

ANNUAL REPORT

WAYNE, MAINE



**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2022**

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Annual Town Report Dedication

Every year, the Selectboard is given the distinct task of recognizing an individual, individuals or organization that has demonstrated true community spirit and contributed much to the shaping of our wonderful community of Wayne. This year's dedication of the Annual Town Report will be awarded to several amazing residents. These residents, through their unlimited time, energy, and devotion, have given much to the betterment of our community. This honor has been awarded to: Wayne Bryant and Dallas Folk.

Wayne Bryant

Many people in town may not know that Wayne Bryant has been voluntarily maintaining the town's dam for close to 44 years. In 1979, Wayne assisted his future father-in-law, George Richardson, who was the town of Wayne's official Dam Keeper, for approximately fifty years. Wayne took over the position officially around the early 1990s. The Dam Keeper was appointed by the Selectboard and paid \$1 a year on paper, to maintain the dam and control the level of water in Pocasset Lake.

The Dam Keeper's job not only took physical strength, but a certain know-how, knowledge, and experience to know when to add or take away boards to control the water in the spring, so that the water level did not get too high and go around the sides of the dam, which could erode the structure and undermine the dam. In the times of low water conditions, the Dam Keeper had to make sure there was enough water to keep the vegetation alive below the dam and flowing into Androscoggin Lake.

It was a dangerous job and, in the spring, you had to be on top of things and watch the amount of rainfall and snow melt, so that the water wouldn't reach more than a height of the 264 feet above sea level. In the early years before the new dam was built, Wayne and George had to stand on a single board over the dam to reach and move the boards. It was tricky to remove a board because there was extreme pressure on one side and they had to move the boards evenly with steel rods or the board could slip and knock them into the waterfall below. Wayne remembers many close calls over the years.

When engineers were hired by the town to rebuild the dam, they consulted with Wayne many times, as they trusted Wayne's knowledge and expertise as Dam Keeper. Wayne suggested some modifications to make the removal of the boards safer, and a spillway was added.

In 1987 when there was a great flood, the footbridge was washed out and Wayne, who was a builder by trade working for his father-in-law George, built the present footbridge.

As often it is with any public service, you can't please everyone. As Wayne's wife Karen likes to say, "Depending on your perspective, whether you want the water level high or low, Wayne was either the 'Dam Keeper,' or the 'Damn Keeper!'"

Wayne and his wife Karen's two sons, Jeremy and Tyler, assisted Wayne for many years to do the needed least two-person job of pulling boards. As Wayne's sons have become adults and are not available to help as before, Wayne has found it hard to find assistance and decided it was time to retire.

The Town of Wayne greatly appreciates the many years of service Wayne has professionally and selflessly given.

Dallas Folk

Dallas is a long-time dedicated resident who has given much of his time and talents to nearly a half-century of service on the Budget Committee.

Dallas was born in 1937 to his parents Carl and Sarah Folk in Newmarket, NJ where he was raised and attended high school. He met his wife, Janet (Jan) while in high school. They eventually got married in college and raised two sons, Mark and Carl, in Wayne.

Dallas went on to Rutgers University and graduated with a degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1960. Shortly after graduation, he worked for the University as an Inspector of new construction.

Within 9-months of graduation, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was shipped off to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was taught to be an instructor. Shortly, while still in the U.S. Army, the Cuban Missile Crisis broke out.

After leaving the U.S. Army in 1963, Dallas moved his family to Massachusetts where he was hired by H.P. Cummings, a Construction Management Firm. While working for H.P. Cummings, they transferred him to their Winthrop, Maine, office where he managed several large commercial and institutional construction projects for places like Bates College, Bowdoin College, and Maine General. He retired as the Chief Executive Officer.

Dallas and Jan moved to Wayne in 1972 after his job transfer to Winthrop. He bought land on the House Road where he manages their tree farm and walking trails. He enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and playing tennis.

Shortly, after he moved to Town, Dallas remembers going to Annual Town Meeting in the old Town House where women sat on one side, and men on the other side. At that time, Town officials were both nominated and elected on the floor at open town meetings. Someone nominated Dallas because he was a businessman. It was then, in 1976, that he was first elected to the Budget Committee. He served on the Budget Committee for 46 years until he stepped down after the 2022 Budget season. For most of his tenure on the Committee, he served as the Chairperson.

After nearly a century of service on the Budget Committee, Dallas said he found the work to be entertaining, and that he enjoyed all the people he served with on the Committee. He often found it hard to convince voters to vote on various budgets.

Dallas's time on the Budget Committee can be remembered for helping guide the Town prudently in his low-key style, with the intention that it was important to look back and forward and make a good proposal. He added, "It is the members of the Select Board who have to 'take the heat' by presenting the proposal to the citizens." With the help of the Town Manager, Dallas and whoever was then Chair of the Board would guide the Board through the details. He, and others, would remind the Board that even though a \$75,000 item and a \$750 item might each deserve scrutiny, it is wise to keep in mind the scales involved and not get lost in the fine details.

In addition to his service to the Budget Committee, and while his children were younger, he served on the Ladd Recreation Center Board of Directors. Later in life, when the Cary Memorial Library was embarking on a large renovation project, his firm provided the Wayne Library Association construction management consulting services for the project. Dallas is still regularly consulted for his background in construction management and planning projects such as the Ladd Recreation Tennis Court Project and the Town Facilities & Building Committee.

The Town of Wayne is grateful to have Dallas's focused, generous, and good-natured services for all this time.

The Town of Wayne recognizes and appreciates Wayne Bryant and Dallas Folk for their community spirit and volunteerism. On behalf of a grateful community, the Selectboard is proud to extend their deep appreciation and gratitude to these remarkable individuals for their many years of volunteer work and instilling a true sense of community spirit. The Selectboard would like to thank all of you who helped. You make the Town a better place to live and work. We are forever grateful. Thank you, thank you!

WAYNE TOWN OFFICIALS

July 1, 2022

Elected Town Officials

Board of Selectmen/Assessors and Overseers of the Poor [3YR-Elected]

Amy Cushman Black	Term Expires in 6/30/2024
Stan Davis, Vice-Chair	Term Expires in 6/30/2024
Trent Emery, Chair	Term Expires in 6/30/2025
Lloyd Irland	Term Expires in 6/30/2023
Don Welsh	Term Expires in 6/30/2023

Budget Committee

[5YR-Elected]

David Stevenson	Term Expires in 6/30/2023
Eric Stinneford	Term Expires in 6/30/2027
James Perkins	Term Expires in 6/30/2026
Emily Clifton	Term Expires in 6/30/2025
Carol Ladd	Term Expires in 6/30/2024

RSU #38 School Board

[3YR-Elected]

Keltie Beaudoin	Term Expires in 6/30/2024
David Twitchell	Term Expires in 6/30/2023

School Committee

[3YR-Elected]

Vacant	Term Expires in 6/30/2025
David Twitchell	Term Expires in 6/30/2023
Theresa Kerchner	Term Expires in 6/30/2024

Appointed Town Officials

30-Mile River Watershed Association Representative

Don Welsh

Aging at Home Outreach Coordinator

Pamela Chenea

Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corporation Representative

Don Welsh

Animal Control Officer

Anna Carll

Assessor Agent (RJD Appraisal)

Matt Caldwell

Cobbossee Watershed District Trustee

Eileen O'Reilly

Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector

Chip Stephens

Dead River Dam Maintenance Committee Representative

Lloyd Irland

Fence Viewer

Charles King

Fire Department

Bruce Mercier, Fire Chief, Fire Warden and Emergency Management Director

Taylor Stevenson, Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Warden

James Welch, Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Warden

Mark Bachelder

Robert Bandy

Sydney Birtwell

Steve Booth

Jillian Booth

John Christopher

Elaine Christopher

Jareb Dyer

Stefan Gawron

Gary Hunt

Colin Jones

Megan Stevenson

Wyatt Stevenson

Ladd Recreation Director and Youth Sports Coordinator

Adam Brooks

Tax Collector

Jessica Leighton

Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters

Cathy Cook

Town Manager, Road Commissioner, General Assistance Administrator and Health Officer

Aaron Chrostowsky

Treasurer and E-911 Addressing Officer

Bruce Mercier

Wayne Village Dam keeper

Wayne Bryant

Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Aging-at-Home

Peter Ault
Megan Bachelder
Amy Bandy
Jane Davis
Stan Davis
Deborah Emery
Patricia Ender
Cindy Gyorgy
Stephanie Merrill
Nancy Teachout

Archival Board

Leo Behrendt
Judy Danielson
Carroll Paradis
Gerry Paradis
Vacancy

Board of Appeals

Teco Brown, Secretary
Steve Dodge
Fred Duplisea
Theresa Kerchner
Henry Steck, Chair

[3YR-Appointed]

Term Expires in 6/30/2024
Term Expires in 6/30/2025
Term Expires in 6/30/2023
Term Expires in 6/30/2024
Term Expires in 6/30/2023

Cemetery Association

Baylee Bachelder, Secretary
Ken Foss
Linda Morin, President
Michelle Murray
Britt Norton, Vice-President, and Sexton
Doug Stevenson, Treasurer
Don Welsh

Conservation Commission

Leslie Burhoe, Secretary
Anne Huntington
Lloyd Irland

[3YR-Appointed]

Term Expires in 6/30/2025
Term Expires in 6/30/2025
Term Expires in 6/30/2024

Chris Jones, Chair
Diana McLaughlin
Ken Spalding
Fred Hurley, Associate

Term Expires in 6/30/2023
Term Expires in 6/30/2023
Term Expires in 6/30/2024
Term Expires in 6/30/2023

Farmers' Market Committee

Tammy Birtwell
Leslie Burhoe
Jane Davis
Theresa Kerchner, Chair
Cindy Townsend

Memorial Day Committee

Peter Ault
Kathleen Ballou
Rick Parker
Doug Stevenson
Holly Stevenson
Don Welsh

Planning Board

Ed Bergman, Vice-Chair
Mitchell Cobb
Doug Farris
Andrew Gorrill, Chair
Tom Moran
Megan Stevenson
Jeannie Burnett

[5YR-Appointed]

Term Expires in 6/30/2023
Term Expires in 6/30/2024
Term Expires in 6/30/2026
Term Expires in 6/30/2025
Term Expires in 6/30/2027
Term Expires in 6/30/2026
Term Expires in 6/30/2024

Regional Solid Waste Committee

Kim King
Kelli Hess
Amy Cushman Black, Selectboard

Town Manager's 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Message to the Community

Dear Residents:

I am pleased to present the Town of Wayne's Annual Operating & Capital Budgets for FY 2023-2024.

This budget reflects ongoing Selectboard goals and the economic climate. It was developed by diligent work over several months by the Budget Committee and with the involvement of the Select Board.

The total budgeted expenditures proposed for fiscal year 2024 is **\$4,495,595** without non-property tax revenues deducted. In fiscal year 2014 total budgeted expenditures was **\$3,053,027.98**. This is up by **47%**. During that period, price inflation was up **33%**.

At the time of writing this memo, the pandemic is winding down; however, there is still some uncertainty in the global economic climate (war in Ukraine, high inflation, and high energy prices, and high cost and shortage of labor).

Several factors are included in developing this budget this year. The Town's estimated total taxable valuation is **\$184,194,450**. The total taxable valuation has seen slow growth: in 2014 it was **\$180,775,500** – only a **2%** increase in 11 years. As the pandemic winds down, though, many people are leaving the city for country life. This has caused a sellers' market. Locally we have seen several properties sell for more than assessed. This has caused our certified ratio to drop further, making our property valuations less accurate. This year's budget proposes to conduct a revaluation in the summer of 2023.

Social Security announced an **8.7** percent benefit increase for 2023 based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics during the last 12-months. However, the Budget Committee decided to use a 3-year average of the Social Security Administration cost-of-living adjustment from 2021 to 2023. As a result, this budget proposes a **5.3** percent cost-of-living adjustment for an across-the-board increase for all salary and hourly wage staff.

Our unassigned fund balance "surplus funds" has increased by **\$78,016** for a total of **\$612,386**. The Town's overall Net "Financial" Position increased by **\$378,944** for a total of **\$4,698,308**. The Town has assigned funds such as the road capital reserve, **\$368,007** and fire truck capital reserve, **\$224,795**. The Town has **\$78,628** in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. This year the Selectboard has allocated **\$23,436** from ARPA funds towards a new heating and air exchange system at the Ladd Recreation Center.

This budget supports longstanding Selectboard goals: 1) Road Plan and road reconstruction; 2) Continued Support of Aging at Home program; 3) Continued support for professional Code Enforcement Services; 4) Continued support for Fire Department; 5) Continued support for Town Office staff.

What's In/ What's Out

This table summarizes each town department's proposed budget expenditures.

Town Expenses (Department)	FY 22/ 23	FY 23/ 24	Amount Changed	Percent Change
General Administration	\$272,155	\$302,402	\$30,247	11.1%
Debt Service	\$88,915	\$55,527	\$(33,388)	-37.6%
Elections/ Hearings	\$1,500	\$1,850	\$350	23.3%
Human Services	\$17,058	\$16,464	\$(594)	-3.5%
Fire Department	\$72,451	\$72,451	\$ -	0.0%
Assessing / Mapping	\$31,400	\$20,900	\$(10,500)	-33.4%
Animal Control	\$8,636	\$11,026	\$2,390	27.7%
Code Enforcement	\$43,100	\$45,600	\$2,500	5.8%
Public Safety	\$51,205	\$59,588	\$8,383	16.4%
Roads	\$321,513	\$411,344	\$89,831	27.9%
Transfer Station	\$97,469	\$111,105	\$13,636	14.0%
Outside Agencies	\$36,978	\$15,978	\$(21,000)	-56.8%
Recreation	\$48,299	\$73,652	\$25,353	52.5%
Land & Buildings	\$3,143	\$7,890	\$4,747	151.0%
Capital Reserve	\$382,092	\$398,050	\$15,958	4.2%
Contingency	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$ -	0.0%
Total	\$1,478,914	\$1,606,827	\$127,913	8.6%

The departments with the biggest increases (percent changes) are Lands & Buildings (+151%), Recreation (+52.5%), Roads (+27.9%), Animal Control (+27.7%), Elections/ Hearings (+23.3%), Public Safety (+16.4%), Transfer Station (+14%), General Administration (+11.1%)

The departments with the biggest decreases (percent changes) are Outside Agencies (-56.8%), Debt Service (-37.6%), Assessing/ Mapping (-33.4%), Human Services (-3.5%).

General Administration: This year, the General Administration Department increased by \$30,247 (11.1%). In a time when organizations everywhere are struggling to retain employees, competitive compensation is essential to avoid the costs of vacancies, interviewing and hiring new employees, and working/ training them in their jobs.

- **Town Manager Salary:** The Town Manager salary was increased \$2,933 (5%). This is a customary cost of living adjustment. This line item budgeted \$58,589.
- **Tax Collector wages:** The Tax Collector wage was increased by \$5,751 (21%). This includes a customary cost of living adjustment. Also, this includes increasing the Tax Collector hours from - 27 hours per week to 32 hours per week to match the Town Office hours. The increase in time is needed to make sure there is office coverage during vacation and sick time-off schedules and to remain competitive in the labor market and where other towns are adjusting pay schedules to retain good employees. This line item budgeted \$33,292.
- **Town Clerk wages:** The Town Clerk wage was increased by \$6,757 (23%). This includes a customary cost of living adjustment. Also, this includes increasing the Town Clerk hours from - 27 hours per week to 32 hours per week to match the Town Office hours. The increase in time is needed to make sure there is office coverage during vacation and sick time-off schedules and to remain competitive in the labor market and

where other towns are adjusting pay schedules to retain good employees. This line item budgeted \$36,446.

- **Meeting Recording Clerk wages:** The Meeting Recording Clerk wage is a new position created last fiscal year during the staff shortage. This position takes meeting notes and sets up zoom technology for the Selectboard, Planning Board and Board of Appeals meetings. This allows the Town Manager and Code Enforcement Officer to focus on meetings. This line item budgeted \$2,528.
- **Legal:** The legal services line item was increased by \$12,000 (100%). This line item reflects the real cost of all professional legal services through our legal firms Bernstein Shur and Perkins Thompson. The Town has been dealing with more complex issues such as spending more time updating road discontinuances, boundary line agreements, deeds, easements, ordinances, policies and considering enforcement action. Maine Municipal Association Legal services provides general legal advice, but they don't review contracts, policies, and ordinances. This line item budgeted \$24,000.
- **Insurance:** The insurance line item was increased by \$2,000 (9%). This line item reflects the real cost of insurance policies. The Town of Wayne uses MMA Risk Management for Property & Casualty, General Liability, Workers Compensation, Unemployment and Fire Accident. This line item budgeted \$24,000.

Debt Service: This year, the Town's Annual Debt Service decreased by (-\$33,388 or -37.6%). The Town is now on Year 12 of a 12-year Road Plan of our paved-road plan. The first six years we borrowed money to reconstruct and pave roads. Debt service account is the annual principal and interest payments to repay the municipal bonds we sold to fund the reconstruction and paving of roads. We are now on the downward trajectory in paying off all road bonds. Every year we have paid off one bond. Now, we use the pay-as-you-go financing model for paving. This fiscal year is the last debt service payment. After this this fiscal year the Town will be debt free.

Elections/ Hearings: This year, the Elections/ Hearings Department increased by (+\$350 or 23.3%). This department runs elections including paying poll workers, elections supplies and poll worker meals.

Health & Human Services: This year, the Health & Human Services Department decreased by (-\$594 or -3.5%). This department covers the cost of the Aging-at-Home Coordinator and General Assistance. This year, the Aging-at-Home program agreed to eliminate their funding request for AAH programming and supplies expenses. Instead use the existing AAH Special Revenue Fund for these expenses. The AAH Special Revenue Fund is entirely funded by gifts, donations, and grants (no tax dollars).

Fire Department: This year, the Fire Department had no increase or decrease. The department is requesting an increase in fire operations (+\$2,000) and fire communications (+\$1,000). This increase is offset by the fire equipment (-\$3,000). No overall net changes. These adjustments reflect the true cost of running a running a small rural fire department.

Assessing/ Mapping: This year, the Assessing Department decreased by (-\$10,500 or -33.4%). The department will be conducting a revaluation this fiscal year, as a result, there is no need to budget for the Annual Quarter Review expense (-\$7,000). This fiscal year, we only budgeted \$1,000 for GIS Mapping Updates (-\$4,000).

Animal Control: This year, the Animal Control Department increased by (+\$2,390 or +28.6%). The Budget Committee agreed to the Town Manager's recommendation to increase the ACO's stipend by (+\$1,000 or +33.3%) along with the ACO's wages (+\$411 or +20.5%) and ACO's travel by (+\$800 or +133%). Both the wages and travel increased better reflect the true cost the time and mileage of ACO.

Code Enforcement: This year, the Code Enforcement Department increased by (+\$2,500 or +5.8%). The department continues to share a full-time Code Enforcement Officer/ Local Plumbing Inspector with the Town of Readfield (+\$3,200 or 8%). This employee is a full-time employee of the Town of Readfield.

Public Safety: This year, the Public Safety Department increased by (+\$8,382 or +21.8%). Several items in this budget are contractual increases such as Ambulance Services with Winthrop Ambulance Service (+\$787), Fire/ EMS dispatch with Winthrop Communication Center (+\$790), Rural Patrol dispatch with State Regional Communication Center (+\$1,258), and PSAP services with Androscoggin County (+\$1,954). This budget adds funding for new dam keeper position in the amount of \$500 (previously volunteer position). The E911 Officer stipend was moved from the Code Enforcement Department. This budget increases funding to the Town's budget to request details from the Sheriff's office for speed control (+\$2,440 or 333%). Also, we budgeted Sheriff patrol coverage for several special events that bring a lot of traffic downtown, like the Farmers Market, Holiday Stroll, Strawberry Festival, Memorial Day, and Halloween.

Roads: This year, the Roads Department increased by (+\$89,831 or +27.9%). This budget addresses several long-term structural operating deficiencies and begins to budget the true cost of running a small-town highway department.

- **Highway Plowing:** The Town's plowing contract is broken down into three parts: 1) Labor & Equipment, 2) Contracted Sand (1st 3,000 cubic yards), 3) Additional Sand (above 3,000 cubic yards). The Town's new plowing contract with Mark Birtwell requires the Town to adjust the contract according to the New England Urban Consumer Price Index for Transportation. This year's NE-CPI-Transportation was 15%. This increased the highway plowing by \$23,407 (15%) to \$177,399.
- **Winter Sand:** This portion of the contract includes both budgeted expenses for Contracted Sand and the Additional Sand. The Town's new plowing contract with Mark Birtwell requires the Town to adjust the contract according to the New England Urban Consumer Price Index for Transportation. This year's NE-CPI-Transportation was 15%. This increased the winter sand by \$5,369 (15%) to \$40,689.
- **Winter Salt:** This year, the Town budgeted for 300 tons of road salt at \$72 per ton for a total of \$21,600. (\$5,100 or 31%)
- **Outside Contracting:** The Town doesn't have any public works personnel or equipment. As a result, the Town must hire contractors to do the work of a highway department. This line item covers the cost of labor and equipment for hiring contractors to replace culverts, ditching, repair shoulders, gravel road rehabilitation. The Town is planning to do work on Tucker Road, Dexter Pond Road, and Maxim Road. This line item was traditionally under-budgeted. Reflecting actual needs, the budget increases Outside Contracting by \$25,000 (100%) to \$50,000.
- **Grading:** This year the Town entered a 3-Year contract with C.H. Stevenson to grade all Town gravel roads (Approximately 7 miles) twice per year. This increased the Road Grading by \$5,000 (33%) to \$20,000.

- **Gravel:** This line covers the cost of materials (gravel and stone) and trucking of materials to the job site. The Town regularly adds gravel to roads when grading, add stone in muddy spot during mud season, and rip rap in ditches/culverts. This line item was traditionally under-budgeted. Reflecting actual needs increased Outside Contracting by \$15,000 (60%) to \$40,000.
- **Patching:** This line item covers the cost of installation cold mix/cold patch to fill potholes, trench pave and/ or pavement repair. The Town is planning to do pavement repair to Green True Road. This line item was traditionally under-budgeted. Reflecting actual needs increased patching by \$5,000 (100%) to \$10,000.
- **Roadside Mowing:** This year the Town entered a 1-Year contract with Craig Buzzell to mow all Town roadsides. (Approximately 30 miles). This increased Roadside Mowing by \$3,300 (94%) to \$6,800.
- **Brush/ Tree Removal:** This line item covers the removal of hazardous trees, right of way clearing, and storm clean-up. This year work is planned on Innes Ridge Road, Dexter Pond Road, Hardscrabble Road, and Berry Road. This increased the Brush/Tree Removal by \$3,000 (25%) to \$15,000.

Transfer Station: This year, the Transfer Station Department increased by (+\$13,636 or 14%). The Transfer Station Operations budget increased (+\$12,851 or 15%) due to increases in labor costs, tipping and hauling fees. Due to increased visibility by moving the hazardous waste program to the Readfield Transfer Station, this line item was increased by (+\$1,500 or 60%).

Outside Agencies: This year, the Outside Agencies Department decreased by (-\$21,000 or +56.8%) due to the Budget Committee moving the following line items: Library, Cemetery Association, and Messenger/ Events Calendar to the Recreation Department. The Budget Committee capped the article and decided to make a recommendation. This year, this department's budget increased by (+\$1,000) due to a new non-profit request from Maranacook Food Pantry.

Recreation: This year, the Recreation Department increased by (+\$25,353 or +52.5%) due to the Budget Committee moving the following line items: Library, Cemetery Association (+\$2,000 or 16%), and Messenger/ Events Calendar (+\$1,000 or 29%) from Outside Agencies Department. This budget doesn't fund the Village Porta Toilet (due to new state law preventing holding tanks in the shoreline zone).

Land & Buildings: This year, the Land & Buildings Department increased by (+\$4,747 or +151%) due to the Town Office moving to the North Wayne Fire Station (temporarily). The Town had to budget for additional trash removal services (+\$420) and janitorial services (+\$3,900).

Contingency: This budget gives the Selectboard discretion for small unbudgeted expenses.

Capital Reserve: The Capital Reserve budget funds the following capital reserve funds:

- **Cemetery Stone Cleaning Program:** This year, the Wayne Cemetery Association, has requested Town funds to assist them in their Cemetery Stone Cleaning Program. (+\$2,800)
- **Fire Truck Reserve:** This year, the Fire Department requested \$75,000 in the Fire Truck Reserve. The Fire Department wishes to replace their 1987 Fire Engine within the next 4 to 5 years. However, the Budget Committee reduced their request to \$50,000.

- **Land & Buildings:** This year, the Town is requesting to build a capital reserve fund for long-term capital improvement projects for Town properties. (+\$15,000).
- **Revaluation:** The last time the Town conducted a revaluation was in 2005. Despite conducting annual quarter-reviews our certified ratio has dropped. The lower certified ratio lowers each resident's Homestead reimbursement and the town's reimbursement in the Homestead and other state reimbursement programs. Typical revaluations of a community this size cost around \$103,000 but due to all the data collected in the quarter reviews less time will be needed in the field. This was approved at Town Meeting last year. Field work would begin in August 2023. This is the second of two installments. (+\$26,250)
- **Road Reserve:** This year, the Town is increasing the Road Reserve from \$211,085 to \$300,000. (+\$88,915 or 42%).
- **Technology Replacement Plan:** This year, the Town is proposing to upgrade its fund accounting system (TRIO) to the amount of (+\$4,000).

	Amount Changed	Percent Increased
Increases of \$2000 or more		
School District "RSU #38"	\$234,915.00	10%
Road Reconstruction & Paving	\$88,915.00	42%
Outside Contracting	\$25,000.00	100%
Highway Plowing	\$23,407.00	15%
Gravel	\$15,000.00	60%
Transfer Station Operation Cost	\$12,851.00	15%
Legal	\$12,000.00	100%
County "Kennebec"	\$11,774.00	5%
Town Clerk wages	\$6,757.00	23%
Tax Collector wages	\$5,751.00	21%
Winter Sand	\$5,369.00	15%
Winter Salt	\$5,100.00	31%
Grading	\$5,000.00	33%
Patching	\$5,000.00	100%
Technology Replacement Plan	\$4,000.00	
Janitorial Services	\$3,900.00	
Roadside Mowing	\$3,300.00	94%
Shared CEO/LPI Contract	\$3,200.00	8%
Brush/ Tree Removal	\$3,000.00	25%
Town Manager Salary	\$2,933.00	5%
Cemetery Stone Cleaning Program	\$2,800.00	
Meeting Recording Clerk wages	\$2,528.00	
Walton Rd. Bond (5/5)	\$2,496.00	5%
Sheriffs Department	\$2,440.00	333%
Cemetery Association	\$2,000.00	16%
Insurance	\$2,000.00	9%
Fire: Operations	\$2,000.00	7%

Non-Property Tax Revenues

Revenues	FY 22/ 23	FY 23/ 24	Amount Changed	Percent Change
Town	\$ 356,907	\$ 366,744	\$ 9,837	2.8%
State	\$ 323,064	\$ 335,482	\$ 12,419	3.8%
Total	\$ 679,971	\$ 702,226	\$ 22,256	3.3%

Estimated Revenues in the amount of **\$702,226** reduce the 2023 Tax Commitment, thereby reducing the amount to be raised from property taxes, lowering the mil rate.

This year, the Town is projecting a significant increase in revenue sharing because the Governor and Legislature are continuing to fully fund the program for FY 23/24 at 5%. Please thank your local state legislator.

Mil Rate

The tax impact on residents. This year's proposed budget recommended a **\$1.73** increase in the mil rate or nine percent (**9%**) increase.

- Last Year FY 22-23 Budget Mil Rate: 18.87
- Proposed FY 23-24 Budget Mil Rate: 20.60

Tax Impact – Budget Effect on Taxpayer

Home Values	2022/2023	2023/2024	Net Change
	18.87	20.60	+1.73
\$100,000	\$1,887	\$2,060	\$173
\$150,000	\$2,831	\$3,090	\$260
\$200,000	\$3,774	\$4,120	\$346
\$300,000	\$5,661	\$6,180	\$519
\$400,000	\$7,548	\$8,240	\$692
\$500,000	\$9,435	\$10,300	\$865

****Median Home Value: \$150,000**

Tax Bill Breakdown

The below table shows your tax bill by appropriation. The largest appropriation is the **school district "RSU #38"** with **58%** of your tax bill. The second largest appropriation is the **municipality "Wayne"** with **36%** of your tax bill. And the third largest appropriation is the **county "Kennebec"** with **6%** of your tax bill.

Appropriation	Amount	Percent
School "RSU #38"	\$2,590,152	58%
Municipal "Wayne"	\$1,606,827	36%
County "Kennebec"	\$270,774	6%
Cobbosse Watershed District	\$3,242	0%
Overlay	\$25,000	1%
Total	\$4,495,995	100%

LD1 Calculation: This year's municipal property tax levy is over the limit by **\$354,937**. This is due to the Town's capital investment in roads and limited growth in the town's tax base. This calculation and question are intended to limit the Town's budget growth to the growth in the town's tax base. This year's municipal property tax levy limit would be **\$549,664**. This year's municipal property tax levy is **\$904,601**.

Ordinances:

ARTICLE 27. Shall an ordinance entitled "Consumer Fireworks Ordinance" be amended?

The Selectboard proposes to make a change to the Consumer Fireworks Ordinance to better clarify what is prohibited in the Town and State.

ARTICLE 28. Shall an ordinance entitled "Solar Ordinance" remain in effect after the date of this Annual Town Meeting?

The Selectboard adopted the Solar Ordinance at Special Town Meeting to have regulations regarding solar panel installation to protect the town. Due to the low voter turnout at Special Town Meeting in October 2022 where this ordinance was first adopted, the Selectboard is requesting that Town Meeting voters decide whether they would like to keep the existing Ordinance. If you vote no on Article 28, you don't need to vote on Article 29.

ARTICLE 29. Shall an ordinance entitled "Solar Ordinance" be amended?

Considering Article 29 is contingent on a vote of "Yes" on Article 28. The Planning Board held a public hearing requesting further comments on the existing Solar Ordinance this March. They made minor changes because of those public comments.

ARTICLE 30. Shall an ordinance entitled "Special Amusement Ordinance" be enacted to repeal and replace the current "Special Amusement Permit Ordinance"?

The Selectboard is proposing to change the existing "Special Amusement Permit Ordinance" to better clarify performance standards based on public comments from both residents and local liquor license holders.

Voting Information:

Annual Town Meeting – Election of Officers on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Ladd Recreation Center, 26 Gott Road, Wayne, Maine.

Annual Town Meeting – Budget Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 from 6:30 PM at the Wayne Elementary School Gymnasium, 48 Pond Road, Wayne, Maine.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Town Manager at (207) 685-4983 or townmanager@waynemaine.org.

Sincerely,

Aaron Chrostowsky

Aaron Chrostowsky,
Town Manager

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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

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January 1, 2023

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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.

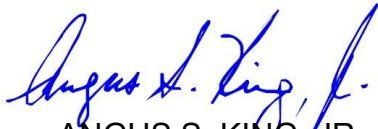
Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy. The bipartisan *CHIPS Act* will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones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



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Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Small Business

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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

Additionally, at the end of 2022, Congress passed a spending bill to fund the government through September of 2023. The bill funds nearly \$27 million in funding for community projects across the Second Congressional District, a lifeline for our lobster industry that freezes any

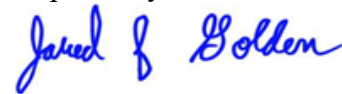
regulatory action for at least six years, and secures millions in additional funding for the Low-Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help Mainers heat their homes.

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

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

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

Respectfully,



Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



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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 the 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



Craig V. Hickman
Senator, District 14

THE MAINE SENATE
131st Legislature

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Dear Neighbor,

I trust that you and your family are safe and healthy. Thank you for the opportunity to continue serving as your State Senator. It remains the highest honor of my life to represent you in the Maine Legislature. I promise to work as hard as I can on your behalf. I am excited that the activities and operations at the State House have returned to normal.

I'm thrilled to report that President Jackson has appointed me to chair not one, but two, legislative committees for the 131st Legislature. I am honored to serve as the Senate Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs once again. This committee oversees elections and the Office of the Secretary of State, and as a staunch defender of our democracy, I take this role very seriously. I will continue to support the women and men who have served in uniform and the small business owners in the industries that bring in the most revenue for our state.

I have also been appointed Senate Chair of the Joint Legislative Government Oversight Committee for the first time in my six terms in office. I have always wanted to serve on this committee but whenever I have asked for it, I did not receive it. This time, I didn't even ask for it and now I am the Chair. Evaluation of our programs and government accountability is essential to legislative oversight. On this unique committee, I have the opportunity to ensure that our public funds are expended for their intended purpose and that government programs and activities are effectively and efficiently managed.

I am also returning to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry where I have previously served three terms, two as House Chair. As an organic farmer and author of the Maine Food Sovereignty Act, the Right to Food constitutional amendment, and legislation to end hunger in Maine by 2030, improving Maine agriculture and strengthening our local and regional food systems will always be a priority. I'll be very busy this session but I'm up to the task.

Looking ahead, it's clear that we need to build on our work from the 130th Legislature and continue to address the housing crisis that has displaced too many of our neighbors and alleviate the rising costs of electricity, heating fuel, and food, and advancing freedom and justice for all.

Public service remains my purpose and my duty, not only during session, but also year-round. If you need to contact a state agency or department or want to share comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can send me an email at Craig.Hickman@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at 287-1515.

Wishing you prosperity in 2023.

Take care of your blessings,
Craig V. Hickman, State Senator



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for re-electing me to serve as your State Representative. It has been a pleasure serving the past four years and I look forward to continuing to be your voice in the Maine Legislature. Representing you is an honor and a privilege I take seriously. My focus has always been to keep constituents well informed of legislative matters and making myself available to address questions and concerns. I look forward to the new challenges that await us in the current legislative session.

In order to represent you in the best way possible, I need to hear your thoughts on the issues that are important to you. Please, do not hesitate to call anytime if you feel you need my assistance. I encourage you to monitor all legislative proposals being worked on at the State House by visiting the Legislature's website at www.legislature.maine.gov. From here, you can browse bill summaries, view our legislative session and public hearing schedules, listen to committee hearings or watch live streaming video of the House and Senate.

Again, this session, I have been asked to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. On this committee, we will discuss many issues regarding the Committee's jurisdiction over new legislation pertaining to the Banking; Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection; Office of Securities; Bureau of Insurance; the Maine Health Data Organization; Affordable Care Act; State Employee Health Commission and the Maine Employers Mutual Insurance Company. In addition, I will serve on the newly created Joint Standing Committee on Housing that was formed to address Maine's housing crisis. These matters are crucial to our community and I hope to hear from you with any questions and concerns.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. If you would like to be added to my email list to receive updates and important information on State programs and services, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request at Joshua.Morris@legislature.maine.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Morris".

Joshua Morris, State Representative



30 Mile River Watershed Association 2022 Report

Over the past two and a half years, 30 Mile has risen to meet the challenge of managing a double threat on Androscoggin Lake: a new infestation of invasive milfoil, and an algal bloom that turned the lake green in 2021 (and returned in 2022, though less severe). Since the discovery of milfoil in 2020, and the algal bloom in 2021, 30 Mile has worked collaboratively with the Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corporation (ALIC) and the Maine DEP to fight the milfoil infestation and to document, study and improve water quality in the lake and its surrounding watershed.

30 Mile's key accomplishments in the Androscoggin Lake watershed in 2022, with strong support from ALIC:

1. Formed a Watershed Steering Committee with stakeholders from watershed towns, ALIC, 30 Mile, and Maine DEP.
2. Organized and facilitated a watershed survey in May 2022, identifying 142 erosion sites throughout the watershed. (Survey is required to be eligible for DEP grant funding.)
3. Developed a Watershed-Based Protection Plan that lays out strategies and actions to improve water quality over the next 10 years (also required for DEP grant funding).
4. Completed an intensified water quality monitoring program to better study the lake. This included tributary and river monitoring, algae analysis and phosphorus studies.
5. Surveyed milfoil infestation area (and beyond) from May - October, marking each individual milfoil plant found. Managed milfoil removal by a trained SCUBA diver. Although every plant found was removed, we expect to find regrowth in the spring.
6. Conducted 1,455 boat inspections to prevent the spread of invasive species.

2022 Organizational Highlights:

In November, thanks to a generous donor, 30 Mile purchased a building to become our first home in the watershed. The building is located in Mt. Vernon Village, is easily accessible, and will provide space for offices, large meetings, a water quality lab, exhibits, and equipment storage. The building has great potential, but needs major renovations before we can move in.

30 Mile staff, alongside our many dedicated volunteers, **monitored water quality** in 11 lakes and ponds (including Androscoggin, Lovejoy and Pocasset), completing 80+ sampling events.

We completed a successful season of **courtesy boat inspections** on four lakes and ponds. May-October, our paid staff and volunteers conducted 2,584 inspections during 1,849 hours.

30 Mile's **Youth Conservation Corps** (YCC) program was back in action after a two-year hiatus. Our crew installed 33 best management practices at nine project sites on five lakes.

30 Mile is a regional **LakeSmart** "HUB" support center, helping lake association volunteer teams deliver LakeSmart education property-by-property and shore-by-shore to create a conservation ethic across the lake community.

In addition to continuing all of the work described above, over the coming year, 30 Mile will:

1. Conduct a watershed survey of Pocasset Lake to identify threats to water quality;
2. Educate and support landowners to reduce runoff and protect water quality by providing technical assistance and recommendations for their properties;
3. Apply for grants to fund fixes and bring technical expertise to the watershed, and manage grant projects to address identified threats to the lake.

Protecting the health of Androscoggin Lake, Lovejoy Pond, Pocasset Lake, and the entire 30 Mile River watershed protects property values, the town's tax base, and a public resource, therefore benefiting all Wayne residents, not only shorefront property owners. To help fund this vital programming we request support from the town in the amount of \$8,000.

Thank you to the Town of Wayne for your continued support, and to all the residents who contribute individually in support of our mission **to work as a community for clean and healthy lakes, ponds and streams in our watershed.**

Lidie Robbins, Executive Director

March 2023

www.30mileriver.org

Aging At Home

This year has been a banner year for our Aging at Home program. Through the generosity of the Wayne Community Church, we were given a space to meet regularly, along with heat and utilities. We are so grateful for this, functioning from this center of operations, bringing new services to the center of Wayne.

Aging At Home has had help to move into the space (thank you to the Morrill family) in July of 2022. Most of the furnishings were donated, as was the money to purchase other essential items such as computer and printer. A big thanks to all who contributed as well as all of our well-wishers from the town and beyond!

An important function of AAH is connecting elders and their families to needed services, and loaning durable medical equipment from our supply closet. We have begun many programs to enhance the lives of our elders. We have limited the request for town funds to the coordinator's pay. All the rest has been supported by the donations we have received. Our little Wayne town is generous! One of our goals is to keep our services free for all as long as we can. We want to welcome everyone to our programs, without regard to income.

We are excited to see what will be next in our evolving programs. Thank you, Town of Wayne, for your support!

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Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corporation

Invasive variable-leaf watermilfoil was first discovered in the Inner Cove, just north of the state boat launch, in the fall of 2020. In September of 2021, for only the second time in the lake's history, water clarity levels dropped below 2m, the threshold at which the state officially recognizes an algal bloom. In 2022, water clarity dropped to 2.3m by the middle of October. There is still work ahead in both eradicating the invasive and improving water quality in Androscoggin Lake.

In the spring of 2022, our lake association and the 30 Mile River Watershed Association first partnered in a program called *Save Androscoggin – Campaign for a Healthy Lake*. The purpose of the program has been to focus efforts to address both the milfoil and water quality issues.

Save Androscoggin funded work to regularly monitor for milfoil in the cove, to mark plants, and to deploy dive teams for their removal. We also worked with 30 Mile to conduct the first watershed survey of Androscoggin Lake in over 20 years. The purpose of the survey was to identify spots where water runoff may be channeled into the lake. Such runoff increases phosphorus load which contributes to algal growth. Efforts will move forward in 2023 to attempt to mitigate problem sites and to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan.

The dam on the Dead River helps to prevent backflow of water into the lake from both the Androscoggin River and runoff from farmland. The dam is owned by the state of Maine and managed jointly by the state, Leeds, Wayne, and the lake association. I am pleased to report that ALIC has played a key role in forging a renewed memorandum of agreement among these parties; we had been loosely operating under an agreement which had expired over 10 years ago.

The lake association's *Eyes on the Water* team reports that it spent over 180 hours on the water last season, helping to make sure that invasives have not spread outside of the Inner Cove. The *Androscoggin Lake LakeSmart* team conducted more visits in 2022 than in any year prior. ALIC and 30 Mile continued to join forces in 2022 to support increased water quality monitoring and Courtesy Boat Inspections.

Help Androscoggin Lake. Support ALIC.

Sincerely,

John (Buddy) Cummings
President, Androscoggin Lake Improvement
Corporation

Assessor's Report

RJD Appraisal has enjoyed serving the Town of Wayne as its Assessing Agent over the last year. We are available at the Town Office typically the **Third Wednesday** of every month for appointments. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Annually, the Assessor's Office reviews valuations and makes adjustments to the valuations that include any additions and deletions. We are also responsible for maintaining accurate records of property ownership. Part of the assessment process includes conducting an annual "ratio study", which compares the actual selling price of property to assessments. The most recent study conducted for the state valuation purposes indicated the assessed values, on average, to be at approximately **84%** of market value for 2022 FY2023.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Most homeowners whose principal residence is in Maine are entitled up to a \$25,000 reduction in valuation (adjusted by the community's ratio of valuation to actual market sales). To qualify, homeowners must fill out a simple form declaring property as their principal residence by April 1 in the tax year claimed. Once the application is filed, the exemption remains until the owner sells or changes their place of residence. Forms are available in the Assessor's Office.

PROPERTY TAX STABILIZATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS (LD 290)

Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens, also known as the LD 290, is a Maine State program that allows certain senior-citizen residents to stabilize, or freeze, the property taxes on their homestead. If you qualify and file a timely application each year, the tax billed to you for your homestead will be frozen at the amount you were billed in the prior tax year. Eligible Maine residents who move may transfer the fixed tax amount to a new homestead, even if that new homestead is in a different Maine municipality. To be eligible for the Program, an individual must meet all the following as of April 1 of the property tax year for which they are requesting stabilization (so for applications due December 1, 2022, qualifications must be met as of April 1, 2023): 1) at least 65 years old, 2) a permanent resident of Maine, 3) have owned a Maine homestead for at least ten years, 4) be eligible for a homestead exemption on the property they are placing in the Program and 5) File your application at the Town Office prior to December 1st each given year.

If your homestead is owned by more than one individual as joint tenants, only one owner needs to qualify for the Program to participate. There are no income or asset limitations to qualify. transfer the fixed tax amount to a new homestead, even if that new homestead is in a different Maine municipality.

VETERANS EXEMPTION

Any person who was in active service in the armed forces of the United States during a federally recognized war campaign period and, if discharged or retired under honorable conditions, may be eligible for a partial exemption from taxes on their primary residence.

The Veteran must have reached age 62 or must be receiving a pension or compensation from the United States Government for total disability, either service or non-service connected.

RECOGNIZED WAR PERIODS World War I - April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918;

World War I - (service in Russia) - April 6, 1917 through March 31, 1920;

World War II - December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946;

Korean Conflict - June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955;

Vietnam Era – February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975. For the period, February 28, 1961 through August 4, 1964, federal law restricts the definition of the Vietnam Era war period to relating only to veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam.

Persian Gulf War – August 2, 1990 to the date that the U.S. Government recognizes as the end of the Persian Gulf War. This period also includes Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn.

OTHER RECOGNIZED SERVICE PERIODS February 28, 1961 through August 4, 1964 (Maine property tax exemption applies to all veterans who served during February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975, regardless of where they served);

August 24, 1982 through July 31, 1984; and

December 20, 1989 through January 31, 1990.

Applications forms can be obtained in the Assessor's Office and must be filed with military discharge documentation on or before April 1st of the year it will go into effect.

BLIND EXEMPTION

Residents of Wayne who are certified to be legally blind by their eye care professional are eligible for a partial exemption from taxes on their primary residence in the town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Caldwell, CMA
Assessor Agents RJD Appraisal
Town of Wayne

2022 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION STANDARD FORM

Municipality: Wayne FY22-23

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

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|---|------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Total taxable valuation of real estate | 1 | <input type="text" value="182,445,480"/> | (must match MVR Page 1, line 6) |
| 2. Total taxable valuation of personal property | 2 | <input type="text" value="618,200"/> | (must match MVR Page 1, line 10) |
| 3. Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2) | 3 | <input type="text" value="183,063,680"/> | (must match MVR Page 1, line 11) |
| 4. (a) Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted | 4(a) | <input type="text" value="7,136,900"/> | (must match MVR Page 1, line 14f) |
| (b) Homestead exemption reimbursement value | 4(b) | <input type="text" value="5,209,937"/> | (line 4(a) multiplied by 0.73) |
| 5. (a) Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property | 5(a) | <input type="text" value="965,900"/> | (must match MVR Page 2, line 15c) |
| (b) The statutory standard reimbursement for 2020 is 50%
Municipalities with significant personal property & equipment
may qualify for more than 50% reimbursement. Contact MRS for the Enhanced Calculator Form. | 5(b) | <input type="text" value="482,950"/> | (line 5(a) multiplied by 0.5) |
| 6. Total valuation base (Line 3 plus line 4(b) plus line 5(b)) | 6 | <input type="text" value="188,756,567"/> | |

DO NOT QUALIFY

ASSESSMENTS

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|---|----|---|
| 7. County tax | 7 | <input type="text" value="\$259,000.00"/> |
| 8. Municipal appropriation | 8 | <input type="text" value="\$1,478,912.00"/> |
| 9. Cobbossee Watershed | 9 | <input type="text" value="\$3,030.00"/> |
| 10. Local education appropriation (local share/contribution)
(Adjusted to municipal fiscal year) | 10 | <input type="text" value="\$2,355,237.00"/> |
| 11. Total assessments (Add lines 7 through 10) | 11 | <input type="text" value="\$4,096,179.00"/> |

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

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|--|----|---|
| 12. Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing | 12 | <input type="text" value="\$181,564.00"/> |
| 13. Other revenues: (All other revenues that have been formally
appropriated to be used to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, Tree Growth reimbursement, trust fund or bank
interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. (Do not include any homestead or BETE reimbursement)) | 13 | <input type="text" value="\$394,907.00"/> |
| 14. Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13) | 14 | <input type="text" value="\$576,471.00"/> |
| 15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14) | 15 | <input type="text" value="\$3,519,708.00"/> |

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| 16. <input type="text" value="\$3,519,708.00"/> x <input type="text" value="1.05"/> = <input type="text" value="\$3,695,693.40"/> Maximum Allowable Tax
<small>(Amount from line 15)</small> |
| 17. <input type="text" value="\$3,519,708.00"/> ÷ <input type="text" value="188,756,567"/> = <input type="text" value="0.018647"/> Minimum Tax Rate
<small>(Amount from line 15) (Amount from line 6)</small> |
| 18. <input type="text" value="\$3,695,693.40"/> ÷ <input type="text" value="188,756,567"/> = <input type="text" value="0.019579"/> Maximum Tax Rate
<small>(Amount from line 16) (Amount from line 6)</small> |
| 19. <input type="text" value="183,063,680"/> x <input type="text" value="0.018870"/> = <input type="text" value="\$3,454,411.64"/> Tax for Commitment
<small>(Amount from line 3) (Selected Rate) (Enter on MVR Page 1, line 13)</small> |
| 20. <input type="text" value="\$3,519,708.00"/> x <input type="text" value="0.05"/> = <input type="text" value="\$175,985.40"/> Maximum Overlay
<small>(Amount from line 15)</small> |
| 21. <input type="text" value="5,209,937"/> x <input type="text" value="0.018870"/> = <input type="text" value="\$98,311.51"/> Homestead Reimbursement
<small>(Amount from line 4b) (Selected Rate) (Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)</small> |
| 22. <input type="text" value="482,950"/> x <input type="text" value="0.018870"/> = <input type="text" value="\$9,113.27"/> BETE Reimbursement
<small>(Amount from line 5b) (Selected Rate) (Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)</small> |
| 23. <input type="text" value="\$3,561,836.42"/> - <input type="text" value="\$3,519,708.00"/> = <input type="text" value="\$42,128.42"/> Overlay
<small>(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22) (Amount from line 15) (Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)</small> |

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

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

Board of Appeals

The Town of Wayne Board of Appeals consists of five members appointed by the Town Selectboard pursuant to the Town Zoning Ordinance and state law. The purpose of the Board of Appeals is to hear and decide:

- appeals claiming an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination by the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) in the administration of the Zoning Ordinance (but not appeals of CEO enforcement orders);
- appeals claiming an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Planning Board regarding its administration of Conditional Use Permits or other permits for which the Planning Board is the issuing authority;
- applications seeking interpretation of issues involving the granting of permits under the Zoning Ordinance whenever there is uncertainty as to the meaning and/or intent of any part of the Ordinance; and
- requests for variances from dimensional requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, including, but not limited to, structure height, percent of lot coverage, and setback requirements.

The Board of Appeals meets once each year in July or August to elect officers and meets thereafter throughout the year as may be necessary to act on requests and appeals or attend to other business that may come before it.

No appeals or requests were filed with the Board this last year. The Board met several times last year to adopt By-Laws, Hearing Rules, and forms for initiating appeals and requests. These documents and forms are available on the Town Website.

Respectfully submitted,

Teco Brown, Secretary
Steve Dodge
Fred Duplisea
Theresa Kerchner
Henry Steck, Chair

Cary Memorial Library

The Cary Memorial Library functions as a free public lending library for the extended Wayne community. It is run by the Wayne Library Association, a 501(3)C non-profit organization with a nine-member Board of Trustees.

The library boasts a collection of 13,646 books, magazines, audiobooks, and DVDs. In 2022 we started subscribing to the streaming service HOOPLA, offering library patrons access to over a million eBooks, audiobooks, tv programs, movies and more. Total circulation of books, interlibrary loans and Hoopla/Maine Download Library items numbered 7796.

The library offers free Wi-Fi 24/7. Request the Wi-Fi password at the library. Public computers and a good printer are available for patron use.

Both the 1938 Cary Memorial Library building and the gracious Williams House are well used over the course of a year. Children's programs, author events, meetings, First Saturdays, book sales and exhibits add a special dimension to the Wayne community. Library visits and attendance at programs totaled 5926, slowly gaining as we began to distance from Covid limitations.

With a combination of endowment funds, fundraising, and a 6000.00 contribution from the town, the library had an operating budget of 75,676.00. The Cary also houses the Wayne Town Archive, a vault area for vital historical records. It is truly a treasure trove of the rich history of the town of Wayne.

So many dedicated Wayne citizens give generously of their time and energy to keep our two buildings functioning well and offering a continuing slate of events. Volunteers organize programs, tend the gardens, manage the finances, participate on the Board of Trustees or as Williams House Liaisons or Friends of the Library, staff the circulation desk and collaborate with the librarian to make everything run smoothly.

To reach the librarian via email: jadelbergcml@gmail.com In addition, we maintain an active email list. Reach out if you want to be added. To view our attractive and up-to-date website, and to access our electronic catalog, visit: www.cary-memorial.lib.me.us

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Adelberg, Librarian

Board of Trustees:

Lee Behrendt, Vice-President; Jeannie Burnett, Corresponding Secretary; Kay Conley
MaryJean Cowing, Recording Secretary; Judy Danielson, Finance Chair; Grace Down

Andrew Gorrill; Frank Smith; Don Welsh, President, and Williams House Liaison

Peter Ault: Library Trustee Emeritus. Treasurers: Dawn and Kevin Brooks

Mailing Address: PO Box 127 Wayne, ME 04284; Library Phone: 685-3612

Wayne Cemetery Association

The Wayne Cemetery Association owns and maintains six cemeteries in Wayne:

- Evergreen
- Lakeside
- Gordon
- North Wayne
- Old Burying Ground
- Beech Hill

It is our goal to keep these properties in the condition expected to respect and honor the families of those buried within, including routine mowing and trimming, control of brush and threatening trees, maintenance of fencing, gates, walls, and stones. We continue to plan for the use of annexed space at several sites. In 2022, we re-started an ongoing program of cleaning headstones and monuments using appropriate products and techniques.

We fulfill obligations applicable to the burial sites of veterans, including assuring placement of flags as required of us, and the town.

We appreciate the Town's continuing support of mowing and cleaning tasks. For information about practices or availability of sites, please contact Bud Norton, Sexton.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Cemetery Association

Linda Morin, President
Bud Norton, Vice President, and Sexton
Baylee Bachelder, Secretary
Douglas Stevenson, Treasurer
Ken Foss
Michelle Murray
Don Welsh

Cobbossee Watershed District

The Cobbossee Watershed District (CWD) was formed in 1973 with the purpose to improve and protect the 28 lakes and ponds of the 217-square mile Cobbossee Watershed, which includes Wilson, Berry, and Dexter Ponds. To support this mission, the CWD undertakes a routine water quality monitoring program of district lakes, coordinates lake water levels throughout the district, provides technical support to local officials and citizens, and conducts lake and watershed projects to address nonpoint sources of pollution to sensitive or impaired lakes.

Each year from May through October the CWD monitors the water quality of Wilson, Berry, and Dexter Ponds, as well as other lakes of the CWD, and the water quality data collected provides a sense of the environmental health of the lakes and ponds of the Cobbossee Stream watershed. The water quality of Berry and Dexter Ponds continues to be about average compared to lakes state-wide, but Wilson Pond, however, continues to exhibit somewhat variable water clarity at best, although it has exhibited quite good water clarity since 2020 compared to recent years. Wilson Pond was placed on the state's List of Impaired Waterbodies in 2006 due to declining water quality that began in the 1990's. The water clarity for Wilson Pond for summer 2022 was 6.3 meters (21 feet), which was the best it has been in some time, although it did decline in fall, remaining within the CWD's goals for minimum clarity until November when an algae bloom developed and the clarity dropped to 2.8 meters (9 feet). This bloom was of moderate severity and fortunately occurred very late in the year. Dexter Pond exhibited excellent water clarity in 2022 with a summer clarity reading of 6.2 meters (20 feet), and Berry Pond also had good summer water clarity of 6.4 meters (21 feet). Lake water clarity is primarily determined by the amount of algae that is in the lake water, which in turn, is a function of the concentration of phosphorus that is in the lake. Phosphorus, the plant nutrient most responsible for impacting lake water quality, enters the ponds through stormwater runoff from the watershed during rain events and serves to generate algae blooms which cause the lakes to turn cloudy green, thereby reducing water clarity.

To ensure proper management for flood and erosion control, as well as water quality, fisheries and wildlife concerns, among others, the CWD manages a water levels management program district-wide. This program includes frequent monitoring of the water levels of Berry, Dexter, and Wilson Ponds throughout the year. The CWD coordinates dam adjustments with dam owners throughout the district to ensure that water levels on all District lakes and ponds are within the CWD's seasonal standards. The water levels for all three ponds are recorded at the Wilson Pond dam in North Monmouth, which is owned and operated by Tex-Tech Industries.

In 2022, the CWD completed work on the Wilson Pond Watershed-Based Plan Update Project which outlines actions, schedules, and responsible parties to improve lake water quality. The original plan, which had expired back in 2017, was updated with new water quality data and watershed land use information. This new, updated plan was approved by DEP and USEPA in early 2023, and as a result, Wilson Pond is again eligible for funding from the federal Clean Water Act to address sources of pollution throughout its watershed.

For more information on CWD programs or other lake and watershed related matters, please contact the CWD at 377-2234, or email at cwd@fairpoint.net.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

It has been another interesting and busy year in Wayne serving as your Code Enforcement Officer and Licensed Plumbing Inspector. I continue learning about Wayne residents, the lay of the land and the issues. I greatly appreciate the help of the Town Manager, Aaron, and the town staff of Cathy, Bryce and Bruce.

Economics effecting material and real estate costs there has been a lot of activity writing permits and assisting with ordinance guidelines. Add to this, the land boom adding new residents and summer folks to the town and new commercial changes additions up the status quo.

Working with the residents in welcoming and working with new businesses and new state regulations again had been fun. We have seen the Planning Board approve two new business in town and continue to work with others previously existing with new owners.

Our Planning Board team are growing into their roles and meeting. The Planning Board meetings have been moved to the first Thursdays in the month live from the Ladd Rec Center. The issues we are working with range from the mundane permitting processes of new buildings, new businesses, shoreland regulation, and new regulation with solar and shoreland issues.

Focus in the CEO office continues to involve Resource Water Quality, septic regulation, new State Rules that challenge our current LUO, blight challenges and working to address all new and old issues that come up. Add to all efforts, a focus and striving to enforce “the rules” and mediate challenges that are often misunderstood or misinterpreted.

Looking forward this year, I see new businesses coming forward to seek approvals, businesses that were granted permits last year starting their buildouts and beginning their business, and a residential buildout off last year’s approvals and new permits yet to come. My office is ready to answer questions and give guidance on their progress, keep an eye on compliance and expedite permits to allow projects to start properly move along efficiently.

Finally, we must deal with aforementioned and other issues and work as a team, the team encompasses our elected and appointed town officials, our residents and the businesses and volunteer organizations. The Wayne team has and should continue to participate and be involved in issues we all face. Involved in a positive, thoughtful and participatory effort using our combined experiences, history, knowledge and accomplish ends that improve and strengthen Wayne under our town’s rules, LUO and Ordinances that guide us in our efforts.

I look forward to working with all that come by for land use / plumbing needs here in Wayne.

R. Chip Stephens MS
CEO/ LPI Wayne (and Readfield) MAINE

The following is an accounting of activity in calendar years 2021 and 2022 for the CEO/LPI

BUILDING PERMITS	2021		2022	
New Home (SFD)	4		7	
Renovation / Repair FMV labor)	11		15	(over \$2000 material and
Garage/Barn/Shed	12		11	(accessory structures)
Solar			2	
Driveway /Road	3		10	
Campsite			1	
Business/Municipal			4	
Amusement			2	(Jellystone)
Planning Board			3	
TOTALS	30	\$918	55	\$4,453
 PLUMBING				
Subsurface Waste Disposal	11		20	
Internal Plumbing	4		39	
TOTALS	15	\$2,525	59	\$6,770

Conservation Commission

The Wayne Conservation Commission (WCC) worked with the town to accomplish new objectives in its multiyear mission to both ensure long term protection of Wayne's 100-Acre Wood and offer opportunities for the public to enjoy some of the Wood's hiker friendly terrain. The WCC also focused on other issues important to conservation and the quality of life in our town.

One of the positive outcomes of the property survey completed by Main-Land Development Consultants in late spring of 2021 was that boundaries on the northwest side of the parcel that had been unclear due to discrepancies in the deeded record were now identified. The surveyor subsequently marked these boundaries. In summer 2021 WCC worked with abutting landowners to identify property lines and promote good neighbor relations including avoiding or resolving encroachments in some locations.

In July, 2021, the WCC hosted a public walk in the 100-Acre Wood. This covered approximately three miles of varying terrain featuring old foundations, unique rock outcroppings and beautiful views.

In late summer 2021, two conservation-minded abutters of the Wood offered to make boundary adjustments (small land swaps) with the Town which would both "smooth out" irregular property lines and, importantly, add acreage to the Wood, thereby enhancing its conservation and recreation value.

An explanatory note that accompanied the original warrant article conserving the 100-Acre Wood that Wayne voters approved in June 2019 states in part: "Small parts of the property may be sold or traded to abutters."

In late 2021, the WCC drafted a Sale/Lease or Trade Policy for the 100-Acre Wood to assist the Selectboard in moving forward on the boundary agreements the two abutters had proposed as well as possible future land sales or trades that would benefit the Wood. This simple policy proposes that any sale or trade of a portion of the 100-Acre Wood to an abutter must meet one or both of the following criteria:

The sale / trade would enhance the conservation value of the remaining 100-Acre Wood parcel; or, would enhance the recreational value of the remaining 100-Acre Wood parcel without diminishing its conservation value. The Selectboard adopted the policy early in 2022.

Toward the end of 2021 the WCC created a new, one mile loop hiking/walking trail along the upper slope of the Wood, originating at the parking area. A trail maintenance work day was held in December, 2021. Thank you to all who participated in this successful effort! Although the 100-Acre Wood's first official trail it is not yet "blazed", it is marked with flagging for easy identification and is accessible to most.

The WCC hosted a winter hike at Kennebec Land Trust's Perkins Woods in February, 2022. Several hardy participants showed up on a bitterly cold day for a walk from the Wayne boat launch on Androscoggin Lake across the cove to the Perkins Woods conservation area where they enjoyed hiking a short mile loop trail through beautiful old growth hemlocks, pines and hardwoods.

Early in 2022, the WCC turned its attention to strengthening the Town's septic system rules, which are critical to maintaining quality of all Wayne water bodies. In February 2022, the WCC requested the Select Board to prepare a warrant or warrants to:

1. ensure that whenever a septic system inspection is conducted pursuant to existing state statute, a copy of the report is submitted to the Town, and
2. adopt an updated and hydrologically sound definition of septic system "failure".

The lower end of the House Road (a/k/the Camp Road) that bisects the 100-Acre Wood is privately owned, complicating public access to the Wood. In spring 2022 the WCC worked with the Selectboard to implement recommendations allowing rights-of-way (ROW) for property owners on the private section of the Camp Road. These address standard road width, starting and ending points of individual ROWs, marking boundaries with monuments and other best management practices to the benefit of landowners and the Wood.

In May 2022 two WCC members assisted in a two-day watershed survey of Androscoggin Lake conducted by the Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corporation, 30 Mile River Watershed Association, and the Department of Environmental Protection. In recent years, Androscoggin Lake has suffered from below average water quality, low dissolved oxygen and algal blooms, in addition to an invasive species of milfoil discovered in 2020. The survey identified potential threats to water quality from soil erosion and provided recommendations for shoreland owners on fixing erosion problems.

Plans for 2023 include creation of additional trails in the 100-Acre Wood and finalization of boundary agreements.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Burhoe, Secretary
Anne Huntington
Fred Hurley (Alternate)
Lloyd Irland
Chris Jones, Chair
Diana McLaughlin
Ken Spalding

Report on Dead Pollution Control Facility

This facility, commonly known as the Dead River Dam, was installed by the State in the 1930's to reduce the passage of highly polluted Androscoggin River water into Androscoggin Lake. In recent years, it has been jointly managed by the Towns and the State, with the cooperation of ALIC. Actual maintenance work is conducted by a Dam Maintenance Committee. Recent activities include:

- Ongoing removal of flotsam from the dam's trash racks.
- Disposal of this material once it has been stored nearby.
- Repair and replacement of flap doors and flashboards as needed.
- A webcam has been installed. Now, the Dam can be viewed remotely to detect any irregularities, monitor high water events, and see unexpected accumulations of treetops or other materials needing to be removed.
- A renewal of a Memorandum of Agreement between Leeds, Wayne, and the State has been completed.

Much has changed since the Dam was built. First, the Dam has been in place for most of a century. It has withstood a number of high-water events. It will likely expect to need repairs beyond normal maintenance at some point. Second, the River has been substantially cleaned since being one of the nation's filthiest rivers in the 1950's. Third, the lakeshores have been highly developed in most accessible locations, leading to ongoing, low-level nutrient inflows from house lots and camp roads, and potential for health issues from aging septic tanks. Other threats to Lake water quality, little suspected in the late 1930's, include introductions of invasive exotic aquatic plants, and the steady, invisible rainout of pollutants such as mercury and nitrates from the sky.

A fund was started years ago by contributions from the upriver paper companies to help maintain the Dam. The only one left now is Nine Dragons at Rumford. Further contributions to this fund, from the paper mill, or the State, cannot be expected. Since 2017, the fund has been using \$3,000 per year, and its balance now stands at just over \$28,000.00. Future repair needs that arise could make a substantial dent in this balance. Residents need to be aware that this will be an issue, perhaps sooner than later.

The hard work of the Dam Maintenance Committee, over many years, is appreciated by the Towns and by the visitors to Androscoggin Lake.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lloyd C. Irland, Wayne Representative, Dam Maintenance Committee

Wayne Farmers' Market Summer 2022



The Wayne Farmers' Market opened for its fourteenth season on Saturday, May 28th, 2022, and continued each Saturday morning through the Labor Day weekend.

The Market is not only a place to purchase locally grown and produced food and other products, but also a lively community gathering place. Many thanks to all who contribute to making the Farmers' Market a vibrant asset to our community – vendors, shoppers, volunteers, musicians, the town of Wayne, and all who contribute ideas.

Twelve vendors sold a wide variety of products, including vegetables, berries, herbs, micro greens, flowers, plants, meat, eggs, cheese, maple products, honey, pepper jellies, baked goods, goats' milk soap, body care products, lavender products, and pottery.

The 2022 vendors were Birtwell Farm (Wayne), Gingerbread Farm (Wayne), Grey Goose Gourmet (Wayne), A Lakeside Pottery (Wayne), Moonglow Lavender (Wayne), A Small-Town Bakery (Wayne), Bragg's Maple Products (Sumner), Cosmic Goat Farm & Creamery (Litchfield), Cranberry Rock Farm (Winthrop), Firelight Farm (Livermore Falls), Pickles' Potions (Winthrop), and Sparkplug Farm (Leeds). The regular vendors were on occasion joined by the Wayne Community Church, a local resident giving away handmade walking sticks, guest artisans, and several young entrepreneurs. Stan Davis often entertained both adults and children with his songs and stories. The highlight of many market mornings was the singing of young visitors.

Vendors appreciated increased activity during the annual Strawberry Festival on July 9, which brought a large influx of visitors from around the region. Most vendors also offered special strawberry-related items at their booths on festival day. Many thanks to WFM Board member Tammy Birtwell and the Festival team for the long hours they devoted to making the festival a fun family event, with a variety of booths, activities, food offerings and music.

The Farmers' Market is a financially self-supporting town activity. Vendor fees and donations cover all expenses. The Market Committee, comprised of community members and vendors, organizes, and runs the market, and welcomes suggestions from the community.

Whether you are a year-round resident, a summer resident, or an occasional visitor, the Market is a great way to meet people, purchase fresh, local food and other products, and enjoy summer Saturday mornings. The highly visible location on the green next to the scenic Mill Pond, with its occasional visiting loon, is appreciated by both vendors

and visitors. We are open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, every Saturday morning from 9:00 am until noon. We hope to see you there.

The Wayne Farmers' Market was begun in 2009 by Emily Perkins, as her senior year project at Maranacook Community High School. We want to honor and remember her, with affection and gratitude for her dedication to local food and community.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Farmers' Market Committee

Theresa Kerchner (Chair and Treasurer)
Tammy Birtwell (Vendor representative)
Leslie Burhoe (Co-Chair and Vendor relations)
Cindy Townsend (Vendor representative)
Jane Davis (Secretary and Publicity)

Website: www.waynefarmersmarket.weebly.com

FB: www.facebook.com/wayne.maine.farmers.market/

Fire Department

Following FY 20-21, the department saw the newest apparatus, Utility 72, put into service. This truck functions as a pickup with a utility body, and responds primarily to storm duty calls, accidents, and wildland fire calls. 72's usefulness and upgraded technology has already proven itself to be a terrific asset, and at a much lower cost than a full replacement of the previous firetruck.

Membership has declined slightly since June of 2021, from 15 active members to 13. However, we saw an increase in younger members devoting more time to the department with two of our younger members coming off their initial probation period in 21-22.

The department remains committed to the Lakes Region Mutual Aid Group, as we share essential manpower with our partners in Fayette, Readfield, Mount Vernon, and Vienna. We are continually able to function as an efficient force on scenes where otherwise there may not be enough personnel, due to the increasing demands of work and family commitments required of all of us, and more personnel working out of town.

Please find below a comparison of calls from 20-21 and 21-22

<u>Summary of calls FY 20-21</u>		<u>Summary of calls FY 21-22</u>	
Calls in Wayne		Calls in Wayne	
Structure Fire	1	Structure Fire	0
Vehicle Accident	12	Vehicle Accident	11
Tree/Power Line Down	11	Tree/Power Line Down	7
Smoke Investigation	0	Smoke Investigation	1
Medical Assist	1	Medical Assist	0
Water/Ice Rescue	1	Water/Ice Rescue	1
Vehicle Fire	2	Vehicle Fire	1
Carbon Monoxide Investigation	0	Carbon Monoxide Investigation	0
Fire Alarm Investigation	0	Fire Alarm Investigation	9
Chimney Fire/Heating System	2	Chimney Fire/Heating System	1
Wildland Fire	2	Wildland Fire	1
Stand By/Misc	2	Stand By/Misc	1
Total In Town Calls	34	Total In Town Calls	33
Calls to Assist Other Towns		Calls to Assist Other Towns	
Responded	31	Responded	37
Stand By	8	Stand By	8
Cancelled Before Responding	8	Cancelled Before Responding	13
Total Out of Town Calls	47	Total Out of Town Calls	58
Total Calls for Year	81	Total Calls for Year	91



207.377.2848
info@tklt.org
www.tklt.org

Kennebec Land Trust
PO Box 261 - 331 Main Street
Winthrop, Maine 04364

Dear Wayne Residents,

This year we will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Kennebec Land Trust (KLT). With generous support from community members, we have worked to conserve important lands; provide public access for hiking, paddling, skiing, blueberry picking, and hunting; and promote land stewardship, conservation education, and partnerships.

KLT has an impressive list of accomplishments: 100 properties, with 7,584 acres under permanent conservation throughout our 413,000-acre service area; 57 miles of trails to explore; over 20 miles of conserved shoreline; and 1,100 household and business partner members.

In 2022, Gott Pasture Preserve was one of four KLT properties featured in *Writing the Land: Maine*, a collection of works by 27 poets inspired by lands representing 13 land trusts. Poet Jason Grundstorm-Whitney, photographer Jane Davis, and artist Cassie Sano focused on Gott Pasture. Copies of the book can be purchased at www.tklt.org/merchandise/writing-the-land-maine.

In addition to Gott Pasture, KLT also owns the Besse Historic Conservation Area, the Pickerel Pond Conservation Area, and the Mt. Pisgah Conservation Area and contributes to Wayne's local tax base through the open space tax program.

KLT offers a great selection of outings and educational programs for the public, and we collaborate with schools and other organizations to engage youth and share our conservation message with the community. Please call our office for information about our 2023 field trips and programs. We will be hosting our 35th Anniversary Trail Challenge this summer for community members and visitors.

Camp Androscoggin generously hosted KLT's 2022 annual meeting. KLT members and guests had opportunities to paddle on Androscoggin Lake to KLT's Norris Island and hike at the nearby Perkins Woods Preserve. KLT also hosted a full moon hike at Mt. Pisgah.

We welcome this opportunity to communicate with Wayne residents and the Select Board about our conservation work. Everyone is welcome to visit our properties and trails and to attend our public programs.

If you have questions about our community conservation work, please don't hesitate to contact us at 207-377-2848 or info@tklt.org. You can also visit our website, www.tklt.org, for trail maps, directions, and more information about our organization. Thank you to all those in Wayne who have chosen to support KLT as members or volunteers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet Sawyer'.

Janet Sawyer
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theresa Kerchner'.

Theresa Kerchner
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marie Ring'.

Marie Ring
Director of Membership
and Programming



"First to Serve ~ 1799"

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The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2022. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Correctional Services, Civil Process, Court and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including K-9 Teams, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, Accident Reconstruction and Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) and a School Resource Officer for MSAD 49.

While the severity of the pandemic is decreasing, my office shall remain vigilant. We will monitor for potential virus recurrence in our correctional facility and take all recommended precautions to reduce any impact that may threaten those in our custody.

In 2022, Law Enforcement Deputies again logged thousands of calls for service. Our calls for service have increased since 2021. Our geographic patrol responsibilities within the County have increased, as the state police have opted to reduce their rural patrol coverage.

Overdoses of prescribed medications or illicit substances continue to plague our country. My staff responded to 20 overdoses in 2022, we were able to save 11 lives. This number does not include the saves by jail staff in 2022. As the disorder continues to increase, I wish to make it clear that we at the Sheriff's Office will always support our citizens with substance dependency disorders by providing avenues that can assist with their recovery.

The patrol division welcomes Sean Dixon and Eric Thiess to our team. Deputy Dixon has 12 years of full-time experience working as a law enforcement officer. Deputy Thiess came to us from our correctional division. Deputy Thiess is currently at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy attending the 18-week program to become a certified law enforcement officer.

My agency continues to receive federal funds to conduct patrol details specifically related to motor vehicle violations throughout the county. Kennebec County Deputies continue to excel statistically for the number of interdictions for drug related criminal activities.

Through the federal grants system, we were able to purchase a Can-Am UTV and trailer to assist us with our duties serving all of Kennebec County. This tool is available to any municipality or law enforcement agency within the county.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2022, the three civil deputies received over 7,441 requests for service in Kennebec County. This is an increase from 2021 by over 300 services. Some of the services include civil summons & complaints, foreclosures, evictions, small claims, child support notices from the State and enforcement of court orders and writs to name a few.

We welcome any questions regarding civil service to be made to the office. Kennebec is very lucky to have Chief Civil Deputy Harry McKenney, who just happens to be the go-to guy on civil service matters statewide. Keep up good work Chief!

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 1810 inmate intakes. This is an increase from 2022. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from Trespass to Homicide.

Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility. We have improved our medical and mental health services at Kennebec to help manage the needs of those incarcerated.

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised on outside projects. One may think that this only benefits the county, or our local municipalities, but it does not. It also benefits the inmate population as well.

We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims, and to provide enhanced public safety. We acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem nationwide and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education, treatment, and recovery for those afflicted with this horrible addiction.

The big news for my staff in 2022 was the purchase of 73 Winthrop Street in Augusta. This building will house the entire sheriff's office divisions which include administration, patrol, detectives and the civil division. Our mailing address will remain the same. More information on the move to follow within the next couple of months. Me and my staff are very excited to move into a larger and much newer building that we can call our own.

As your Sheriff, and moving forward into 2023, I remain committed to serving the hard-working taxpayers of this county, their families, and our visitors, honorably, professionally, and by using good common sense and judgement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Mason, Sheriff

Ladd Recreation Center

The Ladd Recreation Center was a gift from Helen and George Ladd, whose goal was to provide a safe and nurturing environment where Wayne residents could participate in and enjoy a variety of high-quality indoor and outside activities throughout the year.

Adults can participate in weekly programs. At present, there is a quilting group each Wednesday. There have been two sessions of line dancing classes in 2023. There has also been an adult exercise class held this past winter. The space is available for any community member looking to host a program. During the summer months, the tennis courts, pickle ball courts, playground, and a gazebo are available for individual and family use. The Center also provides several activities for young people, including soccer and baseball, a summer program which begins the last full week in June, and community holiday parties throughout the year. The Ladd Center has been providing daily childcare after school to the community. The Center has a state childcare license and has been operating at full capacity to provide quality care for as many kids as possible.

In addition, the Center serves the community in many other ways. Many organizations-- such as the Snowmobile Club, Gardening Club, Cabin Fever Quilters, and the Central Maine Gold Prospectors club--hold their regular meetings here. Wayne residents vote and attend the annual town meeting here. This is also where the Selectboard and Planning Board meets.

The Ladd Center has a board of directors, which meets monthly to discuss a variety of topics including building maintenance and upkeep, programming, and ways to serve the community. The community members on the present board are Gloria Ladd, Besty Ladd, Sharon Bonney, Chris Bennett, Patricia Hanley-Goodwin, Carol Steck, Ken Spalding, Eric Stinneford, and Heather Hyatt.

The Center is available on a rental basis at other times for a variety of events. Families, groups, and organizations who would like to use the building and its facilities or who have questions about its use should call its Director, Adam Brooks, at 685-4616, Monday through Friday or email at laddrec@gmail.com.

Memorial Day Committee

The Committee is responsible for arranging a respectful commemoration of Memorial Day, including a parade, music and remarks focused on Wayne's support of maintaining American ideals and freedoms. Following two years of only online reflections, the program returned to an in-person event.

The Committee sponsored a banner in Memorial Park along Main Street, "Wayne Honors Memorial Day" with memorial ribbons attached naming Wayne's war dead and others with connections to Wayne.

During the parade, a memorial wreath was laid at the Memorial Stone along Main Street by Colonel Don Welsh, Commander and Parade Marshal. The wreath was presented by Mary Hill; the Marshal's commemorative sword was held by Madden Messer. Lloyd Irland served as Detachment Sgt., with Russell and Steve Dodge, Color Guard.

The Memorial Day Address was capably provided by Wayne's Colonel Matthew Yetishefsky, USAF (ret), former Commander, Air Force Flight Standards Agency. In respect and honor of the people of Ukraine, the Ukrainian national anthem was performed by Christina Misner Rao. During the flag-raising ceremony, The Star-Spangled Banner was performed by the Wayne Community Church's Corona Choir which also performed "A Prayer for Ukraine" during the program.

The names of veterans who had passed in the preceding year were raised:

- David Ross Ault (also member of the Committee)
- Warren Davenport
- Lincoln Filene Ladd

The Memorial Wreath was laid into the Mill Stream by Col. Yetishefsky accompanied by the Color Guard with Taps performed by Fritz Onion.

Pastor Angela Rotherham offered the Invocation to open the ceremony. Pastor Jon Olson closed with the benediction.

Respectfully,

Wayne Memorial Day Committee

Peter Ault
Kate Ballou
Chris Ireland, General, U. S. Air Force (ret.)
Douglas Stevenson
Holly Stevenson
Donald Welsh, Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (ret.)

Planning Board

During the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, the Planning Board switched to meeting on the first Thursdays of the month, to accommodate member schedules. Some meetings were cancelled when advised by the CEO that there was no new business to consider. In 2022 meetings returned to in-person meetings at the Ladd Center. The Planning Board's major responsibilities under town ordinances are to review and act on applications for conditional use permits and subdivision approvals.

Notable events and trends of 2021/2022 include:

- The retirement of Seth Emery and Reed Lee as Planning Board members, and subsequent confirmation of Mitchell Cobb, Megan Stevenson and Jeannie Burnett as new Planning Board members.
- Drafting and passing of a new solar ordinance, which was provisionally approved by the Selectboard until it can be voted upon at the next town meeting in June.
- Continuing consideration of the impacts of new State-level laws allowing "tiny houses" to be built in place of single-family dwellings, or as accessory structures, and the evolving nature of this legislation.
- An application was filed for the expansion of Jellystone Campground's number of campsites, and a completeness hearing was held. However, Jellystone subsequently withdrew the application before a public hearing was held.

Looking forward, the Planning Board has no new ordinances it is currently considering but will be continuing to work with the community to address concerns around the solar ordinance, and to monitor developments at the state level regarding accessory dwelling units to see if they require a change in local ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Gorrill, Chair
Ed Bergman, Vice-Chair
Doug Farris
Tom Moran
Mitchell Cobb
Megan Stevenson, Alternate
Jeannie Burnett, Alternate



MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS

A Caring School Community Dedicated to Excellence

Dear Community members,

The 2022-2023 school year was viewed by many as the return to a normal school year however, the harsh reality is that schools are continuing to face unprecedented challenges. The mental health needs for students continue to rise, the need for academic services continues to outpace our capacity and key staff positions throughout our schools continue to be vacant. We are also seeing the ending of pandemic funds as well as inflation that continues to remain higher than normal. Clearly our communities need to know that discussions are happening about the future path forward for RSU #38 communities. The business as normal view is no longer sustainable or prudent.

With that in mind we are submitting a budget that recognizes these challenges but is also fiscally responsible. This budget sees our commitment to student health and safety by including a School Resource Officer working with the Kennebec County Sheriff’s Department that will work across all of our schools. It also includes supporting students with a full-time nurse as started in the ESSER funds, a principal in Wayne who also acts as our Title IX Director and an elementary guidance counselor to support the needs of our youngest students.

We are beginning a strategic planning process as our current plan ends in January 2024 to articulate our goals for the future of all RSU #38 schools. We have a unique opportunity to look forward to the efficient resources from facilities all the way through curriculum priorities as well as look to a vision of our future. The need to be future focused is imperative and we look forward to robust discussions concerning the work of our district to provide all of our students a rigorous education with dynamic learning opportunities that aligns with the culture of our communities of Manchester, Mount Vernon, Readfield and Wayne.

RSU #38 Attending Students - October 1, 2022					
Grade	Manchester	Mt. Vernon	Readfield	Wayne	Totals
Pre-K	21	12	18	9	60
K	22	11	25	10	68
1	28	16	22	8	74
2	26	14	31	10	81
3	29	17	29	13	88
4	21	10	32	10	73
5	34	17	32	11	94
6	36	13	25	8	82
7	18	21	31	16	86
8	33	23	27	10	93
9	28	17	30	10	85
10	21	17	31	12	81
11	27	17	27	8	79
12	13	18	23	10	64
Resident Totals	357	223	383	145	1108

I speak on behalf of our staff when I say it is an honor and privilege to work with the students of our four communities. We thank the towns for the tremendous support they have shown all of our schools. We look forward to the continued positive relationships with our towns and thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

James Charette, Superintendent of Schools

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWRC)

The Readfield Transfer Station continued operations in the fiscal year with increased revenues and expenses along. We continue to serve three member communities, Fayette, Readfield, and Wayne, authorized by a 5-year interlocal agreement with cost sharing based on each town's state property valuation. Residents from each town utilize the station by permits issued at each town office or may arrange for a commercial hauler to deliver their materials at their own expense.

The Transfer Station is located on the North Road at the site of the old landfill and is open Tuesday through Saturday. The transfer station includes a recycling center, supported by a town recycling ordinance. Recycled items include paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, and metals. The town has also been actively encouraging residents to increase their recycling rates including the launch of a food composting program in 2021. We continue to hold a free-for-permit holders annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event in July. A staff of two runs the station, with additional part-time attendants in the busy summer season. Trash collected at the transfer station is hauled to the Waste Management Disposal Services "Crossroads" site in Norridgewock. Tipping fees in 2021-22 were \$10 per ton for our single sort recycling (SSR) and \$67 per ton for Mainstream Waste (MSW) and Demolition Debris. Hauling fees were \$215 per trip for MSW and Demolition and \$175 per trip for SSR.

Wayne, Fayette, and Readfield's estimated combined 2020 population of 4,886 generated approximately 1,434 tons of MSW and 255 tons of SSR in 2021-22 and another 353 tons of demolition waste. The total operating cost of running the transfer station in 2021-22 was \$341,535. This was offset by \$103,288 in fees, grants, and recyclable material sales. That resulted in an average net cost per person of \$48.76. Net operating cost is allocated to Readfield, Fayette, and Wayne based on their most recent State property valuations.

Future improvements needed to the Transfer Station include the addition of cover for storing equipment and materials. This would minimize maintenance requirements and the cost of moving wet materials.

Recycling continues strongly here at the Transfer Station. We continue to have very limited contamination due to the awareness and concern of our citizens to do the right thing and heed advertised instructions for material collection. A key component has been removing all plastic film from the single-stream collection and placing it separately in a bin. These materials are then taken locally to be used to manufacture composite decking. Combining collection of tires, white goods, metals, e-waste, fluorescent lamps, wood, brush, propane tanks, shingles, compostable materials, items for the swap shop, and utilizing the bins for Paint Care and Apparel Impact, our recycling rate is very good. This is something for us to continue celebrating!

The SWRC is comprised of folks from the three member-towns and the Transfer Station Manager. Each town is represented by their Town Manager, one Select Board member and two other citizens. This committee meets once every three months, rotating meeting location by towns, to review operations, budget, expenses, capital projects and safety reports.

All three member-towns are pleased to be working together for the benefit of each town, and welcome input from the public. We are always looking for ways to increase our recycling rate through education to the public. Look for updates and articles on the Readfield town website and in the Messenger.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Chair SWRC

TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WAYNE – TOWN CLERK

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

VITALS

Births 9

Marriages 11

Deaths 14

DEATHS

Ault, David Ross	05/08/2022
Bardaglio, George William	04/11/2022
Bellmay, Joel	09/03/2021
Colgate, Wayne A.	12/25/2021
Davenport, Warren H.	10/05/2021
English, Gaeton Angelo	07/20/2021
Foss, Gloria Ella	04/28/2022
Fowler, Sandra J.	12/24/2021
Giacomazzo, Lorette M.	11/27/2021
Ladd, Lincoln Filene	12/02/2021
Lincoln, Nan D.	10/20/2021
Roberts, Emily	01/20/2022
Sandidge, Jerry C.	08/20/2021
Wourms, Deborah Ruth	02/09/2022

SPORT LICENSES - 63

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Snowmobiles - 79

ATV's -23

Boats – 264

DOG LICENSES – 200

KENNEL LICENSES - 0

Recorded by Cathy Cook, Town Clerk

Delinquent Real Estate Property Taxes

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Non Zero Balance on Lien Accounts
Tax Year: 2003-1 To 2023-1

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Acct	Name -----	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
595 L	BELLMAY, JOEL	2021	464.18	0.00	464.18
429 L	BRISKE, JESS E	2021	1,590.62	20.22	1,570.40
294 L	BUCK, KEHLI B	2021	1,364.41	0.00	1,364.41
396 L	BURGESS DALE F	2021	693.56	0.00	693.56
358 L	BURGESS KENNETH JASON	2021	3,655.33	0.00	3,655.33
355 L	COLGATE, WAYNE	2021	2,111.58	0.00	2,111.58
617 L	DAMON, DENNIS G & CHRISTINA R BANKS	2021	1,287.88	113.28	1,174.60
251 L	DUPLESSIS MARK	2021	300.75	0.00	300.75
118 L	GOUCHER LEROY G	2021	849.56	0.00	849.56
559 L	GOUCHER LEROY G	2021	3,256.02	0.00	3,256.02
561 L	GOUCHER TED & SON	2021	1,222.88	0.00	1,222.88
1042 L	KIMBALL MARK B	2021	3,350.37	0.00	3,350.37
1041 L	Kimball Mark B.	2021	489.26	0.00	489.26
839 L	MCRORBIE, ANDREW	2021	4,392.67	1,463.57	2,929.10
1203 L	OWNER UNKNOWN	2013	257.78	-57.49	315.27
389 L	SCHNEIDMILL, SHANA L	2021	744.00	0.00	744.00
341 L	SESSLER JUDITH A	2021	661.99	582.76	79.23
843 L	THOMAS CHARLES F	2021	2,619.91	0.00	2,619.91
848 L	THOMAS, CHARLES F	2021	2,841.48	0.00	2,841.48
852 L	WALDEMAR A.P. JOHN	2021	6,737.47	3,693.74	3,043.73
292 L	WEYMOUTH, BRUCE	2021	620.90	207.79	413.11
Total for 21 Bills:		21 Accounts	39,512.60	6,023.87	33,488.73

Payment Summary

Type	Principal	Interest	Costs	Total
L - Lien Costs	0.00	0.00	-57.49	-57.49
P - Payment	5,377.65	464.26	239.45	6,081.36
Total	5,377.65	464.26	181.96	6,023.87

Lien Summary

Year	Count	Amount
2013-1	1	315.27
2021-1	20	33,173.46
Total	21	33,488.73

Delinquent Personal Property Taxes

Wayne
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Non Zero Balance on All Accounts
Tax Year: 2020-1 To 2023-1

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Acct	Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
11 P	ALBERT, JEFFERY	2020	79.02	0.00	79.02
11 P	ALBERT, JEFFERY	2021	79.02	0.00	79.02
11 P	ALBERT, JEFFERY	2022	83.03	0.00	83.03
72 P	BDM PROPERTIES	2020	17.96	0.00	17.96
72 P	BDM PROPERTIES	2021	16.16	0.00	16.16
72 P	BDM PROPERTIES	2022	15.10	0.00	15.10
37 P	BEAVER BROOK CAMPGROUND	2021	660.93	220.31	440.62
35 P	CAMP ANDROSCOGGIN	2022	1,996.45	1,996.44	0.01
29 P	DIRECTV, LLC	2020	113.15	3.18	109.97
29 P	DIRECTV, LLC	2021	55.68	0.00	55.68
22 P	GOUCHER LEE	2020	132.90	0.00	132.90
22 P	GOUCHER LEE	2021	132.90	0.00	132.90
22 P	GOUCHER LEE	2022	139.64	0.00	139.64
41 P	GOUCHER TED & SON EXCAVATION	2020	380.75	0.00	380.75
41 P	GOUCHER TED & SON EXCAVATION	2021	380.75	0.00	380.75
41 P	GOUCHER TED & SON EXCAVATION	2022	400.04	0.00	400.04
12 P	GOUCHER TED &SON	2020	894.41	0.00	894.41
12 P	GOUCHER TED &SON	2021	894.41	0.00	894.41
12 P	GOUCHER TED &SON	2022	939.73	0.00	939.73
57 P	GRAYHAWK LEASING, LLC	2022	16.98	16.97	0.01
65 P	HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS, LLC	2022	13.21	13.20	0.01
40 P	Julians Wayne General Store	2020	632.19	0.00	632.19
67 P	NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEM, INC	2020	10.78	0.00	10.78
67 P	NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEM, INC	2021	8.98	0.00	8.98
67 P	NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEM, INC	2022	9.44	0.00	9.44
28 P	SD HOLDINGS LLC	2022	177.38	177.37	0.01
71 P	SPECTRUM NORTHEAST LLCRNET LLC	2022	41.51	41.50	0.01
50 P	STEVENSON FORD	2023	0.00	0.20	-0.20
4 P	STEVENSON, DOUGLAS	2022	167.94	167.93	0.01
68 P	VIASAT COMMUNICATIONS INC	2021	10.78	0.00	10.78
36 P	Wayne Village Pottery, LLC. (Mary H., Stephen R., Samuel A. Saunders)	2022	71.71	71.16	0.55
Total for 31 Bills:	18 Accounts		8,572.93	2,708.26	5,864.67

Payment Summary

Type	Principal	Interest	Costs	Total
P - Payment	2,635.78	0.00	0.00	2,635.78

Wayne Athletic League

The Wayne Athletic League offers children opportunities to play soccer and baseball/softball. In the fall, kids in pre-k through 6th grade can participate in soccer. In 2022, all kids in the school district were pooled together and split into teams. This was a change from prior years when each town had their own team. In the spring, kids aged 5-12 can play t-ball, baseball, or softball with games against nearby towns. As part of the sign-up fee, each child gets a T-shirt and hat for baseball/softball and a shirt for soccer.

In 2022, Wayne fielded a T-Ball and Rookie baseball team with boys and girls aged 4-8. Due to low numbers, boys and girls aged 9-12 played on Readfield and Manchester teams. Wayne had 37 kids participate in soccer.

This year, I purchased new catcher equipment to replace old worn-out gear. I added another bat to our supply to continue to upgrade our equipment to match changing safety standards. Other purchases included a net to hit baseballs into, game balls, and crushed limestone and spray paint to line the Ladd Center field for games.

My job is to oversee the sign-up process, form teams, act as Wayne's town representative at league meetings, distribute and maintain equipment, line the field for games, as well as other duties needed by the league such as building the soccer and t-ball schedules for the district.

Adam Brooks,
Youth Sports Coordinator

Town of Wayne
Capital Reserve, Special Revenue & Permanent Fund Balances

<u>Capital Reserve Fund</u> (Tax Supported)	<u>Balance as of</u> <u>6/6/23</u>
• Cemetery Stone	
• Dam Repair and Replacement	\$10,772
• Fire Equipment	\$13,655
• Fire Ponds/ Dry Hydrants	\$2,529
• Fire Truck	\$224,795
• Footbridge	\$1,904
• North Wayne School House	\$4,155
• Road Reconstruction and Paving	\$368,007
• Transfer Station	\$2,864
<u>Special Revenue Fund</u> (Outside Support – Fees, Grants & Donations)	<u>Balance as of</u> <u>6/6/23</u>
• 100-Acre Woods	\$211
• Aging-at-Home	\$2,280
• Animal Control	\$1,000
• ARPA	\$78,628
• Athletic League	\$5,197
• Broadband	\$41,678
• Cemetery Sales	\$275
• Community Mapping	\$140
• Community Directory	\$255
• Farmers’ Market	\$1,142
• History Project	\$3,973
• Ladd Tennis	\$174,265
• Professional	\$25,970
• Water Quality	\$1,025
<u>Permanent Fund(s)</u> (Trust Funds)	<u>Balance as of</u> <u>6/6/23</u>
• Jaworski	\$1,186
• Ladd Recreation	\$61,963
• Ladd Special	\$1,449
• Ruth Lee	\$8,813

**TOWN OF WAYNE
2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

STATE OF MAINE
KENNEBEC, SS

To Cathy Cook, a resident in the Town of Wayne, County of Kennebec, and State of Maine:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters in the Town of Wayne, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Ladd Recreation Center on **Tuesday June 14, 2022**, at 8:00 AM to elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting, to elect Town Officers for the ensuing years and by secret ballot on Article 2. Polls are to be opened from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The meeting will recess after the ballot count.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Dave Petell elected Moderator by 6 votes.

*The election of Annual Town Meeting Moderator will be held **Tuesday, June 14, 2022**, at 8:00 AM, for which the moderator will preside over the secret ballot referendum election that day until 8:00 PM at Ladd Recreation Center, 26 Gott Road, Wayne, ME.*

ARTICLE 2. To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, as directed by statute, on the election of Town Officers for the ensuing years.

- one Selectboard (3-Year term, Term Expires 2025),
Trent Emery: 213 votes
Write-In: 0
- one Budget Committee (5-Year term, Term Expires 2027),
Eric Stinneford: 203 votes
Write-In: 1
- one Local School Committee (3-Year term, Term Expires 2025),
Write-In: Kim Spencer 5
Write-In: Deborah Emery 3
Write-In: Lynette Stinneford 3

The residents of the Town of Wayne, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, are hereby also warned to assemble at the Ladd Recreation Center at 26 Gott Rd, Wayne, Maine 04284 at 6:00 PM on **Wednesday June 15, 2022**, to act on Article 3 to end of Warrant.

108 Registered Voter in Attendance.

Doug Stevenson was appointed Deputy Moderator.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for War in Ukraine

Selectboard Dedicated Annual Town Report to:

- Lincoln Filene Ladd
- George Michael Dragonetti
- George W. Bardaglio

Selectboard awarded the Spirit of Awards to:

- 2020 Planning Board and Ken Spalding
- 2021 Jim Perkins
- 2022 Dallas Folk

Gloria Ladd presented the Helen Hicks Healy Award to:

- Dallas Folk

Presentations

- Budget by Town Manager
- Internet Project by Selectboard member Stan Davis

Motion was made to suspend the reading of the warrant. Motion PASSED.

Motion was made to allow the Town Manager and Mark Oulette, President of Axiom to speak at Annual Town Meeting. Motion PASSED.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will authorize interest on taxes due, but not yet paid by each installment date, at a rate of **4%** per year.

PASSED

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will allow the Tax Collector to accept money for taxes before taxes are committed.

PASSED

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will establish a **3%** interest payment for tax abatements (per annum).

PASSED

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to enter contracts and interlocal agreements not to exceed five years, on such terms and conditions as they deem appropriate.

PASSED

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Board to accept *Federal, State, private grants* and gifts on such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, apply any such grants or gifts, along with any fees, to categories deemed appropriate by the Board.

PASSED

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds received from the State of Maine for snowmobile registrations during the current fiscal year, to the Thirty-Mile Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails within the Town, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club for that purpose, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, including the condition that the trails will be open to the public as long as the trails are frozen and adequately covered in snow.

PASSED

ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to: 1) enter into a boundary line agreement between the Town and Thomas Liscord and Lisa Clarcq, owners of the property located at Tax Map **003-007** to clarify boundaries; 2) trade land with Margaret Lane owner of the property located at Tax Map **003-038** for the purpose of conservation; and 3) grant easement access to camp owners along the town-owned camp road in the “Wayne’s 100-Acre Wood”; all in a form and on terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate?

PASSED

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Municipal Officers' Order of Discontinuance of a portion of Besse Road beginning from the Albion Besse buildings to existing snowplow turnaround approximately 220 feet, without reservation of a public easement in the same, and to discontinue the public easement on another portion beginning from Besse Road (formerly known as Verrill Road) that was previously discontinued in 1975 by the Wayne Annual Town Meeting and is now a public easement from the south end to the Albion Besse buildings in a southwesterly direction approximately 2,000 feet to the intersection of the Old Winthrop Road, dated May 31, 2022 and filed with the Town Clerk, and to pay no damages as stated in the aforementioned Order?

PASSED

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town of Wayne (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 **\$3,740,838** to fund the project; (3) authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Selectboard 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 **\$3,740,838** to fund the appropriation; and (4) **delegate** to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Selectboard 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?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness:

A.	Outstanding balance of bonds previously issued:	\$279,745
B.	Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ -0-
C.	Anticipated amount of bonds to be issued:	<u>\$3,740,838</u>
	Total:	<u>\$4,020,583</u>

Costs: At an estimated net interest rate of 3.0% for a twenty (20) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Total Principal	\$ 3,740,838
Interest:	<u>\$ 1,238,345</u>
Total Debt Service:	<u>\$ 4,979,183</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.

Treasurer, Town of Wayne

Motion was made to allow Jim Breazeale, a long-time camp-owner, non-registered voter speak at Town Meeting. Motion PASSED.

Motion was made to allow John Cummings, a long-time camp-owner, non-registered voter speak at Town Meeting. Motion PASSED.

Written Ballot Requested: 83 Yes, 23 No, Motion PASSED

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$35,757 for the BROADBAND ENTERPRISE FUND?

Broadband Enterprise Fund	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Broadband Expansion	\$2,500	\$35,757
Subtotal	\$2,500	\$35,757

PASSED

ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$272,155 for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION?**

General Admin.	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Selectmen's Stipend	\$7,162	\$7,162
Town Manager Salary	\$52,015	\$55,656
Bookkeeper	\$1,400	\$3,000
Treasurer stipend	\$3,000	\$4,000
Tax Collector wages	\$24,233	\$27,541
Town Clerk wages	\$25,356	\$29,689
Meeting Recording Clerk wages	\$984	\$0
Social Security/ Medicare Match	\$8,732	\$9,490
Health Insurance	\$43,083	\$43,922
Retirement	\$5,092	\$5,644
Disability	\$1,047	\$1,135
Office Expense	\$4,000	\$4,000
Travel Expense	\$900	\$1,200
Training Expense	\$1,000	\$1,200
Dues (MMA)	\$2,801	\$3,000
Computer maintenance	\$500	\$500
Computer software (Trio)	\$15,000	\$15,000
Website/ Email	\$1,500	\$1,500
Town Report	\$1,000	\$1,000
Tax Administration	\$3,600	\$3,000
Legal	\$10,000	\$12,000
Audit Reporting	\$6,000	\$6,500
Insurance	\$20,500	\$22,000
Town Office Rent	\$6,656	\$6,656
Copier lease & maintenance	\$3,500	\$4,000
Telephone	\$3,250	\$3,360
Subtotal	\$252,311	\$272,155

PASSED

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$88,915 for **DEBT SERVICE?**

Debt Service	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Mt. Pisgah Road Bond	\$48,001	\$0
Lovejoy Road Bond (5/5)	\$36,767	\$35,884
Walton Road Bond (4/5)	\$54,947	\$53,031
Subtotal	\$139,715	\$88,915

PASSED

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,500** for **HEARINGS AND ELECTIONS?**

Elections/ Hearings	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Election / Ballot Clerks wages	\$1,100	\$1,000
Election Supplies	\$500	\$500
Subtotal	\$1,600	\$1,500

PASSED

ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$17,058** for **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES?**

Health & Human Services	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Aging at Home Coordinator	\$12,667	\$13,554
Social Security/ Medicare Match	\$969	\$1,037
Travel (AAH Mileage)	\$0	\$212
Programming - Luncheons	\$0	\$1,080
Newsletter supplies	\$0	\$175
General Assistance	\$1,500	\$1,000
Subtotal	\$15,136	\$17,058

PASSED

ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$72,451** for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to carry forward to **Misc. Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?**

Fire Department	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Chief Officers' stipends	\$9,750	\$9,750
Firefighters' stipends	\$9,000	\$15,750
Social Security/ Medicare match	\$1,434	\$1,951
Operations	\$24,000	\$27,000
Communications	\$4,000	\$4,000
Equipment	\$14,000	\$14,000
Subtotal	\$62,184	\$72,451

PASSED

ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$31,400** for **ASSESSING?**

Assessing Mapping	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Assessing/ Mapping	\$15,900	\$17,000
Quarter Review	\$6,800	\$7,000
GIS Mapping Annual Hosting Fee	\$2,800	\$2,400
GIS Mapping Updates (2017-2022)	\$0	\$5,000
Subtotal	\$25,500	\$31,400

PASSED

ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$8,636** for **ANIMAL CONTROL?**

Animal Control	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Animal Control Officer stipend	\$3,000	\$3,000
ACO wages	\$2,233	\$2,389
Social Security/ Medicare match	\$171	\$412
Travel (ACO Mileage)	\$0	\$600
Humane Society	\$2,128	\$2,234
Subtotal	\$7,532	\$8,636

PASSED

ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$43,100** for **CODE ENFORCEMENT & LAND USE BOARD SUPPORT?**

Code Enforcement & Land-Use Board Support	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Shared CEO/ LPI Contract	\$36,000	\$38,800
Travel (CEO/LPI)	\$600	\$0
PB Secretary wages	\$0	\$500
E911 Coordinator Stipend	\$0	\$200
KVCOG Membership	\$2,600	\$2,600
Ordinance/ Mapping	\$0	\$1,000
Subtotal	\$39,200	\$43,100

PASSED

ARTICLE 21. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$51,205** for **PUBLIC SAFETY**?

Public Safety	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Streetlights	\$7,500	\$6,200
Ambulance Service	\$15,041	\$26,259
Sheriff's Department	\$1,560	\$1,560
Fire/ EMS Dispatch (Winthrop)	\$3,068	\$3,726
Rural Patrol Dispatch (State)	\$10,500	\$10,334
PSAP (Somerset)	\$2,973	\$3,127
Subtotal	\$40,642	\$51,205

PASSED

ARTICLE 22. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$321,513** for **ROADS**?

Roads	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Lot Plowing	\$4,200	\$5,000
Highway Plowing	\$177,981	\$153,993
Winter Sand	\$0	\$35,320
Winter Salt	\$15,600	\$16,500
Sidewalk Plowing	\$6,000	\$6,500
Roadside Mowing	\$3,300	\$3,500
Sand/ Salt Shed lights	\$600	\$700
Road Administration	\$0	\$500
Brush/ Tree Removal	\$12,000	\$12,000
Calcium Chloride	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sweeping/ Catch basin cleaning	\$4,000	\$4,000
Patching	\$5,000	\$5,000
Signs & Posts	\$2,000	\$2,000
Painting	\$1,000	\$1,500
Culverts	\$8,000	\$5,000
Gravel	\$25,000	\$25,000
Cracksealing	\$4,000	\$0
Grading	\$10,000	\$15,000
Outside Contracting	\$25,000	\$25,000
Subtotal	\$308,681	\$321,513

PASSED

ARTICLE 23. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$97,469** for **TRANSFER STATION & LANDFILL?**

Transfer Station	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Transfer Station Operation Cost	\$78,272	\$84,517
Transfer Station Capital Cost	\$7,827	\$8,452
Landfill Mowing	\$0	\$1,000
Roadside Waste	\$0	\$1,000
Hazardous Waste	\$2,000	\$2,500
Subtotal	\$88,099	\$97,469

PASSED

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for **OUTSIDE AGENCIES.**

Outside Agencies	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Library	\$6,000	\$6,000
Messenger/ Events Calendar	\$3,000	\$3,400
Cemetery Association	\$12,600	\$12,600
Rural Community Action	\$5,000	\$5,000
Spectrum Generations	\$1,004	\$1,004
Hospice	\$1,000	\$1,000
Family Violence	\$1,000	\$1,000
Maine Public Broadcasting	\$100	\$100
Kennebec Valley Behavioral Health	\$1,600	\$1,600
Crisis & Counseling Center	\$1,562	\$1,562
Children's Center	\$595	\$595
Red Cross	\$1,200	\$1,200
Sexual Assault Crisis Support Center	\$417	\$417
Winthrop Food Pantry	\$1,500	\$1,500
Subtotal	\$36,578	\$36,978

PASSED

ARTICLE 25. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$48,299** for **CONSERVATION, PARKS & RECREATION?**

Conservation, Parks & Recreation	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
WAL – Youth Services Coordinator	\$2,000	\$2,000
WAL – Social Security/ Medicare match	\$153	\$153
WAL – CAL Ripken Leagues		\$300
LRC - Programs	\$4,300	\$4,300
LRC – Health Insurance	\$14,361	\$14,641
LRC - Retirement	\$1,854	\$1,950
LRC - Mowing	\$5,501	\$5,776
Town Parks Mowing	\$3,417	\$3,129
Kennebec Land Trust	\$250	\$250
Friends of Cobbossee Watershed - Wilson Pond Boat Inspection	\$1,300	\$1,300
30 Mile River Watershed Association	\$6,500	\$7,500
Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corp.	\$3,000	\$3,500
Androscoggin Yacht Club - Docks	\$500	\$500
Village Porta Toilet	\$0	\$250
Village Beautification	\$0	\$1,500
Memorial Day	\$500	\$500
Park Maintenance	\$0	\$750
Subtotal	\$43,636	\$48,299

PASSED

ARTICLE 26. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,143** for the **LAND & BUILDINGS?**

Land & Buildings	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
North Wayne Schoolhouse Utilities	\$200	\$200
North Wayne Building Utilities	\$300	\$300
Wayne Town House Utilities	\$200	\$250
Footbridge Utilities	\$200	\$250
Land & Building Maintenance	\$1,000	\$1,000
Historic Properties Mowing	\$1,243	\$1,304
Subtotal	\$3,143	\$3,304

PASSED

ARTICLE 27. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,000** for the **CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT**?

Contingency	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Misc. Contingency	\$3,000	\$3,000
Subtotal	\$3,000	\$3,000

PASSED

ARTICLE 28. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$346,335** for the **CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS**?

Capital Reserve	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Fire Truck	\$50,000	\$50,000
Fire Ponds	\$3,000	\$2,500
Land & Buildings	\$0	\$15,000
LRC Courts	\$0	\$40,000
LRC Field	\$0	\$1,500
Road Reconstruction & Paving	\$160,000	\$211,085
Professional Services	\$26,250	\$0
Subtotal	\$239,250	\$320,085

PASSED

ARTICLE 29. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$26,250 for a Revaluation of the Town. The total cost would be spread out over two years. Field work to begin in August of 2023 and Final Assessment calculated April 2024. The amount to raise and appropriate for each of the next two years (2022-2023) would be \$26,250 for a total cost of a \$52,500

PASSED

ARTICLE 30. Shall the Town vote accept the following Estimated Revenues and Transfers in the amount of **\$679,971** to reduce the **2022 Tax Commitment**, thereby reducing the amount to be raised from property taxes?

Revenues and Transfers	BUDGET FY 21 / 22	BUDGET FY 22 / 23
Banking Interest	\$5,500	\$2,500
Lien Costs	\$3,000	\$1,500
Interest on taxes	\$13,600	\$9,000
MV Agent Fees	\$7,250	\$7,000
IF&W Agent Fees	\$500	\$500

MV Excise	\$290,000	\$300,000
Boat Excise	\$5,000	\$5,000
Vitals	\$800	\$800
Cable TV Franchise Fees	\$2,500	\$4,000
Misc. Revenues	\$10,000	\$10,000
Supplemental Taxes	\$1,500	\$1,500
Burning Permits	\$50	\$50
Yard Sale	\$5	\$5
Building Permits	\$1,000	\$3,000
Plumbing Permits	\$2,500	\$3,000
Dog license fee	\$500	\$500
Dog license - late fee	\$100	\$100
Transfer from Transfer Station Capital Reserve	\$7,827	\$8,452
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$3,700	\$6,000
Veteran Reimbursement	\$1,400	\$1,400
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$750	\$500
State Revenue Sharing	\$100,000	\$181,564
Renewable Energy	\$0	\$100
Local Road Assistance Program	\$30,000	\$30,000
BETE Reimbursement	\$9,362	\$8,500
Homestead Exemptions Reimbursement	\$97,570	\$95,000
TOTAL	\$594,414	\$679,971

PASSED

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$902,602** established for the Town by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax levy limit. (By State Law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot)

Written Ballot Required: 63 Yes, 8 No, Motion PASSED

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town of Wayne will authorize the Selectboard to apply, on behalf of the Town, for federal financing assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Public Law 88-578 for the development of **Ladd Recreation Court Project**; and further authorize Selectboard to enter into the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement with the State subsequent to federal approval of the project.

PASSED

ARTICLE 33. Shall the Town of Wayne vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant Business Assistance project application for **Cobbie's Corner Store** in the amount of **\$55,000** and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to

make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs. Furthermore, the Town of Wayne is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program for Job Creation not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

PASSED

Article 34. Shall the Town adopt the “2022 Amendments to the Town of Wayne Zoning Ordinance – Part I Article IV, V, and VI; Part II, Article I: Construction of Language and Definitions?”

PASSED

ARTICLE 35. Shall the Town adopt the “2022 Amendments to the Town of Wayne Zoning Ordinance - Article V: Shoreland Zone, add Section N?”

PASSED

ARTICLE 36. Shall the Town adopt the “Special Amusement Ordinance?”

PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Given under our hands this 19th day of June 2022

Don Welsh

Trent Emery

Amy Black

Stan Davis

Lloyd Irland

Selectboard

Attest: A true copy of a warrant entitled “Town of Wayne 2022 Annual Town Meeting Minutes”, as certified to me by the municipal officers of Wayne on the **19th** day of **June 2022**.

Wayne Town Manager

**TOWN OF WAYNE
2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

STATE OF MAINE
KENNEBEC, SS

To Cathy Cook, a resident in the Town of Wayne, County of Kennebec, and State of Maine:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters in the Town of Wayne, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the **Ladd Recreation Center** on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023**, at 8:00 AM to elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting, to elect Town Officers for the ensuing years and by secret ballot on Article 2. Polls are to be open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The meeting will recess after the ballot count.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

*The election of Annual Town Meeting Moderator will be held **Tuesday, June 13, 2023**, at **8:00 AM**, for which the moderator will preside over the secret ballot referendum election that day until 8:00 PM at **Ladd Recreation Center**, 26 Gott Road, Wayne, ME.*

ARTICLE 2. To proceed with the voting, by secret ballot, as directed by statute, on the election of Town Officers for the ensuing years.

- two Selectboard (3-Year term, Term Expires 2026);
- one Budget Committee (5-Year term, Term Expires 2028);
- one Local School Committee (3-Year term, Term Expires 2026);
- one RSU#38 School Board (3-Year term, Term Expires 2026);

*The residents of the Town of Wayne, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, are hereby also warned to assemble at the **Wayne Elementary School Gymnasium** at 48 Pond Rd, Wayne, Maine 04284 at **6:30 PM** on **Wednesday, June 14, 2023**, to act on Article 3 to end of Warrant.*

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will authorize interest on taxes due, but not yet paid by each installment date, at a rate of **8%** per year.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will allow the Tax Collector to accept money for taxes before taxes are committed.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will establish a **3%** interest payment for tax abatements (per annum).

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to enter contracts not to exceed five years, on such terms and conditions as they deem appropriate.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Board to accept *Federal, State, or private* grants and gifts on such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, apply any such grants or gifts, along with any fees, to categories deemed appropriate by the Board, and to appropriate and expend such funds for authorized purposes as the Board deems appropriate?

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds received from the State of Maine for snowmobile registrations during the current fiscal year, to the Thirty-Mile Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails within the Town, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club for that purpose, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, including the condition that the trails will be open to the public as long as the trails are frozen and adequately covered in snow.

*****All figures rounded to nearest whole dollar amount*****

ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$302,402** for **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION?**

General Admin.	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Selectboard's Stipend	\$7,162	\$7,162
Town Manager Salary	\$55,656	\$58,589
Bookkeeper	\$3,000	\$3,000
Treasurer stipend	\$4,000	\$4,000
Tax Collector wages	\$27,541	\$33,292
Town Clerk wages	\$29,689	\$36,446
Meeting Recording Clerk wages	\$0	\$2,528
Social Security/ Medicare Match	\$9,490	\$10,316
Health Insurance	\$43,922	\$44,699
Retirement	\$5,644	\$6,416
Disability	\$1,135	\$1,254
Office Expense	\$4,000	\$4,000
Travel Expense	\$1,200	\$1,200
Training Expense	\$1,200	\$1,200
Dues (MMA)	\$3,000	\$3,000
Computer maintenance	\$500	\$500
Computer software (Trio)	\$15,000	\$16,000
Website/ Email	\$1,500	\$3,000
Town Report	\$1,000	\$1,000
Tax Administration	\$3,000	\$3,000
Legal	\$12,000	\$24,000
Audit Reporting	\$6,500	\$6,500

Insurance	\$22,000	\$24,000
Town Office Rent	\$6,656	\$0
Copier lease & maintenance	\$4,000	\$4,000
Telephone	\$3,360	\$3,300
Subtotal	\$272,155	\$302,402

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: YES (5-0)

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$55,527** for **DEBT SERVICE?**

Debt Service	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Lovejoy Road Bond	\$35,884	\$0
Walton Road Bond (5/5)	\$53,031	\$55,527
Subtotal	\$88,915	\$55,527

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: YES (5-0)

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,850** for **HEARINGS AND ELECTIONS?**

Elections/ Hearings	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Election / Ballot Clerks wages	\$1,000	\$1,350
Election Supplies	\$500	\$500
Subtotal	\$1,500	\$1,850

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: YES (5-0)

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$16,464** for **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES?**

Health & Human Services	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Aging at Home Coordinator	\$13,554	\$14,272
Social Security/ Medicare Match	\$1,037	\$1,092
Travel (AAH Mileage)	\$212	\$100
Programming - Luncheons	\$1,080	\$0
Newsletter supplies	\$175	\$0
General Assistance	\$1,000	\$1,000
Subtotal	\$17,058	\$16,464

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)
Budget Committee Recommend: YES (5-0)

ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$72,451** for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to carry forward to **Misc. Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**?

Fire Department	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Chief Officers' stipends	\$9,750	\$9,750
Firefighters' stipends	\$15,750	\$15,750
Social Security/ Medicare match	\$1,951	\$1,951
Operations	\$27,000	\$29,000
Communications	\$4,000	\$5,000
Equipment	\$14,000	\$11,000
Subtotal	\$72,451	\$72,451

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)
Budget Committee Recommend: YES (5-0)

ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$20,900** for **ASSESSING**?

Assessing Mapping	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Assessing/ Mapping	\$17,000	\$17,500
Quarter Review	\$7,000	\$0
GIS Mapping Annual Hosting Fee	\$2,400	\$2,400
GIS Mapping Updates (2017-2022)	\$5,000	\$1,000
Subtotal	\$31,400	\$20,900

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)
Budget Committee Recommend: YES (5-0)

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$11,026** for **ANIMAL CONTROL**?

Animal Control	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Animal Control Officer stipend	\$3,000	\$4,000
ACO wages	\$2,389	\$2,800
Social Security/ Medicare match	\$412	\$526
Travel (ACO Mileage)	\$600	\$1,400
Humane Society	\$2,234	\$2,300
Subtotal	\$8,636	\$11,026

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)
Budget Committee Recommend: YES (5-0)

ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$45,600** for **CODE ENFORCEMENT & LAND USE BOARD SUPPORT?**

Code Enforcement & Land-Use Board Support	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Shared CEO/ LPI Contract	\$38,800	\$42,000
Travel (CEO/LPI)	\$0	\$0
PB Secretary wages	\$500	\$0
E911 Coordinator stipend ¹	\$200	\$0
KVCOG Membership	\$2,600	\$2,600
Ordinance/ Mapping	\$1,000	\$1,000
Subtotal	\$42,900	\$45,600

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)
Budget Committee Recommend: YES (5-0)

Notes:

1 = Moved from Article 16. Code Enforcement & Land Use Board Support to Article 17. Public Safety.

ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$59,588** for **PUBLIC SAFETY?**

Public Safety	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
E911 Coordinator stipend ¹	\$0	\$200
Damkeeper Stipend	\$0	\$500
Social Security/ Medicare match	\$0	\$54
Streetlights	\$6,200	\$6,600
Ambulance Service	\$26,259	\$27,046
Sheriff's Department	\$1,560	\$4,000
Fire/ EMS Dispatch (Winthrop)	\$3,726	\$4,516
Rural Patrol Dispatch (State)	\$10,334	\$11,591
PSAP (Androscoggin)	\$3,127	\$5,081
Subtotal	\$51,205	\$59,588

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)
Budget Committee Recommend: YES (5-0)

Notes:

1 = Moved from Article 16. Code Enforcement & Land Use Board Support to Article 17. Public Safety.

ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$411,344** for **ROADS?**

Roads	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Lot Plowing	\$5,000	\$4,200
Highway Plowing	\$153,993	\$177,399
Winter Sand	\$35,320	\$40,689
Winter Salt	\$16,500	\$21,600
Sidewalk Plowing	\$6,500	\$6,600
Roadside Mowing	\$3,500	\$6,800
Sand/ Salt Shed lights	\$700	\$556
Road Administration	\$500	\$500
Brush/ Tree Removal	\$12,000	\$15,000
Calcium Chloride	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sweeping/ Catch basin cleaning	\$4,000	\$4,500
Patching	\$5,000	\$10,000
Signs & Posts	\$2,000	\$2,000
Painting	\$1,500	\$1,500
Culverts	\$5,000	\$5,000
Gravel	\$25,000	\$40,000
Grading	\$15,000	\$20,000
Outside Contracting	\$25,000	\$50,000
Subtotal	\$321,513	\$411,344

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: YES (4-0)

ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$111,105** for **TRANSFER STATION & LANDFILL?**

Transfer Station	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Transfer Station Operation Cost	\$84,517	\$97,368
Transfer Station Capital Cost	\$8,452	\$9,737
Landfill Mowing	\$1,000	\$0
Roadside Waste	\$1,000	\$0
Hazardous Waste	\$2,500	\$4,000
Subtotal	\$97,469	\$111,105

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: YES (4-0)

ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$15,978** for **OUTSIDE AGENCIES**.

Outside Agencies	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Library ¹	\$6,000	\$0
Messenger/ Events Calendar ¹	\$3,400	\$0
Cemetery Association ¹	\$12,600	\$0
Rural Community Action	\$5,000	\$5,000
Spectrum Generations	\$1,004	\$1,004
Hospice	\$1,000	\$1,000
Family Violence	\$1,000	\$1,000
Maine Public Broadcasting	\$100	\$100
Kennebec Valley Behavioral Health	\$1,600	\$1,600
Crisis & Counseling Center	\$1,562	\$1,562
Children's Center	\$595	\$595
Red Cross	\$1,200	\$1,200
Sexual Assault Crisis Support Center	\$417	\$417
Maranacook Food Pantry	\$0	\$1,000
Winthrop Food Pantry	\$1,500	\$1,500
Subtotal	\$14,978	\$15,978

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: YES (4-0)

Notes:

1 = Moved from Article 20. Outside Agencies to Article 21. Conservation, Parks, Recreation.

ARTICLE 21. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$73,652** for **CONSERVATION, PARKS & RECREATION?**

Conservation, Parks & Recreation	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
WAL – Youth Services Coordinator	\$2,000	\$2,000
WAL – Social Security/ Medicare match	\$153	\$153
WAL – CAL Ripken Leagues	\$300	\$0
LRC - Programs	\$4,300	\$4,300
LRC – Health Insurance	\$14,641	\$14,900
LRC - Retirement	\$1,950	\$1,950
LRC - Mowing	\$5,776	\$6,064
Town Parks Mowing	\$3,129	\$3,285
Kennebec Land Trust	\$250	\$285
Friends of Cobbossee Watershed - Wilson Pond Boat Inspection	\$1,300	\$1,300
30 Mile River Watershed Association	\$7,500	\$8,000
Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corp.	\$3,500	\$3,500
Androscoggin Yacht Club - Docks	\$500	\$500
Village Porta Toilet	\$250	\$0
Village Beautification	\$1,500	\$1,000
Memorial Day	\$500	\$450
Library ¹	\$0	\$6,000
Messenger/ Events Calendar ¹	\$0	\$4,400
Cemetery Association ¹	\$0	\$14,600
Park Maintenance	\$750	\$1,000
Subtotal	\$48,299	\$73,652

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: YES (4-0)

Notes:

1 = Moved from Article 20. Outside Agencies to Article 21. Conservation, Parks, Recreation.

ARTICLE 22. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$7,890** for the **LAND & BUILDINGS?**

Land & Buildings	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
North Wayne Schoolhouse Utilities	\$200	\$200
North Wayne Building Utilities	\$300	\$300
Wayne Town House Utilities	\$200	\$250
Footbridge Utilities	\$200	\$450
Dumpster	\$0	\$420
Janitorial Services	\$0	\$3,900
Land & Building Maintenance	\$1,000	\$1,000
Historic Properties Mowing	\$1,243	\$1,370
Subtotal	\$3,143	\$7,890

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: YES (4-0)

ARTICLE 23. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,000** for the **CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT?**

Contingency	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Misc. Contingency	\$3,000	\$3,000
Subtotal	\$3,000	\$3,000

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: YES (5-0)

ARTICLE 24. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$398,050** for the **CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS**?

Capital Reserve	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Broadband	\$35,757	\$0
Cemetery Stone Cleaning	\$0	\$2,800
Fire Truck	\$50,000	\$50,000
Fire Ponds	\$2,500	\$0
Land & Buildings	\$15,000	\$15,000
LRC Courts	\$40,000	\$0
LRC Field	\$1,500	\$0
Revaluation	\$26,250	\$26,250
Road Reconstruction & Paving	\$211,085	\$300,000
Technology Plan	\$0	\$4,000
Subtotal	\$382,092	\$398,050

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)
Budget Committee Recommend: YES (4-0)

ARTICLE 25. Shall the Town vote accept the following Estimated Revenues and Transfers in the amount of **\$702,226** to reduce the **2023 Tax Commitment**, thereby reducing the amount to be raised from property taxes?

Revenues and Transfers	BUDGET FY 22 / 23	BUDGET FY 23 / 24
Banking Interest	\$2,500	\$5,300
Lien Costs	\$1,500	\$3,200
Interest on taxes	\$9,000	\$10,000
MV Agent Fees	\$7,000	\$7,500
IF&W Agent Fees	\$500	\$600
MV Excise	\$300,000	\$310,000
Boat Excise	\$5,000	\$5,500
Vitals	\$800	\$800
Cable TV Franchise Fees	\$4,000	\$4,000
Misc. Revenues	\$10,000	\$5,000
Insurance Dividends	\$0	\$1,500
Supplemental Taxes	\$1,500	\$2,000
Burning Permits	\$50	\$50
Yard Sale	\$5	\$5
Building Permits	\$3,000	\$4,500
Plumbing Permits	\$3,000	\$4,000
Dog license fee	\$500	\$500
Dog license - late fee	\$100	\$100
Transfer from Transfer Station Capital Reserve	\$8,452	\$2,239
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$6,000	\$9,100
Veteran Reimbursement	\$1,400	\$1,300
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$500	\$500
State Revenue Sharing	\$181,564	\$184,378
Renewable Energy	\$100	\$1,100
Local Road Assistance Program	\$30,000	\$31,680
BETE Reimbursement	\$8,500	\$9,113
Homestead Exemptions Reimbursement	\$95,000	\$98,311
TOTAL	\$679,971	\$702,226

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)

Budget Committee Recommend: YES (5-0)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$904,601** established for the Town by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax levy limit. (By State Law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot)

*Note: This article only requires action if the town budget exceeds the tax levy limit established by State law. This year's municipal property tax levy limit would be **\$549,664**. This year's municipal property tax levy is **\$904,601**. This year's municipal property tax levy is over the limit by **\$354,937**.*

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)
Budget Committee Recommend: YES (5-0)

ARTICLE 27. Shall an ordinance entitled "Consumer Fireworks Ordinance" be amended?

Note: An attested copy of this ordinance with amendments is attached to, and posted with, this warrant. A copy of the ordinance with amendments is available for review and inspection at Town Office; and on the Town website: www.waynemaine.org.

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)

ARTICLE 28. Shall an ordinance entitled "Solar Ordinance" remain in effect after the date of this Annual Town Meeting?

Note: An attested copy of the existing ordinance is attached to, and posted with, this warrant. A copy of the existing ordinance is available for review and inspection at Town Office; and on the Town website: www.waynemaine.org. Article 28 is asking voters to decide whether they would like to keep the existing Ordinance approved at Special Town Meeting in October 2022. If you vote no, you don't need to vote on Article 29.

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)
Planning Board Recommend: YES (5-0)

ARTICLE 29. Shall an ordinance entitled "Solar Ordinance" be amended?

Note: An attested copy of this ordinance with amendments is attached to, and posted with, this warrant. A copy of the ordinance with amendments is available for review and inspection at Town Office; and on the Town website: www.waynemaine.org. Article 29 is contingent upon voting, yes, on Article 28.

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)
Planning Board Recommend: YES (5-0)

ARTICLE 30. Shall an ordinance entitled “Special Amusement Ordinance” be enacted to repeal and replace the current “Special Amusement Permit Ordinance”?

Note: *An attested copy of this new ordinance is attached to, and posted with, this warrant. A copy of the new ordinance is available for review and inspection at Town Office; and on the Town website: www.waynemaine.org.*

Selectboard Recommend: YES (5-0)

Given under our hands this **6th** day of **June 2023**

Trent Emery, Chair

Stan Davis, Vice-Chair

Don Welsh

Amy Black

Lloyd Irland

Selectboard

Attest: A true copy of a warrant entitled “Town of Wayne 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant”, as certified to me by the municipal officers of Wayne on the **6th** day of **June 2023**.

Wayne Town Manager



February 15, 2023

Selectboard
Town of Wayne, Maine
Wayne, Maine

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

Included herein are:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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TOWN OF WAYNE, MAINE

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

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 534,370	\$ 534,370	\$ 534,370	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	3,266,708	3,266,708	3,267,202	494
Excise taxes	295,000	295,000	305,414	10,414
Intergovernmental	242,783	242,783	297,983	55,200
Charge for services	12,705	12,705	17,502	4,797
Interest on taxes	16,600	16,600	9,840	(6,760)
Interest income	5,500	5,500	2,217	(3,283)
Other revenues	12,500	12,500	20,897	8,397
Transfers from other funds	7,827	7,827	7,827	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>4,383,993</u>	<u>4,383,993</u>	<u>4,463,252</u>	<u>69,259</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	318,611	318,611	335,176	(16,565)
Public safety	110,358	103,879	102,474	1,405
Highways and roads	308,681	308,681	390,081	(81,400)
Sanitation	88,099	88,099	85,568	2,531
Cobbossee watershed	2,832	2,832	2,832	-
Recreation	39,336	39,336	42,592	(3,256)
Organizations and social services	36,578	36,578	36,978	(400)
Unclassified	21,278	21,278	19,505	1,773
Education	2,194,202	2,194,202	2,194,202	-
County tax	237,633	237,633	237,633	-
Overlay	116,250	116,250	10,299	105,951
Debt service:				
Principal	131,200	131,200	131,200	-
Interest	8,515	8,515	8,449	66
Transfers to other funds	246,050	252,529	252,529	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>3,859,623</u>	<u>3,859,623</u>	<u>3,849,518</u>	<u>10,105</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 534,370</u>	<u>\$ 534,370</u>	<u>\$ 613,734</u>	<u>\$ 79,364</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF WAYNE, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,053,937	\$ 230,466	\$ 1,284,403
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	110,082	-	110,082
Liens	34,516	-	34,516
Other	5,591	-	5,591
Prepaid items	8,398	-	8,398
Due from other funds	33,595	522,645	556,240
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,246,119	\$ 753,111	\$ 1,999,230
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 10,456	\$ -	\$ 10,456
Due to other governments	5,015	-	5,015
Due to other funds	522,645	33,595	556,240
TOTAL LIABILITIES	538,116	33,595	571,711
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred tax revenue	89,512	-	89,512
Prepaid taxes	4,757	-	4,757
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	94,269	-	94,269
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	8,398	-	8,398
Restricted	-	134,941	134,941
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	-	611,312	611,312
Unassigned	605,336	(26,737)	578,599
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	613,734	719,516	1,333,250
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,246,119	\$ 753,111	\$ 1,999,230

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STATEMENT E

TOWN OF WAYNE, MAINE

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

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 3,267,202	\$ -	\$ 3,267,202
Excise	305,414	-	305,414
Intergovernmental	297,983	182,210	480,193
Charges for services	17,502	29,625	47,127
Miscellaneous revenues	32,954	258,331	291,285
TOTAL REVENUES	3,921,055	470,166	4,391,221
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	335,176	-	335,176
Public safety	102,474	-	102,474
Highways and roads	390,081	-	390,081
Sanitation	85,568	-	85,568
Cobbessee watershed	2,832	-	2,832
Recreation	42,592	-	42,592
Organizations and social services	36,978	-	36,978
Unclassified	19,505	268,922	288,427
Education	2,194,202	-	2,194,202
County tax	237,633	-	237,633
Overlay	10,299	-	10,299
Capital outlay	-	122,200	122,200
Debt service:			
Principal	131,200	-	131,200
Interest	8,449	-	8,449
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,596,989	391,122	3,988,111
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	324,066	79,044	403,110
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	7,827	252,529	260,356
Transfers (out)	(252,529)	(7,827)	(260,356)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(244,702)	244,702	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	79,364	323,746	403,110
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	534,370	395,770	930,140
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 613,734	\$ 719,516	\$ 1,333,250

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF WAYNE, MAINE

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

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
EXPENDITURES					
General government:					
Administration	\$ 252,311	-	\$ 252,311	\$ 269,563	\$ (17,252)
Code enforcement	39,200	-	39,200	37,541	1,659
Assessing	25,500	-	25,500	26,358	(858)
Elections/hearings	1,600	-	1,600	1,714	(114)
	<u>318,611</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,611</u>	<u>335,176</u>	<u>(16,565)</u>
Public safety:					
Ambulance	15,041	-	15,041	15,041	-
Law enforcement	15,128	-	15,128	15,701	(573)
Fire department	62,184	(6,479)	55,705	55,705	-
Animal control	7,532	-	7,532	6,984	548
PSAP/Dispatch	2,973	-	2,973	2,973	-
Street lights	7,500	-	7,500	6,070	1,430
	<u>110,358</u>	<u>(6,479)</u>	<u>103,879</u>	<u>102,474</u>	<u>1,405</u>
Highways and roads:					
Roads	309,681	-	309,681	360,081	(81,400)
	<u>309,681</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>309,681</u>	<u>360,081</u>	<u>(81,400)</u>
Sanitation:					
Transfer station	88,099	-	88,099	85,568	2,531
	<u>88,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,099</u>	<u>85,568</u>	<u>2,531</u>
Cobbossee watershed	2,832	-	2,832	2,832	-

TOWN OF WAYNE, MAINE

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

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

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
County tax	237,633	-	237,633	237,633	-
Recreation	39,336	-	39,336	42,592	(3,256)
Organizations and social services:					
Cemetery Association	12,600	-	12,600	12,600	-
Library	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	-
Messenger	3,000	-	3,000	3,400	(400)
Rural Community Action	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Senior Spectrum - KAA	1,004	-	1,004	1,004	-
Hospice of Kennebec	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Family Violence	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Maine Public Broadcasting	100	-	100	100	-
Kennebec Valley Behavioral Health	1,600	-	1,600	1,600	-
Red Cross	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	-
Sexual Assault Crisis Support Center	417	-	417	417	-
Children's Center	595	-	595	595	-
Community Health and Counseling Service	1,562	-	1,562	1,562	-
Food Pantry	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
	36,578	-	36,578	36,978	(400)

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF WAYNE, MAINE

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

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified:					
General assistance	15,136	-	15,136	12,282	2,844
Contingency	3,000	-	3,000	3,465	(465)
Snowmobile	-	-	-	722	(722)
Land and buildings	3,142	-	3,142	3,008	116
	<u>21,278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,278</u>	<u>19,506</u>	<u>1,773</u>
Education	2,104,202	-	2,104,202	2,104,202	-
Debt service:					
Principal	131,200	-	131,200	131,200	-
Interest	8,515	-	8,515	8,449	66
	<u>139,715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,715</u>	<u>139,649</u>	<u>66</u>
Transfers to other funds:					
Special revenue funds	4,300	-	4,300	4,300	-
Capital projects funds	241,750	6,479	248,229	248,229	-
	<u>246,050</u>	<u>6,479</u>	<u>252,529</u>	<u>252,529</u>	<u>-</u>
Overlay	116,250	-	116,250	10,299	105,951
Total Departmental Operations	<u>\$ 3,859,623</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,859,623</u>	<u>\$ 3,849,518</u>	<u>\$ 10,105</u>

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TOWN OF WAYNE, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 167,295	\$ 63,171	\$ 230,466
Due from other funds	295,296	227,349	-	522,645
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 295,296	\$ 394,644	\$ 63,171	\$ 753,111
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ 21,821	\$ 4,916	\$ 6,858	\$ 33,595
TOTAL LIABILITIES	21,821	4,916	6,858	33,595
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	78,628	-	56,313	134,941
Committed	-	-	-	-
Assigned	216,668	394,644	-	611,312
Unassigned	(21,821)	(4,916)	-	(26,737)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	273,475	389,728	56,313	719,516
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 295,296	\$ 394,644	\$ 63,171	\$ 753,111

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TOWN OF WAYNE, MAINE

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

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Charges for services	\$ 29,625	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,625
Interest income	-	336	104	440
Intergovernmental	182,210	-	-	182,210
Other income	244,732	5,419	7,740	257,891
TOTAL REVENUES	456,567	5,755	7,844	470,166
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	122,200	-	122,200
Other	254,969	10,377	3,576	268,922
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	254,969	132,577	3,576	391,122
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	201,598	(126,822)	4,268	79,044
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	33,050	219,479	-	252,529
Transfers (out)	-	(7,827)	-	(7,827)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	33,050	211,652	-	244,702
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	234,648	84,830	4,268	323,746
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	38,827	304,898	52,045	395,770
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 273,475	\$ 389,728	\$ 56,313	\$ 719,516

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ABOUT WAYNE

Originally known as New Sandwich, the Town of Wayne was incorporated on February 12, 1798, and named in honor of General Anthony Wayne. Wayne is approximately fifteen miles west of Augusta, on the western border of Kennebec County, located amidst Lovejoy Pond, Pickerel Pond, Pocasset Lake, Androscoggin Lake, Berry Pond, Dexter Pond, and Wilson Pond. The Land area of the Town comprises approximately 16,332 acres or 25.52 square miles. The 2020 US Census figure is 1,129 people.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:	Town Meeting - Selectboard – Town Manager
FIRE:	Wayne Fire Department (Volunteer) Wayne Village Fire Station, Main Street North Wayne Fire Station, Kents Hill Road
POLICE:	Kennebec County Sheriff's Office, Augusta Maine State Police, Augusta
AMBULANCE:	Winthrop Ambulance, Winthrop
SCHOOLS:	Regional School District - RSU#38 (Manchester, Mount Vernon, Readfield & Wayne) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wayne Elementary School (K-5), Pond Rd, Wayne• Marancook Community Middle School (6-8), Readfield• Marancook Community High School (9-12), Readfield
AGING AT HOME CENTER:	Wayne Community Church (Pooh Bear), Old Winthrop Rd.
LIBRARY:	Cary Memorial Library, Old Winthrop Road
RECREATION:	Ladd Recreation Center, Gott Road
CHURCHES:	Wayne Community Church (Methodist), Old Winthrop Rd. North Wayne Church (Baptist), Church Street
TOWN CEMETERIES:	Wayne Cemetery Association Old Town Cemetery, Berry Road Beech Hill Cemetery, Strickland Ferry Road Lake Shore Cemetery, Lake Shore Drive North Wayne Cemetery, North Wayne Road Evergreen Cemetery, Old Winthrop Road Gordon Cemetery, Berry Road
PRIVATE CEMETERIES:	Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Gott Road Wing Cemetery, Pond Road
ROAD MILES:	State 7.25 miles Town 30.53 miles

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday CLOSED
Tuesday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Office closed in observance of all State/Federal Holidays

Assessor Agent

*Third Wednesday of Every Month, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM,
appointments made by calling the Town Office*

Code Enforcement Officer

Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Selectboard Meetings

1st and 3rd, Tuesday, 6:30 P.M., Ladd Recreation Center

Transfer Station Hours of Operation

North Road, Readfield (685-3144)

*Tues., Wed., Fri. 11 AM – 6 PM; Sat. 8 AM – 4 PM; Sun. 8 AM – 12 PM **

**Summer Hours between Memorial Day and Labor Day Weekends*

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<i>POLICE/ FIRE/ MEDICAL Emergency</i>	<i>Dial 911</i>
Maine State Police (non-emergency)	624-7000
Kennebec County Sheriff (non-emergency)	623-3591
Cary Memorial Library	685-3612
Ladd Recreation Center:	685-4616
<i>Town Office Phone:</i>	<i>685-4983</i>
<i>Town Office Fax:</i>	<i>685-3836</i>
Wayne Elementary School:	685-3634
Wayne Post Office:	685-9229

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 400, Wayne, Maine 04284

Town Email Addresses & Website:

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Town Clerk: townclerk@waynemaine.org

Tax Collector: collector@waynemaine.org

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