

TOWN OF HIRAM
2022
ANNUAL REPORT



RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO
Terry Day

The 2022 Town Report is dedicated to Terry Day with sincere thanks and appreciation for her 36 years of service to the Town of Hiram. Terry began working for the town in June of 1987 as Administrative Assistant and Deputy Clerk. Terry's role has included being the E911 Address Officer, General Assistance Administrator, Secretary for the Planning Board and the Appeals Board. Terry has also been the long time Secretary and Treasurer for the Tri-Town waste facility.

Terry is planning to retire on August 1st of this year which will leave some big shoes to fill at the Town Office. Terry and her husband Mike have two children, 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Terry enjoys spending time with her family and taking trips to their camp in Stratton. She loves all sorts of outdoor activities from snowshoeing to fishing to foraging for mushrooms. She also enjoys woodworking projects, cooking for her family and playing cribbage.

The Municipal Officers wish Terry well in her retirement and hope she can enjoy many extended trips to camp for many happy years to come. Thank you, Terry, for all you have done for Hiram.

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



For the Fiscal Year Ending
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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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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 Officers Meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday
of the month at 7:00 P.M.**

2022 APPROPRIATIONS

APPROVED BY VOTERS:

Town Office Operations and professional services:	62,163.00
Compensations, benefits & insurances	193,000.00
Update Assessing	5,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	20,000.00
Town Building Repairs	10,000.00
Emergency funds	10,000.00
Emergency response departments.	47,000.00
Volunteer firefighters stipend	4,000.00
Town Utilities	25,500.00
Road Works	566,500.00
Road engineering	38,000.00
Snowmobile club	721.58
General Assistance	5,100.00
Solid Waste & Reserve	120,450.00
Sacopee Rescue Unit & Reserve	91,000.00
Outside Agencies	39,010.00
Care of Cemeteries/Memorial Purposes, Park Upkeep	9,300.00
Reserve accounts	53,500.00

TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	1,300,244.58
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FROM FUND BALANCE/SURPLUS (CARRY FORWARDS) & REVENUES

TO REDUCE COMMITMENT BY:

Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00
Emergency Fund	10,000.00
Road Engineering	38,000.00
Snowmobile revenues	721.58
State revenue sharing	170,000.00
Veteran reimbursement	1,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	15,000.00
Interest earned	12,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	30,000.00
Excise Tax	325,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Local Roads	49,000.00
Harvest Hills	1,620.00

TOTAL FUNDS/SURPLUS & REVENUES	
TO REDUCE COMMITMENT:	\$ 703,841.58

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Real Estate Valuation	\$ 161,475,378.00
Homestead Exemption Valuation	9,784,520.00
Personal Property Valuation	681,148.00

TOTAL VALUATION:	\$ 171,941,046.00
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION	162,156,526.00
Homestead	7,142,700.00
BETE reimbursement value	28,569.00

Base Assessment	\$ 169,327,795.00
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Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 1,299,523.00
MSAD #55 Assessment	1,582,106.64
County Tax	193,084.00

ASSESSMENTS	\$ 3,074,713.64
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*LESS ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS	- 700,120.00
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TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT W/OVERLAY	\$2,386,944.06
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Rate of taxation - \$14.72 per thousand
 Committed to the Tax Collector July 14, 2022 and interest started 60 days after
 commitment date, September 13,2022.



TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2022

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Elected – 3 year term – March

Karen James	2023
Eric Durgin	2024
Cory Hale	2025

MODERATOR

Elected

Kraig Mason

TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, TREASURER

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Appointed – 1 year term - March

Marylou F. Stacey

BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY

DEP TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, & TREASURER

Appointed – 1 year term - March

Terry Day



ROAD COMMISSIONER

Elected – 3 year term – March 2025

Greg Sawyer

FIRE CHIEFS

Bruce Pyburn Hiram Fire Dept.

James Siracuse So. Hiram Fire Dept.

James Siracuse retired in January of 2023

EMA DIRECTOR

Appointed – 1 year term- July

John Bonnano Resigned Dec

Lisa Hale was appointed

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

Elected – 3 year term – March
Cynthia Clark 2023
Danielle Parker 2024
Alison Lehouillier 2025



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

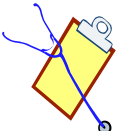
APPEALS BOARD

FAIR HEARING AUTHORITY

Appointed – 3 year term - April
Keisha Garnett 2023
William Johnson 2023
Eugene Stacey 2024
Jan Williams 2024
Sylvia Pease 2025

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Appointed – 3 year term – March
Nathan Burnett 2023
Herbert “Jamie” Marshall 2024
Britton Wolfe 2024
Daniel Hester 2025
Lura Sawyer 2025



HEALTH OFFICER

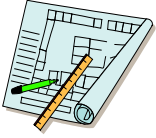
Appointed – 3 year term – March
Dr. Joseph DeKay, D.O. 2025

HIRAM PARADE COMMITTEE

Dave Paro

TOWN HISTORIAN

Appointed – 1 year term – March
Sally Williams



PLANNING BOARD

Appointed – 3 year term - March

Ron Richards	2023
Keisha Garnett	2024
Guy Lehouillier	2024
Dustin Bachelder	2025
John Bonanno	2025
Carol Goode	Alt. 2025

Planning Board Currently
Has One Alternate Vacancy

SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION

Appointed – 3 year term – November 2025
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 -	Cory Hale
	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

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATE
CONTACT INFORMATION**

District 82 - Hiram, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Lovell & Porter

State Representative: Caleb Ness

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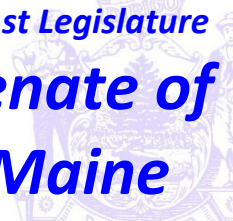
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to serve you in the Maine Senate. Thank you for putting your trust in me. You can be sure I will work tirelessly on your behalf.

I have already taken the oath of office and started my first term working for the people of our district. Having served in the State Senate previously and being a lifelong resident of Maine, I am quite familiar with the towns in Senate District 22.

The 131st Legislature must work collaboratively to solve problems and ease the burdens everyday Mainers face. Constituents have already expressed that they would like to see government start working for them. I could not agree more. I look forward to hearing from more of you, so together we can evaluate the nature and effectiveness of the state/local government relationship.

Maine families, seniors, and small businesses need relief from high costs affecting budgets. Addressing policies that have contributed to some of these high costs is a priority of mine in the coming session. As your State Senator, I will be working to find ways to incorporate economies. Your tax dollars should be spent wisely.

In addition to addressing costs, the 131st Legislature is tasked with passing a balanced budget by June 30, 2023. This will require careful review of current state spending, and a prioritization of allocations that meet the most vital needs of our towns.

Thank you for electing me to serve you in the Maine Senate. The 131st Legislature has a great deal of work to do, but I know if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please contact me at 287-1505 or james.libby@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,



James D. Libby
State Senator, Maine Senate District 22



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your State Representative. It is truly an honor. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to make a difference in the community and I am looking forward to the new challenges that await in the 2023 legislative session.

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

For the next two years, I will be serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. On this panel, we will discuss many issues in regards to the Committee's jurisdiction over new legislation pertaining to business regulation; professional and occupational licensing; student assistance programs at the Finance Authority of Maine; economic development and economic planning and development agencies. These matters are crucial to our community and I hope to hear from you to discuss ways to improve our community.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 82. I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. If you would like to be added to my e-mail update list, you can do so by e-mailing me directly with your request at Caleb.Ness@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caleb Ness".

Caleb Ness, State Representative

District 82 Brownfield, Fryeburg, Hiram, Lovell and Porter

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON AGING
RANKING MEMBER
APPROPRIATIONS
SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

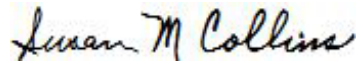
When Maine Veterans' Homes announced last year that it planned to close its facilities in Caribou and Machias, I opposed that decision which would have had such a devastating effect on rural veterans and their families. I am glad that the decision was reversed, and I have secured \$3 million to help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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins

United States Senator



2022 Town Meeting Participants

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BUDGET
INTELLIGENCE
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy. The bipartisan *CHIPS Act* will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones to microwaves to cars – and in doing so reduce prices and create good American jobs. We also passed the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* to lower healthcare costs, allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, and cut energy bills with new rebates for things like heat pumps and solar panels.

Beyond these major investments, we also passed vital legislation to improve the day-to-day lives of Maine people and Americans nationwide. On a bipartisan basis,

we expanded health care for veterans exposed to toxins, strengthened protections for marriage equality, supported Ukraine as it fought off a bloody Russian invasion, secured our elections and the peaceful transfer of power, and delivered millions in federal investments to projects up and down our state.

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

We can and will get through anything together. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2022.

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angus S. King, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

*Guy & Alison Lehouillier
CEO & Election Clerk*



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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

District, a lifeline for our lobster industry that freezes any regulatory action for at least six years, and secures millions in additional funding for the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help Mainers heat their homes.

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



**This summer Terry will be leaving the Town Staff after 30+ years
Won't be the same without you.**



Municipal Officers Report

Thank you for allowing me to represent you all these past three years. We said farewell to Jamie Marshall as board member and welcomed new board member, Cory Hale in 2022. It has been a busy and productive year with many changes and progress made on multiple fronts.

Roads – we heard loud and clear that we had to invest in and protect our roads, so we convened a road assessment committee that consisted of Greg Sawyer, Brian Anderson, Elwyn Day, Joe Cooper and me. We split the town roads up into groups that each of us took to assess. All data was reported back, and Terry has assisted in documenting into a format that we can use to track improvements as they are completed. We used the money raised at town meeting last year to execute the design of road improvements for Tear Cap and New Settlement Road so if grant funding for “shovel ready” projects become available, we are ready. The worst portion of Tear Cap is estimated to cost \$625,000 including tree removal work. We have included a warrant article to see if the voters would support the project this year and have some financing suggestions to pay for it. Furthermore, our road commissioner has continued to perform ditch maintenance, culvert replacements, brush removal and paving project on River Road.

Winter Maintenance – Contract were bid out this year and we experienced a significant increase over the last bid process. The south end was awarded to Kenneth Harmon and the north was awarded to Shea & Sons Excavation. The overall cost is up about 20%. Our annual salt cost went up from \$58 to \$78 per ton, approximately 35%.

Rescue – the SRU has made significant improvements in their operations and responsiveness to our community in part from the increased funding that was approved last year. We have met with their board several times over this year to hear and see how their progress is going. They asked for and we agreed to fund the purchase of two Lucas devices through our ARPA funding. They also requested a capital expenditure for the purchase of a third truck to replace the out of service model we had.

ARPA Funded projects – Thank you to so many who turned out for our public hearings and special town meetings this year to approve expenditures from the ARPA funding. The approved articles included Hazard Pay for staff, Stanley Pond boat landing repairs, East End Sidewalk repairs, GIS mapping program online, new server and office improvements for office.

Tax Rate and Permits – Our 2022 rate went up slightly from \$ 14.61 to \$14.72 this year. A total of 58 permits were processed this year.

Tri Town – The transfer station trash compactor got replaced this year. This was a long over-due project and had become a safety hazard. Thank you to the staff for promoting the growth of the facility to serve Hiram, Porter and Baldwin. The bigger recycling relocation project that began in 2021 was completed with the installation of the scales in early 2022. With the scales, commercial haulers can now pay to use. We are hoping that will increase traffic as well as revenue for Tri Town which should result in taxpayer savings year after year.

Fire Department – Our South Hiram station saw the resignation of longtime Chief Syracuse. We thank James for his years of service to the department. His presence will certainly be missed. The volunteerism is way down and we are looking into alternative ways to keep fire personnel up to date with trainings, certifications as well as to promote others to volunteer. As of this writing, we are in talks with Fire Depart staff on creative ways to streamline operations. If you have any ideas for us to consider, please bring them forward. Please consider getting involved to help pull the load.

Staff Retirement – We are going to be saying farewell to Terry Day this year who is moving into her much-deserved retirement after serving the Town of Hiram for more than three decades! It will not be an easy transition given her depth of knowledge of the town business, but we are trying to prepare for it. We have recently appointed Emma Ouellette as a new staff member. Emma started working for the town in late January to start training on the business of the town. Please give a warm welcome to Emma as she begins what we hope is a long journey with us.

Terry, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your years of service and stewardship of the town, it's people and our surrounding communities. It is difficult for me to express in words the appreciation this board feels for you and the years of your great service to us. Thank you!!!

Our community members and families have experienced some tough losses this year. We send our warmest and deepest sympathies to families and friends affected by their passing.

In summary, it has been a year of change and transition. Change is the only constant! We remain concerned about our infrastructure and how we can keep up with the maintenance as costs for everything are skyrocketing while trying to keep some control over higher taxes for our tax payers. Let us continue to work together to keep our town the warm, welcoming place it is. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Karen James, Chairperson

TOWN OF HIRAM
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Elections Friday March 3, 2023
Annual Town Meeting Saturday March 4, 2023
9 am. at the Sacopee Valley Middle School

To Alison Lehouillier, 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 3, 2023 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:

Selectboard/Assessor/Overseer – 3 yr term
MSAD 55 School Board Director – 3 yr term

When the polls are closed, the meeting will recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, the 4th day of March 2023, 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 to the Sacopee Snowdrifters Club. The money is used for various purposes, such as trail maintenance and construction, or purchases of equipment and material. These trails are open to the public during the winter season. Municipal Officers recommend appropriate Snowmobile Reimbursement from the State.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$93,000.00 for the Sacopee Rescue Unit per their request as follows:

Sacopee Rescue operating account	\$ 83,000.00
Sacopee Rescue reserve account	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 93,000.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$83,000.00 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 \$35,614.00, with \$1,609.00 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
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	\$ 1,609.00
Hiram Parade	\$ 500.00
Hiram Historical Society-decreased	\$ 1,800.00
Hiram Development Assoc	\$ 500.00
Hiram Community Center -decreased	\$ 500.00
Arts Center at 8 Hancock	\$ 1,100.00
Life Flight services	<u>\$ 805.00</u>
	\$35,614.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$35,614.00 with \$1,609.00 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 2023 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2024, to the March 2024 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 8% of interest on unpaid taxes and set the date for interest to commence 60 days after the 2023 commitment date.
The Municipal Officers recommend 60 days after the 2023 commitment date and interest rate of 8%.
- 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 2023 Overlay abated taxes to any property owner that have paid their taxes prior to approval of the abatement.
Municipal Officers recommend 2% for 2023
- 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 \$50,000.00, 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 2023 calendar year to the budget accounts that have overruns at the of the 2023 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 Fire Apparatus 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 vote to raise and appropriate from undesignated fund balance the sum of \$14,725.00 to cover the overdraft in the Roads Account 2022 budget. (The deficit is due to the unforeseen increase in salt, increase in the plow contracts and cost of putting up the sand piles)
Municipal Officers recommend to do so.**
- ARTICLE 21. 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 2023. Funds to be taken from the undesignated fund balance account.
Municipal Officers recommend raise & appropriate \$10,000.00 from undesignated fund balance
- ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 71,571.00 for the following town office operations and professional services in combination with any revenues received for legal, planning board and appeals board.

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$71,571.00 with revenues received for planning board, appeals board and any legal reimbursements. (NOTE: There is an increase in legal due to a rate increase as well as an increase in town office operations for cost increase overall)

Audit	\$ 7,450.00
Planning and Appeals Boards	\$ 200.00
Legal expenses	\$ 12,500.00
MMA Dues	\$ 2,976.00
SMPD dues	\$ 645.00
Town Office operations	\$ 42,500.00
Update Tax Maps	\$ 4,500.00
Health Officer	\$ <u>800.00</u>
 Totaling	 \$ 71,571.00

ARTICLE 23. 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 \$10,000.00

SALARY ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 24. 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 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$243,000.00 for compensations, insurance, 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: \$243,000.00 for compensations, insurances, and benefits:

Town office Staff	\$ 125,700.00
Fire Chiefs	\$ 8,000.00
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
Insurances	\$ 68,800.00
Towns Share Social Security	\$ 18,000.00

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the update assessing for the 2023 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 raise and appropriate \$5,000.00.

PROTECTION ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,400.00 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	\$ 22,700.00
South Hiram Fire Department	<u>\$ 22,700.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 55,400.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise & appropriate \$55,400.00

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purpose of paying a stipend to volunteer firefighters in both fire departments in accordance with criteria approved by the fire chiefs and municipal officers.

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$4,000.00

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

Hydrants	\$ 16,500.00
Street Lights	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 26,500.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$26,500.00

HEALTH & SANITATION ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 which includes reimbursement from the State for the General Assistance Account.

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$4,000.00.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$148,615.00 for the following solid waste accounts:

Solid Waste Account	\$ 133,615.00
Tri-Town Waste reserve	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 148,615.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$148,615.00

ROAD ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of 684,500.00 for the purpose of road work within the town as follows:

Large Road Projects	\$ 10,000.00
General Road / Paving	\$ 300,000.00
Winter Roads	<u>\$ 374,500.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 684,500.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate the sum of \$684,500.00 (Note: Increase in winter roads- salt prices increased \$20 per ton and new contracts)

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town supports proceeding with \$300,000.00 loan/bond to rebuild a portion of Tearcap Rd. From the beginning of Tearcap for approximately 3,100 feet. Municipal Officers recommend to do so.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to change the elected position of Road Commissioner to an appointed position by the Municipal Officers.

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 \$10,800.00 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.	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$10,800.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$ 10,800.00

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Recreational Land Reserve Fund to erect and preserve the waterwheel from the former South Hiram Sawmill. The waterwheel was restored many years ago and has been left on

its side. We will be collecting donations as well as looking for volunteers to help with this project.

Municipal Officers recommended raise and appropriate up to \$5,000.00 from the specified Reserve Account.

RESERVE ACCOUNT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 37. 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 \$ 53,500.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$53,500.00

ARTICLE 38 . 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 . Entertain a motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Karen James
Eric Durgin
Cory Hale
Town of Hiram, Municipal Officers



Thank you Terry for your dedication and service for the Town of Hiram



MUNICIPAL OFFICER'S REPORT EXCISE TAX

Received:

Auto Registrations	\$ 342,685.54
Boat Registrations	1,833.00
Transferred to other towns	- 548.70

Total	<hr/>	\$ 343,969.84
Applied to 2022 commitment	\$ 322,000.00	
Balance		\$ 21,969.84



Work crew on Mt. Cutler Hiking Trails

COUNTY TAX



Assessed:		\$ 193,084.00
Paid:		
Oxford County Treasurer		\$ 193,084.00

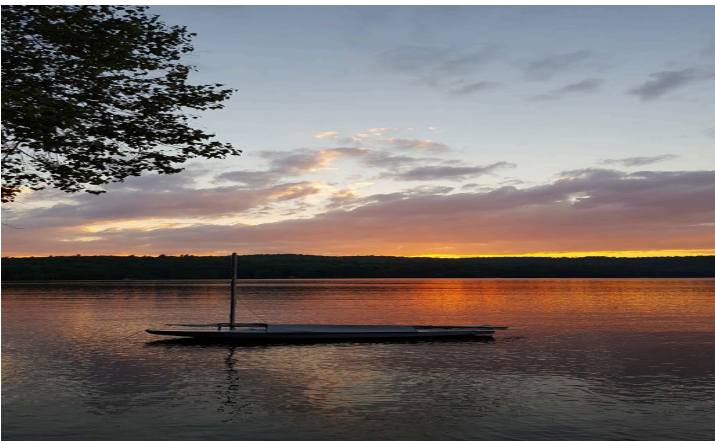


STATE MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING

Rec	State Treasurer	\$ 214,836.72
Applied to 2022 commitment	\$ 170,000.00	
Balance to Surplus		\$ 44,836.72

OVERLAY

Assessed 2022 Commitment	\$ 117,911.50
Supplements	12,170.63
Abatements	- 6,100.84
Balance	\$ 123,981.29



**BEAUTIFUL BARKER POND
SUNSET**



ADMINISTRATION
LEGAL EXPENSES

Raised at town meeting		\$ 7,500.00
Overdrawn due to ongoing legal issue		2,801.63
Total Expenses		<hr/> \$ 10,301.63
Paid:		
Town issues	\$ 4,509.89	
Audit	242.36	
Planning Bd issues	5,440.00	
¼ legal ad for rescue	109.38	
Total		<hr/> \$ 10,301.63

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
FUNDS
(ARPA)

Received in 2021:		\$ 86,710.57
Received in 2022:		86,912.07
Total		<hr/> \$173,622.64
Approved at Special Town Meetings to spend:		
Hazard Pay to town staff	\$ 11,024.00	
¼ share of Lucas Device for Rescue	10,000.00	
Stanley Pond Boat Ramp	5,450.00	
Rebuild portion of sidewalk on Eastend	64,688.00	
GIS Mapping Program	16,150.00	
1/3 share Hazard Pay for Tri-Town employees	2,656.00	
Total expense	<hr/> \$ 109,968.00	
Balance		\$ 63,654.64



NEW REBUILT BOAT RAMP AT STANLEY POND
THANK YOU BRADLEY SANBORN, INC.

TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS

Raised		\$ 41,350.00
Received Reimb. for office supplies		2,254.80
		\$ 43,604.80
Bal		
Paid:		
Heating Oil 992.70 gals	\$ 3,022.10	
Electric Bill	2,249.29	
Telephone Bill	1,416.66	
Water Bill	479.56	
Office Supplies	3,807.62	
Postage	4,014.00	
Town report	1,038.43	
Mowing	1,060.00	
Shoveling	425.00	
Software agreement	14,518.81	
Computer supplies	405.71	
Copier contract	340.49	
Postage Meter contract	650.16	
Workshops	734.70	
Dues	255.00	
Registry of Deeds	2,261.00	
Ads	1,885.00	
Town office mileage	980.75	
Extinguishers	79.80	
Miscellaneous	225.92	
Extra Legal expense	2,801.63	
Extra Audit expense	300.00	
		\$ 42,951.71
Total Expenses		
Balance lapsed to surplus		\$ 653.09

MMA DUES

Raised:		\$ 2,787.00
Paid:		
Maine Municipal Association		\$ 2,787.00

PLANNING BOARD

Raised:		\$ 100.00
Received from fees		2,973.00



Total		<u>\$ 3,073.00</u>
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Paid:		
Ads	1,264.00	
Workshops	90.00	
Postage	843.11	

Total	<u>\$ 2,197.11</u>	
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Balance to surplus		\$ 875.89
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APPEALS BOARD

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

STATE PLUMBING FEES

Received from Plumbing Permits		\$ 1,857.50
Received from plumbing surcharges		300.00

Total		<u>\$ 2,157.50</u>
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Paid:		
Treasurer State of Maine	\$1,842.50	
Balance		\$ 315.00



MUNICIPAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION & MILEAGE



\$ 13,000.00
1,800.00

Total \$14,800.00

Paid:

Municipal Officers salaries \$11,000.00

Municipal officers mileage 1,800.00

Transferred within account 2,000.00

Total \$14,800.00

ASSESSMENT



UPDATE ASSESSING



Raised: \$ 5,000.00

Paid:

David Ledew, single assessor \$ 3,200.00

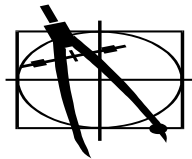
Balance to Revaluation Reserve Acct \$ 1,800.00

SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Raised \$ 626.00

Paid:

SMRPC dues \$ 626.00



SOLDIERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Raised: \$ 17,500.00

Paid:

Soldiers Memorial Library \$ 17,500.00





AUDIT

Raised	\$ 7,150.00
Transferred within account	300.00
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	\$ 7,450.00
Paid:	
RHR Smith, town audit	\$ 7,450.00

UPDATE TAX MAPS

Raised	\$ 1,750.00
Moved to ARPA funds for new mapping program (see ARPA fund account)	\$1,750.00



UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

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

TOWN OFFICE STAFF


Raised:		\$ 88,000.00
Received reimbursement from Tri-Town		2,228.56
Transferred within account		7,898.58

Total		<hr/>	\$ 98,127.14
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Paid:		
Terry Day/Admin.Assist./deputy E911 address officer/GA admin PB & AB secretary	\$ 41,765.34	
Terry Day/Tri-Town Treas/Sec	2,208.56	
Marylou Stacey/Twn Clk, Tx. Coll., Treasurer, Reg.of Voters	47,153.24	
SHFD chief, James Siracuse	4,500.00	
HFD chief, Bruce Pyburn	2,500.00	

Total	<hr/>	\$ 98,127.14
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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Raised:		\$20,000.00
Paid:		
Guy Lehouillier, CEO		13,750.00
CEO training & books		417.76
Mileage		1,999.92
Total		<u>\$ 16,167.68</u>
Balance to surplus		\$ 3,832.32

ELECTION OFFICIALS/WORKERS

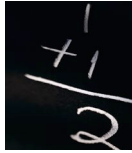
Raised:		\$ 2,750.00
Paid:		
Election Workers		\$ 2,088.75
Install voting box		75.00
Election supplies/food		225.14
Total		<u>\$ 2,388.89</u>
Balance		\$ 361.11

TOWNS SHARE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Raised		\$ 13,500.00
Received reimb. from Tri-town		170.48
Transferred within account		469.48
Total		<u>\$ 14,139.96</u>
Paid:		
Towns Share of IRS tax deposits		\$ 14,139.96

EDUCATION

Assessed:		\$ 1,582,106.64
Paid:		
MSAD #55		\$ 1,582,106.64



EMERGENCY EXPENSES

Voted at town meeting to appropriate up to		\$ 10,000.00
Paid:		
Solar panel for traffic sign	\$ 337.00	
Malfunctioning septic system	2,500.00	
Transferred to other accounts	5,861.56	
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total expenses	\$ 8,698.56	
Balance		\$ 1,301.44



HEALTH & SANITATION



GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Raised:		\$ 5,100.00
Reimbursed from State		828.35
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Total		\$ 5,928.35
Paid:		
Heating Oil, 300 gals	\$ 1,019.00	
Rents	1,000.00	
Food	109.38	
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Total expenses	\$ 2,129.08	
Balance to fund balance		\$ 3,799.27



SOLID WASTE



Raised:		\$ 105,450.00
Raised for reserve		15,000.00
Special Town Meeting		13,500.00
Total		<hr/> \$ 133,950.00
Paid:		
Tri-Town Waste operating	\$ 105,450.00	
1/3 shared of replacement of ram	13,500.00	
Placed into a reserve	15,000.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 133,950.00



SACOPEE RESCUE UNIT



Raised:		\$ 81,000.00
Raised for Reserve		10,000.00
Total		<hr/> \$ 91,000.00
Paid:		
Sacopee Rescue Unit	\$ 81,000.00	
Put into a reserve account	10,000.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 91,000.00



HEALTH OFFICER

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

TOWN BUILDING REPAIRS

Raised & Appropriated from building reserve		\$ 10,000.00
Paid:		
Electrical work at the office	\$ 100.00	
HFD sheetrock repairs	4,500.00	
	\$ 4,600.00	
Total general Bldg repairs		
Unexpended balance from building reserve		\$ 5,400.00



***Cindy Odlin receiving the 2022 Spirit of America award
At the 2022 town meeting.***



HIGHWAYS

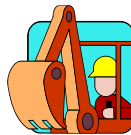


LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE

Received from State		\$ 51,172.00
Appropriated to commitment	\$49,000.00	
over estimated		\$ 2,172.00

GENERAL ROADS & PAVING

Raised:		\$ 201,000.00
From Local Road funds		49,000.00
Overdrawn account		895.96
Paving funds from 2021		79,181.38



Total		<hr/> \$ 330,077.34
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Paid:		
Greg Sawyer, Road Commissioner	\$ 27,305.00	
Road Crew	19,482.00	
Supplies	258.72	
Parts	749.82	
Tools	1,608.68	
Culverts	6,791.29	
Cold Patch	11,370.95	
Gravel	4,030.50	
Paving	222,788.60	
Equipment repairs	7,772.63	
Truck maintenance	124.54	
Moved excavator	300.00	

Road signs	656.07	
Sweeping Roads & sidewalks	1,235.00	
Town backhoe & truck fuel & oils	10,747.84	

Equipment Rental,		
Dump truck	3,425.00	
Excavator	11,430.70	

Total	<hr/> \$ 330,077.34	
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ROADS, BRIDGES & LARGE PROJECTS

Raised:	\$ 10,000.00
Paid:	
No expenses	
Balance	\$ 10,000.00

ROAD ENGINEERING

Appropriated from Surplus	\$ 38,000.00
Paid:	
Sebago Technics for Surveying and engineer plans New Settlement Rd & Tearcap	\$ 29,824.87
Balance back to Surplus	\$ 8,175.13



Left to right: Newly elected Cory Hale, Karen James, Eric Durgin and exiting Jamie Marshall – Board of Municipal Officers



WINTER ROADS



Raised:
Overdrawn account

\$ 306,500.00
32,004.32

Total
Paid:

\$ 338,504.32

CMP	\$ 819.73
Salt-North End 656.72 tons	
South End 424.84 tons	68,077.98
Snowplow Contract NE-	
PY Estes & Son –to May	69,936.02
Shea & Sons – Oct -Dec	46,979.92
Put up Salt/sand pile-NE –Geo. Anderson	27,000.00
2,000 yards	
Snowplow Contract SE	
Snowplow contract –	
Greg Sawyer to May	65,333.65
Kenneth Harmon Oct-Dec	40,357.02
Put up Salt/sand pile – SE	20,000.00

Total

\$ 338,504.32

Total for NE Contractor
Shea & Sons-
contractor
3 yr contract to
4/30/25
5,800/mile 2022/23
\$5,932.34/mile 23/24
\$6,064.67/mile 24/25



Total for SE
Contractor
Kenneth Harmon –
contractor
3 yr contract to
4/30/25
\$5,000/mile all years
of contract

**SOUTH END
CONTRACTOR
KEN HARMON
207-420-0325**

**NORTH END
CONTRACTOR
SHEA & SONS
207-671-3050**



REMINDER!!
**IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO
SHOVEL, PLOW, PUSH, OR
BLOW SNOW FROM YOUR
DRIVEWAY OR PROPERTY
ONTO OR INTO A PUBLIC WAY.
IT IS ALSO AGAINST THE LAW
TO OBSTRUCT THE VIEW AT
AN INTERSECTION WITH HIGH
BANKINGS**

PARKS & RECREATION

PARKS & RECREATION REVENUES

Received:

Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 18,999.44
Veterans Reimbursement	1,050.00

Total	<hr/>	\$ 20,049.44
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OUTLYING CEMETERIES

Opening balance	\$ 2,998.78
Raised	2,000.00

Total	<hr/>	\$ 4,998.78
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Paid:

Flags for veterans graves	\$ 510.00
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Balance to 2023	<hr/>	\$ 4,488.78
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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	<hr/>	\$ 5,800.00
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DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL

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

PARK UPKEEP/MEMORIAL PURPOSES

Appropriated:		\$ 1,500.00
Use of funds from special reserves		319.61

Total		<hr/>	\$ 1,819.61
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Paid:		
Mowing Sawmill Park	\$	545.00
Porta Potties for public beaches		625.00
Sawmill Park clean up		92.60
DEP permit by rule for clean up		78.00
Memorial Day flowers/wreaths		190.00
Replacement fencing		289.01

Total	<hr/>	\$ 1,819.61
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**HEATING ASSISTANCE
DONATION ACCOUNT**

Opening Balance	\$	405.75
Received from Baldwin fund raiser		1,696.00

Total		<hr/>	\$ 2,101.75
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Paid:		
CN Brown – 50 gals	\$	120.45

Total spent	<hr/>	\$ 120.45
Balance for 2023		\$ 1,981.30





SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

Received from State	\$ 721.58
To be paid to:	
Sacopee Snowdrifters	\$ 721.58
Hiram Hillclimbers have disbanded and joined Sacopee Snowdrifters	

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



HIRAM PARADE



Opening Balance		\$ 1,422.85
Received		235.50
Appropriated		500.00
Total		\$ 2,158.35
Paid:		
Parade supplies	\$ 12.50	
Banners	185.00	
Porta Potty	150.00	
Ad	306.00	
Cash on hand for parade booth	200.00	
Total	\$ 853.50	
Balance to 2023		\$ 1,304.85





**SACOPEE HIGH SCHOOL
TV 2**



Received from franchise fees		\$ 6,990.16
Paid:		
Time Warner, high speed internet for town office & SHFD	\$ 1,439.88	
Sacopee Valley TV2	5,550.28	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 6,990.16

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 CULTURAL CENTER

Raised: \$ 1,100.00
Paid:
Hiram Cultural Center \$ 1,100.00

HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Raised: \$ 2,000.00
Paid:
HHS \$ 2,000.00



HIRAM COMMUNITY CLUB

Raised: \$ 700.00
Paid:
HCC \$ 700.00



HIRAM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Raised: \$ 500.00
Paid:
HDA \$ 500.00

SMOOTH FEATHER THEATER

Raised: \$ 600.00
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

LIFELIGHT

Raised:	\$ 810.00
Paid:	
Lifelight	\$ 810.00



PROTECTION



HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised at town meeting	\$ 18,500.00
Use of special reserve funds	1,357.52

Total	\$ 19,857.52
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Paid:	
Heating Oil – 1,688.10 gals + propane	\$ 5,251.05
Electricity	976.11
Telephone	356.58
Supplies	375.85
Truck fuel	1,027.01
Hose testing	1,914.75
Protective gear	945.74
Fit test SCBA	645.80
Truck radios/pagers	517.50
Truck inspections	200.00
Truck reconstruction changed fuel tank	2,957.75
Fire extinguishers	123.50
Parts	735.88
Plowing station	2,410.00
Firefighting training	1,115.00
Firefighter dues	205.00
Building repairs	100.00

Total	\$ 19,857.52
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HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance from 2021	\$ 6,181.62
Transferred to HFD 2022	\$ 1,357.52
Balance in Special Reserve Acct. to 2023	\$ 4,824.10

EMA DIRECTOR

Raised:		\$ 1,800.00
Paid:		
EMA director, John Bonanno, resigned	\$ 900.00	
EMA mileage, John Bonanno	450.00	
EMA director, Lisa Hale, new	300.00	
EMA mileage, Lisa Hale	150.00	
 Total		 \$ 1,800.00



SOUTH HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT



Raised at town meeting		\$ 18,500.00
Use of reserve		1,009.46
 Total		 \$ 19,509.46
Paid:		
Heating Oil 611.6 gals	\$ 1,761.40	
Electricity	895.83	
Telephone	652.32	
Water Bill	474.11	
Fuel for trucks	2,060.17	
Supplies	274.82	
Tools	1,397.21	
Pump test	1,471.50	
Protective gear	2,878.95	
Benchtest SCBA	843.80	
Radios/pagers	688.75	
Truck maintenance	2,105.93	
Truck Inspections	162.00	
Ladder tests	120.00	
Extinguisher inspections	104.00	
Parts	2,131.39	
Plowing	1,050.00	
Computer software	82.28	
Dues	145.00	
DOL fine	210.00	
 Total		 \$ 19,509.46

SOUTH HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

Opening Balance		\$ 4,294.50
Transferred to SHFD 2022	\$ 1,009.46	
Purchased boots	436.76	
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Total	\$ 1,446.22	
Balance to 2023		\$ 2,848.28

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER STIPENDS

Raised and appropriated		\$ 4,000.00
Paid:		
6 qualified volunteers	\$ 3,600.00	
Balance		\$ 400.00



COMMUNICATIONS

Raised		\$ 10,000.00
Paid:		
Dispatching contract w/Gray	\$ 7,591.08	
Tower rental	1,140.00	
Road Commissioners Cellphone	497.44	
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Total paid	\$ 9,228.52	
Balance to communication reserve account		\$ 771.48



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Raised		\$ 2,150.00
Overdraft		526.94
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Total		\$ 2,676.94
Paid:		
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,567.50	
ACO mileage	1,109.44	
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Total		\$ 2,676.94



HARVEST HILLS SHELTER



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



HYDRANTS

Raised:	\$ 16,500.00
Paid:	
Maine Water Co.	\$ 15,873.17

Balance	<hr style="width: 200px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$ 626.83
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STREET LIGHTS

Raised:	\$ 9,000.00
Paid:	
CMP	\$ 6,659.42

Balance	<hr style="width: 200px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$ 2,340.58
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SAWMILL PARK BEFORE MAJOR CLEARING OF INVASIVE PLANTS.



AFTER CLEARING



PROPOSED SHELTER FOR WATER TURBINE



INSURANCE



Raised:		\$ 69,000.00
Received Insurance funds		1,076.00
Employees share of Health Insurance		4,300.56
Total		<hr/> \$ 74,376.56

Paid:		
MMA General Liability & Auto	\$ 14,773.50	
MMA Workers Comp.	4,627.00	
Health Insurance, towns share	47,250.74	
Health Insurance, employees share	4,300.56	
Volunteer insurance	748.00	
Total	<hr/> \$ 71,699.80	
Balance		\$ 2,676.76

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		1,800.00
Deposited into reserve		\$ 5,300.00



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

**FIRE APPARATUS
RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 20,000.00
Deposited into reserve	\$ 20,000.00

**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	\$ 3,519.58
Interest from Taxes paid	10,612.84
Interest applied to pre-paid taxes	- 620.88

Total	\$ 13,511.54
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Applied to commitment	\$ 12,500.00
Balance to surplus	\$ 1,011.54

**THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND**

Opening balance		\$ 1,166.02
Generously received donations of		\$ 2,467.00
		\$ 3,633.02
Spent:		
Thanksgiving gift certificates to Call's	\$ 600.00	
Christmas gifts for 12 families	2,123.99	
		\$ 2,723.99
Total		
Balance to 2023		\$ 909.03

Being my last Christmas giving tree since I am retiring in July 2023, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to all that have made this program possible through very generous donations and volunteer help throughout the several years of doing it. The town office staff will still be continuing the program after I retire. For 2022 Christmas, with the help of the Kilbride family and generous donations, 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, Nate, Korie, and Stevie Collomy, Ann Kilbride and her grandchildren, Sylvia Pease, Shondi Verrill and Brenda Locklin, to wrap all the gifts, and Sue Hamilton for helping me do a little shopping. Also a gracious thank you to Jimmy Moulton for always supplying us with a beautiful small tree every year. 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



TOWN CLERK REPORT



INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSE SALES



Combination	30
Hunting	16
Fishing	43
Junior Hunting	3
Archery	2
Bear Permits	7
Misc. Lic	24
Migratory Birds	9
Muzzleloader	14
Turkey	14
Non Resident Licenses	19



INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE REGISTRATIONS

Boats Registered	78
Snowmobiles	59
ATV's	83

DOGS LICENSED



2022	
Males/Females	29
Neutered/Spayed	103
2023	
Males/Females	8
Neutered/Spayed	76

VITAL STATISTICS

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

Gerald Crommett	4/7/2022
Basil Day	2/22/2022
Lynn Del	2/16/2022
Floyd Dixon	4/23/2022
Howard Forsythe	3/20/2022
William Fyler	1/21/2022
Janet Harmon	3/25/2022
James Lee	9/1/2022
Lee Meserve	7/21/2022
Joseph Nunes	6/22/2022
Donald Quincy	10/17/2022
William Randall	11/14/2022
Helen Rankin	8/12/2022
Dana Roffler	12/16/2022
Bruce Scanlon	3/24/2022
Joyce Siracuse	9/20/2022

A life that touches others goes on forever

13 BIRTHS IN 2022



5 MARRIAGES IN 2022

Scott Barter & Summer Grass	2/22/2022
Darci Monroe & Tyler Harmon	6/25/2022
Tracey Sanborn & Philip Day	7/24/2022
Alexander Toby & Tyra Howes	10/1/2022
Rachel Kilburn & David Spaulding	12/10/2022



**Tax Collector Report
2022 Taxes**

Assessed Value \$ 162,156,526
 Tax Rate \$14.72 per thousand
 Committed July 14, 2022

Committed	\$2,386,944.12
Supplements	12,170.63
Transferred to TAP	467.07
Interest applied to Taxes	620.88
Abatements	6,100.74
Received	2,272,693.75
Balance Due	\$ 119,232.31

Almadani, Carrie		921.03
Bachelder, Dustin		370.46
Batchelder, Clarence		152.50
Bean, Paul Est of		1,125.79
Bell, Janet		1092.96
Benson, Mary		1,906.24
Bernard, Michael		447.64
BNL Properties		4,107.32
Bridges, Karla		1,407.97
Brown, Gregory		513.43
Bucknell, Linda		765.88
Caldwell, Denise	Bal	359.00
Chapple, Brent		1,249.33
Chase, Donald		583.21
Ciasullo, Gary		2,073.75
Coburn, John		780.90
Coe, Thomas		1,721.83
Corbin-Walker, Lisa		1,846.92
Cormier, Daniel		1,129.32
Cox, Ronald	Bal	86.96
Cram, Michael		50.49
Cram, Michael		1,765.96
Curit, Virginia		964.75
Day, Basil		1,705.31
Decker, Dwight		433.50 **
Demers, Israel		1,599.48
Drew, James		1,612.72
Drew, James		689.04
Dunnells, Craig		2,703.03

Dunnells, Craig		58.44
Fagerland, Todd	Bal	14.57 *
Field, Arthur Estate	Bal	35.75
Foley, David		1,379.60
Forlano, Andrew		467.95
Fox, Leslie		423.49 *
Fyler, William		2,693.91
Glazier, Robert		1,612.58
Gould, Timothy		1,750.36
Graham, William		1,364.40
Hansen, Lisa		1,392.22
Harmon, Kenneth R.		365.50
Harmon, Kenneth R.		1,240.45
Harmon, Tyler		2,873.24
Healey, Parmelia		532.72
Heaney, William	Bal	1,986.84
Hege, Caleb		37.39
Hertel, Constance		353.13*
Hertel, Van		1,254.88*
Hilton, Naomi		2,495.04
Hiram Hill Trust		15.60
Jamerson, Tanya	Bal	8.29*
Jensen, Henry	Bal	553.83
Johnson, Thomas		800.33*
Johnson, Thomas		557.15*
Labrecque, Erin		1,394.72
Lawrence, David		1,107.07
Lawrence, David		3,040.71
Leonard, William	Bal	13.80*
Libby Family Trust		788.84
Lindstedt, Robert		475.90*
Luce, Larry		95.09
MacDonald, Andrew		688.31
Martel, Lester		1,871.06
McGrath, Roger		524.92
Meehan, Stephen		266.14*
Meehan, Stephen		1,667.48*
Miller, Steve		135.13
Mitchell, Donald		1,991.17
Morris, William		1,707.23
Nevers, Ronald		447.78
Novom, Peter		22.08*
O'Grady, Daniel		563.04

Oxford County/		4,531.55
Pantano, Christopher		1,869.59
Peabody, Wade		1,140.51
Perro, Natalie		370.80
Perry, Brandon		1,271.07*
Pierce, Francina		492.97
Porter, Earle Jr. Heirs		929.57
Porter, Earle Jr Heirs		800.03
Pudvah, Anna	Bal	591.27
Rand, Barbara		790.17
Remillard, Wilfred		361.52
Ridlon, Joyce		783.99
Rivard, Paula		857.73
Rush, David		581.44
Sanborn, Jason		2,361.55
Sanborn, Tracey	Bal	387.92
Sargent, Rita	Bal	1140.10
Smalley, Tammy		629.72
St. Louis, Jerome	Bal	218.30
Stosez, Joseph		1,411.35
Sykes, Marie	Bal	626.09*
Thomas, Lisa		2,794.00
Thombs, Harvey	Bal	170.32
Thompson, Sandra		928.10
Vittum, Brandi		705.24
Waldman, Becky		327.52
Ward, Anthony	Bal	9.98
Ward, Bruce		631.93
Warren, Stefanie		998.02
Wellington, Gary		500.48
Wing, John	Bal	1,815.93
Wright, Norman		2,155.89
Wylie, John		1,258.56
Yandell, Richard		4,965.41
Zeilinski, George		793.12
Zulick, Patrick		2,192.69
Balance Year End		\$ 117,625.96

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

Liens will be filed in June 2023 for any unpaid taxes.

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

* Paid in full after books closed 12/31/2022 to 1/31/2023

2021 Outstanding Taxes

Opening Balance	\$ 116,559.91
Received	74,390.56
Transferred to Liens	\$ 42,169.35
Balance	0.00

**2021 Outstanding Tax Liens
As of December 31, 2022**

Opening Balance	\$ 42,169.35
Transferred to TAP	463.58
Received	18,084.22
Total Due as of 12/31/2022	\$ 23,621.55

2021 Outstanding Tax Liens

Bean, Paul Est of	1,117.37
Benson, Mary	1,866.43
Chase, Donald	578.85
Cram, Michael	54.35
Cram, Michael	1,256.58
Curit, Virginia	957.54
Drew, James	1,575.10
Drew, James	683.89
Fox, Leslie	420.33*
Harmon, Kenneth R	362.77
Harmon, Kenneth R	1,231.18
Hiram Hill Trust	15.49
Martel, Lester	1,848.18
Morris, William	1,351.13
O'Grady, Daniel	558.83
Pantano, Christopher	1,855.62
Peabody, Wade	1,157.25
Porter, Earle Jr heirs of	922.62
Porter, Earle Jr heirs of	589.02
Rand, Barbara	758.70
Ridlon, Joyce heirs of	778.13
Stosez, Joseph	798.19
Thomas, Lisa	2,773.12
Watts, Vinal	101.98
Total Due as of 12/31/2022	\$23,621.55

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

* Paid in full after book closed 12/31/2022 to 1/31/2023

2020 Outstanding Tax Liens

Beg. Balance	\$ 40,686.64
Transferred to TAP	461.35
Received	40,225.29
Balance due	\$0.00

Tax Acquired Property

Beg Balance	0.00
Acquired	1,392.00
Received	1,175.72
Balance	216.28

Taxes Paid in Advance 2023

Opening Balance	\$ 20,595.36
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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.

TREASURERS REPORT



Received from Taxes	
2022 Taxes	\$ 2,272,693.75
2021 Taxes	\$ 74,390.56
2021 Tax Liens	\$ 18,084.22
2020 Tax Liens	\$ 40,225.29
2021 Taxes Paid In Advance	\$ 20,595.36
Received in Interest	
Taxes	\$ 12,841.15
Peoples United Bank	\$ 2,898.70
Received from the State	
Homestead	\$ 99,096.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 828.35
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 1,050.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 18,999.44
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 214,836.72
Local Roads	\$ 49,254.00
Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$ 648.76
State Agencies - Agent Fees	9,634.50
Animal Welfare -Animal Control	\$ 564.00
IF&W- Boat Excise	\$ 1,833.00
Motor Vehicle- Excise	\$ 342,136.84
Vital Statistics - Town	\$ 1,017.00
Received from Planning Board	\$ 2,973.00
Received from Permits	
Plumbing Permits	\$ 5622.50
Building Permits	\$ 17,578.87
Received from Miscellaneous	
ARPA Funding	\$86,912.07
Business License	\$20.00
Cable Franchise Fee	\$6,990.16
Driveway Permits	\$ 250.00
Holiday Donations	\$ 3,175.66
Insurance Dividends	\$ 1,076.00
Lease Income	\$ 3,601.00
Office Misc. Fees	\$ 82.88
Tri Town Stickers	\$ 110.00

TOWN OF HIRAM RESERVE FUNDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE

Balance	\$ 39,428.12
Added per Town Vote	5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$44,428.12

ROAD CONSTRUCTION RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$130,804.95
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 140,804.95



PUBLIC WORKS RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 91,307.13
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Sold Truck & Chipper	15,000.00
Purchased Truck & body	28,045.00
Ending Balance	\$ 88,262.13

BUILDING MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 72,125.40
Added per Town Vote	5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 77,125.40

VEHICLE PURCHASE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 67,718.27
Added per Town Vote	20,000.00
Scales & Improvement	64,438.55
Ending Balance	\$ 18,236.45



TRI TOWN WASTE RESERVE

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

SACOPEE RESCUE RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 36,000.00
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Purchase used Rescue	13,750.00
Ending Balance	\$ 32,250.00

REVALUATION RESERVE

Opening Balance	\$ 72,623.02
Added per Town Vote	3,500.00
Added Balance from Assessing	1800.00
Ending Balance	\$ 77,503.02

RECREATIONAL LAND USE

Opening Balance	\$ 18,686.89
Income	150.00
Expenditures	596.90
Ending Balance	\$ 18,239.99

SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS**PARADE ACCOUNT**

Opening Balance	\$ 1,422.85
Addedd per TM	500.00
Income	435.50
Expenditures	853.50
Ending Balance	\$ 1,504.85

HEAT ASSISTANCE

Opening Balance	405.75
Expenditures	120.45
Baldwin Church Donation	1,696.00
Ending Balance	\$ 1,981.30

HOLIDAY FUND

Opening Balance	\$ 933.39
Donations Received	2,699.63
Expenses 2022	2,723.99
Ending Balance	\$ 909.03

OUTLYING CEMETERIES

Opening Balance	\$2,998.78
Added per Town Meeting	2,000.00
Expenses 2020	510.00
Ending Balance	\$ 4,488.78

RADIO ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$13,675.76
Added YE Balance	771.48
Ending Balance	\$14,447.24

ARPA FUNDS

Beginning Balance	\$86,710.57
Revenue	86,912.07
Expenses	109,968.00
Ending Balance	63,654.64

FLAG FUND

Received thru Donations	270.72
Expended on Flags and poles	58.26
Ending Balance	\$ 212.46

HIRAM FD ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$6,181.62
Expenses	1,357.52
Ending Balance	4,824.10

SO HIRAM FD ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,824.10
Adjustment 2021	53.16
Added YE Balance	1,446.22
Ending Balance	\$ 2,848.28

TRUST FUNDS



CHARLES BEAN CEMETERY

Balance of CD	\$ 1,577.82
Interest Added to CD	1.89
Balance of CD	\$ 1,579.71

DAY DURGIN WARD

Balance of CD	\$ 1,021.78
Interest Added to CD	1.23
Balance of CD	\$ 1,023.01

CHARLES WATSON CEMETERY TRUST

Balance of CD	\$ 2,000.00
Account Opening Balance	\$ 1,103.20
Interest Received	3.15
Account Balance	\$ 1,106.75

EASTMAN TRIPP CEMETERY TRUST

Balance of CD		\$ 2,002.00
Account Balance	\$ 2,695.90	
Interest Received	4.94	
Account Balance	\$ 2,700.84	

HIRAM VILLAGE GREEN / K OF P TRUST

Balance of CD		\$ 5,675.64
Account Opening Balance	\$ 2,420.38	
Interest Received	11.41	
Account Balance	\$ 2,431.79	

ISAAC WALDEN GRAY (OLD SETTLERS) TRUST

Balance of CD		\$ 6,000.00
Account Balance	\$ 3,982.29	
Interest Received	12.79	
Account Balance	\$ 3,995.08	

SPRING MARSHALL TRUST - CD

Account Balance	\$ 566.63	
Interest Received	1.70	
Account Balance	\$ 568.33	

**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		\$ 2,142.22
Deposits	6,050.00	
Expenses	4,982.78	
Ending Balance		\$ 3,209.44

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Opening Balance		\$ 18,184.91
Interest of checking account	20.40	
Interest on CD's	89.59	
Sale of Lots	2,000.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 20,294.90

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
ANNUAL REPORT**

Thanks everyone for your inquiries and support during this past year. This year the Code Enforcement Office issued a total of 49 building permits as shown below:

- Dwellings – 9
- Accessory Structures such as Garages/Barns/Sheds – 17
- Mobile Homes – 4
- Renovations – 2
- Additions – 1
- Porches/Decks – 7
- Solar Arrays – 4
- Misc./Other – 5

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, feel free to contact this office with any questions relating to the building permit process.

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Lehouillier
CEO

**HIRAM PLUMBING INSPECTOR
Annual Report**

This year a total of 42 plumbing permits were issued. Breakdown is as follows:

- Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Systems – 26
- Interior Plumbing – 16

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 2021 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 past year was a busy one for the Planning Board. We held sixteen meetings and did two site walks. Ten conditional use permits were issued.

Meetings and Major Business Conducted

March 1: The Board voted to extend the CUP granted to the West Baldwin Solar Farm Project for the small section in Hiram. The zoning ordinance and the solar ordinance changes to be voted on at the Town Meeting.

March 22: Reviewed two upcoming CUPs, signed the multi-purpose fee schedule, discussed medical marijuana ordinance.

April 5: Reviewed two upcoming CUPs, more work on marijuana ordinance.

April 19: Home daycare business for Haley Fox was discussed in a public meeting and approved by the Board with conditions. More work on the medical marijuana ordinance.

May 24: Two CUPs, were discussed in a public meeting and approved by the board with conditions: Jamie Marshall for a temporary trailer on his property until a house is built and Angela Luem for a pilates studio. Then a discussion was held on zoning ordinance changes including eliminating the requirement for a CUP to place a mobile home. Also the discussion followed about eliminating the need for expensive certified mail sent to nearby residents of proposed CUPs and sending such mail first class.

June 7: Public hearing for Brian Schnell's CUP to set up a microbrewery and beer garden. A spirited discussion followed. More information was required for the board to vote that evening. The followed a discussion with Bill Johnson, Jr. about his request for a CUP to create a disc golf course at Apple Acres. Further discussion to be held June 21.

June 21: Board voted to approve Dwight Bickford's CUP to put up a mobile home. The Board also approved Bill Johnson, Jr's request for a CUP to create a disc golf course at Apple Acre's with conditions. The Board decided to make a site walk at the Schnell microbrewery site on June 28.

June 27: After the site walk the Board met and Brian Schnell answered many questions about the microbrewery.

June 28: The Board performed a site walk at the microbrewery site.

July 13: The Board unanimously voted in favor of the Schnell CUP for a microbrewery/beer garden with many conditions to address the concerns of the public.

August 16: The Board approved a CUP for Karen James to place a mobile home on her property. A question was raised whether this created a subdivision due to a technicality in the law.

September 20: The Board reviewed Denise Metayer's CUP to replace an old trailer with a new one and Karen James' application to create a minor

subdivision. Both were deemed complete.

September 27: Denise Metayer's request for a CUP to replace an old mobile home was approved by the Board. Karen and Dennis James' request for a minor subdivision was approved by the Board.

October 24: Public hearing for zoning ordinance changes. No members of the public were present. Special Town Meeting to be held on November 3 to approve those changes.

November 15: The Board signed the updated fee schedule. The Board reviewed the CUP requested by Todd Goselin of the Amish Community. The Board discussed primary and secondary residences on the same property.

December 6: A public hearing was held to discuss Ian Hamlin's request for a CUP to operate a wedding venue in a tent at his property. Many questions were asked by the public. The main concern being the condition of the Richardson Rd. The Board decided to do a site walk before deciding the issue.

December 13: Public hearing to consider a CUP to allow Scott Goselin to set up a greenhouse/nursery on his property at the Amish Community. The Board approved with conditions. The Board then voted on the Hamlin request for a CUP to operate a wedding venue. The Board voted unanimously to approve the CUP with several conditions, one being that Mr. Hamlin was responsible for maintaining the short distance of private road to his property.

We recommended that the ordinance requiring conditional use permits for the construction of mobile homes be amended to eliminate that requirement. We felt that the \$300 CUP fee was unfair to new homeowners in our town affecting people who could least afford such a fee. Not only that, the requirement took up a lot of time which the board could use on other work. More people want to run businesses open to the public from their own homes and properties. The number of these requests for CUPs has increased, Time is better spent on studying the facts and considering conditions associated with these matters than holding hearings on routine mobile home construction which is approved and inspected by the town CEO in the same manner as all other home construction.

The Board also recommended alterations in the town zoning ordinance to eliminate inconsistent terminology and some unclear, confusing and possible contradictory statements. The fee schedule was also updated and approved by the town's elected officials. The Board researched and discussed a potential marijuana ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
John M. Bonanno, Chairman

Emergency Management Agency Director Annual Report

Fortunately there were no declared emergencies in Hiram last year. I attended four quarterly meetings in South Paris and one Zoom meeting at home.

In the event of a major disaster or emergency I recommend that you download the Oxford County Prepares app for your phone available free of charge for android on Google Play and iphone at the Apple App Store. It may save your life in a disaster.

Description:

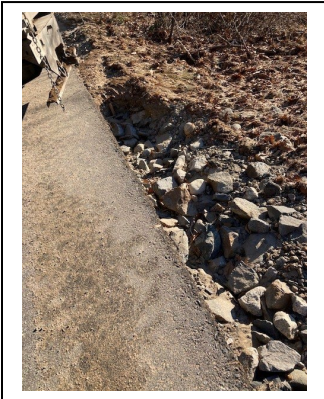
Oxford County Prepares provides citizens of Oxford County with guidance to help them prepare, respond and recover from disasters in their area. Users stay informed and ready with access to news, FAQs, videos, planning PDFs and digital guides. An alert function, checklists and advanced safety modules also allow for advanced planning and organization to help keep residents safe in a crisis.

Respectfully Submitted,
John M. Bonanno

John submitted his letter of resignation in December 2022,
We were fortunate that Lisa Hale accepted this position.
Thank you John and a big Welcome to Lisa!

Christmas Day Storm

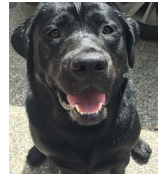
December 23, 2022



**Waiting to
hear if this storm
will be declared
an
emergency**



**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 February 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

**Cindy Eaton
Animal Control Officer
890-5313
Or Call
Oxford County Dispatch
1-800-733-1421**

**HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT
Annual Report**



10	MOTOR VEHICLE	13	TREE / WIRE HAZARDS
10	FIRES - STRUCTURE	5	SMOKE / ALARM INVESTIGATION
7	FIRES - OUTSIDE / OTHER	8	RESIDENT / COMMUNITY ASSIST
15	RESCUE ASSIST		

It was a very busy year for HFD, responding to a record 68 calls. Call volume was up 38% from our 5-year average. Department members logged more than 600 hours in 2022 responding to calls, attending meetings, training, and doing maintenance.

Notable events include our 2nd assistant chief Ethan Norcross graduating from the Presumpscot River Fire Academy Firefighter II program. The course is challenging, and our congratulations are well earned. He continues advancing his training and is a real asset to the department and the community.

A structure fire on Notch Road was fought under difficult conditions, including working through a heavy downpour, thunder, and lightning. My thanks to everyone that helped on that challenging call.

HFD Association donated a boat to the town for emergencies on the Saco River and the other bodies of water in town. The 16-foot Jon boat, motor and trailer was bought using money raised through donations and fundraising efforts of HFD members past and present. Several members have completed initial training and the boat is fully operational and in service.

For the first time in many years HFD expenses exceeded our budgeted allowance. Rising costs, repairs and a new expenditure for hose testing were factors. Reserve funds from previous budget cycles served to prevent requesting additional funding. Due to increases in costs across the board, a modest increase was requested for 2023.

The department continues to face a serious problem with manpower. This is a “Quiet Crisis” that is happening right now in town. The department is operating with a very small roster, and several of our members are close to retirement. While the town’s population has been growing, participation from the community has been dropping. Has the spirit of small-town living been lost, or are people just unaware of the need? Everyone expects help to come when they call 911, but it requires people willing to do so when the call goes out. Without local participation, the time to get help in emergencies will increase dramatically. This will worsen outcomes as help will have to come from agencies much farther away. Please help us address this problem by raising awareness and consider joining in with those who will respond to assist in emergencies.

We wish James Syracuse all the best in his retirement from South Hiram FD. James has devoted many hours and immeasurable effort to serving the town. Thank you, James, for all the help you’ve provided to the people of the area, and we hope you enjoy your next endeavors to the fullest.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Pyburn
HFD Chief

Water Rescue Boat



SOUTH HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT
Annual Report



The department responded to sixty-six calls in 2022. We logged a total of 338 man hours on emergency scenes and 354 station man hours, the bulk being training and hose testing.

Structure Fire	9	Vehicle Fire	2	Forest	3
Smoke Investigation	3	Propane Odor	2	Vehicle Crash	12
Trees On Wires	11	Trees in Road	2	Non Permit Burn	3
Canceled in Rt.	9	Lift Assist	8	Public Assist	1
		Drone Investigation	1		

The Department of Labor has added to the Safety Requirements for a driver of apparatus in a volunteer fire department with a check list of maneuvers with hours and miles recorded for each driver with each vehicle. This mandate added to the hours of training and fuel consumption. The testing of several thousand feet of hose also added to labor hours at the station.

We attended to nine hours assisting the public at Christmas.

James Siracuse has Resigned from the department after 31 years with the last 13 years as chief and we wish him the best. Gary Pierce has assumed command with being on the department for the last 13 years.

The department is still shy of active members with only 6 presently on the roster. If anyone wishes to join please don't hesitate to apply.

Respectfully Submitted

Gary Pierce Chief South Hiram Fire Department
shfd@townofhiram.org

DIAL 911 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES
Non-Emergency Numbers
State Police 800-228-0857
Oxford County Sheriffs 800-733-1421
Sacopee Rescue 625-3088
So Hiram Fire Department 625-4824



SACOPEE RESCUE
 PO Box 367
 Parsonsfield, ME 04047
 207-625-3088



2022 was a productive year for Sacopee Rescue. In the late spring the rescue hired a full-time paid chief-Welcome Chief Hatch. In April the rescue started a second crew to help with the response to the increase in calls. Currently that second crew runs 40 to 48 hours per week. In the fall, with the assistance of ARPA funds, the rescue has obtained two LUCAS devices, one for each staffed ambulance. This device preforms automated CPR, decreasing the number of personnel needed to preform CPR when the need arises. We are also currently revamping the rescue’s website and Facebook page, with the new look targeted for completion the end of January 2023.

For 2023 we look to increase the second crew to 48 hours per week and possibly to 56 hours per week contingent on call volume. In January we expect receipt of a new (to Sacopee Rescue) used unit. This is to replace Rescue 2 which was just too worn out to feasibly repair. Later in the spring we expect to receive a third unit. With two crews staffed we need at least three reliable units, two in use and one as back up when one of the other two units is in the shop. In the spring the rescue is looking to start a regular community CPR class. We received donations from a local business and Maysville Baptist Church in Maysville GA to purchase all of the necessary equipment for the class. We are currently working on getting staff properly certified to conduct and certify those taking the class in CPR. In the fall we are looking to start a Junior Rescue program at Sacopee Valley High School and are in the process of setting this program up. The training provided through this program could lead to an EMT Basic certificate for those that participate.

The Rescue is always looking for additional board members or volunteers for special projects, grant writing, or fund-raising events. Please consider serving your community by helping the rescue in these areas.

The call numbers for 2022 were as follows:

Cornish	236	
Hiram	212	
Parsonsfield	303	
Porter	229	
Outside the 4 towns	25	
Total calls handled by Sacopee Rescue		1005

2022 cost per call (budget/total number of calls handled by the rescue)
 $\$740,450/1005= \736.90



Hiram Historical Society Annual Report



What a fine year Hiram Historical Society had in 2022!

We hosted educational programs May through October on a variety of topics:

- Film showing of our Sacopee Valley high school students acting the roles of prominent Hiram historical figures from our town history *Faces of Founders*
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow talk and reading of “Hiawatha” by resident actor Xander Berkeley
- Natural cider tasting with cider-makers and local author June O'Donal's talk on the history of our favorite beverages
- Art show of new watercolors of Hiram’s historic landmarks painted by Mary Cobb and Mary Burnell which they generously donated to us. All are reproduced in color in our 2023 calendar
- Exhibit “Maine on Fire 1947: Hiram and Brownfield” marked the 75th anniversary of the devastation and heroism of that remarkable event (and the 85th anniversary of the Hiram Fire Dept)! We debuted a film we produced this year with funds from a NEH grant about the tragedy. The exhibit was a collaboration with the Brownfield Historical Society.

We were awarded a NEH/American Historical Association grant to produce accessible videos of important Hiram stories and events. Editing this footage is a work in progress. Volunteers gladly welcomed!

We awarded the 2021 Hubert W. Clemons Award for Outstanding Service to the Town of Hiram to Susan D. Moulton. We will present the 2022 Award at the Annual Town Meeting, March 2023.

We revived the Trash Can Turkey Roast, our huge annual fundraiser, serving more than 100 hungry folks who feasted and enjoyed neighbors' company, the razzle dazzle foodie raffle, and the special music of Dave Foley. More than 25 individuals and businesses volunteered to make the event super-successful!

We improved the safeguarding of our collections using the Town of Hiram annual appropriation by completing the installation of double-pane storm windows on the 2nd floor.

Next year, with your continued help we plan to:

- ***improve public access to documents*** such as our digitized genealogical finding records
- ***complete a “virtual tour” of Hiram's historic buildings*** that includes voices of current owners, a map, and more (it’s almost done!)
- ***produce more short videos*** of important stories including Apple Acres, the Barker Pond community, Native Americans, veterans' memories, Wadsworth Hall, and the like.
- ***and continue to ...***

research the genealogy of families and the history of buildings, answer questions about the history of Hiram, and **open the Great Ossipee Museum** to the public

-publish four Newsletters with researched articles and the lighter side of our heritage for HHS members

-present the Hubert W. Clemons Award for Outstanding Service to the Town of Hiram

-take our message to other organizations such as Hiram Cultural Center and Tear Cap Workshops

These goals are ambitious, yet we remain undaunted. With your critical help – and a few more volunteers! - we will continue to preserve Hiram's past and make it even more accessible. As one successful year closes and another of promise and determination begins, we ask for your financial assistance – it is needed and much appreciated!

Submitted by Sally Williams and Ellie Stein for the Trustees and Board of Hiram Historical Society



Boston Post Cane Presented to Alice Wadsworth
April 2022



Soldiers Memorial Library Annual Report for 2022

The past year has brought MANY changes for our Soldiers Memorial Library, especially regarding changes of our staff. At the start of the year, our Library Director, Pam Slattery-Thomas, was in her 29th year of managing our public library and providing for the needs of our patrons and visitors. In addition to library services for our community, Pam had also been highly regarded for programs such as the Maine Mystery Authors and hosting many other programs of cultural interest and community support. At this time we were open for 13 hours/week; we still had reduced open hours from having managed pandemic restrictions for the previous two years. Pam ended her work for our community on March 24. Thanks to Pam for her dedicated and much appreciated service of many years,

Andrea Guimond-Nichols was also here at the start of this year. Andrea worked as a part-time librarian for our Saturday open hours and also worked as our Development Director to plan programs and improvement projects for our Library and our Arts Center. When Pam departed, Andrea accepted the responsibilities of being our Librarian. At the same time, she was also managing the Community Conversations project of our Hiram Cultural Center. Andrea worked with our Board to develop a lively children's area, and brought new programs for youth and adults in Yoga and other self-development programs. Andrea also succeeded in obtaining grants to help to support these programs.

Speaking of grants, our Programs and Services Committee also accomplished a spectacular success with an application to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation; they received for our Library a grant of \$10,000 dedicated to improving our programs and materials for children, youth and young adults. With this, they have acquired an Apple iPad and laptop to give better assistance to students who use similar equipment at some of the schools. Most of the funding is going toward investment in an abundance of new books and other materials all aimed for the needs of our younger visitors.

For many months of the spring of this year, Cara Grace Parent had been coming to our Library for her own purposes, but also to work with Andrea as a volunteer helping with patron needs, shelving books, learning to manage the circulation and catalog systems, and more. Under Andrea's supervision, and with her skills and interests very apparent, the Hiram Cultural Board offered Cara to have part-time employment as our Library Assistant. In addition to working with our librarian, Cara also now manages our Saturday open hours and provides coverage when the librarian needs to be absent.

In October, Cara's work on Saturdays allowed Andrea to provide 3 additional open library hours on Tuesdays. With this schedule, we are now able to be open

for 16 hours-per-week; we look forward to having additional open hours in 2023. During the past year we had about 1,437 patron visits.

In October, Andrea shared with our Board that she wanted to leave the library to work toward progress in her human services career. She was very considerate in allowing our Board many months to accomplish the task of finding a new librarian. During November, we received about a dozen applications, and a committee of our board had interviews with four candidates. After the interviews, one candidate clearly had excellent experiences with areas of our greatest needs. Our community is very fortunate that Caitin Shibles Bushnell has fulfilled our need as our new Library Director. Since she started work in December, Cait has been very energetic in bringing her skills and interests to the management of the library and development of exciting new programs and projects.

Note from the library director: I am truly pleased to have been welcomed into such a vibrant community. Since my arrival in mid December, I have been learning the ropes as well as developing a vision for the future. Ultimately the goal is to create an environment within the library that meets the needs of all patrons. I am currently focused on building a space and creating programming that will appeal to younger patrons. Fostering relationships with patrons across all ages is essential to keeping the library relevant. I look forward to getting to know more members of the community and growing our library together.

Sincerely, Hiram Cultural Center Board of Directors and Soldiers Memorial Library staff.

The Arts Center at 8 Hancock Annual Report

The Arts Center at 8 Hancock in Hiram Village saw a slow return to pre covid activities in 2022. Since our 2021 reorganization becoming the Hiram Cultural Center (merging Soldiers Memorial Library and the Arts Center under one Board) we have undertaken a number of initiatives. “Community Conversations”(funded by a grant from Maine Humanities Council) provided a forum for community members to identify both hopes and concerns that will help shape our future and will assure that we are meeting the needs of the community.

We are pleased to be the home of the Sacopee Valley Community Band and in addition to their holiday concert, we brought the Bellamy Jazz Band to Hiram. Children programing included Yoga and The Children’s Theater and Museum brought “amazing exploding marshmallows” and Chewonki came with a program on insects. The Annual Memorial Day

Bake Bloom and Book sale was a huge success. The building was rented for birthday parties and has served as a meeting place for DHS. The Arts Center building was opened as a charging and warming/cooling station for our community during winter power outages and extreme summer heat. We hosted Adult Ed, a singer songwriter evening, adult yoga, and Sound Bowls. Our now annual October Artisans Fair provided a venue for local crafters and artists.

Our future is bright, we look forward to continue being a resource and support to the Sacopee Valley. We would like to thank our many dedicated volunteers who make it possible to provide programming, keep our lawn mowed, snow cleared and their commitment to providing this valuable resource to our community.

We also would like to thank the Selectman of Hiram for the new sidewalks in the village -Thank You!!

We are beginning our planning for 2023 and look forward to seeing you this year!



Hiram Conservation Committee/ Mt Cutler

The Mt Cutler Park continues as a scenic centerpiece of our town. The spectacular views and the five miles of hiking trails attract visitors from all over



AMC volunteers view break on the Ridge Walk.
2022 August 27.

Northern New England and offer to our residents and neighbors year-round opportunities of hiking, hunting and other recreation. Trail descriptions are provided with maps and pamphlets at both trail head parking areas. Our Town of

Hiram web site has similar information, and the trails are described in the [AMC Maine Mountain Guide](#) book, and in on-line applications including Alltrails.com and MaineTrailFinder.com.

Like roads and highways, hiking trails do not maintain themselves. Volunteers, including Hiram Conservation Committee members and many others, work through the year to clear blow-downs after storms and to assure that trail signs and paint blazes are maintained. Although we do not assure visitors that parking areas will be kept open in the winter, we are very thankful to Peter Payne for voluntarily plowing to open a part of the Hiram Hill Road parking space during our recent winters.

We are also very thankful for the reliable efforts of another group of volunteers. Since the development of this park the Appalachian Mountain Club Maine Chapter has assured to have two volunteer work trips each year for accomplishing planned tasks of trail maintenance.

This year, Patsy Thompson Leavitt, an AMC Maine Volunteer Trails Leader, managed these two volunteer work trips; one on June 4 and the next on August 27.

On June 4, Patsy reported that eight volunteers worked on the NW Trail and on parts of the Saco Ridge Trail clearing water bars, cutting back encroaching branches, trimming stumps and removing fallen timber. They also brushed in some "short cut rogue trails" that were developing.

On August 27, she reported that seven volunteers worked on the North Trail and Ridge Walk Trail, refreshing some of the red paint blazes, rebuilding cairns,

and trimming back branches in all trail corridors. We have also been discussing a problem on the North Trail, a point where the trail makes an excessively high, steep step on a ledge. The volunteers tried improving this step, but found the rocks too unstable. It seems likely that a larger project is needed here to re-route a part of the trail. More planning and investigation is needed.

With the leadership of Patsy and of Phil Coyne, these work trips are also good training for new trail work volunteers. In the June 4th photo, Patsy and Phil are fifth and sixth in the line-up.

Our Conservation Committee has been disorganized from pandemic issues and other needs, but hoping to have time for more efforts to benefit our Town in 2023. Dan Hester, for the Committee.



SACO RIVER CORRIDOR

Your appointed commissioner and alternate are Dan Hester and Carol Goode. We have worked to represent your concerns and interests at the twelve meetings of the commission of this year. In addition to deliberating applications in the meetings, your commissioners also attend site visits... some in Hiram and also in some in many of the other 19 towns of the Corridor.

The commissioners are all volunteers, serving without pay, to consistent administration of the State of Maine Saco River Corridor laws and regulations along the hundreds of miles of shorelands of the Saco, Ossipee and Little Ossipee rivers. We work in cooperation with the code enforcement officers and planning boards of each of the twenty municipalities.

During 2022, the SRCC had twelve monthly meetings. For most years there are eleven commission meetings; one in every month except December. This year we had an additional meeting in June, when the work needed for applications of May was more than could be accomplished in one evening.

The SRCC has two full-time employees: Executive Director Dalyn Houser and Administrative Assistant Haley LaChance. In addition, we also have part-time staff: an

Environmental Compliance Evaluator, John Boland, the Manager of the Water Quality Monitoring (WQM) program, and other staff for other projects. One special project is the long term need to digitize permit records dating back to the establishment of the Corridor in 1973.

The SRCC office at 81 Main Street, Cornish, is open during Monday-Thursday, but recommends calling before visiting (207-625-8123). For more information, find the web site at: srcc-maine.org

During 2022, the SRCC managed 105 applications, of which two were for projects that are in Hiram. Most people who make applications are successful in obtaining a permit to accomplish their work, because the staff and commissioners work with them to assure that the plans for the project are in compliance with the law. The staff actually works with many more persons than the 105 applicants, because they can offer advice as to whether a project can be made to work within the requirements and regulations, and many inquiries just need advice to determine what uses are allowed.

Another part of the SRCC work is the Water Quality Monitoring (WQM) program. Water testing is conducted during May through September of each year at about 40 sites from Conway to Saco. The actual test sampling is done by trained volunteers and staff members. 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. Reports are available showing the summaries of results at the Hiram test sites and for all of the other Corridor test sites. Extensive details of these reports can be found at the SRCC web site.

The appropriations that are provided by Hiram and the other 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-two-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 damaging development that is too close to the river shores.

For inquiries about 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.



Saco River

Sacopee Valley Recreation Council Annual Report

Sacopee Valley Recreation Council has provided a wide variety of programs for members of the communities in this area since 1989. SVRC is a registered non-profit organization. The council conducts business through a board of directors who are volunteers and two part time paid coordinators. Currently our paid coordinators are Kathy Hewey and Jocelyn Nielsen. Kathy Hewey will be stepping down and we will be finding her replacement in the next month or two. The coordination of duties of the co-coordinators, along with their 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—including traditional sports programs for youth in grades K-6, imaginative summer camps and a low-cost learn to swim program, not to mention several free offerings, such as open gym, cross-country skiing and ice skating, women's volleyball, Friday night cribbage, and Easter egg hunts.

This past spring, we were able to have sign-ups for baseball and softball after not having a season in 2020 and a smaller season in 2021. We were back in full swing this season and it went well with high numbers! Karate continued as before except recently it moved from Pike Hall back to the elementary school gym.

Summer camps resumed in 2022 with great attendance and interest. We were allowed to use school indoor facilities and the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds for two camps, we had basketball at the middle and high schools, and soccer camp was at the school fields as well as the Cornish fields. The Field Hockey camp was at the elem. school fields and Pickleball was held at the tennis courts.

In the fall soccer and field hockey were both successful, as well as starting Cheer back up. We were still using Cornish fields which worked out wonderfully. In November we were given permission by the school to conduct an indoor soccer program for 3 Mondays in a row which went smoothly, and the kids really enjoyed it. A record number of youth signed up for basketball and this year we get to have home games as well as at the Fryeburg Rec center. Rick Buzzell of Fryeburg is coordinating all game schedules, securing referees, and setting league rules for those games at Fryeburg. Josie Nielsen is securing refs and having the middle school gym set up for home games. We have started our cheer program back up which we know can be expensive. This winter practices will take place at the Baldwin Community Center.

We continue to have expenses such as advertising, insurance, and equipment as well as coordinators pay. We hope to be able to add more activities as time goes on if we can do them safely and have a place to do them. We had a successful fundraiser for baseball that was to help with the major expenses that come with baseball, and we are doing what we can to keep the fees as low as possible. And lastly it is our mission to provide our programs to all children regardless of a family's ability to pay. We offer coupon codes so families only must pay what they can, or if nothing at all, then we can still sign them up for free.

None of this would be possible without the help and support of the citizens of the five towns. We would like to thank everyone for this support and we want everyone to know that we welcome more

folks to join us in supporting recreation in the area. If you have a desire to help in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

SVRC Board of Directors

Participant numbers for Hiram

Spring (Baseball, softball)-34 Summer Camps-34

Fall (soccer, field hockey)- 38 Winter (basketball, karate) -39

Town of Hiram Health Officer



This past year health officer related issues have mostly pertained to hoarding, trash, and junk accumulations which straddle the line between code enforcement and local health officer work. Some residents develop health issues that interfere with their ability to clean up after themselves, while others are more on the negligent side. The solutions are almost never simple, but infestations will come if we do nothing. Enforcement is more through persistence than immediate power to resolve issues. Most residents give in to pressure applied, and none has been taken to court for health officer related infractions. However, the personalities do not change, and the problems with hoarding and failure to take away trash tend to come back at some level.

Drug abuse with fatal overdoses has been more in the background in so far as complaints have arisen in Hiram as compared to neighboring towns.

Firefighters volunteering have responded to many community needs, and it is a pleasure to work with them. It is very important to let them know they are appreciated, understand their health issues, and work to assure their safe involvement as volunteers while adhering to state requirement for appropriate documentation. Seeing more young people come into the two fire stations is encouraging, given the physical demands of the work.

One suggestion related to answering complaints about hoarding and trash accumulations would be to put together some of us who would be ready to help residents who appear overwhelmed with the messes they have made. This could help with reducing potential health hazards, maintaining property values, enhance the looks of our town, and take some of the stagnation out of many situations most of us see all too often.

Respectfully submitted.

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

Hiram Development Association 2022 Annual Report

The Hiram Development Association is a public benefit organization of your town. The HDA owns and maintains two parks of the Hiram Village. Both parks are open to the public and used for community events and recreation. You will be most familiar with the Knights of Pythias Park, which is also known as the Village Square Park at 4 Corners. Here we provide space for our annual Memorial Day services, the gathering for the village 4th of July celebration, and the traditional Christmas Tree lighting and caroling event.

The HDA also owns the Henry W. Merrill Botanical Park, just across the RR tracks at the foot of Mount Cutler. Merrill Park is mostly a grove of pine trees, but the 25 acres also includes the high ledges that overlook the village and the Saco River. The pine tree grove area was the venue for baked bean suppers and other events back in the 1950s. Now it is the gateway for the original hiking trail to Mt Cutler, access to the snowmobile trail to South Hiram, and also a historical park with features such as ancient hand-dug water wells and Hiram's notorious "Gold Mine."



This year, Merrill Park was also found to contain another important natural feature of state-wide significance. Joyce Rodriguez, of Cornish, explored details of Merrill

Park as a project of her work in the Maine Master Naturalist Program. She realized that what had been suggested as a vernal pool along the side of the existing hiking trail was... indeed... a spring-time water body of remarkable environmental quality. She contacted staff at the Maine Dept of Environmental Protection in Portland, and they made a site visit on May 5.

During the site visit, they identified in the pool the presence of two varieties of spotted salamanders, the wood frog ("spring peeper"), and fairy shrimp. The presence of all 4 species identify this as a significant vernal pool.

See: maine.gov/dep/land/nrpa/vernalpools/

Joyce has seen to the creation of an all-season display sign to share with the public the nature and characteristics of the important creatures in the pool.



During this spring, we will see to the installation of this beautiful gift to our community.

We hope... in the future... to also develop additional signage in the park, to help visitors to understand more of the history that is here. Volunteer work on the past has cleared brush and debris; we may be seeking more volunteer help for additional improvements.

Priscilla Howard, Ken Kimball, Dan Hester.



Saco River Festival Association

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.

In 2022 we resumed our Summer Bandstand Series, providing free concerts for the Sacopee Valley Community at the Cornish bandstand. Our concerts are popular in the community and we have between 100 – 200 audience in attendance.

Our organization supported the Cornish Pike Hall Committee in their efforts to restore and update the historic auditorium so that it would be in compliance with safety and fire code regulations. The S.R.F.A. provided funds for the stage curtains to be fire-proofed. Railings have been installed on the balcony, safety features such as push bars on doors, safety lighting, etc. have been completed, so concerts and events can once again be held in the auditorium.

In November the Saco River Festival Association sponsored a concert at Pike Hall featuring Studio One, a Beatles Tribute Band. This concert was free to the community, as a thank you, for their support of our non-profit organization over the years. We had full house of close to 200 people and everyone seemed to enjoy the concert very much.

For 2023, we plan to continue the Summer Bandstand Series and may also have another concert or event in the fall and/or winter. Because the work on Pike Hall in Cornish has been completed, it will be available for the summer concerts as a rainy-day location. but the outdoor Bandstand venue with plenty of space poses fewer risks. 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 Beever, President
Saco River Festival Association

TRI-TOWN WASTE FACILITY

Serving Towns of Baldwin, Hiram & Porter
208 So. Hiram Road
Hiram, ME 04041



We would like to thank Baldwin, Hiram and Porter residents for their cooperation to make the station run as smoothly as possible. As with most operations there were good times and not so good times.

We were able to reduce the slope to the exit and entrance to the recycling compactors.

We added more snow stops to the roof over the recycling compactors.

The scales were finished and have been working well.

We were able to purchase a plow for our pickup which makes it easier to keep the grounds plowed and sanded without having to hire an outside contractor.

We replaced our 1974 vintage trash compactor with a refurbished 2018 model. The estimate to repair the old compactor was \$35,000.00. The cost for the refurbished Compactor was \$40,000.00. Due to the slightly larger size of the new compactor we are able to increase the tonnage, thereby, requiring fewer trips to ECO Maine. There were a few glitches, but Atlantic Recycling Equipment fixed them all. We thank our attendants and residents for being very patient during the transfer of compactors.

We have received a request from Parsonsfield to use our facility for construction debris and metals. We agreed to try it for one year. If it works well, we will continue working with them. This however, requires an amendment to our agreement with Maine DEP. We have been working on that for almost a year and hope to get approved soon. This agreement would help increase income and help reduce our operational costs.

Now for the not so good news. Our tipping fees continue to increase which means we need to increase fees for certain items. These include electronic waste, bulky waste, mattresses, construction debris, and household trash. There is no tipping fee for recyclables, only trucking expenses.

Tipping fees (all tipping fees are per ton)

AS OF	1/1/2021	4/1/2021	8/16/2021	9/21/2021	10/17/2022	1/1/2022
ECO HHW	\$88.42	\$88.42	\$92.42	\$92.42	\$98.89	\$98.89
ECO BULKY	\$79.50	\$75.50	\$79.50	\$79.50	\$102.85	\$102.85
ECO SPECIAL	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
CPRC	\$95.00	\$97.00	\$99.00	\$97.00	\$114.00	\$114.00
ELECTRONICS	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	\$100.00	\$100.00

Recycling tons hauled

Year	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Tons	152.24	183.65	172.76	177.42	161.56

(2022 was only until mid-December)

As you can see, if we increase our recycling and decrease household trash, we could save money. In 2022 we saved \$16,156+ by recycling rather putting everything in household trash.

Please recycle and encourage your neighbors to recycle, it will make a difference.

Respectfully,

Ronald J. Silvia, Chair

Tri-Town Board of Directors



**TRI-TOWN WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY
2021 ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE TOWNS OF BALDWIN, HIRAM AND PORTER**

Opening Balance		\$ 11,115.96
Received from:		
Town of Baldwin	\$ 105,450.00	
Town of Hiram	105,450.00	
Town of Porter	105,450.00	
Demo Debris Fees	14,478.00	
Items with Freon	3,405.00	
Reimb. For metals 157.70T	12,010.00	
Bulky Waste fees	12,425.00	
Reimb for electronic waste	6.16	
MSAD #55 payment to participate	16,133.40	
Town of Baldwin reserve acct	77,938.55	
Town of Hiram reserve acct	77,938.55	
Town of Porter reserve acct	77,938.55	
Bangor Savings Bank, construction loan	80,000.00	
Misc. revenue	1,760.00	
ARPA funds from each town	7,968.00	
	\$ 698,351.21	
Total Receipts		\$ 709,467.17
Total		
Paid:		
TIPPING FEES:		
ECOMAINE – 1936.60 tons	\$ 184,425.32	
ECOMAINE – Bulky waste 168.03T + 194 Mattresses	15,728.16	
CPRC – demolition debris 124.6T	14,378.88	
Northcoast Services- electronics	346.13	
BUILDING REPAIRS:		
Station repairs	862.04	
Supplies	306.03	
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES		
Atlantic Recycling	\$40,555.00	
Maine Scales	19,490.00	
STATION CONSTRUCTION		
PY Estes & Son	256,271.15	

EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	
Backhoe fuel	902.53
Repairs	1,757.69
TRUCK EXPENSES:	
KF Auto Parts	2,770.75
Fuel Decal	5.00
Dicks Used Cars & Repairs	4,629.86
Truck fuel 2,840.871 gals	14,631.31
Truck registration	1,757.44
Central Tires	1,074.13
TRUCK DRIVER EXPENSES:	
Driver – Salary	14,171.11
Spare driver -	124.67
MMTA fees	25.00
ATTENDANTS PAYROLL:	
Michael Cote	14,829.01
Joseph McNulty	23,576.26
Tim Caldwell	13,086.93
PAYROLL EXPENSES:	
IRS tax deposits & state tx dp	16,878.58
SECRETARIAL SERVICES & OFFICE SUPPLIES	
Town of Hiram reimbursed	2,549.04
Terry Day mileage	61.83
Shopping Guide Ads	570.00
Miscellaneous	35.00
Audit	2,550.00
Office supplies	2,035.96
Employee gift cards	625.00
STATION OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Water bill	493.10
CMP bill	3,243.75
Telephone bill	629.02
Internet for scales	734.66
Annual license fees	536.00
DEP amendment fee	870.00
INSURANCES:	
General Liability/Workers Comp & Auto Insurance	19,706.00

Total Expenses	\$ 677,222.34	
Balance Carry Forward to 2023		\$ 32,244.83

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

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!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT YOUR TOWNS WEBSITE FOR CURRENT FEE SCHEDULE FOR MULTIPLE ITEMS



February 13, 2023

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, 2022. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2022 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

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

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TOWN OF HIRAM

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 3,075,971	\$ 3,075,971	\$ 3,075,971	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	2,386,944	2,386,944	2,393,014	6,070
Excise Taxes	325,000	325,000	343,970	18,970
Interest on Taxes and Liens	-	-	13,284	13,284
Total Taxes	<u>2,711,944</u>	<u>2,711,944</u>	<u>2,750,268</u>	<u>38,324</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	170,000	170,000	214,837	44,837
Homestead Exemption	105,141	105,141	99,096	(6,045)
GA Reimbursement	-	-	828	828
Local Road Assistance	49,000	49,000	51,172	2,172
Veteran Reimbursement	1,000	1,000	1,050	50
Tree Growth Reimbursement	12,000	12,000	18,999	6,999
State Snowmobile	-	-	722	722
Other	421	421	421	-
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>337,562</u>	<u>337,562</u>	<u>387,125</u>	<u>49,563</u>
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	-	23,201	23,201
Charges for Services:				
Administration	-	-	10,734	10,734
Planning Board	-	-	2,973	2,973
Lease Income	-	-	3,601	3,601
Transfer Station Fees	-	-	110	110
Animal Control	-	-	564	564
Total Charges for Services	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,982</u>	<u>17,982</u>
Investment Income	12,500	12,500	2,899	(9,601)
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Cable TV Franchise Fees	-	-	6,990	6,990
Miscellaneous Revenue	30,000	30,000	9,293	(20,707)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>16,283</u>	<u>(13,717)</u>
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>6,167,977</u>	<u>6,167,977</u>	<u>6,273,729</u>	<u>105,752</u>

SCHEDULE 1 (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	160,250	158,450	157,435	1,015
Boards and Associations	36,750	36,750	34,915	1,835
Maintenance	11,500	11,500	6,100	5,400
Community Services	90,180	90,180	97,170	(6,990)
Culture and Recreation	27,400	28,122	28,122	-
Protection	157,880	157,109	150,251	6,858
Cemeteries	7,800	5,800	5,800	-
Municipal Garage	604,500	604,500	619,225	(14,725)
Health and Sanitation	111,350	111,350	121,879	(10,529)
Education	1,582,107	1,582,107	1,582,107	-
County Tax	193,084	193,084	193,084	-
Unclassified	131,325	131,325	12,112	119,213
Transfers to Other Funds	78,500	83,071	83,071	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>3,192,626</u>	<u>3,193,348</u>	<u>3,091,271</u>	<u>102,077</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 2,975,351</u>	<u>\$ 2,974,629</u>	<u>\$ 3,182,458</u>	<u>\$ 207,829</u>
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 100,620</u>	<u>\$ 101,342</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (101,342)</u>

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

TOWN OF HIRAM

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,811,671	\$ 30,460	\$ 3,842,131
Investments	-	48,849	48,849
Accounts receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	119,448	-	119,448
Liens	23,622	-	23,622
Prepaid items	76,871	-	76,871
Due from other funds	-	679,289	679,289
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,031,612	\$ 758,598	\$ 4,790,210
LIABILITIES			
Due to other governments	\$ 4,435	\$ -	\$ 4,435
Due to other funds	679,289	-	679,289
TOTAL LIABILITIES	683,724	-	683,724
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	20,563	-	20,563
Advanced payment of LRAP funding	25,516	-	25,516
Deferred tax revenues	119,351	-	119,351
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	165,430	-	165,430
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	76,871	68,259	145,130
Restricted	-	74,719	74,719
Committed	-	610,933	610,933
Assigned	-	4,701	4,701
Unassigned	3,105,587	(14)	3,105,573
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	3,182,458	758,598	3,941,056
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 4,031,612	\$ 758,598	\$ 4,790,210

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

TOWN OF HIRAM

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 2,406,298	\$ -	\$ 2,406,298
Excise taxes	343,970	-	343,970
Intergovernmental revenues	387,125	86,912	474,037
Charges for services	41,183	-	41,183
Miscellaneous revenues	19,182	20,134	39,316
TOTAL REVENUES	3,197,758	107,046	3,304,804
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	157,435	-	157,435
Boards and associations	34,915	-	34,915
Maintenance	6,100	-	6,100
Community services	97,170	-	97,170
Culture and recreation	28,122	-	28,122
Protection	150,251	-	150,251
Cemeteries	5,800	-	5,800
Municipal garage	619,225	-	619,225
Health and sanitation	121,879	-	121,879
Education	1,582,107	-	1,582,107
County tax	193,084	-	193,084
Unclassified	12,112	223,970	236,082
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,008,200	223,970	3,232,170
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	189,558	(116,924)	72,634
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	83,071	83,071
Transfers (out)	(83,071)	-	(83,071)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(83,071)	83,071	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	106,487	(33,853)	72,634
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	3,075,971	792,451	3,868,422
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 3,182,458	\$ 758,598	\$ 3,941,056

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

SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Legal and professional	\$ 7,500	- \$	7,500	7,500	\$ -
Town office operation	41,350	-	41,350	35,696	5,654
Update assessing	5,000	(1,800)	3,200	3,200	-
Town staff	83,000	-	83,000	88,000	(5,000)
Town's share ss	13,500	-	13,500	13,500	-
Audit of Town books	7,150	-	7,150	7,150	-
Elections	2,750	-	2,750	2,389	361
	<u>160,250</u>	<u>(1,800)</u>	<u>158,450</u>	<u>157,435</u>	<u>1,015</u>
Boards and Associations -					
Selectboard	14,800	-	14,800	14,800	-
Tax maps	1,750	-	1,750	1,750	-
Code enforcement	20,000	-	20,000	16,168	3,832
Planning and appeals boards	200	-	200	2,197	(1,997)
	<u>36,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,750</u>	<u>34,915</u>	<u>1,835</u>
Maintenance -					
Upkeep of buildings	10,000	-	10,000	4,600	5,400
Park upkeep	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
	<u>11,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>6,100</u>	<u>5,400</u>
Community Services -					
Sacopec Rescue	81,000	-	81,000	81,000	-
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 Festival	300	-	300	300	-
Saco River Corridor Commission	300	-	300	300	-
Sacopec HS TV	-	-	-	6,990	(6,990)
	<u>90,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,180</u>	<u>97,170</u>	<u>(6,990)</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	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	-
Sacopee recreation	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
Historical Society	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
Hiram Development Assoc.	500	-	500	500	-
Hiram Community Center	700	-	700	700	-
Snowmobile club	500	722	1,222	1,222	-
Hiram art center	1,100	-	1,100	1,100	-
Hiram parade	500	-	500	500	-
	<u>27,400</u>	<u>722</u>	<u>28,122</u>	<u>28,122</u>	<u>-</u>
Protection -					
Fire Chief salary	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Hiram fire department	18,500	-	18,500	18,500	-
South Hiram fire department	18,500	-	18,500	18,500	-
EMA director	1,800	-	1,800	1,800	-
Lifeflight	810	-	810	810	-
Communications	10,000	(771)	9,229	9,229	-
Animal control	2,150	-	2,150	2,150	-
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	1,620	-	1,620	1,620	-
Hydrants	16,500	-	16,500	15,873	627
Street lights	9,000	-	9,000	6,659	2,341
Volunteer fire pay	4,000	-	4,000	3,600	400
Insurance	70,000	-	70,000	66,510	3,490
	<u>157,880</u>	<u>(771)</u>	<u>157,109</u>	<u>150,251</u>	<u>6,858</u>
Cemeteries -					
Care of cemeteries	7,800	(2,000)	5,800	5,800	-
	<u>7,800</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>-</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Municipal Garage -					
General roads	260,000	-	260,000	250,896	9,104
Road engineering	38,000	-	38,000	29,825	8,175
Winter roads	306,500	-	306,500	338,504	(32,004)
	<u>604,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>604,500</u>	<u>619,225</u>	<u>(14,725)</u>
Health and Sanitation -					
Solid waste account	105,450	-	105,450	118,950	(13,500)
Health officer	800	-	800	800	-
General assistance	5,100	-	5,100	2,129	2,971
	<u>111,350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,350</u>	<u>121,879</u>	<u>(10,529)</u>
Education -					
RSU #55	1,582,107	-	1,582,107	1,582,107	-
	<u>1,582,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,582,107</u>	<u>1,582,107</u>	<u>-</u>
County Tax -					
Oxford County	193,084	-	193,084	193,084	-
	<u>193,084</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193,084</u>	<u>193,084</u>	<u>-</u>
Unclassified -					
Contingency	10,000	-	10,000	8,699	1,301
Maine Municipal Association	2,787	-	2,787	2,787	-
Southern Maine Planning	626	-	626	626	-
Abatements/overlay	117,912	-	117,912	-	117,912
	<u>131,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,325</u>	<u>12,112</u>	<u>119,213</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	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	1,800	5,300	5,300	-
Capital improvements	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Tri-Town capital reserve	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Vehicle reserve	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-
Public works reserve	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Sacopec Valley Rescue	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Outlying cemeteries	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Radio reserve	-	771	771	771	-
	<u>78,500</u>	<u>4,571</u>	<u>83,071</u>	<u>83,071</u>	<u>-</u>

TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS \$ 3,192,626 \$ 722 \$ 3,193,348 \$ 3,091,271 \$ 102,077

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TOWN OF HIRAM

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,460	\$ 30,460
Investments	-	-	48,849	48,849
Due from other funds	190,464	488,825	-	679,289
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 190,464</u>	<u>\$ 488,825</u>	<u>\$ 79,309</u>	<u>\$ 758,598</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	68,259	68,259
Restricted	63,655	-	11,064	74,719
Committed	122,108	488,825	-	610,933
Assigned	4,701	-	-	4,701
Unassigned	-	-	(14)	(14)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>190,464</u>	<u>488,825</u>	<u>79,309</u>	<u>758,598</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 190,464</u>	<u>\$ 488,825</u>	<u>\$ 79,309</u>	<u>\$ 758,598</u>

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TOWN OF HIRAM

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 86,912	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86,912
Interest income	-	-	35	35
Miscellaneous	5,099	15,000	-	20,099
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>92,011</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>107,046</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Program expenditures	117,635	106,234	101	223,970
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>117,635</u>	<u>106,234</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>223,970</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(25,624)</u>	<u>(91,234)</u>	<u>(66)</u>	<u>(116,924)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	8,071	75,000	-	83,071
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>8,071</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,071</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(17,553)	(16,234)	(66)	(33,853)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>208,017</u>	<u>505,059</u>	<u>79,375</u>	<u>792,451</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 190,464</u>	<u>\$ 488,825</u>	<u>\$ 79,309</u>	<u>\$ 758,598</u>

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