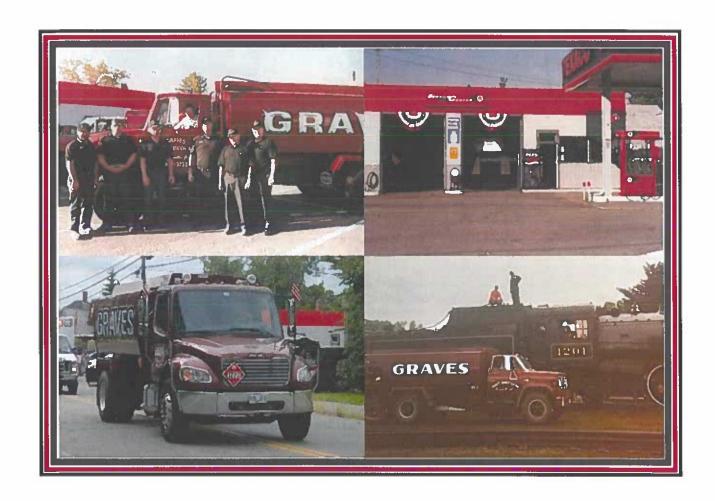
Town of Brownville

2023



Annual Town Report



2023 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATION



2023 was the end of an era when a family-owned business that was a fundamental part of this community for 72 years, closed its doors. Established in May of 1951 by Henry Graves, Graves Service Station specialized in providing full customer service in every aspect of their trade. In the early days, the garage was open from 7:30a.m. to 9:00p.m. seven days a week, 364 days a year, only closing on Christmas.

Henry started by taking over the original garage from Andrew Berg (across from the one that now exists). There was only one bay with a pit to work on vehicles and a pump out front until 1954, when the new service station with two bays, a lift and office were built. As other gas stations became automated and focused on convenience store style offerings, Graves was known for personally pumping your fuel and checking your oil and fluids, right up until the day they closed. "Pay at the pump" meant handing them your cash or card to run it inside and bring your change or receipt back out to your vehicle. Their personalized service didn't stop there. Graves provided regional delivery of heating oil, propane and diesel, installation and service of heating systems, vehicle repairs and maintenance along with great stories and conversation.

Graves offered so much more than just a local service station to our town. Henry, Roger & Barrett all served for decades in our Fire Department, often leaving the business to respond to fires. They have donated countless times to numerous fundraisers, sponsored local recreation teams and worked with families fallen on hard times to ensure they stay warm through the winter. Their remarkable contributions to this area have been, and continue to be, immeasurable. Although we grieve the loss of this treasured business, we are grateful for their presence over the last 72 years.

It is with great privilege the Board of Selectpersons dedicates the 2023 Annual Town Report to Graves Service Station, in recognition of their unwavering dedication and service to this community, its residents, and visitors alike. To the founding family and dedicated employees over the years - Thank you for everything!

Henry Graves	Roger Graves	Barrett Graves	Duane Graves
Scott Graves	Bert Coburn	Jack Coburn	Mike Coburn
Rob Coburn	Whit Coburn	Roger Coburn	Dean Bellatty
Ken McKenzie	Don Belvin	Bruce Benoit	Larry Morrill
Allan McLean	Mark Larson	Glenn Fearon	Reginald Call
Sonny Caron	Malcolm Blue	Sid Brown	Elwood McCleary
	Anson Lapointe	Corbin Cyr	



From the Desk of the Town Manager

2023 Year in Review



It certainly was a year for change, but with the help of many, we made it through all the ups and downs!

In the Town Office, we saw some changes in staff with Cheryl Gormely and Melissa Brown stepping down from their part-time positions to pursue other endeavors. They remain on our roster, as Melissa enjoys working at the elections and Cheryl has a hard time saying no when we really need her help! They are both phenomenal individuals, and we miss seeing them on a weekly basis. When they left, Jessica Wyman joined our team. She came with a wonderful background in customer service and banking, and she has certainly been eager to learn. Jessi is an absolute joy to have in our front office.

Although we would love to bring therapy animals to work with us, we settle for hanging out with random lost or stray cats and dogs before they head to their next stop.

The Public Works crew had a busy year with ditching, installation of three catch basins and 240' of culvert. A great deal of time and energy went into preparation for three different grant funded projects that will hopefully be completed in 2024: Spencer Road Culvert Project, Lake View Rd Bridge Project and the Underpass Sidewalk/Retaining Wall Project.

Our ancient Holder sidewalk/sweeper machine was finally put out of commission and replaced with a slightly newer machine. Although the attachments are interchangeable, it comes with its own challenges for compatible fittings (German vs American parts). Putting up sand & salt was a bit different this year as our old CAT Loader lost its motor after being replaced just two years ago. Due to the age of the machine and inability to obtain parts, we made the tough decision to lease a new Komatsu Loader.

Another challenge we have been facing is the lack of space for new lots in the Pine Tree and Village Cemeteries. Over the summer, Gerrish Brothers cleared and leveled a large portion of their pit property that abuts the Village Cemetery and used some of the material to fill a large hole at the back. Our crew smoothed and covered the area with loam, and Gerrish's plan to donate a small piece of land to square up a nice space for future burials that will hopefully sustain us for many more decades.

In Public Safety, we continued to work on dangerous buildings and cleanup. Compliance with properly installed and permitted wastewater systems has also been an area of concentration in 2023. There is more work to be done, and we are focusing on prioritizing properties with the most serious violations first.

We were able to install heat pumps at both our Fire Stations as they are designated warming/cooling centers, for use during extreme weather conditions. This project was possible through federal emergency management grant funds and ARPA funding. The roof on the Village

Fire Station has needed to be replaced for several years, and we finally had a metal roof installed in 2023. We were also able to purchase the land next to the Village Fire Station to give us a bit more room for parking. The previous owners were generous enough to allow us to use it for many years, and wanted to convey it to the Town to ensure the Fire Department could continue that use in the future.

Our Recreation Department added a storage unit at Davis Field and the Snack Shack got a new metal roof this year. Plans for some work to the back field were put on hold until an appropriate service provider can be identified to complete the project. More improvements were also made to the playground at the field. Then came the flood in December... We sustained some damage to buildings and contents and continue to work with our insurance carrier on inventory, repair, and replacement of what was lost. Although we sustained losses, we were far more fortunate than many other communities in Maine that experienced significant damage to their critical infrastructure.

In the Water & Sewer Departments, we had our vintage circa 1970s flusher machine seize up on us. This equipment is used to clean/flush sewer lines throughout town, and it's critical to maintaining appropriate flow of waste. We were able to purchase a used flusher, in excellent condition, for \$25,000 (new, the item prices out in the \$75,000 range). It was also time to replace the Water/Sewer work truck. Due to the supply and demand of vehicles all over the country, prices remained high, with little availability for used and new vehicles. After a great deal of searching, we found a 2022 holdover Ford F350 cab/chassis at a reduced price. Since we need a crane installed to pull our pumps, it requires a custom body to be built that takes 6-8 months. We are expecting delivery of the new vehicle sometime in March 2024.

In November, the CPKC Rail Holiday Train once again made a stop at the Junction Railyard with musical performances to help raise funds for Dyer's Hope House Food Pantry. Because the performance took place after dark with all the spectacular lights so vivid, we had a much larger crowd than in 2022. February 3, 2024, marks Brownville's 200th Birthday, and the Brownville Days Committee is planning a weekend celebration August 16-18th. Watch for more info on that!

Overall, reflecting upon the last year brings one word to mind, "community." Struggles, triumphs, failures, celebrations, illnesses, achievements or catastrophic events, this community experiences together. We are nothing without our neighbors, friends, and family to support each other. Truly, we are blessed to have so many amazing, caring individuals among us!

Respectfully,
Felice M. Lyford



2023 TOWN OFFICERS

Elected Officials

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Byron Weymouth (Chairman). [2025] Shelly Ekholm. [2024] James Hartin. [2024] Kevin Emery. [2023] Alaina Zelkan* [2023]
M.S.A.D. #41 Directors
Andrew Conklin. [2025] Gary Chapman [2024] Jessie Blake [2026]
Moderators Melissa Brown, Shawn Mitchell, Felix Blinn & Paul Davis (Deputy)
Appointed Officials & Employees
Town Manager, General Assistance Administrator, Purchasing Agent, Personnel Director, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Treasurer & Interim Animal Control Officer Felice Lyford
Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Registrar of Voters, Office Manager, Motor Vehicle Agent & Deputy General Assistance Administrator
Deputy Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector & Deputy Registrar of Voters
Recreation Director
Operations Director, Road Commissioner & Cemetery SuptKevin Black
Public Works Crew
Health Officer
Code Enforcement Officer

Brownville Water and Sewer Departments

Superintendent Kevin Black Finance Director Felice Lyford Chief Water and Sewer Operator Phillip Cook Part-Time/On-Call Labor Christopher Crockett, Jeffrey Witham & Eric Shaw Administrative Clerk Autumn Chadwick
Appointed Boards and Committees
Budget Committee
Jean Brown, Gary Chapman, Marie McSwine & Leesa Coates [2026] Jeffery Coates & Lynn Weston [2023] Robert B. Brown Jr., Donald Belvin* & Michael Washburn [2024]
Planning Board Felix Blinn (Chair), Lynn Weston* [2024] Michael Washburn, Lynn Gerrish [2024] Ronald Gerrish [2026] & Vacant (Associate)
Appeals Board
Comprehensive Planning Committee
Penquis Solid Waste Corporation
Local Board of Assessment Review
State Senator, District: 4
Representative to Legislature, District: 31Chad Perkins
* Resigned

^{*} Resigned



ASSESSOR'S REPORT VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023



TOTAL DEDUCTIONS \$782,085.39
BETE REIMBURSEMENT \$3,969.36
MISCELLANEOUS\$198,413.47
TREE GROWTH\$49,013.93
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT \$140,716.03
EXCISE TAX\$214,972.60
MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING \$175,000.00
ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS\$2,210,537.49
OVERLAY\$28,529.97
PISCATAQUIS COUNTY TAX\$120,301.00
M.S.A.D #41 ASSESSMENT \$789,743.52
MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION\$1,271,963.00
APPROPRIATIONS:
(AMOUNT SUBJECT TO MIL RATE OF 0.02220)
TOTAL VALUATION BASE\$70,862,049.00
TOTAL BETE REIMBURSEMENT VALUE \$178,800.00
TOTAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION VALUE\$6,338,560.00
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION \$64,344,689.00
TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATION \$1,045,700.00
TAXABLE REAL ESTATE VALUATION\$63,298,989.00

TAXES COMMITED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR ..\$1,428,452.10

STATE OF MAINE PISCATAOUIS COUNTY

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF BROWNVILLE TOWN OFFICERS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE 2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 18, 2024

Penalty for willfully defacing, tearing down or destroying a list of Candidates, or a specimen ballot, up to \$1000.00 fine, up to 11 months in jail or both.

MAKE AN (X) or (/) IN THE SQUARE AT THE LEFT OF THE NOMINEE FOR WHOM YOU WISH TO VOTE. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AS TO THE NUMBER OF NOMINEES TO BE ELECTED TO EACH OFFICE

YOU MAY VOTE FOR A PERSON WHOSE NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT BY WRITING IT IN THE PROPER BLANK SPACE AND MARKING A CROSS (X) OR A (/) IN THE PROPER SQUARE AT THE LEFT. DO NOT ERASE NAMES.

LIST OF CANDIDATES For SELECTPERSON who shall serve as ASSESSOR and OVERSEER of the POOR for a term of three years. (Expiring 2027) VOTE FOR TWO. Gary Chapman Shelly Ekholm For SELECTPERSON who shall serve as ASSESSOR and OVERSEER of the POOR for a term of two years. (Expiring 2026) VOTE FOR ONE. For MSAD #41 DIRECTOR for a term of 3 years. (Expiring 2027) Vote for ONE.

TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE

Secret Ballot Election & Annual Town Meeting Warrant March 18, 2024

To: Christopher Crockett, a resident of the Town of Brownville, in the County of Piscataquis and State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Brownville, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the American Legion Post #92, in said town, on Monday, March 18th, 2024, at 11:45 a.m., to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, and again at 6:00pm to act on Articles 3 to 34. The polling hours therefore to be from 12:00 Noon to 5 p.m.

- 1. Elect Moderator @ 11:45 a.m. Vote:
- 2. Voting: 12 Noon to 5 p.m.
- 3. Town Meeting at 6 p.m. to act on Articles 3- 34
- Article 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2. To proceed with voting by secret ballot, as directed by statute, on the election of Town Officers for the ensuing year(s)
 - Two Selectpersons, who shall also serve as a member of the Board of Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, for a term of three years.
 - One Selectperson, who shall serve as a member of the Board of Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, for a term of two years.
 - One Director of M.S.A.D. #41 for a term of three years.
- Article 3. To choose three tellers to receive, sort and count votes.
- Article 4. To see if the voters will allow non-residents to speak.
- Article 5. To see if the Town of Brownville will set a rate of interest to be paid after the due dates on delinquent taxes. 8.5% is recommended and is charged after September 15, 2024 on unpaid taxes. (36 M.R.S.A. §505)
- Article 6. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to establish that 4.5% will be paid per year on the amount of overpayment to the taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate or personal property taxes in excess of the amount finally assessed on April 1, 2024. (36 M.R.S.A. §506 A)
- Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town of Brownville will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Government Budget**.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Recommended
Administration	\$209,430	\$245,600	\$290,553
Assessing	\$22,700	\$22,850	\$24,481
Town Office	\$12,395	\$19,150	\$18,550
Insurances	\$31,497	\$32,300	\$37,100
Totals	\$276,022	\$319,900	\$370,684

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend \$370,684 for 2024

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town of Brownville will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Safety Budget.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Recommended
EMS	\$19,591	\$29,050	\$39,170
Fire	\$72,481	\$97,300	\$132,803
Public Safety Officer	\$6,460	\$8,650	\$11,150
Ambulance	\$4,860	\$5,200	\$6,075
Animal Control	\$2,562	\$5,500	\$9,500
Street Lights	\$12,000	\$13,500	\$15,500
Fire Prot (Hydrants)	\$71,705	\$71,705	\$77,000
Code Enforcement/LPI	**	**	**\$23,138
Emergency Mgmt Agen _	\$3,750	\$3,900	\$4,918
Totals	\$193,409	\$234,805	\$319,254

- ** In 2022 Code Enforcement was paid \$5,000 as an annual stipend within the General Government, Administration Budget and LPI fees assessed were distributed to the State, DEP and LPI as a pass through and not reflected in the revenue/expenses for the budget.
- ** In 2023 Code Enforcement was paid hourly (and held regular office hours) for a budgeted amount of \$9,000 and LPI fees were distributed to the State, DEP and LPI within the General Government, Administration Budget.
- ** In 2024 Code Enforcement and LPI have been moved from the General Government, Administration Budget to the Public Safety Budget with their own division as reflected above.
- ** The General Government, Administration Budget is reflected in Article 7 above.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend \$319,254

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town of Brownville will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Works Budget.**

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Recommended
Highway	\$267,122	\$314,550	\$365,074
Sanitation	\$110,125	\$138,840	\$156,590
Transfer Station (PSWC)	\$45,768	\$45,768	\$55,744
Cemeteries	\$28,742	\$32,950	\$35,733
Parks & Facilities	**	**	**\$2,800
Totals	\$451,757	\$532,108	\$615,941

^{**} Parks & Facilities has been broken out between Recreation (formerly Parks & Recreation), Rec Programs and Public Works, Parks & Facilities budgets for 2024 to more accurately reflect which department wages and supplies are pulled from for these activities. In previous years, grounds maintenance for all town facilities was reflected in the Parks & Recreation, Recreation Facilities budget. In 2024, Davis Field will be the only facility reflected in the Recreation Budget and now sits in the Rec Programs section. The remaining facilities (with the exception of water/sewer properties) will be reflected in the Public Works Parks & Facilities budget, including Whetstone Rest Area, the Town Office, Public Works Garage, Village & Jct. Fire Stations and Village and Jct. Playgrounds.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend \$615,941

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town of Brownville will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Recreation Budget.**

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Recommended
Recreation Programs	\$18,300	\$21,150	\$29,880
Recreation Facilities	\$1,350	\$1,900	**
Recreation Snack Shack	\$1,100	\$1,700	\$2,050
Brownville Days	\$2,500	**	**
Totals	\$23,250	\$24,750	\$31,930

**Recreation Facilities- see notation on Article 9 Related to the Public Works Budget.

**Brownville Days - see Article 13.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend \$31,930

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town of Brownville will vote to raise and appropriate for the Unclassified Budget,

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Recommended
Town Owned Prop Maint	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000
Library	\$9,500	\$17,900	\$18,766
Flags & Decorations	\$500	\$500	\$500
Totals	\$12,500	\$23,400	\$24,266

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommends \$24,266

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town of Brownville will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Assistance Budget.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Recommended
General Assistance	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$3,500

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend \$3,500

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town of Brownville will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Brownville Days Budget.**

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Recommended
Brownville Days	**	\$2,500	\$5,000

^{**}Brownville Days, in 2022 was part of the Recreation Budget in Article 10.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend \$5,000

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town of Brownville will vote to raise and appropriate for the Reserve Funds Budget.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Recommended
Administration	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Fire	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$30,000
Highway	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
LRAP-Paving	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Sanitation	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Wages	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Fire Small Equipment	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Recreation	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,500
Totals	\$131,000	\$131.000	\$137,500

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend \$137,500

Article 15. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to re-appropriate \$48,290 from the following 2023 Carry Forward Accounts in addition to the Town Budget:

	Amount		Amount
Assessing (Maps)	\$1,500	Rec Snack Shack	\$1,142
Comprehensive Plan	\$3,773	Town Owned Prop Maint	\$3,258
Emergency Fuel	\$16,254	Animal Control	\$3,146
Recreation Department	\$8,699	Brownville Days	\$10,140
Recreation Maint Ops	\$378		

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend Passage of this Article

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town of Brownville will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Debt Obligation Budget**.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Recommended
Paving Loan	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
Public Works Loader	\$0	\$0	\$43,175

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend \$43,175

Article 17. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons, on behalf of the Town of Brownville, to sell and dispose of any town owned property, real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of Taxes, Water Bills, and Sewer Bills thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable, and to execute a quitclaim deed for such real estate, except that the Board of Selectpersons shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C if the tax-acquired property will be sold to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner. If the Board of Selectpersons opt to sell the property, before putting the real estate out to a minimum bid, the Selectboard shall authorize the treasurer to offer to sell the real estate back to the immediate prior owner of record, his / her estate, heirs or assigns on or before a date certain for the total taxes, water & sewer bills, cost and interest owed, within a period to be set by the Selectboard; and further to allow the Selectboard to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend a yes vote.

Article 18. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to transfer funds between operating accounts approved in this warrant, based upon changes and the un-anticipated needs of the Town during the current fiscal year of 2024. The total expenditure of all accounts shall not exceed the approved budget. All such transfers shall be so identified at the next annual town meeting.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend a yes vote.

Article 19. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2024 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2025 to the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend a yes vote.

Article 20. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to appropriate money from the following projected revenue sources in order to reduce the 2024 General Commitment (the following are estimates).

	2023	2023	2024
	Estimate	Actual	Estimate
Motor Vehicle & IFW Excise	\$203,000	\$236,273	\$220,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$43,000	\$49,014	\$60,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$175,000	\$288,375	\$325,000
Homestead Reimbursement	\$130,000	\$140,716	\$115,000
Other Revenue	\$121,400	\$170,044	\$140,650
Perpetual Care (Cemeteries)	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Totals	\$682,400	\$894,422	\$870.650

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend a yes vote.

Article 21. To see what amount the Town of Brownville will vote to appropriate from Undesignated/Unrestricted (surplus) to reduce the 2024 Tax Commitment.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend for 2024 - \$85,000

Article 22. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town of Brownville will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to appropriate from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Fund (surplus) as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2024.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend \$10,000

Article 23. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to authorize the Board of Selectpersons to dispose of town-owned surplus personal property as well as abandoned and unclaimed or surplus property acquired by the town, on such terms as they deem advisable.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend a yes vote.

Article 24. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to increase the property tax levy (LD1) limit under 30-A MRSA § 5721-A, if needed, for the 2024 calendar year, based on the amount to be raised by the Town through property taxes.

Note: This article is to be voted on by written ballot in accordance with 30-A MRSA §5721-A(7)(A). Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend a yes vote.

Article 25. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to approve and appropriate the sum of \$289,519 for 2024 Water Department operations as requested in the 2024 Water Department operating budget, to be funded from Water Department rates.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Recommended
Water	\$252.272	\$252,250	\$289,519

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend Approval

Article 26. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to approve and appropriate the sum of \$211,569 for 2024 Sewer Department operations as requested in the 2024 Sewer Department operating budget, to be funded from Sewer Department rates.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Recommended
Sewer	\$187,814	\$187,823	\$211,569

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend Approval

Article 27. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to appropriate up to \$18,000 from the Undesignated/Unrestricted Water funds for the purpose of acquiring new remote meter readers and software to replace the current program that is no longer being supported by the vendor/manufacturer.

(**At the time of this warrant creation, the quoted amount to complete this project is \$35,000. We plan to use the above funds to make a downpayment of half (approx. \$17,500) and subsequently enter a lease agreement for the remaining amount due and incorporate it into the water budget over the next five years. Because we cannot be guaranteed the quoted price in excess of 30 days, we have added \$500 in case there is an increase.)

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend Approval

Article 28. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to appropriate the Snowmobile, ATV Grant Revenue from the State for 2024 Licensing fees, to the Brownville Snowmobile Club, Ebeemee Snowmobile Club and K.I. Riders ATV Club under the Treasurer's approval upon receiving proper documentation to release the funds.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend Approval

Article 29. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to accept any un-anticipated funds that the Town receives and have the Town Treasurer receive the funds and allocate them to the correct accounts.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend Approval

Article 30. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to raise and appropriate for the 2024 Piscataquis County Assessment Expense.

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Recommended
Piscataquis County Tax	\$108,893	\$120,301	\$129,354

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend \$129,354

Article 31. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to raise and appropriate a total to be determined at the June 2024 Budget Referendum Vote to pay MSAD #41 School Assessment for 2024.

2022 Budget

2023 Budget

MSAD #41 Assessment

\$761,124

\$789,763

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend Approval

Article 32. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to ratify the overdrafts in the following 2023 accounts totaling \$16,025 from the undesignated/unrestricted fund (surplus):

	Amount		Amount
Insurances	\$5,990	Fire Dept EMS	\$929
Fire Dept	\$9,087	MSAD #41	\$19

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend a yes Vote

Article 33. To see if the Town of Brownville will authorize the Board of Selectpersons, on behalf of the Town of Brownville, to accept grant funds, as they deem advisable, and appropriate such grant funds and any required in-kind match for the purpose of the grant.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend a yes Vote

Article 34. To see if the Town of Brownville will vote to support upgrading the Fire/EMS/First Responder Unit Service Permit Level from Emergency Medical Technician to Paramedic and appropriate no more than a sum of \$15,000 to come from Undesignated/Unrestricted (surplus) funds, with operating expenses above and beyond initial startup costs to be funded through the annual Fire/EMS budget.

Selectboard and Budget Committee Recommend a yes Vote

Crocket Resident - Town of Brownville

	of Voters in the Brownville Town Office (located at 586 Main correcting the list of voters on Monday, March 18, 2024 from enty-ninth day of February in the year 2024 AD.
Byron Weymouth, Chairman	James Partin
Kevin Emery	Shelly Ekholm
Selectpersons, Town of Brownville	
CLERK'S ATTESTATION A true copy of the March 18, 2024 Annual Town Mee	ting Warrant
Attest: Alicia M. Harmon, Clerk Town of Brownville	
ATTESTATION OF RETURN	
by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant a	Brownville of the time and place of this Annual Town Meeting at the Brownville Town Office, Brownville Post Office, and within the Town of Brownville at least seven days prior to said

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Estimated	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
	Littimuted	Actual	Dunger
Taxes			
Property	1,428,452	1.398.558	(29.894)
Interest on Taxes / Liens	11.500	9.331	(2,169)
Excise	203.000	236,273	33,273
	1.642,952	1,644,162	1,210
Intergovernmental Revenues			
Veterans Reimbursement	2.000	1,866	(134)
BETE Reimbursement	3.969	3,983	14
Tree Growth Reimbursement	43,000	43.000	-
Snowmobile Reimbursement	1.039	1,039	-
Snowmobile Grant Fuel Tax Refund	33.040 50	33,040	(2.4)
General Assistance Reimbursement	1.045	16 1,045	(34)
Homestead Exemption	140,716	140.716	<u> </u>
	224.859	224,705	(154)
Local Sources			
Interest Income	600	16,093	15,493
Administration Income	19.500	27,152	7,652
Fire Department Contract	28,100	40,591	12.491
Fire Department Miscellancous Animal Control Income	- 1.129	50 1,129	50
Highway Income	3,800	16,677	12.877
Sanitation Income	3.200	1,157	(2.043)
Cemetery Income	2,200	5.075	5,075
Recreation Income	3,320	3,320	-
Brownville Days	5,203	5,203	•
Snack Shack Income	384	384	-
Penquis Administration Fee	4,000	4.000	
Insurance Reimbursement	3,000	7,416	4,416
Cable TV	12,500	12,585	85
	84,886	141,016	56.130
Other Financing Sources			
Loader Loan	178,500	177,334	(1.166)
Retirement Reserve	33,000	33.000	-
Cemetery Reserve	10,000	10,000	-
Municipal Revenue Sharing	175,000	175,000	-
	396,500	395,334	(1,166)
Total Revenues	2,349,197	2,405,217	56,020
Beginning Fund Balance Used			
to Reduce Tax Rate	95,500		
Total Revenue and Use of			
Fund Balance	2,444,697		

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Encumbered	1,500	5,273		1 4 1	3,146		3,146	
Balances (Over) Under Lapsed	4,905 - 1,919 (5,990)	3,693	(9,087)	- (626)	08	874 202 340	(8,520)	3,556
() Expenditures	240,695 8,581 38,290	20,963	106,387	29.979	8,570 3,628	71,705 3,026 13,298 4,860	241,453	686
Transfers	•		(5,385)	(1,550)	(217)		(7,457)	,
Appropriation	245,600 10,500 32,300	22,850 19,150 330,400	97,300	29,050	8,650	71,705 3,900 13,500 5,200	235,934	4,545
Balance Encumbered Prior Year	1,500	5,273	5,385	1,550	217		7,602	
	General Government Administration Mapping Administration Fire Proof Cabinets Insurance Comprehensive Plan	Assessing Town Office	Public Safety Fire Department Fire Department-Special Projects	Fire Department-Smoke Detector Proje Fire Department Grants	Fire Department EMS Training Grant Public Safety Animal Control	Hydrant Rental EMA Street Lights Ambulance	Health and Social Services General Assistance	

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Balance Encumbered Prior Vear	Annyonriation	Transfore	Frnonditures	Balances (Over) Under	Facumborod
Public Works Highway Loader Purchase Sanitation	'	314,550 178,500 138,840		295,175 177,334 130,739	19,375 1,166 8,101	,
Cemetery Maintenance	1	32,950	'	23,729	9,221	
Cultural and Recreation Recreation Department Facility Maintenance Operations	9,579	24,470		22,030 2,450	3,320	8,699
Snack Stack Snowmobije Clubs Brownville Days Celebration	2,945	2,084 34,079 7,703		34,079		10,140
	14,060	70,236		60,617	3,320	20,359
Unclassified Flags and Decorations Brownville Library Town Owned Property	465	500 17,900 5,000		17,900	306	3,258
Emergency Fuel	18,444	23,400	•	2,190	306	16,254

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Balance Encumbered				Balances (Over) Under	
	Prior Year	Appropriation	Transfers	Expenditures	Lapsed	Encumbered
Assessments						
M.S.A.D. #41		789,744		789,763	(19)	
Penquis Solid Waste		45,768		45,768	,	
County Tax		120,301		120,301	•	
Overlay		28,529		1,504	27,025	
	•	984,342	•	957,336	27,006	•
Transfers to Other Funds						
MEMA Grant					•	
Administration Reserve		2,500		2,500	•	
Fire Department-Special Projects		•	5,385	5,385	•	
Fire Department-Smoke Detector Project		•	1,550	1,550	•	
Fire Department Grants		•	305	305	•	
Fire Department EMS Training Grant		•	217	217	•	
Fire Reserve		25,000		27,558	(2,558)	
Local Road Assistance Reserve		35,000		35,000	•	
Highway Reserve		35,000		35,000	•	
Sanitation Reserve		20,000		26,058	(6,058)	
Fire Small Equipment Reserve		10,000		10,000	1	
Wage Reserve		2,500		2,500	•	
Recreation Capital Reserve		1,000		1,000	•	
Cemetery Trust				14,312	(14,312)	
	1	131,000	7,457	161,385	(22,928)	1
Total	45,844	2,444,697	•	2,395,234	47,017	48,290

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE	Exhibit A-3
GENERAL FUND	
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023	
Unassigned Fund Balance - January 1	310,516
Budget Summary:	
Revenue Surplus/(Deficit)	56,020
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	47,017 103,037
Beginning Fund Balance Used to Reduce Tax Rate	(95,500)
Unassigned Fund Balance - December 31	318,053

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE GENERAL RESTRICTED AND RESERVE FUNDS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2023

Municipal Revenue Sharing	Fire Auxiliary/ Miscellaneous Donations	Reserve Funds	Totals
382,465	2,317	655,385 40,004	655,385 424,786
382,465	2,317	695,389	1,080,171
		51,617 51,617	51,617
382,465	2,317	643,772	382,465 646,089
382,465 382,465	2,317 2,317	643,772 695,389	1,028,554
	Revenue Sharing 382,465 382,465 382,465	Revenue Sharing Miscellaneous Donations 382,465 2,317 382,465 2,317 382,465 2,317 382,465 2,317	Revenue Sharing Miscellaneous Donations Reserve Funds 382,465 2,317 655,385 40,004 382,465 2,317 695,389 - - 51,617 382,465 2,317 643,772 382,465 2,317 643,772 382,465 2,317 643,772

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE GENERAL RESTRICTED AND RESERVE FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Municipal Revenue Sharing	Fire Auxiliary/ Miscellaneous Donations	Reserve Funds (Exhibit A-6)	Totals
Revenues				
Intergovernmental Revenues	288,375			288,375
Local Sources		10.050	17,197	27,247
Interest/Change in Fair Value			9.875	9,875
Total Revenues	288,375	10.050	27,072	325,497
Expenditures				
Administration			35.815	35,815
Public Safety		13,118	3,554	16,672
Total Expenditures		13.118	39,369	52,487
Excess of Revenue Over				
(Under) Expenditures	288,375	(3,068)	(12,297)	273,010
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In		5,385	43,558	48,943
Transfers Out	(175,000)		(33,000)	(208,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(175,000)	5,385	10,558	(159.057)
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over				
(Under) Expenditures	113,375	2,317	(1,739)	113,953
Fund Balance - January 1	269,090	-	645,511	914,601
Fund Balance - December 31	382,465	2,317	643,772	1,028,554

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
GENERAL RESERVE FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Reserve	Balance January I	Transfers In	Revenues	Transfers Out	Expenditures	Balance December 31
Administration	8,375	2,500	20			10,895
Fire Department Equipment	30,311	27,558	835		(3,554)	55,150
Employee Retirement Reserve	380,003		6,870	(33,000)		353,873
Town Owned Property	213,322		19,234		(35,815)	196,741
Wage Reserve	2,500	2,500	21			5,021
Fire Small Equipment Reserve	10,000	10,000	84			20,084
Parks & Recreation Reserve	1,000	1,000	80			2,008
	645,511	43,558	27,072	(33,000)	(39,369)	643,772

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE ALI. SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2022

<u>Assets</u>	CDBG Housing/ Program Income	Drinkwater Scholarship	Federal/State and Other Grants	Totals
Cash and Equivalents Due from Other Funds	29,085	1,795	54,410	1,795 83,495
Total Assets	29,085	1,795	54,410	85,290
Liabilities and Fund Balances Liabilities Due to Other Funds				
<u>Fund Balances</u> Restricted	29,085	1,795	54,410	84 200
				85,290
Total Fund Balances	29,085	1,795	54,410	85,290
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	29,085	1,795	54,410	85,290

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	CDBG Housing/ Program Income	Drinkwater Scholarship	Federal/State and Other Grants (Exhibit B-3)	Totals
Revenues Intergovernmental Revenues Local Sources		5	23,514 51,095	23,514 51,100
Total Revenues	2	5	74,609	74,614
Expenditures Federal/State Grants Other Grants			35,674 24,750	35,674
Total Expenditures	<u> </u>	-	60,424	60,424
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	2	5	14,185	14,190_
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers In Transfers Out			2,072	2,072
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			2,072	2,072
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures		5	16,257	16,262
Fund Balance - January 1	29,085	1,790	38,153	69,028
Fund Balance - December 31	29,085	1,795	54,410	85,290

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 FEDERAL, STATE AND OTHER GRANTS TOWN OF BROWNVILLE

Balance June 30	25.993		•		23,910	2,957	•	•	•	•	•	1,550	1	•	•	54,410
Expenditures	(12.160)	(15,152)	(8,362)			(12,043)	(3,000)	(2,760)	(4,800)	(302)	(217)		(1,050)	(575)		(60,424)
Transfers										305	217	1,550				2,072
Revenues		15,152	8,362		23,910	15,000	3,000	2,760	4,800				1,050	575		74,609
Balance July I	38 153				•											38,153
	Federal State Grants:	Community Project Funding Grant	Stream Crossing State Grant	Other Local Grants:	Gloria Mackenzie Grant	Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation Grant	MMA Ed MacDonald Safety Grant	MMA Risk Reduction Grant	Fire Training Grant	Fire Department Canadian Pacific Grant	EMS Training Grant	Smoke Detector Project	VFA Forestry Grant	Workforce Development Grant		Total

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Reserves	
<u>Assets</u>	Fund	Totals
Cash and Equivalents	447,889	447,889
Due from Other Funds	95,263	95,263
Total Assets	543,152	543,152
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Due to Other Funds	<u> </u>	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Fund Balanca		
Fund Balances Committed	543,152	543,152
Total Fund Balances	543,152	543,152
Total Liabilities and		
Fund Balances	543,152	543,152

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
CAPITAL RESERVES FUND
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Reserve	Balance January I	Transfers In	Revenues	Transfers Out	Expenditures	Balance December 31
Highway	134,542	35,000	2,368		(29,766)	142,144
Paving-Local Roads	128,579	35,000	32,246			195,825
Sanitation	176,003	26,058	3,122			205,183
	439,124	96,058	37,736		(29,766)	543,152

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
ALL PERMANENT FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>Assets</u>	Cemetery
Cash Due From Other Funds	165,243 4,312
Total Assets	169,555
Liabilities and Fund Balances	
<u>Liabilities</u> Due to Other Funds	
Fund Balances Non-Spendable Assigned	100,445 69,110
Total Fund Balances	169,555
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	169,555

Exhibit D-2

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES

AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

ALL PERMANENT FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Cemetery
Revenues Investment Income Change in Fair Value	900
	900
Expenditures Cemetery Maintenance	
Total Expenditures	
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	900
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers In Transfers Out	14,312 (10,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	4,312
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	5,212
Fund Balance - January 1	164,343
Fund Balance - December 31	169,555



Three Rivers Ambulance Service

"Caring for the Community since 1970"

To the Town of Brownville:

To the communities that we serve, this will be my last town report as Chief. After 28 years I have decided to step down, as I am working towards changing my role to help in another community health field. I will still be working in my Paramedic capacity and changing my role to Assistant Chief, to help the new chief learn the ropes, something I had to do on my own. Over the past 28 years I have worked with my wife, who has pushed me to be better and lighting the fire so I could keep going when I wanted to quit. I was proud of my children joining me in this field, but I was also scared because I knew the unpleasant side of EMS. At times I would have discussions with other crew telling me I treated my kids different; my response was, you are right. I held my children to a higher standard than the rest of my crew because they were my children. They were expected to change their plans to work for this service when I would not ask that of others.

My years as chief I have worked with some great people and most of them became like family. We have laughed, cried, argued, and got angry with each other, but in the end, we were still family. In the past 18 months the service has lost one person, and two others that are on leave, which put in a great deal of time. We have since struggled with keeping the ambulance staffed. The demands of the job can be very overwhelming. The expectations are high and takes its toll on you, it is putting on the brave face, not letting the emotions in, building walls around you, then when you are all alone, breaking down so no one can see you cry and feeling defeated.

This service has suffered the same as other business across the United States, finding people to fill the vacancies to serve those in the community. We are slowing building our roster back up and hope to be better able to serve all of you. This year we have hired six new members. We have three that are awaiting the test to become an EMT, one who just completed and received her Basic EMT license, recently hired a per-diem Paramedic and welcomed back a former member as an EMT.

I am leaving you in the capable hands of Amanda Bessey, who is now the Chief. She started with this service a few days before her 18th birthday and has been here for 16 years. She has been involved with EMS since she was a child and knows the struggles is involves, as she is my daughter. Her knowledge, care and compassion will help bring this service where it needs to be.

We would like to thank Northern Light Transport, Orono Fire Department, Milo and Brownville First Responders and Fire Departments, and LaGrange Fire Department for all the help they have given us this past year. We continue to work together to provide the best care possible for our community. Thank you to the Milo Police Department and Piscataquis and Penobscot Sheriff's Office for being on scene to lend a hand and ensuring that the crew is safe, when needed. Also, the Milo Public works for clearing the snow from our parking lot to make sure we can go out when called.

We had a total of 627 calls, with 280 of them being no transports. No transports are the calls when we do not transport a patient, due to being cancelled enroute, structure fire/police stand-by, or the patient decides they do not want to go to the ER and some of these times the patients are treated on scene.

Brownville	133	Medford	213	Dover-Foxcroft	1	Lakeview	6
LaGrange	164	Orneville	20	Sebec	3	Ebeemee	7
Milo	273	Williamsburg	2	Other	4		

We would also like to thank our Board of Directors, who volunteer, from the various areas we serve Deanne Merrill, Robert Ellison, Corey Roberts, Stacey Slagle, Ellen Moore, Barbara Reed, Kelly Knowles, and Marie McSwine.

Crew Members: Mike Larson-Paramedic, Becky Hichborn-Witham-Paramedic, Brian Glidden-Paramedic, Peter Wallace-Paramedic, Chris Sargent-Paramedic, Amanda Bessey-Advanced EMT, Mike Surdick-Basic EMT, David Boxwell-Basic EMT, Gabrielle Huettner-EMT, Meghan Beard-EMT, Danny Jay-EMT, Magen Bishop-EVO, Wesley Stonier-EVO, Thomas Whitaker-EVO, Dan Spurgeon-EVO, Melanie Peters- EVO, Tom Nickerson-EVO, Ed Hafford-EVO, and Carrie Faloon-EVO.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Larson, Chief



FIRE/EMS REPORT 2023

As I sit back and reflect on the Fire/EMS Department activity for 2023, I am reminded of what an amazing group of members we have. It's not just responding to emergency calls, but these same members volunteer on countless committees, civic organizations, coordinate and assist with a myriad of "other" town related activities throughout the year. They are truly invested in this town and community, and we would not be where we are without each and every one of them. The strength of any organization is its people, and Brownville First Responders are a true testament of that statement.

2023 was a monumental year for our department; we responded to 514 calls for service, which is a roughly a 240% increase from 2022. We provided responses to these calls from a pool of approximately 30 on-call Firefighter/EMS personnel. What this means, for those that are not familiar, is that the emergency responders need to leave home, work, a special event or an activity that they are currently engaged in to answer these calls.

Recruitment & retention is always at the forefront of our mission. It takes significant time to provide the required training to a new member, whether it be basic fire training, or EMS training. We need to be constantly looking for the next generation of personnel to answer the calls. Staffing and volunteerism are a significant obstacle that every department and service struggle with. We continue to explore other staffing and response models with our mutual aid communities and partners to ensure that proper resources respond when needed. We were fortunate to add 4 EMS providers in late 2023, and they are currently in the Emergency Medical Technician Program.

We continued to seek out alternative funding sources and apply for grants as much as possible. In 2023 we were able to obtain a specialized washer and dryer to clean our fire gear and removed contaminants. Fortunately, we were also successful in procuring grant funds for a mechanical CPR device to assist our providers during cardiac arrest calls.

Through generous donations from the Jay, NY Volunteer Fire Department, Ebeemee & Brownville Snowmobile Clubs and Brownville Fire Department Auxiliary we were able to place a snowmobile, rescue sled, and enclosed trailer in service at no cost to the taxpayers. We are so grateful for the continued support from the public and Auxiliary.

In December, Brownville and other areas in the state, experienced a significant wind and rain event like we have not seen in previous years. Over a 24-hour period we responded to almost 50 emergency calls ranging from assistance in closing roads, removing trees from roads and houses to pumping flooded basements. There were also calls to assist in evacuating several homes from rising water level that were trapped. Our Emergency Shelter at the Brownville Jct. American Legion was opened during this time for those evacuated or without heat or electricity.

I would like to remind everyone about changes to the Maine Outdoor Burning laws in 2023, and permits are needed to kindle <u>ANY</u> outside fire over 3' in diameter, OR 3' tall. Permits can be obtained on line through the Maine Burn Permit System on <u>www.maine.gov</u>.

We have also had continued success in donations and sponsorships to obtain smoke detectors available for any residents who do not have them. Please reach out to any FD member or the Town Office to request some at no cost to you.

Brownville Fire/EMS Members volunteered a total of 967 hours in 2023 by attending non-mandated training, working on apparatus, completing station repairs and various town functions (such as the traffic control at the Holiday Train). At their rate of \$14.15/hr, that's in-kind \$13,683.05 donated to the Town!

FIRE/EMS PERSONNEL 2023

OFFICERS		CLERGY		
Shawn Mitchell	Fire Chief	Stephen Dean		
Kevin Black	Asst. Fire Chief			
Zachary Slagle	Asst. Fire Chief	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROVIDERS		
Robert Coburn	Asst. Fire Chief (Retired)	Kevin Black, EMR*	Christopher Brackett**	
Patrick Thomas	Captain	Melissa Brown, EMR*	Crystal Cail, EMT* ♦	
Michael Coburn	Captain	Erica Coburn, EMR*	Martina Coburn, EMR*	
Matthew Vachon	Lieutenant	Justine Dominy**	Alicia Harmon, EMR*	
Richard Wyman	Maintenance Coordinator	Scott Lowell**	Shawn Mitchell, Paramedic*	
		Kelsey Robinson**	John Trojan, EMR*	
FIREFIGHTERS		Jessica Wyman, EMR*		
Travis Adams	Christopher Birt			
Jason Bowie	Cayden Cyr	*Also a Firefighter	**Enrolled in EMT Course	
Corbin Cyr	Kobe Durant	♦ Enrolled in A	Advanced EMT Course	
Daniel Gerrish	Barrett Graves			
Roger Graves	Roscoe Green			
Jordan Seavey	Jon-Casey Small			
Daniel Thomas				

Monthly Breakdown of Calls for Service in 2023

Month	Fire Calls	EMS Calls	Total Calis
January	5	14	19
February	20	29	49
March	11	35	46
April	14	20	34
May	22	27	49
June	11	17	28
July	15	31	46
August	12	22	34
September	24	40	64
October	10	22	32
November	17	29	46
December	42	25	67
Totals	203	311	514

Location of Calls for Service in 2023

Brownville Village: 143 Brownville Junction: 219 Out of Town Mutual Aid: 79

Lakeview Plantation*: 16 Unorganized Territories*: 57 * Contract Communities

We are always looking for new members, regardless of what you have to offer, there is something for everyone, stop by and see what we are about.

Respectfully, Shawn Mitchell Fire Chief & EMA Director

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS

Administration & Collection Report

In 2023, we served an average of 361 residential and 30 non-residential water accounts. While many pay their bills in a timely manner, we mailed a total of 502 disconnection notices, with 23 actual disconnections occurring and 19 services reconnected. We also negotiated 41 payment arrangements throughout the year. In 2023, we billed customer accounts a total of \$243,545.62 for water service. At year end, the Brownville Water Department had a total accounts receivable (outstanding customer accounts) balance of \$2,874.08. This included 21 accounts with credit balances of \$6,038.02 and 59 accounts with outstanding balances totaling \$8,912.10. The Department followed Maine Public Utilities Commission Rules for disconnection due to non-payment and lien procedures to secure outstanding balances.

Sewer customers were billed a total of \$176,166.67 for sewer service in 2023. At year end, the Brownville Sewer Department had a total accounts receivable (outstanding customer accounts) balance of \$16,591.88. This included 1 accounts with a credit balance of \$92.72 and 77 accounts with outstanding balances totaling \$16,684.60. The Department followed lien procedures to secure outstanding balances.



Water and Sewer Department Operations

Personnel were quite busy responding to issues related to operation of the water and sewer systems. In total, 14,685,200 gallons of water were produced in the Village and Junction systems. Much of the Department's time was spent with routine maintenance, flushing, testing, and operations within the systems to ensure compliance with our license standards. We invite folks that would like more information about our specific operations to review the Consumer Confidence Report that we have on file each spring.

In 2023, the Brownville sewer systems (11 small subsurface systems in the Village and one more traditional subsurface system in the Junction) treated 10,451,560 gallons of influent (waste). Much of the Department's time was spent with routine maintenance, testing, and operations within the systems to ensure compliance with the standards outlined in our various wastewater licenses.

Just a reminder, the <u>ONLY</u> items that should go into the toilet are human waste and toilet paper!

Recreation Department 2023 Annual Report

The Recreation Department wrapped up another successful year in 2023 where we were able to offer many different recreation programs for all age groups. This year would not have been successful without the help of our limited and seasonal part-time staff and volunteers.

We once again were able to partner with the YMCA, MSAD #41 and our local Kiwanis to offer a swim program. Without the Kiwanis' contribution to this we would not be able to offer this fabulous program, which sends up to 40 children to swim, many thanks to them.

During the summer and fall the recreation department partnered with The Joy Truck. The Joy Truck is a mobile community resource center that brings free resources, arts, leadership and co-creation to rural areas of Piscataquis County. You may have seen a fun funky van often set up a couple times a week at the Brownville Jct. Fire Station, that would be The Joy Truck, a truck that is filled with art supplies, clothing, books, and much more. Should you have items that you are looking to get rid of, The Joy Truck is always accepting, please reach out to the Rec. Department to contribute.

This fall the recreation department became the operator of travel sports for our area. We kicked this off in November with Travel Basketball that just recently wrapped up after a very successful season. We will be offering travel soccer, basketball, baseball, & softball.

Thank you to the American Legion for allowing us to use their building to host a number of our events! Also, many thanks to Heidi at Brownville Elementary for cleaning up after our basketball practices.

Crystal Cail recdept@brownville.org 974-7886

BROWNVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY 2023 REPORT

All of us at the library are so thankful for your support! Thanks to you 2023 was an incredible year for the library! We had a total of 3,009 visits to the library compared to 1,678 visits in 2022. We had close to 100 brand new patrons sign up for library cards! Our interlibrary loan requests more than doubled at an increase of 127%, and we had a 258% increase in activities offered at the library. We added 13 bookcases to the library as well as a used Apple laptop and a brand, new Lenovo computer!

One of our very popular programs of 2023 was painting with the gifted and incredible Suzette East! She is absolutely amazing and such a wonderful teacher! Over 140 paintings were completed by her students, and they had such a wonderful time learning from her! Great thanks to Jeannie Moses for all her hard work in setting/cleaning up to make this program possible! She is amazing too, and this program couldn't happen without her!

We are also very thankful to partner with Jennifer Cook from Penquis in offering Story Time at the library! It is such a precious time developing the love of reading with the little ones, and Jennifer has done an outstanding job! The children just love her, and we love their excitement!

After school we have been offering a variety of activities that have been enjoyed by many! Chess Club, cribbage, painting, learning how to crochet and knit, fuse bead crafts, board games, and having fun with Lego kits are some of the programs we have offered! So thankful to P.J. Kinne, Courtney Brown, Timmy Heath, Jane Eckart Clark, and Nathaniel Graham for helping to make these programs possible! Hove to see the children enjoying quality time with some great adults! A huge thanks to everyone in the community who has made these activities possible for the young people!

Our Summer Reading Program was a huge success! We were thrilled to have 35 children participate! We were so thankful to the Three Rivers Kiwanis for their very generous donation which allowed us to purchase many new books for the children so we could whet their reading appetites! We were also very thankful to the Pleasant River Lodge of Masons for their very generous donation of 4 kindles to the winners! Thanks to the Brownville PTO's amazing donations we were able to give away three \$25.00 gift cards to Pat's Pizza, Butterfields, and Center Theater! So many sweet people donated 2 more kindles, an Amazon gift card, two more Center Theater gift cards, and tons of toys including dolls, bubbles, balls, and more! Our community is the best and the children read lots of books over the summer due to your tremendous support!

Another popular program has been our monthly Book Club! We have had between 8 and 17 ladies attend depending on the season, and we always have a lot of fun! I have so enjoyed the friendships I have made through this group!

One of the reasons our library has been so successful this year is due to our amazing group of weekly volunteers! Nancy Paprocki, Susan Nyoka, Suzanne Sullivan, Max Cook, Samantha Wright, and Anna Smith have worked so hard and made such a difference! I am beyond grateful for them all, and they are more of an asset than I can even express!

It has been a privilege for all of us at the library to serve you! We look forward to a great 2024, and hope you will come see us soon! We offer free wifi, 4 computers, copying services, and if we don't have the book you are looking for, we can request it through interlibrary loan! Thanks again to Tradewinds, Brownville Community Church, Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union, North & Southeats, and to so many sweet individuals for your amazing donations and support! Without all of you we could not have achieved such growth! Thanks to everyone from the bottom of our hearts!

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Covel, Library Director



BROWNVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Town of Brownville: \$17,900.00
Amazon Smile: \$124.65
Rudman Grant: \$1,275.83
Dividends: \$0.06
Donations/Fundraising: \$7,332.81

Total Receipts: \$26,633.35

DISBURSEMENTS

Rent: \$1,000.00 Insurance: \$406.00 \$312.25 MEMIC: \$114.00 P.O. Box: State of Maine Fees: \$35.00 \$10,855.99 Wages: Pavroll Service: \$591.00 \$1,751.48 Payroll Fees: Consolidated Communications: \$696.20 990 Non-Profit Filing: \$40.00 \$3,789.31 **Book Purchases:** \$658.25 Supply Purchases: Programming Purchases: \$2,723.17 Library Improvements: Materials to Build Bookcases: \$847.00 \$1,904.25 Electrician Work: New Lenovo Computer: \$485.92 \$286.78 Used Apple Laptop:

Total Disbursements: \$26,496.60

Respectfully Submitted, Marie Ladd, Treasurer



Report from the Code Office

2023 was a year of transition and growth within the Code Office. After 16 years of service, Dan Gilbert resigned as Code Enforcement Officer/Local Plumbing Inspector (CEO/LPI), and I was appointed to the position in late March. Shortly thereafter I completed the required courses to obtain my certification through the State of Maine for both roles.

While the assumption of townspeople and public officials, for many years, has been that no building permit was required unless you fell within the shoreland zone or the wellhead protected area, a town meeting vote requiring such a permit, in fact, took place in 1978. Since discovering the "old" requirement, the Board of Selectpersons updated the fee schedule for permits (see next page) and designated July 1, 2023 and beyond to enforce the requirement. For example, if you built something prior to that date, without a permit, you would not be assessed a penalty, unless, of course, your property falls within the Shoreland Zone or the Wellhead Protection Area. Of course, if you installed or replaced a septic system or put in new plumbing, a fee would apply under state law. After some increased public education efforts regarding our ordinances and permit requirements, we have seen a noticeable growth within building and projects permits in town.

In addition to reviewing, issuing and inspecting permitted projects in 2023, the town updated the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and associate map, as required by the State of Maine, Department of Environmental Protection. This document regulates all building activities adjacent to shoreland areas within the town. Thankfully, we were able to accomplish this update in 2023, and remain compliant with state requirements.

We worked closely with Administration and the Board of Selectpersons to develop and present a Solar Energy Systems Ordinance to the voters that was subsequently approved and enacted in July. We continue to be very successful in our efforts to identify dangerous buildings in town with some being demolished by the property owners or the Town upon foreclosure.

For the first time in decades (maybe ever), the Code Enforcement Officer maintains regular weekly office hours for ease of public access. We have found this to be extremely beneficial to residents and developers planning and working on projects.

There were 66 Building Permits processed and 33 Plumbing Permits processed in 2023 (See detailed lists on the following pages).

Please feel free to reach out with any questions, we would be happy to help you through any projects or questions. You can reach me by calling the Town Office at (207) 965-2561 or e-mail me directly at code@brownville.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Mitchell
Code Enforcement Officer/LPI

2023

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Date	Subtype	Property Owner	Address	Map/Lot
3/24/23	Shed	Judith McInnis	56 Horseshoe Pond Rd	Map 12 Lot 16-2
3/24/23	Dock	Judith McInnis	56 Horseshoe Pond Rd	Map 12 Lot 16-2
3/27/23	Reno	William Mracek	12 Lake Ave	Map 22 Lot 28
4/5/23	New	KVHC	180 Main Rd	Map 01 Lot 083
4/10/23	Deck	Suzanne Sullivan	17 Pleasant St	Map 14 Lot 047
4/12/23	Deck	Duane Mitchell	51 Henderson St	Map 18 Lot 082
4/20/23	Roof	Maryanne Devine	10 Lake Ave	Map 22 Lot 27
4/20/23	Add	Hollis Treadwell	321 Schoodic Lake Rd	Map 5 Lot 21-2
4/20/23	Reno	Lance Farrar	22 Meulendyk Ave	Map 019 Lot 21
5/9/23	Mob Home	Jake McSwine	60 Beech Ridge Rd	Map 006 Lot 13-4
5/9/23	Bunkhouse	Ronnie W. Towne	North Shore Rd	Map 014 Lot 5
5/9/23	Garage	Christopher Drinkwater	10 Knights Landing Rd	Map 006 Lot 15-6
5/11/23	Screen House	Glen Kennedy	142 High St	Map 001 Lot 16
5/17/23	New	Lenny Coover	160 Jaquith Pond Rd	Map 002 Lot 27-5A
5/17/23 5/17/23	New New	Lenny Coover Robert Robinson	Jaquith Pond Rd (no #) 180 Davis St	Map 002 Lot 27-5
5/17/23	Reno	Michael Hicks	84 Davis St	Map 007 lot 25-1 Map 020-022
5/17/23	New	Richard Churchill/Brenda Paul	Big Pine Dr	Map 007 Lot 47-2
5/18/23	New	Randy Small	Church St (no #)	Map 001 Lot 70
5/18/23	Reno	Benito Santos	30 Henderson St	Map 018 Lot 061
5/21/23	New	Carol & Richard Dean	Airport Rd (no #)	Map 004 Lot 13C
5/24/23	Add	Gary Smith	107 Smith Rd	Map 002 Lot 27-25
5/30/23	Windows	Leon Greathouse	38 Henderson	Map 018 Lot 065
6/1/23	Deck	Sheri Coburn	514 Main Rd	Map 001 Lot 030
6/1/23	Addition	William Wade	Gerrish Hill Rd (no #)	Map 007 Lot 057-5
6/1/23	Solar	Wade Sickler	65 Spencer Rd	Map 005 Lot 008
6/14/23	New	Randy McMahon	Main Rd (no #)	Map 001 Lot 037
6/14/23	New	Felix Blinn	230 Church St	Map 001 Lot 065
6/20/23	Demo	Town of Brownville	844 Main Rd	Map 001 Lot 054
6/20/23	Demo Addition	Town of Brownville	40 Van Horne	Map 017 Lot 037
6/26/23 7/3/23	New	Randy Turner Eugene Irish	67 High St	Map 001 Lot 8A
7/5/23	New	Donald Doherty	Gerrish Hill Rd (no #) Woodland Lane (no #)	Map 007 Lot 57-12 Map 002 Lot 018-011-B
7/6/23	Accessory x2	Michael Thibodeau	121 Knights Landing Rd	Map 022 Lot 044
7/10/23	New	Jason & Lisa Leavitt	Soares Rd (no #)	Map 002 Lot 027-3B
7/10/23	Garage	Thomas Shorey	5 North Shore Rd	Map 006 Lot 014-6
7/24/23	Shed	James Ditano	463 Church St	Map 021 Lot 008
7/24/23	Addition	Stephen Noyes	1324 Main Rd	Map 004 Lot 017
7/24/23	New	Stephen Noyes	1324 Main Rd	Map 004 Lot 017
7/24/23	Addition	Mary Bromiley	81 High St	Map 001 Lot 012
8/1/23	New	Joshua Sweet	Davis St (no #)	Map 007 Lot 031
8/1/23	New	Stephen Noyes	1324 Main Rd	Map 004 Lot 017
8/7/23	Addition	Linwood Corson/DC Auto	6 Kineo	Map 017 Lot 019
8/7/23 8/9/23	New Addition	Deanna Clarizo	303 Church St	Map 004 Lot 069
8/15/23	Addition	Mary Bromiley Michelle Donahue	81 High St 72 Front St	Map 001 Lot 012
8/15/23	New	John Occhipinti	340 Smith Rd	Map 007 Lot 004 Map 002 Lot 27-18
8/15/23	New	Don Belvin/Jct Music Park	197 Davis St	Map 002 Lot 21 10
8/15/23	Deck	Eric Leonardi	39 Spencer Rd	Map 005Lot 009A
8/15/23	Deck	Eric Leonardi	39 Spencer Rd	Map 005 Lot 009A
8/15/23	Shed	Eric Leonardi	39 Spencer Rd	Map 005 Lot 009A
8/15/23	Deck	Ronnie W. Towne	39 Cove End Rd	Map 022 Lot 017
8/15/23	Remodel	Harland Storey	117 Knights Landing Rd	Map 022 Lot 045
8/28/23	Solar Panel	Francis Emery	49 Schoodic Lake Rd	Map 004 Lot 059
8/28/23	New	Craig Corsi	125 Big Pine Dr	Map 007 Lot 045
9/12/23	New	Margaret Moore Trust	505 Main Rd	Map 001 Lot 028
10/2/23	New	Cheri Brackett	Russell Rd	Map 006 Lot 009
10/2/23	Accessory	Anothony Fowles	90 Russell Rd	Map 006 Lot 009
9/16/23	Rail/Siding	Eastern Maine RR	off Schoodic Lake rd	Map 008 & 009
10/23/23 11/7/23	Garage Rental Unit	Brenda Bartlett Dean Bellatty	411 Church St 106 Front St	Map 004 Lot 041
11/7/23	Solar	Michael Jenkins	14 Front St	Map 007 Lot 007 Map 018 Lot 049
11/7/23	Accessory	Harland Storey	103 Knights Landing Rd	Map 022 lot 048
11/9/23	New	Lenny Coover	Jaquith Pond Rd (no #)	Map 022 Lot 027-5
11/14/23	Accessory	Roger Graves	420 Church St	Map 004 Lot 047-1
12/1/23	Accessory	William Wllis	315 Church St	Map 004 lot 070-13
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Application, License & Permit Fee Schedule Type Fee Floodplain Application \$ 100.00 Plumbing Inspection Fee (+ state fees) 75.00 \$ Subdivision Application (per unit) 100.00 **Building Permit Residential** 25.00 **Building Permit Commercial** 50.00 **Building Permit Shoreland** 100.00 **Building Permit Wellhead Protection** 25.00 \$ 10.00 **Demolition Permit** \$ 50.00 Revisit for failed inspection Penalty for failure to obtain req perm 100.00 Mobile Home Inspections (**Plus Mileage) 20.00

PLUMBING PERMITS

									Double		
Type	Subtype	Applicant	7	î own	S	tate	I)ÉP	Fees	7	Total
Septic	Primitive	Mark Emmith	S	125.00	\$	25.00	S	15,00		S	165.00
Plumb	New	Travis McSorley	\$	67.50	\$	22.50				\$	90.00
Septic	Replace	John Trojan			Fees v	vaived due	e to p	emit#75	50 being voide	1	
Septic	New	Earl Gerrish & Son's	\$	367,50	\$	62.50	\$	15,00		S	445.00
Plumb	New	Ranchor Mechanical	S	195.00	\$	75.00				S	270.00
Septic	Repl	Lenny Coover	S	237.50	\$	62.50	S	15.00	X	\$	315.00
Plumb	New	Lenny Coover	S	170.00	\$	40.00			X	\$	210.00
Plumb	New	James Ditano	S	102,50	S	17.50				\$	120,00
Septic	New	Randy Small	\$	125.00	S	25.00	S	15.00		\$	165.00
Plumb	New	Brett Randall	S	147.50	\$	32.50				\$	180.00
Septic	New	Randy McMahon	S	237.50	S	62.50	S	15.00		S	315,00
Plumb	Reno	Mike Hicks	S	87.50	S	12.50				\$	100.00
Plumb	New	Lenny Coover	\$	117.50	\$	22.50				\$	140.00
Septic	New	Lenny Coover	\$	237.50	S	62.50	S	15.00		S	315.00
Septic	Primitive	Bill Wade	\$	125.00	\$	25.00	S	15.00		\$	165,00
Septic	New	Jason Leavitt	\$	237.50	S	62.50	S	15.00		\$	315.00
Septic	New	Eugene Irish	\$	262.50	\$	62.50	\$	15.00		\$	340.00
Plumb	New	Josh Sweet	\$	202.50	\$	42.50				\$	245.00
Plumb	New	John Occhipinti	\$	120.00	S	15.00				\$	135.00
Plumb	New	DonBelvin/Jct Music Park	\$	195.00	S	40.00				\$	235.00
Plumb	New	Ronnie Towne	\$	112.50	\$	12.50				\$	125.00
Septic	Replace	Ronnie Towne	S	150.00	\$	25.00	\$	15.00		\$	190.00
Septic	Pit Privy	Felix Blinn	S	112.50	\$	12.50				S	125.00
Septic	New	Josh Sweet		Updat	e fion	2 to 4 bd	m re	places pe	nnit#743 issu	ed 9/2	21
Plumb	Internal	Harland Storey	S	142.50	\$	22.50				\$	165.00
Septic	New	Jake McSwine	\$	262,50	\$	62.50	\$	15.00		\$	340.00
Septic	New	Craig Corsi	\$	262.50	\$	62.50	\$	15.00		\$	340.00
Plumb	New	Anothony Fowles	S	122,50	\$	12.50				S	135.00
Septic	TEMP	Michael Cayer	N	Α							
Septic	TEMP	Adam Vincent	N	Α							
Septic	New	Lenny Coover	\$	262,50	\$	62.50	\$	15.00		S	340.00
Plumb	New	Lenny Coover	S	152.50	\$	22.50				S	175.00
Plumb	New	Mike Stevens- Plumber	S	122.50	S	12.50				S	135.00
			\$	5,062.50	\$,077.50	\$	195.00		\$	6,335.00



ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF BROWNVILLE, MILO, LAKE VIEW PLANTATION, EBEEMEE TWP, T4 R9, & WILLIAMSBURG TWP

Penquis Solid Waste Corporation Hours of Operation 2024-2025

You MUST have a window sticker to get in!

Summer hours

May 1, 2024 – Nov. 30, 2024 Thursday, Friday & Saturdays 8:00am – 4:00pm

Winter hours

Dec. 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025 Friday & Saturdays 8:00am – 4:00pm

USER FEES Effective immediately

Unstripped Mattress or Box Spring	\$20.00 Each
Stripped Mattress or Box Spring	
Refrigerators (including gas) and Air Conditioners	\$15.00 Each
E-Waste and Universal Waste (Televisions, Computer Monitors, etc.)	\$5.00 Each
Bulky Waste (Furniture, etc.)	\$5.00 Each
Wood Waste/Burn Pile (1/2 Ton Truck/Single Axle Trailer)	
Wood Waste/Burn Pile (1 Ton Truck/Double Axle Trailer)	\$10.00 Each
Carpets:	
3ft. x 3 ft. or less Free with regular h	ousehold waste
Less than 9 ft. x 12 ft	\$10.00 Each
Less than 12 ft. x 15 ft.	\$20.00 Each
More than 12 ft. x 15 ft	\$35.00 Each
Tires:	

PLEASE NOTE: TIRES MUST BE REMOVED FROM RIMS. TIRES LARGER THAN 20" WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Demo (CDD) Debris & Shingle Prices: ½ Ton Truck \$50.00 per load, 1 Ton Truck \$85.00 per load, Single Axle Trailer \$50.00 per load and Dual Axle Trailer \$85.00 per load. (Updated price as of 12/31/2020)

(FREE E-WASTE DISPOSAL FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH) IF THE GATE IS CLOSED, THE FACILITY IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

Two nomination papers were filed for the following vacancies to be filled at the March 20, 2023 Municipal Election:

Selectperson: 2 Vacancies - 3 Year Term MSAD 41 Director: 1 Vacancy - 3 Year Term



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Licenses Sold

Fish & Game: 275 Dogs: 239 ATVs: 257

Snowmobiles: 181 Boats: 268

Oaths of Office administered: 58
Vital Statistics recorded: 5 Marriages, 11 Births and 23 Deaths

1 Annual Town Meeting, 3 Special Town Meetings, 1 Municipal Election, 1 School Budget Referendum and 1 General Election

> Respectfully Submitted, s/ Alicia M. Harmon Town Clerk

MOTOR VEHICLE REPORT

Total Transactions: 1868

Re-registrations: 1284 New Registrations: 432 Transfers: 64 Miscellaneous: 88

In Memory Of

Frank H. Andrews Jr.	Una Victoria Blue	John F. Brown Sr.	Robert Brown
10/31/2023	1/13/2023	3/25/2023	8/26/2023
Clifton A. Butt	Peter Cannon	Anthony M. Dominy	John T. Ekholm
9/19/2023	7/26/2023	11/16/2023	10/28/2023
Marilyn B. Finch	Joline E. Frazier	Roberta D. Grant	Virginia Rose Grant
4/4/2023	1/9/2023	10/15/2023	2/28/2023
Alfred George Gray Jr.	Dorothy Janet Gray	Gloria Gene Green	Jeannine G. Hayes
3/23/2023	10/16/2023	2/18/2023	10/3/2023
Jennifer Lea Mitchell	Bonnie-Jo A. Pearl	Dennis Erwin Russell	Howard M. Schaffer
11/17/2023	9/11/2023	12/12/2023	4/3/2023
Tammy L. Stinson	Linda Jane Vance	Vernon Lester Willet	
4/6/2023	6/27/2023	4/2/2023	

		Corson, Linwood	\$1,205.33
TAX COLLECTOR'S		Corson, Linwood	\$1,188.29
REPORT 2023		Crandall, Rodney	\$1,462.30
UNPAID 2023		Curry, Adam Travis	\$447.60
REAL ESTATE TAXES		Daigle, Caleb A	\$287.69
AS OF DECEMBER 31	2023	Del Tejo, Aventino J	\$315.82
, to or beginner to		Ditano, James	\$802.04
		Ditano, James	\$199.94
Adon Homes LLC	\$1,413.22	Doherty, Donald P	\$327.18
Alison Berg Trust	\$374.89	Doherty, Donald P	\$327.18
Allard, Gary	\$790.63	Donnelly, Albert J	\$481.68
Alpine Property Trust	\$4,116.98	Donnelly, Albert J	\$448.89
Anderson, Joshua	\$326.04	Dow, Ralph	\$749.78
Badger, Ricky N Sr.	\$119.28	Drake, Cote T	\$394.93
Badger, Ricky N Sr.	\$236.29	Duncklee, Eric	\$725.99
Baxter, David E	\$315.31	Duquette, Louis M Jr.	\$1,036.06
Bell, Arthur	\$1,156.48	Durant, Roslin	\$895.19
Bellatty, Dean	\$1,422.31	Eastman, Linda I	\$842.94
Bessey, Betsy	\$3,037.75	Eastman, Linda I	\$629.36
Bessey, Christopher	\$281.74	Eastman, Linda I	\$84.07
Bessey, David	\$363.53	Ellis, Annette M Devisees	\$81.79
Black, Deborah (Heirs)	\$89.86	Ellis, Annette M Devisees	\$1,445.03
Blake, Thomas M.	\$328.31	Ferrell, Allen & Miralee	\$28.32
Bolstridge, Alton	\$5,139.41	Ferrell, Allen & Miralee	\$18.11
Bragg, Jack Jr.	\$458.96	Field, Charles	\$3.06
Brewer, Jeffrey B.	\$901.58	Field, Charles	\$1.65
Brown, Robert J	\$995.16	Fleisher, Nancy Karen	\$60.84
Brown, Robert J	\$68.16	Ford, Gary Lee	\$102.24
Bunn, Cougar	\$1,453.40	Fortin, Gerard E	\$1,206.47
Bunn, Judith A Trustee	\$913.37	Freed, Mark	\$2.50
Bunn, Judith A Trustee	\$1,942.61	Frost, Patricia	\$277.19
Cables, Diane (Heirs)	\$1,083.77	Gallant, Andrew W	\$1,429.13
Cail, Michael Sr (Heirs)	\$716.18	Gallant, William J	\$18.18
Canning, Christopher	\$1,108.56	Gantnier, Isabella V	\$218.12
Canning, Christopher	\$78.26	Gerrish, Kevin	\$298.78
Carey, Michael A	\$2,640.14	Gibbs, Robert	\$563.47
Cassell, James	\$564.61	Go America LLC	\$1.42
Cayer, Michael	\$243.81	Goodman, Ian	\$558.93
Chen, Xiuwen	\$2.79	Grant, Ivan Douglas	\$377.77
Chick, Matthew	\$723.65	Graves Service Station	\$2,501.54
Coleman, Charlene	\$892.92	Gray, Charles (Heirs)	\$812,03
Comeau, Joseph A II	\$237.43	Gray, Daniel G	\$107.82
Conley, Alicia	\$74.98	Greathouse, Leon Jr.	\$718.13
Coover, Leonard R Jr.	\$911.10	Greeley, Christian D	\$1,383.69
Coover, Leonard R Jr.	\$145.41	Hall, Lourie	\$792.95
Coover, Leonard R Jr.	\$343.08	Hammond, Nicholas	\$1,240.55
Corson, Danny	\$263.56	Hathorn, Roy	\$223.61

		Monahan, David A	\$809.99
TAX COLLECTOR'S		Morton, David	\$423.74
REPORT 2023	3	Morton, Michael	\$1,582.49
UNPAID 2023		Nelson, Kelly A	\$797.49
REAL ESTATE TAXI	ES	Osgood, Pamela Dianne	\$1,165.57
AS OF DECEMBER		Parent, Jason M	\$7,306.96
	·	Patterson, William F	\$422.70
		Patton, Mark D	\$586.19
Hawkins, Cory	\$738.42	Perkins, Eileen M (Heirs)	\$402.16
Hawkins, Cory	\$1,869.91	Pforte, Kimberly T	\$1,508.65
Heath, Kevin	\$1,349.61	Pomelow, David	\$1,263.27
Heath, Timothy W	\$940.74	Pomelow, David C	\$231.75
Hernandez, Ana	\$908.83	Pomeroy, Ryan N	\$888.38
Hilton, Harry (Heirs)	\$70.43	Pond, Michael	\$929.27
Hilton, Harry A Jr. (Heirs)	\$770.23	Pond, Michael	\$54.53
Hircock, Ryan	\$131.78	Pond, Michael	\$1,058.78
Holt, Robert S	\$1,965.33	Pratt, Clifford E	\$769.09
Jones, Dontae	\$1,869.91	Prostaff Enterprises LLC	\$1,516.10
Jones, Dontae	\$1,497.29	Qualey, Jeremy	\$340.81
Joslyn, Nancy	\$459.18	Ramsdell, Jason	\$1,006.52
Joslyn, Neil	\$1,033.79	Richardson, Jeremiah M	\$1,026.97
Karpowicz, Jason	\$88.61	Rio, Roger Eric Del	\$3,558.05
Keller, Ashland	\$728.82	Rio, Roger Eric Del	\$54.53
Kelley, Shane	\$1,256.45	Rittenhouse, Brandi	\$665.71
Kimble, Mary Jo	\$1,401.86	Roberts, Edward (Heirs)	\$4.80
King, Michael	\$1,050.83	Rogalski, Matthew	\$1,090.59
Krause, Brian	\$435.10	Rogers, Leslie	\$360.12
Kristiansen, Amy L	\$127.57	Rollins, Karen Anne	\$949.72
Kristiansen, Amy L	\$147.44	Rugg, Debra A	\$283.74
LaFreniere, Stephen M	\$5,680.16	Rugg, Debra A	\$316.68
Lalime, Michael D	\$1,123.54	Russell, George (Heirs)	\$561.20
Lalime, Susan	\$510.13	Sawlivich, Tina M	\$1,245.09
Latti, Wayne	\$877.02	Schimpf, Patricia	\$186.31
Lema, Anthony J	\$1,513.19	Schmid, David	\$140.87
Lema, Anthony J	\$49.99	Schreiber, Christopher D	\$1,438.35
Lloyd, Charles Jr.	\$3,349.02	Seal 1, LLC	\$2,274.34
Lovejoy, Theresa M	\$407.79	Searles, Ronald	\$416.92
Lundin, Larry	\$161.32	Sibert, Denise	\$218.12
Marby, Gary P	\$247.47	Sibert, Denise	\$356.71
McIntyre, Philip R	\$14.77	Smith, Milton W Jr. (Heirs)	\$1,224.64
McKenzie, Chris	\$399.88	Sornberger, Leon C (Heirs)	\$799.77
McKenzie, Otto	\$1,165.57	Spencer, David (Heirs)	\$81.79
McKenzie, Otto	\$537.34	Spencer, Richard Alan	\$1,667.69
McNally, Torrey	\$995.16	Steeplechase Properties, LLC	\$899.74
McSwine, Jake E	\$347.63	Steeplechase Properties, LLC	\$1,292.80
Mitchell, Kelly	\$2,617.42	Steeplechase Properties, LLC	\$1,408.68
Mitchell, Melanee L	\$624.82	Steeplechase Properties, LLC	\$983.80
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2023

UNPAID 2023 REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2023

UNPAID 2022 REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Steeplechase Properties, I	LLC	\$1,949.43	Alison Berg Trust	\$384.83
Steeplechase Properties, 1		\$84.07	Betsy Bessey M	\$2,959.13
Steeplechase Properties, I		\$1,797.03	Bessey, David W	\$1,191.64
Steeplechase Properties, I		\$1,267.81	Brown, Robert J	\$1,000.86
Steeplechase Properties, I	LLC	\$842.94	Bunn, Judith A Trusteee	\$1,189.45
Steeplechase Properties, I	LLC	\$1,292.80	Carey, Michael A	\$2,577.56
Stubbs, Joshua D		\$1,024.70	Coleman, Charlene	\$874.58
Suarez, Manuel		\$1,890.40	Conley, Alicia	\$70.10
Suarez, Manuel		\$79.52	Coover, Leonard R Jr.	\$487.64
Tanguay, Mark (Heirs)		\$711.16	Coover, Leonard R Jr.	\$176.32
Tanguay, Michael R		\$191.35	Coover, Leonard R Jr.	\$366.47
Temple, Scott		\$1,326.55	Corson, Danny	\$426.31
Thibodeau, Paul A		\$315.82	Dow, Ralph	\$705.05
Thompson, Judith C		\$1,558.64	Duquette, Louis M Jr.	\$1,033.42
Thompson, Judith U		\$1,413.22	Durant, Roslin L	\$906.56
Thompson, Scott		\$282.87	Ellis, Annette M (Devisees)	\$119.30
Three Moons, LLC		\$1,495.02	Ellis, Annette M (Devisees)	\$373.96
Three Moons, LLC		\$1,174.66	Ford, Gary Lee	\$3.79
Tierney, Shawn M		\$170.40	Fortin, Gerard E	\$1,212.92
Tillinghast, Georgette L		\$681.70	Frost, Patricia	\$279.06
Turavano, Luciano		\$884.55	Gallant, Andrew W	\$430.83
Tuttle, Ashley Marie		\$376.03	Goodman, Ian	\$577.62
Vincent, Adam		\$391.34	Hall, Lourie	\$796.91
Wallace, Cathy W		\$723.65	Hammond, Nicholas	\$1,237.69
Warbin, Douglas		\$1,351.87	Hawkins, Cory S	\$1,292.95
Washburn, Michael L		\$1,158.75	Heath, Kevin	\$9.80
Washburn, Michael L		\$238.57	Hernandez, Ana	\$55.39
Washburn, Michael L		\$102.24	Hilton, Harry (Heirs)	\$2.49
Waterman, Maggie L		\$502.13	Hircock, Ryan	\$176.32
Watt, Sarah L		\$1,323.48	Jones, Dontae	\$1,847.83
Weston, Melissa		\$1,604.08	Jones, Dontae	\$1,478.91
Weston, Melissa		\$97.70	Joslyn, Nancy	\$480.49
Willinski, Douglas A		\$488.49	Joslyn, Virginia	\$1,033.11
Willinski, Sarah		\$1,237.14	Kimble, Mary Jo	\$1,403.07
Witham, Carol Witham		\$116.33	Lafreniere, Stephen M	\$5,506.55
			Latti, Wayne	\$886.82
	TOTAL:	\$179,784.06	Lema, Anthony J	\$1,491.29
			Lema, Anthony J	\$88.51

McNally, Torrey

\$1,003.04

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2023

UNPAID 2022 REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Parent, Jason M	\$5,058.56
Pforte, Kimberly T	\$760.93
Pond, Michael	\$1,065.36
Richardson, Jeremiah M	\$745.88
Rio, Roger Eric Del	\$3,469.43
Rogers, Leslie	\$388.39
Rollins, Karen Anne	\$4.16
Russell, George (Heirs)	\$571.04
Sawlivich, Tina M	\$1,228.92
Schimpf, Patricia	\$32,30
Searles, Ronald	\$435.08
Sibert, Denise	\$373.68
Sibert, Denise	\$237.72
Smith, Milton W Jr. (Heirs)	\$607.18
Sornberger, Leon C (Heirs)	\$208.12
Tanguay, Mark (Heirs)	\$713.58
Thompson, Judith C	\$1,531.41
Thompson, Judith U	\$1,391.19
Thompson, Scott	\$553.97
Three Moons LLC	\$1,478.27
Three Moons LLC	\$1,171.90
Wallace, Cathy W	\$731.13
Washburn, Michael L	\$1,172.81
Willinski, Sarah	\$1,124.54
Witham, Carol Witham	\$244.30

TOTAL: \$61,438.41

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2023

UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

2023 Personal Property

Bolstridge, Alton	\$45.44
Dorman, John	\$2.82
Getchell Brothers	\$6.82
Holt, Robert S	\$1,229.19
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$976.99
Lafreniere, Stephen M	\$2,249.34
Lawson, Shawn Jr.	\$122.69
McKenzie, Otto	\$27.26
Seal I LLC	\$504.40
TOTAL:	\$5,164.95

2022 Personal Property

Getchell Brothers	\$6.44
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$933.30
Lafreniere, Stephen	\$2,145.52
Lawson, Shawn Jr.	\$115.86
McKenzie, Otto	\$135.17
TOTAL	: \$3,336.29

2021 Personal Property

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Holt, Robert S	\$266.57
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$1,083.72
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$249.13
Lafreniere, Stephen	\$2,491.32
Lawson, Shawn Jr.	\$134.53
McKenzie, Otto	\$156.95

2020 Personal Property

TOTAL: \$4,382.22

TOTAL: \$4,825.85

Holt, Robert S	\$297.42
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$1,209.12
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$277.96
Lafreniere, Stephen	\$2,779.59
Lawson, Shawn Jr.	\$86.17
McKenzie, Otto	\$175.11
Washburn, Michael	\$0.48

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2023

UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

2019 Personal Property

TOTAL:	\$1,726.21
Moc's Powersports & Rentals	\$430.09
McKenzie, Otto	\$184.32
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$292.58
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$819.22

2018 Personal Property

Hammac, Dennis	\$791.29
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$761.38
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$271.92
McKenzie, Otto	\$171.31

\$1,995.90 TOTAL:

2017 Personal Property

TOTAL:	\$1,893.15
McKenzie, Otto	\$89.99
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$315.52
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$569.49
Hammac, Dennis	\$918.15

2016 Personal Property

Hammac, Dennis	\$980.35
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$336.89

TOTAL: \$1,317.24

2015 Personal Property

Hammac, Dennis	\$887.88
Johnson, Steven & Emilie	\$21.51
Moc's Powersports & Rentals	\$448.52
Pribus, Charles/Station Market	\$183.07
TOTAL:	\$1,540.98

2014 Personal Property

TOTAL:	\$645.88
Pribus, Charles/Station Market	\$187.21
Moc's Powersports & Rentals	\$458.67

2013 Personal Property

Pribus, Charles/Station Market	\$188.93
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\$188.93 TOTAL:

2012 Personal Property

Pribus, Charles/Station	Market	\$185.90
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TOTAL: \$185.90

2011 Personal Property

	TAL: \$576.32
Turgeon, Gerard	\$32.20
Pribus, Charles/Station Marke	et \$383.14
Clement, Raymond	\$160.98

2010 Personal Property

Pribus, Charles/Station Market	\$392.96
Turgeon, Gerard	\$33.02

TOTAL: \$425.98

2009 Personal Property

Pribus, Charles/Station Market \$499.55

> TOTAL: \$499.55

2008 Personal Property

	s. Charles/Station Market \$773.07	P. 11
TOTAL: \$825.66		Pribus, Charles/Station Market \$773.07

2007 Personal Property

Lloyd, Charles Sr.	\$65.62
Pribus, Charles/Station Market	\$1,364.89
TOTAL:	\$1,430.51

The Annual Report includes financial statements chosen by our auditor for inclusion in this Report to provide general information about the Town's financial activity in 2023. A complete audit report for 2023 with more comprehensive financial statement and notes will be available for review at the Brownville Town Office after May 20, 2024.

Town of Brownville Auditor

James W. Wadman, CPA PO Box 889 Ellsworth, Maine 04605



STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR I STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

Dear Maine Resident:

In January, I was privileged to take the Oath of Office to begin my second term as your Governor. I am deeply humbled by the trust the people of Maine have placed in me, and I look forward to continuing to work hard over the next four years to improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

Over the past four years, we have made real progress. We have expanded health care, leading to the largest decline in the uninsured rate of any state in the nation. We fully funded the State's share of public education. We delivered two-years of free community college. We fully restored municipal revenue sharing to five percent. We delivered substantial tax relief, nation-leading inflation relief, and emergency energy relief to help Maine people through difficult times.

Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we are strengthening and diversifying our economy. In 2022, our state's gross domestic product — a key measure of economic growth — grew at the 9th fastest rate in the United States. People are moving to Maine at a rate higher than any other New England state, and at one of the highest rates in the nation. We have enacted balanced budgets, and we have built up Maine's "Rainy Day" fund to a record high, preparing our state to continue meeting its commitments in the event of an economic downturn.

While I am proud of the progress we have made, there is more to do, like addressing the housing crisis, the workforce shortage, and the opioid epidemic and strengthening health care, education, and the economy. I know that by working together to tackle these issues head-on, we can improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people and make Maine the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you again for the honor to serve you as Governor.

Thank you,

Janet T. Mills Governor



STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR 1 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

Spring 2024

Dear Maine Resident:

Since my first day in office, I have been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has invested in what people need to succeed — job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

Those investments are working — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers — all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has the best rate of economic growth in New England and one of the best rates in the nation.

At the same time, we have our challenges. In late October, a gunman took the lives of 18 innocent citizens and injured many more in an act of senseless and unconscionable violence. Then, in December and January, heavy rains and powerful winds brought massive flooding that destroyed homes and businesses, roads, and bridges, and changed the very landscape of our coast.

I have proposed legislation to address both issues — first, to rebuild from these storms and prepare for those to come; and, second, to expand mental health services and keep weapons out of the hands of dangerous people to better protect public safety.

We have made good progress over the past five years to ensure that every person can find a good-paying job in Maine; have affordable health insurance; have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school; breathe clean air and drink clean water and enjoy the rolling hills, lush forests, mighty rivers, and bold coast of Maine.

There are still plenty of challenges, particularly when it comes to the affordability of housing, child care, energy, and other things, but thanks to the resilience and the resolve of Maine people, I am more confident than ever before in the future of our state.

It is my honor to serve as your governor.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills Governor

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United States Senate

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.

These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855th consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely, Lunan M Collins

Susan M. Collins United States Senator



3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work, and conduct business. I am grateful you have put your trust in me, and I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of Senate District 4.

The First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during its first year.

One area of success was in the Highway Fund. In the past, the Highway Fund has been supported through gasoline taxes, which have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles, and bonding. However, we now have created a sustainable source of funding to maintain our transportation infrastructure. This is done by dedicating 40% of the vehicle sales tax and the sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is predicted to raise more than \$200 million for infrastructure each biennium.

The Second Regular Session began on January 3rd of this year. I am eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. I have heard from many of you regarding the biggest concerns you are facing, including the protection of Maine's natural resources, increased costs of everyday items, access to health care and child care, education, housing, inflation, child welfare, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development, and crime, among others. I will continue to do all I can to advocate for your priorities in Augusta.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 131st Legislature has a great deal more work to do. However, I believe that if we work collaboratively, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at Stacey.Guerin@Legislature.Maine.Gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely:

Stacey Guerin State Senator

Stacey Guerin

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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January 2024

Town of Brownville 586 Main Rd. Brownville ME, 04414

Greetings Friends,

As the second Regular Session of the Maine State Legislature convenes, I would again like to thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve Brownville, and all of House District 31, in the Maine House of Representatives.

The First Regular Session of the Legislature was a busy one, as lawmakers faced many difficult issues and decisions. I hope you will be pleased to know that I was fairly successful in getting multiple bills that I submitted through the Legislature and signed into law with strong bipartisan support; bills that increased your Freedom of Access rights, removed and reduced bureaucratic requirements and costs on our citizens when changing vital records, and ensuring that your Fifth and Eighth Amendment Rights were upheld and Maine laws were brought into compliance with a recent Supreme Court decision regarding property rights. I am extremely pleased that I was able to advance these causes and garner support from both sides of the political aisle and get these laws passed without debate on the chamber floor. While I was not able to get every bill I sponsored passed, I was surprised to learn that I had among the highest success rate among the minority party simply by pursing the basic Constitutional principles of individual liberty and limited government, goals I will continue to pursue for as long as I am given the honor to serve you.

I am also pleased that the Legislature was finally able to stabilize highway and road funding and I will continue to fight to improve the efficient delivery of your government services by reducing the size of government, for reducing your energy costs by fighting for common sense energy policies, and removing the barriers that make it harder for businesses to prosper in Maine. As a member of the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice & Public Safety, I look forward to continuing my work during the Second Regular Session as we tackle matters that are crucial to our community.

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

Respectfully,

Chad R. Perkins State Representative 133 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING (202) 224-5344
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January 1, 2024

Dear Friends.

Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right – Dirigo – because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans' suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Rogards,

United States Senate

Preserve This Report

A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of voters in advance of the Annual Town Meeting day. It should be kept in mind that if copies are left at home, there may not be enough remaining to go around on Town Meeting day. This year or any year; it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you to the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024.

Brownville Town Office

Hours of Operation

Mondays	8:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesdays	8:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesdays	8:00am – 4:00pm
Thursdays	8:00am – 4:00pm
Fridays	8:00am — 3:00pm

If residents and taxpayers are unable to make it in to the Town Office during these posted hours, you are encouraged to contact the Town Office to see if you can use the mail to complete your transaction or to schedule an appointment outside of regular business hours.

For more information, check us out on Facebook and visit our website: brownville.org

Town of Brownville Reference Numbers		
Brownville Town Office	(207) 965-2561	
Fax	(207) 965-8768	
Wastewater Treatment Plant	(207) 965-8374	
Recreation Department (messages only)	(207) 965-2561	
Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector (Shawn Mitchell)	(207) 965-2561	
code@brownville.org		
Animal Control		
Fire Chief (non-emergency)	(207) 965-2561	
Fire Warden (messages only)		
BURN PERMITS CAN NOW BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.maineburnpermit.com		
MAINE LAW REQUIRES BURNING PERMITS FOR ALL OUTDOOR FIRES		
Police (non-emergency)	(207) 564-3304	
	or 1-800-432-7372	
EMERGENCY NUMBERS		
POLICE & FIRE 9-1-1		
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