

Annual Report 2022

WASHINGTON, MAINE

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Town Election

10:00AM - 8:00PM

Bryant Room of Gibbs Library

Friday, March 24, 2023

Town Meeting

10:00AM

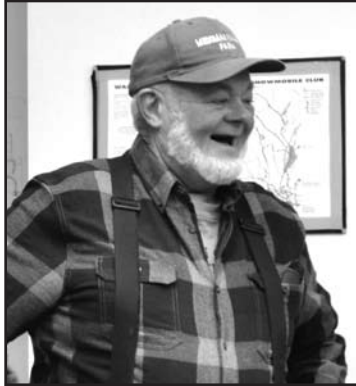
Prescott Memorial School

Saturday, March 25, 2023



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Dedication



Wesley Daniel

This town report is dedicated to First Selectman Wesley Daniel. For most terms since 1998, he has served on our town's Select Board. That's 25 years of service and counting. One of the assets that has helped him stay in the job so long is a good sense of humor, as illustrated by a story Wes told (himself) in the Town Office recently. He said his wife, Kathy, had told him he should bring a cot into the office, he was there so much. Town staff can confirm he is in the office a lot!

The town's 2022 Spirit of America recipient, Wes is known for his dedication to the town, unflappability and his soft spot for dogs.

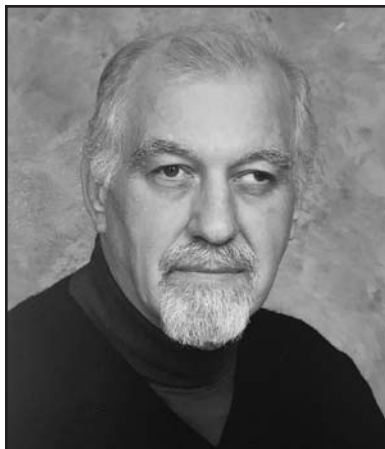
Our first selectman's sense of humor was also on display when Angela Stevens recruited Town Office staff to help her put on a surprise 80th birthday party for him in December in the guise of a holiday party. To keep him in the dark, Wes was even asked to bring food to the party. His good-natured surprise when guests started to sing "Happy Birthday" delighted all who were present.

When Charlotte Henderson presented Wes with the Spirit of America award, she noted that he is a 40-year veteran of the Fire Department as well as a longtime member of the Masons' Lodge. She also talked about his hobby of training and showing oxen teams and his work for MOFGA and the Common Ground Fair.

We think most people who know Wes or have worked with him would agree with Charlotte's description of him as "soft-spoken, considerate, reasonable and fair in his actions – both personally and as part of the town governance."

Thank you, Wes, for all your service to our town over so many decades.

In Memoriam



Christopher "Kit" Lascoutx

Christopher "Kit" Lascoutx passed away in 2022 at the age of 78 years.

He was always a friendly face in Washington, and had served as Emergency Management Director and Constable over the years. He took great pride and pleasure in serving the town of Washington. It was an unexpected pleasure in his retirement, and a revelation for him, to interact with its kind, careful and interesting people.

His depth of character was both thoughtful and kind and he was a caring and loving family man. After he served in Vietnam, he worked as a businessman and a teacher for many years. He was one of the greatest proponents of working together to solve any problem peacefully with the best results for all.

He will be very much missed by his family and the many who encountered this engaging man.

In Memoriam



Traci Hoffman

From an early age, Traci had a passion for the arts. She played violin and found peace in creating. In her last few years, she spent as much of her time as possible crafting with her granddaughter. She was loved and respected by the MidCoast community for her work with people with disabilities, her loyalty and humor. She was a resident of the town of Washington for nearly 20 years.

She regularly attended the weekly Select Board meetings. She was a member of the Appeals Board, 2018-2021. As a member of the Housing Committee, she kept an ear out for anyone in town needing assistance, 2017-2021.

She was passionate when it came to a cause she believed in; she was responsible for the state putting a 30 mph speed limit sign on Route 220 just before Route 17. The sign slows traffic down before the Calderwood intersection and before stopping at Route 17.

She had a willingness to help anybody in any way she could, offering food, financial assistance, and even her home to those who needed it. Her understanding, kindness, and generosity knew no bounds and had a positive impact on many lives.

Traci passed away in May 2022 in Rockport, surrounded by her family. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and community.

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
Stephanie Grinnell Sarah Reynolds

Registrar of Voters
Mary Anderson

Deputy Registrar of Voters
Stephanie Grinnell Sarah Reynolds

Road Foreman
Frank Jones, Jr.

Code Enforcement Officer/ Plumbing Inspector
Corey Fortin

Fire Chief
Philip Meunier

Deputy Fire Chief
Dean Batlis

Emergency Management Director
Donald Grinnell *Christopher Lascoutx

Forest Fire Wardens
Kenneth Boisse, Deputy Phil Meunier

Health Officer
Brian Alves

Animal Control Officer
Nicole Bissett

Constable

Cynthia Bourgeois ***Christopher Lascoutx

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

Guy Bourrie Julia Abernethy

Town Meeting Moderator

Walter Metcalf

Deputy Moderator

Michael Mayo

Election Wardens

Walter Metcalf Deborah RoyRoberts Sarah Reynolds

Election Clerks

Republican

Elizabeth Grinnell

Mildred Melgard

Jaquelyn Metcalf

Deborah RoyRoberts

Democrat

Cathy Blake

Katherine Grinnell

Linda Luce

Unenrolled

Lee Shane

Joan Tognacci

Stephanie Grinnell

Planning Board

Steven Ocean, Chair

Erick Anderson Kristie Grant, ALT Seth Anderson

Katherine Grinnell Samuel Collins Micah Nelson, ALT

Board of Appeals

Lowell Freiman, Chair

*Cathy Blake Norman Casas Sara Bullard

Bob deGroff Reginald Burns, ALT Kimberly Felicetti, ALT

James Kearney, Vice Chair/Secretary

Budget Committee

Donald Grinnell, Chair

Deborah Bocko David Martucci Wendy Carr

Kathleen Ocean Jesse Casas Joan Tognocci, ALT

Sean Donaghy, ALT David Williams

Conservation Committee

David Spahr

Mineral Ordinance Committee

Deborah Bocko David Martucci

Recreation Committee

Peg Hobbs, Chair

Kathleen Gross Neil Gross Alison Leavitt

Travis Perez Steve Ocean, School Liaison

Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization

Norman Casas Lee Shane Sara Bullard, ALT

Washington Scholarship Committee

Amy Donaghy Antyna Gould, ALT Aimee Gess

Mindy Gould Judy Good Mildred Melgard

Roads Committee

Sara Bullard, Chair

Richard Linscott Keith Reilly

Alewives Committee Liaison

Charlotte Henderson Brian Alves

Driveway Entrance Coordinator

Frank Jones, Jr.

E911 Address Coordinator

Thomas Johnston

** Resigned***** Passed Away***State Senator–District 13**

Cameron Reny

*Chair, Marine Resources Committee, Health Coverage,
Insurance, and Financial Services Committee*

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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, 2022. 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 Cost 2022	Net Cost 2023	Net Cost 2022	Net Cost 2019	Net Cost 2018	Net Cost 2017
General						
Government	329,791.04	73,338.45	277,636.61	320,848.40	277,064.72	282,771.01
Public						
Assistance	207.46	(136.09)	370.51	668.40	228.19	490.81
Public Works	490,456.52	469,188.47	322,250.83	1,011,865.05	697,043.82	578,377.01
Education	1,846,956.48	1,777,067.48	1,777,067.04	1,743,763.48	1,628,330.04	1,509,724.77
Knox Commu- nication	49,660.00	50,038.00	50,450.00	47,944.00	45,166.00	41,422.00
Interest	12,547.74	15,761.66	10,881.64	11,087.79	12,461.81	11,408.22
County Tax	185,850.57	181,078.67	174,353.61	160,725.20	160,112.36	149,050.62
Public Safety	93,822.04	124,171.05	111,773.85	99,091.05	88,906.08	108,677.89
Unclassified	32,288.01	39,843.91	37,863.81	37,745.29	34,988.21	33,375.68
TCSWMO	43,968.24	45,092.31	43,504.23	42,435.33	42,145.20	41,778.72
	<u>3,085,548.10</u>	<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, 2022, Washington's net position for governmental activities totaled 3,117,656.79. The net position as of December 31, 2021 was 2,965,229.00, thus an increase in net position of 152,427.79 during fiscal year 2022.

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 six outstanding loans at the end of fiscal year 2022: 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, a fire truck loan maturing in 2026, and a line of credit for Broadband due in 2023.

	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017
Long-Term Debt	464,317.18	536,173.49	622,727.88	373,712.36	427,140.84	479,195.30

Special Assessments are as follows:

	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017
TCSWMO	43,968.24	45,092.31	43,504.23	42,435.33	42,145.20	41,778.72
Knox County Tax	185,850.57	181,078.67	174,353.61	160,725.20	160,112.36	149,050.62
Knox Commu- nication	49,660.00	50,038.00	50,450.00	47,944.00	45,166.00	41,422.00

Other Administrative Notes:

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Tax Commit- ment	2,529,634.05	2,461,461.06	2,369,643.53	2,373,425.97	2,135,797.23	2,015,535.38
Mil Rate	.0156	.0153	.0163	.0163	.0157	0.0152
Taxes						
Receivable	274,320.03	215,337.53	249,677.37	263,166.74	261,792.63	254,349.61
% Collected	88.85%	91.26%	89.46%	88.91%	87.74%	87.38%
Outstanding						
Tax Liens	54,373.90	54,514.24	60,679.54	67,823.65	65,548.95	51,140.63
BETE	75,114.00	30,017.00	43,230.00	39,790.00	38,865.00	38,194.00
Excise						
Taxes	327,882.22	315,467.45	285,998.51	291,502.33	259,809.07	252,020.54
State Revenue						
Sharing	150,000.00	115,000.00	111,800.00	82,756.54	62,251.98	55,591.53
Homestead	142,923.00	135,609.41	141,009.59	98,397.69	93,189.11	75,309.20
Interest						
Income	6,153.86	2,461.39	3,915.08	9,380.77	7,289.03	7,521.05

Summary

The year of 2022 was life back to normal. The Town enjoyed sports, meetings, shows, summer outings, holidays gatherings and, the first in many years, a town parade in July. Truly one of the best times of the week is Tuesday morning working at the town office and hearing our town office employees. They seem to make each interaction with the town citizens and town staff fun, personal and enjoyable, lots of laughter seems to be part of the experience.

In January the citizens of the Town could sign up to be notified by text, email or by phone call of town office closures, road closures, power outages, warming or cooling center openings, or other emergency situations. The Town's Emergency Management Director, Don Grinnell, has kept the citizens of Washington aware of weather alerts and other situations also on Facebook, Washington Community Board.

In February the Town was hit with a price increase request from Union Ambulance Service due to wage and cost of business increases. The Select Board held several meetings with the Budget Committee, Union Ambulance, and Liberty Ambulance looking to reduce the impact of increases to the Town and investigate future options. The Town would form and join an Ambulance Advisory Committee to work with Union Ambulance and Town of Appleton. These meetings can be viewed each month from the Town of Union's web site.

In March the Town's Annual meeting was held. Wesley Daniel was re-elected as selectperson. Land Use Article 45 was tabled until June so that more information could be reviewed at a public hearing. The Town accepted a State of Maine and Federal grant for funding of a town-owned broadband system. Town employees were offered a Simple IRA savings plan with 3% match with The First National Bank. The Town hired a new deputy clerk, Sarah Reynolds.

The April showers kept the road crew busy and in May, the Select Board appointed members to two committees, Broadband and the Ambulance Service Advisory. Action on broadband included Select Board signing a contract with Axiom Technologies and establishing a \$300,000.00 line of credit for broadband. In June Wesley Daniel oversaw Benner Tree Service removal of two trees from Maple Grove cemetery. Paving bids were sent out for McDowell Road. Bids were reviewed and resubmitted with changes due to higher cost of paving. A public hearing for the Land Use Ordinance changes was held. The road crew added a turnaround for plow trucks on Albert Jones Road, then worked on Fitch Road, ditching and cutting brush in preparation for paving in 2023. The Select Board and Broadband Committee held a meeting with Axiom Technologies and Hawkeye Construction to review plans and discuss the project.

Summer started with a parade. The village was full of excitement and cheer as Peg Hobbs and the Parade Committee provided an exciting venue bringing back to town a festive day. Special thanks to the Volunteer Fire Department for all the hours of planning and work to make it a successful and safe day. The Town owned broadband project hit an unexpected snag, pole insurance requirement by Central Maine Power and Consolidated Communications and costs associated for liability insurance was an unexpected expense. A Special Town Meeting was held to determine funding for liability insurance.

The Town experienced the unexpected and unfortunate loss of Town Constable Christopher Lascoux during the summer. The Select Board appointed Cynthia Bourgeois to fill the remainder of the year as Town Constable. In two town cemeteries veteran flags were vandalized, flags were removed or damaged. Special thanks to Don and Liz Grinnell for opening up the cooling center in town during the August heat. The Select Board signed a three-year agreement with Becky Adams, Assessors Agent.

In September the Select Board held a public hearing to close Lincoln Road to winter snow maintenance. After reaching an agreement with residents on Lincoln Road the Select Board agreed to maintain winter maintenance this year. The Road Foreman and Select Board's concern was the safety of town trucks, turn around space, and width of road because of structures and items stored along the road. The Select Board voted to cancel the agreement with the paving contractor if paving of McDowell Road did not begin before October 1st. The Town and Prescott Memorial School once again held the trunk or treat around the Evening Star Grange and Fire Station. After the Select Board reviewed wages for Maine state and other municipal Public Works employees, the Select Board voted to increase wages to be more competitive. The town hired a replacement for Dave Bixby; special thanks, Dave, for your time and work at the town. New hire for the road crew is Jonathan Daniel.

December meetings with Budget Committee began along with recommendations for 2023 budget. A special town meeting was held to move paving funds from 2022 not spent to reserve fund for paving in 2023. A proposed budget in 2023 would keep with paving two miles of roads each year. Paving of McDowell and Fitch roads is proposed for 2023. The culvert collapsing issue on Calderwood Road using possible federal or state grants is being researched.

As we look forward to 2023, we thank our countless volunteers on committees and boards and the staff who help with many daily and legal challenges during the year. The Select Board meets every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM, in the Bryant Room of Gibbs Library and encourage you to join us or become one of the volunteers on a committee or board. A very special shout out to our town road crew for the many hours away from family at a moment's notice, to clean debris from a wind storm, heavy rain washouts, or many hours of sanding and snow plowing. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements December 31, 2022

Cash Balance, January 1		1,238,182.08
ADD: CASH RECEIPTS:		
Property Tax Collections:	2,253,477.14	
Prior Years	214,773.36	
Prepayments	<u>4,902.38</u>	
Total Property Tax Collections	2,473,152.88	
Excise Taxes - Auto	327,882.22	
Accounts Receivable	32,899.55	
Departmental (Schedule B-3)	286,523.37	
State Revenue Sharing	255,921.22	
Homestead Reimbursement	106,385.00	
Due To Trust	1,870.10	
Line of Credit	167,912.00	
State Fees	539.26	
Sale of Tax Acquired Property	<u>1,145.26</u>	
Total Cash Receipts		<u>3,654,230.86</u>
Total Cash Available		4,892,412.94
LESS: CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Departmental (Schedule B-3)	3,400,235.67	
Accounts Payable	2,999.50	
Trust Funds	<u>6,181.00</u>	
Total Cash Disbursements		<u>3,409,416.17</u>
Cash Balance, December 31		<u><u>1,482,996.77</u></u>

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance – December 31, 2022

Cash on Hand		1,199.10
First National Bank:		
General Fund Checking:		
Balance Per Bank Statement	994,457.78	
Deduct: Outstanding Checks	<u>183,769.99</u>	
Balance Per Books		810,687.79
First National Bank:		
Savings - Roads		426,596.14
Savings - Fire Truck		76,223.81
Savings - Plow Truck		86,980.71
Savings - ARPA		<u>81,309.22</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022		<u><u>1,482,996.77</u></u>

Statement of Taxes Receivable – December 31, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
2022	274,320.03	-
2021	424.61	213,563.67
2020	48.90	48.90
2019	48.90	48.90
2018	47.10	47.10
2017	45.60	45.60
2016	44.70	44.70
2015	44.70	44.70
	<u>275,024.54</u>	<u>213,843.57</u>

Trust Funds – December 31, 2022

Trust Fund Investments

	Unexpended		Total
	Principal	Income	
Davis Daggett Cemetery	5,450.00	1,628.40	7,078.40
Maple Grove Cemetery	2,500.00	1,996.52	4,496.52
Marr Cemetery	26,050.00	8,106.28	34,156.28
McDowell Cemetery	300.00	83.26	383.26
Mountain Cemetery	300.00	298.16	598.16
Overlook Cemetery	800.00	1,663.69	2,463.69
Pierpoint Cemetery	1,450.00	1,168.74	2,618.74
Skidmore Cemetery	50.00	32.76	82.76
Soldiers Monument	682.98	244.25	927.23
West Washington Cemetery	9,200.00	481.62	9,681.62
Community Scholarship	26,700.37	18,938.68	45,639.05
Phillip Scriber Memorial	660.00	1,219.28	1,879.28
Daggett School	1,477.76	2,174.05	3,651.81
Storer Cemetery	500.00	42.76	542.76
Gibbs Library	4,066.00	383.20	4,449.20
	<u>80,187.11</u>	<u>38,461.65</u>	<u>118,648.76</u>

Agency Funds – December 31, 2022

LEVENSALE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION:

Fund Balance, January 1	9,353.01	
Add: Interest Earned	<u>23.32</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31		<u>9,376.33</u>

Town Clerk's Report

2021 LICENSES SOLD

1/1/22 - 12/31/22

DOG LICENSES SOLD

Kennels	04
Males/Females	44
Neutered/Spayed	<u>199</u>
Total	247

All dogs six months or older must have a license. If you become the owner of a dog that is six months old or older, the dog must be licensed by January each year. To obtain a license, the dog owner must present a current state of Maine rabies certificate from a veterinarian. All dog licenses expire December 31. Renewal for the following year can be done at the Town Office starting October 15th. You also have the option to register dogs online:

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

Dog license fees are \$6 per year for spayed/neutered dogs and \$11 for unaltered dogs. Per state law, any dog relicensed after Jan. 31 will be subject to a \$25 late fee per dog in addition to the regular license fee.

Post card reminders were mailed again this year in October.

FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES SOLD

Hunt/fish combo	40	Crossbow (hunting)	5
Migratory waterfowl	2	Archery (hunting)	4
Junior hunting	14	Hunting (resident)	14
Fishing (resident)	41	Nonresident hunting	1
Nonresident fishing	2	Nonresident hunt/fish combo	1
Muzzleloader	8	Bear	2
Spring/fall turkey	4	Saltwater registry	3
Over 70 lifetime license	2	Coyote night hunt	1

RV, SNOWMOBILE & BOAT REGISTRATIONS

Boats: PWC	1
Boats up to 10HP	46
Boats 11-50HP	37
Boats 51-115HP	25
Boats over 115HP	23
Lakes and River Protection stickers	1
ATVs	41
Snowmobiles	35

RECORD OF FEES RETURNED TO THE TOWN

Motor Vehicles Fees	\$9,547.00
Recreational Vehicle Fees	283.00
Fish & Wildlife License Fees	230.00
Dog License Fees	278.00
Vital Records Fees	1,677.00
Return Check Fees	115.00
Building Permit Fees	3,262.00
Mining Permit Fees	6,650.00
Junkyard Permit Fees	225.00
Notary Fees	403.00

Respectfully submitted,
 MARY ANDERSON,
 Town Clerk

2022 VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED**01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022**

18 Births 6 Marriages 33 Deaths

Marriages

Date of Marriage	Names
02/02/2022	Jeffrey M. Kennard & Courtney S. Walton
04/27/2022	Beth G. Vannah & Robert J. Bixby
05/07/2022	Jennifer L. O'Jala & Neil F. Harris
08/20/2022	Philip C. Barnes II & Michele M. Schnitzel
09/03/2022	Sara D. Little & Tyler P. Cespedes
10/22/2022	Michael L. Watson & Ashley M. Leigh

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Deaths

Date of Death	Name	Place of Death	Age
01/31/2022	Phyllis Janto	Washington	89
02/05/2022	Mark E. Blauvelt	Washington	61
02/12/2022	Austin G. Foster	Washington	43
02/24/2022	Lucille H. Conary	Washington	90
03/08/2022	Barbara E. Sager	Togus/Augusta	86
03/24/2022	Dorothy M. Read	Rockport	80
04/12/2022	Gary A. Merrifield	Portland	68
04/30/2022	Daniel A. McPhee	Washington	69
05/07/2022	Nancy P. Dishman	Rockport	55
05/18/2022	Deborah M.Huntley	Washington	60
05/26/2022	Donald E. Vogel Sr.	Washington	88
05/31/2022	Traci L. Hoffman	Rockport	55
06/14/2022	Albert E. Foster	Rockport	70
06/20/2022	Allen L. Jackson	Washington	62
06/24/2022	Christopher L. Lascoux	Somerville	78
06/25/2022	Stephen P. Sanborn	Togus/Augusta	75
07/11/2022	Jay B. Mathena	Togus/Augusta	78
07/17/2022	Mia M. Collins	Damariscotta	55
07/26/2022	Gilbert R. Bryant	Washington	62
08/10/2022	Marianne G. Gibbons-Lassell	Rockport	91
08/15/2022	Lance Taylor	Washington	82
08/22/2022	James B. Cousens	Washington	86
08/26/2022	William C. Meservey	Camden	76
08/27/2022	Anne Marie A. Manson	Rockland	90
09/05/2022	Shawn A. Driscoll	Washington	56
09/27/2022	Charles D. Kinney	Washington	96
10/04/2022	Tobby Stinson	Washington	45
10/15/2022	Thomas J. Hale	Washington	84
10/21/2022	Dale M. Hahn	Washington	55
11/05/2022	Kenneth H. Linscott	Washington	63
11/05/2022	Jo Ann Luce	Portland	75
11/23/2022	Dorothy L. Brissenden	Rockland	88
12/10/2022	Edward L. DePugh Jr.	Portland	62

Assessors' Report

Greetings Town of Washington,

It has been an enjoyable year for me working in your community, and it is meeting your residents that is always a highlight for me.

This year was spent transferring deeds, reviewing new construction, adjusting maps, updating current use programs, addressing taxpayers' concerns, and completing reports to submit to Maine Revenue Services. It looks as though 2023 will be much of the same.

Around April 1st, 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 1st assessment closing. Owners of mobile homes also qualify for this property tax exemption. The 2023 exemption amount will be \$25,000 of just valuation adjusted by the certified ratio. 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 1st.

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 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.

I am looking forward to 2023 with you.

Respectfully Submitted,
REBECCA (BECKY) ADAMS,
Assessors' Agent

Tax Collector's Report

Valuation, Assessment, and Collections – December 31, 2022

VALUATION:

Real Estate	\$161,533,690.00
Personal Property	622,339.00
	<u>\$162,156,029.00</u>

ASSESSMENT:

Valuation x Rate (\$162,156,029.00 x .0156)	\$2,529,634.05
Supplemental	6,696.64

\$2,536,330.69

COLLECTIONS AND CREDITS:

Cash Collections	\$2,253,477.14
Prepayments	3,022.04
Abatements	5,511.48

Total Collections and Credits

2,262,010.66

2022 Taxes Receivable - December 31, 2022

\$274,320.03

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Tax Commitment	\$2,529,634.05
Surplus	415,283.00
State Revenue Sharing	150,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	142,922.82
BETE	75,106.46

\$3,312,946.33

REQUIREMENTS:

Municipal	\$1,160,867.00
MSAD #40	1,846,956.00
County Tax	235,512.00

3,243,335.00

Overlay

\$69,611.33

Tax Liens – December 31, 20222021

Belcher, Corey A.	\$1,259.16	Jelenfy, Jeffrey C. & Karen	1,544.73
Bickford, Michael	1,713.06	Jones, Steven W.	234.09
Bixby, David B.	345.58	Jones, Steven W.	259.34
Bowman, Joseph P.	318.75	Knowlton, William, II	789.37
Bowman, Joseph P.	279.99	Lermond, Robert F., Trustee	5,667.52
Bowman, Joseph P.	161.80	Lewis, Leonard C.	2,353.63
Bradstreet, David	2,609.48	Mank, Timothy A.	1,051.88
Bridges, Linda	1,068.34	Mank, Timothy A.	1,510.98
Cooley, Ramona	1,754.60	Mank, Timothy A.	2,284.44
Cooley, Scott	1,462.48	Mattingly, Elizabeth F., Heirs	1,054.02
Ellis, David	43.27	Mazzeo, Emilio D., Jr.	360.76
Esancy, Nancy L.	575.86	Merrill, Jaynee	1,823.81
Ewan, Excle R.	904.38	Miller, Jared L.	1,983.72
Foster, Scott	1,008.88	Morgan, Joel W.	123.01
Foster, Scott I.	1,172.85	Shenett, Daniel	749.70
Foster, Scott I.	901.46	Shenett, Theresa	520.97
French, Richard E.	315.21	Thompson, Andrew L.	497.02
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,517.23	Turffs, L. Kim	1,335.14
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	2,556.25	Turffs, L. Kim	379.44
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	146.88		\$54,104.42
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	176.72	<u>2020</u>	
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	224.91	Kirkland, Heather A.	134.74
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	107.10	<u>2019</u>	
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	6,093.91	Kirkland, Heather A.	134.74
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	96.39		\$54,373.90
Hall, George C. & Sons, Inc.	1,766.31		

Taxes Receivable – December 31, 2022

*Paid in full after 12/31/2022 **Partial Payment ***Tax Club member

Real Estate

Abernethy, Julia E.	\$1,506.96	***	Belcher, Norman C.	290.56	**
Adams, Curtis	943.36	***	Belcher, Ronald A.	730.08	
Ambridge, Marc	65.52	*	Berry, Gregory	1,400.00	***
Anderson, Erick A.	1,976.55	***	Bickford, Michael	1,747.20	
Andrews, Rosie	3,390.66	***	Billing, Robert	900.00	***
Antonino, Sandra A.	5.88	**	Bixby, David B.	365.04	*
Antonino, Stephen F.	2.72	**	Blood, Lynn	169.20	*
Baker, Jason	1,420.68	***	Bo'Lait Farm, LLC	656.28	***
Bartlett, Sheryl R.	2,913.74	***	Bourgeois, Cynthia L.	477.43	***
Bedard, Darius	1,293.24		Bowley, W.A., Heirs	168.81	**
Belanger, Johnnie N.	1,317.56	*	Bowman, Joseph P.	360.36	
Belanger, Mark	603.72	***	Bowman, Joseph P.	285.48	
Belcher, Corey A.	1,347.84		Bowman, Joseph P.	165.36	

Bradstreet, David	2,703.48	*	Grinnell, Donald L. &		
Bridges, Linda	1,088.88		Elizabeth A. &		
Brooks &			Katherine A.	2,000.55	***
Weber Enterprises, Inc.	1,145.65	***	Grinnell, Jeffrey E.	1,907.72	***
Campbell, Paul	2,583.36		Gushee, Joylie L.	1,127.88	
Campbell, Paul J.	346.32		Hall, George C. &		
Casas, Jesse D.	1,985.88		Sons, Inc.	2,566.20	
Casas, Jesse D.	210.60		Hall, George C. &		
Chavanne, Daniel P. &			Sons, Inc.	2,606.76	
Carrie A., Trustees	528.84		Hall, George C. &		
Connors, Ernest W.	1,559.35	***	Sons, Inc.	149.76	
Cooley, Ramona	1,789.32		Hall, George C. &		
Cooley, Scott	1,491.36		Sons, Inc.	180.96	
Crane, Tami L.	386.88		Hall, George C. &		
Daggett, Brian D.	2,653.56	*	Sons, Inc.	229.32	
Daigle, Theodore J.	2,642.64	***	Hall, George C. &		
Daniels, Jane W.	769.75	***	Sons, Inc.	109.20	
Davis, George	884.52		Hall, George C. &		
Davis, Jessica D.	1,087.32	*	Sons, Inc.	6,213.48	
Dinsmore, Andrew	3,009.24		Hall, George C. &		
Dube, Timothy A.	1,648.13	***	Sons, Inc.	98.28	
Dufresne, Kevin	847.38	***	Hall, George C. &		
Ellis, David	280.80		Sons, Inc.	1,801.80	
Esancy, Nancy L.	586.56		Hanson, Robert A.	1,864.20	
Etechells, David	391.39	***	Hanson, Robert A.	394.68	
Ewan, Excle R.	921.96		Harriman, Christopher J.	9.36	*
Farley, Paul T.	360.36		Harriman, Christopher J.	3,183.96	*
Fillebrown, Heather	440.35		Harring, Peter R.	498.28	***
Flynn, Corwin	568.16	***	Harrington, Daniel R.	2,703.48	*
Forbes, Jermaine	1,729.90	***	Harrington, David O., II	983.96	***
Foster, Kasandra L.	582.72	***	Harvey, Laura	555.36	
Foster, Scott	1,028.04		Hayward, Joan M.	1,301.96	***
Foster, Scott I.	1,196.52		Holloway, Stanley J.	503.88	
Foster, Scott I.	918.84		Holloway, Stanley J.	109.20	
Fournier, Rebecca J.	1,681.99	***	Holloway, Stanley J.	463.32	
Frank, James H.	201.24		Holmes, Wendell	619.17	***
Frank, James H.	3,280.68		Holmes, Wendell	2,455.92	***
French, Richard E.	547.56		Horovitz, Daniel A.	1,515.40	***
Frye, James P.	1,178.44	***	Hutchins, Katherine A.	1,339.89	***
Garnett, Roy	491.40	*	Jackson, William M.	857.16	***
Garnett, Roy	140.40	*	JC Ministries, Inc.	625.06	
Garnett, Roy	397.80	*	Jelenfy, Jeffrey C. &		
Garnett, Roy	160.68	*	Karen	1,787.76	
Garnett, Roy D.	419.64	*	Jenkins, Anne W.	2,482.11	***
Grant, Stephanie	296.40		Jenkins, James D.	1,312.59	***
			Jermyn, Jillianne	485.80	***

Jermyn, Jillianne	359.44	***	Michaud, Bryan J.	1,998.36	***
Jermyn, Nicolas A.	1,796.16	***	Michelson, Anita	1,118.70	
Johnston, Constance R.	1,592.04	***	Millar, Cynthia	1,049.40	***
Johnston, Martha L.	390.52	***	Miller, Jared L.	2,023.32	
Jones, Casie R.	1,012.44		Miller, Wayne A.	1,680.60	***
Jones, Frank E., Jr.	391.56		Milliken, Robin	1,149.72	
Jones, Frank E., Jr.	59.44	***	Mills, Kenneth J.	2,095.96	***
Jones, James C.	1,290.12	*	Morgan, Joel W.	124.80	
Jones, Steven W.	238.68		Morris, Brian A.	3,375.90	***
Jones, Steven W.	265.20		Morrissey, Laura J.	1,132.32	***
Kaler, Carla-Jo	2,799.40	**	Mortali, Andrew R.	527.28	
Keefe, Timothy J.	143.52		Moscato, Daniel P.	6.24	
Keefe, Timothy J.	684.84		Myles, George J., Jr.	365.04	*
Keefe, Timothy J.	95.16		Nobska Real Estate		
Kelly, Sandra M. &			Holdings, LLC	7.51	*
Sharon M.	750.00	***	Ocean, Steven H.	1,554.52	***
Kerr-Lewis, Jean A.	533.27	***	Orrick, William P., Jr.	1,611.78	***
Knowlton, William, II	804.96		Packard, Priscilla B.	1,201.84	***
Koches, Ellen	2,020.20	***	Packard, Priscilla B.	1,659.52	***
Lascoutx, Andres	2,095.56	***	PBNJ Self Storage,		
Lee, Jeffica G.	324.48		LLC	10,361.99	***
Lee, Sarah	1,483.36	**	Pedrone, Matthew T.	681.72	
Leigh, Elmer E., Jr.	575.64	*	Percy, Lynn	511.68	
Leo, Melanie S.	1,048.32	***	Phinney, Samantha J.	3.12	
Lemond, Robert F.,			Pierpont, Clinton E.	460.52	***
Trustee	5,778.24		Pierpont, Willard	575.64	**
Lewis, Leonard C.	2,488.20		Pierpont, Willard	970.22	
Lewis, Leonard C.	1,675.14	***	Pierpont, Willard	43.68	
Linscott, Darci A.	388.44		Pierpont, Willard	388.44	
Little, Jeffrey G.	746.92	**	Pierpont, Willard	70.20	
Lloy, Dedre E.	1,012.76	***	Rash, Philip J.	1,028.04	
Lohnes, Timothy J.	197.28	*	Reddish, Robert T.	815.65	***
Ludwig, Barbara A.	1,686.36		Reilly, Keith	1,754.41	*
MacDonald, Conor E.	3,172.26	***	Rhinehart, Elizabeth	458.44	***
MacDonald, Conor E.	109.20	***	Rideout, John	2,213.64	
Mank, Timothy A.	1,073.28		Rideout, John	430.56	
Mank, Timothy A.	1,541.28		Riley, Leanne		
Mank, Timothy A.	2,636.40		Dibenedetti	1,822.08	*
Marston, Faughn, III	388.44		Ross, Athena R. &		
Massey, Franklin L.	1,512.42	***	Russo, Steven	1,028.04	
Masters, Andrew B.	1,880.43	***	Rotch, Edward C.	1,299.16	***
Mazzeo, Emilio D., Jr.	368.16		Rotch, Edward C.	2,733.12	***
McFarland, Matthew G.	321.38	**	Rotch, Edward C.	476.44	***
McLaughlin, Jeffrey	1,456.00	***	Royroberts, Deborah R.	1,838.40	***
Medeika, Patricia E.	3,222.47	***	Rubenstein, Russell	307.68	***
Medeika, Patricia E.	2,537.75	***	Sanchez, Sarah M.	297.96	
Merrill, Jaynee	2,558.40		Scarponi, Megan A.	1,757.04	***

Schmitt, Dorothea	1,474.16	***	Turffs, L. Kim	1,361.88
Schnur, Rebecca	2,387.10	***	Turffs, L. Kim	386.88
Sforza, John	1,583.40		Valle, Forrester B.	1,121.64
Shaggy, Michael	1,024.25	***	Vigue, Christopher	1,501.50
Shaggy, Thomas W.	535.69	***	Vigue, Timothy L.	17.39
Shane, Lee	1,954.36	***	Viola, Anthony J.	3,739.02
Shantz, Rhonda			Wadsworth, Laurie L.	585.00
Wellman	2,035.80		Wellman, Ronald O.	2,569.47
Shenett, Daniel	764.40		Werner, Joseph A.	277.68
Shenett, Theresa	531.96		Widdecombe, Estelle	2,871.96
Soe S. Trust	388.44		Wilson, William D.	600.00
Sorrentino, Michael	2,577.12		Wooden, Shannon	1,074.84
Spahr, David L.	1,564.68		York, Nichole R.	10.92
Spahr, David L.	457.08		York, Wendy L.	389.24
Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	113.88		Zeigler, Cyd	4,948.92
Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	882.96			<u>\$274,156.00</u>
Spahr, Kenneth L., Heirs	17.16		<u>Personal Property</u>	
SRB Homes, LLC	2,071.68		Jackson's Corner Store	\$46.80
Sweet, Frederick	513.24		Williams Scotman, Inc.	117.23
Sweet, Frederick	10.92			<u>164.03</u>
Thompson, Andrew L.	606.84			<u>\$274,320.03</u>
Till, James C., Et Als	1,975.41	***		

Prior Years Taxes Receivable December 31, 2022

<u>Personal Property</u>		<u>2019</u>	
<u>2022</u>		Jackson's Corner Store	48.90
Bryant, Forest O.	125.77	<u>2018</u>	
Crane, Tami L.	126.47	Jackson's Corner Store	47.10
Kirkland, Heather A.	<u>126.47</u>	<u>2017</u>	
	\$378.71	Jackson's Corner Store	45.60
<u>2021</u>		<u>2016</u>	
Jackson's Corner Store	45.90	Jackson's Corner Store	44.70
<u>2020</u>		<u>2015</u>	
Jackson's Corner Store	48.90	Jackson's Corner Store	44.70
			<u>\$325.80</u>
			<u>\$704.51</u>

Abatements and Supplementals December 31, 2022

ABATEMENTS

Belanger, Mark	332.28	Kenefick, Eric & Tonya	3,095.04
Ravell, Dante	2,084.16		<u>\$5,511.48</u>

SUPPLEMENTALS

Hutchins, Katherine	1,180.48	Forbes, Jermaine & Emily	2,084.16
Leighton, Sharon	2,728.44		<u>\$6,696.64</u>
Kenefick, Eric & Tonya	703.56		

Registrar of Voters

To date we have 1,305 registered voters. Quite a few new residents registered during the year.

Our town election was held on March 25th. Wesley Daniel ran unopposed for Select Board and won the 3-year term with 57 votes; Julia Abernethy won the 3-year term for School Board with 14 write-in votes. A total of 59 votes were cast.

Our Annual Town Meeting was held on March 26th. 80 residents were in attendance to vote on the 2022 budget and proposed ordinance change. During the meeting, after much discussion, it was decided to vote on the ordinance change during the June Primary, scheduling a public hearing beforehand.

June 14th was a looong day for all! This election included the Republican/Democratic Primary, RSU 40 School Budget and the Referendum vote for the Town Ordinance change. 240 residents came out to vote. Note: School Budget and Town Referendum ballots are hand counted.

This year, 3 Special Town Meetings took place to continue to conduct town business:

July 20th meeting was a vote to approve an anticipated amount of bond for \$300,000.00 for the construction of broadband internet infrastructure, etc. 9 voters attended the meeting and vote carried unanimously.

August 24th meeting was a vote to appropriate up to \$18,000.00 from undesignated fund balance to purchase liability insurance for the pole licensing process of the Broadband project. After much discussion, the vote was amended to take the money from the Broadband line of credit. 18 voters attended the meeting and vote carried unanimously as amended.

December 28th meeting was a vote to move \$100,000.00 from Paving & Capital Improvement of Town Roads Account to Road Maintenance Reserve Account; to move \$100,000.00 from Paving of Town Roads Account to Road Maintenance Reserve Account. 7 voters attended the meeting and vote carried unanimously.

November 8th was the Gubernatorial Election. A great turnout; 866 voters came out to cast their votes.

Thank you to all the Ballot Clerks, Wardens and Deputy Registrars that make the election process go smoothly. If you are interested in being part of the process as a Ballot Clerk or Warden please inquire at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
MARY ANDERSON,
Registrar of Voters

Washington Planning Board

The Washington Planning Board held 10 meetings in 2022. The Board dealt with several applications and was able to get a better understanding of ordinances and procedures.

Several pre-application hearings were held that either did not come about or were determined to not need Planning Board approval under our ordinances. In May, there was an amendment agreed to on the Borego Solar Project so they could change the fencing material from chain-link to pressure-treated wood at their site. The one approved project was the expansion of the Jackson Salvage Yard, which was approved on July 20.

The Board was able to learn about procedures and clarify the role of the Code Enforcement Officer through a workshop and discussions with the town attorney, Peter Drum, also in July.

The Board welcomed new alternate member Micah Nelson and is now stable with five voting members and two alternates. There are several possible new proposed projects in town for 2023 and we anticipate a busy year.

The Board thanks our town office crew and our Code Enforcement Officer, Corey Fortin, and a special thanks to our Secretary, Kelly Hassanein. The Planning Board continues to schedule public meetings on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7pm.

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

Members:
SETH ANDERSON
SAM COLLINS
KRISTIE GRANT

Alternate Members:
ERICK ANDERSON
MICAH NELSON

Washington Budget Committee

The Budget Committee met with the Select Board four times in preparation of the 2023 municipal budget, once in December where the Select Board presented their proposed budget, then twice more in workshops where we discussed and voted on each and every budget category. Good discussions among committee members and Select Board insured that each budget line was fiscally responsible and was in the best interest of the town. At our final meeting, after the auditor had completed their annual review, we reaffirmed our earlier votes.

The area of most concern that led to the most discussion was the assessment from Union Ambulance and the ever-increasing costs for emergency medical services. After last year's town meeting an EMS advisory board consisting of representatives from Appleton, Washington, and Union was convened. Jeff Grinnell and Libby Casas were appointed by the Select Board as our representatives with Jesse Casas as alternate. The board met monthly with a goal of looking at EMS needs and requirements in each community along with developing a proposed budget. They looked at three options for the budget 1) a 10% increase reflecting inflation only; 2) inflation increase plus hiring 1 full-time paramedic; 3) inflation increase plus 2 full-time paramedics. The board consensus was to recommend to the towns Option 2 which in Washington's case is a budget line of \$150,189.

The Union Ambulance budget assessment will be voted on by the Town in June of 2023. This gives the newly formed Union Ambulance Advisory board, consisting of members from all three towns served by Union Ambulance (Appleton, Union, and Washington), more time to work together in forming the budget. It also allows time for public information meetings and a public hearing regarding the budget and the findings of an independent review of the ambulance service. We urge you to attend these meetings to assist you in making an informed decision when it is time to vote.

After the budget committee completed our work, we recommended that the Select Board present to the voters at town meeting a municipal tax assessment of \$1,214,055. This will be offset by 2023 anticipated revenues of \$663,500. Annual assessments by Knox County, TCSWMO, and Union Ambulance total \$455,875 for a final tax assessment of \$1,006,430. This will be further reduced at the time of tax commitment with State Revenue Sharing funds of \$202,600 leaving an approximate final municipal tax

assessment (including Knox County, TCSWMO, and Union Ambulance) of \$803,830 – a 4.40% decrease from 2022. Not included in these figures is the proposed RSU 40 budget that will be voted on in June.

There are several areas that the committee specifically addressed, and that we ultimately supported. The first is paving of town roads, which was not done in 2022 because the contractor failed to complete the work. In past years the budget for paving of town roads required several different votes at town meeting because funding came from several budget sources, which was confusing to the Budget Committee and voters. At our suggestion, the Select Board has now rolled paving into one article to be voted on at town meeting. We recommend that the voters approve Article 29, which will provide \$500,000 to be used for paving in 2023.

The second area we support is the purchase of an excavator for road maintenance. For the past few years, Road Commissioner Frank Jones, Jr. and his crew have rented an excavator each summer to complete capital improvement work. The cost of renting the excavator averaged \$15,000 annually. We recommend the voters approve Article 40, which authorizes the purchase of a new excavator at a cost of \$103,000. A \$40,000 down payment will come from American Rescue Plan Act funds already on-hand. The remainder will be financed over five years at an annual payment that approximates the annual rental cost of an excavator. After five years the town will own the excavator.

The third area we addressed is the salaries of our town office staff. At the conclusion of the final meeting with the auditor, he noted the quality of work done in our town office. He also stated that turnover of municipal staff is a prevalent problem in many towns he visits. Employees will often jump to another town for as little as 50 cents an hour increase. Hiring new personnel results in a loss of efficiency and requires hours of extensive training. Therefore, we recommend an 8.14% increase for our excellent town office workers.

As Chair of the Budget Committee, I am very appreciative of the work the Budget Committee members put in. Every member comes prepared from the pre-meeting handouts and mailings, and they fully participate in the discussions.

Your Budget Committee Members,

DON GRINNELL, Chair

KATHY OCEAN

JESSE CASAS

DAVE MARTUCCI

SEAN DONAGHY, ALT

DAVE WILLIAMS

WENDY CARR

DEB BOCKO

JOAN TOGNACCI, ALT

Code Enforcement Officer

29 Total Building Permits were approved and issued during 2022.

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

Plumbing permits issued for 2022 are as follows:

Subsurface Wastewater Permits	15
Internal Plumbing Permits	9

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 twice last year. The officers remain the same as the previous year, with Lowell Freiman as Chair and James Kearney as Vice-Chair/Secretary. We have a full board now with Kimberly Felicetti as new member and Reginald Burns and Sara Bullard as Alternate Board Members.

There were two meetings this year to address an administrative appeal for a denial of a building permit. The Board voted to uphold the denial.

The work of all the Board members continues to be appreciated. The public is invited to attend any scheduled Board meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
LOWELL FREIMAN,
Chair

JAMES KEARNEY,
Vice-chair/Secretary

Members:
NORMAN CASAS
ROBERT DEGROFF
KIMBERLY FELICETTI

Alternates:
REGINALD BURNS
SARA BULLARD

Washington Fire Department

P.O. 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 2022:

Building Fire	7
Chimney Fire	4
Passenger Vehicle	1
Road Freight or Transport Vehicle	1
Forest, Woods or Wild Land Fire	1
Grass Fire	1
Outside Rubbish or Trash Fire	1
Medical Assist	8
Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries	10
Motor Vehicle Accident without Injuries	15
Extrication, Rescue, Other	1
Extrication Victims from Vehicle	1
Oil or Other Combustible Liquid Spill	1
Power Line Down	4
Telephone Line Down	1
Arcing Electrical Equipment	2
Tree Down	5
Public Service Assistance	1
Police Assist	2
Cover Assignment, Standby, Move Up	4
Dispatched and Canceled in Route	1
Fire Call Canceled in Route	4
No Incident Found Upon Arrival @ Address	5
HazMat Investigation W/N HazMat	1
Smoke Detector Activation, No Fire-Unintentional	1
TOTAL:	83

I would like to thank the citizens of Washington for their continued support. I would like to thank the firefighters who continue to show their professionalism and expertise at some very difficult calls. Also, a special thanks to their families. Without their understanding and support we would not be able to do our job.

As you can see, we had the most calls that we ever had and that seems to be the trend. At major incidents and when we are shorthanded, our mutual aid towns have given us the assistance we needed. A big thank you to them.

You can see that the majority of our calls are auto accidents. These are probably the most hazardous for us. Several times we have almost had serious secondary accidents due to driver inattention and not slowing down. If you come upon an emergency scene, please slow down and let the First Responders do their jobs as safely as possible.

We still have the smoke detector program in place. Contact the town office with your information and we will do our best to get you taken care of.

We have one new member who is taking Basic Fire School to get interior certified. As usual, we can use all the help we can get, especially during the day. Our monthly meeting is the second Monday of the month and we train on the fourth Monday. Stop in or come and watch a training.

Thank You,
PHIL MEUNIER,
Fire Chief

Fire Department Association and Fire Department Auxiliary

Many Washington citizens may be unaware that the firefighters of the Washington Fire Department are also members of a separate organization called the Washington Fire Department Association. Our mission is to support the Washington Fire Department with financial assistance above and beyond what is provided by the town. The association derives its funds from donations and fund-raising activities. Donations come from residents and non-residents, often at the end of the year as a tax-deductible donation, or donations in memory of a deceased family member as requested in an obituary.

The fire association also engages in fund-raising activities such as our annual “boot drive” which usually brings in over \$2,500 each year. You have probably noticed the huge box at the transfer station that collects cans and bottles. Five towns of the TCSWMO rotate on July 1st each year and weekly take the bottles and cans to a local redemption center for the next 12 months. Our last rotation ended in July 2021, where this effort raised over \$7,000.

We partner with the Washington Fire Department Auxiliary which also provides support to the Washington Fire Department. This organization, known for its amazing fund-raising suppers and its annual auction, consists of non-firefighters who wish to contribute their time and efforts supporting the fire department.

What do these organizations use this money for? We purchase needed equipment for the department and firefighters not funded with town tax dollars. A short list of equipment purchased with our funds over the past three years includes:

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| • One set of turnout gear | \$2,333 |
| • FF uniforms & safety equipment | \$849 |
| • iPad for Engine 1 | \$613 |
| • Battery ice auger for winter water supply | \$595 |
| • Ice rescue equipment | \$9,000 |
| • Lights for LifeFlight night landing | \$275 |
| • Tripod scene emergency lighting | \$607 |
| • Headstone flags for deceased firefighters | \$225 |

The fire association has over \$10,000 in a savings account to be used by the town as a down payment on new fire apparatus.

In addition, we give back to the town by purchasing the number decals for the 911 address signs available at the town office, materials for fire prevention week presentation at the school, purchasing the postage bulk mail permit used by other town organizations, and smoke alarms provided for free to citizens of the town.

Both organizations thank those who have made financial donations over many years. Your contributions have greatly supported the association and ultimately the Washington Fire Department and the residents of Washington.

DONALD L. GRINNELL,
President, Washington Fire
Department Association

Emergency Management Agency

My job as the local Emergency Management Director is to prepare for and respond to local emergencies that affect the citizens of Washington. I do this in coordination with the Select Board, Washington Fire Department, Knox County Emergency Management Agency (KXEMA), and Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). Working with the Select Board, we have just revised and updated the town's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) which provides planning and guidance to respond to any emergency or disaster, whether it be natural or manmade. Revision of a local EOP is required to be eligible for federal disaster funding and must be updated every five years.

The pre-Christmas rain storm caused considerable damage with several roads closed by downed trees and wires and road washouts. Throughout that day and evening the Public Works crew and Fire Department members went from one call to another in the wind and driving rain, clearing downed trees that did not involve wires and barricading those that were blocked. I reported to KXEMA on roads that were completely blocked with trees and wires, so KXEMA could prioritize those to CMP. The Old County Road culvert at Davis Stream was completely washed out, as were numerous ditches and road shoulders. Working into the wee hours of the morning in wind and driving rain, and with temperatures plummeting, Road Foreman Frank Jones Jr. and his crew made emergency repairs before everything froze the next morning. Initial estimate of damages was in excess of \$66,000. I am now working with the Select Board, the Road Foreman, and KXEMA to gather information, pictures, and actual costs that will allow the Governor to apply for a Presidential Disaster Declaration. If the declaration is granted FEMA will reimburse 75% of the damage costs and the State of Maine 15%.

Do you have an emergency plan for your home? FEMA guidance suggests that every household should be able to shelter-in-place for the first 72 hours after a storm. You should have one gallon of water for each person per day. You should have food, required medications, flashlights with spare batteries, and a battery operated radio. If you have children, have a fun day in which you exercise an emergency "drill" where you "survive" for 24 hours using emergency resources.

Whenever a major summer storm or a significant winter storm is predicted, I pull local weather forecasts from the National Weather Service, boil that info down, and post a local forecast on the Washington Community Board Facebook page. I try to get it out before 6 am and an updated one before 6 pm so you can make informed decisions for you and your family. Thank you to C.J. Hickey for providing this service. He tells me that 200-250 Facebook members view these reports each storm.

It has been my pleasure to serve the citizens of Washington in my position.

Respectfully submitted,
DON GRINNELL,
EMA Director

Health Officer

Hello Town of Washington Residents:

This winter has been, with the exception of a minor cold stretch or two, relatively warm, as you all know. Ticks love the warmer winters for their survival and spring is not far off. Any questions regarding ticks, please contact the Town Office and they will contact me and I will get back to you about any questions or concerns you might have.

Isolation has always been an issue in this area. Those in most need are often the least likely to reach out. Please be aware of your neighbors. The initial post-COVID “era” has increased the amount of isolation. Food insecurity, heating issues, and all basic needs are sometimes happening just down the road from us. Depression is not to be overlooked. Inflation has made it worse. These insecurities/issues may be happening under your roof as well. Please reach out to the Town Office so that I can be informed when needs arise. There is often help available.

As an ice fisherman myself, please stay off of unsafe ice. Enough said.

Best to all,
BRIAN ALVES,
Health Officer

Road Foreman's Report

Not surprising we started the year with a lot of black ice. Mud season came with spring needing to continuously work on the dirt roads.

Through the warmer months, we ditched and chipped on Fitch Road, Sprague Road and the end of Calderwood Road. Culverts were replaced on Calderwood Road and Old County Road. During the year we unplugged culverts that had been plugged by beavers. Dirt roads were graded. A cement pad was built near the town office for the Broadband Central Office.

Because the contractor didn't show up by October 1st, no paving was done in 2022. Our plan is to pave McDowell Road and Fitch Road this year.

David Bixby resigned from the Public Works Department and Jonathan Daniel was hired. Our part-time drivers for plowing snow are Jason Chapman, Ricky Linscott and James Jones.

We ended the year with a Christmas storm which caused washouts and downed trees.

FRANK JONES JR.,
Road Foreman

Washington Lakes Watershed Association

2022 was a good year for the WLWA. In January we voted to focus on raising public awareness of the Common Loons that live in our waters. We had a float in the town parade with information, members participated in the annual loon count and held an educational talk for the public after our photo contest which had a large audience. WLWA also sponsored a free children's education walk along the shore and through wetlands in Nelson-Butterfield park with a biologist. This event was fully booked; WLWA provided all of the materials and it was a great success.

We held our annual Ice Out contest, which was won by Sean Donaghy.

Our 2nd annual photo contest was also a success with more entries of really impressive photographs of the flora and fauna in our watershed. The winner this year was Rachel Oakes.

Over the last year we have made a solid effort to revitalize our website and we are proud to say it has come out very impressive. We invite everyone to visit it at www.washingtonlakesassociation.org. And coming very soon in 2023, we will have a live weather station with live weather cam available through the website! It will be located on the north end of Washington Pond with the camera focusing toward the south down the length of the upper lake.

We continued to monitor our water quality in both Washington Pond and Crystal Lake, both of which still have good reports, though we did confirm that Washington Pond does have an infestation of invasive snails on the south end in the area of the boat ramp. We formed a sub-committee to do research and for the year 2023 we will focus our efforts to raise awareness of this issue and how we hope to slow their spread.

In 2023 our goals are to continue to expand our outreach to children and young adults as well as keep everyone informed of what's going on in our watershed. We also have the goal of working with the Prescott Memorial School to improve the walking trail behind the school and make it fun and educational.

Anyone interested in joining us, just follow the link on our website. We meet monthly via ZOOM link or in person.

Respectfully Submitted
JEFF GRINNELL, President

Washington Lakes Water Quality

Background

Prior to 2015, the WLWA (Washington Lakes Watershed Association), with the help of the Town engaged a paid analysis and report on lakes water quality but only on an 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 eighth report in that series. 2022 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 continues in good shape for 2022. 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 as high, but above normal ranges. Other parameters were also well within normal.

Chinese Mystery Snails in the south end of the lake continue, but they are not known to have a negative effect on the water quality at the current infestation levels. They are an invasive nuisance and hopefully we can find a way to limit their nuisance factor. They are, however, a wake-up call that Washington Pond and Crystal Lake can get invasives, and we should be patrolling for invasive plant and animal species 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)

In 1999 we reported abnormal readings on Crystal. 2020 was entirely normal, and our tests in 2021-2022 indicate it is remaining normal. Secchi disk (water clarity, an indication of algae density) was slightly higher, but well within historical ranges. Chlorophyllan indicator of algae was the same as last year within historical range. The dissolved oxygen was within historical norms. Thus, from a water chemistry standpoint, the lake and fishery appears 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 no abnormally large events and a lower than normal precipitation. Overall, average temperatures were around 1.5F above historical average; there were spikes of heat (setting a new record in Augusta) in May and periods of unusually cool weather in June. The lakes withstood these well.

Invasive Species

There were no invasive plant species in either lake in 2022, to our knowledge. Although we do not think we have any invasive plants, we cannot be sure without looking at high probability sites. ***This is a major weakness in our “preventative” activities and we urgently need volunteers to take on this important task.*** Training in this valuable work is available from Lake Stewards of Maine.

Location Buoy

Consistency of sampling is key to understanding longer term trends. In 2022, a buoy was installed in Washington Pond to assure that the sampling location was correct. Unfortunately, over the course of the summer it was removed or relocated several times, presumably as a joke. Because of this, our comprehensive chemistry sampling for 2022 could be questioned, as it was not on proper location. This is serious and we ask that in 2023 the buoy be left undisturbed to assure compliance with Maine DEP requirements.

Volunteers for Citizen Science

Last year’s call for volunteers was responded to in a most positive way. Jeff Grinnell and Scott Edwards became trained as certified monitors, while Anne Jenkins, who missed certification due to COVID, was on the water several times helping Scott and me. My thanks to Scott for taking over measurements when I was away, and particularly to Patricia Nease of Midcoast Conservancy for collecting this year’s comprehensive chemistry samples.

Credits

The author is indebted to LSM/VLMP Staff (especially Tristan Taber) for support, training and education; Midcoast Conservancy (loan of instrumentation); Linda Bacon and the Maine DEP for historical database and record keeping; and the Washington Lakes Watershed Association (WLWA) for analytical laboratory costs and moral support.

I urge you to become more involved, volunteer time, and support the Washington Lakes Watershed Association with a contribution for their work. With climate change, never has this been more important.

ROGER CADY

*LSM/VLMP Lake Stewards of Maine (formerly known as Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program).

The reader is referred to Appendix I of the 2019 or 2020 Water Quality Report (available on the web at Washingtonlakesassociation.org) for more detailed explanation of each measured parameter and Appendix II of that report for comparison with other Maine lakes.

Washington Recreation Committee

The Washington Recreation Committee (WRC) sponsors and supports K-2 sports, family events, and activities for adults. We shared the cost of maintenance of the Clyde Sukeforth Field at the school with Little League. We supply the portable toilet at the ballfield as well as partner with the Lakes and Watershed Association to provide the portable toilet at Washington Pond Landing.

2022 started with PreK-2 Basketball. Coaches Morgan Di'Benedetti and Candi Fontaine did a great job with the assistance of Cassie Ledger and other parent volunteers. The local weekly practices and Saturday games coordinated by Warren Recreation gave the kiddos the opportunity to develop their skills in teamwork, listening, and ball handling. A post season pizza and medal awards party was held at the Evening Star Grange. Thank you to Pam and Chris Packard's Excavation for sponsoring the T-shirts, and the Washington General for their pizzas.

In September we welcomed our new PreK-2 Soccer coaches, Samantha and Chaz Guthrie. Practice was here in town and Warren Recreation coordinated Saturday games. The Washington General donated the pizzas for the post season party. The Recreation Committee provided T-shirts and medals for all participants.

Congratulations to a "graduate" of our soccer program, Seamus Donaghy. Seamus was invited to play soccer in Spain this summer. Former Coach Alison Leavitt helped him find his passion for the sport and develop game skills when he joined the 3-6 grade soccer group here in Washington.

The Annual Paddle Races were held on a beautiful July morning at Washington Pond Landing. This free event is fun and open to any paddle craft.

Runners braved 80-degree heat to run in The Washington Challenge: 5K and Fun Run. 5K Winner Josh Cutter's time was 22:17. The One Mile Fun Run Winner Luke Baker's time was 12:26.

Door prizes from local businesses, as well as one of Joanie Rhoda's famous pies were awarded after the medal ceremony. In addition to being a great pie maker, Joanie, a member of the Maine Striders, organizes this event every year. Once again, a huge thanks to George and Holly Stone for sponsoring our T-shirts and also our medals this year.

The Monday Walk group continues to brave heat, cold, and rain to walk this out and back 5K+ walk. It is open to anyone 18 or older, and newcomers are welcome.



This year saw a reboot of the Washington Parade. The Recreation Committee teamed up with citizens and town non-profits to form the Citizens Parade Committee. Prescott Memorial School kids competed for the parade poster with pizzas to the winners.

Mike Mitchell from the Novel Septet Band led the parade with his New Orleans-style trumpet. Betty Grinnell, our Boston Post Cane-holder, rode in a classic car driven by Wade Bartlett. Town organizations brought floats; car enthusiasts drove their classic cars. Folks lined up on both sides of the road to cheer us on.

The Kora Shriners Mini Racers thrilled the crowd with their figure eights and “donuts” as the parade headed for the Strawberry Festival.

We want to say a special thanks to the Washington Fire Department for their support and dedication to the safety of participants and spectators alike. WFD Chief Phil Meunier handled the logistics of closing down 220 and WFD volunteers “manned” the detours, as well as being parade escorts.

The Washington Recreation Committee is looking forward to 2023.

WRC Members:

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

Citizen Parade Committee:

ROXANNE EGGEN
 PEG HOBBS
 TRAVIS PEREZ
 MILDRED MELGARD
 WENDY CARR
 MATT SHANNON

Hill & Gully Riders Snowmobile Club

To the Residents of Washington:

Hill & Gully Riders Snowmobile Club currently has ten members. We meet on 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.

Our membership is dwindling. While our winters have not been very inspiring recently, when we do get snow, we see plenty of traffic. Please consider joining our club and lending a hand if you enjoy access to trails in town.

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 wish to thank the Town of Washington, the Washington Budget Committee, and the Washington Select Board for their ongoing support and funding in 2022.

As we continued to move forward in our efforts to safely provide quality programs for our community, we reestablished in-person events. Some of these events included author visits at Prescott School, artist receptions, adult book discussion group, Dungeons and Dragons teen group, Chickadee Children's Book groups, Fiber Arts group, Summer Reading program with the return of Bess the Book Bus, and Digital Magic pre-teen program. A major undertaking in 2022 has been to review and update existing library policies, and create new policies as needed.

A grand, new circulation desk was installed to replace the aging and inefficient desk. Weber Roberts and the talented and generous folks at Bench Dogs designed the desk, and then donated the materials and labor. It is truly a work of art, and we are VERY grateful to them for this amazing gift!

In October, the Board of Trustees voted to combine the responsibilities of the Librarian and Library Manager into one position of Library Director. This was a direction the Board had been considering for a number of years, and was in line with how other libraries in the state operate. Misty Darton was hired as the Library Director.

Gibbs continues to participate in fundraising to supplement the generous support of the Town of Washington. Used book sales, the BiblioFete at the Sweetgrass Winery, Washington Community Auction, and an annual appeal letter are some of the fund-raising events held during 2022.

In 2023, Gibbs Library will be celebrating its 30th anniversary. A celebration on June 3rd is in the planning stages, with the main event being a talk and book signing by local author Paul Doiron. We will continue to plan and provide programs for our community members of all ages, maintain and grow our collection, and search out new ways to serve our community.

As always, Gibbs could not function without our wonderful volunteers. They staff the circulation desk, prepare new additions to our collection, plan and assist with many programs, and perform all sorts of duties that keep Gibbs running. Please come by your library and take advantage of all that Gibbs has to offer. We hope to see you soon and often!

Respectfully submitted,
CHRISTINA DEGROFF,
President, Washington Library
Association Board of Trustees

“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) returned to a more normal year after limited programs the past two years.

In June, we hosted both the 5th and 6th grade students from Prescott on two separate days. They spent time visiting the Razorville Hall Museum, learning about the building's history and seeing and touching many of the items on display. At the Town House, they learned about the Washington Telephone Company; Clyde Sukeforth, our Washington-born professional baseball player; and about the 14 one-room schoolhouses that eventually led to their Prescott



Memorial School opening in 1954. After lunch they had lots of hands-on experiences. They turned the crank to make ice cream, mowed the lawn with a rotary push mower, did laundry with a wash board and hand turned wringer, and sawed wood using a bow saw and two man crosscut saw. They were memorable days for all involved.

On Memorial Day, we hosted the annual brief ceremony at the Monument and had the museum open for visitors. We took part in the Community Auction when it returned in July.

Heritage Day in September brought visitors to the two buildings in Razorville and Kevin Johnson's return from the Penobscot Marine Museum. His program this year featured the photography of Frank and Bert Cunningham.

Our 2023 calendar features WASHINGTON SHOPKEEPERS, Special thanks to all who support us by advertising in the calendar and to all who purchased them. (Only a few are available at this time.)

We continue to do maintenance on our buildings. Razorville Hall has all four sides with clapboard siding now. The interior of the Town House is being worked on with the goal of painting walls and floors before we establish more displays. We are able to meet there in the warmer months and have inside programs.

We meet the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. We have returned to meeting in the Bryant Room at Gibbs most months. We meet at the Town House during the summer months. Our office is at the Masonic Hall. Please contact us if you have items to share or donate or are seeking information we might have to offer. We are continually working on organizing our files. Check our web site www.washingtonhistorical.org and like us on Facebook. Our email is washingtonhistorical@gmail.com and our mailing address is P.O. Box 333, Washington, ME 04574. Membership dues are \$5 annually and our year begins in July. Please join and help preserve Washington's history.

HAZEL KOPISHKE,
Historical Society Secretary



Washington Scholarship Committee

Another year on the books! Our committee has had some changes in its members with Jan Birk leaving and Amy Donaghy joining us. We also welcomed a former recipient of our scholarship, Antyna Gould, as an alternate, should a member be unable to attend a meeting. We welcome their help and assistance in deciding the awards each year for our Washington students, as well as aiding in our fundraising efforts during the year.

This year we had 6 applications and we were able to grant scholarships to 5 students in the amount of \$1,200.00 each. The recipients in 2022 were Jacob Bickmore, Elizabeth Bowman, Iris Casas, Kylar Potter, and Autumn Ripley. We wish them all well in their endeavors and success in the future.

Despite another challenging year with COVID, our local businesses were very generous in their response to our appeal letter as well as the Town of Washington contributing \$1,000 each year from their budget to help our students in their effort to further their education.

Each year we meet several times to review applications, participate in local events for fundraising and mailings. We enjoy these activities, knowing we are, in a small way, helping to enable our Washington students to prepare for their futures. It can be higher education in college or attending a trade school. Whatever path they choose, we offer some financial aid to help.

Our applications are on the Town of Washington website, washington.maine.gov, at the town office and with the school advisors. The student can attend Medomak Valley High School, a private school or be home schooled. Please be sure to inform any graduate of this opportunity, follow the instructions on the application carefully and be sure to submit the application by May 1st.

JUDY GOOD
MILDRED MELGARD
MINDY GOULD
AIMEE GESS
AMY DONAGHY
ANTYNA GOULD, alternate

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. Fundraising began and the first scholarship was awarded in 1990. The scholarship base has grown through the years with various fundraising projects and donations. The Weaver Scholarship Committee raises funds at the Community Auction, 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. Last year, four scholarships to MVHS Washington graduates were awarded.

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

Ten Facts and Frequently Asked Questions about LifeFlight

- 1. LifeFlight is a private non-profit charitable organization with a public mission serving all of Maine.** We care for all patients regardless of insurance status or ability to pay for care 24/7/365 with helicopters based in Bangor, Lewiston, and Sanford, a fixed-wing airplane based in Bangor, rapid response vehicles, and specialized ground ambulances. In FY2022 LifeFlight provided \$355,691 in uncompensated care, as well as significant discounts for Medicare and MaineCare patients.
- 2. In FY22, 2,508 patients were LifeFlighted from 145 communities,** islands, and unorganized townships - about 1 patient every 3.5 hours. LifeFlight has cared for more than 35,000 patients since September 1998.
- 3. What is the Community Giving Campaign?** Each year in the Fall, LifeFlight reaches out to every community in the state to ask for support. The request includes a suggested donation based on population; a \$1.00 per capita rate for towns that have up to 1,000 residents; a \$0.50 per capita rate for those with up to 2,000 residents; and a \$0.25 per capita rate for all others, with asks typically capped at \$2,000. The average gift size in 2022 was \$640, and some towns give generously beyond what they are asked.
- 4. How is LifeFlight funded?** LifeFlight operates much like a hospital emergency department, taking care of all patients and billing insurance companies. We contract with all major payers including Medicare, MaineCare and commercial insurers. Most of our operational expenses are covered by patient fees, but we rely on the LifeFlight Foundation to support the purchase of new aircraft, medical equipment, infrastructure, improvements, and to provide clinical education around the state.
- 5. LifeFlight helicopters, airplane, and specialty ground ambulances are equipped as fully functioning mobile intensive care units.** LifeFlight's critical care teams bring the trauma center intensive care unit - skills, medical technology, pharmacy, blood, and more - directly to a patient's side.

6. **What types of patients do we transport?** Critically ill or injured patients of all ages needing specialized care beyond what can be provided by local hospitals - including premature infants, cardiac and stroke patients, complex traumatic injury, organ transplant, sepsis, burns, and serious obstetric complications. We use the strictest medical utilization criteria in the country to make sure all flights are medically necessary. Emergency medical providers are guided by state-mandated protocols based on the latest research and best practice.
7. **About 92% of patients are transported from community hospitals to major specialty centers, and 8% are transported directly from the scene of an emergency** - roadsides, woods, mountains, and islands. While most patients are transported to EMMC, MMC and CMMC, about 10% of patients are transported to Boston and beyond for specialized care not available in Maine.
8. **LifeFlight is lean.** We are among the most efficient providers in the world, we pay close attention to costs, maintaining a very small administrative team that results in some of the lowest costs and charges in New England and the country.
9. **LifeFlight's costs and charges are the lowest in New England and among the lowest in the country.** The average charge for a LifeFlight transport is around \$20,109. Other provider charges across New England and the northeast range from around \$27,000 for non-profits providers to \$60,000 - \$80,000 from for-profit air medical companies. LifeFlight is in-network with all government payers, and most major insurance carriers. Patients will never receive a bill in excess of their insurance deductible or co-pays. LifeFlight offers a generous charity care / discounted care program for patients who qualify, and whose transport is not covered by insurance.
10. **What other benefits to our town and region does LifeFlight provide besides critical care and transport?** We provide local critical care training to medical providers in specialized areas such as traumatic brain injury and pediatric trauma, critical medical diagnosis and treatment. We also support weather systems, hospital helipads, and advanced aviation navigation systems across the state.

American Red Cross

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **3 disaster cases** in **Knox County**, providing assistance to **8 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
South Thomaston	1	4
Warren	1	3
Washington	1	1

Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Knox County to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We made **2 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Blood Drives

We collected **1,369 pints** of lifesaving blood at **46 drives** in Knox County.

Training Services

Last year, **180 Knox County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **14 of Knox County's Service Members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Volunteer Services

Knox County is home to **15 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

History

Waldo Community Action Partners (WCAP), founded in 1965, is a charitable, educational, private non-profit organization located in Belfast, Maine. To reduce poverty and build a stronger community, WCAP works to better focus available local, state, private, and federal resources, empower individuals and families to acquire useful skills and knowledge, gain access to new opportunities and achieve economic independence and self-reliance.

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

Every year, we serve more than 5,800 people in Waldo County through transportation, Head Start/Early Head Start and early childhood programs, energy, housing, and other community assistance programs.

The value of services provided to Waldo County residents are estimated to be over \$10 million annually. The majority of our clients fall under the 200% Federal Poverty Limit (97%) and 28% of them have a disabling condition. Of those reporting, 60% have Medicaid as their health insurance.

About Our Transportation Services

WCAP provides transportation services to residents of Waldo, Knox, Lincoln, and Sagadahoc counties as well as the communities of Brunswick and Harpswell through our MidCoast Public Transportation (MCPT) and MidCoast Connector MaineCare transportation programs. These services provide access for community members to medical services, work, shopping, social events and more. MCPT secures resources and braids funding streams to deliver a coordinated transit system. We implement outreach, education and on-going engagement to educate the community about our services, and secure feedback and information from community members and stakeholders to support continuous program improvement.

MidCoast Connector MaineCare Transportation: The WCAP MaineCare transportation broker, Mid-Coast Connector, reimburses eligible MaineCare members, and their friends and families, for mileage driven to eligible MaineCare medical appointments. MaineCare members who have special needs or no other means of transportation may have transportation arranged for them to non-emergency medical appointments with a two-business day notice.

MidCoast Public Transportation: WCAP provides public transportation services to all residents in its service area. All public transportation services operate with reduced passenger fare rates based on the specific type of service.

Transportation Support Program: individuals who may not qualify for MaineCare services, or have limited resources, can seek assistance through the WCAP Transportation Support Program which helps identify mobility options for a wide range of needs, including transportation to cancer care, dialysis and other medical appointments.

New Hope Midcoast

Dear Town of Washington,

New Hope for Women dba New Hope Midcoast is writing to request that Washington consider a donation of \$900.00 to keep our communities safe from the enduring effects of domestic abuse. This is 20% more than last year due to an increase in staff salaries to meet cost of living needs and an increase in staff travel reimbursement.

New Hope Midcoast is a member of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV). We employ trained staff who seek to empower clients to make their own decisions throughout their journey toward safety and self-sufficiency. Our free, comprehensive services include a 24/7 helpline, hospital accompaniment when injury is incurred as a result of domestic abuse, support groups, legal advocacy and support services, a dedicated staff in Child Protective Services to address the needs of families affected by domestic abuse who have children, emergency sheltering, long-term transitional housing with the opportunity to work toward financial stability through our collaboration with New Ventures Maine, and trainings and presentations for schools, businesses, healthcare providers and civic organizations.

We recognize that abuse not only affects the individuals and families that directly experience it and believe in a coordinated community response to domestic abuse. Along with the aforementioned collaborations with schools, civic organizations, New Ventures Maine and Child Protective Services, New Hope Midcoast regularly works with area food pantries, animal shelters, law enforcement, legal professionals, homeless coalitions, and healthcare professionals.

In the past we have offered data on the direct services provided specifically to clients from your town. Unfortunately, doing so conflicts with the confidentiality requirements of our federal funding sources. This is particularly true for small towns with relatively few residents where maintaining confidentiality can be challenging. We hope that you will find this Knox County data helpful as you make your decision: NHM served 347 clients this year totaling 1,111.8 hours. We provided 609 nights of shelter for those who chose to leave their circumstances and provided 343.15 hours of community education and prevention for 989 individuals.

We are pleased to provide any other non-identifying information as requested. The stakes are high. Communities simply cannot thrive when individuals and families are hurting. Thank you for your consideration as we continue to work with all in need.

Very best regards,
JOAN LEMOLE,
Development Director

(207) 691-5969

jlemolet@newhopemidcoast.org

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, 2022 the following services were provided to residents:

SERVICE	NUMBER SERVED	VALUE <small>(includes leveraged funds)</small>
Child and Adult Care Food Program <i>Reimburses child care providers for nutritious meals and snacks.</i>	1 Provider	\$4,771
COVID-19 Community Supports <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>	12 Families	\$187
COVID-19 Rental Relief Program <i>Provides rental assistance to renters who cannot afford to pay their rent due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic.</i>	77 Households	\$63,388
Energy Crisis Intervention Program <i>Provides home heating assistance to income-eligible households that are in an emergency or energy crisis.</i>	5 Households	\$5,807
Foreclosure Intervention Counseling <i>This HUD certified counseling program assists homeowners in finding alternatives to foreclosure.</i>	1 Household	\$770
Good Neighbor Heating Assistance <i>Provides 100 gallons of heating fuel to households whose income is 250% of the federal poverty level or less.</i>	2 Households	\$817
Heat Pump Program <i>Pays for the cost and installation of one heat pump for eligible Maine homeowners to supplement the household's primary heating system.</i>	3 Households	\$8,125
Home Energy Assistance Program <i>Assists income-eligible households with home heating costs.</i>	55 Households	\$39,847
Transportation Services <i>Provides public and social service transportation assistance utilizing a variety of transportation modes for the service.</i>	1 Client	\$0
Total Value:		\$123,712

**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: \$3,773

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 **32 unduplicated Washington** residents.
- Aging and Disability Resource Specialists provided **15 hours** of outreach, counseling on topics including elder abuse, prescription drug coverage, and long-term care to **13 people**.
- Additionally, **54 meals** and socialization were enjoyed through our community dining program.

Your support changes lives!



“This program has been life and health changing for both of my parents, and they absolutely love the meals they receive. My father can barely use his hands and is in extreme pain from the arthritis but continues to care for my mother on a daily basis at their home with the help from our family. It had become very hard for my father to cook meals at home due to his health issues.

“What a godsend Meals on Wheels is for my parents, and we will continue to support this program long into the future so others in the same situation as my parents can receive the amazing benefits from Meals on Wheels.”

- Amy, Waldo, Maine

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 (10.1.21 - 9.30.22).

Washington Broadband Committee

Friends of Washington:

Since we accepted the NTIA/Connect Maine grant funding for a municipal partnership with Axiom Technologies, much of the work related to broadband has been taking place at the Town Office. Mary and Stephanie have had a crash course in learning about liability insurance for broadband infrastructure (since we will own the system), navigating contracts with our current utility and telecommunication companies, and... have learned that there is a lot of hurrying up to wait to move on to the next step. The Select Board has been on standby to approve and sign documents. The Broadband Committee has been there for support.

The Broadband Committee, and friends, participated in the Washington “Through the Decades” parade representing the future of Washington. We have been fortunate that we have received a lot of support from people within our town, and from people who live outside of Washington. This support has helped us move forward with this project. This project was made possible by Axiom, who applied for grant funding to form our municipal partnership.

There are a few people within the town whose support has been essential to this project. All three of them simply said ‘yes’ without any hesitation because they all believe in the future of Washington: Mary Anderson said ‘Yes, we will put you on the Select Board’s agenda’ when asked if it was possible to form a broadband committee; Charlotte Henderson said ‘Yes, I will share any information to make this possible.’; and Mildred Melgard, on behalf of the Grangers, said ‘Yes, you can use our space to have your meetings,’ even though broadband didn’t have anything to do with the Grange. Their immediate and unfettered support made anything seem possible.

Our partnership with Axiom will benefit the town for years to come. Please keep in mind that even if the internet is not important to you, your friends, neighbors, and loved ones may depend on it for their livelihood. It is the way most people communicate. Building this infrastructure has been, and will continue to be, a process that will involve many different entities.

Get excited when you start to see trucks on the roads moving wires to make space for our fiber. Please be patient because this project will continue to take some time, but it will all be worth it in the end. And then we can all come together and celebrate, or at least all get online at the same time and not experience any buffering!

Sincerely,
The Washington
Broadband Committee:
SARA BULLARD, Chair
MISTY DARTON
WILL DARTON
VALERIE JACKSON
LEE SHANE

Tri County Solid Waste Management Organization

To all Tri County patrons:

The year 2022 is now past, the 2022 calendar taken down and replaced by a fresh new one for 2023. Yes, we find our new calendars in the “free section.” Reuse continues to be a rewarding and productive enterprise at the transfer station. This past year we collected, repaired and distributed, among other things: 2 rototillers, 6 table saws, 1 drill press, 3 circular saws, 2 reciprocating saws, 28 lawn mowers, 15 bicycles, 4 pressure washers, 2 generators, 7 string trimmers, 3 clocks and approximately 1,647 canning jars.

Our priority continues to be our service to you, our valued customers. The old adage “the show must go on” certainly applies to the transfer station. We make every effort to ensure that our level of service wavers not in the face of adverse weather conditions, unforeseen workforce absences, and equipment breakdowns.

Unprecedented volume of demolition debris delivered to the station this past year was a welcome test of our capability and process efficiency. For our success in this unexpected endeavor, I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude not only to our station attendants, Don, Kevin, Bunny and Walt, our faithful administrative assistant Gail (collectively, my “dream team”) but also to the employees of Gordon Libby, our transportation folks. Without the hard work, flexibility and conscientious dedication of all, we would surely have stumbled and fallen.

Finally, again this year, I thank all of you, our faithful patrons, who, forgoing popular, yet less environmentally responsible waste disposal options, continue to support us by your regular deliveries of waste stream material. We continue to strive in every way to make your effort worthwhile.

Regards.
DAVID STANLEY,
Manager

U.S. Senator's Report

Washington, DC

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy. The bipartisan *CHIPS Act* will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones to microwaves to cars – and in doing so reduce prices and

create good American jobs. We also passed the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* to lower healthcare costs, allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, and cut energy bills with new rebates for things like heat pumps and solar panels.

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

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

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

U.S. Senator's Report

Washington, DC

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have honored that work ethic by showing up for every vote. During my Senate service, I have cast more than 8,500 consecutive votes, never having missed one.

I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2023. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,
SUSAN M. COLLINS
United States Senator

U.S. Congress Report

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is my honor and privilege to serve the people of Maine's First District in Washington, DC, and I appreciate the opportunity to share this annual update with you.

This past year, our state faced unprecedented challenges, mirroring the difficulties experienced by communities across the nation. High inflation rates, a rapidly changing climate, aging infrastructure, and increasing energy costs were among the top concerns I heard while home in the district. Keeping these in mind, I was proud to work with my colleagues in the Maine Delegation to pass historic legislation to bring federal dollars back to our communities.

One of the ways we delivered for Mainers was through the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) in August. This law provides much-needed assistance to struggling families. With the help of the IRA, Americans will save an average of \$800 per year on health insurance and Medicare beneficiaries will have increased access to medication.

Additionally, the IRA offers billions of dollars to expand rebate programs for Americans who wish to make their homes more energy efficient. Homeowners can now receive up to a 30 percent tax incentive for the cost of home solar installations and a 30 percent incentive when investing in a heat pump. Over the next decade, these rebates will offer Mainers thousands of dollars in savings while decreasing fuel costs for winters to come.

In 2022, Congress also passed meaningful legislation to help create skilled jobs in the construction, manufacturing, and engineering sectors. The Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) Act will allow the U.S. to advance its leadership in the development of semiconductors used in the manufacturing of computers, cell phones, cars, and numerous other technologies we rely on. By developing this industry at home, we can bolster our national security and lessen our reliance on foreign technology.

As I look toward this Congress, I am excited to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to improve the lives of Maine people. It is critically important that we continue to take action to increase job growth, decrease inflation, take measures to promote our national security and invest in our health care and education systems.

Each year my office receives over 40,000 calls, letters, and emails from Mainers. I recognize the tremendous trust you place in having me represent you in Washington and by sharing your stories, thoughts, and concerns. Please rest assured, I will continue to fight for the interests of Mainers in Congress, and my staff and I will do everything we can to ensure your needs are met.

Sincerely,
CHELLIE PINGREE,
Member of Congress

Governor's Report

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,
JANET T. MILLS,
Governor

State Senator's Report

Dear Friends and Residents of Washington,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I'm proud to represent our communities in Augusta, and I will work hard to represent us well. I am also happy that lawmakers and the public will return, in person, to the State House.

For the 131st Legislature, Swearing-In Day was Wednesday, December 7, 2022. I'm excited to share that I will serve as Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. I also have been appointed to serve on the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee.

This district means a lot to me. This is where I grew up and where I have chosen to raise my own family. I have spent my career as an educator, community advocate, and leader of professional associations working at local, school, district, and state-wide levels to solve problems, support equitable policies, and advocate for children and families. I look forward to putting these skills to work for you.

Please remember that I am a resource for you all year. If you need help contacting a state agency or just want to share a comment or concern, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can email me at *Cameron.Reny@legislature.maine.gov* or call my legislative office at (207) 287-1515. My cell phone number is (207) 400-9910. Life has never been easy, but it seems harder than usual right now. Please don't be afraid to ask for help. After all, I'm here to serve you.

Sincerely,
CAMERON RENY,
State Senator, District 13

Warrant 2022

Annual 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 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.

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.

As Moderator, Walter Metcalf read Article 2, inspected and secured the ballot box and opened the polls.

Kathleen Ocean, Mildred Melgard, Katherine Grinnell and Elizabeth Grinnell checked in voters. The polls were closed at 8:00p.m. by Walter Metcalf. Ballot Clerks Katherine Grinnell and Stephanie Grinnell counted the ballots. Walter Metcalf adjourned the meeting until 10:00a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2022, at the Prescott Memorial School.

On Saturday, March 26, 2022, Michael Mayo was sworn in as Deputy Moderator. Mildred Melgard and Katherine Grinnell checked 80

voters into the town meeting. Six people in attendance were not registered voters. Town Clerk, Mary Anderson opened Town Meeting and Fire Chief, Phil Meunier, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The town clerk announced the results of Article 2 as follows: 59 votes cast

Select Board/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor - 3-year term

Wesley Daniel: 57

Write ins: 1

Blank: 1

School Board Member: 3-year term

Julia Abernethy (write in): 14

Charlotte Henderson presented the Spirit of America, Unsung Hero Award. The Town of Washington has been presenting this award since 2007. Wesley Daniel was the recipient of the 2022 award.

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. Wesley Daniel read the list of nominees who were elected unanimously: Wendy Carr, David Martucci, David Williams, Jesse Casas, Kathleen Ocean, Donald Grinnell, and Peg Hobbs. Deborah Bocko and Sean Donaghy were elected as alternates. Moved and seconded.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 3 passes.

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

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Select Board 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 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.

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 2022 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2023, to the date of the 2023 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.

(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%)

A motion was made and seconded 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. Joan Tognocci asked if the interest rate had changed. Tom Johnston stated that yes, the state lowered the interest rate. Donald Grinnell made a motion and was seconded to amended article to fix the date at October 3, 2022 so town office is open as October 1, 2022 is a Saturday. Proposed amendment was voted on and passed.

Motion as amended carries unanimously.

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 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%.

A motion was made and seconded to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 2%.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 8 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 9 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 10 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Select Board to appropriate money from the sale of any Town tax acquired lands to pay the costs of said sale.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 11 passes

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 12 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 13 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded to 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

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.

A motion was made and seconded to vote to authorize municipal officials to apply for Homeland Security and/or other grants that may come available. Janet Martucci asked if there is any control over what the grant, if received, can be spent on. Tom Johnston stated that the grants are specific and that what the money is used for.

Motion carries unanimously.

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.

A motion was made and seconded to spend any grant money received, not to exceed the amount of the grant, for the stated purposes of the grant only.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 17 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded to move the 2022 overlay, plus supplemental tax assessments and less any tax abatements, into the Road Maintenance Reserve Account.

Motion carries unanimously

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, 2022 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

A motion was made and seconded to move any monies remaining in the Public Safety account on December 31, 2022 to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 19 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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. *Tom Johnston proposed an amendment to limit the amount transferred to \$10,000.00. Amendment was seconded.* Charlotte Henderson asked why there'd be a limit. Tom stated that over the last 5 years the amounts left over in the Road Maintenance Account have run anywhere from \$900.00 to \$120,000.00 (a year we didn't get pavement in). We want to treat this like the other equipment reserve accounts where we put a certain amount of money every year. Katherine Grinnell asked if there is more than \$10,000.00 left over where does that money go. Tom stated it goes into surplus/general fund. *Proposed amendment was voted on and passed.* Joan Tognacci asked if this replacing the Maintenance of Town Roads account. Tom stated it is not, it's a down payment for replacement of expensive town garage items. Joan asked how money is placed in the Maintenance of Town Roads account. Tom stated that's in an upcoming money article.

Motion as amended carries unanimously.

Article 20 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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. Jeff Grinnell asked what the average amount is. Mary Anderson stated it is under \$400.00 every year.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 21 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 22 passes

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.

A motion was made and seconded to allow the Select Board to negotiate with Axiom to contract the installation and/or management of a Municipal owned Broadband System.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 23 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded to form a Broadband Committee of 5 members to support and advise the Select Board on the Municipal Broadband System. Joan Tognacci asked if there is already a Broadband Committee. Tom Johnston stated that there is an existing Broadband Committee that was set up with an unlimited number of people for the purpose of looking into Broadband and what we could do to get Broadband in town. At this time, with the grants coming in, we wanted to bring it together, formalize it from the floor at town meeting and have a workable number of members. Joan asked how these 5 members being selected. Wesley Daniel stated they will be appointed. Steve Ocean asked if their meetings will be open to the public. Tom Johnston stated yes, they are public meetings. Charlotte Henderson stated that this would be a nice time to interrupt for one moment and give a massive applause for the working Broadband Committee who has done a fabulous job (standing ovation).

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 24 passes.

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>

A motion was made and seconded 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.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 25 passes.

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
	<u>\$396,771.00</u>

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$396,771.00 from property taxation for 2022 Knox County, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization and Union Ambulance assessments. Jesse Casas, Budget Committee, wanted to speak to the increase in the Union Ambulance budget. It is a large increase from the year before but there is an increase cost across the board in Maine; a lot of local towns have run into this. Jesse speaks in favor of this increase even though it's 100% increase from the year before. These costs may continue to rise and all citizens need to be aware that ambulance costs are rising and perhaps speak to their representative to see if there is anything Augusta can do. The Budget Committee and Select Board are in favor of the budget. On a personal level, Union Ambulance responded to a family members home stating that they are professional, prompt and do a great job. Jeff Grinnell made a motion that the body allow Chief Jesse Thompson, Union Fire Department, speak as a non-registered voter, was seconded. Voted on and approved to allow Jesse Thompson to speak at this town meeting. Jesse Thompson stated that the biggest increase in the Union Ambulance budget this year is the payroll line item. We are competing against other services like Waldoboro and TLC where in mid-year made large payroll increases. Jesse knows people that work there to make ends meet for themselves. In order to compete with these services, we need to increase our payroll: Paramedics \$28.00/hr., Advanced EMT's \$26.00/hr., EMT's \$24.00/hr. just to get to the same line as services around us are at. Joan Tognacci asked if Union Ambulance was for profit or non-profit. Jesse stated non-profit. Jeff Grinnell stated that this is a working number received from Union Ambulance that we can work with for a couple of years with some fluctuation. We have a good service that's been in place for 30 years, at least. We've been regionalized with Appleton, Union and us for that period of time and that's how we'll keep the cost down by sharing this service. Jeff proposed forming an EMS

Advisory Board from Washington, Union, and Appleton; this group would meet with Jesse Thompson to work on a one, three, five, ten-year plan to work out budget numbers. Each town would have a voice in setting this budget. The numbers would still go through the town's budget committee and town meeting so the numbers would be looked at three times would give better control.
Motion carries unanimously. Article 26 passes

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		\$56,994.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$56,994.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations. Lee Shane asked what the Select Board Discretionary Fund is used for. Mary Anderson stated it is used for pizza on election days.
Motion carries unanimously. Article 27 passes.

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>

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$33,448.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Motion carries unanimously.

Article 28 passes.

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

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$232,115.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 29 passes.

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

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State Fee, Mining Permit	400.00
Driver OSHA and DOT Screening and Testing	600.00
Total	<u>\$462,774.00</u>

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$462,774.00 from property taxation for Maintenance of Town Roads and related operations.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 30 passes.

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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A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 from property taxation for General Assistance.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 31 passes.

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>

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$83,465.00 from property taxation for Public Safety.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 32 passes.

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>

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$50,500.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance. Joan Tognacci thanked Mary Anderson for getting the street lights changed to LED's. Mary stated Ann Dean started it and she followed through. Motion carries unanimously. Article 33 passes.

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>

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$600.00 from property taxation for Boards and Committees. Motion carries unanimously. Article 34 passes.

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>

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$45,000.00 from property taxation for Town Carry-over Accounts. Motion carries unanimously. Article 35 passes.

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

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Flags for Veterans Graves and Town Parks	600.00	
Midcoast Conservancy Dues (Damariscotta Lake Watershed)	50.00	
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	300.00	
Sub-total		\$5,333.00
Total		\$30,712.00

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$30,712.00 from property taxation for Miscellaneous Accounts.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 36 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize spending up to \$62,319.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement. Laurie Packard asked if these funds go to road improvements and other things on the roads. Wesley Daniel stated they usually use it for capital improvements on the roads which includes major ditching and changing culvert sizes to get the road ready for paving.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 37 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize spending \$100,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) for Paving of Town Roads. Joan Tognacci asked what road will be paved this year. Tom Johnston stated McDowell Road. Lee Shane wanted to confirm that Article 38 & 39 total \$250,000. to repave this one road. Wesley Daniel stated that the estimate last year was \$245,000.00 for this one road.

Motion carries unanimously. Article 38 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize spending up to \$150,000 from the Road Reserve account for Paving of Town Roads Motion carries unanimously. Article 39 passes.

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).

A motion was made and seconded 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). Motion carries unanimously. Article 40 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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. Motion carries unanimously. Article 41 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 to support Emergency Medical Technician training for interested Townspeople. Janet Martucci believes this fund was started from the Scribner Fund. Tom Johnston stated there is still a Scribner Fund which has about \$1,200.00 available. It costs a lot more to get a Basic EMT. We wanted this money in addition to that fund to try to get more people interested and have more local people ready and available to assist as necessary. Jeff Grinnell stated that this is basically for to pay for EMT's, sponsored through Union Ambulance. The primary

goal is to have first responders here in town so that it gets people there quick. Also building up our first responder program through Union Ambulance will help keep the cost down. Motion carries unanimously. Article 42 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Select Board to investigate the possibility of an inter-local agreement for Emergency Medical Services. Motion carries unanimously. Article 43 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded to accept changes to the ‘Dog Control Ordinance’ as posted and included in the Town Report. Janet Martucci asked for a summary of the changes; she did not read it. Wesley Daniel stated per the request of the Animal Control Officer, she wanted to have a Domestic Animal Ordinance because she has had trouble with farm animals getting out and owners not getting them back into a fenced area. This will help her enforce this, along with the dogs. Will Cassis stated this seems like an overreach about farm animals with a lot of vague language whether the animals are under your control or not. What about free-range chickens, it should talk about specific animals like pigs getting loose. This should be a farm animal ordinance. Mike May asked if Will wanted to made a motion. Will stated he would not vote for this; he’d like to see a Farm Animal Ordinance. After a bit of discussion, *Will made an amendment to the article to remove farm animals. Amendment was seconded.* Joan Tognacci stated that our Animal Control Officer, Nichole Bissett, has no recourse when it comes to doing anything in regards to farm animals. All she can round up now are dogs and issue citations to the dog owners. We have had a lot of problems over the last couple of years with pigs and all kinds of different animals wreaking havoc in town. This basically gives her the ability to address problems with farm animals. Janet Martucci asked for clarification if this covers nuisance animals as well as welfare of mistreated or neglected animals. In which case she would respectfully say that she was vote yes because if someone has a starving horse or beating their oxen it is good to empower the ACO to go and investigate. Deb Bocko read the ordinance stating that the dog issues are stated separately

and only a few places that address farm animals or general domestic animals. The ACO needs to have leverage. Tom Johnston stated that the changes are the underlined sections and you can substitute the word domestic animal for farm animal because that's what we're talking about. What our problem has been over the last couple of years has been domestic animals other than dogs (i.e. farm animals) that have gotten out and the owners haven't taken care of them. What this change in the ordinance does is codify in our ordinance state laws to allow our ACO to deal directly with the problems without having to go through the state or court to get a court order to handle it. *Mike Mayo confirmed that Will Cassis' amendment is to have the ordinance only deal with dogs. The proposed amendment was defeated. Deb Bocko proposed an amendment and was seconded that this ordinance passes, as is, for a year and then reviewed. 2nd Proposed amendment passed. Janet Martucci asked if it is always an option that if something is not working to revisit. Mike Mayo stated there is always an option to revisit but this lady wants to formalize that there will be a review.*

Motion with amendment carries unanimously. Article 44 passes.

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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 240SF.
- 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. *Tom Johnston proposed an amendment to add 'new' between size and structures (for all size new structures) all else remaining the same. The unintended*

consequence is that without the word “new” in there it would require building permits if you wanted to replace your roof and that was not the intent of the Select Board. We have an issue with tiny homes and small building being used as residential structures that we really should have a handle on and that is why they propose the change. Proposed amendment seconded. Steve Ocean asked if we could break up each of these changes into separate articles during this town meeting. Mike Mayo stated you can express a willingness to delete a certain one if you are opposed to that particular one. Steve said he’d like to have debate on each single one of them. Steven proposed a motion to discuss the 4 ordinance changes separately, seconded. Jesse Casas stated that each of these 4 issues are separate, important issues. *Proposed amendment to discuss and vote on these 4 changes separately. Proposed amendment was voted on and passed.* Mike stated we’ll start with the first change and when the second one is discussed we’ll vote on the proposed amendment to add the word new. - Increase CEO-only review for nonresidential structures, up to 2,000 SF from 1,200 SF in size. - Increase CEO-only review for nonresidential structures, up to 2,000 SF from 1,200 SF in size. **Steve Ocean, Planning Board, stated, over the last few years, they have had several people who wanted to build garages or outbuilding that are over 1,200 square feet and they had to come to the Planning Board and do a whole site review and we thought it was not necessary so they wanted to increase it to 2,000 square feet. This 1st part passed unanimously.** -Require a Building Permit for all size ‘new’ structures, but maintaining a fee only for structures over 240square feet. **Amendment to add ‘new’ was seconded.** Mike Mayo stated the discussion is only about adding the word ‘new’. Will Cassis asked if the issue is new residential tiny homes why not put new residential tiny homes? Tom Johnston stated that it’s not strictly all of it because there can be taxable structures built without us knowing where they are. The other part is you can bring in an Amish shed under that square footage, for a year, and then convert it to a home. If we know the structure is there, we’ll have a better idea where we may need fire protection and there’s other issues that go along with that. Joan Tognacci proposed an amendment of a small fee, as it will take the CEO time to look at these structures. Mary Anderson stated he does not go out for everything. Joan withdrew her proposal. Katherine Grinnell asked for clarification on the process of getting a building permit; who signs off on them. Wesley Daniel stated the CEO signs off. Jesse Casas stated that you don’t need to build a new structure and convert it you can take an existing structure and convert it. If

seems this is a much bigger discussion than just for 'new' structures if the issue is that structures are being turned into residences and not being taxed then it's more than 'new' structure. Donald Grinnell requested a friendly amendment to add 'new unattached' to take care of an issue to bring in an Amish shed. He doesn't feel if he needs to put in a handicap access ramp for an elderly person that he should have to get a permit. Tom Johnston did not accept the friendly amendment because it could affect not only a handicap ramp it could extend a small deck, etc. Mike Mayo asked Donald Grinnell if he would like to make a stand-alone amendment. Mike Mayo asked if there was any more discussion on the word 'new'? Jesse Casas asked if this is just a summary, we are talking about so putting this word in is not going to change any of the proposed ordinance language. Mike Mayo stated that the moderator would move that this is a summary which has the intent of trying to clarify anything in the original works. If we vote to include the word 'new' this requires that it be amended into the original document. Jesse Casas stated that we are being asked to vote on ordinance changes that are multiple and are summarized. They could all be standalone articles and then there is an amendment to the summary (adding 'new'). Then we have the language itself; Jesse needs some clarification on what actual effect, when you start talking intent; does that mean that if it ever gets challenged in court that it then goes to intent of the town meeting. It is a little complicated. Mike Mayo stated he does not disagree with any of those comments; he doesn't know any other way to handle this in an open, public town meeting. This is usually not the way proposed ordinances are handled; they usually vote it up or down and that is it. Donald Grinnell stated that we have never done this before; we've always had a proposed ordinance written out so people could see where the actual changes would be, had a public hearing and then vote on it either by referendum or here at town meeting. Donald recommends we hold a public hearing between now and June Primary Election and vote on it at that point. There is too much ambiguity here, right now, to look at the whole ordinance with its changes and then vote the ordinance up or down. Mike Mayo clarified with Donald that he made a motion to postpone any discussion on this article until what he described happens. Mike Mayo stated that this motion would override all the other amendments on this article. Mike Mayo understood the motion to basically postpone this until some date in the future when there would be a completely written ordinance that would be presented and we would vote on it either up or down. Donald Grinnell proposed a motion and

seconded that we delay all action on this article until a future date; hold a public hearing between now and the June Election to vote on it by referendum at the June Primary. Norman Casas agreed with Donald's proposed motion. Steve Ocean asked if we already had a vote. Mike Mayo stated we had a vote for proposals but a vote on passing the whole article. We voted on increase CEO but it is now being overruled by this superseding motion to postpone all of it. Steve stated he would oppose that amendment. Steve stated he would like to vote down the one we are talking about now because he thinks the other ones are clearer and can be debated at town meeting. There was some confusion. Steve did not make a motion. Mike Mayo brought everyone back to Donald Grinnell's motion to hold a public hearing and a written ballot to vote on this article at the June Primary Election. Janet Martucci asked Donald Grinnell if it would be possible, based on the comment that Steve Ocean made, to consider changing that amendment to stick to that controversial part so we can vote on the other parts. Janet made a friendly amendment regarding her statement to Donald Grinnell. Donald Grinnell turned down the friendly amendment. David Williams stated he would like this to be voted on at an annual town meeting. Jesse Casas made a friendly amendment to have the four individual items voted on individually. Donald Grinnell stated that would be fine for the referendum. Tom Johnston asked for an advisory vote on the four individual articles after this vote. Mike Mayo asked Donald Grinnell to restate his motion for vote: To delay all actions on Article 45 until such time as the Planning Board can come back with a written copy of the what the amendments would be and have four separate written referendum questions to be voted on during the June Primary Election. Steven Ocean stated the changes are in the town report just not written out in Article 45. Mike Mayo asked for a straw poll 1) Increase CEO-only review for nonresidential structures, up to 2,000 SF from 1,200 SF in size – all in favor, no one in opposition; 2) Require a building permit for all size 'new' structures, but maintain a fee only for structures over 240 SF – 50/50; without the word 'new' – all opposed; 3) Allow Event Centers in the Rural/Commercial Zone – more in favor than not, not everyone voted; 4) Allow Event Centers in the Farm and Forest Zone, with a special requirement of 15 acres minimum lot size for that use – 50/50.

Motion with amendment carries unanimously Article 45 passes

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.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the road name Little Lane, for a multi-use roadway at about 712 Waldoboro Road.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 46 passes

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.

A motion was made and seconded 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.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 47 passes

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

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 Bryant Room of Gibbs Library, 40 Old Union Road, Washington, on Wednesday, July, 20th 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.

Cathy Blake and Mildred Melgard checked in 9 voters. Town Clerk Mary Anderson opened the special town meeting at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Sarah Reynolds who was the only nominee and then was elected with 3 votes. The Town Clerk duly swore her into office.

Article 2: Shall the Town of Washington (1) **approve** a capital improvement project consisting of the construction of broadband Internet infrastructure, including design costs, transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; (2) **appropriate** the sum of **\$300,000** to fund the project; (3) authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to accept grants and to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$300,000** to fund the appropriation; and (4) **delegate** to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

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Sarah read Article 2 then invited those present to read the financial statement. Steven Ocean asked if this would be paid back with grant money. Wesley Daniel said, if we used it, it would be paid back with grant money. Article 2 was moved and seconded.

**Motion carries unanimously Article 2 passes.
Sarah Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:07pm.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness:

A.	Outstanding balance of bonds previously issued:	\$ -0-
B.	Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ -0-
C.	Anticipated amount of bonds to be issued:	<u>\$300,000</u>
	Total:	<u>\$300,000</u>

Costs: At an estimated net interest rate of 5.0% for a five (5) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Total Principal	\$300,000
Interest:	<u>\$ 37,500</u>
Total Debt Service:	<u>\$337,500</u>

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter’s ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.

Given under our hands on this 20th day of July, 2022:

WESLEY F. DANIEL,
Select Board Chairman
THOMAS N. JOHNSTON,
Select Board
MITCHELL A. GARNETT,
Select Board

Attest:

Mary Anderson, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Results

TO: Cynthia Bourgeois, 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 Gibbs Library, 40 Old Union Road, Washington, on Wednesday, August 24th 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 To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Cathy Blake and Elizabeth Grinnell checked in 18 voters. Town Clerk Mary Anderson opened the special town meeting at 7:00pm. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Sarah Reynolds who was the only nominee and then was elected with 3 votes. The Town Clerk duly swore her into office.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$18,000 from undesignated fund balance to purchase liability insurance for the pole licensing process of the Broadband Project.

Sarah Reynolds read Article 2 then asked for discussion. David Williams asked if this is an annual fee or a one-time fee. Wesley Daniel stated it will be an annual fee. David asked about the line of credit (LOC). Tom Johnston stated it's in addition to the insurance, it's needed to apply for pole licensing through Consolidated Communications (CCI). Sara Bullard stated that CCI charges a fee per pole, that's what the LOC is 'back up' for. David stated it sounds like we're funding a for-profit organization. Tom Johnston stated he has spoken to Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and they stated that CCI requires the end owner to pay for the insurance during the installation period. David asked if we can take the money out of the LOC. Wesley stated yes, but we'll be paying interest. Tom stated that when the revenues start coming in, that will pay the insurance

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premium. Sarah stated that after the 1st year of operation the town will receive quarterly payments up to \$25,000.00. When people sign up to be connected, they will be charged \$25.00 that will be returned to the town; next year that will offset part of the cost of the insurance premium. Donald Grinnell stated he fully supports the Broadband project. There's a bit of clarification both as a citizen and a member of the Budget Committee. The undesignated fund balance is raised by property taxes which is in the checking account. Don read what was on the Broadband FAQ's: "Is it realistic to expect that the town will receive enough revenue to cover the cost of insurance, pole access fees, and any other fees to ensure that the system runs properly? *Yes, final numbers have not been determined, but the Town can expect these costs to be covered by subscriber revenues. We are not expecting any taxpayer liability.*" What we are doing tonight is an \$18,000.00 taxpayer liability. Those who subscribe to this program are the ones who should bear the cost. If we take this out of undesignated fund balance my 98-year-old aunt that is paying property tax, she's subsidizing me to get this program. Why aren't those signing up not paying the cost? Wesley stated we don't have any subscribers yet and you could vote this article down, we could take this out of the line of credit without a town meeting. Tom stated that once we started getting subscriber fees, we would pay back the line of credit but we'll pay interest on it until then. Mary Anderson stated that this was an unexpected expense. Don made an amendment to the article to take it out of the \$300,000.00 broadband line of credit. Mary said she spoke with Mark Ouellette today and he said we could use this LOC for insurance costs. Tom stated that the Broadband project is not covered under the Maine Tort Claims Act, we do need to have this liability insurance. CCI requires the end owner to hold the insurance. Axiom will collect the subscriber fee and under contract will give us an annual fee. Mitch Garnett stated that we received Federal and State money for this project, we're breaking ground. Other towns are facing the same thing. There was some discussion regarding subscriber fees.

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**Sarah Reynolds asked if we are ready to vote on the amendment. Don Grinnell repeated the amendment: To take up to \$18,000.00 from the \$300,000.00 line of credit. Amendment passes.
Vote on Article 2 as amended.
Article 2 passes unanimously as amended.
Motion and seconded to adjourn at 7:40pm.**

Given under our hands on this 10th day of August, 2022:

WESLEY F. DANIEL,
Selectman Chairman
THOMAS N. JOHNSTON,
Select Board
MITCHELL A. GARNETT,
Select Board

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 Bryant Room of Gibbs Library, 40 Old Union Road, Washington, on Wednesday, December 28th at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on Article 1, Article 2 and Article 3 as set out below, to wit:

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

7 registered voters were in attendance. Town Clerk, Mary Anderson, opened special town meeting at 7:00pm. Donald Grinnell led the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Sarah Reynolds as moderator who was the only nominee and then was elected with 3 votes. The Town Clerk duly swore her into office.

Sarah reminded the voters that only one person should be talking at a time and comments are to be addressed to the moderator.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to move \$100,000.00 from Paving & Capital Improvement of Town Roads (Article 30 – 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant) account to the Road Maintenance Reserve Account.

(To ensure that the money is used for paving in 2023. Paving was not done in 2022)

A motion was made and seconded to move \$100,000.00 from Paving & Capital Improvement of Town Roads account to the Road Maintenance Reserve Account. No discussion.

Motion carries unanimously Article 2 passes

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to move \$100,000.00 from Paving of Town Roads (Article 38 – 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant) account to the Road Maintenance Reserve Account.

(Also, for paving in 2023)

A motion was made and seconded to move \$100,000.00 from Paving of Town Roads account to the Road Maintenance Reserve Account. No discussion.

Motion carries unanimously

Article 3 passes

Sarah Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:06p.m.

Given under our hands on this 15th day of December, 2022:

WESLEY F. DANIEL,
Select Board Chairman
THOMAS N. JOHNSTON,
Select Board
MITCHELL A. GARNETT,
Select Board

Attest:

Mary Anderson, Town Clerk

Independent Auditor

Board of Selectmen
Town of Washington
Washington, Maine

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Washington, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Washington's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

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, 2022 and 2021, 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.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Washington, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of 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.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Washington's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Washington's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Washington's basic financial statements. The fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 27, 2023

Exhibit A

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statements of Net Position — December 31, 2022 and 2021

	Governmental Activities	
	2022	2021
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash (Note B)	1,482,996.77	1,238,182.08
Taxes Receivable	275,024.54	215,337.53
Tax Liens	54,373.90	54,514.24
Accounts Receivable	37,077.09	32,899.55
Due From Other Funds	2,237.90	
Total Current Assets	<u>1,851,710.20</u>	<u>1,540,938.40</u>
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT (NOTE M):		
Land and Improvements	29,100.00	29,100.00
Buildings	874,852.00	873,577.00
Equipment	300,013.00	186,342.00
Motor Vehicles	1,229,228.00	1,229,228.00
Infrastructure	13,541,268.74	13,541,268.74
Total Property, Plant, and Equipment	15,974,461.74	15,859,515.74
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	14,031,976.00	13,790,511.00
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u>1,942,485.74</u>	<u>2,069,004.74</u>
Total Assets	<u>3,794,195.94</u>	<u>3,609,938.14</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Notes Payable (Note E)	109,873.14	89,862.88
Accounts Payable - Trade	4,722.40	6,764.64
Due To Other Funds		2,073.00
Deferred Revenue (Note H)	207,499.57	99,698.01
Total Current Liabilities	<u>322,095.11</u>	<u>198,398.53</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
Notes Payable -		
Net of Current Portion (Note E)	<u>354,444.04</u>	<u>446,310.61</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>676,539.15</u>	<u>644,709.14</u>
NET POSITION:		
Net Invested in Capital Assets	1,478,168.56	1,532,831.25
Restricted for:		
Other Purposes	858,712.63	521,910.56
Unrestricted	780,775.60	910,487.19
Total Net Position	<u>3,117,656.79</u>	<u>2,965,229.00</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>3,794,195.94</u>	<u>\$3,609,938.14</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statements of Activities
for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Change In Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	2022	2021
				Total	Total
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General Government	469,555.58	57,903.12	81,861.42	(329,791.04)	(73,338.45)
Public Assistance	1,933.90	1,726.44		(207.46)	136.09
Public Works	544,270.24	7,393.72	46,420.00	(490,456.52)	(469,188.47)
Education	1,846,956.48			(1,846,956.48)	(1,777,067.48)
Knox Communication	49,660.00			(49,660.00)	(50,038.00)
Debt Interest	12,547.74			(12,547.74)	(15,761.66)
County Tax Assessment	185,850.57			(185,850.57)	(181,078.67)
Public Safety	99,346.69	524.65	5,000.00	(93,822.04)	(124,171.05)
Unclassified	33,314.92	1,026.91		(32,288.01)	(39,843.91)
TCSWMO	43,968.24			(43,968.24)	(45,092.31)
Total Primary Government	3,287,404.36	68,574.84	133,281.42	(3,085,548.10)	(2,775,443.91)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

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Exhibit B
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	Net (Expense) Revenue and Change In Net Position	
	2022	2021
	Total	Total
General Revenues:		
Taxes:		
Property Taxes	2,530,819.21	2,461,406.69
Homestead Reimbursement	142,923.00	135,609.41
Excise Taxes	327,882.22	315,467.45
Intergovernmental - State Revenue	150,000.00	115,000.00
Interest	6,153.86	15,589.38
Tree Growth	5,083.60	4,406.07
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Assets		8,464.00
BETE	75,114.00	30,017.00
Total General Revenues	<u>3,237,975.89</u>	<u>3,085,960.00</u>
Change in Net Position	152,427.79	310,516.09
Net Position, January 1	2,965,229.00	2,654,712.91
Net Position, December 31	<u><u>3,117,656.79</u></u>	<u><u>2,965,229.00</u></u>

Exhibit C

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances
to Net Position of Governmental Activities
for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES:		
Restricted for:		
Other Purposes (Schedule B-3)	858,712.63	521,910.56
Unrestricted (Schedule B-2)	520,353.20	680,635.42
Total Governmental Fund Balances (Exhibit E)	<u>1,379,065.83</u>	<u>1,202,545.98</u>
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.	1,942,485.74	2,069,004.74
Notes payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(464,317.18)	(536,173.49)
Property taxes not collected within the 60 days after year end are deferred as revenue in the financial statements. In the government-wide financial statement the revenue is income in the year assessed.	<u>260,422.40</u>	<u>229,851.77</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)	<u><u>3,117,656.79</u></u>	<u><u>2,965,229.00</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

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, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances -		
Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit F)	176,519.85	346,271.65
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.	(126,519.00)	(99,902.26)
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces liabilities in the Statements of Net Position.	239,768.31	186,554.39
Net book value on disposal of assets.		(4,036.00)
Loan proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	(167,912.00)	(100,000.00)
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.	<u>30,570.63</u>	<u>(18,371.69)</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)	<u>152,427.79</u>	<u>310,516.09</u>

Exhibit E

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Balance Sheets - Governmental Funds
December 31, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
	Total	Total
ASSETS:		
Cash	1,482,996.77	1,238,182.08
Taxes Receivable	275,024.54	215,337.53
Tax Liens	54,373.90	54,514.24
Accounts Receivable	37,077.09	32,899.55
Due From Other Funds	2,237.90	
Total Assets	<u>1,851,710.20</u>	<u>1,540,933.40</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND		
FUND BALANCE:		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	4,722.40	6,764.64
Due To Other Funds		2,073.00
Total Liabilities	<u>4,722.40</u>	<u>8,837.64</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Deferred Revenue (Note H)	207,499.57	99,698.01
Deferred Tax Revenue	260,422.40	229,851.77
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>467,921.97</u>	<u>329,549.78</u>
Fund Balance:		
Assigned for Other Purposes	858,712.63	521,910.56
Unassigned	520,353.20	680,635.42
Total Fund Balance	<u>1,379,065.83</u>	<u>1,202,545.98</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Fund Balance	<u>1,851,710.20</u>	<u>1,540,933.40</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds
for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	2022 Total	2021 Total
REVENUES:		
Property Taxes	2,500,248.58	2,479,778.38
Excise Taxes	327,882.22	315,467.45
Intergovernmental Revenues	150,000.00	115,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	142,923.00	135,609.41
Public Assistance	1,726.44	1,020.62
Public Works	53,813.72	63,507.35
Interest	6,153.86	15,589.38
Building Permits - Town	3,762.20	142,168.81
Tree Growth Reimbursement	5,083.60	4,406.07
Veterans Reimbursement	1,512.00	1,676.00
Unclassified	1,026.91	932.68
BETE	75,114.00	30,017.00
Public Safety	5,524.65	6,262.36
General Government	127,840.34	104,994.93
Mining Permits and Inspections	6,650.00	6,000.00
Total Revenues	<u>3,409,261.52</u>	<u>3,422,430.44</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
Education - MSAD 40	1,846,956.48	1,777,067.48
Knox County Tax	185,850.57	181,078.67
General Government	612,955.58	421,555.19
Public Works	347,622.24	458,954.56
Public Safety	176,075.69	98,395.41
Public Assistance	1,933.90	884.53
Unclassified	33,314.92	40,776.59
TCSWMO	43,968.24	45,092.31
Knox Communication	49,660.00	50,038.00
Debt Principal	89,768.31	86,554.39
Debt Interest	12,547.74	15,761.66
Total Expenditures	<u>3,400,653.67</u>	<u>3,176,158.79</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	8,607.85	246,271.65
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:		
Loan Proceeds	167,912.00	100,000.00
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>176,519.85</u>	<u>346,271.65</u>
Fund Balance, January 1	1,202,545.98	856,274.33
Fund Balance, December 31	<u><u>1,379,065.83</u></u>	<u><u>1,202,545.98</u></u>

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TOWN OF WASHINGTON Exhibit G
Statements of Fiduciary Net Position — Nonspendable Trust Funds
December 31, 2022 and 2021

ASSETS:	2022	2021
Cash	130,262.99	126,866.07
Due From Other Funds		2,073.00
Total Assets	<u>130,262.99</u>	<u>128,939.07</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
LIABILITIES:		
Due To Other Funds	12,614.23	9,353.01
NET POSITION:		
Restricted for Principal	80,187.11	79,637.11
Unassigned	37,461.65	39,948.95
Total Net Position	<u>117,648.76</u>	<u>119,586.06</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>130,262.99</u>	<u>128,939.07</u>

TOWN OF WASHINGTON Exhibit H
Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position -
Nonspendable Trust Funds
for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

REVENUES:	2022	2021
Interest	300.60	514.60
Contributions	1,870.10	3,473.00
Total Revenues	<u>2,170.70</u>	<u>3,987.60</u>
EXPENSES:		
Scholarships	4,108.00	1,100.00
Total Expenses	<u>4,108.00</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>
Change in Net Position	(1,937.30)	2,887.60
Net Position, January 1	119,586.06	116,698.46
Net Position, December 31	<u>117,648.76</u>	<u>119,586.06</u>

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TOWN OF WASHINGTON Exhibit I
Statements of Cash Flows
Fiduciary Fund Type - Nonexpendable Trust Funds
for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
CASH FLOWS FROM		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest	323.92	554.86
Cash Received for Trust Funds	1,000.00	3,473.00
Cash Paid for Expenses		(1,400.00)
Due To (From) Other Funds	2,073.00	(3,187.00)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	3,396.92	(559.14)
Cash Balance, January 1	126,866.07	127,425.21
Cash Balance, December 31	130,262.99	126,866.07

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

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, 2022.

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 state subsidies and reimbursements. Based on prior year collections, management has determined that an allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary at December 31, 2022.

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

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. 89, “Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period”, is 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.

c. 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.

d. 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.

e. 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 ending December 31, 2022. This statement requires that for purposes of determining whether a primary government is financially accountable for a potential component unit, except for a potential component unit that is a defined contribution pension plan, a defined contribution OPEB plan, or another employee benefit plan (for example, certain Section 457 Plans), the absence of a governing board should be treated the same as the appointment of a voting majority of a governing board if the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

f. Statement No. 98, “The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report” is effective for the year ending December 31, 2022. This statement establishes the term annual comprehensive financial report and its acronym ACFR. 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. 94, “Public Private Partnerships” is effective for the year ending December 31, 2023. The primary 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.

b. Statement No. 96, “Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements” is effective for the year ending December 31, 2023. This statement provides guidance on the accounting and 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. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, Leases, as amended. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

c. Statement No. 99, “Omnibus 2022” portions of the Omnibus 2022 is effective for the year ending December 31, 2023 and portions are effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The objectives of this statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. Management has determined that some portions of this statement will be applicable.

d. Statement No. 100, “Accounting Changes and Error Corrections” is effective for the year ending December 31, 2024. The primary objective of this statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. Management has determined that this statement is applicable based on certain circumstances that change from year to year.

e. Statement No. 101, “Compensated Absences” is effective for the year ending December 31, 2025. The objective of this statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. Management has determined that this statement will be 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	1,602,370.66	1,795,830.65	250,000.00	1,545,830.65	-

NOTE C - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Accounts Receivable consists of the following:

State of Maine:

Homestead	36,538.00
General Assistance	412.93
Fuel Tax	126.16
	<u>37,077.09</u>

Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts

An allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary at Dec. 31, 2022.

NOTE D - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES:

Due From Trust Funds	2,237.90
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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, 2022:

	BALANCE		BALANCE	
	1/1/22	ADDITIONS	REDUCTIONS	12/31/22
The First - Fire Truck	198,953.75		26,340.09	172,613.66
The First - Plow Truck	38,742.67		19,099.39	19,643.28
The First - Line of Credit		150,000.00	150,000.00	
The First - Fire Truck 2020	93,020.69		17,906.16	75,114.53
The First - Plow Truck 2020	88,792.48		17,092.25	71,700.23
The First - Garage Loan	116,663.90		9,330.42	107,333.48
The First - Line of Credit Broadband		17,912.00		17,912.00
	<u>536,173.49</u>	<u>167,912.00</u>	<u>239,768.31</u>	<u>464,317.18</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%. 172,613.66

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%. 19,643.28

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, 2022. -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%. 75,114.53

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%. 71,700.23

The First - Plow Truck 2020:

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%. 107,333.48

The First - Line of Credit:

The line of credit is a fixed rate (4.47%) line of credit for 300,000.00. The note is dated July 25, 2022 and is due July 25, 2023. The note is to make funds available for Broadband build out. A withdrawal of 17,912.00 was taken August 29, 2022 for insurance and is outstanding at December 31, 2022. 17,912.00

464,317.18

The annual requirements to amortize notes payable as of December 31, 2022 follows:

YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2023	109,873.14	10,358.83	120,231.97
2024	73,907.61	8,224.57	82,132.18
2025	75,550.26	6,581.92	82,132.18
2026	77,103.26	4,912.33	82,015.59
2027	40,442.39	3,209.13	43,651.52
Thereafter	87,440.52	4,245.13	91,685.65
	<u>464,317.18</u>	<u>37,531.91</u>	<u>501,849.09</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	83,809.53
Public Safety	98,294.12
Public Works	662,348.06
Unclassified	14,260.92
	<u>858,712.63</u>

NOTE H - DEFERRED REVENUE:

Deferred Revenue consists of the following:

Prepaid 2023 Taxes	4,902.38
Suspense	202,597.19
	<u>207,499.57</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	1,846,956.00	1,846,956.48	(.48)
State Homestead	142,923.00	143,190.82	(267.82)
Legal	7,500.00	8,625.00	(1,125.00)

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 October 19, 2022 on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2022 for all taxable real and personal property located in the Town. Taxes were due on December 31, 2022 with interest at 4% per annum or part thereof commencing January 1, 2023. 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 \$12,547.74, 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, 2022:

	BALANCE JAN. 1, 2022	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	BALANCE DEC. 31, 2022
Non-Depreciable:				
Land	14,131.00			14,131.00
Depreciable:				
Land Improvements	14,969.00			14,969.00
Buildings	873,577.00	1,275.00		874,852.00
Equipment	186,342.00	113,671.00		300,013.00
Motor Vehicles	1,229,228.00			1,229,228.00
Infrastructure	13,541,268.74			13,541,268.74
	15,859,515.74	114,946.00		15,974,461.74
Accumulated				
Depreciation	(13,790,511.00)	(241,465.00)		(14,031,976.00)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	2,069,004.74	(126,519.00)		1,942,485.74

Depreciation expense for the period totaled \$241,465.00. Of that amount, \$6,600.00 was for General Government, \$198,144.00 was for Public Works, and \$36,721.00 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 \$5,680,664.00 at June 30, 2022. The Town of Washington's share would be 10.37% of the debt or approximately \$589,014.00.

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 \$2,071,014.00 at December 31, 2022. The Town of Washington's share would be 2.11% of the debt, or approximately \$43,698.00.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
for the year ended December 31, 2022

REVENUES:	Original and Final Budget	Actual
Property Taxes	2,529,634.05	2,500,248.58
Excise Taxes		327,882.22
Intergovernmental Revenues	150,000.00	150,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	142,922.82	142,923.00
Building Permits - Town		3,762.20
Tree Growth Reimbursement		5,083.60
Veterans Reimbursement		1,512.00
Interest		6,153.86
Public Works		53,813.72
General Government		117,987.17
BETE	75,106.46	75,114.00
Public Safety		5,524.65
Unclassified		1,026.91
Mining Permits and Inspections		6,650.00
Interest and Lien Costs on Overdue Taxes		9,853.17
Public Assistance		1,726.44
Total Revenues	2,897,663.33	3,409,261.52
EXPENDITURES:		
Education - MSAD #40	1,846,956.00	1,846,956.48
Knox County Tax	185,851.00	185,850.57
General Government	374,332.00	612,955.58
Public Works	431,500.00	347,622.24
Public Safety	189,690.00	176,075.69
Public Assistance	4,000.00	1,933.90
Unclassified	35,712.00	33,314.92
TCSWMO	43,969.00	43,968.24
Knox Communication	49,661.00	49,660.00
Debt	102,339.00	102,316.05
Total Expenditures	3,264,010.00	3,400,653.67
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(366,346.67)	8,607.85
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Transfer - In		167,912.00
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(366,346.67)	176,519.85
Fund Balance, January 1	1,202,545.98	1,202,545.98
Fund Balance, December 31	836,199.31	1,379,065.83

Schedule B-2

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statement of Changes in Unappropriated Surplus
for the year ended December 31, 2022

Unappropriated Surplus, January 1		680,635.42
INCREASES:		
Operating Account Balances Lapsed - Net (Schedule B-3)		<u>420,452.41</u>
Total Available		1,101,087.83
DECREASES:		
Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting	415,283.00	
Article 40 - Air Packs	22,381.00	
Special Town Meeting, December 28, 2022	100,000.00	
Increase in Deferred Taxes	30,570.63	
Special Town Meeting - Broadband	<u>12,500.00</u>	
		<u>580,734.63</u>
Unappropriated Surplus, December 31		<u><u>520,353.20</u></u>

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Statement of Departmental Operations for the year ended December 31, 2022

	BALANCE FORWARD 1/1/22	APPRO- PRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	UNEXPENDED (OVER/DRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/22
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:									
Education - MSAD #40	-	1,846,956.00	-	-	1,846,956.00	1,846,956.48	-	(0.48)	-
Knox County Tax		185,851.00			185,851.00	185,850.57		0.43	
Overlay		69,611.33			69,611.33	43,968.24	69,611.33	0.76	
TCSWMO		43,969.00			43,969.00	49,660.00		1.00	
Knox Communication		49,661.00			49,661.00	2,126,435.29	69,611.33	1.71	
	-	2,196,048.33	-	-	2,196,048.33	2,126,435.29	69,611.33	1.71	-
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:									
Salaries	-	232,115.00	3,274.31	-	235,389.31	219,670.11	150.00	15,569.20	-
Administration		48,494.00	749.11		49,243.11	45,616.92		3,626.19	
Broadband				30,412.00	30,412.00	27,911.70			2,500.30
ARPA	79,959.81		80,349.42		160,309.23	79,000.00		(1,125.00)	81,309.23
Legal		7,500.00			7,500.00	8,625.00			
Insurance		33,448.00	2,306.00		35,754.00	30,159.50		5,594.50	
Building Permits			3,762.20		3,762.20	500.00		3,262.20	
Mining Permits and Inspections			6,650.00		6,650.00			6,650.00	
Interest Income			6,153.86		6,153.86			6,153.86	
Interest and Lien Costs on Taxes			9,853.17		9,853.17	2,763.60		7,089.57	
Excise Taxes - Auto				327,882.22	327,882.22	100.98		327,781.24	
Excise Taxes - Boat			2,407.40		2,407.40	11.20		2,396.20	
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,000.00		27,729.53		32,729.53	50.00	5,000.00	27,679.53	
Utilities/Maintenance		50,500.00	309.40		50,809.40	47,492.57		3,316.83	
Boards and Committees		600.00			600.00			600.00	
Abatements and Supplementals				6,696.64	6,696.64		6,696.64		
Tax Anticipation Loan		1,000.00		150,000.00	151,000.00	150,265.28		734.72	

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	BALANCE FORWARD 1/1/22	APPRO- PRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES (OVERDRAFT)	UNEXPENDED	BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/22
Animal Control			862.00		862.00			862.00	
State Homestead Reimbursement				142,923.00	142,923.00		143,190.82	(267.82)	
State Tree Growth			5,083.60		5,083.60			5,083.60	
State Veterans Reimbursement			1,512.00		1,512.00			1,512.00	
State Snowmobile	370.72				370.72	370.72			
State BETE			75,114.00		75,114.00		75,106.46	7.54	
PUBLIC SAFETY:	85,330.53	373,657.00	226,116.00	657,913.86	1,343,017.39	612,537.58	230,143.92	416,526.36	83,809.53
Fire Truck Loans	-	51,065.00	-	-	51,065.00	51,052.40	12.60	-	-
Fire Truck									
Replacement Reserve	55,753.16	20,000.00	470.65	5,000.00	81,223.81				81,223.81
Fire Department Operations		20,400.00		54.00	20,454.00	11,198.78	9,255.22		
EMA Grant	1,533.37				1,533.37	50.00			1,483.37
Air Packs				22,381.00	22,381.00	22,381.00			
Union Ambulance		117,290.00			117,290.00	117,168.84	121.16		
Fire Equipment Reserve	14,475.03	12,000.00	5,000.00	9,388.98	40,864.01	25,277.07			15,586.94
	71,761.56	220,755.00	5,470.65	36,823.98	334,811.19	227,128.09	9,388.98	-	98,294.12
General Roads		311,500.00	4,129.51	72.16	315,701.67	313,469.39	2,232.28	-	-
LRAP Initiative	62,319.68		46,420.00		108,739.68	34,152.85			74,586.83
Paving		100,000.00		100,000.00	200,000.00		200,000.00		
Plow Truck Loan		38,984.00			38,984.00	38,976.75	7.25		
Debt - Garage		12,290.00			12,290.00	12,286.90	3.10		
Road Maintenance									
Truck Fund	66,439.06	20,000.00	541.65		86,980.71				86,980.71
Road Maintenance Reserve	225,091.00		1,505.14	271,941.75	498,537.89				498,537.89
Road Maintenance Equipment Lease	353,849.74	482,774.00	52,596.30	374,256.54	1,263,476.58	398,885.89	202,242.63	-	2,242.63
				2,242.63	2,242.63				662,348.06

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	BALANCE FORWARD 1/1/22	APPRO- PRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES (OVERDRAFT)	UNEXPENDED	BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/22
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:									
General Assistance	-	4,000.00	1,313.51	412.93	5,726.44	1,933.90	-	3,792.54	-
UNCLASSIFIED:									
Town Record Preservation	972.43	3,000.00	-	-	3,972.43	-	-	-	3,972.43
Recreation Committee	2,356.30	1,000.00	1,026.91	-	4,383.21	2,734.72	-	-	1,648.49
Cemetery Headstone Restoration	7,640.00	1,000.00			8,640.00				8,640.00
Waldo Community Action Partners		253.00			253.00	253.00			
Pope Memorial		2,229.00			2,229.00	2,228.80		0.20	
Humane Society		600.00			600.00	468.40		131.60	
Flags for Veterans Graves		750.00			750.00	750.00			
New Hope Midcoast		2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00			
Washington Food Bank		865.00			865.00	865.00			
Spectrum Generations		50.00			50.00	50.00			
Midcoast Conservancy Dues		1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00			
Minnie Weaver Scholarship		15,000.00			15,000.00	15,000.00			
Gibbs Library		3,500.00			3,500.00	3,500.00			
Washington Historical Society		1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00			
Washington Scholarship		300.00			300.00	300.00			
Gary Owen House		865.00			865.00	865.00			
PT ARC		764.00			764.00	764.00			
Life Flight		1,536.00			1,536.00	1,536.00			
Penquus Community Action									
	10,968.73	35,712.00	1,026.91	-	47,707.64	33,314.92	-	131.80	14,260.92
	521,910.56	3,312,946.33	286,523.37	1,069,407.31	5,190,787.57	3,400,235.67	511,386.86	420,452.41	858,712.63

Warrant for 2023 Annual Town Meeting

TO: Cynthia Bourgeois, 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 24, 2023, 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 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 41 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 2023 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2024, to the date of the 2024 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 2023 taxes will be due and payable on October 2, 2023) (Maximum interest rate on overdue taxes allowed by State Law: 8.0%)

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

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 is authorized to offer the sale of the property to the former owner for back taxes, interest, 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 in 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 \$5,000.00 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 2023 and 2024 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 2023 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, 2023, to the Fire Equipment Reserve account.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to move any monies remaining in the Maintenance of Town Roads account on December 31, 2023, to the Road Maintenance Equipment Reserve account, up to a limit of \$10,000.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the 2023 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 appropriate the following General Fund revenues to be applied toward the 2023 property tax commitment, thereby decreasing the 2023 tax commitment by \$573,500.00.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend:

Excise Tax Revenue	300,000.00
Revenue Sharing	240,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	4,000.00
Building Permits	2,000.00
Mining Permits and Inspections	6,000.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes	5,000.00
Veterans Reimbursement	1,200.00
General Fund Interest	3,000.00
Other Town Fees Collected	12,300.00
Total	<u>\$573,500.00</u>

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$40,000 from Unexpended 2022 appropriations, and \$50,000 from the Undesignated Fund balance to be applied to the 2023 property tax commitment, to decrease that commitment by \$90,000.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$305,686.00 from property taxation for 2023 Knox County, Knox County Communications, and Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization.

Note: Due to ongoing Ambulance budget discussions, Union Ambulance assessment will be voted on in June with the school budget.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Knox County Tax Assessment	\$200,585.00
Knox County Communications	58,012.00
Tri-County Solid Waste	47,089.00
	<u>\$305,686.00</u>

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$64,684.00 from property taxation for General Government Operations.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Legal Fees	10,000.00
Administration	54,684.00
Advertising	1,000.00
Computer Annual Fees	17,684.00
Audit of Town Books	8,000.00

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Computer Tech Support	2,600.00	
MMA Dues	3,300.00	
Workshops and Training	1,200.00	
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	600.00	
Subtotal	54,684.00	
Total		<u>\$64,684.00</u>

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,961.00 from property taxation for Insurance.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

MMA Insurance Risk Pool	\$20,512.00
Unemployment Insurance	256.00
Worker's Compensation Premium	5293.00
Volunteer Insurance	100.00
Firefighter Accident Insurance	800.00
Total	<u>\$26,961.00</u>

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$254,595.00 from property taxation for Salaries, Stipends, Employee Health Insurance, and Payroll Expenses.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Salaries and Stipends	\$175,250.00
Select Board (3)	22,500.00
Secretary - Select Board	1,000.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	26,625.00
Treasurer	14,945.00
Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector/Treasurer	25,740.00
Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector/Treasurer II	16,840.00
Registrar of Voters	1,500.00

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Ballot Clerks	2,600.00	
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	3,500.00	
Code Enforcement Officer	25,000.00	
Constable	100.00	
Moderator of open March town meeting	250.00	
School Board Member Stipend (2)	1,000.00	
Custodial Services	2,200.00	
Sub-total	<u>\$175,250.00</u>	
Town Portion of		
Employee Health Insurance	42,845.00	
FICA Payroll Expenses	28,000.00	
Town Portion of SIMPLE IRA	8,500.00	
		<u>79,345.00</u>
Total		\$254,595.00

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$413,624.00 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	27,000.00
Truck Maintenance	
P100	4,000.00
P200	4,000.00
P300	4,000.00
P500	4,000.00
P600	4,000.00
Cutting Edges and Sander Chains	15,000.00
Culverts	7,500.00

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Loader and Backhoe Fuel	5,000.00
Loader, Backhoe & Chipper Maintenance	5,500.00
Garage Mortgage	12,290.00
Garage Utilities	8,000.00
Garage Maintenance	2,500.00
Road Maintenance Labor	183,750.00
Equipment Rental	13,000.00
Screening Winter Sand	27,500.00
Road Salt	35,000.00
E911 and Road Signs	600.00
State Fee, Mining Permit	400.00
Driver OSHA and	
DOT Screening and Testing	600.00
Total	<u>\$413,624.00</u>

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200,000 from property taxation and to use up to \$300,000 from the Road Maintenance Reserve Fund for the paving of Town Roads. (*Total of \$500,000*) Any monies not used from this article shall revert to the Road Maintenance Reserve Fund on Dec 31, 2023.

Article 30: 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 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$84,065.00 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	4,000.00
Total	\$84,065.00

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$58,300.00 from property taxation for Utilities and Maintenance.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend as advisory lines:

Town Utilities	17,500.00
Grounds and Monument Gardens	1,000.00
Building Maintenance	10,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	20,000.00
Street Lights	3,500.00
Municipal Complex Snow Removal	6,300.00
Total	<u>\$58,300.00</u>

Article 33: 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 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$48,500.00 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	2,000.00
Fire Truck Replacement Fund	20,000.00
Road Maintenance Truck Fund	20,000.00
EMS Training Fund	2,500.00
Total	<u>\$48,500.00</u>

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$38,726.00 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	750.00

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Midcoast Conservancy Dues (Damariscotta Lake Watershed)	50.00	
Sub-total	<u>\$25,529.00</u>	
Social Agencies and Concerns		
New Hope Midcoast	900.00	
Waldo Community Action Partners	5,276.00	
Spectrum Generations	952.00	
Pine Tree Chapter, Red Cross	1,500.00	
Life Flight of Maine	796.00	
Penquis	<u>3,773.00</u>	
Sub-total	<u>\$13,197.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$38,726.00</u>

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending up to \$74,586.00 from the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) for Capital Road Improvement.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a 'Town-Owned Property Ordinance' as posted and included in the Town Report. *(This Ordinance is prompted by the Knox County Sheriff's Office, in order to post restrictive signage at Town Properties, in accordance with MMA guidelines.)*

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 from property taxation for a Revaluation Fund.
(Note: State of Maine standards suggest that a town's assessor or agent review all property every five years. It has been many years since the town has had a full revaluation. This fund would be built up over 5 years, and would pay a contractor to conduct a full revaluation.)

(Note: Approximately \$80,000 in ARPA funds available for articles 39,40.)

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to authorize spending from the American Recovery Plan Act funds for the following items:

Upgrade of the Town website:	\$5,000
Ceiling insulation for Public Works Garage:	\$15,000
Broadband connections for excluded parcels:	\$5,000

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to purchase an excavator with attachments for road and roadside maintenance, with a total expenditure of \$103,917. A downpayment of \$40,000 to be taken from ARPA funds, and \$63,917 to be borrowed and paid back over a 5 year term.

Financial statement for Article 40:

Treasurer's Financial Statement, Town of Washington

1. Total Town Indebtedness

a. 1 st Plow Truck (1 year remaining)	\$19,643.28
b. 1 st Fire Truck (7 years remaining)	\$172,613.66
c. Fire Truck Chassis (4 years remaining)	\$75,114.53
d. 2 nd Plow Truck (4 years remaining)	\$71,700.23
e. Garage Mortgage (10 years remaining)	\$107,333.48
f. Broadband Line of Credit (1 year remaining)	\$17,912.00

2. Costs

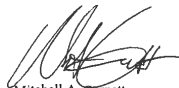
Excavator with attachments (5-year loan @ 4.74% interest; est. Annual P&I payment)	\$63,917.00 \$14,686.25
Total Payment	\$73,431.25

Article 41: 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 1st day of March, 2023:



Wesley F. Daniel
Chairman, Select Board



Mitchell A. Garnett
Select Board



Thomas N. Johnston
Select Board



Attest:
Mary Anderson, Town Clerk



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Town of Washington

Town-owned property Ordinance

Town-owned properties include, but are not limited to, the municipal complex (Town Office, Fire Station, library, fire pond on Bill Luce Road), the Public Works Garage, Nelson-Butterfield Park, the Washington Pond boat launch, the Village Park and all tax acquired properties if so designated by the Board of Selectmen.

Vehicles left unoccupied or unattended after dark on town-owned property may be towed at the owner’s expense. Towing of vehicles is at the discretion of law enforcement officer(s) and/or town officials.

Vehicle weight is limited to less than 24,000 pounds for the Washington Pond public boat launch access road and Nelson Butterfield Park on Crystal Pond.

All town-owned properties are drug-free zones. Alcohol possession, use or ingestion also is prohibited on town-owned properties. Marijuana possession without a medical marijuana medical treatment card is prohibited on town-owned properties. Any law enforcement officer or constable shall have the authority to seize alcoholic beverages and/or drugs being possessed or consumed/used on town-owned property.

Use of soap, detergent, shampoo or other cleansing agents is prohibited in, or adjacent to, bodies of water that are part of, or abutting, town-owned properties. Pets, livestock or other animals may not be washed or bathed with soap, detergent or surficants in, or adjacent to, bodies of water that are part of, or abutting, town-owned properties.

Fines for violation of this ordinance are between \$100 and \$500 per occurrence; fines do not include towing or legal costs incurred by the violator. Any fine(s) paid or collected shall be for the use of the town.

The Board of Selectmen are empowered to contract with the Knox County Sheriff’s office to conduct enforcement of this ordinance or may rely on a locally appointed constable or special police officer.

Adopted _____

Town of Washington Select Board

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