

**TOWN OF HIRAM
2020
ANNUAL REPORT**



RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO
LURA SAWYER

*The 2020 Town Report is graciously dedicated to
LURA SAWYER*

The town is very fortunate to have someone like Lura as a resident and volunteer in our town. Lura is always busy, working a full-time job in the insurance industry, taking care of her family, helping plow roads/driveways, sweeping the sidewalks, mowing the cemetery, or planting beautiful flowers in the planter at the Sawmill Park. Lura has helped others since her high school days, such as Beverly Nason and Renda Hawkes take care of the flowers that were in the center of the intersection by Rt. 160 Ice cream. The planter was moved to Sawmill Park in South Hiram when the intersection was redone by MDOT, which Lura takes care of to this day with beautiful flowers. Lura is an active member of our Outlying Cemetery Committee and Conservation Committee Lura also, with the help of her son Mcqwire, replaced the fence at the Peleg Wadsworth Memorial Park by the bridge. In the spring, you will find her helping her husband Greg the road commissioner, sweep the sidewalks in So Hiram, in the winter help him plow the parking lots, and smaller roads with his pickup, in the summer mowing cemeteries, help clear hiking trails on Mt. Cutler, cleaning up public beach areas and sprucing up the Sawmill Park. Greg and Lura work hard as a team at home and in the community. We are very grateful for their dedication to our small community.

Thank you for all you do for our community, it is truly appreciated and not unnoticed.

Town of Hiram, Maine

**Annual Report
Of the
Municipal Officers
Of the
Town of Hiram
Maine**

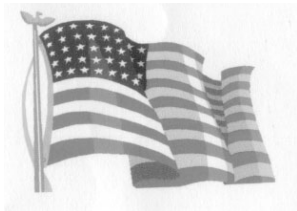


**For the Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 2020**

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DISCLAIMER

*This town report is for informational purposes only.
We apologize for any errors or omissions that
we may have missed during editing.*

--- NOTICE ---

This report is submitted subject to an audit by a qualified public accountant, in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 216, Public Laws of Maine, 1937.

--- SPECIAL NOTICE ---

To veterans or other persons who desire to secure any exemption of taxes in Hiram, shall on or before the first day of April, 2021, notify in writing the assessors of Hiram, and furnish proof of entitlement. Excerpt of Public Laws of the State of Maine passed by 95th legislature, Chapter 160, Public Laws of 1951.

--- ASSESSOR'S NOTICE ---

To bring to the assessors of the Town of Hiram, a true and perfect list by all persons, and all their estates, real and personal, not by law exempt from taxation, which they possessed or otherwise held on the first day of April, 2021, also to be prepared to take oath to the truth of the same.

--- NOTICE ---

Excerpts from Statutory provisions governing Town Reports. A list shall be included of all unpaid taxes which have been committed for collection, giving the names of all delinquent taxpayers and the amount due from each; except persons receiving pauper assistance.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

MON – THURS 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

THURS EVENINGS 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

FRI- 9 A.M. – NOON

**MUNICIPAL OFFICER'S MEETINGS EVERY THURS
EVENING AT 7 P.M.**

**2nd Saturday of the month
8 to 11 a.m.**

2020 APPROPRIATIONS

APPROVED BY VOTERS:

Town Office Operations	35,000.00
MMA	2,616.00
Computer Software/equipment	5,000.00
Update tax maps	1,600.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Planning Board	100.00
Appeals Board	100.00
Municipal Officer's Compensation & Mileage	14,800.00
Southern Maine Regional Planning Comm.	608.00
Soldiers Memorial Library	24,700.00
Audit	6,900.00
Update Assessing	5,000.00
Towns Share Social Security	13,000.00
Town Staff	84,500.00
Code Enforcement Officer	14,500.00
Election Clerks	2,500.00
Unemployment	1,000.00
Town Building Repairs	25,500.00
Emergency funds	10,000.00
Hiram Fire Dept.	16,880.00
So. Hiram Fire Dept.	18,500.00
SHFD truck renovation	5,000.00
EMA director	1,800.00
Animal Control Officer	2,150.00
Harvest hills	1,620.00
Health Officer	800.00
Hydrants	16,500.00
Street Lights	10,000.00
Insurance	69,300.00
General Roads	100,000.00
Road Resurfacing	100,000.00
Roads,Bridges, town lot	50,000.00
Winter Roads	286,000.00
Communications	12,200.00
General Assistance	9,350.00
Solid Waste	90,000.00
Solid waste Reserve	15,000.00
Sacopee Rescue	32,500.00
Sacopee Rescue Reserve	2,500.00
District Recreation	4,000.00
Hiram Historical Society	1,500.00
Senior Plus	1,200.00
Community Concepts	2,980.00
Smooth Feather Youth Club	600.00
Hiram Community Club	500.00
Hiram Development Association	500.00
Sacopee Snowdrifters	500.00
Riverside Food Pantry	750.00
Saco River Corridor	300.00
Snowmobile Clubs	715.00
Brownfield Food Pantry	4,600.00
Care of Cemeteries	5,800.00
Outlying Cemeteries	2,000.00
Memorial Purposes	400.00

Town of Hiram, Maine

Park Upkeep	2,000.00
Road Reconstruction Reserve	10,000.00
Building Maintenance Reserve	5,000.00
Revaluation Reserve	3,500.00
Public Works Reserve	10,000.00
Capital Improvement Reserve	5,000.00
Vehicle Reserve	5,000.00
SW Oxford County Food Pantry	4,600.00

TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	1,159,669.00
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FROM FUND BALANCE/SURPLUS (CARRY FORWARDS) & REVENUES
TO REDUCE COMMITMENT BY:

Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00
Park Upkeep	2,000.00
Emergency Fund	10,000.00
Library reimbursement	7,200.00
Snowmobile revenues	715.00
State revenue sharing	75,000.00
Veteran reimbursement	1,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	20,000.00
Interest earned	36,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	26,000.00
Excise Tax	275,000.00
Surplus	30,000.00
Local Roads	50,500.00
Harvest Hills	1,620.00
General assistance reimb	3,850.00
Surplus for large projects	25,000.00
Surplus for SHFD truck renovation	5,000.00
Building Maintenance reserve	15,500.00
Stephen & Tabitha King Grant to building repairs	10,000.00

TOTAL FUNDS/SURPLUS & REVENUES TO REDUCE COMMITMENT:	\$ 599,235.00
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ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Real Estate Valuation	\$ 155,160,100.00
Homestead Exemption Valuation	10,809,310.00
Personal Property Valuation	913,910.00
TOTAL VALUATION:	\$ 166,883,320.00
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION	156,074,010.00
Homestead	7,566,517.00
Base Assessment	\$ 163,640,527.00
Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 1,159,669.00
MSAD #55 Assessment	1,536,554.70
County Tax	170,747.00
ASSESSMENTS	\$ 2,866,970.70

***LESS ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS** **- 599,950.00**

TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT W/OVERLAY **\$2,267,020.70**

Rate of taxation - \$14.54 per thousand
Committed to the Tax Collector July 23, 2020 and interest started 60 days after
commitment date, September 25,2020

!!!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!

*You may notice that all the articles in the town meeting warrant state that all funds are being **RAISED AND APPROPRIATED** instead of some of them being just appropriated. This is by the advice of our auditor. This will not change the bottom line at tax commitment time, funds will still be taken from Undesignated Fund Balance and other revenues to reduce the total budget figures.*

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2020

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Elected – 3 year term – March

Eric Durgin	2021
Herbert J Marshall	2022
Karen James	2023

MODERATOR

Elected

Walter Brink

TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, TREASURER REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR ALL STATE AGENCIES STANLEY CEMETERY TREASURER, OUTLYING CEMETERY COMMITTEE SEC/TREAS TOWN WEB DESIGNER

Appointed – 1 year term - March

Marylou F. Stacey

BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, TREASURER E911 ADDRESSING OFFICER, GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTANT ASSESSING AGENT PLANNING BOARD, APPEALS BOARD & TRI TOWN SECRETARY

Appointed – 1 year term - March

Terry Day



ROAD COMMISSIONER

Elected – 3 year term – March 2022

Greg Sawyer

FIRE CHIEFS

Elected within departments

Bruce Pyburn	Hiram Fire Dept.
James Syracuse	So. Hiram Fire Dept.

EMA DIRECTOR

Appointed – 1 year term- March

John Bonnano

DIRECTORS OF M.S.A.D. #55

Elected – 3 year term – March

Arthur Melanson	2021
Sue Melanson	2022 - resigned

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Changed from Elected to Appointed in 2020

Appointed by the FOSML



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Appointed – 1 year term – March

Cindy Eaton

890-5313

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
BUILDING INSPECTOR – PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Appointed – 1 year term – March

Guy Lehouillier

**APPEALS BOARD
FAIR HEARING AUTHORITY**

Appointed – 3 year term

Eugene Stacey	April	2021
Jan Williams	April	2021
William Johnson	April	2021
Sylvia Pease	April	2022

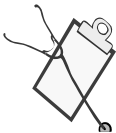
We have one vacancy on Board of Appeals

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Appointed – 3 year term – April

Due to COVID no members were appt'd in April

Stacey Richard	2022
Walter Brink	2022
Delbert Gilpatrick	2021 resigned
Michael Singleton	2021 resigned



HEALTH OFFICER

Appointed – 3 year term – March

Dr. Joseph DeKay, D.O. 2021

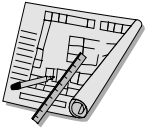
TOWN HISTORIAN

Appointed – 1 year term – March
Sally Williams



PLANNING BOARD

Appointed – 3 year term - March



Stephanie Ranieri	2022
John Bonanno	2022
Ron Richards	2021
Guy Lehouillier	2021
Patricia Dietzel	2022

Planning Board Currently
has Two Alternate Vacancy

SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION

Appointed – 3 year term - November

Dan Hester	2022
Carol Goode	2022 – Alt

SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMM.

Appointed 1 Year Term

Jan Williams

Karen James - Alt

TOWN COUNSEL

Leah Rachin

Bergen & Parkinson, LLC



TRI-TOWN WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD

Hiram -	Herbert J Marshall
	Karen James
	Eric Durgin - Chair
Baldwin -	Jim Dolloff
	Dwight Warren
	Gerry Brown
Porter -	Ron Silvia
	Brent Day
	Rob Heard
Secretary/Bookkeeper	Terry Day
Station Attendants	Joe McNulty
	Michael Cote
	Tim Caldwell
Truck Driver	Scott Chapman
Spare Driver	Joseph Stacey

HIRAM PARADE COMMITTEE

Dave & Gloria Paro

Animal Control Officer

Cindy Eaton

Please call

207-590-5313

or

1-800-733-1421

Oxford County Dispatch

For all your ACO needs

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Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Government Oversight Committee

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am so grateful for the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. It is a high honor that you have put your trust in me, and I will work tirelessly on your behalf.

As you are no doubt aware, Maine is in the midst of the one of its greatest difficulties, both in public health and economic downturn. The 130th Maine Legislature faces the challenge posed by a \$1.4 billion budget shortfall, and perhaps more than ever before, state government must learn to live within its means while thinking anew and innovating. As we move through this legislative session, I will be mindful of this and will do my best to hold the line on any new taxes or unneeded borrowing. Like you and your family, state government must tighten its belt in slow economic times and make the difficult but necessary decisions that will allow us to weather the storm.

At the same time, it is very important that we restore a sense of balance in state government where both the Governor and the Legislature work together on behalf of you, our constituents. This is even more important given the unusual nature of how and where this Legislature will meet, given the safety considerations required by the global pandemic. However the legislative process plays out, it is imperative that the public continue to have access to and play a critical role in the work of the Legislature. These will be a few of my priorities this coming year.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 130th Legislature certainly has a great deal of work to do. But I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or (Richard.Bennett@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely yours,

Richard A. Bennett, Senator



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Dear Friends & Neighbors:

It has been a pleasure to serve the residents of House District 70 in the Maine Legislature. I am honored that you have entrusted me again with this responsibility.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the second session of the 129th Legislature adjourned *Sine Die* on March 17, 2020. The opening on December 2nd of the 130th Legislature was still impacted by the pandemic and to ensure social distancing, the *Swearing In* was held at the Augusta Civic Center instead of the chambers in the State House.

This session, our biggest priority is addressing the next biennial budget with which we are facing an impending budget shortfall of \$1.4 billion over the next three years. Difficult decisions will have to be made for prioritizing resources to make ends meet.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always a welcomed avenue for providing feedback. This session, with the increased utilization in remote meetings and hearings, happenings in Augusta are now even more accessible. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature:

Legislature.Maine.Gov, you will find access to Zoom meetings, public hearings, and YouTube videos providing updates on the latest at our State Capitol.

To join my weekly eNewsletter featuring current state news, please contact me at Nathan.Wadsworth@legislature.maine.gov and I will happily add you to my distribution.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta and may you all have a safe and healthy 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan J. Wadsworth".

Nathan J. Wadsworth – State Representative

District 70 Brownfield, Fryeburg, Hiram, Lovell (part) and Porter

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ON AGING
RANKING MEMBER
APPROPRIATIONS
SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to reflect on 2020, an incredibly challenging year for Maine families, small businesses, and communities.

When the pandemic struck, our country faced the specter of an overwhelmed health care system and devastation to our small businesses and the millions of people they employ. I immediately worked with the Republicans and Democrats to pass multiple laws allocating approximately \$3 trillion to respond to this public health and economic crisis, including more than \$8 billion direct to Maine to support testing, schools, the economy and other purposes – that is nearly double Maine’s annual state budget.

I am especially proud of the bipartisan Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) I co-authored. This program has provided three out of four Maine small businesses with nearly \$2.3 billion in forgivable loans, which has helped sustain more than 250,000 Maine jobs. I have met thousands of Maine small employers and employees in all 16 counties who are surviving because of the PPP. As one small business owner told me, PPP provided “exactly what we needed at exactly the right time.” The PPP also allowed employers to maintain benefits, such as health care, during this challenging time. Another round of PPP is needed to sustain small businesses and their employees.

While the pandemic continues across Maine, our nation, and the world, I thank the first responders, health care professionals, teachers, grocery store employees, factory workers, farmers, truck drivers, postal employees and so many others who continue to stay on the job during this difficult time. With the development of the first vaccines, better tests, and the incredible speed with which these life-saving responses were developed, I am hopeful we can emerge from this crisis in the next few months.

While providing relief to American families was my focus throughout 2020, other accomplishments include the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provides full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and addresses the maintenance backlog at our national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. As Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, in 2020 alone, I secured \$132 million to improve Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, buses, rails, ferries and seaports. Finally, as Chairman of the Aging Committee, I led the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which funds programs that improve the well-being, independence, and health of our

Town of Hiram, Maine

nation's seniors and their caregivers, and I authorized laws to reduce the cost of prescriptions drugs and protect individuals with Alzheimer's disease.

At the end of 2020 is approaching, I have cast more than 7,535 votes, never having missed one. In the New year, my focus remains to work with colleagues to find common ground on policies to help support the health and safety of Mainers and the safe, responsible opening of our communities. If ever I or my staff can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact one of my state offices. May the coming year be a successful one for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Susan M Collins

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Town of Hiram, Maine

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Dear Friends,

2020 was a year unlike any in our lifetimes. Our state and nation dealt with unprecedented challenges--the coronavirus pandemic, ensuing economic fallout, and a prolonged, heavily divisive campaign season each took a significant toll on all of us. The worst part? In order to protect each other, we had to face these challenges in isolation. But a new year represents new possibilities; a chance to take stock of what we're grateful for and focus on the opportunities in front of us. As we reflect back on 2020, we will remember heartbreak and loss – but we cannot forget the shining rays of hope that broke through the darkness, reminding us all that better days are ahead.

Throughout the pandemic, my top focus has been on bridging the partisan divide in Washington in order to deliver desperately-needed relief for Maine people. Joined by colleagues last March, we pushed for bipartisan negotiations to produce a strong bill that helped fellow Mainers, businesses, and institutions weather this storm. In the weeks and months after the *CARES Act* passed, our team stayed in close contact with people throughout the state to determine how we should adjust our response to best support our citizens. Unfortunately, the aid provided by the *CARES Act* lapsed without Congressional action, leaving too many families and businesses in limbo. I never stopped pushing for a bipartisan relief bill and, after extensive negotiations, we ended the year on a good note by breaking the gridlock and passing new relief legislation. This new bill isn't perfect; in fact, it should just be the start of our renewed response. As we enter 2021 with a new administration and new Congress, we must fight for additional legislation to help restore stability to our working families and rebuild our economy and public health infrastructure.

In the midst of this crisis, Congress did manage to accomplish a few successes that will outlast this awful pandemic. Among these was the *Great American Outdoors Act*, a bipartisan bill which was enacted into law in August 2020 and will help address a \$12 billion backlog at our national parks so future generations of Americans can enjoy these beautiful lands and create lifelong memories. Also, as we learn more about the recent hacks of our nation's networks, there is help on the way: 27 of the cybersecurity recommendations made by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission – which I co-chair with Republican Congressman Mike Gallagher– made it into this year's defense bill. While there is no guarantee that these provisions would have prevented the massive hack, they will certainly improve our cyber defenses.

Despite the challenges, I'm hopeful for the future. Vaccines are being distributed across our state – starting with our healthcare heroes, who have sacrificed so much throughout this unprecedented catastrophe and deserve our eternal gratitude. If there can be a silver lining from these challenges of 2020, maybe it will be this: I hope that, in the not-so distant future, we will be able to come together physically and we will be reminded of our love for each other. We have differences, without a doubt. But as Maine people stepped up to support each other, we saw again and again that our differences pale in comparison to the values we

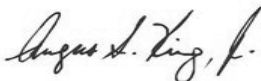
share. We are one state, and one community – and there is nothing we cannot or will not do for each other. Mary and I wish you a happy and healthy 2021. We can't wait to see you soon. The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there have also been opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. You sent me to the Senate to make the most of those opportunities, so as we enter into the New Year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on my efforts to work with members of both parties to make life better for the people of Maine.

One of my most important priorities this past year has been emphasizing preventive healthcare. Maine's distinction as the oldest state in the nation brings us wisdom, of course – but it also creates unique challenges, particularly relating to healthcare. The key to addressing these obstacles is being proactive, because the cheapest, safest medical procedure is the one that doesn't need to happen. That's why I've introduced legislation to incentivize healthier living, expand mental health screenings, and help more Americans access regular check-ups. We're making progress, but we've got a long way to go – and I'd like your help, because I know that the best ideas are the ones that come from families and communities on the front lines of these challenges. To strengthen this effort, I convened a policy forum on prevention in Bangor in October, which has already given me exciting new ideas that I'll carry with me into 2020. If you have additional thoughts on encouraging preventive healthcare, please share them with my office.

This year has also continued the growth of Maine's forest products industry – a key focus of my work to revitalize Maine's rural economy and communities. We've seen significant investment in mills across the state, creating good jobs to support rural Maine. I'm also pleased that the investments aren't just in our mills – the industry is thriving because of its commitment to innovation. We're fortunate to have the University of Maine's top-notch researchers exploring cutting-edge ways to use our forest resources, including capitalizing on the rise of 3D printing technology with the world's largest 3D printer. Combining this work with ongoing federal support, our vast forests, and Maine's dedicated workforce, I know that the future of this industry is bright, and I'll continue working to support it on all fronts.

I'm proud of all we've accomplished together this year, but even as I reflect on all that we've achieved, it is challenging to not think of the work left undone. It sometimes can be discouraging to watch these important priorities hang in limbo, but fortunately for me, encouragement is never far. After all, I get to live in Maine – which means I get to count Maine people as my neighbors and friends. I'm always struck by the kindness that our citizens show not only to me, but also to each other. This focus on collaboration and compassion is an inspiration, and it powers my efforts bring a little bit of Maine common sense to Washington. Thank you for all you do to for our state – Mary and I are deeply grateful, and we hope that 2020 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and the State of Maine.

Best Regards,



Angus King Jr, United States Senator

Town of Hiram, Maine

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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. I know that this year has been challenging for many of our communities. In the midst of these challenges, it remains a privilege to represent you, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on in Congress for the people of the Second Congressional District.

The coronavirus pandemic has made this year an especially difficult one. We've seen the struggles of small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, and states and towns. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. In March, Congress passed the largest of three bipartisan pieces of relief legislation, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act was a \$2 trillion economic relief package to provide immediate assistance for some of those hit hardest by the pandemic. While an important start, many of the programs and benefits created by the CARES Act were set to expire by the end of 2020 at a time when COVID-19 cases were on the rise. That's why in late December, Congress passed another bipartisan bill to provide COVID-19 relief to small businesses and hospitals, the unemployed, and families struggling to put food on the table. However, the action Congress took at the end of 2020 cannot distract from its failure to act sooner. The unwillingness of many members of Congress to accept compromise throughout the fall left many Mainers struggling and led to a rushed process that produced a bill with serious flaws. In 2021, Congress needs to step up, come together, and lead the country through this pandemic and get our economy back on track.

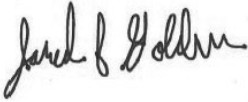
There are a few bright spots that came out of the work done by Congress this year. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I helped advocate for a national defense bill that would include important priorities for American national security, Maine shipbuilders, and servicemembers and their families. The legislation authorizes a new DDG-51 Arleigh Burke-class destroyer to be constructed at Bath Iron Works and helps BIW compete for new work by encouraging a new multi-year procurement process for the DDG-51 Flight III. This funding bill also makes permanent new federal guidelines proposed by Senator King and me to allow Gold Star Families free admission to national parks and other federal lands.

I've been working to improve mental health services for veterans for years, and I led the Maine delegation's effort to address the need for long-term mental health substance abuse treatment for veterans in our state. This past fall the Veterans Administration announced we were successful. Construction starts next year on a new, 24-bed facility at Togus that will ensure Maine veterans won't be sent out of state to receive residential care for substance use disorder and associated mental health issues. This is one result that I am especially proud to deliver for my fellow Maine veterans.

Town of Hiram, Maine

As I reflect upon what I am most grateful for this year, I am especially glad to be able to share that my wife Izzy and I are expecting a baby in 2021. We are excited about this new addition to our family and look forward to the blessings ahead.

This period is challenging for Mainers as we all take steps to limit the spread of the coronavirus, protect our families and our communities, and lean on each other to withstand this pandemic and economic hardship. My staff and I stand ready to assist Mainers as we work through these challenges together. I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf in 2021. Respectfully,



Jared Golden



**Municipal Officers Report
December 31, 2020**

In 2020 we were fortunate to be able to get Annual Town Meeting in ahead of the Covid -19 crisis and stay at home orders. Getting this done allowed for the Town to move forward with an approved budget, allowing business to move forward as close to normal as possible. Covid-19 closed the office to the public for a while and had all meetings for town business conducted remotely via zoom. We made some changes to the office to accommodate, protective barriers to be put in place to protect the office staff.

Allard Circle was renamed to Nasons Way and was improved by widening to make entry to the town office and emergency services safer. With there now being only one entrance to the office it was necessary to allow room for vehicles to meet emergency vehicles and safely pass one another. The other end of Allard Circle was discontinued and is now part of the Bobbin Mill Rd.

The town was able to sell two vacant parcels of land and also one tax- acquired property. We had explored selling another parcel, but it was decided at town meeting to retain and think about harvesting timber. We were able to have that parcel harvested and placed the funds in parks and for future upkeep expense. We held a special town meeting to allow the funds from the logging to be utilized to provide access to the town forest on Gould Farm Rd. Residents can now access that property for hiking and other recreation.

The current board of selectmen has worked hard to maintain taxes and was able to keep the mil rate the same. As we move forward into the coming year, we have tried to keep the budget fiscally responsible. The part of the budget that will be unknown is that of the school. As we always try to look out for the taxpayer's best interest, we want you to know that there are unknown variables for the upcoming budget. With Covid-19 we are unsure of state revenue sharing and what portion of the school budget the state will cover. We will try to keep tax increases as minimal as possible but please keep in mind the potential for increase due to state revenue shortfalls.

Respectfully submitted
Eric K Durgin
Chair

TOWN OF HIRAM

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

MARCH 5th & 6th, 2021
9 am. at the SACOPEE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

To _____, a resident of the Town of Hiram in the County of Oxford, in the State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram, in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Hiram Town Office on Friday, March 5th, 2021** at 3:45 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting.
The Moderator will then open the polls, to vote on Article 2, at the **Hiram Town Office** at 4 p.m. and close at 8 p.m.

ARTICLE 2. To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officers:

Municipal Officers/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor – 3 yr term

MSAD 55 School Board Director – 3 yr term
MSAD 55 School Board Director – 1 yr term

When the polls are closed, the meeting will recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, the 6th day of March 2021, to meet at the **Sacopee Valley Middle School**, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLES FOR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to \$648.76 which is the snowmobile reimbursement received from the State. One half of the amount to be given to the Sacopee Snowdrifters Club and the other half to be given to the Hiram Hillclimbers. The money to be used for various purposes, such as trail maintenance and construction, or purchases of equipment and material. These trails to be open to the public during the winter season.
Municipal Officers recommend: Appropriate the Snowmobile Reimbursement from the State.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$37,500.00 for the Sacopee Rescue Unit per their request as follows:

Sacopee Rescue operating account	\$ 32,500.00
Sacopee Rescue reserve account	\$ 5,000.00
Totaling	<u>\$ 37,500.00</u>

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$32,500.00 for operations and \$2,500.00 for reserve for SRU.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the franchise fees and any other grants received from Spectrum, Inc (formerly Time Warner, Inc.) minus the internet costs for the town, to Sacopee Valley Media Tech (Sacopee TV – formerly TV-2) for the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and for operating costs. If the Sacopee TV program does not run during the 2021-2022 school year due to the absence of a Sacopee TV Coordinator, the franchise fees will be held in the Sacopee Valley Media Tech account by the school until February 2022. If no Coordinator is found by then and the program is not running, the fees will be returned to the towns.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,600.00, with \$1,620.00 coming from surplus for Harvest Hills Animal Shelter, the following outside agencies per their requests :

Sacopee Recreation Council	\$ 3,000.00
Southwest Oxford County Nutrition, Inc.	\$ 4,600.00
Seniors Plus Organization	\$ 1,000.00
Community Concepts, Inc	\$ 2,980.00
Smooth Feather Youth and Excursions	\$ 600.00
Saco River Corridor Commission	\$ 300.00
Sacopee Snowdrifters Club	\$ 500.00
Soldiers Memorial Library	\$17,500.00
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	\$ 1,620.00
Hiram Historical Society	\$ 500.00
Hiram Development Assoc	\$ 500.00
Hiram Community Center	\$ 500.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$33,600.00 with \$1,620.00 coming from surplus

ADMINISTRATION ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 7. To act on the reports of the Municipal Officers, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and other Town Officers.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022, to the March 2022 annual Town Meeting.
Explanation: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends but before the annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers on behalf of the Town to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on terms as they may deem advisable but pursuant to a written policy adopted by them, and to execute Quitclaim Deeds for such real estate and further allow the Municipal Officers to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.

- ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36MRSA §506 and to set that rate of interest at 2% that the town will vote to pay thereon and appropriate said amount from the Overlay account. Municipal Officers recommend to pay 2% on any prepaid taxes.
- ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to charge **6%** of interest on unpaid taxes and set the date for interest to commence at 60 days after the 2021 commitment date. The Municipal Officers recommend 60 days after the 2021 commitment date and interest rate of **6%**.
- ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate of 2% to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36MRSA section 506-A and authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate from the 2021 Overlay abated taxes to any property owner that have paid their taxes prior to approval of the abatement. Municipal Officers recommend 2% for 2021
- ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all types of gifts, trusts, grant funds and/or income generated from town owned properties (ie: logging) that are in the best interest of the Town. The Town to disperse interest earned on any trust in accordance with provisions therein. Any income generated on town owned property to be put into the Park Upkeep Account. Municipal Officers recommend: to do so.
- ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept any and all interest earned on checking account, reserve accounts, money market accounts and savings accounts and disperse said interest on notes to the banks and apply a portion to the current year taxes.
- ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of any town owned personal property they deem necessary and place the funds received from the sale into a specified account. Such as: sale of fire truck, funds would be placed into the vehicle purchasing reserve account etc.
- ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA subsection 2953.
- ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate all building permit fees and 75% of the plumbing permit fees collected by the building and plumbing inspector. The remaining 25% of the plumbing permit fees to be sent to the State Treasurer. Municipal Officers recommend to do so.
- ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate a portion of the Recreational Land Reserve Funds for the purpose of creating parking areas for Stanley & Little Clemons Ponds, and to use on any other Recreational Land needs.**

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during calendar year 2021. Funds to be taken from the surplus account.
Municipal Officers recommend: raise & appropriate \$10,000.00 from surplus

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 58,161.00 for the following town office operations and professional services:

Audit	\$ 7,150.00
Planning and Appeals Boards	\$ 200.00
Legal expenses	\$ 5,000.00
MMA Dues	\$ 2,653.00
SMPD dues	\$ 608.00
Town Office operations	\$40,000.00
Update Tax Maps	\$ 1,750.00
Health Officer	\$ 800.00
Totaling	<hr/> \$58,161.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$ 58,161.00
(NOTE: The \$5,000.00 increase in town office operations is because the computer equipment/software account has been combined into this account.)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$20,000.00 from the Building Reserve Account for upkeep and repairs to any town owned properties.
Municipal Officers recommend: appropriate up to \$20,000.00 from the Building Reserve Account

SALARY ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,700.00 for Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, and Plumbing Inspector's combined salary, Mileage, Training courses and any other miscellaneous materials or supplies needed. \$19,200.00 will be taken from surplus account.

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$33,700.00 for CEO salary and expenses. \$19,200.00 will be taken from surplus account.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$192,250.00 for compensations, insurances, benefits for town employees. Authorizing and entrusting the elected municipal officers to disperse funds appropriately in accordance with the Hiram Personnel Policy and appointments to positions.

Municipal Officers recommend: \$192,250.00 for compensations, insurances, and benefits for:

Town office Staff	\$ 82,000.00
Fire Chiefs	\$ 5,000.00
Municipal Officers	\$ 14,800.00
Election Clerks	\$ 2,000.00
Animal Control officer	\$ 2,150.00
EMA Director	\$ 1,800.00
Unemployment	\$ 1,000.00
Insurances	\$ 70,000.00
Towns Share Social Security	\$ 13,500.00

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the update assessing for the 2021 tax commitment. This is a written contract with a single assessor. ***Any unexpended funds at year end will be put into the Revaluation Reserve Account. Municipal Officers recommend to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 with any unexpended funds going into the Revaluation Reserve Account***

PROTECTION ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,000.00 for the following emergency response departments: Any unexpended balance at years end will be put into a special revenue accounts for each department.

Communications	\$ 10,000.00
Hiram Fire Department	\$ 18,500.00
South Hiram Fire Department	\$ 18,500.00

Totaling \$ 47,000.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise & appropriate \$47,000.00 for emergency response departments with unexpended balances going into a special revenue account for each dept.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$2,000.00 from the Building Improvement Reserve account for the purpose of purchasing a commercial size compressor and transfer switch for the SHFD.

Municipal Officers recommend to appropriate up to \$2,000.00 from the Building Improvement Reserve account for said purpose.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purpose of paying a stipend to volunteer

firefighters in both fire departments in accordance with criteria approved by the fire chiefs and municipal officers.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,500.00 for town utilities as follows:

Hydrants	\$ 16,500.00
Street Lights	\$ 10,000.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$26,500.00 for Hydrants and Street Lights

HEALTH & SANITATION ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,800.00 which includes reimbursement from the State for the General Assistance Account.

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$6,800.00 which includes reimbursements.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,000.00 for the following solid waste accounts:

Solid Waste Account	\$ 90,000.00
Tri-Town Waste reserve	\$ 15,000.00

Totaling	<u>\$105,000.00</u>
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Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$105,000.00 for solid waste accounts

ROAD ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$561,000.00 for the purpose of road work within the town as follows:

Large Road Projects	\$ 25,000.00
General Road Maintenance	\$ 100,000.00
Paving	\$ 150,000.00
Winter Roads	\$ 286,000.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate the sum of \$561,000.00 for road work within town.

CEMETERY, PARKS, RECREATIONAL, AND ANY OTHER TOWN DEPTS ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,200.00 for the Care of Cemeteries, Memorial purposes, Park upkeep and the restoration and maintenance of Outlying Cemeteries where veterans are buried, per MRSA 1964, Chap. 58, Section 3. Any unexpended balance at year end in the outlying cemetery account will be put into a special revenue account and the balance in the park upkeep account will be put into the Recreational Land Reserve Account,. Accounts to be as follows:

Outlying Cemeteries	\$ 2,000.00
Care of Cemeteries:	
Pleasant Ridge Cem	\$ 1,000.00
Stanley Cem.	\$ 3,000.00
Tare Cem.	\$ 100.00
Hiram Village Cem	\$ 1,700.00
Memorial Purposes	\$ 400.00
Park Upkeep	\$ 2,000.00
Totaling	<hr/> \$ 10,200.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$ 10,200.00

RESERVE ACCOUNT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,500.00 for the following reserve accounts:

Capital Improvement Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Road Reconstruction Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Public Works Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Building Maintenance Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Vehicle Purchasing Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Revaluation Reserve	\$ 3,500.00
Totaling	<hr/> \$ 38,500.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$38,500.00 for reserves.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ _____ established for the Town of Hiram by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved in the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

ARTICLE 36. Entertain a motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Durgin, H. Jamie Marshall, Karen James - Municipal Officers



MUNICIPAL OFFICER'S REPORT

EXCISE TAX

Received:		
Auto Registrations		\$ 311,836.71
Boat Registrations		1,947.10
Transferred to other towns		- 423.57
Total		<hr/> \$ 313,360.24
Applied to 2020 commitment	\$ 275,000.00	
Balance		\$ 38,360.24



**LURA AND MCGWIRE REPLACING FENCING AT PELEG
WADSWORTH MEMORIAL PARK**

COUNTY TAX

Assessed:		\$ 170,747.00
Paid:		
Oxford County Treasurer		\$ 170,747.00



STATE MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING

Received from State Treasurer		\$ 133,334.52
Applied to 2019 commitment	\$ 75,000.00	
Balance to Surplus		\$ 58,334.52

OVERLAY

Assessed 2020 Commitment	\$ 112,312.56
Supplements	50,298.51
Abatements	- 7,308.23
Balance	\$ 155,302.84



JIM AND MARY HANNAFORD RECEIVED THE HUBERT CLEMONS AWARD IN 2020

ADMINISTRATION



LEGAL EXPENSES

Raised at town meeting		\$ 5,000.00
Paid:		
Town issues	\$ 2,980.80	
CEO issues	122.50	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 3,103.30
Balance to surplus		\$ 1,896.70



MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES



Received:		
Town Fees		\$ 9,049.00
Plumbing Permit Fees (75%)		5,342.50
Vital Statistics fees		1,143.60
Building Permit Fees		15,111.50
Lien Charges & Fees		3,766.42
Lease income		2,400.00
Miscellaneous		3,243.50
TAP Sales		42,702.19
Received harvesting of trees		65,800.00
Total Received		<hr/> \$ 148,558.71
Applied to reduce 2020 commitment	\$ 26,000.00	
Balance to Surplus		\$ 122,558.71



**LURA SPENT HER MOTHERS DAY
INSTALLING A FENCE!**



TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS

Raised \$ 35,000.00
Received Reimb. for office supplies 236.01

Bal \$ 35,236.01

Paid:

Heating Oil 1037 gals	\$ 2,279.46
Electric Bill	2,142.26
Telephone Bill	1,224.27
Water Bill	469.63
Office Supplies	4,572.48
Postage	2,781.50
Town report	1,229.73
Mowing	492.00
Shoveling	150.00
Cleaning Town Office	330.00
Software agreement	10,871.93
Postage Meter contract	417.33
Workshops	180.00
Dues	195.00
Registry of Deeds	2,234.90
Ads	2,221.00
Town office mileage	494.50
Audit	250.00
Postings	20.00



Total Expenses \$ 32,555.99
Balance lapsed to surplus \$ 2,680.02





COMPUTER SOFTWARE/EQUIPMENT

Appropriated		\$ 5,000.00
Paid:		
Wireless bridge	\$ 568.00	
Set up w/new counter	190.00	
Kaspersky software	222.00	
Carbonite	251.97	
2 laptops for office	1,690.00	
Tech work	646.41	
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Total	\$ 3,568.38	
Balance to surplus		\$ 1,431.62

MMA DUES

Raised:		\$ 2,616.00
Paid:		
Maine Municipal Association		\$ 2,616.00

PLANNING BOARD

Raised:		\$ 100.00
Received from fees		1,700.00
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Total		\$ 1,800.00
Paid:		
Ads	780.10	
Workshops	45.00	
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Total	\$ 825.10	
Balance to surplus		\$ 974.90





APPEALS BOARD

Raised:		\$ 100.00
NO EXPENDITURES		
Balance to surplus		\$ 100.00



STATE PLUMBING FEES

Received from Plumbing Permits		\$ 2,002.50
Paid:		
Treasurer State of Maine		\$ 1,967.50
Balance		35.00



**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION
&
MILEAGE**

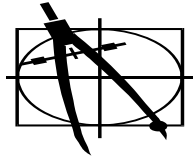
Raised:		\$ 13,000.00
Mileage		1,800.00
Total		<hr/> \$14,800.00
Paid:		
Municipal Officers salaries	\$6,306.74	
Municipal officers mileage	1,800.00	
Transferred to bldg. account	6,533.00	
total	<hr/> 14,639.74	
Balance		\$ 160.26

UPDATE ASSESSING

Raised at a special town meeting		\$ 3,000.00
Paid:		
David Ledew, single assessor	\$ 2,080.00	
Balance to Surplus		\$ 2,920.00

SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Raised
Paid:
SMRPC dues



\$ 608.00
\$ 608.00



SOLDIERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Raised:
Received from Library

\$ 17,500.00
2,190.46

Total
Paid:

\$ 19,690.46

Librarian salary
Heating Oil 535.40 gals
Librarian unemployment
Towns share of social security

\$ 15,599.62
1,181.47
1,716.00
1,193.37

Total

\$ 19,690.46



AUDIT

Raised
Paid:
RHR Smith, town audit

\$ 6,900.00
\$ 6,900.00

UPDATE TAX MAPS

Raised
Overdrawn

\$ 1,600.00
12.60

Total

\$ 1,612.00

Paid:
John O'Donnell & Assoc

\$ 1,612.00





UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Appropriated from Fund Balance	\$ 1,000.00
Balance to fund bal.	\$ 1,000.00

TOWN OFFICE STAFF

Raised:		\$ 84,500.00
Received reimbursement from Tri-Town		2,272.99
Received from Grant for elections		3,677.36
		\$ 90,450.35

Paid:		
Terry Day/Admin.Assist./deputy E911 address officer/GA admin PB & AB secretary	\$ 37,220.13	
Terry Day/Tri-Town Treas/Sec	2,272.99	
Marylou Stacey/Twn Clk, Tx. Coll., Treasurer, Reg.of Voters	42,884.76	
Bruce Pyburn, HFD chief	2,000.00	
James Siracuse, SHFD chief	2,000.00	

Total Expenditures	\$ 86,377.88
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Balance	\$ 4,072.47
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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER




Raised:		\$ 14,500.00
CEO, salary		

Paid:		
Guy Lehouillier, CEO	12,000.00	
CEO training	55.00	
Mileage	2,000.00	



Total	\$ 14,055.00	
Balance to fund bal.		\$ 445.00

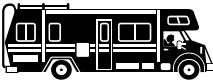
ELECTION OFFICIALS/WORKERS

Raised:		
Received grant for elections		\$ 2,500.00 944.75
Total		<hr/> \$ 3,444.75
Paid:		
Election Workers		\$ 2908.00
Election supplies		536.75
Total		<hr/> \$ 3,444.75



TOWNS SHARE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Raised		\$ 13,000.00
Received reimb. from Tri-town		173.89
Total		<hr/> \$ 13,173.89
Paid:		
Towns Share of IRS tax deposits	\$ 11,574.07	
Balance to fund Balance		<hr/> \$ 1,599.82



MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION



Opening balance		\$ 871.75
Received from registrations (state portion)		152,374.27
Paid:		
Secretary of State, MVD		\$ 153,225.08
Balance		\$ 88.60




**INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE
LICENSES & RV'S**



Opening balance	\$	2,727.00
Received from Lic. Fees (State portion)	\$	26,742.64
total		<u>\$ 29,469.64</u>
Paid:		
Treasurer State of ME	\$	26,484.04
Balance	\$	871.75

ANIMAL WELFARE

Opening balance		\$	297.00
Received from licenses			887.00
Total			<u>\$ 1,184.00</u>
Paid:			
Animal Welfare Board	\$	969.00	
Balance	\$		215.00

EDUCATION

Assessed:		\$	1,536,554.70
Paid:			
MSAD #55		\$	1,536,554.70



EMERGENCY EXPENSES

Voted at town meeting to appropriate up to	\$	10,000.00
Paid:		
KF Fire Dept, ¼ share of compressor	\$	5,000
Balance	\$	5,000.00



HEALTH & SANITATION



GENERAL ASSISTANCE

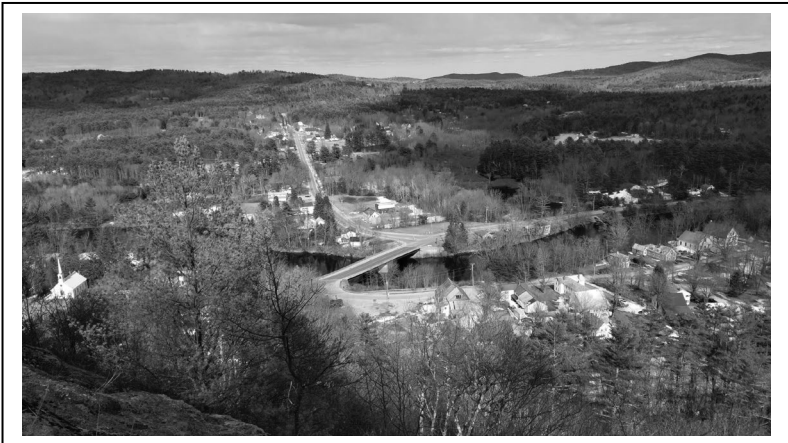
Raised:		\$ 9,350.00
Paid:		
Heating Oil, 99 gals	\$ 316.70	
Rents	1,000.00	
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Total expenses	\$ 1,316.70	
Balance to fund balance		\$ 8,033.30



SOLID WASTE



Raised:		\$ 90,000.00
Raised for reserve		15,000.00
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Total		\$ 105,000.00
Paid:		
Tri-Town Waste Disposal Board	\$ 90,000.00	
Placed into a reserve	15,000.00	
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Total		\$ 105,000.00





SACOPEE RESCUE UNIT

Raised:	\$ 32,500.00
Raised for Reserve	2,500.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 35,000.00
Paid:	
Sacopee Rescue Unit	\$ 32,500.00
Put into a reserve account	2,500.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 35,000.00



HEALTH OFFICER

Raised		\$ 800.00
Paid:		
Dr. Joseph Dekay, D.O.		\$ 800.00



TOWN BUILDING REPAIRS

Raised & Appropriated from building reserve	\$ 15,500.00
Appropriated from STK grant	10,000.00
Appropriated from Municipal Officers account	
For town office generator	6,533.00

Total	\$ 32,033.00
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Paid:	
For Generator so far:	1,100.00

Bal for generator	\$ 5,433.00
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Used from STK grant	
Painting & replacing clapboards on	
Town office	9,985.97

Bal from STK grant	\$ 14.03
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Town garage repairs	224.72
Town office renovation for covid-19	3,858.43
HFD generator maintenance	300.00
HFD building repairs, chimney & roof	4,422.33
SHFD garage door openers	316.35

Total general Bldg repairs	9,121.83
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Unexpended balance from building reserve	\$ 6,378.17
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Balance to building reserve	\$11,825.20
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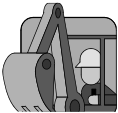


HIGHWAYS



LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE

Received from State		\$ 48,854.00
Appropriated to commitment	\$50,500.00	
over estimated		\$ 1,646.00



GENERAL ROADS MAINTENANCE



Raised:		\$ 100,000.00
Moved from Lg road proj account		26,030.00
Reimbursed		224.98

Total		\$ 126,254.98
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Paid:

Greg Sawyer, Road Commissioner	\$ 17,661.00
Road Crew	11,395.00
Tools/cones/barricades	1,543.18
Culverts	9,342.76
Cold Patch	8,410.08
Gravel	6,054.20
Hot top	51,939.52
Road signs	3,335.52
Parts & supplies	161.29
Equipment repairs	1,447.61
Truck & backhoe maint & repairs	6,947.56
Sweeping Roads	900.00
Town backhoe & truck fuel & oils	4,183.49
Equipment Rental, Greg Sawyer,	
Truck	2,552.01
Dump truck	838.50
Removed stumps	200.00
Trucking hot mix	1,275.00

Total	\$ 128,186.72	
Overdrawn		\$ 1,931.74



ROAD RESURFACING ACCOUNT

Raised:	\$ 100,000.00
Paid:	
Paved:	
Notch Road	\$ 100,000.00



WINTER ROADS



Raised:		\$ 286,000.00
Paid:		
CMP	\$ 1,128.84	
Greg Sawyer, payroll	630.00	
Road crew, payroll	192.00	
Patch	662.40	
Salt-North End 521.66 tons		
South End 423.10 tons	50,205.46	
Snowplow Contract NE-		
PY Estes & Son –	108,815.96	
Put up Salt/sand pile-NE –Geo. Anderson	13,650.00	
2000 yards		
Snowplow Contract SE		
Snowplow contract – Greg Sawyer	97,944.15	
Put up Salt/sand pile – SE	8,220.00	
GPCOG, salt bid fee	123.42	
Backhoe	270.00	
Truck	262.50	
Chainsaw	125.00	
Total	\$ 282,229.73	
Balance		\$ 3,770.27

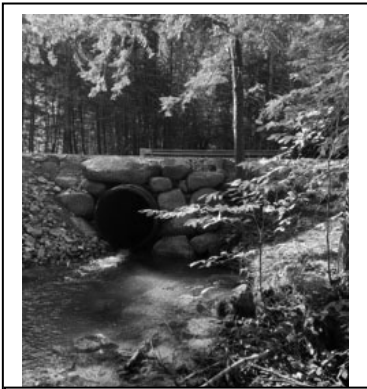
Total for NE
Contractor
PY Estes & Son
4 yr contract to
4/30/22
4,800 per mile



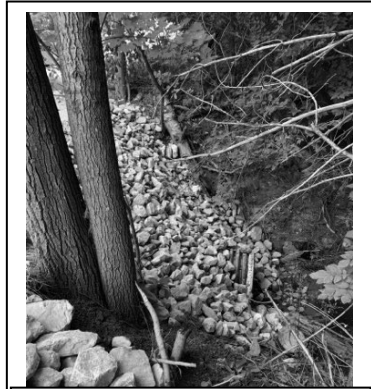
Total for SE
Contractor
Greg Sawyer –
contractor
3 yr contract to
4/30/22
4,300/mile 2019/20
4,400/mile 2020/21
4,500/mile 2021/22

ROADS, BRIDGES & LARGE PROJECTS

Raised:		\$ 50,000.00
Paid:		
Transfer to large paving project	26,030.00	
Hampshire Street lg culvert project	5,350.00	
Hiram Hill lg culvert project	7,000.00	
Dearborn road large project	5,700.00	
Scribner Mill bridge guardrails	1,620.00	
Ten Mile bridge guardrails	4,300.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 50,000.00



**HIRAM HILL
CULVERT REPLACED**



**HAMPSHIRE ST
CULVERT REPLACED**



PARKS & RECREATION



PARKS & RECREATION REVENUES

Received:		
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 14,607.35	
Veterans Reimbursement	1,089.00	
Total		\$ 15,696.35
Anticipated to apply to 2020 commit.	\$ 21,000.00	
Over estimated		\$ 5,303.65



OUTLYING CEMETERIES

Opening balance		\$3,436.22
Raised		2,000.00
Total		\$5,436.22
Paid:		
Veterans Flags	\$ 141.12	
Repaired stone	100.00	
Total	\$ 241.12	
Balance to 2021		\$5,195.10

CARE OF CEMETERIES

Raised		\$ 5,800.00
Paid:		
Pleasant Ridge Cemetery	\$ 1,000.00	
Stanley Cemetery	3,000.00	
Tarr Cemetery	100.00	
Hiram Village Cemetery	1,700.00	
Total		\$ 5,800.00



MEMORIAL PURPOSES

Raised		\$ 400.00
Paid:		
Purchased Flags	\$ 168.56	
Bloomers Flowers	180.00	
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Total	\$ 348.56	
Balance		\$ 51.44



DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL

Raised:		\$ 4,000.00
Paid:		
District Recreation Council		\$ 4,000.00



PARK UPKEEP

Appropriated:		\$ 2,000.00
Paid:		
Mowing Sawmill Park	\$ 359.00	
Mt. Cutler brochures	33.34	
Wadsworth park fencing	383.12	
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Total	\$ 775.46	
Balance		\$ 1,224.54



MT. CUTLER GRANT PROJECT

Received from PF Fund of the Maine Community Foundation \$ 8,000.00

Opening balance of unspent grant funds		\$ 3,769.12
Paid from grant LWCF & PF funds:		
Mt. Cutler brochures	\$ 939.94	
Repaid PF grant	2,769.12	
Reimburse for prints	60.06	
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total		\$ 3,769.12



SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

Received from State		\$ 714.96
To be paid to:		
Hiram Hillclimbers	\$ 357.50	
Sacopee Snowdrifters	357.50	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 715.00

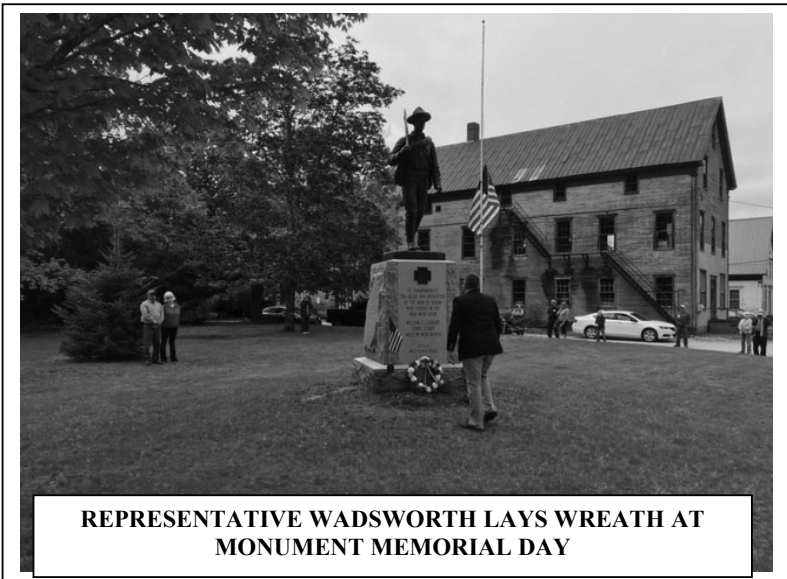
Your local snowmobile clubs would like you to join and help keep snowmobiling a fun, safe recreation. Each club has their trail maps for sale and membership cards at the Hiram Town Office.



HIRAM PARADE



Opening Balance		\$ 2,091.46
Sadly no parade in 2020		
Balance to 2021		\$ 2,091.46



REPRESENTATIVE WADSWORTH LAYS WREATH AT MONUMENT MEMORIAL DAY



**SACOPEE HIGH SCHOOL
TV 2**

Received from franchise fees		\$ 7,209.56
Paid:		
Time Warner, high speed internet		
for town office & SHFD	\$ 1,734.43	
Sacopee Valley TV2	5,475.13	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 7,209.56

SENIOR PLUS

Raised:		\$ 1,200.00
Paid:		
Senior Plus		\$ 1,200.00



SACO RIVER FESTIVAL

Raised:		\$ 300.00
No concerts in 2020		
Balance to surplus		\$ 300.00



**SOUTHWESTERN OXFORD COUNTY
NUTRITION
(BROWNFIELD FOOD PANTRY)**

Raised:		\$ 4,600.00
Paid:		
SW Oxford Cty Nutrition		\$ 4,600.00



COMMUNITY CONCEPTS

Raised:		\$ 2,980.00
Paid:		
Community Concepts		\$ 2,980.00



HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Raised:		\$ 1,500.00
Paid:		
HHS		\$ 1,500.00

HIRAM COMMUNITY CLUB

Raised:		\$ 500.00
Paid:		
HCC		\$ 500.00

HIRAM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Raised:		\$ 500.00
Paid:		
HDA		\$ 500.00

SMOOTH FEATHER THEATER

Paid:		
Smooth Feather Theater		\$ 600.00

SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION

Raised:		\$ 300.00
Paid:		
Saco River Corridor Commission		\$ 300.00

RIVERSIDE FOOD PANTRY

Raised:		\$ 750.00
Paid:		
Riverside Food Pantry		\$ 750.00

SACOPEE SNOWDRIFTERS

Raised:		\$ 500.00
Paid:		
Sacopee Snowdrifters		\$ 500.00



PROTECTION



HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised at town meeting		\$ 16,880.00
Paid:		
Heating Oil – 1,088.80 gals	\$ 2,394.71	
Propane 17.6 gals	117.20	
Electricity	848.31	
Telephone	564.66	
Supplies	133.51	
Folding steps	235.00	
Fit test SCBA	625.00	
Truck Maintenance/parts	7,883.29	
Truck radios/pagers	592.18	
Hydro test	210.00	
Protective gear	460.63	
Flags & rope	134.51	
Plowing station	2,040.00	
Firefighter dues	235.00	
FF training	240.00	
Furnace cleaning	166.00	
Total		\$ 16,880.00



EMA DIRECTOR

Raised:		\$ 1,800.00
Paid:		
EMA director, John Bonanno	\$1,200.00	
EMA mileage, John Bonanno	600.00	
Total		\$ 1,800.00



SOUTH HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised at town meeting		\$ 18,500.00
Paid:		
Heating Oil 644.00 gals	\$ 1,435.12	
Electricity	760.08	
Telephone	624.93	
Water Bill	463.65	
Fuel for trucks	683.67	
Supplies	387.01	
Pump test	2,809.43	
Parts	1,286.29	
Extinguisher inspections	416.00	
Truck Maintenance	4,253.67	
Truck Inspections	147.00	
Ladder testing	120.00	
Radios	122.18	
Protective gear	1,907.48	
Signs	96.00	
Plowing	720.00	
Training	503.28	
Dues	160.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 16,895.79
Balance to special reserve account		\$ 1,604.21

SOUTH HIRAM FIRE TRUCK RENOVATION

Appropriated from surplus up to		\$ 5,000.00
Paid:		
SHFD truck renovation parts		
And supplies	\$ 3,295.98	
Balance		\$ 1,704.02



COMMUNICATIONS

Raised		\$ 12,200.00
Paid:		
Dispatching contract w/Gray	7,369.00	
Tower rental	1,140.00	
Road Commissioners Cellphone	623.26	
Total paid	<u>9,132.26</u>	
Balance to communication reserve account		\$ 3,067.74



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER



Raised		\$ 2,150.00
Paid:		
Animal Control Officer	\$ 406.21	
ACO mileage	273.82	
Total	<u>\$ 680.03</u>	
Balance		\$ 1,469.97



HARVEST HILLS SHELTER

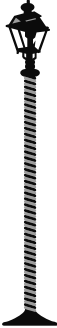


Appropriated		\$ 1,620.00
Paid:		
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter		\$ 1,620.00



HYDRANTS

Raised:		\$ 16,500.00
Paid:		
Maine Water Co.	\$ 15,869.64	
Balance	<hr/>	\$ 630.36



STREET LIGHTS

Raised:		\$ 10,000.00
Paid:		
CMP	\$ 9,467.84	
Balance	<hr/>	\$ 532.16



INSURANCE

Raised:		\$ 69,300.00
Received Insurance funds		1,174.85
Employees share of Health Insurance		3,169.60
Total	<hr/>	\$ 73,644.45
Paid:		
MMA General Liability & Auto	\$ 14,005.50	
MMA Workers Comp.	4,362.00	
Health Insurance, towns share	50,179.66	
Health Insurance, employees share	3,169.60	
Volunteer insurance for firefighters	782.00	
Volunteer insurance for volunteers	80.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 72,578.76
Balance		\$ 1,065.69

**ROAD RECONSTRUCTION
RESERVE ACCOUNT**



Raised at town meeting	\$ 10,000.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 10,000.00



**REVALUATION
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 3,500.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 3,500.00



**BUILDING MAINTENANCE
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 5,000.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 5,000.00

**TRI-TOWN WASTE DISPOSAL
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 15,000.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 15,000.00

**VEHICLE PURCHASING
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 5,000.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 5,000.00

**PUBLIC WORKS
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 10,000.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 10,000.00

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 5,000.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 5,000.00



DEBT AND INTEREST

INTEREST

Received from		
Money Market and Checking		\$ 9,121.12
Interest from Taxes paid		15,452.08
Interest applied to pre-paid taxes		- 673.49
Total		<hr/> \$ 23,899.71
Applied to commitment		\$ 36,000.00
Over estimated –		12,100.29

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS SPECIAL RESERVE FUND

Opening balance		\$ 609.08
Generously received donations of		\$ 2,465.00
Total		<hr/> \$ 3,074.08
Spent:		
Thanksgiving gift certificates to Call's	\$ 249.87	
Christmas gifts for 11 large families	2,332.39	
Total	<hr/> \$ 2,582.26	
Balance to 2021		\$ 491.82

I wish to thank the many people that made generous donations as well as all of Santa's Helpers that volunteer to wrap gifts for the families and a special thank you to Dave Paro and James Siracuse for making sure they are delivered on time. It would not be possible without your help.



**LURA HELPED CLEAN UP BEACH
AREA OFF THE RIVER ROAD**



HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

432 GRANTED BY ASSESSORS

432 applications	\$ 157,167.37
Received from State	\$ 102,300.00

REMINDER

If you have not applied for the homestead exemption and you think you may be eligible contact the Town Office for more information. *This year the exemption is \$25,000 off your total valuation.* You can get the forms at the town office or on our website: townofhiram.org. **FORMS MUST BE FILED WITH THE TOWN ASSESSORS BY APRIL 1ST, 2021. *It amounts to around \$364. taken off your tax bill – every little bit helps!***

If you have already filed last year you do not have to refile



PEOPLE ENJOYING A CONCERT BY HOWARD ALLEN 2020 IN THE K OF P PARK



TOWN CLERK REPORT 2020
INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE
LICENSE SALES



Combination	35
Hunting	18
Fishing	34
Junior Hunting	4
Archery	8
Crossbow	4
Bear Permits	5
Pheasant	3
Lifetime Lic	4
Misc. Lic	4
Migratory Birds	8
Muzzleloader	10
Turkey	12
Expanded Archery	5
Superpack	2
Non Resident Licenses	7



INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE
REGISTRATIONS

Boats Registered	60
Snowmobiles	90
ATV's	72

DOGS LICENSED



	2020	
Males/Females		29
Neutered/Spayed		118
	2021	
Males/Females		7
Neutered/Spayed		72

VITAL STATISTICS

*In memory of our community members who have left us this past year.
Gone but not forgotten*

Avanzato, Charlotte	06/02/2020
Cram, Michael	01/20/2020
Gilpatrick, Grace	10/11/2020
Glynn, Barry	02/21/2020
Hall, Charles	08/19/2020
Hevey, Mark	11/09/2020
Hutter, Ruth	01/10/2020
Marden, Robert	09/08/2020
Mitchell, Aaron	10/23/2020
Parker, Robert	11/07/2020
Pugsley, Mary	04/04/2020
Rickabaugh, Reed	04/25/2020
Robinson, Gordon	07/17/2020
Shields, David	05/12/2020
Ward, Virgil	05/29/2020
Wilkinson, Alan	12/14/2020

A life that touches others goes on forever



16 BIRTHS IN 2020

7 MARRIAGES IN 2020

Patricia Brown & James Ramsden	06/20/2020
James Luciano & Jaimie Frappier	07/25/2020
Tammy Noonan & Darian Hollenbeck	06/28/2020
Kenneth Williams & TheoMae Porter	09/14/2020
Krista Lee & Tayler Barco	10/10/2020
Sonya Emery & Stephen Desley	10/10/2020
Alexandria Kollander & Jacob Decker	10/17/2020

**Tax Collector Report
2020 Taxes**

Assessed Value \$156,074,010

Tax Rate \$14.54 per thousand

Committed July 23,2020

Committed	\$2,269,316.18
Supplements	50,298.51
Transferred to TAP	0.00
Interest applied to Taxes	673.49
Abatements	7,308.23
Received	2,152,538.08
Balance Due 12/31/2019	\$ 159,094.89

Anderson, Jason		240.35
Ballou, Robert		1,339.86 *
Barrier, Ira	Bal	319.96 *
Batchelder, Clarence		188.29
Bean, Paul Est of		1,112.02
Benson, Mary		1,835.68
Black, James Est of		1,738.98
BNL Properties		4,057.10 *
Bragdon, Valerie		1,745.24
Brown, Gregory		507.16
Bucknell, Linda		756.52
Caldwell, Denise	Bal	451.19
Cantor, Theodore	Bal	564.36
Chase, Donald		576.07
Ciasullo, Gary		2,048.40
Corbin-Walker, Lisa Marie		1,824.33
Cram, Michael		61.79
Cram, Michael	Bal	897.11
Cryan, Mary		71.68
Curit, Virginia		952.95
D and N Construction		599.78
Darcy, Lisa	Bal	12.52 *
Decker, Dwight		428.20
Demers, Ellen		1,216.42

Town of Hiram, Maine

Drew, James		680.62
Drew, James		1,545.75
Faulkner, David		2,213.42
Foley, David		1,330.76
Fox, Leslie		418.32
Fyler, William		2,641.19
Gavett, Gregory		1,337.68 *
Glazier, Robert		1,592.86
Glidden, Andrew		36.35
Golder, Elizabeth		515.44
Gould, Timothy		2,045.20
Griggs, Edward		843.17
Hansen, Lisa		1,327.07
Harmon, Judith		765.09
Harmon, Kenneth E		1,749.74
Harmon, Kenneth E		1,145.32
Harmon, Kenneth E		4,608.89
Harmon, Kenneth E		709.55
Harmon, Kenneth R		361.03
Harmon, Kenneth R		1,225.29
Harmon, Tyler		1,746.11
Hartford, Jane		2,078.78
Healey, Parmelia		478.95
Heaney, William	Bal	938.27
Henderson, Barry		1,339.13
Hiram Hill Trust		15.41
Hiram Scenic Land		745.36 *
Irish, Amy		1,268.91 *
Jensen, Henry	Bal	418.66
Kimball, Kenneth		955.71
Kimball, Kenneth		2,530.40
Kimball, Sharon Trust		333.11
Labrecque, Erin		1,330.41
Lawrence, David		2,533.15
Leonard, William		2,198.45
Leveille, Mark		7.20
Lewis, Peter	Bal	352.18 *
Libby Family Trust		779.20
MacDonald, RA est of		389.67

Town of Hiram, Maine

Marston, Richard		43.47
Martel, Lester		1,848.18
McWilliams, Henry Heirs of		545.28 *
Miller, Steve		191.06
Mitchell, Donald	Bal	926.30
Morris, William		1,322.85
Norton, Jack Heirs of		436.20
Novom, Peter		21.81
O'Grady, Daniel		556.16
Oxford Cty Soil & Water Conservation		4,483.41
Pantano, Christopher		1,846.73
Peabody, Wade		1,233.86
Pelletier, Robert		149.77
Perro, Kevin		366.26
Pierce, Gary		191.20
Pierce, Leonard	Bal	1,536.38
Pinkerton, Joyce		959.35
Porter, Earle Jr heirs		918.20
Porter, Earle Jr heirs		790.25
Pudvah, Anna		1,574.10
Rand, Barbara		733.25 *
Rankin, Isabelle heirs		1,222.52
Ridlon, Joyce		774.40
Smalley, Tammy		574.77
Stanley Trafton Holdings		26,893.33
Stempeck, Jordan		453.65 *
Stoll, Abner		13,989.60 *
Stosez, Joseph		1,346.84
Sturtevant, David		666.54 *
Teixeira, Elman		2,612.11 *
Thomas, Lisa		2,759.84
Thombs, Harvey		511.81
Thompson, Sandra		916.75
Three Zero Eight Hampshire St		1,108.50 *
Trafford, Brian		1,633.86
Vittum, Brandi		696.61
Waldman, Becky		323.52
Wallace, Alonzo		516.90
Ward, Bruce		576.95

Town of Hiram, Maine

Ward, Willis	Bal	586.06
Watts, Vinal		113.27
Whipple, George		1,286.79
Wiesner, Eliza	Bal	18.15
Wing, John		2,268.97
Wright, Norman		2,129.53
Wylie, John		1,243.17
Zulick, Patrick		2,118.62

Balance Year End \$ 159,094.89

The above amounts do not include any interest or other fees.

Liens will be filed in June 2021 for any unpaid taxes.

The Tax Collector will accept payments on the above outstanding balances.

* Paid in full after books closed 12/31/2020 to 1/31/2021

2019 Outstanding Taxes

Opening Balance	\$ 172,140.88
Transferred to TAP	0.00
Received	92,011.54
Transferred to Liens	\$ 80,129.34
Balance	0.00

**2019 Outstanding Tax Liens
As of December 31, 2020**

Opening Balance	\$ 80,129.34
Transferred to TAP	0.00
Received	39,305.46
Total Due as of 12/31/2020	\$ 40,823.88

2019 Outstanding Tax Liens

Anderson, Jason		240.35
Bean, Paul Est of		1,112.02
Benson, Mary		2,199.17
Black, James heirs of		1,738.98
BNL Properties		1,417.91 *
Bragdon, Valerie		1,817.94
Chase, Donald		576.07
Curit, Virginia		952.95
D and N Construction		599.78
Drew, James		1,618.45
Drew, James		680.62
Fox, Leslie		418.32
Griggs, Edward		843.17
Harmon, Kenneth E		4,608.89
Harmon, Kenneth R		361.03
Harmon, Kenneth R		1,225.29
Hartford, Jane		2,078.78
Leonard, William		2,198.45 *
MacDonald, RA heirs of		389.67
Martel, Lester		1,848.18
Morris, William		1,395.55
Norton, Jack heirs of	Bal	116.22
O'Grady, Daniel		556.16
Porter, Earle Jr heirs of		918.20
Porter, Earle Jr heirs of		790.25
Rankin, Isabelle heirs of		1,222.52
Ridlon, Joyce heirs of		774.40
Stosez, Joseph	Bal	1,135.77
Teixeira, Elman		2,612.11 *
Wallace, Alonzo		516.90
Watts, Vinal		114.87
Whipple, George		1,286.79
Wing, John	Bal	328.59
Wright, Norman		2,129.53
Total Due as of 12/31/2020		\$40,823.88

The above amounts do not include any interest or other fees.

* Paid in full after book closed 12/31/2020 to 1/31/2021

2018 Outstanding Tax Liens

Beg. Balance	\$ 34,711.51
Transferred to TAP	0.00
Received	34,711.51
Balance due	\$0.00

Tax Acquired Property

Beg Balance	\$ 19,800.82
Transferred to TAP	\$ 0.00
Payment Received	19,800.82
Balance 12/31/2020	\$ 0.00

Taxes Paid in Advance 2021

Opening Balance	\$ 24,675.58
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Payment for taxes can be made several ways.
You can make partial payments throughout
the year; a lot of people find it easier to
budget and send in a monthly payment if your
taxes are not escrowed.
If you have any questions at all about your
taxes please be sure and call the office and
speak with Marylou
625-4663

TREASURERS REPORT



Received from Taxes	
2020 Taxes	\$ 2,152,538.08
2019 Taxes	\$ 92,011.54
2019 Tax Liens	\$ 39,305.46
2018 Tax Liens	\$ 34,711.51
2016 Tax Liens	\$ 1,588.70
2015 Tax Liens	657.15
2021 Taxes Paid In Advance	\$ 24,675.58
Received in Interest	
Taxes	\$ 15,452.08
Peoples United Bank	\$ 350.00
Received from the State	
Homestead	\$ 102,300.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 2,111.62
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 1,089.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 14,607.35
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 133,334.52
Local Roads	\$ 48,854.00
Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$ 714.96
Misc. State Income	68.00
State Agencies	
Agent Fees	9,049.00
Animal Welfare	
Animal Control (Town)	\$ 549.00
Animal Welfare (State)	\$ 887.00
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	
Boat Excise (Town)	\$ 1,690.70
State Sales Tax, Reg. & Lic Fees	\$ 26,742.64
Motor Vehicle	
Excise (Town)	\$ 311,669.54
Registration (State)	\$ 153,225.08
Vital Statistics	
Town	\$ 1,143.60
State	132.40

Town of Hiram, Maine

Received from Boards

Appeals Board	\$ 0.00
Planning Board	\$ 1,700.00



Received from Permits

Plumbing Permits	\$ 5,342.50
Building Permits	\$ 15,111.50
Plumbing State Share	\$ 2,002.50
State Septic Fee	\$ 270.00

Received from Miscellaneous

Business Licenses	\$20.00
Cable Franchise Fee	\$7,209.56
Driveway Permits	\$ 450.00
Efficiency Maine Rebate	\$ 2,080.00
Grants – CTLA Election Grant	\$ 5,000.00
Heating Assist Donations	\$ 617.00
Holiday Donations	\$ 2465.00
Insurance Dividends	\$ 1,174.85
Lease Income	\$ 2,400.00
Office Misc. Fees	\$ 79.51
Sale of Tax Acquired Property	\$ 42,702.19
Tri Town Reimbursement	\$2,551.88
Tri Town Stickers	\$ 120.00
Logging Town Property	\$ 28,869.32
Sale of Town Property	\$ 65,800.00
Transfer Station Stickers	\$105.00

Interest Received on Cemetery Trust

Charles Watson Cemetery Fund	\$ 23.46
Eastman Tripp Cemetery	\$ 34.35
Hiram Village Green – K of P	\$ 93.04
Isaac W. Gray	\$ 99.59
Spring Cemetery	\$ 10.55
Charles Bean Cemetery Fund	\$ 25.05
Day-Durgin-Ward Cemetery Fund	\$ 16.22
Stanley Burial Grounds	\$ 261.26

**TOWN RESERVE FUNDS
FOR THE TOWN OF HIRAM**

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE

Balance	\$ 101,376.57
Added per Town Vote	5,000.00
Town Office Rd Nasons Way	71,948.45
Ending Balance	\$34,428.12

ROAD CONSTRUCTION RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$110,804.95
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 120,804.95



PUBLIC WORKS RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 71,307.13
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 81,307.13

BUILDING MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 77,407.95
Added per Town Vote	5,000.00
Added Spec Town Meeting	6,533.00
Building Repairs	10,221.83
Ending Balance	\$ 83,719.12

VEHICLE PURCHASE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 57,718.27
Added per Town Vote	5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 62,718.27



TRI TOWN WASTE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 48,900.00
Added per Town Vote	15,000.00
Improvements at Station	11,225.00
Ending Balance	\$ 52,675.00

SACOPEE RESCUE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 31,000.00
Added per Town Vote	2,500.00
Ending Balance	\$ 33,500.00

REVALUATION RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 63,123.02
Added per Town Vote	3,500.00
Ending Balance	\$ 66,623.02

SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS

PARADE ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	\$ 2,091.46
Nothing added for 2020	

HEAT ASSISTANCE

Opening Balance	0.00
Donations Received	617.00
Ending Balance	\$ 617.00

HOLIDAY FUND

Opening Balance	\$ 609.08
Donations Received	2,465.00
Expenses 2020	2,582.26
Ending Balance	\$ 491.82

OUTLYING CEMETERIES

Opening Balance	\$3,436.22
Added per Town Meeting	2,000.00
Expenses 2020	241.12
Ending Balance	5,195.10

RADIO ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$10,262.71
Added YE Balance	3,067.70
Ending Balance	\$13,330.41

HIRAM FD ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,407.78
Expended	479.93
Ending Balance	3,927.85

SO HIRAM FD ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,675.19
Expended	1,675.19
Added YE Balance	1,604.21
Ending Balance	\$ 1,604.21

TRUST FUNDS



CHARLES BEAN CEMETERY

Balance of CD	\$ 1,549.63
Interest Added to CD	25.88
Balance of CD	\$ 1,574.68

DAY DURGIN WARD

Balance of CD	\$ 1,003.53
Interest Added to CD	16.22
Balance of CD	\$ 1,019.75

CHARLES WATSON CEMETERY TRUST

Balance of CD	\$ 2,000.00
Account Opening Balance	\$ 1,073.09
Interest Received	23.46
Account Balance	\$ 1,096.55

EASTMAN TRIPP CEMETERY TRUST

Balance of CD	\$ 2,002.00
Account Balance	\$ 2,656.24
Interest Received	34.35
Account Balance	\$ 2,690.59

HIRAM VILLAGE GREEN / K OF P TRUST

Balance of CD	\$ 5,675.64
Account Opening Balance	\$ 2,314.68
Interest Received	93.04
Account Balance	\$ 2,407.72

ISAAC WALDEN GRAY (OLD SETTLERS) TRUST

Balance of CD	\$ 6,000.00
Account Balance	\$ 3,868.72
Interest Received	99.59
Account Balance	\$ 3,968.31

SPRING MARSHALL TRUST - CD

Account Balance	\$ 550.27
Interest Received	10.55
Account Balance	\$ 560.82



STANLEY BURIAL GROUNDS

Opening Balances of CD's (6 at \$5,000.00)	\$ 30,000.00
2 Savings Bonds each \$500.00	1,000.00

NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT

Opening Balance		\$ 1,305.80
Deposits	3,100.00	
Expenses	2,901.74	
Ending Balance		\$ 1,504.06

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Opening Balance		\$ 16,456.71
Interest of checking account	13.49	
Interest on CD's	247.47	
Savings Bond Dividends	15.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 16,732.97



**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
ANNUAL REPORT**

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation and patience during this unusually busy year. The Code Enforcement Office issued a total of 58 building permits this year as shown below:

Dwellings – 9	Renovations – 4
Garages – 9	Additions – 4
Decks – 5	Porches – 3
Sheds – 4	Shop/barn type buildings – 4
Mobile Homes – 1	Misc./Other - 15

Thanks to all for checking in with me before proceeding with your projects. As always, please feel free to contact this office with any questions relating to the building permit process.

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Lehouillier
CEO

HIRAM PLUMBING INSPECTOR
Annual Report



This year a total of 40 plumbing permits were issued. Breakdown is as follows:

- Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Systems – 21
- Interior Plumbing – 19

Thanks for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Please feel free to contact this office with any questions relating to the plumbing permit process.

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Lehouillier

Contact Information for Building and Plumbing
Inspector
Guy Lehouillier – hiramceo@townofhiram.org
Office Phone 207-625-4663
Cell Phone 207-256-2410

Hiram Planning Board Annual Report



The Planning Board was sorry to see Guy Lehouillier leave the duties of chairman. Guy will remain on the board and his expertise as CEO will continue to be a valuable asset. John Bonanno was voted new chairman by the board.

A total of six public hearings were held by the Hiram Planning Board.

The following conditional use permits were addressed and approved by the board. An applicant received permission to expand dining room facilities with conditions. Another applicant received a permit to bring in fill to a lot in order to build a small house.

Approval was given to allow improvements to a mobile phone tower.

After much discussion a bottle and can redemption center was approved with conditions.

Other Activities

The Planning Board also agreed to cooperate fully to facilitate the establishment of a new Amish community in town.

The board has assigned members to study various issues that probably will be of concern to the board, including revisions to, or development of, ordinances concerning:

Manufactured Housing

Campers

Sewage Disposal

Solar Farms

Tiny Houses

Mobile Homes

Junk Yards

Respectfully,

John Bonanno

**Emergency Management Agency Director
Annual Report**

This year the response to the COVID-19 Pandemic was the primary concern of emergency management. Other events of concern was the drought of last year. Due to the pandemic, the quarterly meetings were conducted via conference call on ZOOM and for a while updates were held weekly. It is likely the pandemic will be a major concern in the coming year, especially vaccine management.

My goal this year will be to set up a Hiram Facebook Emergency Management page. It will be used to communicate timely health, safety and emergency information of interest to the town.

Respectfully
John Bonanno



**Animal Control Officers
Annual Report**

To the citizens of Hiram,

It has been my pleasure to serve as Animal Control Officer for the the Town of Hiram and would like to thank everyone for their help and support. If you have any questions, concern, or need to make a report please call me at 207-890-5313 or Oxford County Dispatch at 1-800-733-1421.

Dogs over the age of six months to be licensed each year by December 31 accordance with the laws of the state. To license your dog bring proof of rabies and spay or neuter certificate, the cost to license your dog is \$6.00 (spayed or neutered) and \$11.00 (unaltered). Late fees are assessed most years after January 31, due to Covid-19 and emergency orders no late fees will be assessed in 2021. Please license your dog as soon as possible, rabies are on the rise in Maine.

Also a reminder we have a Dog Ordinance which addresses disturbing the peace. It is unlawful for anyone owning, possessing or harboring a dog to cause or permit such a dog to disturb the peace of any person.

Please put tags on your pets collar (rabies and town tag) it is the State Law and helps if they are lost to get them home as soon and as safe as possible. It is against the law for any dog to be running at large.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia (Cindy) Eaton



**HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT
Annual Report**



15	MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS	13	TREE / WIRE HAZARDS
14	FIRES	2	SMOKE / OTHER INVESTIGATION
3	ASSIST RESCUE	6	OTHER HAZARD / ASSISTANCE

HFD responded to 53 calls in 2020, a 20% increase over last year.

Department members logged more than 800-man hours in response to calls, training, attending meetings, performing equipment maintenance and repairs as well as other community service.

It was clearly a busy year for HFD and Covid19 added to the challenges of responding. Through caution and good fortune, none of our members contracted the virus as of this report.

The department met the challenges but continues to face an ominous manpower shortage which must be countered for the department to remain viable in the future.

A bright spot in 2020 was the Hiram's original 1937 Fire Truck being featured in a Channel 6 News story. The piece highlighted the history of the truck and Hiram's volunteer firefighters. The piece can be found on their website and YouTube. Another positive was acquiring 2 gas detector-monitors to help identify and deal with the dangers of gas leaks and exposures. HFD purchased one, and the other received through a state program initiated after the fatal gas explosion in Farmington last year.

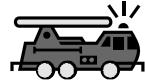
Significant repair and maintenance costs were incurred on apparatus this year. The expenses caused us to exceed our budget allocation and tabled the purchase of materials and equipment. While such costly repairs may not be typical, they are always a kind of wild card in budget planning.

We requested a slight increase in our budget to keep up with rising prices of equipment and services. The increase is less than 1% and is the first in 5 years. While we manage expenses carefully, there is no denying the increase in the price of most every product and service.

As referred to above, there is a growing need to add new, younger members to the department. Volunteers are needed to meet the current demands and to assume the roles of those of us approaching retirement age. Sustaining a department in our community requires participation from those among us, not "somebody else". We all want and expect someone to respond when we have a fire, accident, or other emergency, but for that to happen more of us need to be the ones who would do that for others.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Pyburn
HFD chief

**SOUTH HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT
Annual Report**



The department responded to thirty-nine dispatched calls in 2020. One call was to assist the Maine State Police and Oxford County Sheriffs Department with roadblocks and manned apparatus for a armed standoff. The department presently has nine members. These members logged approximately 250 hours of scene and back at the station refitting apparatus time. In addition to these hours add about 290 hours of time spent by members attending to in house training, equipment checks, apparatus maintenance and station house cleaning., Our department depends on our surrounding fire departments for any structure fire or severe vehicle crashes involving extrication. We respond like wise.

Structure Fires	8	Chimney Fire	2	Forest Fires	6
Fire/CO Alarms	3	Tele/Elec	3	Vehicle Crashes	8
Other Fires	1	Other Calls	8	Mutual Aid	Gave 14 Rec'd 6

Some of the single logged calls, such as telephone/electrical had multiple locations with various emergency situations, storm damage and if listed separately would increase the call volume significantly.

The department replace the tires on our 5 ton military style tanker conversion which spent about ¼ of our budget. Theis was not anticipated but necessary. We also relocate the 250 GPM pump on this tanker to a rear platform created by Dave Fox, our safety officer, so we can operate it safely form the ground. More work needs to be attended on this apparatus this year. Our 1968 military 2 ½ ton forestry apparatus pump was damaged at one of the woods fires and with the help of Dave Fox and Steve McLean we were able to repair and put it back in service within a week.

We could not give the Learn to Burn program in person this year to the Elementary school children because of the pandemic but did supply the school with the educational books, stickers, and magnets like other years. Members of the department delivered the Christmas packages and participated in the first Parade of Lights organized by Dave Paro. Thank you, Dave.

On behalf of the department, I thank the mutual aid companies for their continuing support, also the towns administration, office staff and of course the residence of Hiram.

Respectfully Submitted

James Siracuse, shfd@townofhiram.org

Chief South Hiram Fire Department



SACOPEE RESCUE

P.O. Box 367
Parsonsfield, ME 04047
207-625-3088



2020 has held a multitude of challenges for the Rescue and the community as a whole. The Rescue would like to thank all of you for your support and donations of PPE over the past year. The Rescue was fortunate enough to receive PPP funds in 2020. Careful use of our funds in 2020 and continuing into 2021 allowed for us to have sufficient carryover to forestall an increase in the 2021 fees charged to the towns, so for 2021 there is no increase in town payments.

The Rescue responded to a total of 692 calls for service in 2020. The breakdown of the calls is as follows:

- Town of Cornish 163
- Town of Porter (not including The Sacopee Valley Health Center) 155
- Town of Parsonsfield 162
- Town of Hiram 156
- Sacopee Valley Health Center 42
- Mutual Aid 15
 - Town of Limington 6
 - Town of Baldwin 7
 - Town of Sanford 2

The Rescue is actively planning on replacing unit 2 in the next year or two. We are presently determining what this unit needs and obtaining pricing.

Again we thank you for your support during 2020 and look forward to serving you in 2021.

Sacopee Rescue Board of Directors

Hiram Historical Society Annual Report

Hiram Historical Society (HHS) had carefully designed plans to celebrate the Maine State Bicentennial in 2020 but had to cancel all events because of COVID-19. These were *Faces of Founders: Hiram, Maine* community event (May), Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (June), Antique Apples and Natural Cider Tasting (July), Lost Tribes of Western Maine (August), Trolley Tours of Historic Houses (August), The Brushians (September), *Recipe for a Revolution* (October), Trash Can Turkey Roast (October). We are hopeful these cancelled events can be rescheduled in 2021.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions HHS achieved much in 2020.

- HHS initiated a web site in 2020. Do look at it. www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org
- We experimented with online video conferencing (Zoom) with a program August 26 - *The Brushians* by Doug Noble (rescheduled from Sept.12), and a new series *Shared Histories* of Hiram with surrounding towns, which opened with Brad Fuller of Brownfield on November 12.
- Although the Museum was closed, we continued to accept queries. We researched the families of Brazier, Fly, Huntress, Lord, and Ward, previous owners of 10 Bull Ring Road, 41 Bull Ring Road, 28 Hancock Ave, 18 King St, and 49 Durgintown Road, Four Corners Store, and the Universalist Church. At the Museum, we researched the Smith/Spring family with the help of a descendant, who subsequently became a life member. There were multiple cemetery questions, some of which required trekking to the sites.

HHS Expectations and Wish List for 2021

- Based on current State guidance, we will prepare to reopen the Museum in July 2021, keeping plans flexible. (N.B. The Museum is always open for research by appointment).
- We will prepare to present Maine State Bicentennial programs that can be modified to meet State COVID-19 requirements.
- We will prepare to celebrate the publication of the book *Faces of Founders: Hiram, Maine* with an online community-based program.
- Although the Limerick Historical Society is no longer leading the planning for a wider regional tourist map, we will plan for a local digital map of Hiram.

- We will continue to process gifts, photograph the buildings and events of Hiram, catalog and digitize the collection, publish a Newsletter for members, add to the digitized genealogical records with the help of volunteers Mark and Ginney Nataluk of Idexx, and to make records more available. Some, in modified story form, can be put up on the HHS website.
- We hope to put cemetery records online, with the continued help of volunteers.
- We wish to repair a fragile WW I banner. Would you like to donate to this cause?
- We need to continue to upgrade the electrical in the building and to increase storage.
- We will continue to seek a grant source to install solar heat pumps and other programs.

HHS funds in 2020 included revenue from dues, donations, sales of calendars, booklets, maps, *History of Mt. Cutler School*, *DVD Time Marches On* and *CD Hiram Tales*, income of which was reduced after restrictions in March. We also received a CARES Act grant, and funds from the Town of Hiram.

Our fund raising in 2021 will include: revenue from dues, donations, sales, a fund raising drive for the book *Faces of Founders: Hiram, Maine* and our *Shared Histories* programs, and, we hope, funds from the town of Hiram.

We will hold an election to replace long-term trustee Grace Gilpatrick, who passed away and is much missed. We will award the 2020 Hubert W. Clemons Award for Outstanding Service to the Town of Hiram at the Annual Meeting of the Town of Hiram. We hope you will join us.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Williams, President, Hiram Historical Society



SOLDIERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Annual Report

Few institutions are better survivors than public libraries, and Hiram's Soldiers Memorial Library has proven, throughout this challenging year, that it stands well among them.

January began with promising new plans of programs by visiting Maine authors, including firefighter/writer Tom Parent, children's author Tim Caverly and best-seller Paul Doiron. We were also anticipating expansion of our "tried and true" activities such as book discussions, knitting, yoga and Sacopee Valley Adult Education courses. Unfortunately, as with the rest of the world, all of this was brought to a disastrous halt as the Covid-19 pandemic invaded Maine. By mid-March we regretfully closed our doors to the public, and when Governor Mills' executive order declared an emergency, state-wide "stay-at-home" order on April 2, no one, including your Library Director, was allowed entrance.

Assurance of access to public information is an essential library service, and this crisis has given tribute to your Library's technological services, under the direction of volunteer trustee, Dan Hester. With Wi-Fi available in the parking lot 24/7, the community can access the Internet for business as well as social needs. Patrons are also able to access the Library's website catalogue (Library World,) which offers the choice to request "front porch" pick-up.

"ZOOM," now nearly a household word, has been our "go to" tool for professional guidance from the [Maine State Library](#). Your Library Director attended weekly Zoom meetings from March 17 through July 28, and, since then, twice monthly. A pertinent and regularly updated publication, advised reading throughout these sessions, is the Maine Library Commission approved [Covid-19 Prevention Checklist for Public Library Guidance](#).

After the Library closed, your Library Director was on furlough for all of April-May-June. During July-August she worked part-time at the Library as we made preparations to open for limited hours.

Meanwhile, the Library Trustees applied for a federal CARES Act grant for assistance with expenses caused by the pandemic. We were awarded \$5227, but the funds had to all be used during June-to-September and could only be used for additional costs that resulted from coping with the pandemic. Any grant monies not used by Sept 30 required refunding.

The first use of those funds was to purchase needed items to safely manage the Library during the Coronavirus threats. These included touch-free dispensers at sanitation stations, bins to store books for quarantine, an outside book drop, materials to construct a transparent barricade for the Library Director desk, entrance control equipment, and supplies for all these needs.

For good reason, Library Director Pam Slattery-Thomas did not feel safe to manage the Library alone while having open hours for patrons. To manage public use, we hired Debra Searcy to work as the Sanitation Manager (SM) during open hours. On August 19, the Library reopened with 10 hours-per-week for public access. That was one-half of our

original open hours schedule. Because of the time limit on the CARES Act grant we were able to use the grant to pay Deb's wages only for August and September. For Oct-Nov-Dec her cost was paid from Library funds.

Wanting to optimize our use of the grant funds, we inquired for advice from the Maine Humanities Council. We were pleased to learn that we could use any amount of the grant funds to enhance and improve our collection of books and AV materials. As a result, although our original budget plan for 2020 had allowed for collection purchases of \$1500, we were able to actually spend \$3231, with \$2370 of that being paid by the grant. Visit your Library or browse the on-line catalogue (www.soldiers.lib.me.us) to discover all the new titles in our collection.

Available with this report is a 2020 Budget Plan for Soldiers Memorial Library (SML). Through a combination of grant assistance, volunteer work, and many adjustments, we ended our 2020 financial year with a reasonably balanced budget. The report shows expenses and resources for 2020 and would normally show a budget plan for the Library for 2021. As of this date, there are too many uncertainties to actually develop a 2021 budget. When we have a better understanding of our financial support from our fund-raising, donations of our patrons, and support of the Town, as well as how we will manage staffing and open hours, then we should be able to plan the rest of the year.

While all of the above was happening, your Library was also undergoing a major reorganization. At the request of the municipal officers, the public library ceased to be a part of the government of the Town of Hiram. As of January 1, the Trustees of the Public Library were dismissed. On that date, the SML organization was merged into the volunteer, charitable, 501c3 organization, referred to as the Friends of Soldiers Memorial Library, Inc. The public library will still be referred to as Soldiers Memorial Library, but the management will be the responsibility of FoSML Board Members. The public library will continue to be housed in the Soldiers Memorial Library building, the historic building owned by the town, by use of a lease agreement. For purposes of managing the public library, the funds of SML will be kept in separate accounts from other funds that are owned and managed by FoSML. The public library will also present a separate budget that is for the management of the Library. As far as use of the Library is concerned, our faithful patrons and other visitors should see little changed, except for the limited and uncertain open hours resulting from pandemic and financial limitations.

We are, as always, very grateful for the Town's support, and look forward to a time in the near future when we will again be able to offer full services. Until then, please stay safe and healthy.

Pamela Slattery-Thomas, Library Director; Dan Hester, Building Manager.



Friends of Soldiers Memorial Library (FoSML)
a.k.a. the **Hiram Cultural Center**
Annual Report

The year began with great hope and enthusiasm for FoSML with our plans for events at the Arts Center at 8 Hancock Avenue. Having received a grant from the Onion Foundation we were able to establish a robust program, one which would provide education, entertainment and a place for community for all.

During January-February, our building was used for a memorial service and for a wedding. Our year of public events began with a singer-songwriter performance on February 23, for which admission was to bring a dish to share with all for a community supper. This was well attended and enjoyed by all, and... unfortunately... was our first, last, and only program for 2020.

As with so many organizations Covid put an abrupt end to our plans. Although our doors were closed for public events, we were able to offer the building, observing all necessary protocols, as a cooling center in the hottest days of summer and warming center to those who lost power during the cold months. We were also able to use our building for adequately spaced and safely masked meetings for our own reorganization work.

Although the pandemic halted our plans it did not halt our enthusiasm. The center is run solely by a board of dedicated volunteers whose mission will continue to be providing services for our community. Our organization has taken on additional responsibilities with the merging of Soldiers Memorial Library which has become a part of the Hiram Cultural Center. Our plan is to continue our commitment to the community and, when Covid releases its grip, to reschedule our programs which included Bellamy Jazz Band, Chewonki nature programs, Don Campbell tribute to veterans, Paul Doiron best selling author, Sacopee Valley Community Band, Mad Science, various adult ed and yoga classes.

Our public library is now open with limited hours. We all look forward to when we can again open the doors of the Arts Center at 8 Hancock for events to welcome all of our friends and neighbors.

- Pat Dietzel, Dan Hester, and all FoSML Board Members.

Hiram Conservation Committee/ Mt Cutler

At the start of 2020 your volunteers of the Hiram Conservation Committee had plans for working with the municipal officers to determine priorities for town-owned properties and several other projects, but we all know that many efforts of this year did not go as planned.

However, that does not mean that conservation work by volunteers ceased to happen. Much of the work of this year was concentrated on efforts needed for maintenance and improvements of your Mt Cutler Park and Conservation Area.

During 2020, the trails on our mountain have been a very popular destination for many family groups and many hundreds of people seeking socially distanced, fresh air activities. We can be pleased to see the many visitors to our town, and we have hope that their favorable impressions have reflected well upon our community. As you know, we have two trail heads for the mountain trails, and this became a VERY good feature during early months of the pandemic. There were times when we had 15 to 20 cars at each parking area on some weekends, and this would not have been manageable if there was only one trail head. The new parking area on Hiram Hill Road got heavy use, just as it had been planned to sustain. On only a few weekends, we did have several cars parked on the road-side near both trailheads, but this did not develop into problems like we had at Mountain View Avenue during some earlier years.

Besides noticing the numbers of cars in the parking areas, another measure of the use was the number of Mt Cutler Trails Guide pamphlets that were taken by visitors. During 2020 about a thousand were used, so we know that several thousands of people have been on the trails in the past year. We appreciate any donations by people who come to use our trails, but not much has been received. The cost of printing the trail guide pamphlets is most of the reason why we have requested an appropriation of \$300 for this year.

Not all visitors came just for the scenery. We also had two small groups of Appalachian Mtn Club volunteers who worked again at helping with trail maintenance. Led by the Maine Chapter AMC Trails Chairperson, Phil Coyne, their major accomplishment this year has been to refresh most of the red paint blazes on the original Barnes Trail, Main Ridge Trail and on the Saco Ridge Trail that descends to the Snowmobile Trail. The volunteer work by these AMC members saves us the cost of having to hire persons to do some of this work. We also had several other community members who have done volunteer work, verifying conditions of trails, clearing blowdowns, and removing the trash of an old contraband camp site. More recently, Peter Payne has been helping by providing volunteer plowing to keep the entrance to the Hiram Hill parking area open through the roadside snowbank. As I write this, the parking area is available and very much used, because snow accumulations have not been deep enough to make it inaccessible. We do not intend to keep those parking areas plowed, since the amount of winter use does not justify the work and the damage to the gravel parking areas.

You can also see information about the Mt Cutler Park, and down-load a PDF copy of the trails guide.

Mt Cutler is not the only resource of trails and scenery near Hiram village. The Francis Small Heritage Trust maintains about 2 miles of trails between Ingalls Ponds and the Saco River. The Town of Hiram has cooperated with FSHT to allow that trails system to extend

onto town-owned property with about 700 ft of river frontage north of the Baldwin-Hiram town line. Trail guides are available in a box at the small parking area easily found across the road from the sign for the PY Estes quarry. Many local folks have been enjoying the walks on these easy trails with beautiful views of the river and the ponds.

Closing this report that we all have opportunities for out-of-doors recreation, safe from the COVID19 infections that threaten all of us, especially with indoor meetings and groups. We can hope that when we are writing reports of 2021, that vaccinations will have become adequately available and used and that we can have gatherings and events that we have been deprived of for the past year.

Dan Hester, for the Hiram Conservation Committee and the Mt Cutler Park.



SACO RIVER CORRIDOR

As you are probably aware, the Saco River Corridor regulates development and uses in the shorelands of the Saco, Ossipee and Little Ossipee Rivers from where the rivers enter Maine to where the waters drain to the ocean at the Saco Estuary. Twenty towns and cities have shorelands in the Corridor, and each municipality appoints two persons to serve on the Commission, a commissioner and an alternate commissioner. The commissioners are all volunteers, serving without pay, to assure consistency in how the state regulations are administered along the hundreds of miles of river shores. The SRCC works in cooperation with the code enforcement officers and planning boards of each of the twenty municipalities.

During 2020, the SRCC had eleven monthly meetings, and several additional meetings for public hearings and reconsideration applications. After February, as has happened for many organizations, we had to restructure how we hold meetings. For the SRCC, all meetings are being held by Zoom, and the leadership of our staff and our officers has made this work very effectively. The SRCC office at 81 Main Street, Cornish, is open for business but recommends calling ahead (207-625-8123) to avoid waiting. For more information about the SRCC, find the web site at: srcc-maine.org

The annual operating budget of the SRCC is \$163,000 of which about 10% is from application fees.

30% is from state and city appropriations, and 50% is from a fee on extraction of water from the river by the Maine Water Company. The remaining 10% of funding is from sources that support the Water Quality Monitoring (WQM) program, a part of which is from the annual appropriations of the towns in the Corridor.

From that annual budget, 75% pays for staff. The SRCC has two full-time employees: Executive Director Dalyn Houser and Administrative Assistant Keisha Garnett. In addition, there are two part-time staff: an Environmental Compliance Evaluator and the Manager of the Water Quality Monitoring (WQM) program.

The appropriations that are provided by the towns in the Saco River Corridor are designated for support of the Water Quality Monitoring program. Those appropriations have assured that water testing now has a twenty year record of collected data. Although the WQM is not quite 10% of the entire cost of all SRCC services, water quality testing is an important benefit to all of our communities and for state and federal planning. A report by the SRCC gives details of WQM test results in Hiram. (The 8 page report is available, if requested. The first page is a good summary of the program.)

Your appointed commissioner and alternate are Dan Hester and Carol Goode. Your commissioner and alternate have assured that your town had representation at every commission meeting. During the course of this year, 116 applications were considered, of which 4 were for properties in Hiram. Commissioners and staff visited the sites of all applications, and... after any changes that were needed for compliance... permits were granted for each applicant. Commissioners and staff have also responded to alerts of

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possible problems at several other sites; problems such as an open septic system, fallen trees and tree-cutting problems, temporary residences used without permission, and other issues.

The WQM testing is conducted during May through September each year at 37 sites from Conway to Saco. The actual testing is done by nine volunteers and two employees of the Commission. In Hiram there are 3 test sites: Laurie Downey has done the testing at the Ossipee River / River Road bridge and Dan Hester has done the testing at the Hiawatha Campground and at the sand bar below Hiram Falls.

For inquiries about regulations and work of the Corridor, call the office or get in touch with your commissioners.

Daniel Hester / 1539 Pequawket Trail, Hiram, ME 04041 / home: 207-625-4043 / cell: 207-256-2449.



High Water from 2019 along the Saco



Sacopee Valley Recreation Council Annual Report

Sacopee Valley Recreation Council has provided a wide variety of programs for members of the communities in this area since 1989. SVRC is a registered non-profit organization. The council conducts business through a board of directors who are volunteers and two part time paid coordinators.

Normally we conduct traditional sports programs for youth in grades K-6. We also sponsor family activities such as open gym, X-c skiing and skating, women's gym night and Easter egg hunts. In March, just as our basketball program was ending and the week after our annual barn dance, we were hit by COVID-19 and everything stopped. We were unable to continue with open gym and women's gym night as well as cribbage. There were no more dances and the grant we received for contra dances was put on "hold" as well. With all the COVID restrictions and the loss of the use of the school fields and buildings we decided we could not run the usual baseball/softball programs this summer. Nor could we find a way safely to do any summer programming including swimming and summer camps.

The bright spot was the coming of fall and with the lifting of some restrictions we decided to move forward with soccer, field hockey and karate. With the help of a new soccer board and many volunteers we ran a successful and safe soccer program for 6-7 weeks with great participation. We were able to have games with neighboring towns as well as practice sessions for skills and drills. We also had a successful field hockey program on Saturdays during that same time from late September to the end of October. Karate started again and continues to be popular. We upgraded soccer goals and nets and ordered other new equipment and supplies for both soccer and field hockey and also had the added expense of COVID supplies including hand sanitizer, thermometers, masks. We exclusively used the Cornish fields this year.

We continue to have expenses such as advertising, insurance, and equipment as well as coordinators pay. We hope to be able to add more activities as time goes on if we can do them safely and have a place to do them. We have had no fundraising opportunities and we are doing what we can to keep the fees as low as possible too.

None of this would be possible without the help and support of the citizens of the five towns. We would like to thank everyone for this support and we want everyone to know that we welcome more folks to join us in supporting recreation in the area. If you have a desire to help in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

SVRC Board of Directors

Participant numbers for Hiram in 2020

Winter (Basketball, karate,cheering)----8

Fall (soccer, field hockey, karate)-----18



As we do every year, we would first like to thank the towns for their continued support of Sacopee TV2. Without your ongoing support, this valuable program would not exist. Sacopee TV2 is a “win-win” because it provides an important service for the community by broadcasting both school and public events, while simultaneously providing our high school students with valuable skills in video production, post-production editing, video graphics, professional communications, and many others. Students actively engage in learning valuable real life TV/video production experiences as they develop the skills necessary to manage the public access channel. Numerous Sacopee TV2 alumni have gone on to study broadcast communications in college and to pursue careers in multiple communications-related fields.

We continue to add updated programming for our viewers in the MSAD 55 community and around the globe through the use of streaming web media content. Thanks to the support we receive from the towns, last year we were able to purchase Wirecast broadcast equipment which enables us to broadcast live from any location with WiFi. This capability has allowed us to significantly broaden both the number and the type of events that we can make available to our viewers. Wirecast has also enabled us to add more broadcast features, including a live running score for sports broadcasts and an information footer showing things like speakers’ names at meetings. These features have given our broadcasts a much more professional look and have significantly improved the viewer experience.

Our YouTube channel allows viewers who do not have access to Sacopee TV2 via Spectrum Channel 2 to view the same content online. By simply going to our YouTube page, anyone can view our most recent programming. Any of the events on our YouTube channel can be watched at any time anywhere in the world where there is an internet connection. We have viewers from all parts of the United States and beyond and our list of subscribers continues to grow. This time last year, for example, we had 150 subscribers. Currently Sacopee TV2 has 320 subscribers, and that number continues to increase each week.

The COVID-19 pandemic, which struck shortly after the conclusion of the 2019-2020 winter sports season, has presented many challenges to Sacopee TV2 in 2020. Many of our staple live broadcast events such as MSAD 55 School Board meetings have moved to a virtual Zoom meeting format, and then of course the spring interscholastic sports season was cancelled. However, Sacopee TV2 was able to provide a platform for events to be held virtually which otherwise would have had to be cancelled. These included the first annual Sacopee Scholars Telethon, which replaced the annual door-to-door fundraising drive to support senior scholarships, and the JROTC end-of-year awards ceremony.

With the start of the 2020-2021 school year, Sacopee TV2 has provided an important service to parents, family, and community members by broadcasting live events that were largely closed to spectators because of the need to maintain social

distancing and remain in compliance with state gathering restrictions. So far this year these events have included 27 home interscholastic athletic events (boys' soccer, girls' soccer, and field hockey), the annual JROTC Veterans' Day ceremony on 11/10/20, and the National Honor Society induction ceremony on 11/19/20. In September, we produced a 30 minute school tour video for the high school's NEASC collaborative conference visit in early October, which was conducted remotely via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The feedback we received from the chair of the NEASC visiting team was that this was one of the best recorded school tours she has seen. We have also recently produced 3-4 minute promotional videos for each of the towns that support Sacopee TV2.

In August we sadly said goodbye to Heath Cormier, who resigned his position with MSAD 55 as well as the Sacopee TV2 coordinator position in order to take a position in another school district. The Sacopee TV2 coordinator stipend position has been posted since that time, but unfortunately the school department has not received any applications for it. As a result, since that time the duties of the Sacopee TV2 coordinator have been split up between the Sacopee TV2 students, the teacher of the Sacopee TV 2 class at the high school, and the principal. We would like to recognize and thank all of the Sacopee TV2 students for stepping up and showing incredible professionalism and leadership during this time. These students are: Maddie Buzzell '21 (station manager), Hailey Capano '22 (asst. station manager), Erik Fossum '21, Elisha Neilsen '21, McGwire Sawyer '21, Cassie Leger '21, Dylan Shields '22, Cassidy Shea '22, Tyler Muise '23, and Cody Sprague '23.

We encourage towns as well as community groups and organizations to contact us about important announcements or events they would like listed on our community bulletin board or broadcast on Sacopee TV2. We can be reached by emailing sacopeetv@gmail.com or by calling Sacopee Valley High School at (207)625-3208.

Please note that the Sacopee TV2 warrant article does not require the town to raise any revenue. The franchise fee is a fee paid by each Spectrum Cable subscriber which is returned to the towns. Most municipalities dedicate these franchise fees to their local public access station, which in your case is Sacopee TV2. It is our goal for Sacopee TV2 to be self-sufficient, so that we will not require MSAD 55 funds or donations from area businesses in order to maintain operations. All Sacopee TV2 funds are managed by the MSAD 55 finance office and are audited annually with records kept for at least seven years.

Once again we would like to thank the towns for their continued support of Sacopee TV2. Please contact us if you have any feedback to offer, or if you would like additional information on the program. Please check out Sacopee TV2, located on Spectrum Channel 2 and also on YouTube. You can find our YouTube channel by entering "Sacopee TV" in the search bar. Please subscribe!

Respectfully submitted,

Britt Wolfe, SVHS Principal
Madison Buzzell SVHS '21, Sacopee TV Station Manager

Town of Hiram Health Officer



This past year was especially different with the gradual arrival of Covid-19 into our area. Surrounding towns became increasingly involved, and then we were hit by the illness with sick citizens. The schools have been affected together with everything else. While surprisingly political at first, at this point people are starting to forget conspiracy nonsense as those they know start in with the illness in its various forms. Fortunately, only very few around here have been killed by the illness and gradually, thanks to a strong state public health effort with unified messaging, we are generally practicing the mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing and other sensible measures to show we care enough about each other to try. We all find this a bit objectionable and dragging out too long. Vaccines will be available more and more to everybody at essentially no direct charge thanks to good governmental efforts. The vaccines appear safe and effective against the strains detected so far, but we must beware that like influenza, corona virus mutates, and one shot type may not cover all the eventual corona viruses that evolve. With continued general strong effort by all of us we can eliminate the infection and stop the viral mutations, but we all must be part of the effort. This has worked well in many countries, but we must truly work together. The kids in the school district have been an inspiration in their willingness to adhere to all the hassles of pandemic precautions.

Other health officer duties of health screening of firefighters, helping with aging and infirmed isolated townspeople and the occasional health issue of people who don't normally see any clinicians are ongoing. Overdose deaths have not been as much of a problem this past year. Respectfully submitted.
Dr. Joseph R.D. deKay, D.O.

SACO MUSIC FESTIVAL
Annual Report



The Saco River Festival Association appreciates the past support of our programs from the Hiram citizens. SRFA is a non-profit organization founded in 1976 by Frank and Ruth Glazer. Our mission is to promote quality music programs in the Sacopee Valley area and to support music and arts education in the schools.

2020 was a strange year, in which musicians and the music industry were severely affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Large gatherings and the physical activities of singing or playing instruments had to be curtailed due to risks of spreading the virus, and many music venues have closed. Last spring we did have five bands lined up for the 2020 Summer Bandstand Concert Series, but had to cancel in the interest of public health. Because of this, SRFA decided to withdraw our funding requests from the Sacopee towns for 2020, but we did still send payments to the bands who had made commitments, just to help them through the year.

We are monitoring the pandemic situation to see if we might be able to organize some live music performances for the community this summer, but we do not want to take chances with the health of others. We hope that everyone will do the same, remaining patient and following precautions, until we can get back to "normal", singing along and tapping our feet on Tuesday evenings at the Bandstand.

SRFA will not submit requests for funding for 2021, either, but we hope that Hiram folks will renew their support for our efforts next year.

We invite you to visit our website at www.sacoriverfestival.org and/or the Bandstand Facebook page for additional information about our organization and upcoming events.

Respectfully Submitted
Sharon Beever, President
Saco River Festival Association



Annual Report

SeniorsPlus is your Area Agency on Aging. Our mission is to assist older adults and adults with disabilities to remain independent and at home for as long as possible. We do this by providing information on services, connections to services, assistance to families in navigating what the next steps are to accessing care for family members, and educational information on important topics such as Scams and Fraud, Live Well Plan Now, and Informed Aging. We also provide support for family caregivers and offer a variety of educational opportunities that introduces family caregivers to the caregiving role, provides them with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to carry out the role they've taken on and alerts them to self-care issues.

We have Certified Medicare Counselors on staff that provide one-on-one assistance to Medicare Beneficiaries. We review Medicare policies and if eligible, assist people with the enrollment in Medicare Savings Programs. We also provide Meals on Wheels to homebound older adults and adults with disabilities, and we offer our Meals to Recovery (MTR) program for those who are returning home after a hospital or rehab stay, or even after day surgery. Meals are provided up to 4 weeks to help them with their recovery process.

Our services are free, although donations are greatly appreciated. We are currently available by phone and videoconference. Post-COVID we will continue to offer office appointments and home visits as needed. Your local SeniorsPlus staff member is Valerie Cole, who lives and works in Oxford County.

Our website is www.seniorsplus.org, and our toll-free number is 1-800-427-1241. No question or concern is too small – call us anytime.

This past year we provided services to 21 Hiram residents, including Meals on Wheels, Medicare Counseling, Money Minders support and Information and Assistance.



Community Concepts, Inc. Annual Report

Community Concepts offers a variety of free or affordable services and programs to move individuals, families and businesses forward primarily in the communities of Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties. These services support both the basic needs of families and promote self-sufficiency.

Our programs and services:

- support the well-being of children, teens and families,
- foster home ownership across the community and affordable living options for low-income residents,
- provide income eligible residents with energy assistance as well as safe and energy-efficient housing,
- support transportation services for children, adults and seniors,
- match residents with local employment, training and education opportunities, and
- help businesses and communities grow.

Our website is www.ccimaine.org and our toll-free number is 1-800-866-5588. We have two offices at 17 Market Square, S. Paris and 240 Bates Street, Lewiston. We have interpreter services available at no cost, and our doors are open to anyone who is in need.

During CCI's fiscal year 2020 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020) we provided services to 65/162 Hiram households/residents, including:

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) 61/108 households/individuals = \$50,375.90

Emergency Crises Intervention Program (ECIP) 5/7 households/individuals = \$1816.90

Weatherization 1/1 households/individuals = \$9150.50

Above ground storage tank removal 1/6 households/individuals = \$3,895

Transportation for elderly/Veterans and Medicaid patients 13 households/individuals = \$121.80

Alternative Response/Family Support Program 5 households = \$7,476.03

Maine Families Home Visitation 2 households/individuals = \$6,541.36

Parent Education 5 households/ individuals= \$3,506.91

Housing Counseling/Financial Coaching 2 households/ individuals=\$495.28



Tri Town Waste Report 2020



Tri Town Waste board has been working over the past year to improve our facility. We purchased two octagonal containers to update and add to our inventory. We also purchased a scale that will hopefully be installed this summer. This will allow for accurate charges for debris disposal making charges fair to all by removing the estimation of loads. We also have plans to upgrade the facility this summer. This work is out for bid and planned to start in April or May.

We also purchased a yard truck for the station which we plan to outfit with a sander and plow. This will allow the attendants to sand the driveway as needed, and not rely on a contractor. This should save money over time.

The board would also like to thank Joe, Mike and Tim for their dedicated service to the tri-town residents and also to the residents for their recycling efforts which help reduce costs. The tri-town has been able to keep the operating budget flat again this year, despite increases in tipping fees to EcoMaine.

Respectfully submitted
Eric K. Durgin



**TRI-TOWN WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY
2020 ANNUAL REPORT
THE TOWNS OF BALDWIN, HIRAM AND PORTER**



Opening Balance		\$ 27,532.22
Received from:		
Town of Baldwin	\$ 90,000.00	
Town of Baldwin reserve	11,225.00	
Town of Hiram	90,000.00	
Town of Hiram reserve	11,225.00	
Town of Porter	90,000.00	
Town of Porter reserve	11,225.00	
Demo Debris Fees	10,546.08	
Stickers sold for Freon removal	3,520.00	
Reimb. For metals	8,836.66	
Bulky Waste fees	13,035.00	
Reimb for electronic waste	157.61	
Misc. revenues	626.25	
MSAD #55 payment to participate	16,000.00	
Total Receipts	\$ 356,396.60	
Total		\$ 383,928.82
Paid:		
TIPPING FEES:		
ECOMAINE – 2,011.18 tons	\$ 175,597.76	
ECOMAINE – Bulky waste 45.35T + 87 Mattresses	3,677.57	
CPRC – demolition debris 130.38T	12,451.02	
Electronics	5.60	
BUILDING REPAIRS:		
Station repairs	121.68	
Supplies	226.85	
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES		
Dicks Used Cars – yard truck	\$4,034.00	
Atlantic Recycling – open tops	6,050.00	
Maine Scales – scales downpayment	19,875.00	
Wastequip – compacting containers	13,750.00	
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS		
Container repairs	120.03	
Tractor registration	352.18	
Backhoe fuel	515.21	
Backhoe repairs	60.00	
Eastmans Welding	478.20	
TRUCK EXPENSES:		
KF Auto Parts	2,414.88	
Fuel Decal	5.00	
Dicks Used Cars & Repairs	403.85	
Truck fuel 2,761.67 gals	6,434.35	
Truck registration	1,758.44	
Central Tires	803.90	
TRUCK DRIVER EXPENSES:		
Driver – Salary	12,005.76	
Spare driver -	978.88	

Town of Hiram, Maine

ATTENDANTS PAYROLL:

Michael Cote	11,894.40
Joseph McNulty	18,509.43
Tim Caldwell	9,880.84

PAYROLL EXPENSES:

IRS tax deposits & state tx dp	13,693.96
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SECRETARIAL SERVICES & OFFICE SUPPLIES

Town of Hiram reimbursed	2,551.88
Terry Day mileage	39.68
Shopping Guide Ads	190.00
Miscellaneous	153.51
Stickers	884.25
Audit	2,250.00

STATION OPERATING EXPENSES:

Water bill	556.02
CMP bill	3,540.45
Telephone bill	599.10
Plowing/sanding	2,500.00
Extinguishers	62.00
Annual license fees	308.00
Licenses	194.00

INSURANCES:

General Liability/Workers Comp & Auto Insurance	16,505.00
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Total Expenses

\$ 346,799.09

Balance Carry Forward to 2020

\$ 37,129.73

Reminders

Recycling saves you money!

**We accept: Demo debris, metals, items with Freon,
batteries, cellphones, electronic waste, florescent light
bulbs, bulky waste. Check your towns websites for more
details**

Station hours: Tues, Weds, Fridays – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sat. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sun. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

STATION MANAGER: JOE MCNULTY

ATTENDANTS: MIKE COTE, TIM CALDWELL

TRUCK DRIVER – SCOTT CHAPMAN

SPARE TRUCK DRIVER – JOSEPH STACEY

STATION TEL NUMBER: 207-625-7633

OFFICE TEL NUMBER: 207-625-4663



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February 11, 2021

Selectboard
Town of Hiram
16 Nasons Way
Hiram, Maine 04041

We were engaged by the Town of Hiram and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Hiram as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2020 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

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

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 2,382,458	\$ 2,382,458	\$ 2,382,458	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	2,269,316	2,269,316	2,290,021	20,705
Excise Taxes	275,000	275,000	313,360	38,360
Interest on Taxes and Liens	-	-	69,517	69,517
Total Taxes	<u>2,544,316</u>	<u>2,544,316</u>	<u>2,672,898</u>	<u>128,582</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	75,000	75,000	133,335	58,335
Homestead Exemption	110,017	110,017	102,300	(7,717)
GA Reimbursement	3,850	3,850	2,112	(1,738)
Local Road Assistance	50,500	50,500	48,854	(1,646)
Veteran Reimbursement	1,000	1,000	1,089	89
Tree Growth Reimbursement	20,000	20,000	14,607	(5,393)
State Snowmobile	715	715	715	-
Other	10,000	10,000	68	(9,932)
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>271,082</u>	<u>271,082</u>	<u>303,080</u>	<u>31,998</u>
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	-	30,740	30,740
Charges for Services:				
Library	7,200	7,200	2,190	(5,010)
Planning Board	-	-	1,700	1,700
Lease Income	-	-	2,400	2,400
Transfer Station Fees	-	-	120	120
Animal Control	-	-	549	549
Total Charges for Services	<u>7,200</u>	<u>7,200</u>	<u>6,959</u>	<u>(241)</u>
Investment Income	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>8,448</u>	<u>(27,552)</u>
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Sale of Town Assets	30,000	30,000	42,702	12,702
Miscellaneous Revenue	26,000	26,000	81,101	55,101
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>56,000</u>	<u>56,000</u>	<u>123,803</u>	<u>67,803</u>
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>5,297,056</u>	<u>5,297,056</u>	<u>5,528,386</u>	<u>231,330</u>

TOWN OF HIRAM

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	223,200	223,200	210,607	12,593
Boards and Associations	31,100	24,567	24,600	(33)
Maintenance	27,500	27,500	25,983	1,517
Community Services	42,630	42,630	42,330	300
Culture and Recreation	33,014	33,014	26,812	6,202
Protection	88,650	83,978	72,346	11,632
Cemeteries	6,200	6,200	6,149	51
Municipal garage	536,000	536,000	534,162	1,838
Health and Sanitation	100,150	100,150	92,117	8,033
Education	1,536,555	1,536,555	1,536,555	-
County Tax	170,747	170,747	170,747	-
Unclassified	125,537	125,537	18,828	106,709
Transfers to Other Funds	58,000	69,205	69,205	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>2,979,283</u>	<u>2,979,283</u>	<u>2,830,441</u>	<u>148,842</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 2,317,773</u>	<u>\$ 2,317,773</u>	<u>\$ 2,697,945</u>	<u>\$ 380,172</u>
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 60,120</u>	<u>\$ 60,120</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (60,120)</u>

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements.

TOWN OF HIRAM

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,321,642	\$ 28,403	\$ 3,350,045
Investments	-	50,023	50,023
Accounts receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	159,095	-	159,095
Liens	41,345	-	41,345
Due from other governments	24	-	24
Due from other funds	-	617,125	617,125
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,522,106	\$ 695,551	\$ 4,217,657
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 3,196	\$ -	\$ 3,196
Due to other governments	5,049	-	5,049
Due to other funds	617,125	-	617,125
TOTAL LIABILITIES	625,370	-	625,370
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	24,676	-	24,676
Advanced payment of LRAP funding	23,598	-	23,598
Deferred tax revenues	150,517	-	150,517
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	198,791	-	198,791
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	68,259	68,259
Restricted	-	15,703	15,703
Committed	-	596,929	596,929
Assigned	-	15,196	15,196
Unassigned	2,697,945	(536)	2,697,409
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	2,697,945	695,551	3,393,496
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,522,106	\$ 695,551	\$ 4,217,657

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TOWN OF HIRAM

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 2,359,538	\$ -	\$ 2,359,538
Excise taxes	313,360	-	313,360
Intergovernmental revenues	303,080	-	303,080
Charges for services	37,699	-	37,699
Miscellaneous revenues	132,251	37,920	170,171
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,145,928</u>	<u>37,920</u>	<u>3,183,848</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	210,607	-	210,607
Boards and associations	24,600	-	24,600
Maintenance	25,983	-	25,983
Community services	42,330	-	42,330
Culture and recreation	26,812	-	26,812
Protection	72,346	-	72,346
Cemeteries	6,149	-	6,149
Municipal garage	534,162	-	534,162
Health and sanitation	92,117	-	92,117
Education	1,536,555	-	1,536,555
County tax	170,747	-	170,747
Unclassified	18,828	91,919	110,747
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,761,236</u>	<u>91,919</u>	<u>2,853,155</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>384,692</u>	<u>(53,999)</u>	<u>330,693</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	69,205	69,205
Transfers (out)	(69,205)	-	(69,205)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(69,205)</u>	<u>69,205</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	315,487	15,206	330,693
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>2,382,458</u>	<u>680,345</u>	<u>3,062,803</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 2,697,945</u>	<u>\$ 695,551</u>	<u>\$ 3,393,496</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Legal and professional	\$ 5,000	-	5,000	3,103	\$ 1,897
Town office operation	35,000	-	35,000	32,394	2,606
Update assessing	5,000	-	5,000	2,080	2,920
Town staff	93,500	-	93,500	91,828	1,672
Fringes	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
Insurance	69,300	-	69,300	68,234	1,066
Audit of Town books	6,900	-	6,900	6,900	-
Computer	5,000	-	5,000	3,568	1,432
Elections	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
	<u>223,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,200</u>	<u>210,607</u>	<u>12,593</u>
Boards and Associations -					
Selectboard	14,800	(6,533)	8,267	8,107	160
Tax maps	1,600	-	1,600	1,613	(13)
Code enforcement	14,500	-	14,500	14,055	445
Planning board	200	-	200	825	(625)
	<u>31,100</u>	<u>(6,533)</u>	<u>24,567</u>	<u>24,600</u>	<u>(33)</u>
Maintenance -					
Upkeep of buildings	25,500	-	25,500	25,208	292
Park upkeep	2,000	-	2,000	775	1,225
	<u>27,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,500</u>	<u>25,983</u>	<u>1,517</u>
Community Services -					
Sacopec Rescue	32,500	-	32,500	32,500	-
Southwest Oxford County	4,600	-	4,600	4,600	-
Community Concepts	2,980	-	2,980	2,980	-
Seniors Plus	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	-
Saco River Festival	300	-	300	-	300
Saco River Corridor Commission	300	-	300	300	-
Riverside Food Pantry	750	-	750	750	-
	<u>42,630</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,630</u>	<u>42,330</u>	<u>300</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Culture and Recreation -					
Soldiers Memorial Library	24,700	-	24,700	18,497	6,203
Smooth Feather Youth	600	-	600	600	-
Sacopee recreation	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
Historical Society	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
Hiram Development Assoc.	500	-	500	500	-
Hiram Community Center	500	-	500	500	-
Snowmobile club	857	-	857	857	-
Hiram Hillclimbers	357	-	357	358	(1)
	<u>33,014</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,014</u>	<u>26,812</u>	<u>6,202</u>
Protection -					
Fire Chief salary	4,000	-	4,000	-	4,000
Hiram fire department	16,880	-	16,880	16,880	-
South Hiram fire department	23,500	(1,604)	21,896	16,896	5,000
EMA director	1,800	-	1,800	1,800	-
Communications	12,200	(3,068)	9,132	9,132	-
Animal control	2,150	-	2,150	680	1,470
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	1,620	-	1,620	1,620	-
Hydrants	16,500	-	16,500	15,870	630
Street lights	10,000	-	10,000	9,468	532
	<u>88,650</u>	<u>(4,672)</u>	<u>83,978</u>	<u>72,346</u>	<u>11,632</u>
Cemeteries -					
Care of cemeteries	5,800	-	5,800	5,800	-
Memorial purposes	400	-	400	349	51
	<u>6,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,200</u>	<u>6,149</u>	<u>51</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Municipal Garage -					
General roads	100,000	-	100,000	101,932	(1,932)
Resurfacing account	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-
Roads/bridges	50,000	-	50,000	50,000	-
Winter roads	286,000	-	286,000	282,230	3,770
	<u>536,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>536,000</u>	<u>534,162</u>	<u>1,838</u>
Health and Sanitation -					
Solid waste account	90,000	-	90,000	90,000	-
Health officer	800	-	800	800	-
General assistance	9,350	-	9,350	1,317	8,033
	<u>100,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,150</u>	<u>92,117</u>	<u>8,033</u>
Education -					
RSU #55	1,536,555	-	1,536,555	1,536,555	-
	<u>1,536,555</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,536,555</u>	<u>1,536,555</u>	<u>-</u>
County Tax -					
Oxford County	170,747	-	170,747	170,747	-
	<u>170,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,747</u>	<u>170,747</u>	<u>-</u>
Unclassified -					
Maine Municipal Association	2,616	-	2,616	2,616	-
Southern Maine Planning	608	-	608	608	-
Abatements/overlay	122,313	-	122,313	15,604	106,709
	<u>125,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,537</u>	<u>18,828</u>	<u>106,709</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Road reconstruction	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Building improvement	5,000	6,533	11,533	11,533	-
Revaluation reserve	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	-
Capital improvements	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Tri-Town capital reserve	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Vehicle reserve	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Public works reserve	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Sacopec Valley Rescue	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Outlying cemeteries	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
South Hiram fire department	-	1,604	1,604	1,604	-
Radio reserve	-	3,068	3,068	3,068	-
	<u>58,000</u>	<u>11,205</u>	<u>69,205</u>	<u>69,205</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 2,979,283	\$ -	\$ 2,979,283	\$ 2,830,441	\$ 148,842

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TOWN OF HIRAM

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,403	\$ 28,403
Investments	-	-	50,023	50,023
Due from other funds	137,750	479,375	-	617,125
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 137,750	\$ 479,375	\$ 78,426	\$ 695,551
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable - principal	-	-	68,259	68,259
Restricted	5,000	-	10,703	15,703
Committed	117,554	479,375	-	596,929
Assigned	15,196	-	-	15,196
Unassigned	-	-	(536)	(536)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	137,750	479,375	78,426	695,551
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 137,750	\$ 479,375	\$ 78,426	\$ 695,551

TOWN OF HIRAM

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Interest income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 969	\$ 969
Miscellaneous	36,951	-	-	36,951
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>36,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>969</u>	<u>37,920</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Program expenditures	8,746	83,173	-	91,919
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>8,746</u>	<u>83,173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,919</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>28,205</u>	<u>(83,173)</u>	<u>969</u>	<u>(53,999)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	10,172	59,033	-	69,205
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>10,172</u>	<u>59,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,205</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	38,377	(24,140)	969	15,206
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>99,373</u>	<u>503,515</u>	<u>77,457</u>	<u>680,345</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 137,750</u>	<u>\$ 479,375</u>	<u>\$ 78,426</u>	<u>\$ 695,551</u>

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