nation back on stable footing. The legislation delivered essential support to businesses facing crises, households in need, and the medical professionals on the front lines of this fight. The funds helped get vaccine shots in arms, while also confronting the damage done to our economy. All told, the *American Rescue Plan* is bringing billions of dollars to Maine, helping the state continue to push through this crisis and bounce back stronger than ever.

After passing the *American Rescue Plan*, Congress turned its attention to a longstanding but unfulfilled priority: infrastructure. Through hard work and compromise, both parties came together to pass a bipartisan bill that finally addresses key infrastructure needs. For Maine people, the bill means an estimated \$1.5 billion to repair crumbling roads and out-of-date bridges, \$390 million to improve access to clean drinking water, and more. I am most excited about the significant funding for broadband – because, as we have seen during the pandemic, broadband is a necessity to succeed in the 21st century economy. The historic investments in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, combined with additional funding I pushed for in the *American Rescue Plan*, will bring an estimated \$400 million for broadband home to Maine. These funds will be nothing short of transformational, creating new opportunities across our state.

These two bills have made and will continue to make a real difference for Maine people, helping to both address the challenges of COVID-19 and lay a foundation for long-term success. I am proud of what we've accomplished this year – but I know there is still a lot of work to do and that the road ahead is challenging. Even still, I am filled with optimism because I know the true nature of our citizens, though challenged, has not changed. Despite every hardship, people in towns and communities have stepped up with strong local leadership, a willingness to help, and a Maine 'neighborhood' spirit. It is why I truly believe we can and will get through anything together. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2022.

Best Regards,
ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senator

U.S. Senator's Report

Washington, DC

Dear Friends:

I am deeply honored to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of the areas I have been working on over the past year.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose enormous challenges for our state and our country. When the pandemic began, I co-authored the Paycheck Protection Program that helped small businesses remain afloat and keep their employees paid. In Maine, our small businesses received more than 47,000 forgivable loans totaling \$3.2 billion. I also led efforts to provide relief for loggers, lobstermen, and bus companies.

In addition, I helped secure \$700 million to assist Maine's overwhelmed hospitals and nursing homes, and a new law I led prevented Medicare payment cuts to help further ease the financial strain on our hospitals. I also urged the CDC to update its recommendations so that our students and teachers could safely return to their classrooms, and I pressed the Administration to end the closure of the U.S.-Canada border.

While addressing the pandemic has been a major focus, I've also worked hard to ensure Maine's other needs are met. A group of 10 Senators, of which I was a part, negotiated the landmark bipartisan infrastructure bill that was signed into law in November. I co-authored the section of the bill that will provide Maine with as much as \$300 million to expand high-speed internet in rural and underserved areas.

Soaring inflation is another crisis, particularly when it comes to the cost of heating oil. I have strongly supported federal programs that help Maine families stay warm. In November, Maine was awarded \$35 million to help low-income Mainers pay their energy bills. And the bipartisan infrastructure bill included \$3.5 billion to help families make energy efficiency improvements that would permanently lower their heating costs.

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I have supported investments in Maine's communities. This year's funding bills include \$265 million I championed for 106 projects across Maine. These projects would help create jobs, improve workforce training, address the opioid crisis, and increase access to childcare and health care services. In addition, I worked to reverse proposed cuts to our Navy in order to help protect America and

keep the skilled workers at Bath Iron Works on the job. The bills also include \$475 million for the construction of a new dry dock at Maine's Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that will allow the Navy to continue to carry out its submarine missions. I will keep working to get these important bills enacted.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,000th consecutive vote, becoming the only Senator in history to do so without ever having missed a roll call vote. The Lugar Center at Georgetown University once again ranked me as the most bipartisan Senator for the eighth year in a row.

In the New Year, I will keep working to solve problems and make life better for the people of Maine and America. May 2022 be a happy, healthy, and successful one for you, your family, and our state.

Sincerely,
SUSAN M. COLLINS
United States Senator

U.S. Congress Report

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is an honor to represent you and your family during these challenging times, and I am thankful for the opportunity to update you on my work in Washington and Maine.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause challenges for people in Maine and across the country. Please know that the health and safety of you and your loved ones, as well as the economic recovery of our communities, remains the driving force behind legislation I have pushed for in Congress.

In early 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan, historic legislation that makes investments to crush the virus, create millions of jobs, provide direct relief to working families, and help schools remain safely open. Not only did this legislation give 90 percent of American households a stimulus check, but it also helped local and state governments better respond to the pandemic, put food on families' tables, got more vaccine shots into arms, cut child poverty in half through the expanded Child Tax Credit, and so much more. The American Rescue Plan is one of the most important pieces of legislation Congress will ever pass, and I'm so proud to have supported it from the beginning. You can read more about this piece of legislation here: <https://pingree.house.gov/covid>.

Our economic recovery from the pandemic will be accelerated even more thanks to the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which Congress passed in November. This legislation marks the most expansive infrastructure investment since the construction of the interstate highway system. From funding to repair our aging roads, bridges, and ports to high-speed broadband expansion and legacy pollution clean-up, this law is a once-in-a-generation investment in our future.

In addition to working on COVID-19 relief legislation, my Congressional colleagues and I are also collaborating on legislation that addresses the climate crisis, supports voting rights, and—through my role on the House Appropriations Committee—supports programs important to Maine.

After seven years on the House Appropriations Committee, I took the gavel and lead the subcommittee that oversees discretionary spending for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, US Forest Service, and several agencies related to the arts and humanities. In

my new role as Chair, I have fought to secure significant funding for Maine's tribes, environmental preservation programs, our cultural economy, and our forests.

I will keep pushing legislation to support America's long-term care needs, lower prescription drug costs, expand Medicare benefits, cut taxes for working people, make our workforce competitive with the world, and fight climate change.

So, as we reflect on 2021, let us welcome 2022 with a renewed sense of optimism. There is a lot to fight for, and I assure you I will continue to fight for Maine in Congress. I want you to know that my staff and I are doing all we can to support Mainers through this public health crisis and all the challenges that come with it. If you are unsure of the resources available to you, are having difficulty accessing resources, or if you'd just like to share a thought or opinion, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
CHELLIE PINGREE
Member of Congress

Governor's Report

Dear Friends:

For three 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. In the last year, 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, I will be 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,
JANET T. MILLS
Governor

State Senator's Report

Dear Neighbors in Washington,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate; I am truly humbled that you chose me to be your voice in Augusta during this unprecedented time.

In our first session, the Legislature focused on laws that would make a real difference in the lives of all Maine people. We passed laws to help improve access to affordable, high-quality medical care and lifesaving medications like insulin. We invested in senior living and nursing facilities and in our direct care workers, who have been so vital during the pandemic. We passed a two-year bipartisan budget that, for the first time, meets the state's obligation to fund 55% of K-12 public education. We also restored municipal revenue sharing and increased property tax relief programs, all of which will help reduce property taxes for Maine people.

In the Legislature, I have been appointed to serve on the Marine Resources Committee and the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee. These committees are responsible for overseeing matters that directly impact our communities and heritage industries, like farming and fishing. We know that the coming years will present these industries with real challenges if we do not prepare, and the survival of these industries is essential. Protecting our environment and natural resources is a priority for me because of the impacts it has on our health, our culture and our economy.

On January 5, 2022, the Legislature began the second regular session, which is scheduled to continue until mid-April. Our committee work will be conducted remotely for the time being, but we will be meeting in person at the State House to vote on legislation. Every committee meeting is streamed live and archived at www.legislature.maine.gov, and you can also testify during public hearings from the comfort of your own home. The State House is open to visitors, and I encourage you to visit any time.

I know many in our community are still struggling, and I want to remind you that I'm here as a resource for you and your family. If you need help finding resources, sorting out an issue with a state agency, or just want to talk something through, please reach out any time. You can call me on my cell phone at (207) 200-6224 or email me at Chloe.Maxmin@legislature.maine.gov. I really mean it when I say reach out anytime.

Sincerely,

CHLOE MAXMIN, State Senator

State Representative's Report

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor and pleasure to represent you in the 130th Maine Legislature. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about our efforts to improve your lives as we work in the second session of the 130th.

In my last report to you I said I was hopeful that we would enact proposals to increase municipal revenue sharing, the Homestead Exemption, and aid to education. We were successful in enacting all three and I expect the same for 2022. Last year, Maine's finances were under pressure due to the economic uncertainty generated by the Pandemic. However, a sharp rebound in consumer spending has generated an \$800 million dollar surplus in Augusta. The Legislature and the Governor are currently debating priorities for the use of this money and how much will be returned to taxpayers.

The Pandemic has also accelerated a housing crisis in Maine. People who once worked in urban high-rise buildings in New York and elsewhere are now zooming in from home. Consequently, the need to pay for an expensive apartment in the city is no longer necessary. Some of these people are relocating and landing in Maine. The consequent demand for housing has been unprecedented as are the prices being paid for real estate. While this is fine for those of us who own a home, it has also effectively priced out many of our local and younger people seeking their first home. This trend may also pressure real estate tax assessments. Therefore, I would urge municipal tax assessors to take a go-slow approach so we can determine the full extent of this crisis before undertaking any revaluations.

Two of the biggest challenges facing Maine in 2022 continue to be the deplorable issues around the performance of Central Maine Power and the challenges being faced by the Maine lobster industry.

First, in reference to CMP, last year I testified before the Public Utilities Commission on your behalf in opposition to the proposed rate increase and demanded that CMP refund all the money they overcharged my constituents and other Mainers in their overbilling scheme. Unfortunately, while CMP has made high profile management changes, little has changed on the ground. Despite huge opposition, the Public Utilities Commission gave in to CMP and raised our rates quite sharply in January, while at the same time we continue to suffer from a foreign owned power company that puts profit over the interests of my people. CMP continues to rank dead last in national surveys among power companies operating in the US.

Second, I continue to be deeply concerned about the unjustified and unfair proposals being promoted by the federal agency NOAA, who is blaming the Maine lobster industry for Right Whale deaths despite the fact that they have publicly admitted there is no evidence to back up this claim. I have joined hands with my fishermen and women in my District to fight these draconian proposals and have attended hearings and provided testimony against these proposals. The lobster industry is the lifeline to our local economy, and you can rest assured I will continue to fight to protect your interests. Recent news also indicates that most of the wind power projects in State waters that were slated to interfere with our lobster fleet have now been put on hold.

I have enjoyed representing Washington, something I also did in the 1980's and 1990's when I served SAD #40, when we all collaborated to build the Prescott Memorial School addition and gymnasium. The people are friendly, and I appreciate it. I also wanted to thank the Selectmen and women, Town Office staff, our emergency responders, and the Public Works crew who keep our roads safe. I appreciate the work you do. I would like to thank Mary Anderson and her staff for the great job they have done in adjusting to conditions of operation during the Pandemic. Hopefully, 2022 will see things start to ease up.

You may have heard that I'm taking a break from politics and public service. I've been in the Legislature for a decade now and have worked in public service most of my life, so a break is in order. The last several years, my service on the Judiciary Committee has opened my eyes to some very grave injustices in Maine's criminal justice system, including innocent people trapped in prison, too much police violence and misconduct, unjustified police shootings, and a failure to provide a system that ensures adequate defense counsel for all, including the indigent. While I have risen to the occasion and challenged the power structure in Maine responsible for these injustices, the work is controversial, and I have encountered entrenched forces in the Maine Attorney General's Office who refuse to adopt the reforms that are sweeping the nation. This work also has generated a lot of news media attention. I want to thank the people in Washington for allowing me to undertake this difficult and controversial work. Not one of you ever complained to me about this, something I will be forever grateful for. While I will not be in office next year, I will continue to fight for criminal justice reform as an activist.

Sincerely,
JEFFREY EVANGELOS
State Representative

Town Meeting Results

Warrant For 2021 Annual Town Meeting

TO: Christopher Lascoutx, Constable, Town of Washington.

GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Washington, Knox County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bryant Room of the Gibbs Library, 40 Old Union Road, Washington, on Friday, March 26, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.: **(should have read 10:00am until 8pm; MMA approved that we could still hold elections and meeting as we generally start at 10:00am and no one was waiting)**

And to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Prescott Memorial School, 100 Waldoboro Road, Washington, on Saturday, March 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 38 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.
Town Clerk, Mary Anderson, opened town meeting before the polls were opened for the Town Election. Phil Meunier, Fire Chief, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Walter Metcalf as moderator who was the only nominee and then was elected with 3 votes. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office.

Article 2: To elect all necessary town officers and school board members as are required to be elected.

A motion was made and seconded to elect all necessary town officers and school board members as are required to be elected. The ballot box was inspected and secured. Walter Metcalf opened the polls. Linda Luce, Elizabeth Grinnell and Deborah RoyRoberts, checked in voters. The polls were closed at 8p.m. by Moderator Walter Metcalf. Ballots Clerks Nancy Barker and Stephanie Grinnell counted the ballots. The moderator adjourned the meeting until 10a.m Saturday, March 27, 2021, at the Prescott Memorial School. On Saturday, March 27, 2021, Linda Luce and Mildred Melgard checked in 52 voters into the town meeting. Michael Mayo was sworn in as Deputy Moderator. The town clerk announced the results of Article 2 as follows: 108 votes cast

The following is a list of ballots cast:

Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor 3 year term:

Berkley Linscott: 42

Mitch Garnett (write in): 60

Other write ins: 5

Blank: 1

School Board member: 3 year term:

Write ins: 16 total, no clear winner

Blank: 92

Town Clerk, Mary Anderson opened Town Meeting and Fire Chief, Phil Meunier, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wesley Daniel presented the Spirit of America, Unsung Hero Awards for 2020 and 2021. The Town of Washington has been presenting these awards since 2007. Due to COVID-19 last year's award was postponed. The recipients of the 2020 award are Angela Stevens and Travis Perez; the recipient of the 2021 award is Deborah Vannah.

Article 3: To elect seven citizens and two alternates to serve on the Town of Washington Budget Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to elect seven citizens and two alternates to serve on the Town of Washington Budget Committee. Michael Mayo called for nominations for seven citizens and two alternates to serve on the Budget Committee. Mary Anderson read the list of nominees who were elected unanimously: Jesse Casas, Donald Grinnell, Kathleen Ocean, David Martucci, David Williams, Wendy Carr, Deborah Bocko. Peg Hobbs and Walter Metcalf were elected as alternates.

All in favor of this slate

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all necessary town officials.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to appoint all necessary town officials.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 4 passes.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize that the Plumbing Inspector be paid from fees collected from plumbing permits; the E911 Coordinator be paid from E911 application fees; and the Driveway Entrance Coordinator be paid from driveway entrance application fees.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize that the Plumbing Inspector be paid from fees collected from plumbing permits; the E911 Coordinator be paid from E911 application fees; and the Driveway Entrance Coordinator be paid from driveway entrance application fees.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 5 passes.

- Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022, to the date of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Explanation: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends, but before the next Annual Town Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022, to the date of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 6 passes.

- Article 7: To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes will be due and payable, and fix a rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after said date. (Selectmen and Tax Collector recommend 2021 taxes will be due and payable on October 1, 2021) (Maximum interest rate on overdue taxes allowed by State Law: 8.0%)

Moderator asked that the body consider Articles 7 & 8 already moved and seconded; no objection.

The Town will fix the date of October 1, 2021 that 2021 taxes will be due and payable with the maximum interest rate on overdue taxes to be 8%.

Article 7 passes.

- Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4%.

Explanation: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them. 36 MRSA, Sub. Sect. 506A calls for interest of 8% on abated taxes if the Town fails to set a rate. The rate set by the Town cannot be less than 4%.

The Town will set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4%.

Article 8 passes.

The moderator would like to consider Article 9 through Article 21 to be moved and seconded on the floor for discussion; no objection.

- Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make a final determination regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA Section 2953.

The Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to make a final determination regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA Section 2953. Article 9 passes.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax liens, other liens, or other processes, and to issue quitclaim deeds for same. Before going to public auction, Selectmen are authorized to offer the sale of the property to the former owner for back taxes, interests, and costs. If the offer is not accepted in 60 days, the Selectmen may dispose of the property by public auction. All net proceeds from any auction shall be placed in the town's road reserve account.

The Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax liens, other liens, or other processes, and to issue quitclaim deeds for same. Before going to public auction, Selectmen are authorized to offer the sale of the property to the former owner for back taxes, interests, and costs. If the offer is not accepted in 60 days, the Selectmen may dispose of the property by public auction. All net proceeds from any auction shall be placed in the town's road reserve account. Article 10 passes.

Article 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appropriate money from the sale of any Town tax acquired lands to pay the costs of said sale.

The Town will authorize the Selectmen to appropriate money from the sale of any Town tax acquired lands to pay the costs of said sale. Article 11 passes.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned items with a value of \$5,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable, and to place the proceeds of sale to the General Fund or Reserve Account that is appropriate.

The Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned items with a value of \$5,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable, and to place the proceeds of sale to the General Fund or Reserve Account that is appropriate. Article 12 passes.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell surplus equipment with expected value over \$5000.00 by sealed bid, and to place the proceeds of the sale in a General Fund or Reserve Account, as appropriate.

The Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell surplus equipment with expected value over \$5000.00 by sealed bid, and to place the proceeds of the sale in a General Fund or Reserve Account, as appropriate. Article 13 passes.

Article 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2021 and 2022 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue.

The Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2021 and 2022 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue. Article 14 passes.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a Tax Club Payment Plan and to waive interest on taxes for those accounts that are kept current.

The Town will authorize the Tax Collector to offer a Tax Club Payment Plan and to waive interest on taxes for those accounts that are kept current. Article 15 passes.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize municipal officials to apply for Homeland Security and/or other grants that may come available.

The Town will authorize municipal officials to apply for Homeland Security and/or other grants that may come available.

Article 16 passes.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to spend any grant money received, not to exceed the amount of the grant, for the stated purposes of the grant only.

The Town will spend any grant money received, not to exceed the amount of the grant, for the stated purposes of the grant only.

Article 17 passes.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to move the 2021 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Maintenance Reserve Account.

The Town will move the 2021 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Maintenance Reserve Account. Article 18 passes.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to move any monies remaining in the Public Safety account on December 31, 2021 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

The Town will move any monies remaining in the Public Safety account on December 31, 2021 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

Article 19 passes.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to approve moving \$5,000.00 from the sale of the old Fire Tanker Chassis from Surplus to the Fire Truck Replacement Reserve account.

The Town will approve moving \$5000.00 from the sale of the old Fire Tanker Chassis from Surplus to the Fire Truck Replacement Reserve account. Article 19 passes.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the 2021 Snowmobile Refund to the Washington Hill & Gully Riders for the sole purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public from November 15 until April 1 and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose, or see what action the Town will take.

Explanation: The snowmobile registration money must be appropriated annually by the Town for whatever purpose it desires. If all or part of it is appropriated to the snowmobile club, one of the conditions of that appropriation must be that the club's trails are open to public use. Otherwise, it would be an illegal appropriation of public funds for a private group.

The moderator asked if anyone has any concern with considering the Articles on the floor for discussion and avoiding moved and seconded; no objection.

The Town will appropriate the 2021 Snowmobile Refund to the Washington Hill & Gully Riders for the sole purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public from November 15 until April 1 and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose, or see what action the Town will take. Article 21 passes.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2021 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2021 tax commitment by \$469,275.00.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend:

Excise Tax Revenue	250,000.00
Revenue Sharing	115,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	3,000.00
Building Permits	1,500.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	4,000.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes	12,000.00
Veterans Reimbursement	1,600.00
General Fund Interest	5,000.00

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Other Town Fees Collected	9,175.00
Unexpended 2020 Appropriations	45,000.00
Transferred from Undesignated Fund Balance	50,000.00
Total	<u>\$496,275.00</u>

David Martucci made a motion to amend the body of Article 22 to correct the amount to \$496,275.00.

Moved and seconded. Amendment passed unanimously.

The Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2021 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2021 tax commitment by ~~\$469,275.00~~ \$496,275.00

Article as amended carries unanimously Article 22 passes.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$339,036.67 from property taxation for 2021 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Knox County Tax Assessment	\$181,078.67
Knox County Communications	50,038.00
Union Ambulance	62,828.00
Tri-County Solid Waste	<u>45,092.00</u>
	\$339,036.67

The Town will raise and appropriate \$339,036.67 from property taxation for 2021 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments. Article 23 passes.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$54,750.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Legal Fees	7,500.00
Administration	47,250.00
Advertising	1,000.00
Computer Annual Fees	15,000.00
Audit of Town Books	7,000.00
Computer Tech Support	1,000.00
MMA Dues	3,000.00
Workshops and Training	1,000.00
Mileage	2,000.00
Office Equipment	4,200.00
Office Supplies	2,500.00
Postage	3,100.00
Selectmen Discretionary Fund	500.00
Tax Maps	1,000.00
Tax Billing	1,500.00

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Town Report Printing	3,000.00	
Tax Anticipation Note	1,000.00	
Money Order Fees	450.00	
Subtotal	47,250.00	
Total		\$54,750.00

The Town will raise and appropriate \$54,750.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations. Article 24 passes.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$31,519.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

MMA Insurance Risk Pool	\$21,935.00
Unemployment Insurance	672.00
Worker's Compensation Premium	8,012.00
Volunteer Insurance	100.00
Firefighter Accident Insurance	800.00
Total	\$31,519.00

The Town will raise and appropriate \$31,519.00 from property taxation for Insurance. Article 25 passes.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$205,437.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Salaries and Stipends	\$143,692.00
Selectmen (3)	19,500.00
Secretary - Selectmen	800.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	23,445.00
Treasurer	13,155.00
Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector/Treasurer	24,160.00
Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector/Treasurer II	14,832.00
Ballot Clerks	2,500.00
EMA Director	750.00
Health Officer	1,000.00
Fire Warden (2)	300.00
Fire Chief	4,000.00
Deputy Fire Chief	3,000.00
Firefighter Stipends	3,750.00
Secretary - Planning Board	1,000.00
Secretary - Appeals Board	400.00
Assessor's Agent	5,000.00
Animal Control Officer	3,000.00

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Code Enforcement Officer	20,000.00	
Constable	100.00	
Moderator of open		
March town meeting	200.00	
School Board Member Stipend (2)	1,000.00	
Custodial Services	<u>1,800.00</u>	
Sub-total	\$143,692.00	
Town Portion of Employee		
Health Insurance	39,600.00	
FICA Payroll Expenses	<u>22,145.00</u>	
		\$61,745.00
Total		\$205,437.00
The Town will raise and appropriate \$205,437.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.		
Article 26 passes.		

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$437,774.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Road Maintenance Materials & Supplies	10,000.00
Plow Truck Payment	20,184.00
Plow Truck Payment (P600, 2021)	18,800.00
Truck Fuel	19,500.00
Truck Maintenance	
P100	2,000.00
P200	4,000.00
P300	4,000.00
P400	2,000.00
P500	2,000.00
P600	2,000.00
Cutting Edges and Sander Chains	11,500.00
Culverts	3,000.00
Loader and Backhoe Fuel	3,500.00
Loader, Backhoe & Chipper Maintenance	5,500.00
Garage Mortgage	12,290.00
Garage Utilities	4,500.00
Garage Maintenance	2,500.00
Road Maintenance Labor	150,000.00
Equipment Rental	13,000.00
Screening Winter Sand	16,000.00
Road Salt	30,000.00
E911 and Road Signs	500.00
Paving and Capital Improvement of Town Roads	100,000.00

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State Fee, Mining Permit	400.00
Driver OSHA and DOT Screening and Testing	600.00
Total	<u>\$437,774.00</u>

The Town will raise and appropriate \$437,774.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.

Article 27 passes.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

General Assistance	2,000.00
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The Town will raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

Article 28 passes.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$82,865.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Fire Department General Support	12,500.00
Fire Department Equipment	12,000.00
Firefighter Training	2,000.00
Firefighter Physicals	2,500.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment	31,365.00
Tanker Truck Loan Payment	19,700.00
Hose Testing	<u>2,800.00</u>
Total	82,865.00

The Town will raise and appropriate \$82,865.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

Article 29 passes.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$48,500.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Town Utilities	14,000.00
Grounds and Monument Gardens	1,000.00
Building and Grounds Maintenance	8,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	16,000.00
Street Lights	3,500.00
Municipal Complex Snow Removal	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total	48,500.00

The Town will raise and appropriate \$48,500.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.

Article 30 passes.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$600.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Conservation and Parks Committee	200.00
Planning Board Expense	200.00
Comprehensive Plan and Ordinance Review Committee	200.00
Total	600.00

The Town will raise and appropriate \$600.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees. Article 31 passes.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$47,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Headstone Restoration Fund	1,000.00
West Washington Cemetery Restoration	3,000.00
Town Record Preservation Fund	3,000.00
Fire Truck Replacement Fund	20,000.00
Road Maintenance Truck Fund	20,000.00
Total	47,000.00

The Town will raise and appropriate \$47,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts. Article 32 passes.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,213.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Washington Library Association	15,000.00
Washington Community Scholarship	1,000.00
Minnie Weaver Scholarship	1,000.00
Washington Historical Society	3,500.00
Washington Food Pantry	2,000.00
Mid-Coast Humane Society	2,215.00
Flags for Veterans Graves and Town Parks	600.00
Midcoast Conservancy Dues (Damariscotta Lake Watershed)	50.00
Sub-total	25,365.00
Social Agencies and Concerns	
New Hope for Women	750.00
Waldo Community Action Partners	365.00
Spectrum Generations	1,169.00
Pine Tree Chapter, Red Cross	1,500.00
Life Flight of Maine	764.00
Gary Owen House	300.00
Sub-total	4,848.00
Total	\$30,213.00

The Town will raise and appropriate \$30,213.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts. Article 33 passes.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending up to \$61,000.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.

The Town will authorize spending up to \$61,000.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement. Article 34 passes.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending \$40,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) for Paving.

The Town will authorize spending \$40,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) for Paving. Article 35 passes.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending \$40,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) to crush tailings into surface gravel.

The Town will authorize spending \$40,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) to crush tailings into surface gravel.

David Martucci asked where the tailings are coming from. Tom Johnston explained the tailings are from screening our winter sand (everything that doesn't go into winter sand) and processed to make surface and gravel for our gravel roads. Janet Martucci asked where the tailings are generated. Tom Johnston stated they are from the town gravel pit. Kit Lascoutx asked who is doing the screening. Tom Johnston stated they asked for proposals on screening winter sand and crushing tailings and the best price they received was from R.S. Pidacks out of Livermore, ME.

Article 36 passes.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to investigate options to invest in infrastructure to provide equal access high speed internet to all areas of the town.

Explanation: The purpose of the vote is to demonstrate to potential Internet Service Providers, lenders, and grant sources that the Town supports improving our internet speeds. The vote would allow us to partner with a company and apply for a Community Planning Grant through the ConnectMaine Authority to explore options to improve our internet speeds. This would NOT commit the Town to any debt or specific Internet Service Provider.

The Town will investigate options to invest in infrastructure to provide equal access high speed internet to all areas of the town.

David Williams asked if we would come back again to appropriate money. Mike Mayo, moderator, said yes as the article is written it does not authorize the expenditure of any money. If money was to be expended in relation to this it would have to be brought before another town meeting under another article stating the amount.

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Donald Grinnell stated that the explanation does not say that. It says ‘the vote would allow us to partner with a company and apply for a grant’. That means that if the application for a grant, if there is any matching funds with that this says the town can do it without coming back to the board. Mike Mayo stated, as voted on earlier ‘any grant the town gets they can not exceed the expenditure of the grant amount’ in a prior article that passed. Tom Johnston stated that most of the grant and processors want to know that the town is supportive of the process and this vote would allow the committee to say yes the town has voted to continue to investigate this. Nothing in this vote says we can spend money that we have not appropriated for. Sara Bullard, Chair of the Broadband Committee, stated for the Community Planning Grants we would partner with a consulting company and the fee of the company is included in the grant. It doesn’t cost any money; their fee is part of the grant they are applying for. **Article 37 passes.**

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Washington by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that tax levy limit.

The Town will permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Washington by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that tax levy limit.

Deborah Bocko asked if it has to be permanent. Tom Johnston stated that if the town committed future funds this year that would continue to exceed the property tax limit and the way the law is worded, if we don’t vote to permanently increase that limit we would have to continue to vote to do that on a yearly basis. This allows us to continue. We don’t have anything this year. Last year purchasing those two trucks and committing the town to making those payments may have exceeded the limit; this makes sure we can continue to make those payments. **Article 38 passes.**

Given under our hands on this 24th day of February, 2021:

WESLEY F. DANIEL,
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
BERKLEY LINSKOTT,
Selectman
THOMAS N. JOHNSTON,
Selectman

Attest:

MARY ANDERSON, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Results

TO: Christopher Lascoutx, Constable, Town of Washington.

GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Washington, Knox County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Fire Department, 42 Old Union Road, Washington, on Wednesday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and Article 2 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.
Katherine Grinnell and Mildred Melgard checked in 66 voters. Town Clerk, Mary Anderson, opened special town meeting at 7:05 p.m. Phil Meunier, Fire Chief, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made and seconded to nominate David Martucci as moderator who was the only nominee and then was elected with 3 votes. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office. David Martucci read rules we would operate under so everyone would be clear as to what the procedure is we are following. David Martucci recognized all non-voters.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$12,500 from undesignated fund balance to contract with Axiom Broadband to develop a Planning Document to include a Digital Equity and Inclusion Plan, in preparation to meet grant opportunities.

A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$12,500.00 from undesignated fund balance to contract with Axiom Broadband to develop a Planning Document to include a Digital Equity and Inclusion Plan, in preparation to meet grant opportunities. No discussion.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 2 passes

David Martucci adjourned the meeting at 7:13p.m.

Given under our hands on this 21st day of July, 2021:

WESLEY F. DANIEL,

Selectman Chairman

THOMAS N. JOHNSTON,

Selectman

MITCHELL A. GARNETT,

Selectman

Independent Auditor

Board of Selectmen
Town of Washington

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Town of Washington, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Town of Washington as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable,

cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters***Required Supplementary Information***

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

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Washington's basic financial statements. The nonmajor fund financial statements and Schedules B-1 through B-12 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Bath, Maine
February 22, 2022

Exhibit A

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statements of Net Position — December 31, 2021 and 2020

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash (Note B)	1,238,182.08	798,472.21
Taxes Receivable	215,337.53	249,677.37
Tax Liens	54,514.24	60,679.54
Accounts Receivable	32,899.55	34,468.59
Due From Other Funds		1,114.00
Total Current Assets	1,540,933.40	1,144,411.71
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT (NOTE M):		
Land and Improvements	29,100.00	29,100.00
Buildings	873,577.00	873,577.00
Equipment	186,342.00	186,342.00
Motor Vehicles	1,229,228.00	1,281,114.00
Infrastructure	13,541,268.74	13,402,111.00
Total Property, Plant, and Equipment	15,859,515.74	15,772,244.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	13,790,511.00	13,599,301.00
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	2,069,004.74	2,172,943.00
Total Assets	3,609,938.14	3,317,354.71
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Notes Payable (Note E)	89,862.88	86,659.56
Accounts Payable - Trade	6,764.64	8,443.12
Due To Other Funds	2,073.00	
Deferred Revenue (Note H)	99,698.01	31,470.80
Total Current Liabilities	198,398.53	126,573.48
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
Notes Payable -		
Net of Current Portion (Note E)	446,310.61	536,068.32
Total Liabilities	644,709.14	662,641.80
NET POSITION:		
Net Invested in Capital Assets	1,532,831.25	1,550,215.12
Restricted for:		
Other Purposes	521,910.56	307,454.59
Unrestricted	910,487.19	797,043.20
Total Net Position	2,965,229.00	2,654,712.91
Total Liabilities and Net Position	3,609,938.14	3,317,354.71

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Exhibit B

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statements of Activities
for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Change In Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	2021 Totals	2020 Totals
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General Government	328,178.19	173,203.93	81,635.81	(73,338.45)	(277,636.61)
Public Assistance	884.53		1,020.62	136.09	(370.51)
Public Works	520,195.82	4,331.35	46,676.00	(469,188.47)	(322,250.83)
Education	1,777,067.48			(1,777,067.48)	(1,777,067.04)
Knox Communication	50,038.00			(50,038.00)	(50,450.00)
Debt Interest	15,761.66			(15,761.66)	(10,881.64)
County Tax Assessment	181,078.67			(181,078.67)	(174,353.61)
Public Safety	130,433.41	6,262.36		(124,171.05)	(111,773.85)
Unclassified	40,776.59	432.68	500.00	(39,843.91)	(37,863.81)
TCSWMO	45,092.31			(45,092.31)	(43,504.23)
Total Primary Government	3,089,506.66	184,230.32	129,832.43	(2,775,443.91)	(2,806,152.13)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

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General Revenues:

Taxes:

Property Taxes	2,461,406.69	2,369,990.72
Homestead Reimbursement	135,609.41	141,009.59
Excise Taxes	315,467.45	285,998.51
Intergovernmental - State Revenue	115,000.00	111,800.00
Interest	15,589.38	23,747.97
Tree Growth	4,406.07	3,598.57
Due From Trust Funds		114.00
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Assets	8,464.00	(10,040.00)
BETE	30,017.00	43,230.00
Total General Revenues	3,085,960.00	2,969,449.36
Change in Net Position	310,516.09	163,297.23
Net Position, January 1	2,654,712.91	2,491,415.68
Net Position, December 31	2,965,229.00	2,654,712.91

Exhibit C

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances
to Net Position of Governmental Activities
for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES:		
Restricted for:		
Other Purposes (Schedule B-3)	521,910.56	307,454.59
Unrestricted (Schedule B-2)	680,635.42	548,819.74
Total Governmental Fund Balances (Exhibit E)	1,202,545.98	856,274.33
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statements of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	2,069,004.74	2,172,943.00
Notes payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(536,173.49)	(622,727.88)
Property taxes not collected within the 60 days after year end are deferred as revenue in the fund financial statements. In the government-wide financial statement the revenue is income in the year assessed.	229,851.77	248,223.46
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)	2,965,229.00	2,654,712.91

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Exhibit D

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Reconciliation of the Statements of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds
to the Statements of Activities
for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances -		
Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit F)	346,271.65	8,153.13
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the		
Statements of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.		
However, in the Statements of Activities, the cost of those		
assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as		
depreciation expense. This is the amount by which		
(depreciation exceeds capital outlays)		
capital outlays exceeds depreciation.	(99,902.26)	436,168.00
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the		
governmental funds, but the repayment reduces		
liabilities in the Statements of Net Position.	186,554.39	102,929.76
Net book value on disposal of assets.	(4,036.00)	(15,040.00)
Loan proceeds provide current financial resources to		
governmental funds, but issuing debt increases		
long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	(100,000.00)	(351,945.28)
Property taxes are deferred in the fund financial statements,		
but in the government-wide financial statements they are		
recorded as income in the year they are assessed.	(18,371.69)	(16,968.38)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities		
(Exhibit B)	<u>310,516.09</u>	<u>163,297.23</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Exhibit E

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Balance Sheets - Governmental Funds
December 31, 2021 and 2020

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>	
	2021	2020
	Total	Total
ASSETS:		
Cash	1,238,182.08	798,472.21
Taxes Receivable	215,337.53	249,677.37
Tax Liens	54,514.24	60,679.54
Accounts Receivable	32,899.55	34,468.59
Due From Other Funds		1,114.00
Total Assets	<u>1,540,933.40</u>	<u>1,144,411.71</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCE:		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	6,764.64	8,443.12
Due To Other Funds	2,073.00	
Total Liabilities	<u>8,837.64</u>	<u>8,443.12</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Deferred Revenue (Note H)	99,698.01	31,470.80
Deferred Tax Revenue	229,851.77	248,223.46
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>329,549.78</u>	<u>279,694.26</u>
Fund Balance:		
Assigned for Other Purposes	521,910.56	307,454.59
Unassigned	680,635.42	548,819.74
Total Fund Balance	<u>1,202,545.98</u>	<u>856,274.33</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Fund Balance	<u>1,540,933.40</u>	<u>1,144,411.71</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Exhibit F

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds
for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021 Total	2020 Total
REVENUES:		
Property Taxes	2,479,778.38	2,386,959.10
Excise Taxes	315,467.45	285,998.51
Intergovernmental Revenues	115,000.00	111,800.00
Homestead Reimbursement	135,609.41	141,009.59
Public Assistance	1,020.62	470.20
Public Works	16,831.35	95,973.51
Interest	15,589.38	23,747.97
Building Permits - Town	142,168.81	2,542.10
Tree Growth Reimbursement	4,406.07	3,598.57
Veterans Reimbursement	1,676.00	1,757.00
Urban Rural Initiative	46,676.00	43,688.00
Unclassified	932.68	3,460.00
BETE	30,017.00	43,230.00
Public Safety	6,262.36	191.66
General Government	104,994.93	35,336.45
Mining Permits and Inspections	6,000.00	5,525.00
Total Revenues	3,422,430.44	3,185,287.66
EXPENDITURES:		
Education - MSAD 40	1,777,067.48	1,777,067.04
Knox County Tax	181,078.67	174,353.61
General Government	421,555.19	310,941.16
Public Works	458,954.56	809,177.34
Public Safety	98,395.41	207,724.51
Public Assistance	884.53	840.71
Unclassified	40,776.59	41,323.81
TCSWMO	45,092.31	43,504.23
Knox Communication	50,038.00	50,450.00
Debt Principal	86,554.39	102,929.76
Debt Interest	15,761.66	10,881.64
Total Expenditures	3,176,158.79	3,529,193.81
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	246,271.65	(343,906.15)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Transfer - In	-	114.00
Loan Proceeds	100,000.00	351,945.28
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	100,000.00	352,059.28
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	346,271.65	8,153.13
Fund Balance, January 1	856,274.33	848,121.20
Fund Balance, December 31	1,202,545.98	856,274.33

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

TOWN OF WASHINGTON Exhibit G
Statements of Fiduciary Net Position — Nonspendable Trust Funds
December 31, 2021 and 2020

ASSETS:	2021	2020
Cash	126,866.07	127,425.21
Due From Other Funds	2,073.00	
Total Assets	<u>128,939.07</u>	<u>127,425.21</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
LIABILITIES:		
Due To Other Funds	<u>9,353.01</u>	<u>10,726.76</u>
NET POSITION:		
Restricted for Principal	79,637.11	77,937.11
Unassigned	39,948.95	38,761.34
Total Net Position	<u>119,586.06</u>	<u>116,698.45</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>128,939.07</u>	<u>127,425.21</u>

TOWN OF WASHINGTON Exhibit H
Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position -
Nonspendable Trust Funds
for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

REVENUES:	2021	2020
Interest	514.60	1,881.63
Contributions	3,473.00	8,000.00
Total Revenues	<u>3,987.60</u>	<u>9,881.63</u>
EXPENSES:		
Scholarships	1,100.00	5,000.00
Maintenance		114.00
Total Expenses	<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>5,114.00</u>
Change in Net Position	2,887.60	4,767.63
Net Position, January 1	116,698.46	111,930.83
Net Position, December 31	<u>119,586.06</u>	<u>116,698.46</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

TOWN OF WASHINGTON Exhibit I
Statements of Cash Flows
Fiduciary Fund Type - Nonexpendable Trust Funds
for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
CASH FLOWS FROM		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest	554.86	2,036.62
Cash Received for Trust Funds	3,473.00	4,000.00
Cash Paid for Expenses	(1,400.00)	
Due To (From) Other Funds	(3,187.00)	1,947.36
Net Cash Provided by (Used in)		
Operating Activities	(559.14)	7,983.98
Cash Balance, January 1	127,425.21	119,441.23
Cash Balance, December 31	<u>126,866.07</u>	<u>127,425.21</u>

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accounting policies of the Town of Washington conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

1. Financial Reporting Entity

The Town of Washington was incorporated in 1811. The Town operates under a town meeting form of government.

In evaluating the Town of Washington as a reporting entity, management has addressed all potential component units. The primary criteria for including a component reporting entity are the exercise of financial accountability by the Town of Washington's municipal officials.

The Town's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through

November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

2. Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

The Town's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Town as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Town's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as governmental. The Town's fire protection, recreation, public works, and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities.

In the government-wide Statements of Net Position, the governmental column is presented on a consolidated basis by column, and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Town's net position is reported in three parts - net invested in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. The Town first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statements of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Town's functions (fire, public works, administrative, etc.). The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits, and charges, etc.). The Statements of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, and operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function (fire, public works, etc.). Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (property, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc.).

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Town as an entity and the change in the Town's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

3. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the Town are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the Town:

a. Governmental Funds:

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental fund of the Town:

1. General Fund:

General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Additionally, the Town reports the following fund type:

Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary Funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore are not available to support Town programs. The reporting focus is on net assets and changes in net assets and is reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. Nonmajor funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of either fund category) for the determination of major funds.

The Town's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

4. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied:

a. Accrual:

Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements and fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

b. Modified Accrual:

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e. both measurable and available. “Available” means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

5. Financial Statement Amounts

a. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The Town has defined cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, demand deposits, and cash with fiscal agents. Statutes authorize the Treasurer of the Town, as directed by the municipal officers, to invest all municipal funds, including reserve and trust funds, to the extent that the terms of the instrument, order, or article creating the fund do not prohibit the investment in financial institutions as described in Section 5706 MRSA and securities as described in Sections 5711 through 5717 MRSA.

b. Accounts Receivable:

Receivables include federal grants, state subsidies, town assessments and reimbursements. Based on prior year collections, management has determined that an allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary at December 31, 2021.

c. Capital Assets:

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$1,000.00 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	20-50 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5-10 Years
Improvements	10-20 Years
Infrastructure	10-50 Years
Vehicles	10-25 Years

d. Revenues:

Substantially, all governmental fund revenues are accrued. Property taxes are billed and collected within the same period in which the taxes are levied. In applying GASB No. 33 to grant revenues the provider recognizes liabilities and expenses and the recipient recognizes receivables and revenue when the applicable eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Resources transmitted before the eligibility requirements are met are reported as advances by the provider and deferred revenue by the recipient.

e. Expenditures:

Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

f. Use of Estimates:

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

g. Accounts Receivable:

Receivables include federal grants, state subsidies, town assessments and reimbursements. Based on prior year collections, management has determined that an allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary at December 31, 2021.

h. Interfund Receivables/Payables:

Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which the transactions are executed.

i. Fund Balance:

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, the Town employs terminology and classifications for fund balance items as follows:

Nonspendable fund balances includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balances represent those portions of fund equity that have externally enforceable legal restrictions.

Committed fund balances are amounts that can be used only for specific purposes because of a formal action taken by town government. The fund balances in the Capital Projects Fund are in this category.

Assigned fund balances are amounts that the Town intends to use for specific purposes. The Board of Selectmen approved carryovers are included in assigned fund balances.

Unassigned fund balances are all amounts in the General Fund that are not assigned to another category. Only the General Fund can have an unassigned fund balance.

6. Implementation of New Accounting Standards

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the following statements of financial accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board became effective:

a. Statement No. 89, "Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period", effective for the year ending December 31, 2022. The objectives of this statement are (1) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. This statement establishes accounting requirements for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. Management has determined that the impact of this statement is not material to the financial statements.

b. Statement No. 98, "The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report" is effective for the year ending December 31, 2021. That new term and acronym replace instances of comprehensive annual financial report and its acronym in generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

7. Future Accounting Pronouncements

a. Statement No 87, "Leases" is effective for the year ending December 31, 2022. The objective of this statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. Management has determined that the impact of this statement is not material to the financial statements.

b. Statement No. 91, "Conduit Debt Obligations" is effective for the year ending December 31, 2022. The objective of the statement is to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required disclosures. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

c. Statement No. 93, “Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates” is effective for the year ending December 31, 2022. The objective of this statement is to improve guidance regarding the governments that have entered into agreements in which variable payments made or received depend on an interbank offered rate (IBOR) - most notably, the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). As a result of global reference rate reform, LIBOR is expected to cease to exist in its current form at the end of 2021. The objective of this statement is to address those and other accounting and financial reporting implications that result from the replacement of an IBOR. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

d. Statement No. 94, “Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements” is effective for the year ending December 31, 2023. The objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in this statement, a PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

e. Statement No. 96, “Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements” is effective for the year ended December 31, 2023. The objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset - an intangible asset - and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

f. Statement No. 97, “Certain Component Unit Criteria and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans” is effective for the year ended December 31, 2022. The requirements of this statement will result in more consistent financial reporting of defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution OPEB plans, and other employee benefits plans, while mitigating the costs associated with reporting those plans. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

8. Subsequent Events

Management has made an evaluation of subsequent events to and including the audit report date, which was the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure have been considered in the preparation of the financial statement.

NOTE B - CASH:

The Town’s cash is categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Town at year-end. These Categories are defined as follows:

Category #1 - Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Town or by its agent in the Town’s name.

Category #2 - Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution’s trust department or agent in the Town’s name.

Category #3 - Uncollateralized (This includes any bank balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town’s name.)

ACCOUNT TYPE	CARRYING AMOUNT	BANK BALANCE	CATEGORY		
			#1	#2	#3
Interest Bearing					
Accounts	1,237,872.08	1,255,540.29	1,255,540.29		

NOTE C - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Accounts Receivable consists of the following:

Maine Municipal	22,009.72
State of Maine:	
Homestead	29,008.00
General Assistance	565.83
Snowmobile	320.72
Vendor	30.00
	<u>32,899.55</u>

Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts

An allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary at December 31, 2021.

NOTE D - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES:

Due To other funds consist of the following:

Due To Trust Funds	2,073.00
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NOTE E - NOTES PAYABLE:

The following is a summary of note transactions of the Town of Washington for the year ended December 31, 2021:

	BALANCE		REDUCTIONS	BALANCE
	1/1/21	ADDITIONS		12/31/21
The First - Fire Truck	224,643.59		(25,689.84)	198,953.75
The First - Plow Truck	57,322.74		(18,580.07)	38,742.67
The First - Line of Credit		100,000.00	(100,000.00)	
The First - Fire Truck 2020	110,000.00		(16,979.31)	93,020.69
The First - Plow Truck 2020	105,000.00		(16,207.52)	88,792.48
The First - Garage Loan	125,761.55		(9,097.65)	116,663.90
	<u>622,727.88</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>(186,554.39)</u>	<u>536,173.49</u>

General Fund:

The First - Fire Truck:

The note dated March 24, 2017 is for \$324,533.00 payable over twelve years with annual principal and interest payments of \$31,364.62. The interest rate is 2.49%. \$198,953.75

The First - Plow Truck:

The note dated December 17, 2015 is for \$143,766.00, payable over eight years with annual principal and interest payments of \$20,183.83. The interest rate is fixed at 2.75%. 38,742.67

The First - Line of Credit:

The line of credit is a fixed rate (1.00%) non-disclosable revolving line of credit for \$250,000.00. The note is dated August 18, 2015 and may be renewed on an annual basis. There was no balance outstanding at December 31, 2021. -0-

The First - Fire Truck 2020:

The note dated August 18, 2020 is for \$110,000.00, payable over six years with annual principal and interest payments of \$19,687.78. The interest rate is 1.89%. 93,020.69

The First - Plow Truck 2020:

The note dated August 18, 2020 is for \$105,000.00, payable over six years with annual principal and interest payments of \$18,792.88. The interest rate is 1.89%. \$88,792.48

The First - Garage Loan:

The note dated August 6, 2020 is for \$136,945.28, payable over twelve years with annual principal and interest payments of \$12,286.90. The interest rate is 2.50%. 116,663.90
\$536,173.49

The annual requirements to amortize notes payable as of December 31, 2021 follows:

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2022	89,862.88	12,453.17	102,316.05
2023	91,959.80	10,358.83	102,318.63
2024	73,907.61	8,224.57	82,132.18
2025	75,550.26	6,581.92	82,132.18
2026	77,056.32	5,075.86	82,132.18
Thereafter	127,836.62	8,289.94	136,126.56
	<u>536,173.49</u>	<u>50,984.29</u>	<u>587,157.78</u>

NOTE F - GENERAL FUND BUDGET:

The Town operates on a net budget as compared with a gross budget. All revenues are not estimated, but are credited to the particular operating account. Certain revenues are dedicated for particular purposes by vote of the townspeople at the annual town meeting or at special town meetings.

At the annual town meeting, held in March of each year, the townspeople vote on various articles on which amounts for appropriations have been recommended by the Board of Selectmen and/or the Budget Committee.

NOTE G - ASSIGNED FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

Historically, the townspeople vote to carry certain departmental unexpended balances forward to the following year for expenditure. This is usually in lieu of additional appropriations in any particular account.

General Government	85,330.53
Public Safety	71,761.56
Public Works	353,849.74
Unclassified	10,968.73
	<u>521,910.56</u>

NOTE H - DEFERRED REVENUE:

Deferred Revenue consists of the following:

Prepaid 2022 Taxes	3,022.04
Suspense	96,675.97
	<u>99,698.01</u>

Suspense is the excess of state revenue sharing receipts over and above the commitment.

NOTE I - EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS:

During the year expenditures exceeded total revenue and appropriations in the following general fund categories:

FUNCTION	REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION	BUDGETED	
		REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES	VARIANCE
Education - MSAD #40	1,777,067.00	1,777,067.48	(0.48)
TCSWMO	45,092.00	45,092.31	(0.31)
Legal	7,500.00	10,499.50	(2,999.50)
Union Ambulance	62,828.00	63,002.00	(174.00)

The overdrafts in the expense accounts are due to expenditures exceeding appropriations.

NOTE J - REVENUE RECOGNITION - PROPERTY TAXES:

The Town's property tax for the current year was levied June 30, 2021 on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2021 for all taxable real and personal property located in the Town. Taxes were due on October 1, 2021 with interest at 8% per annum or part thereof commencing October 2, 2021. Liens are filed on any real property where taxes remain unpaid between eight and twelve months after the levy date.

The National Council on Governmental Accounting (N.C.G.A.) Interpretation No. 3 requires that property tax revenue be recognized only to the extent it will be collected within 60 days following the year end. The deferred tax revenue shown on the balance sheet represents property taxes not expected to be collected within 60 days after the year end.

Property taxes are recognized when they become available. Available includes those taxes expected to be collected within 60 days after year end as stated above. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible and therefore no allowance for uncollectible taxes is provided.

NOTE K - INTEREST COST INCURRED:

During the current year, the Town incurred interest costs totaling \$15,761.66 which was charged as an expense to various operating accounts.

NOTE L - RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. All significant losses are covered by commercial insurance. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

NOTE M - PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:

The following is a summary of changes in fixed assets at December 31, 2021:

	BALANCE			BALANCE
	JAN. 1, 21	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	DEC. 31, 21
Non-Depreciable:				
Land	14,131.00			14,131.00
Depreciable:				
Land Improvements	14,969.00			14,969.00
Buildings	873,577.00			873,577.00
Equipment	186,342.00			186,342.00
Motor Vehicles	1,281,114.00		51,886.00	1,229,228.00
Infrastructure	13,402,111.00	139,157.74		13,541,268.74
	15,772,244.00	139,157.74	51,886.00	15,859,515.74

Accumulated				
Depreciation	(13,599,301.00)	(239,060.00)	47,850.00	(13,790,511.00)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u>2,172,943.00</u>	<u>(99,902.26)</u>	<u>(4,036.00)</u>	<u>2,069,004.74</u>

Depreciation expense for the period totaled \$239,060.00. Of that amount, \$6,623.00 was for General Government, \$200,399.00 was for Public Works, and \$32,038.00 was for Public Safety.

NOTE N - OVERLAPPING DEBT:

The Town of Washington is a participant in MSAD #40 and is subject to annual assessment of its proportional share of school expenses. Long-term debt outstanding in MSAD #40 for which the Town of Washington would be proportionally responsible in the event the School defaulted is approximately \$6,751,598.00 at June 30, 2021. The Town of Washington’s share would be 10.37% of the debt or approximately \$700,056.00.

The Town of Washington is situated in Knox County and is therefore subject to annual assessment of its proportional share of county taxes. Long-term debt outstanding in Knox County for which the Town of Washington would be proportionally responsible in the event the County defaulted was \$2,414,485.00 at December 31, 2021. The Town of Washington’s share would be 2.11% of the debt, or approximately \$50,946.00.

Schedule A-1

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
for the year ended December 31, 2021

	Original and Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES:		
Property Taxes	2,461,461.06	2,479,778.38
Excise Taxes		315,467.45
Intergovernmental Revenues	115,000.00	115,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	135,548.67	135,609.41
Building Permits - Town		142,168.81
Tree Growth Reimbursement		4,406.07
Veterans Reimbursement		1,676.00
Interest		2,461.39
Public Works		63,507.35
General Government		104,994.93
BETE	30,011.44	30,017.00
Public Safety		6,262.36
Unclassified		932.68
Mining Permits and Inspections		6,000.00
Interest and Lien Costs on Overdue Taxes		13,127.99
Public Assistance		1,020.62
Total Revenues	2,742,021.17	3,422,430.44
EXPENDITURES:		
Education - MSAD #40	1,777,067.00	1,777,067.48
Knox County Tax	181,078.67	181,078.67
General Government	341,356.00	421,555.19
Public Works	486,500.00	458,954.56
Public Safety	114,628.00	98,395.41
Public Assistance	2,000.00	884.53
Unclassified	36,463.00	40,776.59
TCSWMO	45,092.00	45,092.31
Knox Communication	50,038.00	50,038.00
Debt Principal	86,554.39	86,554.39
Debt Interest	15,784.61	15,761.66
Total Expenditures	3,136,561.67	3,176,158.79
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(394,540.50)	246,271.65
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Transfer - In		100,000.00
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(394,540.50)	346,271.65
Fund Balance, January 1	856,274.33	856,274.33
Fund Balance, December 31	461,733.83	1,202,545.98

Schedule B-2

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statement of Changes in Unappropriated Surplus
for the year ended December 31, 2021

Unappropriated Surplus, January 1		548,819.74
INCREASES:		
Operating Account Balances Lapsed -		
Net (Schedule B-3)	574,718.99	
Decrease in Deferred Taxes	<u>18,371.69</u>	
		<u>593,090.68</u>
Total Available		1,141,910.42
DECREASES:		
Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting		<u>461,275.00</u>
Unappropriated Surplus, December 31		<u><u>680,635.42</u></u>

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statement of Departmental Operations for the year ended December 31, 2021

Schedule B-3

	BALANCE FORWARD 1/1/21	APPROPRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	UNEXPENDED (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/21
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:									
Education - MSAD #40	\$ -	\$ 1,777,067.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,777,067.00	\$ 1,777,067.48	\$ -	\$ (0.48)	\$ -
Knox County Tax		181,078.67			181,078.67	181,078.67			
Overlay		66,534.50			66,534.50		66,534.50		
TCSWMO		45,092.00			45,092.00	45,092.31		(0.31)	
Knox Communication		50,038.00			50,038.00	50,038.00			
	\$ -	\$ 2,119,810.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,119,810.17	\$ 2,053,276.46	\$ 66,534.50	\$ (0.79)	\$ -
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:									
Salaries	\$ -	\$ 205,437.00	\$ 4,570.00	\$ -	\$ 210,007.00	\$ 194,948.28	\$ -	\$ 15,058.72	\$ -
Administration		46,250.00	988.85	30.00	47,268.85	42,989.01		4,279.84	
COVID Election Grant	1,994.34				1,994.34	1,886.46		107.88	
ARPA			79,959.81		79,959.81				79,959.81
Legal		7,500.00			7,500.00	7,500.00	2,999.50	(2,999.50)	
Insurance		31,519.00	2,058.00	2,925.00	36,502.00	29,772.02		6,729.98	
Solar Permits			137,430.53		137,430.53			137,430.53	
Building Permits			4,738.28		4,738.28	591.58		4,146.70	
Mining Permits and Inspections			6,000.00		6,000.00			6,000.00	
Interest Income			2,461.39		2,461.39			2,461.39	
Interest and Lien Costs on Taxes			13,127.99		13,127.99			10,068.99	
Excise Taxes - Auto				313,224.25	313,224.25	3,059.00		313,010.55	
Excise Taxes - Boat				2,243.20	2,243.20	213.70		2,243.20	
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,000.00		12,691.42		17,691.42	15.00		12,676.42	5,000.00
Utilities/Maintenance			300.00		48,800.00	36,786.14		12,013.86	
Bonds and Committees		48,500.00			600.00			600.00	
Abateents and Supplementals		600.00					749.63		
Tax Anticipation Loan		1,000.00	30.51	100,000.00	101,030.51	100,313.88		716.63	
Animal Control			733.00		733.00	143.00		590.00	
State Homestead Reimbursement				135,609.41	135,609.41		135,548.67	60.74	
State Tree Growth			4,406.07		4,406.07			4,406.07	
State Veterans Reimbursement			1,676.00		1,676.00			1,676.00	
State Snowmobile			337.62		708.34				
State BETE			30,017.00	370.72	30,017.00	337.62	30,011.44	5.56	370.72
	\$ 6,994.34	\$ 340,806.00	\$ 301,526.47	\$ 555,152.21	\$ 1,204,479.02	\$ 418,555.69	\$ 167,309.24	\$ 531,283.56	\$ 85,330.53
PUBLIC SAFETY:									
Fire Truck Loans	\$ -	\$ 51,065.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,065.00	\$ 51,052.40	\$ -	\$ 12.60	\$ -
Fire Truck Replacement Reserve	35,718.53	20,000.00	34.63		55,753.16				55,753.16
Fire Department Operations		31,800.00	6,227.73		38,027.73	35,393.41	2,634.32		1,533.37
EMA Grant	1,533.37				1,533.37				
Union Ambulance		62,828.00		2,634.32	62,828.00	63,002.00		(174.00)	
Fire Equipment Reserve	11,840.71				14,475.03				14,475.03
	\$ 49,092.61	\$ 165,693.00	\$ 6,262.36	\$ 2,634.32	\$ 223,682.29	\$ 149,447.81	\$ 2,634.32	\$ (161.40)	\$ 71,761.56

Schedule B-3 cont.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON Statement of Departmental Operations for the year ended December 31, 2021

	BALANCE FORWARD 1/1/21	APPROPRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	UNEXPENDED (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/21
PUBLIC WORKS:									
General Roads	\$ -	\$ 286,500.00	\$ 2,822.53	\$ -	\$ 289,322.53	\$ 251,282.10	\$ -	\$ 38,040.43	\$ -
LIAP Initiative	46,658.40		46,676.00		93,334.40	31,014.72			62,319.68
Paving		140,000.00			140,000.00	139,157.74		842.26	
Plow Truck Loans		38,984.00			38,984.00	38,976.75		7.25	
Tulip/Gravel		40,000.00			40,000.00	37,500.00		2,500.00	
Debs - Garage		12,290.00			12,290.00	12,286.90		3.10	
Road Maintenance Truck Fund	32,964.76	20,000.00	13,474.30		66,439.06				66,439.06
Road Maintenance Reserve	158,076.35		534.52	66,480.13	225,091.00				225,091.00
	<u>\$ 237,699.51</u>	<u>\$ 537,774.00</u>	<u>\$ 63,507.35</u>	<u>\$ 66,480.13</u>	<u>\$ 905,460.99</u>	<u>\$ 510,218.21</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 41,393.04</u>	<u>\$ 353,849.74</u>
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:									
General Assistance	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 454.79	\$ 565.83	\$ 3,020.62	\$ 884.53	\$ -	\$ 2,136.09	\$ -
UNCLASSIFIED:									
Town Record Preservation	\$ 695.33	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,695.33	\$ 2,722.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 972.43
Recreation Committee	3,890.64		432.68		4,323.32	1,907.02			2,356.20
Cemetery Headstone Restoration	6,590.00	1,000.00			7,590.00		350.00		7,640.00
Waldo Community Action Partners	407.00	565.00			772.00	772.00			
Lincoln County Humane Society		2,215.00			2,215.00	2,214.15		0.85	
Flags for Veterans Graves		600.00			600.00	574.33		25.67	
New Hope for Women		750.00			750.00	750.00			
Washington Food Bank		2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00			
Spectrum Generations		1,169.00			1,169.00	1,169.00			
Damariscotta Lake Watershed Dues		50.00			50.00	50.00			
Minnie Weaver Scholarship		1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00			
Gibbs Library		15,000.00			15,000.00	15,000.00			
Washington Historical Society		3,500.00			3,500.00	3,500.00			
Washington Scholarship		1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00			
Gary Owen House		300.00			300.00	300.00			
W. Washington Cemetery Restoration		3,350.00		350.00	3,500.00	3,350.00			
PT ARC		1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00			
Life Flight		764.00			764.00	764.00			
Solar Project P.B.	1,685.16		500.00		1,685.16	1,685.16		41.97	
Info Sign					500.00	458.03			
	<u>\$ 13,668.13</u>	<u>\$ 37,213.00</u>	<u>\$ 932.68</u>	<u>\$ 350.00</u>	<u>\$ 52,163.81</u>	<u>\$ 40,776.59</u>	<u>\$ 350.00</u>	<u>\$ 68.49</u>	<u>\$ 10,968.73</u>
	<u>\$ 307,454.59</u>	<u>\$ 3,203,296.17</u>	<u>\$ 372,683.05</u>	<u>\$ 625,182.49</u>	<u>\$ 4,508,616.90</u>	<u>\$ 3,173,159.29</u>	<u>\$ 238,828.06</u>	<u>\$ 574,718.99</u>	<u>\$ 521,910.56</u>

Warrant for 2022 Annual Town Meeting

TO: Christopher Lascoutx, Constable, Town of Washington.

GREETINGS

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Washington, Knox County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Bryant Room of the Gibbs Library, 40 Old Union Road, Washington, on Friday, March 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2, as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.:

And to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Prescott Memorial School, 100 Waldoboro Road, Washington, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 47 as set out below, to wit:

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

Article 2: To elect all necessary town officers and school board members as are required to be elected.

Article 3: To elect seven citizens and two alternates to serve on the Town of Washington Budget Committee.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint all necessary town officials.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize that the Plumbing Inspector be paid from fees collected from plumbing permits; the E911 Coordinator be paid from E911 application fees; and the Driveway Entrance Coordinator be paid from driveway entrance application fees.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budgeted category of the 2022 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2023, to the date of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

Explanation: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends, but before the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 7: To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes will be due and payable, and fix a rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after said date.

(Select Board and Tax Collector recommend 2022 taxes will be due and payable on October 1, 2022) (Maximum interest rate on overdue taxes allowed by State Law: 4.0%)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 2%.

Explanation: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them. 36 MRSA, Sub. Sect. 506A calls for interest of 4% on abated taxes if the Town fails to set a rate. The rate set by the Town cannot be less than 0%.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to make a final determination regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA Section 2953.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell and dispose of property acquired by tax liens, other liens, or other processes, and to issue quitclaim deeds for same. Before disposing of the property, Select Board are authorized to offer the sale of the property to the former owner for back taxes, interests, and costs. If the offer is not accepted in 60 days, the Select Board may dispose of the property by public auction. All net proceeds from any auction shall be placed in the town's road reserve account.

Article 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to appropriate money from the sale of any Town tax acquired lands to pay the costs of said sale.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of town-owned items with a value of \$5,000.00 or less under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable, and to place the proceeds of sale to the General Fund or Reserve Account that is appropriate.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell surplus equipment with expected value over \$5000.00 by sealed bid, and to place the proceeds of the sale in a General Fund or Reserve Account, as appropriate.

Article 14: To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the years 2022 and 2023 for taxes not yet due or assessed and for no interest to accrue.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to offer a Tax Club Payment Plan and to waive interest on taxes for those accounts that are kept current.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize municipal officials to apply for Homeland Security and/or other grants that may come available.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to spend any grant money received, not to exceed the amount of the grant, for the stated purposes of the grant only.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to move the 2022 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Maintenance Reserve Account.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to move any monies remaining in the Public Safety account on December 31, 2022 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to start a Road Maintenance Equipment Reserve rollover account, and to move any monies remaining in the Maintenance of Town Roads account on December 31, 2022 to this rollover account.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the 2022 Snowmobile Refund to the Washington Hill & Gully Riders for the sole purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of the public from November 15 until April 1 and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose, or see what action the Town will take.

Explanation: The snowmobile registration money must be appropriated annually by the Town for whatever purpose it desires. If all or part of it is appropriated to the snowmobile club, one of the conditions of that appropriation must be that the club’s trails are open to public use. Otherwise, it would be an illegal appropriation of public funds for a private group.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to accept an offered NTIA (Broadband) Grant with the matching State Grant and to form a Municipal Broadband Service with these grants, in partnership with Axiom Technologies LLC.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Select Board to negotiate with Axiom to contract the installation and/or management of a Municipal owned Broadband System.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to form a Broadband Committee of 5 members to support and advise the Select Board on the Municipal Broadband System.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2022 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2022 tax commitment by \$495,575.00.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend:

Excise Tax Revenue	275,000.00
Revenue Sharing	150,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	4,000.00
Building Permits	1,500.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	6,000.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes	4,000.00
Veterans Reimbursement	1,600.00
General Fund Interest	2,000.00
Other Town Fees Collected	11,475.00
Unexpended 2021 Appropriations	40,000.00
Total	<u>\$495,575.00</u>

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$396,771.00 from property taxation for 2022 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Knox County Tax Assessment	\$185,851.00
Knox County Communications	49,661.00
Union Ambulance	117,290.00
Tri-County Solid Waste	43,969.00
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	\$396,771.00

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$56,994.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Legal Fees	7,500.00	
Administration	49,494.00	
Advertising	1,000.00	
Computer Annual Fees	15,444.00	
Audit of Town Books	7,200.00	
Computer Tech Support	1,000.00	
MMA Dues	3,000.00	
Workshops and Training	1,000.00	
Mileage	2,000.00	
Office Equipment	4,200.00	
Office Supplies	2,500.00	
Postage	3,600.00	
Select Board Discretionary Fund	500.00	
Tax Maps	1,000.00	
Tax Billing	1,500.00	
Town Report Printing	4,000.00	
Tax Anticipation Note	1,000.00	
Money Order Fees	550.00	
Subtotal	49,494.00	
Total		<hr/>
		\$56,994.00

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$33,448.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

MMA Insurance Risk Pool	\$23,500.00
Unemployment Insurance	375.00
Worker’s Compensation Premium	8,673.00
Volunteer Insurance	100.00
Firefighter Accident Insurance	800.00
Total	<u>\$33,448.00</u>

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$232,115.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Salaries and Stipends	\$168,115.00
Select Board (3)	22,500.00
Secretary - Select Board	800.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	24,620.00
Treasurer	13,820.00
Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector/Treasurer	23,800.00
Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector/Treasurer II	15,575.00
Registrar of Voters	1,500.00
Ballot Clerks	2,500.00
EMA Director	750.00
Health Officer	1,000.00
Fire Warden (2)	300.00
Fire Chief	6,000.00
Deputy Fire Chief	3,500.00
Firefighter Stipends	8,500.00
Secretary - Planning Board	1,000.00
Secretary – Appeals Board	400.00
Assessor’s Agent	10,000.00
Animal Control Officer	3,250.00
Code Enforcement Officer	25,000.00
Constable	100.00
Moderator of open March town meeting	200.00

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School Board Member		
Stipend (2)	1,000.00	
Custodial Services	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Sub-total	\$168,115.00	
Town Portion of		
Employee Health Insurance	41,000.00	
FICA Payroll Expenses	<u>23,000.00</u>	
		<u>\$64,000.00</u>
Total		\$232,115.00

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$462,774.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Road Maintenance Materials & Supplies	11,000.00
Plow Truck Payment	20,184.00
Plow Truck Payment (P600, 2021)	18,800.00
Truck Fuel	19,500.00
Truck Maintenance	
P100	3,000.00
P200	4,000.00
P300	4,000.00
P500	4,000.00
P600	2,000.00
Cutting Edges and Sander Chains	11,500.00
Culverts	6,000.00
Loader and Backhoe Fuel	3,500.00
Loader, Backhoe & Chipper Maintenance	5,500.00
Garage Mortgage	12,290.00
Garage Utilities	5,500.00
Garage Maintenance	2,500.00
Road Maintenance Labor	157,500.00
Equipment Rental	13,000.00
Screening Winter Sand	27,500.00
Road Salt	30,000.00
E911 and Road Signs	500.00
Paving and Capital Improvement of Town Roads	100,000.00
State Fee, Mining Permit	400.00
Driver OSHA and DOT Screening and Testing	<u>600.00</u>
Total	\$462,774.00

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend:

General Assistance	\$4,000.00
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Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$83,465.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Fire Department General Support	12,500.00
Fire Department Equipment	12,000.00
Firefighter Training	2,000.00
Firefighter Physicals	2,500.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment	31,365.00
Tanker Truck Loan Payment	19,700.00
Hose Testing	3,400.00
Total	<u>\$83,465.00</u>

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,500.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Town Utilities	14,000.00
Grounds and Monument Gardens	1,000.00
Building Maintenance	10,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	16,000.00
Street Lights	3,500.00
Municipal Complex Snow Removal	6,000.00
Total	<u>\$50,500.00</u>

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$600.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Conservation and Parks Committee	200.00
Planning Board Expense	200.00
Comprehensive Plan and	
Ordinance Review Committee	200.00
Total	<u>\$600.00</u>

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$45,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Headstone Restoration Fund	1,000.00
Town Record Preservation Fund	3,000.00
Recreation Committee	1,000.00
Fire Truck Replacement Fund	20,000.00
Road Maintenance Truck Fund	20,000.00
Total	<u>\$45,000.00</u>

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,712.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Washington Library Association	15,000.00	
Washington Community		
Scholarship	1,000.00	
Minnie Weaver Scholarship	1,000.00	
Washington Historical Society	3,500.00	
Washington Food Pantry	2,000.00	
Pope Memorial Shelter	2,229.00	
Flags for Veterans Graves and		
Town Parks	600.00	
Midcoast Conservancy Dues		
(Damariscotta Lake Watershed)	<u>50.00</u>	
Sub-total	\$25,379.00	
Social Agencies and Concerns		
New Hope Midcoast	750.00	
Waldo Community		
Action Partners	253.00	
Spectrum Generations	865.00	
Pine Tree Chapter, Red Cross	865.00	
Life Flight of Maine	764.00	
Penquis	1,536.00	
Gary Owen House	<u>300.00</u>	
Sub-total	\$5,333.00	
Total		\$30,712.00

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending up to \$62,319.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending \$100,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) for Paving of Town Roads.

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending up to \$150,000 from the Road Reserve account for Paving of Town Roads.

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending up to \$120,000 for the purchase of SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) to replace 20 year old SCBA currently used by the Fire Department, with \$79,000 to come from the ARPA (Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds) and the remainder to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus).

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to establish a SIMPLE IRA program for eligible employees, and to raise and appropriate \$8,500 to fund the program.

NOTE: Eligible employees must be employed for more than one year, earn more than \$5,000 per year in compensation, can contribute any amount of that compensation, and the Town will match that contribution up to 3% of that employee's total annual compensation.

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 to support Emergency Medical Technician training for interested Townspeople.

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to investigate the possibility of an inter-local agreement for Emergency Medical Services.

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to accept changes to the 'Dog Control Ordinance' as posted and included in the Town Report.

Article 45: To see if the Town will vote to accept changes to the 'Land Use Ordinance' as posted and included in the Town Report and summarized below:

- Increase CEO-only review for nonresidential structures, up to 2,000 SF from 1,200 SF in size.
- Require a Building Permit for all size structures, but maintaining a fee only for structures over 240 SF.
- Allow Event Centers in the Rural/Commercial Zone
- Allow Event Centers in the Farm and Forest Zone, with a special requirement of 15 acres minimum lot size for that use.

Article 46: To see if the Town will vote to accept the road name Little Lane, for a multi-use roadway at about 712 Waldoboro Road.

Article 47: To see if the Town will vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Washington by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that tax levy limit.

Given under our hands on this 9th day of March, 2022:



Wesley F. Daniel
Chairman, Select Board



Mitchell A. Garnett
Select Board



Thomas N. Johnston
Select Board



Attest:
Mary Anderson, Town Clerk



~~DOG~~ DOMESTIC ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. PURPOSE & ADMINISTRATION.

A. This ordinance is adopted in the exercise of municipal home rule powers under the Maine Constitution and 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3001.

B. The purpose of this Ordinance is to

1. Provide for the health, safety, and security of the citizens of Washington, Maine;
2. Provide for the humane treatment of dogs domestic animals; and
3. Hold owners responsible for the conduct of their dogs domestic animals.

C. Dangerous dogs, dogs and domestic animals running at large, and habitual barking dogs are hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

D. The Town of Washington Animal Control Officer shall enforce this Ordinance. Any officer as designated by the Selectmen Board, Maine Game Wardens, or other State Official charged with animal control duties may enforce this Ordinance in the absence of the ACO.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

In general, all words and terms used in this Ordinance shall have their customary dictionary meanings.

More specifically, certain words and terms are described below.

A. “Town” means the Town of Washington, Maine.

B. “Animal Control Officer” and “ACO” mean the municipal official appointed by the Selectmen Board of the Town whose duties are as follows:

1. Enforcing the Maine Animal Welfare Laws, 7 M.R.S.A. §§ 3911, 3912, 3921, 3924, 3943, 3948, 3950, 3950-A, 3966 through 3970, and any other State laws imposing duties upon ACO’s;
2. Responding to reports of animals suspected of having rabies in accordance with 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 1313 and 1313-A and performing other duties relating to rabies imposed on ACO’s by State law;
3. Performing other duties to control animals as required by the municipal job description or by legislative action.

C. “Attack,” “attacks,” and “attacking” mean an unprovoked actual biting or an action of imminent physical harm to a person, a domestic pet, or farm animal.

D. "Dog" includes both male and female canines.

E. "Owner" means any person or persons, firm, association, corporation, or other legal entity amenable to civil process, owning, keeping, or harboring, or in possession of, or having control of a ~~dog~~ domestic animal, and includes the parent or parents, or guardian, of a minor who owns, keeps, harbors, or is in possession of a ~~dog~~ domestic animal.

F. "Dangerous dog" means the following, regardless of whether the dog is on or off the premises of its owner at the relevant time:

1. A dog that attacks a person, regardless of whether it causes physical harm to the person, provided at the time of the attack the person is not trespassing with criminal intent on the owner's premises.

2. A dog that attacks a domestic pet or farm animal and causes harm to the domestic pet or farm animal.

G. "Running at large" means off the premises of and not under the control of the ~~dogs~~ animal's owner.

H. "Domestic animals" shall include, but not be limited to, dogs, cats, ~~cattle~~ows, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, and chickens and other fowl being kept for domestic purposes. For the purposes of this Ordinance, this term does not include birds of prey or any animal normally considered as wild, but held in captivity for any purpose.

I. "Abandoned" means the condition under which an animal is not properly fed, groomed or housed in accordance with the Maine Animal Welfare Laws.

J. "Public nuisance" means a use of property or course of conduct that interferes with the legal rights of others by causing damage, annoyance, or inconvenience.

K. "Compliance order" means an enforcement order issued by the Town ACO, or by any officer as designated by the Washington Board of Selectmen which shall demand that the owner or keeper obtain a license from the Washington Town Clerk for such dog within seven (7) days from the day of issuance,

L. "Under restraint" means physically capable of controlling the ~~dog~~ animal by a leash, cord, chain, or by voice command control to which the ~~dog~~ animal is obedient.

M. "Abused" means to treat an animal in any manner that violates any section or subsection of Title 7, M.R.S.A., Chapter 739, "Cruelty to Animals".

N. "Working dog" means a dog employed to perform any job including, but not limited to, guarding property, pulling sleds, performing water rescues, herding livestock, protecting livestock or warning owners of danger to livestock. A dog employed exclusively for the purpose of assisting in hunting game shall not be considered to be a working dog for the purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION 3A. IDENTIFICATION, PROOF OF VACCINATION AND DOG LICENSING.

A. All dogs older than six months shall be licensed in accordance with 7 M.S.R.A. Section 3922, et. seq.

B. It shall be unlawful for any owner, or keeper of any dog or dogs six (6) months or older to keep or maintain a dog unless the owner has a current certificate of rabies vaccination.

C. Failure to timely exhibit to the Clerk, or produce on demand of the ACO or other officer authorized to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, proof of vaccination, shall be prima facie evidence that said dog has not been vaccinated.

D. The owner or keeper of any dogs aged six (6) months or older, except dogs kept under a kennel license together with a Washington Land Use Ordinance Conditional Use Permit, if such permit is applicable, shall, on or before January first annually, or at such other time as such dog or dogs become six (6) months old, or within 10 days after said dog or dogs are brought into the Town, cause such dog or dogs to be licensed in accordance with 7 M.R.S.A. § 3923-A, -B, -C, and -D.

E. A current tag showing the year such license is issued, and bearing such other data as may be required shall be given with each license issued. The owner or keeper of a dog required to be licensed must ensure this tag is worn at all times by the dog for which the license was issued, when out of doors or off the premises of the owner or keeper, as provided for in 7 M.R.S.A. §3943.

F. The owner or keeper of any dog not duly licensed may be issued a compliance order paying to the said clerk, in addition to the license fee, a compliance fee of \$4.00 or as provided for in 7 M.R.S.A. § 3943 and, in addition may be summonsed to court as provided for in 7 M.R.S.A. § 3943, for keeping an unlicensed dog.

SECTION 3BA. LICENSING WORKING DOGS

A. In addition to the requirements of SECTION 3 any dog older than six months that is used as a working dog must be licensed by its owner or keeper as a working dog in accordance with this ordinance. Any federal, state, county or local law enforcement agency keeping or using dogs for law enforcement purposes shall be exempt from this requirement.

B. Each owner or keeper of a working do shall obtain a working dog license from the Clerk:

1. On or before January 1st of each year for a dog previously licensed as a working dog;
2. Within 10 days of a working dog becoming six months of age;
3. Within 10 days of a dog aged 6 months or more being placed in employment.
4. The Clerk may not issue a working dog license until all the requirements of SECTION 3 are met.

The working dog license shall be attached to the license issued under SECTION 3 and shall state the specific job is to perform, the location where the dog will be kept and the specific location or locations where the dog will be working. The license must be issued in triplicate and the original must be given to the applicant and the remaining 2 copies must be retained by the Clerk. A tag identifying the dog as a working dog shall be issued with the license.

C. In addition to the fee required by SECTION 3 the annual fee for a working dog license shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) but dogs used for the following purposes shall be exempt from this fee:

1. A trained guide dog owned or kept by a visually impaired person or such a dog awaiting training;
2. A trained hearing dog owned or kept by a hearing-impaired person or such a dog awaiting training;
3. A trained service dog owned or kept by a physically impaired person or such a dog awaiting training; and
4. A trained search and rescue dog recognized by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or by the statewide association of search and rescue that cooperates with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in developing standards for search and rescue or such a dog awaiting training.

An owner or keeper required to license a working dog and applying for a license for that dog after January 31st shall pay to the Clerk a late fee of \$25 in addition to the annual working dog license fee. The Clerk or dog recorder shall deposit all late fees collected under this subsection into the Town's animal welfare account.

D. The animal control officer must inspect annually the location where the working dog will be kept and, if applicable, the specific location or locations where the working dog will be working. The annual inspection shall occur prior to the Town issuing a working dog license. In addition to the annual inspection required under this subsection, an animal control officer, at any reasonable time, escorted by the working dog owner or the working dog owner's agent, may inspect the working dog, the location where the working dog will be kept, and, if applicable, the specific location or locations where the working dog will be working. Inspections shall be conducted using the sanitation and health rules for dog kennels established by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources as guidelines. The animal control officers shall determine that the living conditions of the working dog, including, shelter, food and veterinary care, are adequate. The animal control officer shall also determine that the working dog is being employed humanely and in accordance with the standard practices of the industry in which the dog is working.

SECTION 4. SICK OR INJURED ~~DOGS~~ DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

Any person finding a running at large, stray, sick, injured or abused ~~dog~~ domestic animal within the Town in an emergency situation should first contact the ACO, who shall take responsibility for the ~~dog~~ animal. If the ACO is unavailable, this person shall contact the ~~Selectmen~~ Board or other public official or otherwise provide for the ~~dog~~ animal as specified by Title 7, M.R.S.A., §3913 (1).

SECTION 5. RUNNING AT LARGE AND ANIMAL TRESPASS.

A. No owner of a ~~dog~~ domestic animal shall cause or permit that ~~dog~~ animal to run at large within the town.

B. ~~A dog~~ An animal shall be deemed under restraint within the meaning of this Ordinance if it is controlled by a leash, cord, chain, or otherwise under control of a person and obedient to that person's voice command.

C. An owner accompanying a dog on municipal property shall collect feces or vomitus deposited by the dog and dispose of it in a lawful sanitary manner.

D. Owners and users of seeing-eye dogs are exempt from this section.

E. Nothing in this section shall require the leashing or restraint of any dog, other than a dangerous dog, while on the owner's premises.

F. Any ~~dog~~ domestic animal found to be running at large, found to be sick or injured, or apparently abandoned may be seized and impounded by the town's ACO or any other public official. That animal's owner or keeper shall be liable for all related costs, in addition to any fees or fines that may be assessed. Costs of impoundment and fees may be recovered by the ACO or the ~~Selectmen~~ Board in a civil action.

G. Trespass and Stray Livestock: Under 7 M.R.S.A. § 4041. **Animal Trespass.** 1. Definitions. 1-A. Trespass. An owner or keeper of an animal may not allow that animal to enter onto or remain on the property of another or unattended on any local, county or state road or highway after the owner or keeper has been informed by a law enforcement officer, authorized employee of the department or animal control officer that an animal was found on that property or on that local, county or state road or highway. 2. Removal. The owner or keeper of an animal is responsible, at the owner or keeper's expense, for removing any animal for trespassing. An animal control officer, authorized employee of the department or law enforcement officer may, at the owner's or keeper's expense, remove and control an animal found trespassing if: A. The owner or keeper fails to remove the animal after having been notified by an animal control officer, authorized employee of the department or law enforcement officer that the animal was trespassing; or B. The animal is an immediate danger to itself, persons or another's property. 3. Civil violation. A person commits a civil violation if an animal owned or kept by that person is found trespassing and: A. That person fails to remove the animal within 12 hours, or immediately if public safety or private or public property is threatened, after having been notified by an animal control officer that the animal was trespassing; or B. That person owns an animal or animals that have been found trespassing on 5 or more days within a 30-day period, or 3 or more days within a 7-day period.

Under 7 M.R.S.A. § 4042 **Stray Livestock: 1. Ownership of livestock unknown.** If the ownership of any livestock cannot be established, the livestock must be handled as a stray and an animal control officer shall seize, impound or restrain the livestock and: A. Deliver the livestock to an animal shelter, farm or holding facility that is capable of safely containing the number, type and size of livestock; or B. Arrange for the safe confinement of the livestock at a location designated by the municipality in which the livestock is found. 2. **Municipal procedure for livestock.** A municipality shall retain custody of stray livestock under subsection 1 for a period of 10 days. The municipality is responsible to ensuring the proper care of the livestock while confined, including providing proper sustenance,

shelter and necessary medical care. If ownership of the stray livestock is not claimed by any person, after 10 days, the municipality or an animal shelter designated by the municipality, and the municipality or designated animal shelter may sell, adopt, give away or humanely euthanize the stray livestock. A municipality may reimburse a farm, holding facility or animal shelter for the care and housing of stray livestock pursuant to this section at the same rates as in section 3919-C.

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SECTION 6. ATTACKS BY DANGEROUS DOGS.

A. An owner who is given written notice by the town's ACO, or any other officer that their dog has bitten or is reasonably believed to have in any way seriously injured any person, domestic pet, or farm animal shall not, without further written authorization by an officer or official, sell, give, or otherwise convey the ownership or possession of that dog, or permit that dog to be moved beyond the boundaries of the town, except to or under the care of a licensed veterinarian, the ACO, or a law enforcement officer.

B. An owner receiving written notice shall immediately place the dog under confinement for a period of at least 10 days and shall promptly obey all rabies detection and control directions of an ACO, a licensed veterinarian, law enforcement officer, or other state official concerning that dog.

C. An owner receiving written notice shall comply with all applicable regulations of the Maine Commissioner of Agriculture and the Maine Commissioner of Human Services and their authorized agents in matters of rabies detection and control.

D. Dangerous dogs shall be handled in accordance with 7 M.R.S.A. §3952 and remain designated as dangerous until the court orders otherwise.

SECTION 7. SPECIAL RESTRAINT OF DANGEROUS DOGS.

A. An owner of a dog that has been determined to be a dangerous dog shall ensure that the dog is restricted at all times to the premises of the owner, except when being transported by a secure motor vehicle to a veterinarian or to some other premises of the owner or to take the dog out of Town with the knowledge and written consent of the ACO or other official authorized by the Selectmen, or to the custody of an animal control officer or law enforcement officer.

B. The owner of a dangerous dog shall ensure that the dog, when out of doors on the owner's premises, is either contained within a secure enclosure or is fastened with a secured latch to a well-maintained reinforced restraint.

1. The length of any secure restraint must keep the dog more than three (3) feet away from any mail receptacle, entrance or exit to a house or other building, end or edge of a driveway, walkway, stoop or stairs leading to an entrance, edge of a lawn, property boundary or public sidewalk, or home fill pipe or utility meter.

SECTION 8. BARKING DOGS.

A. No owner or keeper of a dog within the legal limits of the Town shall keep or maintain a dog which continuously or repeatedly barks, howls, makes other loud or unusual noises, or in any other manner unreasonably disturbs the peace of any person.

B. Any person who keeps or maintains a dog which continuously or repeatedly barks, howls, or makes other loud or unusual noises, that are either

a. sustained for one (1) hour or

b. intermittently for three (3) continuous hours or more for four consecutive days and which can be heard unreasonably disturbing the peace of any neighbors within 500 feet of the boundary of the property on which the dog is located is in violation of this Ordinance.

C. (Amended in 2007) Working dogs in the course of their employment, if that employment requires barking, and dogs used for hunting game, while the latter are engaged in hunting, are exempt from this section.

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SECTION 9. PROCEDURE ON VIOLATION

A. INVESTIGATION.

1. The ACO shall quickly and fully investigate all known or suspected violations of this Ordinance received from any citizen and keep a written record.

2. On a first complaint, the ACO, in his or her judgment, may issue a verbal warning. All subsequent warnings must be in writing.

3. The ACO will report complaints and findings to the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ Select Board.

4. The ACO is required to maintain a public file, located in the Town Office, of all complaints and findings.

5. Nothing in this Ordinance is intended to bar or limit the right of the individuals to make written complaints concerning dangerous dogs pursuant to State Law, or bar or limit any law enforcement officer from proceeding to act upon such a written complaint in accordance with the State Law.

B. PROSECUTION.

1. The ACO, on complaint of any person or on his or her own initiative, may initiate prosecution for violation of this Ordinance by filing a complaint with the Knox County Division of the Maine District Court and serve a summons and a copy of the complaint to the owner.

2. Alternatively, the municipal officers may engage and appoint counsel to prosecute the alleged violations.

C. COMPLAINT FOR ~~DOGS~~ DOMESTIC ANIMALS PRESENTING IMMEDIATE THREAT OR NUISANCE TO PUBLIC.

1. After filing a complaint in District Court and before hearing, the ~~dog-animal~~ shall be subject to muzzling, restraint, or confinement upon its owner's premises upon order of the animal control or law enforcement officer who filed the complaint, if that officer believes that the ~~dog~~ animal poses a threat or nuisance to the public.

2. The officer may prescribe the degree of restraint or confinement.

3. Failure to comply shall constitute a distinct violation of this Ordinance.

4. Upon failure to comply, and after notice to the owner, the officer may apply to the District Court for an order of authorization to take possession of a ~~dog-an animal~~ that poses an immediate threat or nuisance to the public and turn it over to the care of a suitable person or organization, at the owner's expense. The Court in its final order shall include an order to the owner to pay this expense in a stated amount.

D. ORDER OF THE COURT.

1. If, upon hearing, the court determines that the ordinance has been violated, the court may impose an appropriate penalty.

2. If the court determines that a dog is a dangerous dog, the court may order the owner to muzzle the dog, and to restrain it, and confine it to the owner's premises. If an animal is determined to be a public nuisance, the court may order it confined to, or removed from, its owner's premises.

3. If the court finds that the dog has killed, maimed, or inflicted more than de minimis bodily injury upon a person, or upon a domestic pet or farm animal, or the court determines that the dog has a history of attacks then the court may order the dog to be euthanized. Such euthanasia shall be at the owner's expense. For state law outlining additional penalties for damage to livestock or pets by animals, see 7, M.R.S.A. § 3962-A.

E. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY A COURT ORDER.

1. An owner's failure to comply with an order issued pursuant to this Section constitutes a violation of this Ordinance. This may be punishable by a new summons or as contempt, following issuance of a show cause order on affidavit of a law enforcement officer.

2. If an order of euthanasia is not complied with by the time set by the court, the court may, upon application by the ACO or other person, and upon notice to the owner, issue a warrant to the ACO to destroy the dog and make return of the warrant to the court within 14 days from the date of the warrant.

3. The owner shall pay all costs of any supplementary proceedings and all reasonable costs for seizure and euthanasia of the dog. A failure to pay such costs by the time stated in the order of the court constitutes a distinct violation of this Ordinance. This may also be punished on proceedings for contempt after issuance of a show cause order.

SECTION 10. PENALTIES

A. For a first violation of this Ordinance, the owner shall be ordered to pay a penalty of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) plus any associated court ordered fees or costs.

B. All penalties awarded shall accrue to the Town.

C. An owner found to have violated this Ordinance shall pay all fees and surcharges assessed or required by a court order and shall pay court costs.

D. The penalties provided under this Ordinance shall be in addition to any penalties provided by state or federal law. For state law outlining additional penalties, see 7, M.R.S.A. § 3962-A.

SECTION 11. LEGAL PROVISIONS

A. **Effective Date:** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage at any municipal town meeting.

B. **Interpretation:** Interpretation of this Ordinance shall be according to the purpose of the Ordinance and the Town Comprehensive Plan.

C. **Conflict with Other Ordinances:** Whenever the regulations of this Ordinance conflict with those of another Ordinance, the stricter shall apply.

D. **Severability:** Should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, then all portions not found invalid shall remain unaffected and continue in full force.

E. Amendment:

1. Amendments to this Ordinance shall be considered following citizen petition or motion of the ~~Selectmen~~ Board.

2. Unless it is presented at an open Town Meeting, no regulation or amendment of this Ordinance shall be adopted until after the ~~Selectmen~~ Board of the Town have held a public hearing thereon at least ten days before it is submitted to the legislative body for consideration. At least ten days prior to the hearing, the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ Select Board shall have notices posted in the places in which Town Meeting Warrants are posted.

F. Repeal: This ordinance shall supersede the *Town of Washington Barking Dog Control Ordinance*, adopted ~~June 15, 1995~~ March 30, 2007, which is hereby repealed from and after the effective date of adoption of this Ordinance.

Proposed Land Use Ordinance

1. Shall the Town of Washington enact the following change to the TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE LAND USE ORDINANCE?

Section 3. Rural District (RU)

C. Uses Requiring a CEO Permit

8. Structures up to ~~1,200~~ 2,000 square feet in size for nonresidential uses.

Section 4. Rural/Commercial District (RC)

C. Uses Requiring a CEO Permit

2. Structures up to ~~1,200~~ 2,000 square feet in size for nonresidential uses.

Section 5. Planned Development District (PD)

C. Uses Requiring a CEO Permit

2. Structures up to ~~1,200~~ 2,000 square feet in size for nonresidential uses.

Section 6. Village District (VI)

C. Uses Requiring a CEO Permit

2. Structures up to ~~1,200~~ 2,000 square feet in size for nonresidential uses.

2. Shall the Town of Washington enact the following change to the TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE LAND USE ORDINANCE?

Section 4. Rural/Commercial District (RC)

D. Uses Requiring Planning Board Review

45. Event Centers.

3. Shall the Town of Washington enact the following change to the TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE LAND USE ORDINANCE?

Section 2. Farm and Forest District (FF)

D. Uses Requiring Planning Board Review

35. Event Centers on parcels greater than 15 acres in area.

4. **Shall the Town of Washington insert the following new definition, alphabetically, into the TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE LAND USE ORDINANCE?**

ARTICLE XV - DEFINITIONS

2. Definitions

Event Center – is a multi-purpose venue facility hosting special events such as, but not limited to, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, holiday gatherings, trade shows, functions or parties, concert settings, and general get-togethers. An event center may have a catering kitchen, indoor and/or outdoor seating and a stage or event area. An Event Center may not offer overnight accommodations.

1. **Shall the Town of Washington enact the following changes to the TOWN OF WASHINGTON, MAINE LAND USE ORDINANCE?**

ARTICLE IV – ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Section 3. Work For Which a Permit is Not Required.

Provided all required performance standards and State standards for the applicable district are met, a building permit shall not be required for:

~~C. The construction of a single story free-standing accessory structure or an attached deck or open porch of 240 square feet or less, subject to the Shoreland standards, Article VIII, Section 1, if applicable.~~

Section 2. Permits Required

E. The construction of a single story free-standing accessory structure or an attached deck or open porch of 240 square feet or less shall require a permit that requires no permit fee. The construction of a single story free-standing accessory structure or an attached deck or open porch greater than 240 square, shall require a permit with payment using the fee schedule.

ARTICLE VI – DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Section 1. Resource Protection District (RP)

B. Uses By Right

The following uses in the Resource Protection District do not need a permit:

~~7. Replacement of exterior steps and walkways which do not increase the existing footprint by more than 240 square feet, or as required by ADA or NFPA standards.~~

Section 2. Farm and Forest District (FF)**B. Uses by right**

12. Replacement of exterior steps and walkways which do not increase the existing footprint by more than 240 square feet, or as required by ADA or NFPA standards.

14. The construction of a free-standing single story accessory structure or an attached open porch or deck of 240 square feet or less.

Section 3. Rural District (RU)**B. Uses by right**

12. Replacement of exterior steps and walkways which do not increase the existing footprint by more than 240 square feet, or as required by ADA or NFPA standards.

14. The construction of a free-standing single story accessory structure or an attached open porch or deck of 240 square feet or less.

Section 4. Rural/Commercial District (RC)**B. Uses by right**

12. Replacement of exterior steps and walkways which do not increase the existing footprint by more than 240 square feet, or as required by ADA or NFPA standards.

14. The construction of a free-standing single story accessory structure or an attached open porch or deck of 240 square feet or less.

Section 5. Planned Development District (PD)**B. Uses by right**

12. Replacement of exterior steps and walkways which do not increase the existing footprint by more than 240 square feet, or as required by ADA or NFPA standards.

14. The construction of a free-standing single story accessory structure or an attached open porch or deck of 240 square feet or less.

Section 6. Village District (VI)**B. Uses by right**

12. Replacement of exterior steps and walkways which do not increase the existing footprint by more than 240 square feet, or as required by ADA or NFPA standards.

14. The construction of a free-standing single story accessory structure or an attached open porch or deck of 240 square feet or less.

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