



TOWN OF HIRAM 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO
DANIEL HESTER

*The 2021 Town Report is graciously dedicated to
DANIEL HESTER*

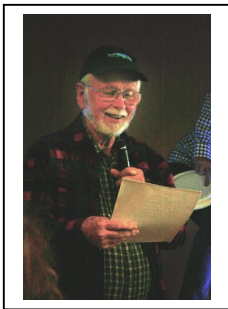
The town is very fortunate to have someone like Dan as a resident and volunteer in our town.

Dan has spent countless hours and years serving this community by volunteering his time and talents any way he can.

Dan was a teacher at MSAD 55 for many years, took many children on hiking trips. Volunteers his time to Saco River Corridor commission as a representative for Hiram because of his love and concern for the quality of the pristine Saco River. Many hours spent on developing the Mt. Cutler Hiking Trails, as well as volunteered his skills at carpentry and whatever else is needed at the Soldiers Memorial Library and the Hiram Cultural Arts Center.

We know Dan is involved with several other organizations, clubs, committees but we do not know exactly so can not list them here but we do know that he gives 100 percent of his attention to details and helps anyway possible.

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



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



**For the Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 2021**

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Disclaimer
This town report is for informational purposes only – We apologize for any errors or omissions that we 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, 2022, 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, 2022, 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

2nd Saturday of the month

8 to 11 a.m.

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

2021 APPROPRIATIONS

APPROVED BY VOTERS:

Town Office Operations and professional services:	58,161.00
Compensations, benefits & insurances	192,250.00
Update Assessing	5,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	33,700.00
Town Building Repairs	20,000.00
Emergency funds	10,000.00
Emergency response departments.	47,000.00
SHFD compressor & switch	2,000.00
Volunteer firefighters stipend	4,000.00
Town Utilities	26,500.00
Road Works	561,000.00
General Assistance	6,800.00
Solid Waste & Reserve	105,000.00
Sacopee Rescue Unit & Reserve	35,000.00
Outside Agencies	33,600.00
Care of Cemeteries/Memorial Purposes, Park Upkeep	10,200.00
Reserve accounts	38,500.00

TOTAL TOWN BUDGET 1,188,711.00

FROM FUND BALANCE/SURPLUS (CARRY FORWARDS) & REVENUES TO REDUCE COMMITMENT BY:

Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00
Emergency Fund	10,000.00
Snowmobile revenues	648.76
State revenue sharing	125,000.00
Veteran reimbursement	1,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	12,000.00
Interest earned	10,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	26,000.00
Excise Tax	285,000.00
Surplus	30,000.00
Local Roads	50,000.00
Harvest Hills	1,620.00
General assistance reimb	2,800.00
Park upkeep	2,000.00
From Reserve accounts	22,000.00
From surplus for CEO	19,200.00

TOTAL FUNDS/SURPLUS & REVENUES \$ 598,268.76
TO REDUCE COMMITMENT:



ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Real Estate Valuation	\$ 158,255,111.00
Homestead Exemption Valuation	9,996,810.00
Personal Property Valuation	894,555.00

TOTAL VALUATION:	\$ 169,146,476.00
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION	159,149,666.00
Homestead	6,997,767.00
BETE reimbursement value	31,695.00

Base Assessment	\$ 166,179,128.00
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Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 1,189,359.76
MSAD #55 Assessment	1,541,353.78
County Tax	181,334.00

ASSESSMENTS	\$ 2,912,047.54
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*LESS ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS	- 598,268.76
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TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT W/OVERLAY	\$2,440,865.56
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Rate of taxation - \$14.61 per thousand

Committed to the Tax Collector July 16, 2021 and interest started 60 days after commitment date, September 14,2021

!!!! 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 2021

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Elected – 3 year term – March

Herbert “Jamie” Marshall	2022
Karen James	2023
Eric Durgin	2024

MODERATOR

Elected

Kraig Mason

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

Bruce Pyburn

James Siracuse

Hiram Fire Dept.

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
Alison Lehouillier 2022
Cynthia Clark 2023
Danielle Parker 2024



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**

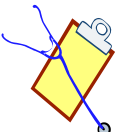
Appointed – 3 year term - April

Sylvia Pease 2022
Keisha Garnett 2023
William Johnson 2023
Eugene Stacey 2024
Jan Williams 2024

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Appointed – 3 year term – March

Daniel Hester 2022
Lura Sawyer 2022
Nathan Burnett 2023
Herbert “Jamie” Marshall 2024
Britton Wolfe 2024



HEALTH OFFICER

Appointed – 3 year term – March
Dr. Joseph DeKay, D.O. 2022

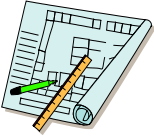
TOWN HISTORIAN

Appointed – 1 year term – March
Sally Williams



PLANNING BOARD

Appointed – 3 year term - March



Dustin Bachelder	2022 fill resignation
John Bonanno	2022
Ron Richards	2023
Keisha Garnett	2024 fill resignation
Guy Lehouillier	2024

Planning Board Currently
has Two Alternate Vacancy

SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION

Appointed – 3 year term – November 2022
Dan Hester & Carol Goode- Alt

SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMM.

Appointed 1 Year Term
Jan Williams & Karen James - Alt

TOWN COUNSEL

Leah Rachin – Drummond & Woodsum

TRI-TOWN WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD



Hiram -	Herbert J Marshall
	Karen James
	Eric Durgin
Baldwin -	Jim Dolloff
	Dwight Warren
	Robert Flint
Porter -	Ron Silvia
	Brent Day
	Shane Lajoie
Secretary/Bookkeeper	Terry Day
Station Attendants	Joe McNulty
	Michael Cote
	Tim Caldwell
Truck Driver	Dennis Lowd
Spare Driver	Scott Chapman

HIRAM PARADE COMMITTEE

Dave and Gloria Paro

In 2021 we lost a wonderful supporter for many of the towns organizations, most noticeably the Parade Committee.

**Gloria and Dave Paro have been organizing the Hiram Parade for decades.
We will miss you Gloria.**



**STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATE
CONTACT INFORMATION**

District 70 – Hiram, Porter, Brownfield, Fryeburg, and part of Lovell
Due to redistricting in 2022 this will change to district 82

State Representative: Nathan Wadsworth

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Hiram ME 04041

Phone Number (207) 838-7451

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Year-Round Toll Free House of Representatives Message Center

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Due to redistricting in 2022 we will be in District 22
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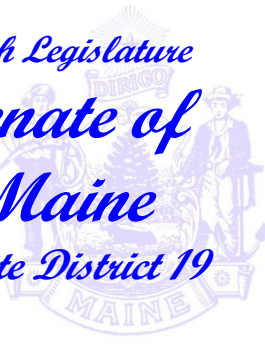
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Senate of
Maine
Senate District 19



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**Environment and Natural Resources
Committee**

Government Oversight Committee

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to be a voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta. I can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

The 1st session of the 130th Legislature was different than any previous session of the Maine Legislature. Zoom meetings replaced in person committee hearings and work sessions and it was certainly a learning process for everyone. As COVID-10 restrictions lifted, the Legislature met in person starting in June. It was high time we returned to the State House so that Legislators could speak in person to one another. The lack of human connection, so essential to accomplishing meaningful work for our constituents, made itself felt in the partisan nature of this session. The 130th Legislature has a great deal of work still to do in the 2nd Regular session; I believe that working together, we can affect positive change.

Before our adjournment on July 19th, the Legislature passed a supplemental budget as well as legislation directing how the American Rescue Plan funds will be spent. I strongly opposed increasing taxes and was pleased no new taxes will be placed on the Maine people as a result of those two initiatives.

The 2nd Regular session began in January and I am eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. I have heard from many of you regarding the increasing costs consumers are facing, as well as the countless ways the pandemic has affected every aspect of your life. As your State Senator I will continue to do all I can to advocate for you in Augusta.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you in the State Senate. The 130th Legislature certainly has a great deal of work to do. But I believe that if we work 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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard A. Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Nathan J. Wadsworth

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Dear Friends & Neighbors:

As I near the end of my fourth term, I wanted to express my appreciation for you, once again, entrusting me with the responsibility of being your State Representative. I am finishing my final term as the ranking member on the Joint Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology.

Most of the work in first session of the 130th Legislature was conducted at the Augusta Civic Center, and I am proud to share that my bill, **LD 662**, "*An Act to Provide Chiefs of Police the Discretion to Allow the Use of Light Bars on Emergency Vehicles*," was signed into law. The bill allows municipal officers, or a municipal official designated by the municipal officers, with the approval of the fire chief, to authorize an active member of a municipal or volunteer fire department to use one red light bar, on the roof of the vehicle, so that the light is visible to approaching traffic.

I sponsored this legislation at the request of the Sacopee Valley Fire Association in North Fryeburg, which is a volunteer fire department that services the towns of Fryeburg and Stow in Maine, and the town of Chatham in New Hampshire. This new law will enhance public safety and help prevent accidents.

The statutory adjournment date for the second session of the 130th Legislature is scheduled for April 20th. As always, I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always welcome. With the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are more accessible than ever. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: legislature.maine.gov, you will find access to Zoom meetings and YouTube videos, which includes our committee hearings.

I send a weekly e-mail with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at nathan.wadsworth@legislature.maine.gov and I will gladly add you to my email list.

Again, thank you for the honor of representing you in Augusta, and may you all have a safe and healthy 2022.

Sincerely,

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

Nathan J. Wadsworth – State Representative

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

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON AGING
RANKING MEMBER
APPROPRIATIONS
SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

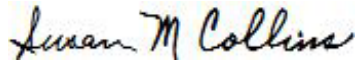
As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I have supported investments in Maine's communities. This year's funding bills included \$265 million I championed for 106 projects across Maine. These projects would help create jobs, improve workforce training, address the opioid crisis, and increase access to childcare and healthcare services. In addition, I

worked to reverse proposed cuts to our Navy in order to help protect America and keep skilled workers at Bath Iron Works on the job. The bills also included \$475 million for the construction of a new dry dock at Maine's Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that will allow the Navy to continue to carry out its submarine missions. I will keep working to get these important bills enacted.

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Dear Friends,

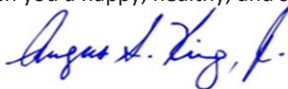
On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged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

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

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

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

Best Regards



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Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Small Business
Chairman, Subcommittee on Contracting
and Infrastructure

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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It remains a privilege to represent you in Congress, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on for the people of the Second Congressional District.

This year, our small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, states, and towns continued to face challenges related to the coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health and our economy that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. While we are not yet out of the woods, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Still, I know there are many Mainers who will continue to need assistance getting through this pandemic. I am committed to making sure our communities' most urgent needs are met to get our economy back on track.

One thing I am particularly proud of this year is that Democrats, Republicans, and the Biden Administration worked together to pass the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which will make a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation's infrastructure and support Maine jobs. This bill will bring \$1.3 billion to Maine for highways and \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs, as well as \$234 million to improve public transportation options. It will also allocate over \$100 million to help provide broadband access to the 42,000 Mainers currently without it and make 310,000 Mainers eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Benefit to help families pay for internet access. Crucially, it will also provide Maine with \$390 million to combat Maine's historically high rates of lead poisoning by replacing lead pipes and allowing Maine families access to clean drinking water.

Another one of my priorities in Congress is protecting Maine jobs. For one, shipbuilders at Bath Iron Works are a vital part of our economy, and the ships they build are critical to our national security. Throughout 2021, I led the Maine congressional delegation in pushing back against the Biden Administration's proposed decrease in DDG-51 shipbuilding, a proposal that would have had serious consequences for the shipbuilding workforce at BIW, one of the two shipyards that produces these destroyers, and American naval capabilities around the world. We fought successfully to include authorization for construction of three new DDG-51 destroyers in the final National Defense

Authorization Act. I will continue to work hard with my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee to ensure that we protect our national security and shipbuilding jobs in Maine.

My most meaningful work in Congress continues to be providing direct assistance to Mainers. My staff and I stand ready to serve you. If you are looking for assistance with a federal agency, help for your small business, or want to keep me informed about the issues that matter to you, please reach out to one of my offices below:

Caribou Office: 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009

Bangor Office: 6 State Street, Bangor ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

Lewiston Office: 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-

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I am especially glad to share that my wife Izzy and I were pleased to welcome our daughter, Rosemary, into the world this year. Mom and baby are happy and healthy, and we're so thankful for this blessing. We look forward to showing her the beauty of Maine in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,



Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress

Municipal Officers Report

Greetings from your Municipal Officers and town staff. This last year, and for most of the prior, we have seen many trials and tribulations...but we will persevere. The hardy nature of New Englanders, and the love of our community, has brought out the best in us when many around our nation continue to have strife. We have faced adversity, lost loved ones, and continue to struggle daily, but we move on with life. Through this all, the circle continues unbroken.

Through all of this turmoil, we have still managed to accomplish some improvements. A used standby generator and transfer switch has been installed at the Town Hall and is ready for use if the need arises. At the very least this provides an alternate warming station for residents in need during mass winter power outages. In time of peril, it will allow for an Emergency Operating Center to be manned as we work through any future catastrophes.

The Road Commissioner has continued to make improvements through summer ditch maintenance and brush cutting, as well as contracting for several large paving projects. We hope to leverage some federal grant money and invest in our roadways even more in the future. You will notice on this warrant we have recommended appropriating a significant sum to be used in planning a “base-up” rebuild of several major sections of road. These engineered plans will remain valid regardless of when we can afford to do the actual work, but it is a necessary step if we are to eventually work the roads and try to bring them up to a higher standard. The thought is we will have these plans on ready standby for a time when the money may make itself available, or the Town wishes to raise the money for the projects directly. The immediate result at that point is we would be ready to go out to bid and not be scrambling to try and get the designs done. Also, where culvert replacement is warranted, or placement of new culverts needed, our Road Commissioner can start working those

issues independently of an actual contract for road reconstruction, saving us money on the future contract cost. As this letter is being penned, the board believes we may be able to use grant money to cover most, if not all, of these design expenses.

You will notice there is a significant increase in the Sacopee Rescue Unit (SRU) appropriations request. Hopefully many of you are already familiar with the background on the reasoning, so I will try and be brief. I'm sure we will have an in-depth discussion on this when it comes up to vote in the warrant articles. So in brief...we have been under-funding the rescue service for some time. Several surrounding towns have taxpayers complaining that their own units are responding for mutual aid to our towns in excess. A sub-committee was formed, comprised of a municipal officer from each of the four towns, and the cost increase has been endorsed by not only that sub-committee, but the full municipal boards as well. However, it is important to note this isn't just a cost increase; it is a significant increase in response and capacity as well. The SRU will be adding a full time chief, as well as manning a second ambulance for 30 hours per week. In addition, the first rescue will be manned 75% of the time by an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Provider. The goal is to have all shifts manned at a minimum of Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT), though that may not be fully achievable immediately.

As a taxpayer myself, I am personally grateful that the tax rate has been kept relatively flat for the last 5-6 years. Unfortunately, this has come to an end this year. Between the known increases for rescue, and all of the other budgetary inflation, we can expect a noticeable increase. The unknown increases for the school district make it impossible to accurately predict the real mil-rate increase. We are in that awkward stage; not large enough to fully fund everything we need, but large enough to still need it. By that I mean we simply don't have the tax base that larger towns like Standish and Buxton have, but as the population increases, all the same infrastructure still needs to be provided. My estimate was an additional 41 homes with an

average value of 250,000 would be needed to offset the increases from the rescue alone. While we have been seeing steady growth as people have left the bigger cities in search of the quiet of the country and the affordability of local housing, we are only seeing new construction housing at around 10-12 per year on average (this year 18 new starts were permitted, but likely just an anomaly due to the pandemic). This will make it tough on the local taxpayer for some time unless we can find innovative ways to save. Perhaps it is time to look at more regionalization and other cost control measures.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to thank the staff for their continued efforts to serve the public through this pandemic. Amid all of the uncertainty, they have remained the voice of reason and a calm presence for our citizens to turn to. Even during the "lockdown" phase they still managed to find a way to conduct business and allow for the townspeople to interact with the office and get their business done. Our new (not so new anymore?) Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) is settling in nicely and we expect he will be on the job to fulfill your permitting needs and lend any advice on compliance well into the next decade.

On a personal note, I am at the close of my second term. I chose not to run for re-election because I believe, as many of our founders did also, that your representatives should come from the populace. Not above or below, but from. Being a career politician was never my vision, I just wanted to contribute. So I am moving aside to let another take their turn. It is not because I didn't like the job. On the contrary, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the board and will miss the weekly meetings and especially the interaction with the staff.

As we progress through the new year, I would ask that you look inward and ask yourself if you are doing all you can do? Are you working to improve yourself? Are you doing all you can do to help your neighbor? If you answered yes to these questions, and still have a desire to do more, consider volunteering for a town board or committee, or better yet-be a volunteer firefighter!

May the circle be unbroken, may the good in mankind be the only seed you sow, may the sun shine upon you and just enough rain fall to let your crops grow. We wish all who have passed fair winds and following seas, and welcome our newest members with open arms and warm hugs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Herbert James Marshall
Chairperson



Thank you, Jamie, for your six years of service as a
Municipal Officer. We will miss you!

TOWN OF HIRAM

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

MARCH 4th & 5th, 2022

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 4th, 2022** 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

Road Commissioner – 3 yr term

When the polls are closed, the meeting will recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, the 5th day of March 2022, 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 appropriate 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 \$91,000.00 for the Sacopee Rescue Unit per their request as follows:

Sacopee Rescue operating account	\$ 81,000.00
Sacopee Rescue reserve account	\$ 10,000.00
 Totaling	 <hr/> \$ 91,000.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$81,000.00 for operations and \$10,000.00 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 minus the internet costs for the town, to Sacopee Valley Media Tech (Sacopee TV) for the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and for operating costs.

Municipal Officers recommend to do so.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,010.00, with \$1,620.00 coming from undesignated fund balance for Harvest Hills Animal Shelter, the following outside agencies per their requests :

Sacopee Recreation Council	\$ 4,000.00
Southwest Oxford County Nutrition, Inc.	\$ 4,600.00
Seniors Plus Organization	\$ 1,000.00
Community Concepts, Inc	\$ 2,980.00
Saco River Music Festival	\$ 300.00
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 Parade	\$ 500.00
Hiram Historical Society(increase)	\$ 2,000.00
Hiram Development Assoc	\$ 500.00
Hiram Community Center(increase)	\$ 700.00
Hiram Art Center (New)	\$ 1,100.00
Life Flight services (New)	\$ 810.00

\$39,010.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$39,010.00 with \$1,620.00 coming from undesignated fund balance

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 2022 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2023, to the March 2023 annual Town Meeting.

Explanation: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends but before the annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 9. 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 10. 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 Interest account. Prepayments not to exceed 90% of the previous year's tax. Municipal Officers recommend to pay 2% on any prepaid taxes.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to charge 4% of interest on unpaid taxes and set the date for interest to commence at 60 days after the 2022 commitment date.
The Municipal Officers recommend 60 days after the 2022 commitment date and interest rate of 4%.

ARTICLE 12. 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 2022 Overlay abated taxes to any property owner that have paid their taxes prior to approval of the abatement.
Municipal Officers recommend 2% for 2022

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to use a portion of the undesignated fund balance account, not to exceed \$50,000, in order to reduce the current year tax commitment. Municipal Officers recommend to do so.

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 that are in the best interest of the Town. The Town to disperse funds as intended and any interest earned on any trust in accordance with provisions therein. Any income generated on town owned property to be put into the Recreational Land Account.
Municipal Officers recommend: to do so.

- ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer funds from budget accounts that have unexpended balances at the end of the 2022 calendar year to the budget accounts that have overruns at the of the 2022 calendar year, provided that any such transfer is approved at a properly called public meeting of the Municipal Officers.
Auditor recommends to do so.
- ARTICLE 16. 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 and apply a portion to the current year taxes.
- ARTICLE 17. 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 18. 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 19. 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 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into a contract for a period of not more than 3 years, for the purpose of providing winter road maintenance, on such terms as they deem to be in the Town's best interest. Municipal Officers recommend to do so.**
- ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the funds received from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) from the federal government in accordance with Federal and State law.**
- ARTICLE 22. 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 2022. Funds to be taken from the undesignated fund balance account.
Municipal Officers recommend: raise & appropriate \$10,000.00 from undesignated fund balance

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 62,163.00 for the following town office operations and professional services in combination with any revenues received for legal, planning board and appeals board.:

Audit	\$ 7,150.00
Planning and Appeals Boards	\$ 200.00
Legal expenses	\$ 7,500.00
MMA Dues	\$ 2,787.00
SMPD dues	\$ 626.00
Town Office operations	\$41,350.00
Update Tax Maps	\$ 1,750.00
Health Officer	\$ 800.00

Totaling \$62,163.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$ 62,163.00 with revenues received for planning board, appeals board and any legal reimbursements. (NOTE: There is an increase in Legal due to hourly rate going up with attorney as well as increase in town office operations for cost increase on heating oil and office supplies)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for upkeep and repairs to any town owned properties.

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$10,000

SALARY ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, and Plumbing Inspector's combined salary, Mileage, Training courses and any other miscellaneous materials or supplies needed.

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$20,000.00.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$193,000.00 for compensations, insurances, benefits for town employees, Unemployment funds to come from undesignated fund balance. 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:	\$193,000.00	for
compensations, insurances, and benefits for:		
Town office Staff	\$ 83,000.00	
Fire Chiefs	\$ 5,000.00	
Municipal Officers	\$ 14,800.00	
Election Clerks	\$ 2,750.00	
Animal Control officer	\$ 2,150.00	
EMA Director	\$ 1,800.00	
Unemployment	\$ 1,000.00	from
undesignated fund balance		
Insurances	\$ 69,000.00	
Towns Share Social Security	\$ 13,500.00	

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the update assessing for the 2022 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

PROTECTION ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 28. 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	<hr/> \$ 47,000.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise & appropriate \$47,000.00

ARTICLE 29. 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.
Municipal Officers recommend to raise and appropriate \$4,000

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 25,500.00 for town utilities as follows:
Hydrants \$ 16,500.00
Street Lights \$ 9,000.00
Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$25,500.00

HEALTH & SANITATION ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,100.00 which includes reimbursement from the State for the General Assistance Account.
Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$5,100.00.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,450.00 for the following solid waste accounts:

Solid Waste Account	\$ 105,450.00
Tri-Town Waste reserve	\$ 15,000.00
Totaling	<hr/> \$ 120,450.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$120,450.00 (Note: tipping fees have increased twice since last town meeting and tonnages have increased)

ROAD ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$566,500.00 for the purpose of road work within the town as follows:

Large Road Projects	\$ 10,000.00
General Road / Paving	\$ 250,000.00
Winter Roads	\$ 306,500.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 566,500.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate the sum of \$566,500.00 (Note: Increase in winter roads is for increase in salt prices and upcoming contracts)

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,000.00 from the surplus account for the purpose of having New Settlement and Tearcap roads engineered so that the town will have engineered plans to put out to bid for repairs or reconstruction at a later time. Municipal Officers recommend to do so.

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

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,300.00 for the Care of Cemeteries, Park Upkeep/Memorial Service, 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/Memorial Services 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
Park Upkeep/Memorial Serv.	\$ 1,500.00
Totaling	<hr/> \$ 9,300.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$ 9,300.00

RESERVE ACCOUNT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,500.00 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 Reserve now designated as	
The Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$ 20,000.00
Revaluation Reserve	\$ 3,500.00
Totaling	<hr/> \$ 53,500.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$53,500.00.(Note:\$15,000 of the money previously raised for large road projects was put into the Fire Apparatus Reserve account)

SPECIAL ARTICLES: (Planning board held a public hearing on October 5th, 2021 on the following articles)

Copies are available for review at the town office or you may call and request a copy be emailed to you.

ARTICLE 37. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions as follows:

Add:

"CAMPING TRAILER – A trailer constructed with collapsible partial side walls that fold for towing by another vehicle and unfold at the campsite to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use."

"FIFTH-WHEEL TRAILER – A vehicle mounted on wheels designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational,

camping or travel use, of such size or weight as not to require special highway movement permits and designed to be towed by a motor vehicle that contains a towing mechanism mounted above or forward of the tow vehicle's rear axle."

"INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE CAMPSITE – an area of land which is not associated with a campground, but which is developed for repeated camping by only one group not to exceed ten (10) individuals and which involves site improvements which may include but not be limited to a gravel pad, parking area, fireplace, or tent platform."

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE 38.

Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions as follows:

Change the definition of Manufactured housing as follows:

"MANUFACTURED HOUSING

A structural unit or units designed for occupancy and constructed in a manufacturing facility and transported, by the use of its own chassis or an independent chassis, to a building site. The term includes any type of building that is constructed at a manufacturing facility and transported to a building site where it is used for housing and may be purchased or sold by a dealer in the interim. 2 types of manufactured housing are included:

(1) Those units constructed after June 15, 1976, commonly called "newer mobile homes," that the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development standards, meaning structure transportable in one or more sections, that in the traveling mode are 14 body feet or more in width and 750 or more square feet, and that are built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as dwellings, with or without permanent foundations, when connected to the required utilities including the plumbing, heating, air conditioning or electrical systems contained in the unit.

(a) This term also includes any structure that meets all the requirements of this subparagraph except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, United States Code, Title 42, Section 5401, et seq.; and

(2) Those units commonly called "modular homes" that the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with Title 10, chapter 951, and rules adopted under that chapter, meaning structures, transportable in one or more sections, that

are not constructed on a permanent chassis and are designed to be used as dwellings on foundations when connected to required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning or electrical systems contained in the unit.”

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE 39. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions as follows:

Change the definition of Manufactured housing section (2) add to Mobile Home definition as follows:

“A mobile home shall contain not less than 600 square feet of gross floor area if built prior to June 15, 1976”

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE 40. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions under Manufactured housing section (2) add Motor Home as follows:

“**MOTOR HOME** – a motor vehicle designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use that contains at least 4 of the following as permanently installed independent systems that meet the National Fire Protection Association standard for recreational vehicles:

A. A cooking facility with an on-board fuel source.

B. A potable water supply system that includes at least a sink, a faucet, and a water tank with an exterior service supply connection.

C. A toilet with exterior evacuation.

D. A gas or electric refrigerator.

E. A heating or air-conditioning system with an on-board power or fuel source separate from the vehicle engine; and

F. A 110-volt to 125-volt electric power supply.”

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE 41. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions reword definition of Recreational Vehicle as follows:

“**RECREATIONAL VEHICLE** - a vehicle or an attachment to a vehicle designed to be carried or towed, and primarily designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use, which is not a dwelling, and which may include a truck camper, travel trailer, camping trailer, fifth-wheel trailer, and motor home. In order to be considered as a vehicle and not as a structure, the unit must remain with its tires on the ground and must be registered with the State Division of Motor Vehicles

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE 42. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions add the definition of Temporary Occupancy as follows:

“TEMPORARY OCCUPANCY – an occupancy that exceeds 120 days in a calendar year.”

Planning Board and CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE 43. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions insert the definition of Tiny Home as follows:

TINY HOME - "Tiny home" means a living space permanently constructed on a frame or chassis and designed for use as permanent living quarters that:

- A. Complies with American National Standards Institute standard A 119.5 on plumbing, propane, fire and life safety and construction or National Fire Protection Association standard 1192 on plumbing, propane and fire and life safety for recreational vehicles;
- B. Does not exceed 400 square feet in size;
- C. Does not exceed any dimension allowed for operation on a public way under this Title; and
- D. Is a vehicle without motive power.

"Tiny home" does not include a trailer, semitrailer, camp trailer, recreational vehicle or manufactured housing.

Planning Board and CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE 44. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 3 Construction of Language and definitions Subsection 3.2 Definitions add the following definitions:

“TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY – An occupancy that does not exceed 120 days in a calendar year.

TRAVEL TRAILER – A vehicle mounted on wheels designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use, of such size or weight as not to require special highway movement permits when towed by a motor vehicle.

TRUCK CAMPER – A portable unit constructed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, travel or camping use, consisting of a roof, floor and sides, designed to be loaded onto and unloaded from the bed of a truck.”

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

- ARTICLE 45. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under ARTICLE 5 – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS section 5.9 section 5.9.1 Change the wording as follows:
“MANUFACTURED HOMES (MODULAR HOMES/MOBILE HOMES) AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES
MODULAR HOMES;
1. Application shall be made to the Code Enforcement Officer for a building permit prior to placement of a modular home.
 2. All of the provisions of this ordinance pertaining to single family dwelling in the zoning district where the modular home is to be located shall apply to the unit and the lot upon which it is located
 3. A permanent foundation is required and must conform to the Town of Hiram building code requirements adopted March 2013”
 4. An Occupancy Permit must be obtained from the CEO prior to move-in.
- Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

- ARTICLE 46. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under
5. ARTICLE 5 – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS section 5.9 section 5.9.2 Change the wording as follows:
“**MOBILE HOMES:**
1. After the effective date of this ordinance (January 29, 1987) only those mobile homes which meet the definition of manufactured housing, as defined in this ordinance, may be placed on any lot within the town.
 2. No person, firm or corporation shall place, occupy, move, bring or cause to be brought into the Town any mobile home without first securing a Conditional Use permit to do so from the Planning Board.
 3. Must provide a copy of the Conditional Use Permit granted by the Planning board to the Code Enforcement Officer, prior to the placement of a mobile home.
 4. All the provisions of this ordinance pertaining to single family dwelling in the zoning district where the mobile home is to be located shall apply to the unit and the lot upon which it is located.
 5. No mobile home shall be moved or removed from the location designated in the permit to another location within the Town without first securing a new Conditional Use permit from the Planning Board, which permit shall be subject to all of the provisions of this ordinance pertaining to the application for and granting of a new permit.

6. No person, firm or corporation shall move a mobile home from any location in Town to another community without first obtaining a certificate from the Town Tax Collector certifying that, as of the date of removal, all taxes due the Town had been paid in full.
7. Any owner of a mobile home who has a lawful conditional use permit for the placement and occupancy of such and desires to replace it with another, shall file an application for a replacement conditional use permit with the Planning Board. All of the pertinent provisions of this Ordinance pertaining to the application for, and granting of, a conditional use permit for a mobile home shall apply to the application for and granting of the replacement permit.
8. A foundation for a “newer mobile home” must conform to the installation standards established by the Manufactured Housing Board. Typically, this consists of a six (6) inch re-enforced concrete slab atop eighteen (18) inches of packed gravel. A building permit for the foundation must be obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer.
9. Hold-downs for mobile homes shall be securely installed and attached according to all the manufacturer’s instructions.
10. Where a continuous masonry foundation is not used, the space between the ground and the bottom of the unit shall be fenced, screened, or otherwise enclosed so as not to be visible.”
11. An Occupancy permit must be obtained from the CEO prior to move-in.
Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE 47. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under

ARTICLE 5 – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS section 5.9 section 5.9.3 subsections 5.9.3.1 – 5.9.3.4 Recreational Vehicles as follows:

“RECREATIONAL VEHICLES:

5.9.3.1 STORAGE

1. *Recreational vehicles may be kept or stored on premises within the Town provided they are not stored in any front yard, or within 15 feet of any side lot line or 20 feet of any rear lot line.*

5.9.3.2 OCCUPANCY

1. Recreational vehicles are not residential dwelling units and as such, are prohibited from being used for permanent residential occupancy. This prohibition applies

to recreational vehicles sited at legally established RV parks, campgrounds, and private property.

2. Recreational vehicles may be occupied in legally established RV parks or campgrounds with legally established utility connections for periods less than 120 days per calendar year.
3. Recreational vehicles may not be occupied on private property except as expressly permitted pursuant to Article 5.9.3.3 and 5.9.3.4.
4. Only one recreational vehicle shall be allowed on any individual private campsite.

5.9.3.3 TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY (Less than 120 days per calendar year)

1. *Recreational vehicles shall not be located on any type of permanent foundation except for a gravel pad, and no structure except a canopy may be attached to the recreational vehicle.*
2. *For each recreational vehicle placed on a site other than a legally established RV park or campground, and generally occupied for less than one hundred and twenty (120) days per year, a written sewage disposal plan describing the proposed method and location of sewage disposal shall be required.*
3. *The plan must be approved by the Local Plumbing Inspector and where disposal is off-site, written authorization from the receiving facility is required.*
4. *An RV permit from the Code Enforcement Officer must be obtained prior to siting the RV to ensure compliance.*

5.9.3.4 TEMPORARY OCCUPANCY (Greater than 120 days per calendar year)

1. *Recreational vehicles shall not be located on any type of permanent foundation except for a gravel pad, and no structure except a canopy may be attached to the recreational vehicle.*
2. *A recreational vehicle may be placed on site and generally occupied for more than one hundred and twenty (120) days per year in instances where temporary housing is required or while construction or re-construction of a dwelling is being accomplished.*
3. *In this instance, a permanent potable water supply (frost protected) is required and the installation/hook-up of a subsurface sewage disposal system in compliance with the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules is also required unless served by public sewage facilities.*
4. *An RV permit from the Code Enforcement Officer must be obtained prior to siting the RV to ensure compliance.”*

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE 48. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under

ARTICLE 5 – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS section 5.9 section 5.9.4 Permit fee to read as follows:

“5.9.4 PERMIT FEE

1. Permit fees for Modular Homes, Mobile Homes, and RV placement shall be in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted by the Hiram Planning Board and Municipal Officers as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer.

2. All fees must be paid prior to the issuance of any permit.”
Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE 49. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram amend our current Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance under

ARTICLE 5 – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS section 5.9 subsection 5.9.5 Town Assessors to be notified to read as follows:

“5.9.5 TOWN ASSESSORS TO BE NOTIFIED

The Code Enforcement Officer shall immediately notify in writing the assessors and the Municipal Officers of any occupancy permit issued by him for a Modular or Mobile Home.”

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE 50. Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram adopt the “Hiram Solar Ordinance” in its entirety as written and attested to.

Planning Board & CEO recommends to do so.

ARTICLE 51. 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 52. Entertain a motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert J Marshall

Karen James

Eric Durgin
Town of Hiram, Municipal Officers

MUNICIPAL OFFICER'S REPORT



EXCISE TAX



Received:		
Auto Registrations		\$ 331,856.26
Boat Registrations		1,759.00
Transferred to other towns		- 1,573.33
Total		<hr/> \$ 332,041.93
Applied to 2021 commitment	\$ 285,000.00	
Balance		\$ 47,041.93



VOLUNTEER CLEAN UP DAN HESTER IS ALWAYS WORKING ON AT THE BEACH AREA ON THE RIVER



COUNTY TAX

Assessed:		\$ 181,334.00
Paid:		\$ 181,334.00
Oxford County Treasurer		

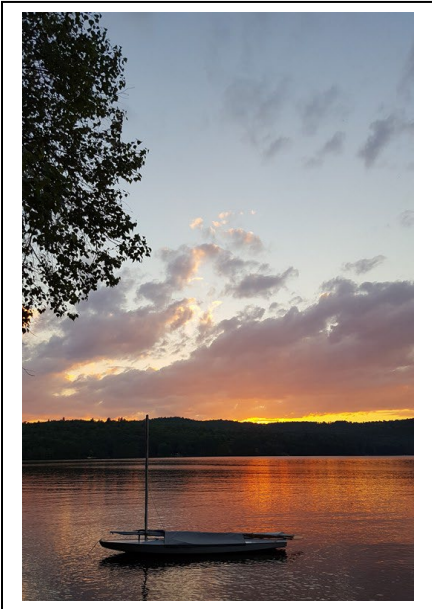


STATE MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING

Received from State Treasurer		\$ 180,736.45
Applied to 2019 commitment	\$ 125,000.00	
Balance to Surplus		\$ 55,736.45

OVERLAY

Assessed 2021 Commitment	\$ 114,098.28
Supplements	23,294.15
Abatements	- 4,156.55
Balance	\$ 133,235.88



**BEAUTIFUL
BARKER
POND
SUNSET**

ADMINISTRATION

LEGAL EXPENSES

Raised at town meeting		\$ 5,000.00
Overdrawn due to ongoing legal issue		4,500.32
Received		35.00
Total Expenses		<hr/> \$ 9,465.32
Paid:		
Town issues	\$ 2,070.02	
CEO issues	7,395.30	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 9,465.32



Ed Leborgne, Jan Williams, Doug Beck and Dan Hester Mt. Cutler Trail

TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS

Raised		\$ 40,000.00
Received Reimb. for office supplies		494.35

Bal		<u>\$ 40,494.35</u>
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Paid:		
Heating Oil 773 gals	\$ 1,430.63	
Electric Bill	2,171.27	
Telephone Bill	1,638.51	
Water Bill	479.83	
Office Supplies	7,586.27	
Postage	2,359.22	
Town report	947.03	
Mowing	772.50	
Shoveling	180.00	
Cleaning Town Office	250.00	
Software agreement	14,953.22	
Computer supplies	741.92	
Copier contract	319.06	
Postage Meter contract	810.14	
Workshops	555.00	
Dues	205.00	
Registry of Deeds	1,826.00	
Ads	1,071.00	
Town office mileage	510.16	
Extinguishers	39.50	
Furnace repairs	185.34	
Miscellaneous	102.75	



Total Expenses	<u>\$ 39,134.35</u>	
Balance lapsed to surplus		\$ 1,360.00

MMA DUES

Raised:		\$ 2,653.00
Paid:		
Maine Municipal Association		\$ 2,653.00

PLANNING BOARD

Raised:		
Received from fees		\$ 100.00 2,455.00
Total		<hr/> \$ 2,555.00
Paid:		
Ads	1,843.80	
Workshops	285.00	
Total	<hr/> \$ 2,128.80	
Balance to surplus		\$ 426.20



APPEALS BOARD

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

STATE PLUMBING FEES

Received from Plumbing Permits	\$ 2,515.00
Received from plumbing surcharges	405.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 2,920.00
Paid:	
Treasurer State of Maine	\$ 2,940.00

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION & MILEAGE



\$ 13,000.00
1,800.00

Total		<hr/> \$14,800.00
Paid:		
Municipal Officers salaries	\$6,400.08	
Municipal officers mileage	1,800.00	
Transferred to SHFD for turnout gear	1,999.92	
Transferred within account	4,600.00	
Total		<hr/> \$14,800.00

ASSESSMENT



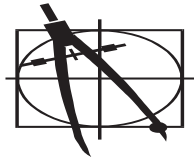
UPDATE ASSESSING



Raised:		\$ 5,000.00
Paid:		
David Ledew, single assessor	\$ 2,920.00	
Balance to Revaluation Reserve Acct		\$ 2,080.00

SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Raised		\$ 608.00
Paid:		
SMRPC dues		\$ 608.00



SOLDIERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Raised:		\$ 17,500.00
Paid:		
Soldiers Memorial Library		\$ 17,500.00



AUDIT



Raised		\$ 7,150.00
Paid:		
RHR Smith, tow		\$ 7,150.00

UPDATE TAX MAPS


Raised		\$ 1,750.00
Paid:		
John O'Donnell & Assoc		\$ 1,508.85
Balance		\$ 241.15



UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

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

TOWN OFFICE STAFF

Raised:		\$ 87,000.00
Received reimbursement from Tri-Town		2,066.15
Total		<u>\$ 89,066.15</u>
Paid:		
Terry Day/Admin.Assist./deputy		
E911 address officer/GA admin		
PB & AB secretary	\$ 39,002.89	
Terry Day/Tri-Town Treas/Sec	2,066.15	
Marylou Stacey/Twn Clk, Tx. Coll.,		
Treasurer, Reg.of Voters	42,248.84	
SHFD chief, James Siracuse	2,500.00	
HFD chief, Bruce Pyburn	2,500.00	
Total	<u>\$ 88,317.88</u>	
Balance		\$ 748.27

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Raised:		\$14,500.00
Appropriated from surplus		19,200.00
Total		<u>\$ 33,700.00</u>
Paid:		
Guy Lehouillier, CEO	13,800.00	
CEO training	50.00	
Mileage	1,999.92	
Total	<u>\$ 15,849.92</u>	
Balance to surplus		\$ 17,850.08



ELECTION OFFICIALS/WORKERS

Raised:		\$ 2,000.00
Paid:		
Election Workers	\$ 1,317.50	
Election supplies	118.21	
Total	<u>\$ 1,435.71</u>	
Balance		\$ 564.29



TOWNS SHARE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Raised		\$ 13,500.00
Received reimb. from Tri-town		215.25
Total		<u>\$ 13,715.25</u>
Paid:		
Towns Share of IRS tax deposits	\$ 11,289.21	
Balance to fund Balance	<u></u>	\$ 2,426.04





MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION



Opening balance		\$ 1,722.56
Received from registrations (state portion)		181,696.05
Total		<hr/> \$ 183,418.61
Paid:		
Secretary of State, MVD	\$ 183,273.61	
Balance		\$ 145.00




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




Opening balance		\$ 2,985.60
Received from Lic. Fees (State portion)		\$ 31,221.87
total		<hr/> \$ 34,207.47
Paid:		
Treasurer State of ME	\$ 27,848.14	
Balance		\$ 6,359.33

ANIMAL WELFARE

Opening balance		\$ 215.00
Received from licenses		1,004.00
Total		<hr/> \$ 1,219.00
Paid:		
Animal Welfare Board	\$ 960.00	
Balance		\$ 259.00

EDUCATION

Assessed:		\$ 1,541,353.78
Paid:		
MSAD #55		\$ 1,541,353.78

EMERGENCY EXPENSES

Voted at town meeting to appropriate up to		\$ 10,000.00
Paid:		
Emergency tree removal from Spring Cemetery	\$ 600.00	
Balance		\$ 9,400.00



HEALTH & SANITATION



GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Raised:		\$ 6,800.00
Paid:		
Heating Oil, 100 gals	\$ 196.90	
Electricity	443.62	
Gas	22.02	
Food	277.16	
Total expenses	<hr/>	\$ 939.70
Balance to fund balance		\$ 5,860.30



SOLID WASTE



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

SACOPEE RESCUE UNIT



Raised
Raised



\$
2,500.00

Total
Paid:
Sacopee Rescue Unit
Put into a reserve account

\$ 35,000.00
\$ 32,500.00
2,500.00

Total

\$ 35,000.00



A HUGE THANK-YOU
TO



LORI EDGERLY

FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THESE COMMUNITIES AND TOWNSPEOPLE AS A MEMBER OF THE SACOPEE RESCUE UNIT SINCE YOUR FATHER HELPED START THE UNIT AND THEN BECOMING CHIEF OF THE UNIT FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THIS LADY HAS DEVOTED HER LIFE TO SERVING THESE COMMUNITIES OF WHICH WE ARE MOST GRACIOUSLY THANKFUL AND SADDENED THAT YOU ARE STEPPING DOWN AS CHIEF. WE HAVE COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT YOU WILL STILL BE INVOLVED AND SUPPORT THE UNIT.

HEALTH OFFICER

Raised:		\$800.00
Paid:		
Dr. Joseph DeKay D.O.		\$800.00

TOWN BUILDING REPAIRS

Raised & Appropriated from building reserve		\$ 20,000.00
Paid:		
To finish hook-up of generator at town office, propane tank & propane for generator	7,371.80	
Town office counter renovations	677.45	
Gould Farm Road improvements/fencing	457.93	
Crack filling and sealing – town office, HFD & SHFD		
Library repairs	1,426.30	
Total general Bldg repairs	\$ 15,308.73	
Unexpended balance from building reserve		\$ 4,691.27



DOUG BECK AND DAN HESTER WITH NEW KIOSK FOR MT. CUTLER TRAILS



HIGHWAYS



LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE

Received from State		\$ 49,254.00
Appropriated to commitment	\$50,000.00	
over estimated		\$ 746.00

GENERAL ROADS & PAVING

Raised:		\$ 200,000.00
From Local Road funds		50,000.00
Received		55.99



Total		<hr/> \$ 250,055.99
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Paid:

Greg Sawyer, Road Commissioner	\$ 19,524.00
Road Crew	11,085.00
Tools	3,263.54
Culverts	3,389.89
Cold Patch	12,572.13
Gravel	3,127.45
Sand	7.00
Shim	17,663.00
Paving	73,728.32
Parts & supplies	807.51
Equipment repairs	7,495.75
Road signs	506.34
York rake	4,331.00
Pole saw	643.00
Sweeping Roads & sidewalks	950.00
Fletcher Road repairs & culvert	7,795.00
Town backhoe & truck fuel & oils	5,019.21
Equipment Rental,	
Truck	940.00
Dump truck	4,987.50
Grader	757.50
Backhoe	405.00
Water bill	246.47
RSMS16 Update road program	100.00

Total	<hr/> \$179,344.61
Transferred balance to end of year expense for paving	
Not able to be completed until spring of 2022	\$ 70,711.38

ROADS, BRIDGES & LARGE PROJECTS

Raised: \$ 25,000.00

Paid:

River Road Culvert project \$ 5,130.00

Triptown Road Culvert 6,700.00

Durgintown Road Culvert 4,700.00

Total \$ 16,530.00

Transferred balance to end of year expense to help pay for paving that was not completed in 2021.

Balance \$ 8,470.00





WINTER ROADS



Raise
Overdrawn account

\$ 286,000.00
10,179.24

Total
Paid:

\$ 296,179.24

CMP	\$	1,436.85
Greg Sawyer, payroll		210.00
Salt-North End 587.34 tons		
South End 454.03 tons		59,810.81
Snowplow Contract NE- PY Estes & Son –		108,815.96
Put up Salt/sand pile-NE –Geo. Anderson 1,352 yards		14,196.00
Snowplow Contract SE		
Snowplow contract – Greg Sawyer		100,203.14
Put up Salt/sand pile – SE		11,352.40
GPCOG, salt bid fee		125.58
Locks for gate		28.50

Total

\$ 296,179.24

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



**CONTRACTS WILL GO OUT TO BID
IN THE SUMMER OF
2022**



**WATCH THE LOCAL SHOPPING GUIDE FOR ADS &
CHECK ON OUR WEBSITE townofhiram.org**



PARKS & RECREATION



PARKS & RECREATION REVENUE

Received:

Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 17,333.34
Veterans Reimbursement	1,060.00

Total	\$ 18,393.34
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OUTLYING CEMETERIES

Opening balance	\$5,195.10
Raised	2,000.00

Total	\$7,195.10
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Paid:	
Bushhogged cemetery	\$ 90.00
Spring Cemetery fencing	4,060.00
Rebar for fencing	46.32

Total	\$ 4,196.32
Balance to 2021	\$2,998.78

CARE OF CEMETERIES

Raised	\$ 5,800.00
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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
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MEMORIAL PURPOSES

Raised		\$ 400.00
Overdrawn account		142.88
Total		<hr/> \$ 542.88
Paid:		
Purchased Flags	\$ 362.88	
Bloomers Flowers	180.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 542.88



DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL

Raised:		\$ 3,000.00
Paid:		
District Recreation Council		\$ 3,000.00



PARK UPKEEP

Appropriated:		\$ 2,000.00
Paid:		
Mowing Sawmill Park	\$ 165.00	
Balance to special revenue acct		\$ 1,835.00



BEAUTIFUL SUNSET ON STANLEY POND



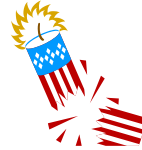
SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

Received from State		\$ 648.76
To be paid to:		
Hiram Hillclimbers	\$ 324.38	
Sacopee Snowdrifters	324.38	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 648.76

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
Received		248.89
Total		<hr/> \$ 2,340.35
Paid:		
Parade supplies	\$ 159.50	
Ad	58.00	
Parade participants	600.00	
Cash on hand for parade booth	100.00	
Total	<hr/> \$ 917.50	
Balance to 2022		\$ 1,422.85





**SACOPEE HIGH SCHOOL
TV 2**



Received from franchise fees		\$ 7,069.13
Paid:		
Time Warner, high speed internet for town office & SHFD	\$ 1,441.68	
Sacopee Valley TV2	5,627.45	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 7,069.13

SENIOR PLUS

Raised:		\$ 1,000.00
Paid:		
Senior Plus		\$ 1,000.00



**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:		\$ 500.00
Paid:		
HHS		\$ 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

SACOPEE SNOWDRIFTERS

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

EMA DIRECTOR

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



SOUTH HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT



Raised at town meeting		\$ 18,500.00
Paid:		
Heating Oil 603.10 gals	\$ 1,102.05	
Electricity	797.72	
Telephone	698.35	
Water Bill	473.78	
Fuel for trucks	696.29	
Supplies	101.18	
Pump test	1,336.25	
Protective gear	3,143.88	
Benchtest SCBA	1,656.40	
Radios/pagers	685.40	
Truck maintenance	40.00	
Truck Inspections	147.00	
Extinguisher inspections	325.00	
Signs & lights	322.76	
Ladder test/inspections	120.00	
Parts	3,052.96	
Generators	2,096.18	
Plowing	600.00	
Training	472.59	
Dues	220.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 16,087.87
Balance to special reserve account		\$ 2,412.13

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER STIPENDS

Raised and appropriated		\$ 4,000.00
Paid:		
10 qualified volunteers	\$400.00 each	
total		\$ 4,000.00



PROTECTION

HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised at town meeting		\$ 18,500.00
Paid:		
Heating Oil – 958 gals	\$ 1,579.90	
Electricity	864.07	
Telephone	696.76	
Supplies	206.83	
Tools	1,859.50	
Postage box	64.00	
Truck fuel	748.64	
Protective gear	1,108.49	
Fit test SCBA	665.00	
Truck radios/pagers	107.00	
Truck inspections	180.00	
Engine repairs	3,013.18	
Fire extinguishers	189.50	
Parts	2,723.36	
Plowing station	2,005.00	
Firefighter dues	235.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 16,246.23
Balance to special revenues		\$ 2,253.77





COMMUNICATIONS

Raised		\$ 10,000.00
Paid:		
Dispatching contract w/Gray	\$ 7,506.44	
Tower rental	1,140.00	
Road Commissioners Cellphone	616.75	
FCC license	300.00	
Batteries	91.50	
Total paid	<u>\$ 9,654.69</u>	
Balance to communication reserve account		\$ 345.31



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

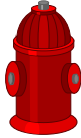
Raised		\$ 2,150.00
Paid:		
Animal Control Officer	\$ 994.25	
ACO mileage	798.14	
Total	<u>\$ 1,792.39</u>	
Balance		\$ 357.61



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	\$ 8,191.53	
Balance	<hr/>	\$ 1,808.47



INSURANCE



Raised:		\$ 70,000.00
Received Insurance funds		929.00
Employees share of Health Insurance		4,133.12
Total	<hr/>	\$ 75,062.12
Paid:		
MMA General Liability & Auto	\$ 14,272.00	
MMA Workers Comp.	4,303.00	
Health Insurance, towns share	45,594.13	
Health Insurance, employees share	4,133.12	
Volunteer insurance	854.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 69,156.25
Balance		\$ 5,905.87

**ROAD
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
Received balance of update assessing	2,080.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 5,580.00



**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	\$ 3,513.55
Interest from Taxes paid	12,671.97
Interest applied to pre-paid taxes	- 701.90
Total	\$ 15,483.62
Applied to commitment	\$ 10,000.00
Balance to surplus	5,483.62

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS SPECIAL RESERVE FUND

Opening balance	\$ 491.82
Generously received donations of	\$ 3,175.66
Total	\$ 3,667.48
Spent:	
Thanksgiving gift certificates to Call's	\$ 800.00
Christmas gifts for 12 large families	1,934.09
Total	\$ 2,734.09
Balance to 2021	\$ 933.39

With the help of the Hiram Community Club and the Kilbride family we were able to do 12 very large families. I wish to thank the many people that made generous donations as well as all of Santa's Helpers that volunteer like, Michelle, Dayna, Korie, and Stevie Collomy, Ann Kilbride and her grandchildren, Sylvia Pease and Cindy Odlin, to wrap all the gifts, and Sue Hamilton for helping me do a little shopping. A special thank you to Bruce Pyburn and James Siracuse for making sure they are delivered on time. It would not be possible without all of your help. We are truly blessed to have such a giving community.

Terry





HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

426 GRANTED BY ASSESSORS

426 applications at 94% certified ratio	\$ 146,260.71
Received from State	\$ 110,265.00

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, 2022. It can amount to around \$365. taken off your tax bill – every little bit helps!**

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



A Great Aerial photo of Clemons Pond



TOWN CLERK REPORT 2021

INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSE SALES



Combination	40
Hunting	14
Fishing	30
Junior Hunting	4
Archery	2
Crossbow	1
Bear Permits	3
Pheasant	1
Lifetime Lic	2
Misc. Lic	8
Migratory Birds	14
Muzzleloader	9
Turkey	16
Expanded Archery	0
Superpack	2
Non Resident Licenses	9



INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE REGISTRATIONS

Boats Registered	83
Snowmobiles	88
ATV's	65

DOGS LICENSED



2021	
Males/Females	25
Neutered/Spayed	116
2022	
Males/Females	10
Neutered/Spayed	94

VITAL STATISTICS

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

Allen, James	12/04/2021
Bellefontaine, Rande	08/27/2021
Bourassa, Lorraine	09/16/2021
Breslin, Delmar	08/02/2021
Brown, Harston	12/18/2021
Colby, Vera	10/24/2021
Demers, Ellen	11/17/2021
Duguay, Barbara	03/09/2021
Henderson, Barry	09/10/2021
Leavitt, Carroll	07/08/2021
Libby, Wayne	09/24/2021
Martin, Paul Sr	05/03/2021
McWilliams, James	02/05/2021
Morris, Ian	11/20/2021
Paro, Gloria	09/05/2021
Perry, Joyce	08/27/2021
Shields, Christine	07/10/2021
Turner, Louis	03/14/2021
Twitchell, Eleanor	12/08/2021
Van Norden, Stephen	01/10/2021

A life that touches others goes on forever



10 BIRTHS IN 2021

14 MARRIAGES IN 2021

Danielle Briggeman & Bradley Parker	06/01/2021
Caleb Yoder & Wilma Kuhns	07/14/2021
Leona Harmon & Rex Spiers	07/15/2021
Benjamin Braley & Jordan Collomy	07/31/2021
Rylan Johnson & Sara Quimby	08/21/2021
Gabriel Donnini & Corrine Salchunas	08/21/2021
Alexa Frisco & James Keenan	08/21/2021
Kenneth Brogren & Vilma Staples	09/11/2021
Gavin Whittemore & Anna Krzywkowska	09/18/2021
Jessica Brown & Patrick Crosscup	10/08/2021
Andrew Vittum & Sarah Murray	10/11/2021
Kevin Braley & Gaye Cottle	10/25/2021
Carol Thomas & James Allen	10/11/2021
Mark Fryover & Jeannine Currier	12/17/2021



**Tax Collector Report
2021 Taxes**

Assessed Value \$159,149,666

Tax Rate \$14.61 per thousand

Committed July 16, 2021

Committed	\$2,325,176.62
Supplements	4,320.12
Transferred to TAP	0.00
Interest applied to Taxes	701.90
Abatements	4,156.55
Received	2,207,012.33
Balance Due 12/31/2019	\$ 117,625.96

Adams, Chad	1,303.65 *
Adams, Marianne	317.48 *
Almadani, Carrie	914.15
Bean, Paul Est of	1,117.37
Benson, Mary	1,866.43
Bernard, Michael	444.29
Bettencourt, Johnathan	791.86
Brown, Donna	Bal 1,905.37
Brown, Gregory	509.60 *
Bucknell, Linda	760.16
Chase, Donald	578.85
Ciasullo, Gary	2,058.26
Cicerone, Monica	1,489.20
Corbin-Walker, Lisa	1,833.12
Cormier, Daniel	560.73
Cram, Michael	54.35
Cram, Michael	1,727.19
Cryan, Mary	72.03
Curit, Virginia	957.54
D and N Construction	602.66
Darcy, Lisa	568.33
Day, Basil	1,667.00
Demers, Ellen	1,244.19
Dohring, Timothy	973.00 *

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Drew, James		1,575.10
Drew, James		683.89
Dunnells, Craig		2,687.22
Dunnells, Craig		58.00
Fagerland, Todd	Bal	52.69 *
Faulkner, David		2,246.00
Foley, David		1,370.43
Foss, David		365.40 *
Foss, David		365.40 *
Foss, David		365.40 *
Foss, David		177.95 *
Foss, David		28.93 *
Foss, David		29.37 *
Foss, David		716.62 *
Foss, David		556.64 *
Foss, David		298.92 *
Foss, David		649.12 *
Foss, Kevin		57.71 *
Foss, Kevin		30.83 *
Foss, Kevin		3,608.82 *
Foss, Kevin		756.21 *
Foss, Kevin		118.93 *
Fox, Leslie		420.33
Fyler, William		2,658.00
Glazier, Robert		1,600.53
Golder, Elizabeth		517.92
Gould, Timothy		2,055.04
Hamman, Joanne		1,104.77
Hansen, Lisa		1,381.81
Harmon, Kenneth R.		362.77
Harmon, Kenneth R.		1,231.18
Harmon, Tyler		2,704.90
Hartman, Robert	Bal	14.62 *
Healey, Parmelia		501.27
Heaney, William	Bal	962.80
Heatley, Lester		476.72
Hilton, Naomi		1,582.41
Hiram Hill Trust		15.49
Hiram Scenic Land LLC		711.87 *

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Jamerson, Tanya		1,775.41
Jenkins, Jessie	Bal	477.08
Jensen, Henry	Bal	596.62
Labrecque, Erin		1,358.73
Lawrence, David		1,127.16
Lawrence, David		3,010.25
Leonard, William		2,209.03
Lewis, Peter		1,928.08
MacDonald, R. A.		391.55
Martel, Lester		1,857.08
McGrath, Roger		495.43
Mitchell, Donald		1,950.73
Morris, William		1,351.13
Norton, Jack		803.55
Novom, Peter		21.92 *
O'Grady, Daniel		558.83
Oxford County/		4,500.03
Pantano, Christopher		1,855.62
Peabody, Wade		1,157.25
Pierce, Francina		463.72
Pierce, Leonard	Bal	1,804.94 *
Pinkerton, Joyce		963.97
Porter, Earle Jr. Heirs		922.62
Porter, Earle Jr Heirs		794.05
Pudvah, Anna		1,581.68
Rand, Barbara		758.70
Randall, Victoria		1,113.72 *
Ranieri, Stephanie		553.87 *
Ridlon, Joyce		778.13
Smalley, Tammy		599.45
St. Louis, Jerome	Bal	22.26 *
Stosez, Joseph		1,375.24
Thomas, Lisa		2,773.12
Thompson, Sandra		921.16
Three Zero Eight Hampshire		1,121.46 *
Trafford, Brian		1,641.73
Traynor, Marybeth		315.43 *
Vittum, Brandi		699.97
Waldman, Becky		325.07

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Walker, Lonny	2,088.79
Wallace, Alonzo	519.39 *
Ward, Anthony	132.95
Ward, Bruce	601.64
Watts, Vinal Heirs	101.98
Wing, John	2,273.94
Wright, Norman	2,139.78
Wylie, John	1,249.16
Zulick, Patrick	2,143.74
Balance Year End	\$ 117,625.96

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

Liens will be filed in June 2022 for any unpaid taxes.

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

* Paid in full after books closed 12/31/2021 to 1/31/2022

2020 Outstanding Taxes

Opening Balance	\$ 159,094.89
Supplements	18,974.03
Received	110,570.56
Transferred to Liens	\$ 67,498.36
Balance	0.00

2020 Outstanding Tax Liens

As of December 31, 2021

Opening Balance	\$ 67,498.36
Transferred to TAP	0.00
Received	26,811.72
Total Due as of 12/31/2020	\$ 40,686.64

2020 Outstanding Tax Liens

Bean, Paul Est of		1,112.02
Benson, Mary		1,835.68
Chase, Donald	Bal	126.45
Cryan, Mary		71.68
Curit, Virginia		952.95
D and N Construction		573.13
Drew, James		1,545.75
Drew, James		680.62
Faulkner, David		2,213.42
Fox, Leslie		418.32
Harmon, Kenneth R		361.03
Harmon, Kenneth R		1,225.29
Hartford, Jane		2,078.78
MacDonald, RA heirs of		389.67
Martel, Lester		1,848.18
Norton, Jack heirs of		436.20
O'Grady, Daniel		556.16
Pantano, Christopher		1,846.73
Porter, Earle Jr heirs of		918.20
Porter, Earle Jr heirs of		790.25
Ridlon, Joyce heirs of		774.40
Stanley Trafton Holdings	Bal	16,654.99
Thomas, Lisa		2,759.84
Wallace, Alonzo		516.90 *
Total Due as of 12/31/2021		\$40,686.64

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

* Paid in full after book closed 12/31/2021 to 1/31/2022

2019 Outstanding Tax Liens

Beg. Balance	\$ 40,823.88
Transferred to TAP	0.00
Received	40,823.88
Balance due	\$0.00

Tax Acquired Property

Nothing to Report

Taxes Paid in Advance 2021

Opening Balance	\$ 29,080.02
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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	
2021 Taxes	\$ 2,207,012.33
2020 Taxes	\$ 110,570.56
2020 Tax Liens	\$ 26,811.72
2019 Tax Liens	\$ 40,083.71
2021 Taxes Paid In Advance	\$ 29,080.02
Received in Interest	
Taxes	\$ 12,671.97
Peoples United Bank	\$ 3,513.55
Received from the State	
Homestead	\$ 110,265.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 0.00
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 1,060.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 17,333.34
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 180,736.45
Local Roads	\$ 51,312.00
Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$ 648.76
Misc. State Income	1,633.00
State Agencies	
Agent Fees	10,269.00
Animal Welfare	
Animal Control (Town)	\$ 343.00
Animal Welfare (State)	\$ 1,004.00
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	
Boat Excise (Town)	\$ 1,759.00
State Sales Tax, Reg. & Lic Fees	\$ 31,221.87
Motor Vehicle	
Excise (Town)	\$ 330,282.93
Registration (State)	\$ 181,696.05
Vital Statistics	
Town	\$ 1,918.€
State	165.€
Received from Boards	
Appeals Board	\$ 0.00
Planning Board	\$ 2,425.00



Received from Permits

Plumbing Permits	\$ 7,537.50
Building Permits	\$ 2,207.18
Plumbing State Share	\$ 2,515.00
State Septic Fee	\$ 405.00

Received from Miscellaneous

ARPA Funding	86,710.57
Business Licenses	\$30.00
Cable Franchise Fee	\$7,069.13
Driveway Permits	\$ 600.00
Flag Donations	\$ 2,787.65
Holiday Donations	\$ 3,175.66
Insurance Dividends	\$ 929.00
Lease Income	\$ 1,201.00
Office Misc. Fees	\$ 151.02
Photocopies	\$ 71.86
Tri Town Reimbursement	\$2,224.21
Tri Town Stickers	\$ 100.00



Bullring Tub

TOWN OF HIRAM RESERVE FUNDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE

Balance	\$ 34,428.12
Added per Town Vote	5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$39,428.12

ROAD CONSTRUCTION RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$120,804.95
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 130,804.95



PUBLIC WORKS RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 81,307.13
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 91,307.13

BUILDING MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 83,719.12
Added per Town Vote	5,000.00
Building Repairs	16,593.72
Ending Balance	\$ 72,125.40

VEHICLE PURCHASE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 62,718.27
Added per Town Vote	5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 67,718.27



TRI TOWN WASTE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 52,675.00
Added per Town Vote	15,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 67,675.00

SACOPEE RESCUE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 33,500.00
Added per Town Vote	2,500.00
Ending Balance	\$ 36,000.00

REVALUATION RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 66,623.02
Added per Town Vote	3,500.00
Added Balance from Assessing	2,080.00
Ending Balance	\$ 72,203.02

RECREATIONAL LAND USE

Opening Balance	\$ 28,869.32
Income	1,835.00
Expenditures	12,017.43
Ending Balance	\$ 18,686.89

SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS

PARADE ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	\$ 2,091.46
Income	248.89
Expenditures	917.50
Ending Balance	\$ 1,422.85

HEAT ASSISTANCE

Opening Balance	617.00
Expenditures	211.25
Ending Balance	\$ 405.75

HOLIDAY FUND

Opening Balance	\$ 491.82
Donations Received	3,175.66
Expenses 2021	2,734.09
Ending Balance	\$ 933.39

OUTLYING CEMETERIES

Opening Balance	\$5,195.10
Added per Town Meeting	2,000.00
Expenses 2020	4,196.32
Ending Balance	\$ 2,998.78

RADIO ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$13,330.45
Added YE Balance	345.31
Ending Balance	\$13,675.76

ARPA FUNDS

Received from State of Maine	\$86,710.57
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FLAG FUND

Received thru Donations	\$ 3,039.39
Expended on Flags and poles	2,768.67
Ending Balance	\$ 270.72

HIRAM FD ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,927.85
Added YE Balance	2,253.77
Ending Balance	6,181.62

SO HIRAM FD ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,604.21
Prev Yr Reimbursement	225.00
Added YE Balance	2,412.13
Ending Balance	\$ 4,241.34

TRUST FUNDS



CHARLES BEAN CEMETERY

Balance of CD	\$ 1,574.68
Interest Added to CD	3.14
Balance of CD	\$ 1,577.82

DAY DURGIN WARD

Balance of CD	\$ 1,019.75
Interest Added to CD	2.03
Balance of CD	\$ 1,021.78

CHARLES WATSON CEMETERY TRUST

Balance of CD	\$ 2,000.00
Account Opening Balance	\$ 1,098.65
Interest Received	4.17
Account Balance	\$ 1,102.82

EASTMAN TRIPP CEMETERY TRUST

Balance of CD	\$ 2,002.00
Account Balance	\$ 2,690.55
Interest Received	4.70
Account Balance	\$ 2,695.25

HIRAM VILLAGE GREEN / K OF P TRUST

Balance of CD	\$ 5,675.64
Account Opening Balance	\$ 2,407.82
Interest Received	10.94
Account Balance	\$ 2,418.76

ISAAC WALDEN GRAY (OLD SETTLERS) TRUST

Balance of CD		\$ 6,000.00
Account Balance	\$ 3,968.31	
Interest Received	12.20	
Account Balance	\$ 3,980.51	

SPRING MARSHALL TRUST - CD

Account Balance	\$ 561.95	
Interest Received	4.54	
Account Balance	\$ 566.49	



STANLEY BURIAL GROUNDS

Opening Balances of CD's (6 at \$5,000.00) \$ 30,000.00
The two savings bonds terms ended in 2021, the \$1,000.00
was added to the Money Market Account

NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT

Opening Balance		\$ 1,504.06
Deposits	3,575.00	
Expenses	2,936.84	
Ending Balance		\$ 2,142.22

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Opening Balance		\$ 16,732.97
Interest of checking account	12.47	
Interest on CD's	106.97	
Savings Bond Dividends	7.50	
Matured Savings Bonds	1,000.00	
Sale of Lot	325.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 18,184.91

**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 47 building permits this year as shown below:

Dwellings – 18	Additions – 4
Garages – 3	Porches – 4
Decks – 2	Shop/barn type buildings – 6
Sheds – 2	Misc./Other - 3
Mobile Homes – 2	
Renovations – 3	

All construction activity, for which a permit was issued by this office, was inspected in accordance with the Maine Uniform Building Code ("MUBC") which consists of the following components of MUBEC.

2015 International Residential Code (IRC)

2015 International Building Code (IBC)

2015 International Existing Building Code (IEBC)

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

Contact Information for Building and Plumbing

Inspector

Guy Lehouillier – hiramceo@townofhiram.org

Office Phone 207-625-4663

Cell Phone 207-256-2410

HIRAM PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Annual Report

This year a total of 57 plumbing permits were issued. Breakdown is as follows:

Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Systems – 30

Interior Plumbing – 27

All plumbing systems, for which a permit was issued by this office, were inspected in accordance with State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules and the Uniform Plumbing Code. 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

Hiram Planning Board Annual Report



This was a busy year for the planning board. There we conditional use permits issued, we worked on a large subdivision, zoning changes and proposed ordinances to be presented to the town meeting in 2022.

February 8 The board prepared for the conditional use permit request from the Glenvale Baldwin solar farm project portion in Hiram expected in 2021 with a workshop to acquaint the members on the issues and expectations for the project.

March 2 A spirited public hearing was held to consider a conditional use permit for the proposed wilderness campsites on the Zelman property at Clemons Pond.

March 9 Follow up meeting with Andrew Zelman on wilderness campsites to answer questions. The board commenced working on a Solar Farm ordinance for the town.

March 21 Members of the board visited the Baldwin solar farm property for a site walk with questions and answers.

March 30 The board met to work on the Solar Farm ordinance. The board voted to approve the Zelman conditional use permit 4-1.

April 13 The board unanimously approved three conditional use permit requests from Daniel Cormier, F. Harold Bucknell and Ann Morris to

build mobile homes. The board continued to craft the Solar Ordinance after the public hearing.

April 27 The board continued to craft the proposed Solar Ordinance.

June 1 The board considered a conditional use permit for Mark Kuhns to run a building supply business at the Amish Settlement. After discussion the board approved the CUP unanimously. The board then worked on the Solar Farm ordinance.

June 8 The board again heard from managers of the Glenvale Baldwin Solar Farm project after Baldwin approved the major portion of the project. The planning board adjusted the conditions on the Hiram conditional use permit request to mostly mirror the Baldwin CUP. The board approved the request unanimously with the listed conditions added.

July 12 Jones Associates visited the planning board to discuss the major 13 lot subdivision CUP requested by Abner Stoll of the Amish community.

July 23 Members of the planning board visited the Amish property for a site walk.

July 27 Planning board workshop for zoning changes, and solar ordinance revisions.

August 3 Planning board reviewed the final Stoll/Amish major subdivision checklist. Some changes were made to the Stoll CUP. The board agreed on the final proposed Solar Farm ordinance.

August 31 The board discussed adjustments to the Stoll/ Amish major subdivision. The board voted unanimously to approve the major subdivision. After the public hearing the board did some corrections and improvements to the zoning changes and the Solar Farm Ordinance.

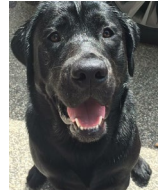
October 5 The board voted to approve the conditional use permit to build and operate a produce store on the Amish property on South Hiram Rd.

October 26 The planning board held a workshop on the Solar Farm Ordinance, Zoning Changes and began to discuss a possible marijuana ordinance.

November 16 The board approved unanimously after a public hearing, a conditional use permit for David Hewey to operate a snowmobile repair and supply shop on South Hiram Rd.

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 Town of Hiram and would like to thank everyone for their help and support. If you have any question, 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 31st 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 neuter) and \$11.00 (unaltered). Substantial late Fee of \$25.00 per dog become effective January 1st

Also a reminder we have a **Disturbing the peace ordinance**. It shall be unlawful for anyone owning, possessing or harboring a dog to cause or permit such 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 it 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,

Cindy Eaton



**Emergency Management Agency Director
Annual Report**

This year two of the quarterly Oxford County Emergency Management meetings were held via Zoom and two were held in person in South Paris. The NIMS report was submitted. The first 2022 meeting was scheduled for a Zoom meeting again. There were no emergencies in the town that met the criteria for reporting to higher authority.

Respectfully,
John Bonanno, Hiram EMD

HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT Annual Report



11	MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS	7	TREE / WIRE HAZARDS
7	FIRES STRUCTURE/CHIMNEY	6	SMOKE/OTHER INVESTIGATION
8	FIRES OUTSIDE/OTHER	10	ASSIST RESCUE/OTHER

HFD responded to 49 calls in 2022. Department members logged approximately 600 hours responding to calls, attending meetings, training, and providing other assistance to the community.

The department worked to improve operations with Denmark and Brownfield's departments through combined training in water supply and vehicle extrication. Training with mutual aid departments is increasingly important as rural departments face severe manpower shortages.

HFD joined SHFD and signed on to a cell phone notification service to improve notification and response. The service increases the range members can be reached and provides additional information such as route mapping locations, GPS coordinates and caller contact information.

The station truck bays were plumbed for compressed air, to keep apparatus systems fully charged and ready. Thanks to Darryl Ward for his knowledge and efforts.

The town voted in 2021 to give qualifying department members stipends for their service. Eight HFD members met the established criteria and received a share of the funding. Volunteerism is the real key component of rural fire service, but a measure of reward to those who sacrifice time and effort to respond to emergencies is very much appreciated.

HFD has been considering the need and value of a boat for water response. We have been called to the Saco River on multiple occasions and with the several ponds in town it makes sense to be prepared for emergencies on the water. We are weighing the considerations for obtaining and outfitting a suitable craft.

The town continues to struggle with the low number of Fire Department personnel. I have set a goal of recruiting 2 additional members in 2022. It would appear to be a modest goal but unfortunately, it's become a real challenge to engage more members. I ask that anyone reading this give thought to joining a department and discuss the situation with other community members to help spread the word that their help is needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Pyburn
HFD chief

**SOUTH HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT
Annual Report**



The department responded to seventy-one calls in 2021 logging about 259 hours at emergency scenes. 245Hours were spent on station maintenance, equipment service and replacement, meetings, and various other functions. In addition 92 hours of training was attended too.

The department has six members presently in which two have expressed the interest of attending the FF 1&2 course in the spring /summer.

List of Calls

Structure Fire	3	Chimney Fire	2	Woods Fire	3
Field Fire	2	Smoke Invest	6	Vehicle Fire	3
CO/Fire Alarm	4	False Call	4	Lift Assist	7
Vehicle Crash	10	Tele./Elec.	7	Boat Assist	1
Canceled	15	Lock Out	1	Standby	1
Station Cover	1	Wall Collapse	1		
Mutual Aid Calls		Received 16		Given 15	

The department did not participate in the Learn Not to Burn at the South Hiram Elementary School again this year for Covid concerns. All three schools had a walk through, and assessment made for fire prevention and state compliance laws. We did traffic control for the James Day Road Race. Some Parade duty and other participation in Public Relations activities including the Kezar Falls Auto Show in Cornish, attendance with the Forestry Apparatus to the Ossipee Valley Fair and delivery of Christmas Gifts for the town.

We regret the loss of our member, James W. Allen, to cancer and prepared for his FF ceremony that was held in the new year. He will be missed.

The Department of Labor paid us a visit this year and found that we were not compliant on some of the Safety Works annual mandates and policies. We are working on getting our files and polices updated, as soon as possible.

After twelve years of being Chief, I am looking forward to stepping down in the near future, in order to spend more time with my family. I thank you for the trust you have had in my performance the past twelve years and will try to leave the department better than I found it.

Respectfully Submitted
James Siracuse Chief South Hiram Fire Department
shfd@townofhiram.org



**SACOPEE
RESCUE**

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



The last 2 years have presented many trials for all of us, the Rescue included. We have all grown from our experiences and are a stronger, better community for it. We look towards 2022 with great expectations towards building a better service and expanding our capabilities. After 38 plus years Chief Edgerly has decided to retire. The position under Chief Edgerly paid a stipend of \$4,000 most years. Often Chief Edgerly took no pay for the work that she did, basically volunteering her time and efforts. As such in 2022 the Rescue will be looking to hire a full time chief. This expense is reflected in the 2022 budget and is line itemed out under Chief Expense. Additionally labor cost has increased significantly in 2021. As labor cost is the largest part of the budget it also has the largest impact on the budget.

As the community progressed through the COVID pandemic the area saw an increase in population. This population increase also increased the number of calls that the rescue received in 2021. The total number of calls that the rescue received in 2021 is 984. Of those Sacopee Rescue handled 845 calls, (141 calls were handled by our mutual aid partners) For comparison in 2020 Sacopee Rescue handled 637 calls in total. This is a 32.65% increase in Sacopee Rescue handled calls over the 2020 call numbers. This increase in calls demonstrates that in 2022 we will need to add a second crew to help ease the use of mutual aid to cover all the calls that we are receiving. This second crew will start on a partial basis providing coverage during the times that historically for 2021 were the busiest.

The breakdown of the 2021 calls compared to 2020 is below

	Total Number of Calls for 2021	Call Numbers Handled by Sacopee Rescue	
		2020	2021
Town			
Cornish (includes Cornish Station)	223	167	191
Hiram	242	145	215
Porter (includes SVHC)	214	151	184
Parsonsfield	279	149	229
Mutual Aid Provided by Sacopee	26	25	26
Totals	984	637	845

DIAL 911 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES

Non-Emergency Numbers

State Police 800-228-0857

Oxford County Sheriffs 800-733-1421

Sacopee Rescue 625-3088

Hiram Fire Department 625-4064

So Hiram Fire Department 625-4824



Hiram Historical Society Annual Report

2021 was a year of suspense about COVID, a year in which we saw belated celebrations of Maine State's Bicentennial. Although the community-wide gala theatrical production, to be held in May 2020, was cancelled, Sacopee Valley High School, graciously offered to produce a severely modified version in the school amid strict COVID restrictions. In this partnership HHS president Sally Williams wrote profiles and TV2 Class teacher Sandra Taylor, directed the Class of 2021 in portraying fifteen of the founders, including wives, children, and grandchildren, who described their feats and personalities and life in the pioneer plantation of "Great Ossipee." In this production, the moderator, Mrs. Taylor, read the facts; students as settlers speaking freely in their own voices were filmed in costume with photographic backgrounds of historic Hiram features provided by HHS. Professional musicians, Hiram residents, performed for the final video – David Sturtevant sang and played "Hiram, Maine" written by Paul Wadsworth for Hiram's sesquicentennial in 1964. Paul was a descendant of Hiram's patriarch, Revolutionary War hero General Peleg Wadsworth. Katherine Rhoda sang and played "Out of the Dark," a hymn written by Samuel Wadsworth Longfellow, a grandson of "The General" and a brother to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. HHS then had the edited iMovie converted to DVD and copied and distributed to friends of SAD55 and elders without internet. We believe this collaborative production is unique in the State of Maine. The iMovie will be uploaded to the HHS website and YouTube account soon.

After COVID restrictions on gatherings were lifted Hiram Historical Society leapt into action. Its "20/20/20" trolley tour "Hidden Historic Houses of 1820" included 20 historic buildings that existed in Hiram in 1820 and were still standing in 2020, some hidden by foliage, long private driveways, or remodeling. The popular tour by trolley was held August 1, 2021, narrated by HHS-president Sally Williams, who described homes, businesses, and the "new" old town hall where it was voted to secede from Massachusetts. The single trolley was full, packed with enthusiastic passengers. Great Ossipee Museum began opening again with new exhibits. The August 1 event was followed by two

programs on Native Americans. both with large audiences. On August 14, Peter Stowell presented “Lost Tribes of Western Maine” and on September 11, Sally Williams lead Native Americans in Our Area, at which accounts of settler interactions with Natives in Hiram, Baldwin and Cornish were described.

The culmination of these celebrations was the publication in late 2021 of *Faces of Founders: Hiram, Maine* (FOF) to high acclaim by historians and readers alike. Authored by Hiram’s Town Historian and HHS president, Sally Williams, FOF focuses on the fortitude of pioneers who cleared the “forest primeval” - the hardships of farming, logging, milling and other agrarian-based industries, going to war, working with neighbors, building schools, churches, roads, and bridges, investing in canals, establishing law enforcement and taxation, and caring for paupers. It brings women into the light with stories of their plight if not sought in marriage, or if widowed or wronged. The stories of these unsung helpmates, and the stories of others, discovered through dogged research, are told for the first time in FOF, part of what makes it not just a “local” history but a Maine state story.

HHS continued to maintain the building (e.g., restored some rotted sills, basement screens, pediment seals), preserve the collection (e.g., cleaned and re-framed Evie Hanson’s paintings, added to storage), conduct oral histories (the Adams family, Bill and Marilyn Johnson), and fundraised. We are grateful to the Town of Hiram for its financial help with these activities. But there is one looming capitol need – completing the replacement of old ill-fitting storm windows on the second floor, prelude to grant requests for heating and air conditioning, much needed now as summers become hotter and more humid. The current estimate for 12 combination storm windows 33” x 85” is \$5525.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Williams





Soldiers Memorial Library Annual Report

Your Soldiers Memorial Library in Hiram Village had a challenging year addressing responsibly the threat of the spread of Covid, but proved to be an adaptable organization in continuing to serve our community.

We had to reduce library hours and curtail some planned programs, but used grant funds to hire a temporary part-time Sanitation Manager so the library could remain an important destination for Hiram folks. Many patrons used the “no contact” option to order books by phone, picked up books at the door and used our back door drop box.

In September we continued our Maine author talk series with Tim Caverly, whose presentation on his books Allagash Tails included Tim and his wife Susan reading an reenactment of the thrilling rescue of a lost hunter!

An exciting development in recent years in Maine is the availability of the “Digital Maine Library” which allows us to access thousands of sources without having to enter the library! Call or come in and our librarian will show you how it works. You can learn about car and bicycle mechanics and how to write a resume. Check out “What Do I Read Next?” or research your ancestry, or take self-directed language lessons.

Do you lack internet access at home, or know someone who does? The library – and its parking lot – provides a WI-FI hotspot for your use. Inside we have 6 laptop computers and printers that many people use for their research or writing.

Soldiers Memorial Library also hosts several clubs who gather there, always masked, for:

- Scrabble
- Monthly Book Discussions
- “Knotty Knitters” (beginners welcome!)

If you want to join in the fun or have a club you'd like to start, just come on over! See "Your Weekly Shopping Guide" for current events, Our current hours are: Wed-Thurs noon to 5 and Sat 9:30 to 12:30.

For 2022 we are planning some great things:

- employ part-time Development Director Andrea Guimond, to improve and expand programs and help us find funds to support them (Andrea's position is funded by the Maine Humanities Council.)
- expand services for children and families, in ways that will appeal to Hiram residents (see below to have input into how we expand)
- update our computers with a grant we recently received from the Maine State Library

For your information:

This year the Hiram Cultural Center's new Development Director and board members from the Hiram Cultural Center, which operates the Library and Arts Center, will meet with small groups of Hiram residents to find out what kinds of services and programs people would like to see us offer. Please consider participating in what we are calling a "Community Conversation". If you'd like to give us the benefit of your opinion, please contact us. This will be a year-long needs assessment project that will guide our efforts going forward. Thank you!

We pause to thank the nearly 100 donors and volunteers! who support our Soldiers Memorial Library and The Arts Center at 8 Hancock every year, especially through our spring fund drive! We could not do it without you!

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Website: <https://thehiramculturalcenter.squarespace.com/> Find us on Facebook!

**CHECK OUT
"YOUR WEEKLY SHOPPING GUIDE"
FOR CURRENT EVENTS,
OUR CURRENT HOURS ARE:
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The Arts Center at 8 Hancock Annual Report

You probably know by now that Hiram has its very own Arts Center!

The Arts Center at 8 Hancock (some call it “Hiram Arts Center”) in the Village was started several years ago, the result of a gift of the church next to the library, to be used to benefit the entire town of Hiram. A large group of volunteers gathered to determine that an Arts Center was what the town needed, and to help start one up. Since then the Arts Center has been offering jazz concerts, theater classes, Christmas events, nature programs for children, Yoga and other adult ed. classes, craft fairs and the like.

The Center provides meeting space for public and private meetings of all kinds, especially in winter when the Community Center and Mt. Cutler Museum are closed. The Arts Center is a “safe haven” during power outages, warm in winter and cool in summer's sweltering heat.

Despite the challenges Covid presented, The Arts Center sponsored several successful events, well attended and enthusiastically received by townspeople.

In August we held a “Whale of a Tale” event, with a visit from the gigantic inflatable whale from the Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine. This event was enjoyed by young and old alike. More than 40 participants joined in to learn about the lives of whales off the coast of Maine and to enjoy an ice cream social provided by Route160 Ice Cream! This program was free due to the generous support of the Onion Foundation.

In October we sponsored a huge Artisan's Fair, largely outdoors, featuring goods from locals artists and craftspeople grateful to have a space to sell their wares with safe physical and social distancing. Dozens of shoppers made delightful purchases and checked off names on their Christmas gift lists!

Our planning for 2022 is under way and, if pandemic conditions allow, will include:

- Don Campbell Band - tribute to our Veterans and free for all Vets. Thank you for your service!
- Chewonki classes - Environmental Education and teaching us Stewardship of the Natural World
- The Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine - more programs, workshops, concerts and fun activities for the entire family!

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We pause to thank the nearly 100 donors and volunteers! who support The Arts Center at 8 Hancock and Soldiers Memorial Library every year, especially through our spring fund drive! We could not do it without you!

8 Hancock Avenue Hiram, ME 04041 Phone: (207) 409-1822
Website: <https://thehirculturalcenter.squarespace.com/> Find us on Facebook and Instagram!



Hiram Conservation Committee/ Mt Cutler

As with many families, businesses, and others, the pandemic risks have limited the projects and efforts of the volunteers of the Hiram Conservation Committee. However, that does not mean that conservation work by volunteers ceased to happen. Work of this year continued efforts needed for maintenance and improvements of your Mt Cutler Park and Conservation Area. Also, the same volunteers have had individual projects in other parks, cemeteries, and other places where maintenance is always needed.

During 2021, the trails on our mountain have continued as very popular destinations for many outdoors activity clubs, family groups and many hundreds of others seeking safely-distanced, fresh air activities. We have seen many visitors to our town, and we have hope that their favorable impressions have continued to reflect well upon our community.

Continuing the promised assistance with trail maintenance and improvements, we also had two small groups of Appalachian Mountain Club volunteers who worked at specific projects on the trails. Led by the Maine Chapter AMC Trails Chairperson, Phil Coyne, they had two specific work dates that we organized, scheduled and managed as Maine Chapter AMC volunteer work trips:

On May 17, Phil arrived in the early afternoon to meet with four other volunteers. They worked mostly on the NW Trail, which is one of the newer trails on the mountain. They cut back branches near the trail, cut away stumps left from earlier trail work to reduce tripping hazards, and made water bars to reduce erosion on steep trail sections. They also planned their route to walk most of the main ridge trail, not for more work, but to enjoy the great views from many points on the ledges of this half-mile long ridge.

On September 12, Phil returned with Patsy Leavitt as co-leader, along with two other volunteers. They returned to the NW Trail to clear a fallen tree and improve the water bars for protection against erosion. Then they ascended to the main ridge and went down on part of the Saco Ridge Trail to continue earlier work of refreshing the red paint blazes that mark this trail.

Phil and Patsy also came at other times on their own when they were making plans these projects.

There have been other volunteer efforts, when necessary. On Nov 14, Dan and his grandson, Stewart, worked to reinstall the information kiosk at the Hiram Hill Road trail head parking lot. Somebody had driven into the kiosk, causing some damage and completely "uprooting" it (even though the legs were planted two feet deep and with cross-bars near the bottom to resist pulling up). Fortunately, they did not break the support posts, but... strangely... they also stole a large sign warning people not to leave valuables in their

vehicles.

Stewart also helped on another visit when he and a friend came in the spring to scout some trails for storm damage before the AMC volunteers came to do trail work.

We do not assure that we will maintain the parking areas for winter use, and we have a sign posted that explains that. However, we are grateful to Peter Payne for continuing to provide volunteer plowing to keep the entrance to the Hiram Hill parking area open through the roadside snow bank.

If you are not familiar with the Mt Cutler hiking trails, there are usually Trail Guide pamphlets in the boxes at both parking areas, and a copy of that pamphlet can be down-loaded from the Town of Hiram web site. Several places on-line also describe the trails, and show some photos:

- MaineTrailFinder.com and select Hiram to search, or enter directly as mainetrailfinder.com/trails/trail/mt-cutler-park-conservation-area
- AllTrails.com has many reviews and descriptions of the trails.
- There is an extensive description in the AMC Maine Mountain Guidebook.

Another important recreational area in Hiram is the sand bar below the Hiram Falls dam. Brookfield, the owner of the dam, maintains a parking area that is available through the summer seasons. This parking area is gated closed for winter, and Brookfield has closed it at other times when vandalism has been a problem. The Conservation Committee has worked there in the past, when trash has accumulated on and near the beach. Fortunately, most visitors behaved better during this year, and Brookfield also increased their efforts to monitor and maintain the parking area. Although sometimes abused, we can be thankful for having this beautiful spot available here in Hiram.

The Conservation Committee is listed in the front of this report book. Please contact us with suggestions, and additional volunteer help is always welcome. Dan Hester, for the Hiram Conservation Committee and the Mt Cutler Park.



SACO RIVER CORRIDOR



Your appointed commissioner and alternate are Dan Hester and Carol Goode. We work to represent your concerns and interests at eleven meetings of the commission each year, along with site visits, committee work, and other meetings. The Saco River Corridor Commission (SRCC) regulates development and uses in the shorelands of the Saco, Ossipee and Little Ossipee Rivers from where the rivers leave NH to where the waters drain to the ocean at Biddeford-Saco. Twenty towns and cities have shorelands in the Corridor, and each municipality appoints two persons to serve on the Commission. 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.

The SRCC has two full-time employees: Executive Director Dalyn Houser and Administrative Assistant Rikki Haley. In addition, there are two part-time staff: an Environmental Compliance Evaluator, John Boland, and the Manager of the Water Quality Monitoring (WQM) program.

During 2021, the SRCC had eleven monthly meetings. For safety of the commissioners, applicants and others during the pandemic, nearly 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

On the home page you can scroll down to see the schedule of upcoming meetings. The “Regulations” tab provides application forms, the Saco River Corridor law, and performance standards that have been adopted. Under “Resources” there are documents that can help with erosion control, planning gardens and yards, designing paths, and other projects. These are all useful if you are considering construction or any other land use within the Corridor, which is usually anywhere within 500 ft of the river shores.

Hovering over the “Resources” tab also gives access to an especially useful “Corridor Mapping Tool.” When that page is open, use “Click here” or the QR code to open the mapping tool. On that map, which is based upon a satellite view, you can “zoom into” any of the 20 towns or the surrounding areas. The corridor districts can be shown on the map, along with most property lines. This map can determine if your planned use is in the Corridor, what uses are allowed, and whether this use requires a permit.

During 2021, the SRCC managed 130 applications, of which 5 were for projects that are in Hiram. Most people who make applications are able to successfully obtain a permit to accomplish their work, because the staff and commissioners work with applicants to assure that the plans for the project are

in compliance with the law. The staff actually works with many more persons than the 130 applicants, because they can offer advice as to whether a project can be made to work within the requirements and regulations, and some inquiries just need advice to determine what uses are allowed.

Another part of the SRCC work is the Water Quality Monitoring (WQM) program. This monitoring is conducted during May through September of each year at 37 sites from Conway to Saco. The actual test sampling is done by eight trained volunteers and two of the SRCC employees. In Hiram there are 3 test sites: Laurie Downey has managed the site at the Ossipee River / River Road bridge and Dan Hester has managed the Saco River sites at the Hiawatha Campground and at the sand bar below Hiram Falls. A six-page report is available (copies will be at the Town Office, and this can be emailed as a PDF, if requested.) that show the summary of results at the Hiram test sites. The conclusions of this report show that the waters of the Saco in Hiram are continuing in good quality for Class AA waters, but the Ossipee River has some coliform bacteria counts that are close to the limits for Class B waters, and there are phosphate levels that exceed EA standards at times.

The appropriations that are provided by the towns in the Saco River Corridor are designated for support of the WQM program. Those appropriations have assured that water testing now has a twenty-one 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. All of the regulations of the Corridor are, in part, aimed to protect the waters of our rivers and to avoid detrimental development that is too close to the river shores.

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

Dan Hester / 1539 Pequawket Trail, Hiram 04041 / cell: 207-256-2449 /email: danmore1972@gmail.com.

Sacopec Valley Recreation Council Annual Report

Sacopec 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. Currently our paid coordinators are Kathy Hewey and Jocelyn Neilson. Their coordination of duties, communication skills, and great work ethic certainly contribute to making this small program work in big ways.

Normally we plan and oversee engaging and diverse activities- include traditional sports programs for youth in grade K-6, imaginative summer camps and low-cost learn to swim program, not to mention a number of free offerings such as open gym, X-C skiing, ice skating, womens volleyball, Friday night cribbage and Easter egg hunts. In March 2020 everything changed due to COVID and many things still remain in limbo even now.

This past spring we were able to have sign-ups for baseball and softball after not having a season in 2020. With COVID restrictions it was decided that the players would need to have their own bats and helmets. Therefore it was voted to waive the usual registration fee for everyone this year. The program went well. Karate continued as before.

Summer camps resumed in 2021 with great attendance and interest. WE were still not allowed to use indoor school facilities but were able to use Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds for two camps, we had basketball camps outdoors on the tennis courts at the high school and soccer camp was at the Cornish fields. The hockey camp was the elementary school field and pickleball was held at the tennis courts. By late fall we had worked with the school district to have pickleball lines painted on one tennis court and that came at a cost of \$800.00

In the fall soccer and field hockey were both successful. We were still using the Cornish fields which worked out wonderfully well. In November we were given permission to conduct a basketball program in the elementary and middle school gyms as long as we followed the current guidelines of masking and setting limits on spectators in the gyms. A record number of youth signed up and at present all games are scheduled to be played at Fryeburg Rec Center. Rick Buzzell of Fryeburg is coordinating all games schedules, securing referees, and setting league rules. This makes it easy for us but it comes with a cost.

We continue to have expenses such as advertising, insurance, and equipment as well as coordinators to 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. And lastly it is our mission to provide programs to all children regardless of a family's ability to pay.

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 anyway, please let us know.

Sincerely,
SVRC Board of Directors
Participant numbers for Hiram in 2021
Spring – Baseball/Softball - 25
Summer Camps - 16
Fall – Soccer/Field Hockey/Karate – 24
Winter – Basketball/Karate - 8





ANNUAL REPORT

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, we have been 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 495 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 from 2020 to

present. Many of our staple live broadcast events such as MSAD 55 School Board meetings moved to a virtual Zoom meeting format, and then of course the spring interscholastic sports season was cancelled for 2020. However, Sacopee TV2 was able to provide a platform for events to be held virtually which otherwise would have had to be cancelled. In 2020, we held 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. As we make progress in fighting the battle of the COVID-19 pandemic, many events have made their way from Zoom back to in-person. Sacopee TV2 continues to attend each event.

With the start of the 2021-2022 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 32 home interscholastic athletic events (boys' soccer, girls' soccer, and field hockey), the annual Cornish Horse Races held 9/12/21, and the National Honor Society induction ceremony on 10/06/21, monthly school board meetings, the SVHS Winter Concert held 12/08/21. Last year, SacopeeTV2 was asked to create a short film representing the Hiram Historical Society to produce a tribute to the founding fathers of Hiram. SacopeeTV2 members worked diligently for several months on the project with Sally Williams. The video was almost an hour long and the end product was well received by many. In the springtime, we will be completing our annual 3-4 minute promotional videos for each of the towns that support Sacopee TV2.

In August of 2020 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. Thankfully, we had Mr. JR Stevenson stepped up to take on his position. Despite it being his first year, he demonstrates great skill and passion for Sacopee TV2. We would like to thank him for stepping up and keeping the program alive. We are currently working with getting him up to speed as well as working to get Channel 2 updated. In addition to Mr.Stevenson, we would like to recognize and thank all of the Sacopee TV2 students, teacher, and principal for their help to keep this wonderful program alive. Mrs.Taylor and Mr.Wolfe have been there for many years and have always been willing to step up to take on roles not designated to them, especially in the absence of a coordinator in years past. The current students for Sacopee TV2 are: Hailey Capano '22 (station manager), Dylan Shields '22 (asst. station manager) ,Cassidy Shea '22, Sophie Shortsleeves '22, Tyler Muise '23, James Ritter '24, Dylan Capano '24, Elana Ford '24, and Elise Hermance '24.

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 tv2@sad55.org 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
Hailey Capano SVHS '22
Sacopee TV Station Manager

Town of Hiram Health Officer



The pandemic has remained a huge problem with vaccines overly politicized and unnecessarily severe illness among those unimmunized crowding out other sick patients from hospital beds. We have tried to give consistent advice on ways to help reduce to impact of the pandemic even though as new information comes along, sometimes the advice changes in ways people find troubling.

However, Hiram's health officer calls have been less to do with Covid than rats, poor living conditions making easy living for vermin, and poor home upkeep upsetting neighbors in various ways. Residents are sometimes resistant to clean up efforts and standard efforts with better housekeeping, pest control, etc.. We have taken some initiative to control infestations when homeowners were the subjects of repeated complaints by neighbors.

Firefighters volunteering to protect us and our property have been evaluated to comply with Maine State standards and encouraged to participate in the work according to their individual examinations. It was gratifying to find more young people entering both the East Hiram and South Hiram stations.

Respectfully submitted.

Dr. Joseph R.D. deKay, D.O.

SACO MUSIC FESTIVAL
Annual Report



The Saco River Festival Association appreciates the past support from Hiram and the other Sacopee towns. 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.

After having to cancel our Summer Bandstand Concerts in 2020 due to the pandemic restrictions, we decided not to submit requests for funding from the towns in 2021, realizing that citizens and town governments would likely have difficulties.

With the availability of Covid vaccine in the spring of 2021, the case counts in Maine were decreasing and we decided to try to go ahead anyway with a limited concert schedule last summer. We found four bands who had been vaccinated and were willing to play – the last date was a wash-out due to rain, but the first three were very successful with large crowds, great music, and comfort food. Audience members were mostly conscientious about masks and distancing, and the musicians were happy for the opportunity to perform in the outdoor setting.

For this year, we will continue monitoring the pandemic situation to see if live music performances will be safe this summer. Work on Pike Hall in Cornish has been completed so that the auditorium is up to fire code standards and will be available for concerts as a rainy-day location, but the outdoor Bandstand venue with plenty of space poses fewer risks. If Covid-19 conditions in the Sacopee schools improve this year, we also hope to work more closely with the music teachers to support the students in their musical interests. In anticipation of resuming our Summer Series at the Cornish Bandstand (with no admission fees – donations only), we would appreciate the consideration of our request for financial support from Hiram.

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 as they develop.

Respectfully Submitted
Sharon Beaver, 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.



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.



Beautiful 4th of July Parade



Tri Town Waste Report 2021



We would like to thank you for your patience during our renovation work. The start date was delayed for a number of reasons, but once the work started, it went well. There were some glitches with supply delays but we are almost done. The chutes that go into the recycling compactors need to be fabricated, but again, there were problems getting the material. We will add more snow stops on the roof over the recycling compactors to keep snow and ice from sliding off the roof. Once the new chutes are in place it will be much easier to use the compactors, no more stairs to climb. Hopefully this will encourage more people to recycle.

The scales were delivered and placed but one section twisted and had to be replaced. Due to late starts and weather getting colder, it was decided to wait until spring to complete that installation. Once the scales are operational the traffic flow will change slightly. There will be signage to guide you as you enter and maneuver through the station.

A sander has been added to our truck so the attendants can sand the station whenever it is needed. We no longer have to contract out for plowing and sanding, saving us money.

Throughout all the construction we did not have to close the station. This was due to the cooperation of our contractors, P.Y. Estes & Son, Inc., D S Foundations & Son, Inc., Great Falls Construction, and Maine Scales. Along with these contractors, we also have to thank our attendants Joe, Mike, and Tim for their help and patience with all that was happening while trying to help residents and still keeping the station running. Well done men.

Please bear with us a little longer as things will get better.

Try to increase your recycling effort, it does save us money.

Respectfully submitted,
Tri-Town Waste Disposal Board



**TOWN WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY
2021 ANNUAL REPORT
OWNS OF BALDWIN, HIRAM AND PORT**



Opening Balance

\$ 37,129.73

Received from:

Town of Baldwin	\$ 89,713.64
Town of Hiram	90,000.00
Town of Porter	90,000.00
Demo Debris Fees	12,592.82
Stickers sold for Freon removal	3,120.00
Reimb. For metals 152.38T	12,213.64
Bulky Waste fees	10,161.00
Reimb for electronic waste	125.73
MSAD #55 payment to participate	18,266.60

Total Receipts	\$ 326,193.43
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Total	\$ 363,323.16
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Paid:

TIPPING FEES:

ECOMAINE – 2,132.4 tons	\$ 193,569.23
ECOMAINE – Bulky waste 73T + 40 Mattresses	9,544.85

CPRC – demolition debris 112.8T	11,883.72
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BUILDING REPAIRS:

Station repairs	729.00
Supplies	718.40

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

TW Enterprise - sander	\$2,800.00
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STATION CONSTRUCTION

Clerk of the works, Rick Day	2,640.00
Terradyn Consultants	4,176.00
Legal – loan papers	3,507.95

EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

Backhoe fuel	390.00
Backhoe repairs	244.26
Yard truck repairs	386.97

TRUCK EXPENSES:

KF Auto Parts	3,079.03
Fuel Decal	5.00
Dicks Used Cars & Repairs	2,670.20
Truck fuel 3,009.5 gals	8,992.37
Truck registration	1,757.44
Central Tires	2,656.24

TRUCK DRIVER EXPENSES:

Driver – Salary	12,548.48
Spare driver -	1,638.36
MMTA fees	163.16

ATTENDANTS PAYROLL:

Michael Cote	12,597.28
Joseph McNulty	19,403.73

Town of Hiram, Maine

Tim Caldwell	10,535.06
PAYROLL EXPENSES:	
IRS tax deposits & state tx dp	14,727.39
SECRETARIAL SERVICES & OFFICE SUPPLIES	
Town of Hiram reimbursed	2,324.21
Terry Day mileage	47.60
Shopping Guide Ads	378.00
Miscellaneous	272.35
Audit	2,250.00
Office supplies	276.55
Employee gift cards	550.00
STATION OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Water bill	550.73
CMP bill	3,026.57
Telephone bill	634.05
Plowing/sanding	2,500.00
Extinguishers	66.00
Annual license fees	316.00
Licenses	199.00
INSURANCES:	
General Liability/Workers Comp & Auto Insurance	17,452.00
Total Expenses	<hr/> \$ 352,207.20
Balance Carry Forward to 2022	\$ 11,115.96

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 – DENNIS LOWD

SPARE TRUCK DRIVER – SCOTT CHAPMAN

STATION TEL NUMBER: 207-625-7633

OFFICE TEL NUMBER: 207-625-4663

WELCOME DENNIS TO THE TRI-TOWN CREW!

***WITH THE NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT PLEASE BE
PATIENT WITH THE ATTENDANTS!***

***THE TRI-TOWN BOARD WOULD LIKE TO THANK JOE, MIKE, TIM,
DENNIS & SCOTT FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR TOWNS
AND FOR KEEPING THE TRANSFER STATION IN TIP TOP SHAPE.
KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!***



Proven Expertise & Integrity

February 8, 2022

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, 2021. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2021 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

RHR Smith & Company

Certified Public Accountants

Town of Hiram, Maine
TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE 1

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 2,722,931	\$ 2,722,931	\$ 2,722,931	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	2,325,177	2,325,177	2,379,637	54,460
Excise Taxes	285,000	285,000	332,042	47,042
Interest on Taxes and Liens	-	-	12,672	12,672
Total Taxes	<u>2,610,177</u>	<u>2,610,177</u>	<u>2,724,351</u>	<u>114,174</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	125,000	125,000	180,736	55,736
Homestead Exemption	102,237	102,237	110,265	8,028
GA Reimbursement	2,800	2,800	-	(2,800)
Local Road Assistance	50,000	50,000	49,254	(746)
Veteran Reimbursement	1,000	1,000	1,060	60
Tree Growth Reimbursement	12,000	12,000	17,333	5,333
State Snowmobile	649	649	649	-
Other	463	463	1,633	1,170
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>294,149</u>	<u>294,149</u>	<u>360,930</u>	<u>66,781</u>
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	-	43,116	43,116
Charges for Services:				
Planning Board	-	-	2,425	2,425
Lease Income	-	-	1,201	1,201
Transfer Station Fees	-	-	100	100
Animal Control	-	-	343	343
Total Charges for Services	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,069</u>	<u>4,069</u>
Investment Income	10,000	10,000	2,812	(7,188)
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Miscellaneous Revenue	26,000	33,069	7,921	(25,148)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>26,000</u>	<u>33,069</u>	<u>7,921</u>	<u>(25,148)</u>
Transfers from Other Funds	22,000	22,000	-	22,000
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>5,685,257</u>	<u>5,692,326</u>	<u>5,866,130</u>	<u>217,804</u>

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	225,651	223,571	215,617	7,954
Boards and Associations	50,450	50,450	34,258	16,192
Maintenance	22,000	20,165	165	20,000
Community Services	41,380	41,380	41,379	1
Culture and Recreation	23,748	23,748	23,748	-
Protection	90,070	85,059	80,210	4,849
Cemeteries	8,200	6,200	6,343	(143)
Municipal Garage	561,000	561,000	491,998	69,002
Health and Sanitation	97,600	97,600	91,740	5,860
Education	1,541,354	1,541,354	1,541,354	-
County Tax	181,334	181,334	181,334	-
Unclassified	127,359	134,428	15,087	119,341
Transfers to Other Funds	56,000	66,926	66,926	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>3,026,146</u>	<u>3,033,215</u>	<u>2,790,159</u>	<u>243,056</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 2,659,111</u>	<u>\$ 2,659,111</u>	<u>\$ 3,075,971</u>	<u>\$ 460,860</u>
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 63,820</u>	<u>\$ 63,820</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (63,820)</u>

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TOWN OF HIRAM

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2021

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,817,310	\$ 30,530	\$ 3,847,840
Investments	-	48,845	48,845
Accounts receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	117,541	-	117,541
Liens	41,427	-	41,427
Due from other funds	-	713,036	713,036
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,976,278	\$ 792,411	\$ 4,768,689
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 6,051	\$ -	\$ 6,051
Due to other governments	7,133	-	7,133
Due to other funds	713,036	-	713,036
TOTAL LIABILITIES	726,220	-	726,220
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	29,080	-	29,080
Advanced payment of LRAP funding	25,656	-	25,656
Deferred tax revenues	119,351	-	119,351
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	174,087	-	174,087
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	68,259	68,259
Restricted	-	97,841	97,841
Committed	-	623,042	623,042
Assigned	79,181	3,283	82,464
Unassigned	2,996,790	(14)	2,996,776
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	3,075,971	792,411	3,868,382
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,976,278	\$ 792,411	\$ 4,768,689

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 2,392,309	\$ -	\$ 2,392,309
Excise taxes	332,042	-	332,042
Intergovernmental revenues	360,930	86,711	447,641
Charges for services	47,185	-	47,185
Miscellaneous revenues	10,733	10,763	21,496
TOTAL REVENUES	3,143,199	97,474	3,240,673
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	215,617	-	215,617
Boards and associations	34,258	-	34,258
Maintenance	165	-	165
Community services	41,379	-	41,379
Culture and recreation	23,748	-	23,748
Protection	80,210	-	80,210
Cemeteries	6,343	-	6,343
Municipal garage	491,998	-	491,998
Health and sanitation	91,740	-	91,740
Education	1,541,354	-	1,541,354
County tax	181,334	-	181,334
Unclassified	15,087	42,332	57,419
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,723,233	42,332	2,765,565
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	419,966	55,142	475,108
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	66,926	66,926
Transfers (out)	(66,926)	-	(66,926)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(66,926)	66,926	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	353,040	122,068	475,108
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	2,722,931	670,343	3,393,274
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 3,075,971	\$ 792,411	\$ 3,868,382

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Legal and professional	\$ 5,000	-	\$ 5,000	9,463	\$ (4,463)
Town office operation	40,000	-	40,000	38,228	1,772
Update assessing	5,000	(2,080)	2,920	2,920	-
Town staff	82,000	-	82,000	81,252	748
Fringes	14,500	-	14,500	11,074	3,426
Insurance	70,001	-	70,001	64,094	5,907
Audit of Town books	7,150	-	7,150	7,150	-
Elections	2,000	-	2,000	1,436	564
	<u>225,651</u>	<u>(2,080)</u>	<u>223,571</u>	<u>215,617</u>	<u>7,954</u>
Boards and Associations -					
Selectboard	14,800	-	14,800	14,800	-
Tax maps	1,750	-	1,750	1,509	241
Code enforcement	33,700	-	33,700	15,850	17,850
Planning board	100	-	100	2,099	(1,999)
Appeals board	100	-	100	-	100
	<u>50,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,450</u>	<u>34,258</u>	<u>16,192</u>
Maintenance -					
Upkeep of buildings	20,000	-	20,000	-	20,000
Park upkeep	22,000	(1,835)	165	165	-
	<u>22,000</u>	<u>(1,835)</u>	<u>20,165</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Community Services -					
Sacopec Rescue	32,500	-	32,500	32,499	1
Southwest Oxford County	4,600	-	4,600	4,600	-
Community Concepts	2,980	-	2,980	2,980	-
Seniors Plus	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Saco River Corridor Commission	300	-	300	300	-
	<u>41,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,380</u>	<u>41,379</u>	<u>1</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Culture and Recreation -					
Soldiers Memorial Library	17,500	-	17,500	17,500	-
Smooth Feather Youth	600	-	600	600	-
Sacopec recreation	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
Historical Society	500	-	500	500	-
Hiram Development Assoc.	500	-	500	500	-
Hiram Community Center	500	-	500	500	-
Snowmobile club	824	-	824	824	-
Hiram Hillclimbers	324	-	324	324	-
	<u>23,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,748</u>	<u>23,748</u>	<u>-</u>
Protection -					
Fire Chief salary	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Hiram fire department	18,500	(2,254)	16,246	16,246	-
South Hiram fire department	18,500	(2,412)	16,088	16,035	53
EMA director	1,800	-	1,800	1,800	-
Communications	10,000	(345)	9,655	9,655	-
Animal control	2,150	-	2,150	1,792	358
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	1,620	-	1,620	1,620	-
Hydrants	16,500	-	16,500	15,870	630
Street lights	10,000	-	10,000	8,192	1,808
Volunteer fire pay	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
SHFD compressor	2,000	-	2,000	4,000	2,000
	<u>90,070</u>	<u>(5,011)</u>	<u>85,059</u>	<u>80,210</u>	<u>4,849</u>
Cemeteries -					
Care of cemeteries	5,800	-	5,800	5,800	-
Outlying cemeteries	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	-
Memorial purposes	400	-	400	543	(143)
	<u>8,200</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>6,200</u>	<u>6,343</u>	<u>(143)</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Municipal Garage -					
General roads	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-
Resurfacing account	150,000	-	150,000	79,289	70,711
Roads/bridges	25,000	-	25,000	16,530	8,470
Winter roads	286,000	-	286,000	296,179	(10,179)
	<u>561,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>561,000</u>	<u>491,998</u>	<u>69,002</u>
Health and Sanitation -					
Solid waste account	90,000	-	90,000	90,000	-
Health officer	800	-	800	800	-
General assistance	6,800	-	6,800	940	5,860
	<u>97,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,600</u>	<u>91,740</u>	<u>5,860</u>
Education -					
RSU #55	1,541,354	-	1,541,354	1,541,354	-
	<u>1,541,354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,541,354</u>	<u>1,541,354</u>	<u>-</u>
County Tax -					
Oxford County	181,334	-	181,334	181,334	-
	<u>181,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,334</u>	<u>181,334</u>	<u>-</u>
Unclassified -					
Contingency	10,000	-	10,000	600	9,400
Maine Municipal Association	2,653	-	2,653	2,653	-
Southern Maine Planning	608	-	608	608	-
Cable franchise fees	-	7,069	7,069	7,069	-
Abatements/overlay	114,098	-	114,098	4,157	109,941
	<u>127,359</u>	<u>7,069</u>	<u>134,428</u>	<u>15,087</u>	<u>119,341</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	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	-	5,000	5,000	-
Revaluation reserve	3,500	2,080	5,580	5,580	-
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	-
Hiram fire department	-	2,254	2,254	2,254	-
Sacopee Valley Rescue	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Outlying cemeteries	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
South Hiram fire department	-	2,412	2,412	2,412	-
Radio reserve	-	345	345	345	-
Recreational land reserve	-	1,835	1,835	1,835	-
	<u>56,000</u>	<u>10,926</u>	<u>66,926</u>	<u>66,926</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 3,026,146	\$ 7,069	\$ 3,033,215	\$ 2,790,159	\$ 243,056

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COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,530	\$ 30,530
Investments	-	-	48,845	48,845
Due from other funds	207,977	505,059	-	713,036
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 207,977</u>	<u>\$ 505,059</u>	<u>\$ 79,375</u>	<u>\$ 792,411</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable - principal	-	-	68,259	68,259
Restricted	86,711	-	11,130	97,841
Committed	117,983	505,059	-	623,042
Assigned	3,283	-	-	3,283
Unassigned	-	-	(14)	(14)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>207,977</u>	<u>505,059</u>	<u>79,375</u>	<u>792,411</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 207,977</u>	<u>\$ 505,059</u>	<u>\$ 79,375</u>	<u>\$ 792,411</u>

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COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 86,711	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86,711
Interest income	-	-	174	174
Miscellaneous	6,689	-	3,900	10,589
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>93,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,074</u>	<u>97,474</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Program expenditures	22,613	16,594	3,125	42,332
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>22,613</u>	<u>16,594</u>	<u>3,125</u>	<u>42,332</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>70,787</u>	<u>(16,594)</u>	<u>949</u>	<u>55,142</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	14,426	52,500	-	66,926
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>14,426</u>	<u>52,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,926</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	85,213	35,906	949	122,068
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>122,764</u>	<u>469,153</u>	<u>78,426</u>	<u>670,343</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 207,977</u>	<u>\$ 505,059</u>	<u>\$ 79,375</u>	<u>\$ 792,411</u>

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Town of Hiram, Maine

- NOTES -