



The Kezar Falls Playhouse has been restored by a local filmmaker, Silas Hagerty. It now serves as the home to Smooth Feather, which empowers youth and community through filmmaking. To learn more about upcoming premieres of their films at the theater visit, www.smoothfeather.org.

TOWN OF PORTER

2023

ANNUAL REPORT



The Town of Porter is honored to dedicate this years Town Report to Janice Miller. After 23 years of dedication and commitment to the Town she has decided to retire this year. While she currently lives in Hiram she has always treated Porter as her home and family. She is always willing to offer a helping hand for anyone in need. The intimate knowledge of everyone in town and of town business will be very difficult to replace.

Thank you, Janice for everything. You will be missed dearly by the residents and staff of the Town of Porter.

**2023
Annual Report
of the
Municipal Officers
of the**

**Town of Porter
Maine**

**For the Fiscal Year Ending
January 31, 2024**

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NOTICES

Dog Licenses

All dog licenses expire on December 31st of each year and are to be renewed annually. In accordance with M.R.S.A. Title 7, Chapter 721 § 3923-A a \$25 late fee will be charged if the dog is not relicensed by January 31st of the following year.

Exemptions

All persons who desire to secure any exemption of taxes in Porter, shall on or before the first day of April, notify the assessors of Porter in writing, and furnish proof of entitlement. Exemption forms can be picked up at the Town Office.

Assessor's Notice

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

Public Meetings

The **Select Board / Board of Assessors** meet every other Wednesday from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm at the Town Office.

The **Planning Board** meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the Town Hall.

The **Conservation Commission** meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the Town Hall.

The **School Board** meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Sacopee Valley Middle School.

The **Comprehensive Planning Committee** meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Porter Grange Hall.

The **Appeals Board** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the Town Hall.

All meetings are open to the public. Please note, there are occasions when meetings need to be rescheduled. Please check the calendar on our website for up to date meeting times.

REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

2023 has been a busy year in our little town. We have had a lot of things come apart, as well, that we needed to work towards. In 2022 the town had set aside funds to maintain our infrastructure, to continually chip away at some of our roads that are in bad shape. We feel the Town has a good plan and hopes to proceed accordingly. This past summer was a challenging one with all the heavy rains and extreme weather. The Town has seen significant damage in places, which has been a real burden on the budget. With that being said, the town has applied for FEMA funding. We have two big projects we are hoping to get some help on. One being Sarah Bridge Road and the other is Black Bog Causeway. Both are projects that need to be done but will be at a significant cost to the town without FEMA. We have also applied for funding for the washouts and culvert damage that took place.

The Town has an active road advisory committee. A special thanks to Aaron Wedgewood and Greg Davis for stepping up. Aaron has been putting some structure to our road projects and properly attaching invoices to job numbers. This will be a huge benefit to the Town with budgeting for road projects.

We had a group of residents go out and evaluate all sidewalks in town. This will allow us to come up with a plan on which sidewalks we are repairing and which ones we are tearing up. This will be a benefit for the selectboard to create a more esthetically pleasing curb appeal in town. This is, obviously, at an expense but will be great to put in place.

The Conservation Committee is continuing to work on projects such as cleaning up the swim area, working on some lighting on the ball field to help keep the hooligans out and tending to the cemeteries. Thank you Marty for the monthly updates.

The Planning Board is continuing to update our ordinances to protect our town. In doing this, they are trying to maintain the integrity of our beautiful, small, rural town. We have a great bunch of volunteers on this board. Thank you very much.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee has achieved a major goal after many years of work and long evenings. The comprehensive plan has been updated. It spells out the long-term plan of the town. The surveys that were sent out give an idea on what towns people would like to see, where we want the town to be in 10 years. A huge thank you to this group for your time and dedication.

The CEO is continually working on permitting properties. In doing this, he is trying to keep the improvements in town with in compliance but also working on the non-compliment structures. As many of you are aware, we have several residents that don't feel they need to abide by rules. This is an ongoing struggle within the town. The CEO and Selectboard are trying to put our best foot forward to clean these issues up. Thank you Dan Davis for your work on this.

As mentioned in the above paragraphs, the Town of Porter has a great group of volunteers that dedicate their time and resources to the Town. Thank you all very much.

We would also like to recognize Ron Silvia and Roger Berube. They have a significant amount of time invested in the FEMA process. The Town could not have done it without these two guys. We are hoping, with their hard work, this is going to set the town up very well on some of these projects.

Dawn Schol is now the Town Treasurer. Dawn was assigned the position with an accountant background but had never dealt with municipal accounting. She has really caught on quick and is going to be a huge asset to the Town of Porter moving forward.

Last but not least, Janice Miller, what do we say? Janice has been with the town for 20 plus years and has decided to retire in the coming months. Janice's knowledge and dedication to the Town of Porter will be missed dearly. Her knowledge and relationship with the townspeople is something that is irreplaceable! They are big shoes to fill. Thank you, Janice for your years of dedication and commitment.

Sincerely,

Brent Day
Shane Lajoie
Jeffery Cypher

Assessors Report 2023 Assessment and Valuation

Assessments

County Tax	\$ 161,164.00	
Municipal Appropriation	\$ 1,329,345.56	
Education Appropriation	\$ 1,286,868.12	
Overlay	\$ 30,978.84	
TOTAL ASSESSMENT		\$ 2,808,356.52

Deductions

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 205,126.05	
Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 100,416.91	
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 37,899.72	
Municipal Revenues	\$ 381,000.00	
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		\$ 724,442.68

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED **\$ 2,083,913.84**

Valuations of Taxable Real & Personal Property

Real Estate	\$ 117,541,759.00	
Personal Property	\$ 1,064,607.00	
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION		\$ 118,606,366.00

Mil Rate for 2023 X .01757

TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT **\$ 2,083,913.84**
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Supplemental Taxes	\$ 5,699.68	
Real Estate Abatements	\$ (2,711.58)	

TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT **\$ 2,086,901.94**

TOWN OFFICERS & INFORMATION

Town of Porter	Tuesday 9-6	
Porter Town Office	Wednesday 9-3	625-8344
71 Main Street	Thursday 9-3	625-4120 (fax)
Porter, ME 04068	Friday 9-6	www.portermaine.org
	1 st Saturday 9-12	
	of the month	

Transfer Station	Tuesday 10-3
208 South Hiram Road	Wednesday 10-3
Hiram, ME 04041	Friday 10-3
Phone: 625-7633	Saturday 8-4
	Sunday 9-4

Selectboard, Assessors & Overseers	Shane Lajoie	(2024)	256-0295
	Brent A. Day, Chair	(2025)	759-5645
	Jeffery Cypher	(2026)	284-3777

Town Clerk / Tax Collector	Janice Miller
Deputy Clerk / Deputy Tax Collector	Dawn Schol
Treasurer / Registrar of Voters	Dawn Schol
Deputy Treasurer / Registrar of Voters	Janice Miller

Road Commissioner	Bradley Sanborn	(2025)	432-1355
Animal Control Officer	Cynthia Eaton	890-5313	
Plumbing Inspector	Daniel Davis	256-4522	
Code Enforcement	Daniel Davis	256-4522	
Emergency Management Director	Roger Berube	432-1919	
Health Officer	Dr. Joseph DeKay	(2026)	

Planning Board (7 members)			
Mark Tuttle, Vice Chair	(2024)	Robert Tripp	(2024)
John J. White (resigned)	(2024)	David Newman, Chair	(2025)
James Denman (appointed until 03/24)		James Hilliard	(2026)
Michael Enos (resigned)	(2025)	John O'Donnell	(2026)
Mark Coffey (appointed until 03/24)			

Board of Appeals (5 members)			
Robert Heard, Chair	(2024)	Jean Stanley	(2024)
Steven Bennett	(2025)	Dora Day	(2025)
John Lowry	(2026)		

Conservation Commission (5 members)

Hannah Stiles	(2024)	Holden Scott	Volunteer
Margaret Lowry	(2025)	David Gilpatric	(2026)
Marty Tracy, <i>Chair</i>	(2027)	Douglas Mixer	(2028)

M.S.A.D. No. 55

Superintendent of Schools	Carl Landry	625-2490
Directors:	Jennifer Day-Hink	(2024)
	Melissa A. Jordan	(2025)
	Penny Wentworth	(2026)

Budget Committee

James Stanley	(2024)	Roger Berube	(2024)
Adrien Mills	(2025)	Margaret Zack	(2025)
Denise Day	(2026)	Robert Heard	(2026)
Luke Nielsen	(2027)	Jean Stanley	(2027)
Katherine Chaiklin	(2028)	Jamie Gleason	(2028)

Road Advisory Committee

Aaron Wedgewood	Gregory Davis
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Comprehensive Planning Committee

Peter Hagerty	Margaret Zack
Daniel Davis	Rebecca Thompson
John Lowry	Margaret Lowry

Saco River Corridor Commission

Elizabeth Bull	(2024)	Robert Heard	(2024) - <i>alternate</i>
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George W. Towle Trust Fund

Rebecca Carpenter	(2024)	Cynthia Berube	(2025)
Margaret Zack	(2026)		

Elijah Fox Trust Fund

Gary Nickerson	(2024)	Janice Iler	(2025)
Jean Stanley	(2026)		

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Dear Maine Resident:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

A blue ink signature of Janet T. Mills, written in a cursive style.

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

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

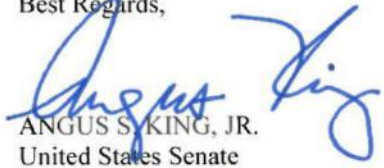
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering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

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

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

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

Best Regards,


ANGUS S. KING, JR.
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Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Small Business

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

Dear Friends,

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

Maine's heritage industries are the backbone of our state's economy. That is why one of the first bills I introduced in this Congress was the *Northeast Fisheries Heritage Protection Act*, which would prohibit commercial offshore wind energy development in Lobster Management Area 1 (LMA 1) in the Gulf of Maine. LMA 1 was identified by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as a potential commercial offshore wind site. LMA 1 is a critical and highly productive fishing ground for a variety of sea life, including lobster. Prohibiting offshore wind development in LMA 1 would help to avoid conflict with the New England commercial and recreational fishing industries. Additionally, the bill would initiate a federal study on the environmental review processes of any relevant Federal agencies for offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine.

I also continue to advocate on behalf of our veterans and those providing care to our former service members. The current pay for VA employees in the Kennebec and Penobscot counties does not reflect the critical services they are providing. As the oldest state in the nation, with the fifth highest veteran population, Mainers rely on the services offered at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities. That's why recently, Senator Collins, Senator King, Representative Pingree, and I called on the Biden Administration to increase locality pay for VA employees in Kennebec and Penobscot counties. The level of care received is impacted by job vacancies, and the high turnover rate among its healthcare workforce is often the result of pay and compensation issues, which is further exacerbated by the increased cost of living.

Lastly, I'm excited that Mainers are continuing to reap the benefits of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL). Recently, millions of dollars in grants have been awarded across the state, including \$35 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) program to conserve spawning and migratory habitats for native fish species in Maine, \$460,000 through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program for the Princeton Municipal Airport, Stephen A. Bean Municipal Airport, and Dexter Regional Airport, and nearly \$8 million through the Buses and Bus Facilities Program for Bangor's bus system. These investments are critical to ensuring Maine's infrastructure and will help to ensure Mainers and businesses across Maine are connected.

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 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden

Member of Congress

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Senator James D. Libby
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate and for putting your trust in me to be your voice in Augusta. As the only Maine Senator with a 100% voting record, you can rest assured that I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf. And as a lifelong resident of Maine, I am quite familiar with the many struggles our small towns face each year.

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

One area of unique success was the Highway Fund. In the past, our Highway Fund has been supported through taxes on gasoline. Yet those funds have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles. The highway budget will now be funded by dedicating 40% of the sales and use tax collected by the State from vehicle purchases beginning this year. This sustainable, long-term funding model should generate about \$200 million per biennium.

A major impact that has been felt across Maine's towns, families, seniors and small businesses in general has been high costs and inflation. Addressing policies that have contributed to some of these high costs has been a priority of mine this year and I will continue those efforts in the next session. As your State Senator, I will continue to find ways to ensure your tax dollars are being spent wisely.

In addition to addressing costs, the 131st Legislature was tasked with passing a balanced budget by June 30, 2023. This required careful review of current state spending and a prioritization of allocations that meet the most vital needs of our towns. We were able to continue funding our schools at 55% as well as increase revenue sharing to all cities and towns.

Thank you for electing me to serve you in the Maine Senate. The 131st Legislature still has a great deal of work to do; but I know if we come together, there is nothing we cannot 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim".

James D. Libby
State Senator
Maine Senate District 22

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January 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the Second Regular Session of the Maine State Legislature convenes, I would like to thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve the citizens of District 82 in the Maine House of Representatives. Representing you is an honor and a privilege I take seriously. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to make a difference in the community and I am looking forward to the new challenges that wait in the 2024 legislative session.

The First Regular Session of the Legislature was a busy one, as lawmakers faced many difficult issues and decisions. I believe you will be pleased with some of the accomplishments of the 131st Legislature so far. My colleagues and I were able to pass multiple bi-partisan spending agreements that included supporting hospitals and long-term care facilities, working to stabilize highway and road funding, and improving the efficient delivery of government services. I continue to support legislation that would reduce high energy costs while shoring up supply resiliency and capacity, as well as procurement and generation priorities.

I will continue to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business as we tackle matters that are crucial to our community.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government by monitoring all legislative proposals being worked on at the State House by visiting the Legislature's website at www.legislature.maine.gov. From here, you can browse bill summaries, view our legislative session and public hearing schedules, submit testimony, listen to committee hearings or watch live streaming video of the House and Senate.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you. Hearing your thoughts on the issues that are important to you helps me to better serve you. Please, do not hesitate to call anytime if you feel you need my assistance. If you would like to be added to my email list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request at Caleb.Ness@legislature.maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Caleb Ness
State Representative

District 82 Brownfield, Fryeburg, Lovell, Hiram & Porter

OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Christopher R. Wainwright



Sheriff

Christopher Wainwright

Chief Deputy

James Urquhart

**2023 Annual Report
Annual Town Report**

January 10, 2024

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Taxpayers,

As I step into my Sixth year as Sheriff, I reflect with immense pride on the achievements of our agency across the county. The momentum we have going into the New Year is a testament to the dedicated team of men and women who serve Oxford County with unwavering pride. Their commitment to our mission, rooted in professionalism, integrity, and leadership, is the driving force propelling our agency forward.

In previous years, I've highlighted the escalating volume and complexity of our calls to service. Notably, the surge in responses to mental health concerns since 2019 underscores the pressing need for increased state funding for community services and sheriff's departments statewide. This is crucial to ensuring the safety of individuals in need and those around them.

Our commitment to addressing the opioid epidemic in Oxford County persists through our collaboration with local organizations, notably the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative. We actively refer eligible individuals to Project Save ME as part of our ongoing efforts. This police-assisted initiative aims to bridge individuals affected by substance use disorder with dedicated recovery coaches, advocates, and various treatment services, providing crucial support on their journey to recovery.

Over the summer, deputies participated in Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D (Police Officers Striving To Create And Reinforce Dreams). This camp provides children with a week filled with activities, including swimming, boating, hiking, crafts, and campfires. As the week unfolds, the kids discover that their camp counselors and leaders are police officers and sheriff's deputies from across Maine. This initiative underscores that for our deputies, being visible and present in our communities extends beyond their call of duty; they also serve as leaders, fostering positive connections with the next generation.

With that in mind, on behalf of our deputies, correctional officers, and support staff I want to thank our community for the ongoing support we have received. Whether through letters, social media, or public acknowledgments, your backing resonates throughout our agency.

We have great opportunities ahead of us, and I look forward to the work we will accomplish in the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 207-743-9554.

I wish you all a safe and healthy year ahead.

Respectfully,

Christopher Wainwright
Oxford County Sheriff



Oxford County Sheriff's Office

2023 Calls For Service by Location

Porter

911 hangup call	7	Missing Person	2
Abandoned Vehicle +++++	3	Mental Subject	1
Elder Abuse	1	Noise Problem	2
Alarm	14	Parking Problem	1
Animal Problem	1	Property Damage, Non-vandalism	2
Assault, Simple	1	Peace Officer	6
Agency Assist	21	Service Of Papers	2
Attempt to Locate	2	Protection From Abuse Order	15
ATV Problem	1	Property Watch	1
Burglary, Resident, Unlawf Ent	2	Request Call	28
Citizen Dispute	4	Request Officer	4
Civil Dispute	1	Sex Offense	2
Civil Issue	10	Sex Offender Reg Verification	12
Custodial Interference	1	Subpoena Service	1
Citizen Assist	1	Suicidal Person/Welfare Check	2
Disorderly Conduct	3	Suspicion	9
Domestic Incident	1	Traffic Accident, Prop Damage	2
Domestic Violence Follow Up	2	Traffic Offense	9
Fraud	1	Theft, Property, Other	2
Harassment	10	Trespassing	4
Identity Theft	1	Unattended Death	1
Information	7	Violation of Bail Conditions	1
Juvenile Problem	4	Violation of Protection Order	7
Lost or Found Property	1	Welfare Check	11
Misdialled Number to 911	2	Total Incidents	229

MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF PORTER
March 15, 2024

Make a cross (X) or a check mark (✓) in the square at the left of the nominee for whom you wish to vote. Follow directions as to the number of nominees to be elected to each office. You may vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot by writing it in the proper blank space and marking a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the proper square at the left. Do not erase names.

<p>SELECT PERSON, ASSESSOR, OVERSEER 3 year Term <u>Vote for ONE</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> John H. Lowry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD 3 year Term <u>Vote for Three</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> James Denman</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Travis T. May</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>
<p>DIRECTOR, MSAD #55 3 year term <u>Vote for ONE</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer L. Day-Hink</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD 1 year unexpired Term Vote for One</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>

To Fred Iler, Resident of the Town of Porter in the County of Oxford:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Porter, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Porter Town Hall in said town on the 15th day of March, A.D. 2024 at 4:00 in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

The Moderator will then open the polls at the Porter Town Hall. The polls will remain open until 8:00 p.m. to vote on article 2.

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

One Selectperson, Assessor, Overseer	3 year term
One Director of S.A.D. 55	3 year term
Three Planning Board Members	3 year term
One Planning Board Member	1 year term

When the polls are closed, the meeting will recess until 9:00 a.m. on the following morning, March 16, 2024 and will re-assemble at the Porter Town Hall to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 3. To elect the following Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Two Budget Committee Members	5 year term
One George W. Towle Trust Fund Trustee	3 year term
One Elijah Fox Trust Fund Trustee	3 year term

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2024 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2025 to the next annual town meeting.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a five-year contract between the Town and Kenneth Martineau for snow removal and sanding operations.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a three-year contract with an accounting firm to perform auditing services for the fiscal year 2024, 2025, and 2026. The contact cost is not to exceed \$9,750.00 per year.

TAX RELATED ARTICLES

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$534,682 established for Porter by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer the authority to use the Tax Lien Waiver Foreclosure process (Title 36 M.R.S.A. § 944).

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell any or all tax acquired property, whether by foreclosure of tax liens or acquired by court action, by sealed bid, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s). The sale or sales shall first be advertised for three (3) successive weeks in "Your Weekly Shopping Guide" or a newspaper of general circulation in the local area, and to execute and deliver municipal quitclaim deeds for the same. Provided, however, the Select Board, in their discretion, may offer and sell any such property to the former owner against

whom the tax had been assessed or to the successor or successors in interest to that person. The Select Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to use funds from undesignated fund balance, as they deem advisable, to reduce the tax commitment for fiscal year 2024.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to establish September 30, 2024 as the date when the 2024 real estate and personal property taxes will be due and payable, and to establish a rate of 8.50% interest to be charged on all unpaid taxes as of that date (the maximum allowable rate by the State is 8.50% per annum pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §505(4-A)).

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the ensuing year, not yet due or assessed, and to pay interest at a rate of 3% per annum on such prepayments made prior to commitment of those taxes. Prepayments not to exceed 90% of the previous year's tax. Said interest on prepayment of taxes shall be taken from undesignated fund balance as needed. (Title 36 M.R.S.A. §506)

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest paid on overpayment of taxes at 4.50%. In accordance with Title 36 M.R.S.A. §506-A, the interest rate can be no less than 4% below the per annum rate charged on delinquent taxes. Said interest on overpayment of taxes shall be taken from undesignated fund balance as needed.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Tax Collector/Treasurer to apply any tax payment received for any property tax to outstanding or delinquent taxes owed and in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill. (Title 36 M.R.S.A. §906)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - 10

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Town Officers' Salaries account for the ensuing year and to authorize the Select Board to transfer all clerk fees to the Town Officers' Salaries account to be expended from the same.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$175,000 and transfer all clerk fees.

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Office account and to authorize the Select Board to enter all income received from the rental of space, photocopying fees & fax fees into this account to be expended from the same.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$67,000 and add income from rental of space, photocopying fees & fax fees.

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Insurance account (including Workers Compensation Insurance).

Budget Committee recommends raise \$9,500.

Article 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$23,589.17 for the Debt Payment account to be expended for the 2024 payment on the Maine Municipal Bond.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Contingent account to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2024.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$15,000.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept donations of items or monetary donations not to exceed \$1,000 per donation and made without conditions other than dedication to a Town budget account. All monetary donations to be deposited into the undesignated fund. Any donation exceeding \$1,000, in value or funds, will require town approval at a special town meeting.

Article 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, and expend grant money available from the State of Maine, Federal Government, or other organizations for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES - 12

Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Porter Planning Board account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$1,000.

Article 23. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Porter Appeals Board account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$1,500.

Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Porter Conservation Commission for management of the town cemeteries, the town ball field, the Veteran's Park, the Spec Pond swim area and other conservation activities as deemed to be in the best interest of the town.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$3,370.

PUBLIC WORKS - 15

Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Roads account (to be spent on repairs and maintenance).

Budget Committee recommends raise \$195,000 and transfer the unexpended balance to the Road Reconstruction Reserve Fund.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to review any and all road work to be done and, if they deem advisable, to let the work out to private contractor by hourly rate or by bid.

Article 27. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Winter Roads account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$330,000.

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$141,322.

PUBLIC SAFETY - 20

Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Animal Control account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$3,000.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,000.00 for the maintenance of the Kezar Falls Fire Department.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101,808.00 for the maintenance and operation of Sacopee Rescue to be disbursed in three (3) equal installments. The first installment payable on or before April 15, 2024, the second installment payable on or before August 15, 2024, and the third installment payable on or before November 15, 2024.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 32. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Street Lights account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$12,000.

Article 33. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Hydrants account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$53,000.

Article 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the E-911 Communications Account to be expended for the dispatch of E-911 calls through the Maine State Police.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$8,200.

HEALTH & WELFARE – 25

Article 35. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the General Assistance account.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$2,000.

RESERVE FUNDS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - 50

Article 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Improvements Reserve Fund.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$10,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

Article 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Old Porter Meetinghouse Reserve Fund to be expended for repairs and maintenance of the Old Porter Meetinghouse.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$5,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

Article 38. To see if the Town will authorize the transfer of revenue generated from vital record fees to the Records Restoration Reserve Fund.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Revaluation Reserve Fund to be expended for the revaluation of property in the Town of Porter for tax purposes.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$15,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

Article 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Code Enforcement Legal Expenses Reserve Fund.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$2,500 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

PUBLIC SAFETY - 60

Article 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Kezar Falls Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$10,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Sacopee Rescue Reserve Fund.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$10,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

PUBLIC WORKS - 70

Article 43. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Bridge / Culvert Reserve Fund. Funds to be used for the repair of bridges, and culverts in excess of 24 inches in diameter.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$5,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

Article 44. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Dam Reserve Fund. Said funds to be expended by the Select Board for the repair or replacement of the town's dams, including engineering, tests, permits, pursuing grants, etc.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$5,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

Article 45. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Road Reconstruction Reserve Fund; said projects to be at the discretion of the Select Board.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$75,000, carry forward the unexpended balance, and transfer from the DOT Reserve Fund as needed.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the remaining and unexpended funds from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Road Reconstruction Reserve Fund

Article 47. Shall the board be authorized to spend up to \$471,759.37 from undesignated fund balance, said allocation to be applied to the outstanding balance of the Bond Anticipation Note issued to Bangor Savings Bank in 2022.

Selectboard recommends appropriating \$471,759.37

Article 48. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Sidewalk Reserve Fund to be expended for replacing, upgrading, or constructing sidewalks.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$7,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

Article 49. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the Tri-Town Waste Reserve Fund and authorize the Select Board to withdraw funds from the reserve as needed for the capital expenses at the Tri-Town Waste Disposal Facility.

Budget Committee recommends raise \$15,000 and carry forward the unexpended balance.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Article 50. To see if the Town will authorize the use of town-owned buildings by outside organizations, groups or individuals and to charge a fee and other requirements as outlined in the Facilities Use Policy for use of said properties to help cover town expenses. Fees collected to be deposited into the Office Account.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to dedicate the franchise fees and any other grants received from Spectrum, Inc to Sacopec Valley Media Tech (Sacopec TV) for the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and for operating costs.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to transfer 100% of the previous year's registration fees rebate from the state to the Sacopec Valley Snowdrifters. This money to be used for various purposes such as trail maintenance, construction or purchase of equipment and materials. These maintained trails to be open to the public during the winter.

Budget Committee recommends this article.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to accept the net income from the Stanley-Higgins Trust to be paid to the Stanley-Higgins Fund Committee for the purposes stated in such trust.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommendations for the support of the agencies or organizations listed below:

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Agency or Organization	Requested Amount	Budget Committee Recommendation
American Legion	\$500.00	\$500.00
American Red Cross	\$1,000	\$100.00
Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice	\$500.00	\$500.00
Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine	\$200.00	\$200.00
Community Concepts	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Friends of Porter 569	\$500.00	\$500.00
Grateful Undead	\$500.00	\$500.00
Harvest Hills	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Kezar Falls Circulating Library	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
The LifeFlight Foundation	\$800.00	\$800.00
Maine Public	\$100.00	\$100.00
Northern Light Home Care & Hospice	\$250.00	\$250.00
Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society	\$500.00	\$500.00
Saco River Corridor Commission	\$700.00	\$700.00
Saco River Festival Association	\$500.00	\$500.00
Sacopee Valley Rec Council	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
SafeVoices	\$275.00	\$275.00
Seniors Plus	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Smooth Feather Youth	\$600.00	\$600.00
Southern Maine Planning Development & Commission	633.00	\$633.00
SW Oxford County Nutrition (Brownfield Food Pantry)	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00
Tri-County Mental Health Services	\$500.00	\$500.00
TOTALS	\$26,958.00	\$26,058.00


Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the remaining and unexpended funds from the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development received by the Town for the Planning Board's LD 2003 ordinance development work.

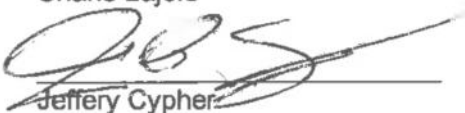
Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to finalize a new name for the bridge shared between Parsonsfield and Porter, currently known as The Kezar Falls Bridge on Route 25, subject to agreement with the Town of Parsonsfield.

Article 57. A motion to adjourn.

Given under our hands this 21st day of February, 2024


Brent Day, Chair


Shane Lajoie


Jeffery Cypher

Select Board, Town of Porter

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Account	2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET		2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REQUESTS		Other
	Bal. Forward	Raise	Bal. Forward	Raise	
Town Officer Salaries		\$ 150,000.00		\$ 175,000.00	
Town Office		\$ 62,000.00		\$ 67,000.00	
Insurance		\$ 9,100.00		\$ 9,500.00	
Debt Payment		\$ 24,041.56		\$ 23,589.17	
Contingent		\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	
Planning Board		\$ 500.00		\$ 1,000.00	
Appeals Board		\$ 500.00		\$ 1,500.00	
Comprehensive Planning Update		\$ 2,000.00		\$ -	
Conservation Commission		\$ 3,200.00		\$ 3,370.00	
General Roads		\$ 180,000.00		\$ 195,000.00	
BAN (Bond Anticipation Note)			Paid by General Roads and Road Reconstruction Account		
Winter Roads		\$ 310,000.00		\$ 330,000.00	
Solid Waste		\$ 133,615.00		\$ 141,321.67	
Animal Control		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	
Kezar Falls Fire Department		\$ 62,675.00		\$ 81,000.00	
Sacopee Rescue		\$ 83,000.00		\$ 101,808.00	
Street Lights		\$ 12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00	
Hydrants		\$ 53,000.00		\$ 53,000.00	
Communications Fund		\$ 7,000.00		\$ 8,200.00	
General Assistance		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	
Capital Improvements Reserve Fund	\$ 53,988.19	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 63,988.19	\$ 10,000.00	
Old Porter Meetinghouse Reserve Funds	\$ 30,283.97	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 35,189.67	\$ 5,000.00	
Milfoil Reserve Fund	\$ 94.60	\$ -	\$ 94.60	\$ -	
Records Restoration Fund	\$ 9,272.90	\$ -	\$ 10,440.30		
Revaluation Reserve Fund	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 113,777.14	\$ 15,000.00	
Kezar Falls Fire Dept Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 27,067.58	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 37,067.58	\$ 10,000.00	
Sacopee Rescue Reserve Fund	\$ 30,150.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,150.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Bridge Reserve Fund	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Dam Reserve Fund	\$ 39,722.95	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 44,705.42	\$ 5,000.00	
DOT Reserve Fund	\$ 19,746.67	\$ -	\$ 15,700.67		
Road Reconstruction Reserve Fund	\$ 54,596.66	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 170,743.43	\$ 75,000.00	As needed from DOT
Sidewalk Reserve Fund	\$ 38,935.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 45,935.00	\$ 7,000.00	
Solid Waste Reserve Fund	\$ 16,021.45	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,721.45	\$ 15,000.00	
Code Enforcement Legal Expenses Reserve Fund	\$ 3,919.25	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,116.25	\$ 2,500.00	
Interest on Prepaid Taxes		\$ -		\$ -	As Needed
Sacopee Valley Media Tech (Sacopee TV)		\$ -		\$ -	Franchise Fees
Sacopee Valley Snowdrifters		\$ -		\$ -	State Rebate
American Legion - West Day Post 123		\$ 400.00		\$ 500.00	
American Red Cross		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	
Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine		\$ -		\$ 200.00	
Community Concepts		\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	
Friends of Porter 569		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
Grateful Undead		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter		\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00	
Kezar Falls Circulating Library		\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	
LifeFlight Foundation		\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00	
Maine Public		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	
Maine Behavioral Healthcare		\$ 750.00		\$ -	
Northern Light Home Care & Hospice		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	
Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
Saco River Corridor Commission		\$ 650.00		\$ 700.00	
Saco River Festival Association		\$ 300.00		\$ 500.00	
Sacopee Valley Recreation Council		\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	
SafeVoices		\$ 250.00		\$ 275.00	
Senior Plus		\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	
Smooth Feather Youth		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00	
Southern Maine Planning Development & Comm.		\$ 614.00		\$ 633.00	
Southwest Oxford County Nutrition, Inc.		\$ 3,100.00		\$ 3,100.00	
Tri-County Mental Health Services		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
TOTALS	\$ 463,799.22	\$ 1,329,845.56	\$ 629,629.70	\$ 1,408,846.84	

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Total number of dogs licensed in 2023: 213

The following have been recorded in the Book of Vital Statistics:

Marriages	15
Births	11
Deaths	17

Date of Death	Name	Age	Place of Death
02/06/2023	Tobey MacLean	74	Scarborough
02/24/2023	William Pinkham	70	Porter
02/25/2023	Margaret Louise Libby	94	Scarborough
03/24/2023	Janet Linda Atwood	66	Portland
05/02/2023	Anne F. Day	89	Porter
05/05/2023	Karen Denise Callaghan	65	Porter
07/08/2023	Denise M. Dunn	71	Portland
08/17/2023	William Alfred Day Sr.	91	Porter
08/29/2023	David William Merrill	64	Scarborough
09/13/2023	Laura Jean Richardson	62	Porter
09/22/2023	Ernest Pendexter	83	Kennebunk
10/12/2023	Faye P. Barton	85	Scarborough
10/15/2023	Charles Colin Foley	82	Porter
11/15/2023	Kendrick Bertrand Huber	95	Scarborough
11/22/2023	Hope Harriet Churchill	88	Porter
11/26/2023	Theresa E. Day	88	Westbrook
11/30/2023	Stella Claudette Beleckis	85	Porter

Respectfully Submitted,
 Janice M. Miller
 Town Clerk



Town of Porter

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm

To Fred Iler, a resident of the Town of Porter, in the County of Oxford, State of Maine:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Porter, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Porter Town Hall in said town on November 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1: To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: Vote to adopt the "Town of Porter 2023 Comprehensive Plan" that was prepared with the intent of complying with the Growth Management Act (30-AM.R.S.A. § 4312-4350.) and that it includes all of the applicable elements of the Maine Comprehensive Plan Review Criteria Rule (07-105 CMR 208). (Copies of the proposed plan are available at the town office or on the town's web page.)

Article 3: Vote to apply \$50,000. of ARPA funds to the engineering cost for Sarah Bridge Road and Old Meetinghouse Road.

Article 4. Vote to apply the balance of the ARPA funds, \$42,664.83, to the Road Reconstruction Fund to be used toward fixing First County Road.

Article 5: A motion to adjourn.

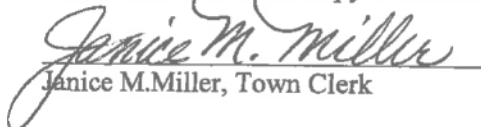
Porter Select Board

 _____ Brent Day, Chair

 _____ Shane Lajoie

 _____ Jeffery Cypher

I attest this to be a true copy of the warrant

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Janice M. Miller, Town Clerk

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Incoming Funds Outgoing Funds

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - 10

Town Officer Salaries

Raised:	\$ 150,000.00
Clerk Fees:	\$ 13,817.70
TOTAL	\$ 163,817.70
<i>Paid:</i>	
Ballot Clerks	\$ 1,001.99
Brent Day	\$ 5,500.00
Danial Davis	\$ 11,529.96
Hannah Hutchinson	\$ 12,627.91
Jennifer Lee	\$ 4,219.52
Dawn Schol	\$ 22,902.18
Janice Miller	\$ 37,448.71
Shane Lajoie	\$ 5,500.00
Dr. Joseph DeKay	\$ 800.00
Ronald Silvia	\$ 6,500.00
Maine Municipal Association (Unemployment Insuranc	\$ 269.00
Maine Municipal Employess Health Trust	\$ 25,190.77
US Treasury (Employer share of FICA & Medicare)	\$ 9,332.18
Lapse to Undesignated Fund	\$ 20,995.48
TOTAL	\$ 163,817.70

Building Permits

Balance Forward:	\$ 2,266.55
Building Permit Fees:	\$ 9,247.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,513.55
<i>Paid:</i>	
Dan Davis, Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 9,247.00
Balance Forward to 2023	\$ 2,266.55
TOTAL	\$ 11,513.55

Plumbing Permits

Balance Forward:	\$ 3,767.50
Plumbing Permits:	\$ 5,140.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,907.50
<i>Paid:</i>	
Dan Davis, Plumbing Inspector	\$ 3,953.75
State of Maine, DEP Surcharge	\$ 105.00
State of Maine	\$ 875.00
Balance Forward to 2023	\$ 3,973.75
TOTAL	\$ 8,907.50

Insurance

Raised:	\$ 9,100.00
Dividends (MEMIC):	\$ 170.92
TOTAL	\$ 9,270.92
<i>Paid:</i>	
Chalmers Insurance Group	\$ 7,993.00
Maine Employers Mutual Insurance Co (MEMIC)	\$ 1,365.25
Transfer from Contingent	\$ (87.33)
TOTAL	\$ 9,270.92

Debt Payment

Raised:	\$ 24,041.56
TOTAL	\$ 24,041.56
<i>Paid:</i>	
US Bank Corporate Trust Boston	\$ 24,041.56
TOTAL	\$ 24,041.56

Incoming Funds Outgoing Funds

Office

Raised:	\$ 62,000.00
Copies/Faxes:	\$ 225.90
Rent/Key Deposit:	\$ 1,196.00
Tax Postage:	\$ 84.77
TOTAL	\$ 63,506.67
<i>Paid:</i>	
Amazon	\$ 115.46
CAI Technologies	\$ 1,057.50
Call's Shop n' Save	\$ 104.79
Central Maine Power	\$ 254.74
Consolidated Communications	\$ 1,788.84
Cornish Hardware	\$ 13.78
Creative Digital	\$ 675.00
Dora's Cleaning Service	\$ 3,525.00
Employee Mileage	\$ 677.34
Firesafe Equipment	\$ 210.80
GoDaddy	\$ 887.64
Harris Computer System	\$ 7,212.80
Hygrade Business Group	\$ 601.50
John E O'Donnell & Associates, Inc	\$ 2,000.00
Maine Municipal Association	\$ 2,712.50
Maine Municipal Tax Collectors & Treasurers	\$ 145.00
Maine Town & City Clerks Assoc.	\$ 140.00
Maine Building Officials & Inspectors Assoc.	\$ 80.00
Maine Association of Assessing Officers	\$ 60.00
Maine Water Company	\$ 514.82
Microsoft	\$ 105.49
Mint Mobile	\$ 374.30
Minuteman Press	\$ 1,509.35
Modem Wavs, Inc.	\$ 287.99
Porter Office Machines	\$ 414.49
Quill.com	\$ 942.10
Registry of Deeds	\$ 2,203.25
RHR Smith & Company	\$ 9,650.00
Robert Konczal	\$ 15,913.33
Ruth L Sawyer	\$ 1,838.00
Southern Maine Planning & Development	\$ 453.31
Spectrum	\$ 1,199.88
TracFone	\$ 20.00
USPS	\$ 2,313.37
White Moutian Oil and Propane	\$ 2,636.14
Your Weekly Shopping Guide	\$ 2,806.00
Transfer from Contingent	\$ (1,937.84)
TOTAL	\$ 63,506.67

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	Incoming Funds	Outgoing Funds
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - 10 (Continued)		
Contingent		
Raised:	\$ 15,000.00	
TOTAL	\$ 15,000.00	
<i>Paid:</i>		
Amazon.com		\$ 392.04
Hannah Hutchinson		\$ 2,703.25
IRS Filing Fee		\$ 168.02
Jensen Baird Gardner & Henry		\$ 1,150.00
Ken Gardner		\$ 600.00
Prior Year Adjustment		\$ 1,644.06
Registry of Deeds		\$ 40.00
Transfer to Office		\$ 1,937.84
Transfer to Insurance		\$ 87.33
Transfer to Winter Roads		\$ 1,262.11
Transfer to Planning Board / Appeals Board		\$ 11.00
Transfer to Solid Waste		\$ 2,873.89
Transfer to Animal Control		\$ 250.82
Lapse to Undesignated Fund		\$ 2,130.46
TOTAL		\$ 15,250.82

PUBLIC WORKS - 15

	Incoming Funds	Outgoing Funds
Roads		
Raised:	\$ 180,000.00	
TOTAL	\$ 180,000.00	
<i>Paid:</i>		
Bradley Sanborn		\$ 61,790.00
Carrol Materials, LLC.		\$ 6,421.52
Cornish Hardware		\$ 1,339.97
Dale Metcalf Sr. & Son		\$ 700.00
DEP		\$ 290.00
Dwight R Mills		\$ 46,931.62
Eastman's Welding		\$ 18,820.60
Khriel Excavation		\$ 100.00
PY Estes & Sons		\$ 544.00
Shaw Brothers		\$ 4,550.70
Two Spruce		\$ 2,293.69
White Signs		\$ 1,334.05
William A Day Jr		\$ 90.00
WL Sturgeon Inc		\$ 7,425.00
Your Weekly Shopping Guide		\$ 42.50
Balance to Road Reconstruction Reserve		\$ 27,326.35
TOTAL		\$ 180,000.00

BAN (Bond Anticipation Note)

Amount Expended:	\$838,405.90
TOTAL	\$838,405.90
<i>Paid:</i>	
Bangor Savings Bank from Undesignated Funds	\$ 400,000.00
Bal. with interest at maturity date 5/18/24	\$ 471,759.37

	Incoming Funds	Outgoing Funds
BOARDS & COMMITTEES - 12		
Planning Board / Appeals Board		
Raised:	\$ 1,000.00	
Application Fees:	\$ 425.00	
TOTAL	\$ 1,425.00	
<i>Paid:</i>		
Jensen Baird Gardner		\$ 1,100.00
Your Weekly Shopping Guide		\$ 336.00
Transfer from Contingent		\$ (11.00)
TOTAL		\$ 1,425.00
Comprehensive Planning Committee		
Raised:	\$ 2,000.00	
TOTAL	\$ 2,000.00	
<i>Paid:</i>		
Minuteman Press		\$ 160.41
Rebecca Thompson		\$ 1,500.00
USPS		\$ 9.85
Your Weekly Shoppers Guide		\$ 148.00
Lapse to Undesignated Fund		\$ 181.74
TOTAL		\$ 2,000.00

Conservation Commission

Raised:	\$ 3,200.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,200.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Amazon	\$ 137.14
Eastman's Welding	\$ 800.00
Martha Tracy	\$ 20.97
Ruth Sawyer	\$ 1,188.00
Ernest Avanzato	\$ 500.00
Lapse to Undesignated Fund	\$ 553.89
TOTAL	\$ 3,200.00

Winter Roads

Raised:	\$ 310,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 310,000.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Bradley Sanborn	\$ 590.00
Dwight R Mills	\$ 8,683.00
Eastern Salt	\$ 72,709.01
Southern Maine Planning & Development	\$ 256.69
Todd Pierce	\$ 227,823.41
Town of Hiram	\$ 1,200.00
Transfer from Contingent	\$ (1,262.11)
TOTAL	\$ 310,000.00

Solid Waste

Raised:	\$ 133,615.00
TOTAL	\$ 133,615.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Tri-Town Waste Board	\$ 136,488.89
Transfer from Contingent	\$ (2,873.89)
TOTAL	\$ 133,615.00

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PUBLIC SAFETY - 20

Animal Control

Raised:	\$ 2,000.00
License Fee:	\$ 328.00
Impound Fee:	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,358.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Cynthia Eaton	\$ 2,608.82
Transfer from Contingent	\$ (250.82)
TOTAL	\$ 2,358.00

Kezar Falls Fire Dept - Operating

Raised:	\$ 62,675.00
TOTAL	\$ 62,675.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Kezar Falls Fire Department	\$ 62,675.00
TOTAL	\$ 62,675.00

Sacopec Rescue Unit - Operating

Raised:	\$ 83,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 83,000.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Sacopec Rescue Unit	\$ 83,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 83,000.00

HEALTH & WELFARE - 25

General Assistance

Raised:	\$ 2,000.00
State Reimbursement:	\$ 420.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,420.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Your Weekly Shopping Guide	\$ 64.00
Katelynn Edgett	\$ 600.00
Lapse to Undesignated Fund	\$ 1,756.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,420.00

RESERVE ACCOUNTS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - 50

Capital Account

Balance Forward:	\$ 53,988.19
Raised:	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 63,988.19
<i>Paid:</i>	
Balance to Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 63,988.19
TOTAL	\$ 63,988.19

Incoming Funds Outgoing Funds

Street Lights

Raised:	\$ 12,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,000.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Central Maine Power	\$ 11,311.51
Lapse to Undesignated Fund	\$ 688.49
TOTAL	\$ 12,000.00

Hydrants

Raised:	\$ 53,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 53,000.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Maine Water Company	\$ 50,253.72
Lapse to Undesignated Fund	\$ 2,746.28
TOTAL	\$ 53,000.00

Communications - E911

Raised:	\$ 7,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,000.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Cornish Fire Department	\$ 300.00
Department of Public Safety	\$ 6,429.24
Lapse to Undesignated Fund	\$ 270.76
TOTAL	\$ 7,000.00

Record Restoration Reserve Fund

Balance Forward:	\$ 9,292.90
Income from Vital Records	\$ 1,512.40
TOTAL	\$ 10,805.30
<i>Paid:</i>	
Shredding on Site	\$ 365.00
Balance to Record Restoration Reserve Fund	\$ 10,440.30
TOTAL	\$ 10,805.30

Revaluation Fund

Balance Forward:	\$ 100,000.00
Raised:	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 115,000.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Minuteman Press of Denmark	\$ 232.86
USPS	\$ 990.00
Balance to Revaluation Fund	\$ 113,777.14
TOTAL	\$ 115,000.00

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - 50 (Continued)

Old Porter Meetinghouse	
Balance Forward:	\$ 30,283.97
Raised:	\$ 5,000.00
Donations:	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$ 35,333.97
<i>Paid:</i>	
David Gilpatrick	\$ 101.30
Martha Tracy	\$ 43.00
Balance to Old Porter Meetinghouse Reserve Fund	\$ 35,189.67
TOTAL	\$ 35,333.97
Milfoil Reserve Fund	
Balance Forward:	\$ 94.60
TOTAL	\$ 94.60
<i>Paid:</i>	
Balance to Milfoil Reserve Fund	\$ 94.60
TOTAL	\$ 94.60

PUBLIC SAFETY - 60

Kezar Falls Fire Department - Capital	
Balance Forward:	\$ 27,067.58
Raised:	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 37,067.58
<i>Paid:</i>	
Balance to Kezar Falls Fire Department Reserve	\$ 37,067.58
TOTAL	\$ 37,067.58

PUBLIC WORKS - 70

Bridge Account	
Balance Forward:	\$ 40,000.00
Raised:	\$ 30,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 70,000.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Balance to Bridge Reserve	\$ 70,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 70,000.00

Dam Account	
Balance Forward:	\$ 39,722.95
Raised:	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 44,722.95
<i>Paid:</i>	
Brent Day	\$ 17.53
Balance to Dam Reserve	\$ 44,705.42
TOTAL	\$ 44,722.95

Solid Waste - Capital	
Balance Forward:	\$ 16,021.45
Raised:	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 31,021.45
<i>Paid:</i>	
Tri-Town Waste Board	\$ 27,300.00
Balance to Solid Waste Reserve	\$ 3,721.45
TOTAL	\$ 31,021.45

Incoming Funds Outgoing Funds

Code Office Legal	
Balance Forward:	\$ 3,916.25
Raised:	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,916.25
<i>Paid:</i>	
Jensen Baird Gardner	\$ 1,000.00
Balance to Code Office Legal Fund	\$ 7,916.25
TOTAL	\$ 8,916.25

LD2003 Grant Reserve Fund	
Balance Forward:	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,000.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Daniel Davis	\$ 4,425.00
Balance to LD2003 Grant Reserve Fund	\$ 575.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,000.00

Sacopee Rescue Unit - Capital	
Balance Forward:	\$ 30,150.00
Raised:	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 45,150.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Sacopee Rescue	\$ 35,000.00
Balance to Sacopee Rescue Unit Reserve	\$ 10,150.00
TOTAL	\$ 45,150.00

DOT Reserve	
Balance Forward	\$ 19,746.67
State of Maine (LRAP)	\$ 54,328.00
TOTAL	\$ 74,074.67
<i>Paid:</i>	
Balance to DOT Reserve	\$ 22,636.67
Balance to Road Reconstruction Reserve	\$ 51,438.00
TOTAL	\$ 74,074.67

Road Reconstruction Reserve	
Balance Forward:	\$ 3,007.00
Raised:	\$ 75,000.00
Transfer from DOT Reserve	\$ 51,438.00
ARPA	\$ 42,664.83
TOTAL	\$ 172,109.83
<i>Paid:</i>	
Bradley Sanborn	\$ 9,435.00
Dwight Mills	\$ 28,772.41
Balance to Road Reconstruction Reserve	\$ 133,902.42
TOTAL	\$ 172,109.83

Sidewalk Account	
Balance Forward:	\$ 38,935.00
Raised:	\$ 7,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 45,935.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Balance to Sidewalk Reserve	\$ 45,935.00
TOTAL	\$ 45,935.00

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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Sacopee Valley Snowdrifters

State Rebate:	\$	14,622.28
TOTAL	\$	14,622.28
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>14,622.28</i>
TOTAL	\$	14,622.28

Sacopee Valley Media Tech (Sacopee TV)

Cable TV Franchise Fees	\$	7,662.60
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>7,662.60</i>

Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice

Raised:	\$	500.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>500.00</i>

American Legion - West Day Post 123

Raised:	\$	400.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>400.00</i>

American Red Cross

Raised:	\$	100.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>100.00</i>

Community Concepts

Raised:	\$	3,000.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>3,000.00</i>

Friends of Porter #569

Raised:	\$	500.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>500.00</i>

Grateful Dead

Raised:	\$	500.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>500.00</i>

Harvest Hills Animal Shelter

Raised:	\$	1,600.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>1,600.00</i>

Kezar Falls Circulating Library

Raised:	\$	6,000.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>6,000.00</i>

The LifeFlight Foundation

Raised:	\$	800.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>800.00</i>

Maine Public

Raised:	\$	100.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>100.00</i>

Incoming Funds Outgoing Funds

Maine Behavioral Healthcare

Raised:	\$	750.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>750.00</i>

Northern Light Home Care & Hospice

Raised:	\$	250.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>250.00</i>

Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society

Raised:	\$	500.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>500.00</i>

Saco River Festival

Raised:	\$	300.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>300.00</i>

Saco River Corridor Commission

Raised:	\$	650.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>650.00</i>

Sacopee Valley Recreation Council

Raised:	\$	4,000.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>4,000.00</i>

Safe Voices

Raised:	\$	250.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>250.00</i>

Seniors Plus

Raised:	\$	1,200.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>1,200.00</i>

Smooth Feather Youth

Raised:	\$	600.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>600.00</i>

Southern Maine Planning & Devel. Comm.

Raised:	\$	614.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>614.00</i>

Southwest Oxford County Nutrition (Food Pantry)

Raised:	\$	3,100.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>3,100.00</i>

Tri-County Mental Health Services

Raised:	\$	500.00
<i>Paid:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>500.00</i>

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MISC INFORMATION

State Agencies

Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Balance Forward	\$ 8,403.26
Fees Received from Customers	\$ 212,544.11
TOTAL	\$ 220,947.37
<i>Paid:</i>	
Secretary of State	\$ 220,382.81
Customer Refund for Overpayment	\$ 11.00
Payable at year end	\$ 553.56
TOTAL	\$ 220,947.37

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Balance Forward	\$ 4,106.30
Fees Received from Customers	\$ 44,452.49
TOTAL	\$ 48,558.79
<i>Paid:</i>	
Treasurer, State of Maine	\$ 38,921.73
Payable at year end	\$ 9,637.06
TOTAL	\$ 48,558.79

Discounts on Taxes

Transfer from Undesignated	\$ 4,772.42
<i>Paid:</i>	
Abatement	\$ 3,434.70
Prepaid Interest	\$ 1,337.72
TOTAL	\$ 4,772.42

TRUST FUNDS

Elijah Fox Fund

<i>Spendable</i>	\$ 2,742.09
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 5.09
<i>Non-Spendable</i>	\$ 11,325.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,072.18

Evelyn Watkins Fund

<i>Spendable</i>	\$ 581.18
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 5.18
<i>Non-Spendable</i>	\$ 10,100.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,686.36

Florance Higgins Beautification Fund

<i>Spendable</i>	\$ 740.17
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 10.17
<i>Non-Spendable</i>	\$ 20,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 20,750.34

Florance Higgins Education Fund

<i>Spendable</i>	\$ 75,013.14
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 38.15
TOTAL	\$ 75,051.29

Florance Higgins Education Fund CD

<i>Non-Spendable</i>	\$ 10,609.80
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 42.42
TOTAL	\$ 10,652.22

Incoming Funds Outgoing Funds

Animal Welfare

Balance Forward	\$ 237.00
Fees Received from Customers	\$ 972.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,209.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Treasurer, State of Maine	\$ 926.00
Payable at year end	\$ 283.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,209.00

Vital Records

Balance Forward	\$ 13.20
Fees Received from Customers	\$ 274.80
TOTAL	\$ 288.00
<i>Paid:</i>	
Treasurer, State of Maine	\$ 261.20
Payable at year end	\$ 26.80
TOTAL	\$ 288.00

School Assessment

Assessment	
<i>Paid: Treasurer, MSAD 55</i>	\$1,286,868.12

Oxford County Tax

Tax Assessment for 2023	
<i>Paid: Treasurer, Oxford County</i>	\$ 161,164.00

George Towle Fund

<i>Spendable</i>	\$ 2,108.80
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 18.81
<i>Non-Spendable</i>	\$ 37,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 39,127.61

John Chapman Fund

<i>Spendable</i>	\$ (1,123.59)
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 10.41
TOTAL SPENDABLE	\$ (1,113.18)
<i>Non-Spendable</i>	\$ 20,474.00
TOTAL NON-SPENDABLE	\$ 20,474.00

Luelle Lord Fund

<i>Spendable</i>	\$ 144.33
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 0.33
<i>Non-Spendable</i>	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 644.66

Madeline Wakefield Fund

<i>Spendable</i>	\$ 1,213.42
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 8.42
<i>Non-Spendable</i>	\$ 16,485.00
TOTAL	\$ 17,706.84

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	Incoming Funds	Outgoing Funds
TRUST FUNDS (Continued)		
Ministerial Fund		
Spendable	\$ 647.86	
Interest	\$ 0.86	
Non-Spendable	\$ 1,700.00	
TOTAL		\$ 2,348.72
Randal Libby Fund		
Spendable	\$ 318.41	
Interest	\$ 0.41	
Non-Spendable	\$ 800.00	
TOTAL		\$ 1,118.82
Town Hall Fund		
Spendable	\$ 966.27	
Interest	\$ 1.27	
Non-Spendable	\$ 2,500.00	
TOTAL		\$ 3,467.54


Town of Porter
Report of the Stanley Higgins Fund Committee
January 31, 2023 – January 31, 2024

Beginning bank balance – Bangor Savings	\$ 265,719.66
Interest accrued from Bangor Savings	\$ 286.63
Deposits from Key Bank	<u>\$ 85,697.06</u>
Total	\$ 351,703.35

Activity:

Total Scholarship awarded	-\$63,500.00
One scholarship check outstanding	+\$ 3,000.00
Three scholarship checks cashed from previous year's awards	- \$ 8,000.00
Total Assistance awarded	- \$ 600.00
Assistance award check from previous year cashed	- \$ 0
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>- \$ 319.73</u>
Total	- \$ 69,419.73

Checking account balance January 31, 2023: **\$ 282,283.62**
\$351,703.35 - \$69,419.73 = \$ 282,283.62

Respectfully submitted,

 Wendy Hodgdon, Treasurer
 Stanley Higgins Fund Committee

Treasurer's Report

Income from Taxes:		
2023 Real Estate Taxes	\$	1,865,217.85
2024 Real Estate Taxes	\$	47,050.87
Prior Years Real Estate Taxes	\$	70,483.06
2023 Personal Property Taxes	\$	17,803.62
2024 Personal Property Taxes	\$	2.57
Prior Years Personal Property Taxes	\$	1,588.21
Supplemental Taxes	\$	5,699.68
Income from Interest:		
Tax Interest	\$	5,337.13
ICS (Checking Sweep Account) Interest	\$	16,913.55
Income from State Agencies:		
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$	220,947.37
Excise for Motor Vehicles	\$	402,333.68
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	\$	48,558.79
Excise for Boats	\$	1,525.50
Animal Welfare	\$	358.00
Vital Records	\$	1,512.40
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$	420.00
Income from the State:		
BETE Exemptions Reimbursement	\$	37,918.00
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	\$	92,522.00
Stabilization Program Reimbursement	\$	11,594.59
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$	21,021.57
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	\$	504.00
DOT Local Road Assistance	\$	54,328.00
Revenue Sharing	\$	236,281.83
Income from Permits:		
Plumbing Permits	\$	5,140.00
Building Permits	\$	9,247.00
Junk Yard Permits	\$	-
Income from Boards:		
Planning Board	\$	5,200.00
Appeals Board	\$	225.00
Income from Miscellaneous:		
Loan Withdrawal	\$	-
Clerk Fees	\$	13,817.70
Maine Water Collection	\$	-
Office Copies, Rents, Etc	\$	1,506.67
Insurance Overpayments/Dividends	\$	170.92
Sale of Town Property	\$	-
Spectrum Franchise Fees	\$	7,662.60
Tri-Town Waste Stickers	\$	75.00
ATV Trail Maps	\$	50.00
Snowmobile Trail Maps	\$	65.00
Excise for Other Towns	\$	11,514.51
Salary Reimbursement from Tri-Town Waste	\$	-
Lien Costs	\$	3,847.62
ARPA Funds	\$	-
Grant Reimbursement	\$	-
Legal Fee Reimbursement	\$	700.00
Road Repair Reimbursement & Equipment	\$	-
Old Meetinghouse Donation	\$	50.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	3,219,194.29
TOTAL WARRANTS PAID	\$	3,360,413.31
TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$	(141,219.02)

* Total warrants paid includes \$400,000 Bond Anticipation Note payment from the undesignated fund balance.

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

EXCISE TAX

Collected - Motor Vehicles	\$ 402,333.68	
- Boats	<u>1,525.50</u>	
Turned over to Town Treasurer	\$ 403,859.18	
Less Tax Collected and Paid to Other Towns	<u>(11,514.51)</u>	
NET EXCISE TAX		\$392,344.67

PROPERTY TAX

2023 Property Tax Commitment	\$2,083,913.85	
Homestead Exemption	100,416.91	
Tax Stabilization for Seniors	11,594.59	
Business Equipment Exemption	37,899.71	
Supplemental	<u>5,699.68</u>	
TOTAL PAYABLE		\$2,239,524.74
Less: Credits/Prepayments from 2022	(\$ 93,045.85)	
Interest on Prepayments	<u>(1,257.50)</u>	
Subtotal credit to 2023Tax	(\$ 94,303.35)	
Abatements	(\$ 2,711.58)	
Discounts Allowed	(0.00)	
Taxes Collected	(1,871,873.21)	
Tax Stabilization for Seniors	(11,594.59)	
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	(92,522.00)	
Business Equipment Exemption Reimbursement	(<u>26,323.41</u>)	
Total Credited against Commitment		(\$2,087,733.55)

TOTAL 2023 TAXES RECEIVABLE, 02/1/2024 **\$ 140,196.60**

2023 TAX RECEIVABLES

Unpaid as of 02/01/2024

*Paid in Full as of 02/21/2024

Accent Health LLC (Pers. Prop.)	\$ 14.46	
113 Moody Road Corp.	\$ 503.56	
Jessica L. Allaire	\$ 1,387.05	
Douglas Baer	\$ 2,492.04	
Rodney W. Barrett	\$ 1,371.39	
Steven Bennett	\$ 1,199.89	
James Boland	\$ 2,317.62	
Michelle T Bolster	\$ 438.64	
Lisa Brideau	\$ 454.29	
Jason D Buddemeyer	\$ 1,350.15	
Karen D Callaghan	\$ 1,688.71 *	
Linda M Capristo	\$ 1,027.96 Balance	
Raymond J. Chesley Jr.	\$ 1,794.76	
Brian Clark	\$ 2,859.00 Balance	
David W. Clark	\$ 2,213.15	
Thomas E Coe	\$ 680.84	
Thomas E Coe	\$ 635.59	
Matthew P. Cormier	\$ 1,976.40	
Matthew P. Cormier	\$ 1,023.98	

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Donald A. Cressey	\$ 1,027.51
Scott Cressey & Debra Verrill	\$ 1,361.13
Sean Cross	\$ 1,284.37
Gregg W. Croteau	\$ 2,110.47
Robert S Croteau	\$ 674.42
George & Mary-Ellen Dale	\$ 432.82
Bobbi Ann Day & Dawn McAllister	\$ 586.84
Bobbi Ann Day	\$ 80.89
Lisa Sargent Day	\$ 909.41
Theresa Day	\$1,052.78
Robert Desmaris	\$ 2.88 Balance
Melissa Dibiase	\$ 746.50
Thomas J. Doviak	\$3,091.55 Balance
Marguerite S. Drowns Estate	\$1,436.35
Brianna F. Dunnells	\$ 307.47 *
Ronald Dean Dunnells	\$1,697.26
Lawrence J Dupuis II	\$ 4.00 Balance
Derek W Eastman	\$2,000.70
Eva M. Eldridge	\$1,982.56 Balance
Kevin J & Dian L. Federico	\$2,136.53
Chaun J Frost	\$ 498.67
Jeffrey C. Frost	\$ 446.16
Victoria A. Fultz	\$ 627.10 Balance
GTP Towers I, LLC (Pers. Prop.)	\$ 685.11
Landon Hall	\$ 969.41 Balance
Heritage Hudson Holdings Maine LLC	\$7,619.17 *
Adam K.Holmes	\$1,761.13
Douglas A Jones Jr.	\$ 341.98
Kenhill LLC	\$1,393.60
Matthew Lajoie	\$ 605.50
Leasecomm Corporation (Pers. Prop.)	\$ 4.74
Debbie A. Libby	\$ 247.39
Edwin C. Libby	\$ 247.39
Ralph M Libby III	\$ 281.12
Robert Marshall	\$1,157.88 Balance
Kristina L. MacQuarrie	\$1,119.37
Dawn McAllister	\$ 383.03
David McCubrey Estate	\$ 562.24
David McCubrey Estate	\$ 549.06
David McCubrey Estate	\$ 439.25
David McCubrey Estate	\$1,593.34
Jeremy McMahon	\$ 728.35 *
Libby McManus	\$ 1,053.94
David W. Merrill	\$1,079.55
Warren Moore	\$ 216.46
John Nason	\$ 422.79
Gary & Jeanne Nickerson	\$2,567.06
Alexander Noujaim	\$ 509.18
Alexander Noujaim	\$1,926.48
Alexander Noujaim	\$ 121.53
Michael E. O'Brien (estate)	\$1,943.64
James O'Neil	\$ 496.35
Elizabeth Panetti Devises	\$ 776.30
Mark Parker	\$1,414.40
Helen M. Pederson (estate)	\$ 281.30
Porter Holdings Corp.	\$2,609.34
Porter Holdings Corp. (Pers. Prop.)	\$ 31.63

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Kenneth S Ray	\$1,801.28	
William J. Reynolds	\$ 451.55	
William J. Reynolds	\$ 2,491.95	
Arnold Richard	\$ 524.27	Balance
Michael Risti	\$ 2,224.78	
Wilmer Rudolph	\$ 4,057.93	
Benjamin Ruiten, Trustee	\$ 380.06	
R-2 Holdings LLC (Pers. Prop.)	\$ 165.69	
Derek Schwartz	\$ 421.68	
Dennis Searles	\$ 726.62	
Matthew P. Skillin	\$ 1,082.80	
George B. & Patricia L. Smith	\$ 837.97	
Belinda Sprague	\$1,293.45	
Brandon Sprague	\$ 645.70	
Brandon Sprague	\$1,863.26	
Ralph Staples Heirs	\$ 921.69	
Jeffrey P. Sterling	\$2,369.71	
Robert G Steven	\$ 353.51	
Adam T Stewart	\$ 298.69	
Shannon M Stewart	\$ 325.20	
Mary Sutcliffe (Sold)	\$ 121.76 *	
Carla Tannozzini	\$2,666.90	
Carla Tannozzini	\$1,054.20	
Andrea M Taylor	\$ 288.15	
Charles Eglise Revocable Trust	\$2,461.61	
John R. Thibodeau	\$2,338.92	
John R. Thibodeau	\$ 527.10	
Unison Revocable Trust	\$ 457.56	
Clifford A. & Flossie A. Verrill Jr.	\$ 538.49	Balance
Mark W Vieira Jr	\$2,072.14	
Kevin A. Walker	\$ 715.98	
Kevin A. Walker	\$ 483.17	
Marjorie Ward	\$3,462.82	
Norma Ward	\$ 445.23	Balance
Timothy A Watkins	\$ 107.34	Balance
Bruce C. Webster	\$2,000.00	Balance
Richard E. & Nikki L. Westberry Jr.	\$1,349.67	
John L. White	\$ 460.77	
John L. White	\$2,561.11	
Charles Whittemore	\$1,849.77	
Bruce C. Wilson	\$ 224.07	
Barbara Winslow	\$1,821.43	
Charles A Wright	\$1,693.08	
XL Properties LLC	\$1,190.68	
TOTAL 2023 TAX RECEIVABLES		\$140,196.60

2022 TAX RECEIVABLES

UNPAID AS OF 02/01/2024

Amounts shown do not reflect interest and fees due on prior taxes

Accent Health LLC (Pers. Prop.)	\$ 13.66
113 Moody Road	\$ 555.23
Jessica L Allaire	\$1,416.92
Raymond J Chesley Jr.	\$1,698.64

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Matthew P Cormier	\$1,925.14	
Matthew P Cormier	\$1,064.43	
Donald A. Cressey	\$1,003.88	
Scott Cressey & Debra Verrill	\$1,391.44	
Sean Cross	\$1,269.18	
George M. & Mary-Ellen Dale	\$ 426.50	
Bobbi Ann Day & Dawn McAllister	\$ 153.20	Balance
Bobbi Ann Day	\$ 148.80	Balance
Lisa Sargent Day	\$ 848.82	Balance
Ronald D. Dunnells	\$1,345.79	
Kevin & Dian Federico	\$1,372.17	Balance
Kenhill LLC	\$3,096.07	
Matthew Lajoie	\$11,590.14	
Debbie Libby	\$ 174.92	Balance
Edwin C. Libby	\$ 310.44	
Peter & Kristina MacQuarrie	\$1,093.07	
Estate of David McCubrey	\$1,485.31	
Libby A. McManus	\$ 405.69	
David Merrill	\$1,118.38	
Warren Moore	\$ 204.51	
Gary & Jeanne Nickerson	\$1,794.54	Balance
Alexander Noujaim	\$ 615.12	
Alexander Noujaim	\$1,940.65	
Alexander Noujaim	\$ 211.45	
Estate of Elizabeth Panetti Devises	\$ 823.96	
Mark Parker	\$ 645.09	Balance
Estate of Helen Pederson	\$ 279.40	
Porter Holdings Corp. (Pers. Prop.)	\$ 29.88	
Michael Risti	\$ 623.97	Balance
Dennis H. Searles	\$ 775.73	
Matthew P. Skillin	\$1,057.56	
George B. & Patricia L. Smith	\$ 819.85	
Garland Stewart (Pers. Prop.)	\$ 8.30	
Carla Tannozzini Estate	\$2,659.50	
Carla Tannozzini Estate	\$1,093.77	
Kevin A Walker	\$ 765.39	
Kevin A Walker	\$ 539.37	
Charles & Kimberly Whittemore	\$ 95.45	Balance
TOTAL 2022 TAX RECEIVABLES		\$48,891.31

2021 TAX RECEIVABLES

UNPAID AS OF 02/01/2024

Amount shown do not reflect interest and fees due on prior taxes

Accent Health LLC (Pers. Prop.)	\$ 13.66	
Bobbi Ann Day	\$ 66.30	Balance
Margie Johnson (Pers. Prop.)	\$ 29.88	
Edwin Libby	\$ 245.27	Balance
David W Merrill	\$ 695.52	Balance
Warren Moore	\$ 293.20	
US Bank National Association (Pers. Prop)	\$ 418.04	
TOTAL 2021 TAX RECEIVABLES		\$1,761.87

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**2020 TAX RECEIVABLES
UNPAID AS OF 02/01/2024**

Amounts shown do not reflect interest and fees due on prior taxes

Estate of Margie Johnson (Pers. Prop.)	<u>\$ 29.30</u>	
TOTAL 2020 TAX RECEIVABLES		\$ 29.30

**2019 TAX RECEIVABLES
UNPAID AS OF 02/01/2024**

Amounts shown do not reflect interest and fees due on prior taxes

Accent Health, LLC (Pers. Prop.)	\$ 8.04	
Estate of Margie Johnson (Pers. Prop.)	<u>\$ 2.71 (Balance)</u>	
TOTAL 2019 TAX RECEIVABLES		\$ 10.75

**2018 TAX RECEIVABLES
UNPAID AS OF 02/01/2024**

Amounts shown do not reflect interest and fees due on prior taxes

US Bank National Association (Pers. Prop.)	<u>\$ 527.45 Balance</u>	
TOTAL 2018 TAX RECEIVABLES		\$ 527.45

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Type	Permit #/ID	Structure/Description/Type	Date	E911 #	Street	Map	Lot
CofO	CofO 2-2023-1	Mobile Home	2/7/2023	490	Ossipee Trail	U05	7
Building Permit	1548	Wood pole shed (attached to house), 2-story shed in yard	2/8/2023	299	Old Meetinghouse Road	R05	29.1
Building Permit	1549	Storage Barn	2/8/2023	362	Porterfield Road	R07	31
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10300961616	Permanent Service - Existing multi-family unit	2/15/2023	1	Bridge Street	U01	27
Correspondence	CEO Determination	Review of newly created lot, confirmed lot is buildable for Mortgage/Bank/Insurer	2/15/2023	379	Spec Pond Road	R06	14
Building Permit	1551	Single-family dwelling (fire loss, fee waived)	2/22/2023	435	Ossipee Trail	U05	14
Correspondence	Violation notice	Notice of Violation - illegal private campsite and trash	2/22/2023	-	Bickford Pond Road	R03	6.1 & 6.3
Demolition Permit	Demo-2-2023-1	Fire destroyed dwelling	2/22/2023	435	Ossipee Trail	U05	14
Building Permit	1546	Update antennas on existing tower	3/1/2023	851	Ossipee Trail	R03	22(Cell)
Correspondence	Dangerous Building	Dangerous Building Violation - Unfit for habitation, collapsing home not yet disposed of	3/8/2023	363	Porterfield Road	R07	30.4
Correspondence	US Census	2022 Annual housing development reporting	3/8/2023	-	-	-	-
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10300931160	Temporary power - Summer home	3/15/2023	4	West Lane	U16	29
Correspondence	Non-conformance letter	Notification of a non-conforming landlocked lot.	3/15/2023	-	Wentworth Way	U08	29 (po)
CofO	CofO 3-2023-1	ADU w/in Existing Garage	3/22/2023	11	Porterfield Road	R07	6C
Building Permit	1556	Fit-out 2nd level garage - workshop/hobby area	4/5/2023	70	Dudics Mountain Road	R06	8A
Building Permit	1555	Dwelling w/garage and detached storage structure	4/7/2023	-	Waddell Road	R06	18B
Building Permit	1557	Deck and Ramp	4/19/2023	5	Treegarh Lane	R01	26B
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10300945929	Permanent Service - ADU in existing garage	4/26/2023	11	Porterfield Road	R07	6C
Building Permit	1558	Garage/Shed Expansion	5/3/2023	28	Eastman Hill Road	R03	7.4
Correspondence	CEO Determination	Review of private way provisions for lots/frontage	5/3/2023	1002	Colcord Pond Road	U12	2, 2A, 2B
Building Permit	1553	Deck Expansion	5/10/2023	481	Brownfield Road	R07	1.6
Building Permit	1560	Storage shed - prefab	5/17/2023	127	Bickford Pond Road	R02	23.6

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Type	Permit #/ID	Structure/Description/Type	Date	E911 #	Street	Map	Lot
Building Permit	1561	Storage Shed	5/17/2023	390	Bickford Pond Road	R04	38
Building Permit	1552	Deck renovation and expansion	5/17/2023	108	Mason Road	R02	7
Building Permit	1562	Pool Deck	5/24/2023	13	Winter Street	U01	42
Building Permit	1554	Storage Building	5/31/2023	7	Jenny Lane	R04	27
Building Permit	1559	Renovation of existing farmhouse	5/31/2023	77	Main Street	U02	97
Building Permit	1564	Addition to existing structure	5/31/2023	475	Porterfield Road	R12	8
Building Permit	1565	Storage Container	5/31/2023	18	Raspberry Lane	R03	11.3
Building Permit	1566	Addition to front of dwelling	6/7/2023	63	Chapel Street	U03	9
Correspondence	Violation notice	Notice of Violation - Unpermitted development	6/7/2023	34	Waddell Road	R07	37A
Driveway Permit	DP-2023-6-1	Driveway in subdivision to new camp	6/14/2023	-	Old Meetinghouse Road	R05	43.3
Correspondence	Non-conformance letter	Notification of incomplete temporary occupancy items to-date	6/21/2023	52	Summer Street	U02	29
Building Permit	1567	Addition to dwelling	6/28/2023	408	Breakneck Hill Road	R10	27
Building Permit	1569	2 Replacement Wood Kilns (fire loss, fee waived)	6/28/2023	995	Brownfield Road	R12	36
Building Permit	1571	Concrete pad w/standby generator	6/28/2023	7	Jenny Lane	R04	7
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10300995388	Permanent Service - SFD	6/28/2023	469	Kennard Hill Road	R10	25.7
CoFo	CoFo 6-2023-1	Single-family dwelling	6/28/2023	11	West Lane	U16	1
Building Permit	1572	Pool, poolhouse and patio	7/5/2023	130	French Road	R01	23D
Correspondence	Non-conformance letter	Notification of refuse, burning waste, animal welfare, child welfare, and associated nuisances.	7/5/2023	17	Chapel Street	U03	13
Building Permit	1563	Storage containers (2)	7/12/2023	42	Lady Slipper Lane	U15	2
Correspondence	Non-conformance letter	Notice of accumulating junkyard conditions	7/12/2023	-	Mine Pond Road	R03	11.02
Building Permit	1576	Garage w/loft	7/19/2023	659	Bickford Pond Road	U11	1
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10300794994	Permanent Service - SFD	7/19/2023	32	Tess Lane	R06	18B
Building Permit	1575	Solar Installation - Roof Mounted	7/20/2023	64	Summer Street	U02	47
Building Permit	1579	Mobile Home	7/26/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.06

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Type	Permit #/ID	Structure/Description/Type	Date	E911 #	Street	Map	Lot
Building Permit	1575	Solar Installation - Roof Mounted	7/20/2023	64	Summer Street	U02	47
Building Permit	1579	Mobile Home	7/26/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.06
Building Permit	1574	Concrete pad w/standby generator	7/26/2023	61	Summer Street	U02	71
Driveway Permit	DP-7-2023-1	Driveway in subdivision to Mobile home	7/26/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.06
Building Permit	1578	2nd floor renovation	7/28/2023	15	River Street	U01	21
Building Permit	1581	Stair Landings to Water (Shoreland)	8/2/2023	67	Lower Lakedale Road	U10	13
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10300927003	Permanent Service - Bunkhouse	8/2/2023	214	Colcord Pond Road	R01	23B
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10301005653	Permanent power to rear garage	8/2/2023	14	Spec Pond Road	U03	18
Correspondence	Non-Conformance letter	Town re-evaluation of progress from 7.5.23 letter, and site visit notification	8/2/2023	17	Chapel Street	U03	13
CofO	CofO 8-2023A-1	Mobile Home	8/8/2023	8	Pine Street	U02	80
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10301009507	Permanent Service - ADU above garage	8/9/2023	208	First County Road	R02	16.004
Correspondence	Non-Conformance letter	Memo of Understanding from the CEO-LPI-ACO-LHO site visit regarding nuisance abatement.	8/9/2023	17	Chapel Street	U03	13
Driveway Permit	DP-8-2023-1	Driveway to garage/stockyard - 2nd access	8/9/2023	290	Colcord Pond Road	R02	3B
Building Permit	1582	Solar Array on Dwelling Roof	8/18/2023	611	Ossipee Trail	U08	27
Building Permit	1583	Gazebo/Pergola	8/23/2023	4	Camp Hiawatha Road	R07	1.6
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10301014466	Permanent Service - New Mobile Home	8/23/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.006
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10301010773	Permanent Service -SFD & Garage	8/23/2023	4	West Lane	U16	29
Correspondence	Non-Conformance letter	Notification of individual campsite, refuse, and child welfare concerns	8/23/2023	18	School Street	U01	35
Building Permit	1584	Mudroom addition and shed (ATF)	8/30/2023	49	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.08
Driveway permit	DP-8-2023-2	Driveway to Mobile home	8/30/2023	49	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.007
Building Permit	1585	Storage Structure	9/11/2023	596	Bickford Pond Road	R04	28A
Correspondence	Violation notice	Notice of Violation - Illegal tire stockpile, illegal refuse, and illegal campsite	9/13/2023	-	Bickford Pond Road	R03	6.1 & 6.3

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Type	Permit #/ID	Structure/Description/Type	Date	E911 #	Street	Map	Lot
Building Permit	1574	Concrete pad w/standby generator	7/26/2023	61	Summer Street	U02	71
Driveway Permit	DP-7-2023-1	Driveway in subdivision to Mobile home	7/26/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.06
Building Permit	1578	2nd floor renovation	7/28/2023	15	River Street	U01	21
Building Permit	1581	Stair Landings to Water (Shoreland)	8/2/2023	67	Lower Lakedale Road	U10	13
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10300927003	Permanent Service - Bunkhouse	8/2/2023	214	Colcord Pond Road	R01	23B
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10301005653	Permanent power to rear garage	8/2/2023	14	Spec Pond Road	U03	18
Correspondence	Non-Conformance letter	Town re-evaluation of progress from 7.5.23 letter, and site visit notification	8/2/2023	17	Chapel Street	U03	13
CofO	CofO 8-2023A-1	Mobile Home	8/8/2023	8	Pine Street	U02	80
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10301009507	Permanent Service - ADU above garage	8/9/2023	208	First County Road	R02	16.004
Correspondence	Non-Conformance letter	Memo of Understanding from the CEO-LPI-ACO-LHO site visit regarding nuisance abatement.	8/9/2023	17	Chapel Street	U03	13
Driveway Permit	DP-8-2023-1	Driveway to garage/stockyard - 2nd access	8/9/2023	290	Colcord Pond Road	R02	3B
Building Permit	1582	Solar Array on Dwelling Roof	8/18/2023	611	Ossipee Trail	U08	27
Building Permit	1583	Gazebo/Pergola	8/23/2023	4	Camp Hiawatha Road	R07	1.6
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10301014466	Permanent Service - New Mobile Home	8/23/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.006
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10301010773	Permanent Service -SFD & Garage	8/23/2023	4	West Lane	U16	29
Correspondence	Non-Conformance letter	Notification of individual campsite, refuse, and child welfare concerns	8/23/2023	18	School Street	U01	35
Building Permit	1584	Mudroom addition and shed (ATF)	8/30/2023	49	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.08
Driveway permit	DP-8-2023-2	Driveway to Mobile home	8/30/2023	49	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.007
Building Permit	1585	Storage Structure	9/11/2023	596	Bickford Pond Road	R04	28A
Correspondence	Violation notice	Notice of Violation - Illegal tire stockpile, illegal refuse, and illegal campsite	9/13/2023	-	Bickford Pond Road	R03	6.1 & 6.3
Correspondence	Non-Conformance letter	Notification of multiple constructed structures without local review/permitting.	9/13/2023	49	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.08

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Type	Permit #/ID	Structure/Description/Type	Date	E911 #	Street	Map	Lot
Driveway permit	DP-9-2023-3	Driveway to parking lot	9/13/2023	-	Moody Road	R08	28
Driveway permit	DP-9-2023-1	Driveway to Mobile home	9/13/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.005
Driveway permit	DP-9-2023-2	Driveway to Mobile home	9/13/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.002
Building Permit	1587	Mobile Home	9/18/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.05
Building Permit	1588	Mobile Home	9/18/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.02
Building Permit	1589	Tent Platform	9/20/2023	-	Fox Farm Road	R08	6.8
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10300984805	Permanent Service - Fire re-build/restoration of SFD	9/20/2023	435	Ossipee Trail	U05	14
Building Permit	1592	Single Family Dwelling	9/27/2023	-	Dam Road	U09	5B (po)
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10301024220	Permanent Service - New Mobile Home	9/27/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	25.005
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10301024195	Permanent Service - New Mobile Home	9/27/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.002
Building Permit	1594	Remodel Bathroom Kitchen and Rear Deck	10/11/2023	95	Main Street	U02	92
Building Permit	1593	Replacement infirmary for campground	10/18/2023	481	Brownfield Road	U20	2
Building Permit	1595	Renovation/Remodel Barn	10/18/2023	509	Ossipee Trail	U06	15
Demolition Permit	Demo-10-2023-1	Replace old Infirmary	10/18/2023	481	Brownfield Road	U20	2
Building Permit	1597	Storage Structures (2)	10/25/2023	27	Heyburn Drive	R03	11.008
CofO	CofO 10-2023-2	Mobile Home	10/25/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.006
CofO	CofO 10-2023A-3	Multi-family dwelling (existing)	10/25/2023	3	Bridge Street	U01	24
CofO	CofO 10-2023A-4	Multi-family dwelling renovation	10/25/2023	1	Bridge Street	U01	27
Building Permit	1591	Single Family Dwelling	11/1/2023	87	Summer Street	U02	65
CofO	CofO 11-2023A-1	Single-Family Dwelling	11/6/2023	244	Old Meetinghouse Road	R05	34
Building Permit	1590	Open Shed & Lean-to	11/13/2023	25	Mine Pond Road	R03	54A
Building Permit	1598	Seasonal Bunkhouse	11/13/2023	25	Mine Pond Road	R03	54A
Building Permit	1600	Full Interior gut renovation, 2nd floor loft fit-out	11/15/2023	7	Bickford Pond Road	U08	25
Correspondence	US Census	2023 Annual housing development reporting	12/31/2023	-	-	-	-
Correspondence	Violation notice	Notice of violation - illegal junkyard	1/10/2024	184	Bickford Pond Road	R03	6.1
Driveway permit	DP-1-2024A-1	Driveway to Mobile home	1/10/2024	-	Colcord Pond Road	R04	9

Code Enforcement Officer Report Fiscal Year 2023 – con’t

(Permits, Certifications, and Correspondence issued 2/1/23-1/31/24)

Type	Permit #/ID	Structure/Description/Type	Date	E911 #	Street	Map	Lot
Correspondence	Violation notice	Notice of violation - illegal junkyard/graveyard	1/24/2024	299	Old Meetinghouse Road	R05	29.1
Correspondence	Violation notice	Notice of violation - illegal junkyard/graveyard	1/24/2024	35	Waddell Road	R06	18A
CCSSZR - 1190 FORM	10301056597	Permanent power - SFD	1/30/2024	-	Dam Road	U09	5B (po)

It has been another busy year, with over **504 actions** performed through the Code Enforcement Office.

Based on the socio-economic impacts we are realizing (*housing crisis, drug abuse, mental health issues, and unrestrained labor and material inflation*), without any State relief in sight, it’s recommended the Town continue to be proactive by investing in land use planning and administration, to make sure the community is prepared as much as we can be.

DWELLING UNITS: Building an additional dwelling unit, accessory dwelling, an in-law apartment in an accessory structure, or setting up a mobile home, trailer or campsite on any lot in Town requires local permitting, as well as a septic plan to be submitted to the local plumbing inspector for review and approval.

“LANDLORD” BY DEFAULT: *Use caution* when inviting individuals to reside in your home or on your land, and have a plan as well as a written agreement. Most folks don’t know that they’ve unexpectedly become a “landlord” when offering their home/land for a place to stay, and then they have to follow Maine’s Laws regarding landlord responsibilities and tenant rights. This can sometimes require lengthy and costly legal processes to address issues that may arise in the “temporary” arrangement.

SPLITTING LOTS: Before investing in splitting a lot, please communicate with the Town and coordinate your surveyor and real estate attorney with the Code Enforcement Office. This helps to identify all the options available to meet your intentions, discuss potential pitfalls, and may provide flexibility of the land use years down the road. Improper or poorly devised lot splits made without Town input can be costly, cause legal conflicts with abutters, and possibly render properties unbuildable.



Best to check with the Town first!

It continues to be a pleasure to serve our community, and the townspeople have been overwhelmingly friendly and respectful to work with. Feel free to reach out any time with questions or concerns that you may have, and I’ll continue to strive to be open, honest, and solution-driven.

“Good planning is the type of service that if it’s done properly, you don’t notice because it works. It’s the same thing with engineering – you don’t notice a bridge until it falls down.” (January 21, 2023 Maine Monitor Article – As development pressure spreads, small towns struggle to plan for the future)

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Local Plumbing Inspector (LPI) Report - Fiscal Year 2023
(Plumbing permits and correspondence issued 2/1/23-1/31/24)

Type	Permit #/ID	Structure/Description/Type	Date	E911 #	Street	Map	Lot
Plumbing Permits	1174	SSWD	2/8/2023	-	Fox Farm Road	R08	6.8
Plumbing Permits	1184	Internal Plumbing	2/22/2023	435	Ossipee Trail	U05	14
Plumbing Permits	1186	Internal Plumbing	4/5/2023	-	Waddell Road	R06	18B
Plumbing Permits	1185	SSWD	4/7/2023	-	Waddell Road	R06	18B
Correspondence - LPI	Order to Correct	Malfunctioning Septic System	4/19/2023	334	Brownfield Road	R06	21.1
Correspondence - LPI	Order to Correct	Malfunctioning Septic System	4/23/2023	334	Brownfield Road	R06	21.1
Plumbing Permits	1188	Internal Plumbing	5/3/2023	4	West Lane	U16	29
Correspondence - LPI	Verification Form	Septic Review for DHHS Filing	5/3/2023	614	Spec Pond Road	R08	13
Plumbing Permits	1189	Internal Plumbing	5/31/2023	77	Main Street	U02	97
Plumbing Permits	1192	SSWD - Replacement	6/7/2023	135	Ossipee Trail	U04	15, 16, 17
Plumbing Permits	1194	SSWD - Replacement	6/21/2023	232	First County Road	R02	16.5
Plumbing Permits	1193	SSWD - Replacement	6/21/2023	561	Ossipee Trail	U06	2
Correspondence - LPI	Order to Correct	Malfunctioning Septic System - State Grant Proposal	6/28/2023	334	Brownfield Road	R06	21.1
Plumbing Permits	1196	Internal Plumbing - Mobile Home	7/26/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.06
Plumbing Permits	1197	SSWD	7/26/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.06
Correspondence - LPI	LPI Determination	Review of septic investigation and state design standards	7/27/2023	469	Bickford Pond Road	R04	35A
Plumbing Permits	1195	Internal Plumbing	8/2/2023	15	River Street	U01	21
Plumbing Permits	1200	SSWD - replacement	8/9/2023	1002	Colcord Pond Road	U12	2
Correspondence - LPI	Order to Correct	Malfunctioning Septic System - State Grant Proposal	8/9/2023	17	Chapel Street	U03	13
Plumbing Permits	1191	SSWD - Replacement	8/23/2023	334	Brownfield Road	R06	21.1
Plumbing Permits	1202	SSWD - Replacement	8/30/2023	77	Main Street	U02	97
Plumbing Permits	1201	Internal Plumbing	8/30/2023	95	Hoover Point	U10	15
Plumbing Permits	1204	SSWD - Replacement	8/30/2023	669	Bickford Pond Road	U11	4
Plumbing Permits	1210	Internal Plumbing	9/20/2023	4	Camp Hiawatha Road	R07	1.6
Plumbing Permits	1211	Internal Plumbing	9/27/2023	-	Dam Road	U09	5B (p/o)
Plumbing Permits	1209	Internal Plumbing - Mobile Home	9/27/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.002
Plumbing Permits	1203	SSWD	9/27/2023	-	Dam Road	U09	5B (p/o)
Plumbing Permits	1213	SSWD	10/4/2023	87	Summer Street	U02	65
Plumbing Permits	1214	Internal Plumbing	10/4/2023	87	Summer Street	U02	65
Plumbing Permits	1212	SSWD - Replacement (Infirmary)	10/4/2023	481	Brownfield Road	U20	2
Plumbing Permits	1206	SSWD	10/4/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.005
Plumbing Permits	1207	Internal Plumbing - Mobile Home	10/4/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.005
Plumbing Permits	1208	SSWD	10/4/2023	-	Broadmeadow Lane	R12	27.002
Plumbing Permits	1215	SSWD	10/18/2023	509	Ossipee Trail	U06	15
Plumbing Permits	1216	Internal Plumbing	10/18/2023	509	Ossipee Trail	U06	15
Plumbing Permits	1217	Internal Plumbing - Infirmary	10/18/2023	481	Brownfield Road	U20	2
Plumbing Permits	1218	Internal Plumbing	11/15/2023	7	Bickford Pond Road	U08	25
Plumbing Permits	1221	SSWD - replacement	11/29/2023	110	Ossipee Trail	U04	22
Plumbing Permits	1219	Internal Plumbing	12/20/2023	88	Main Street	U02	76
Plumbing Permits	1222	Internal Plumbing	1/17/2024	165	Chapel Street	R01	11A

Per the State of Maine, a plumbing permit is required before installation, expansion, or replacement of **any** portion of the internal drainage or vent system (*new building, renovation, or addition*), for the installation or replacement of subsurface wastewater disposal systems or water heaters, as well as adding dishwashers, garbage disposals, hosebibbs/sillcocks, and/or **water softener/treatment systems****.

****Note:** The State is paying closer attention to the increased prevalence of treatment systems in Maine that address persistent chemicals and heavy metals. These require an **HHE-211 internal plumbing permit application**, and careful thought where the backwash waste is being drained. If piped into your existing system, this may severely damage it over time. Please contact the LPI if you have any questions.

DWELLING UNITS, ADDED BEDROOMS, and TEMPORARY LIVING CAMPSITES:

Several concerns to the Town over the last several years have been about the increasing potential for dwellings to be overcrowded and folks attempting long-term usage of temporary living conditions that are not habitable (*RV's, tents, etc.*).

Please keep in mind that not having an appropriately sized septic system or a written septic plan on how to dispose of human waste:

- *Can cause serious health and safety problems for the whole community,*
- *May result in leach field failures,*
- *Be very costly to clean-up; and if not addressed properly,*
- *Lead to septic liens being placed on properties in order to correct these types of problem(s)*

Septic liens, dwelling unit permitting, and local regulations limiting the long-term use of temporary living conditions (*RV's, tents, etc.*) exist for these very reasons.

The State has been and is continuing to modify state laws in the hopes of address housing issues here in Maine, and this will likely affect many local government ordinances, regulations, processes, and procedures. It is recommended that the Town continue to be proactive by investing in land use planning and administration, to make sure that the community is prepared as much as we can be.

Please contact the LPI whenever intending to expand occupancy with the addition of a bedroom or dwelling, as expansion of the existing field, an independent system, or an increased tank size will likely be required per State Regulations.



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To the citizens of Porter,

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

Dogs over the age of six months to be licensed each year by December 31st accordance with the laws of the state. To license your dog bring proof of rabies and spay or neuter certificate, the cost to license your dog is \$6.00 (spayed or neuter) and \$11.00 (unaltered). Substantial late Fee of \$25.00 per dog become effective January 1st.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Eaton', written in a cursive style.

Cynthia (Cindy) Eaton



TOWN REPORT

Dear Residents of the Town of Porter:

The Conservation Commission has been meeting this year with a great deal of interest in promoting a more comprehensive work of preserving and developing the historical, social, and cultural heritage aspects of our town. You may ask the question what we have been doing and that involves the issues that the Conservation Commission means to accomplish. Each member of the Conservation Commission has been thoughtfully discussing such issues that include how we can preserve, develop, and promote areas of interest that will benefit the growth and development of our community. Since I was asked to write this segment of the report, I would like to begin by saying that because I am someone new to serving on the Conservation Commission, I have been listening to those who have served longer on the committee and for my part have been impressed with the ideas and open dialogue involved in meeting the goals of the Commission.

One such area that involves my part of the report includes Porter's Old Meeting House, established in 1818. As recorded in the book by Edmund W. Sinnott, "Meeting House & Church in Early New England", (it was built by the Baptist followers of Elder Jeremiah Bullock, having a plain pitched-roof structure with two doors on one side, and a pulpit opposite. It had two rows of windows and unpainted square pews throughout, including upper galleries on three sides). This building served as a meeting place for the Town of Porter concerning its public affairs and religious worship from the early days of Porter's developing years until the town moved away from using this historic landmark and built its own town office. For many years now this historic landmark, now on the National Historic Register, has been under the watchful eye of town officials, as well as the Historical Society and now also with the help of all interested parties the Conservation Commission is also doing its small part to preserve its historical value in the Town of Porter. The Town Selectboard is to be commended for carrying on the oversight of this prized part of our history as many of these Old Meeting Houses have disappeared to time, tragedy of neglect and some repurposed as other kinds of development so the historical nature of the landmark is diminished. The rich heritage of the Town of Porter is too valuable and important to let this part of history to be lost.



The Old Porter Meeting House in 1947 at the 1st annual PPHS Service

The Conservation Commission under the leadership of Marty Tracy proposed in 2023 to make some exterior repairs that involved sealing a rather large crack in one of the doors of the Meeting House, to repair several of the wire protective screens on some of the windows, to put on weather stripping especially on the door that needed repair, install a new pad lock for that door and to repaint both of the meeting house doors as well as steps rails, and frames covering the foundation crawl space entry points. The repairs finished at a cost of \$101.30. Other repairs proposed to the exterior for the year 2024, those will be discussed at future meetings of the Conservation Commission.

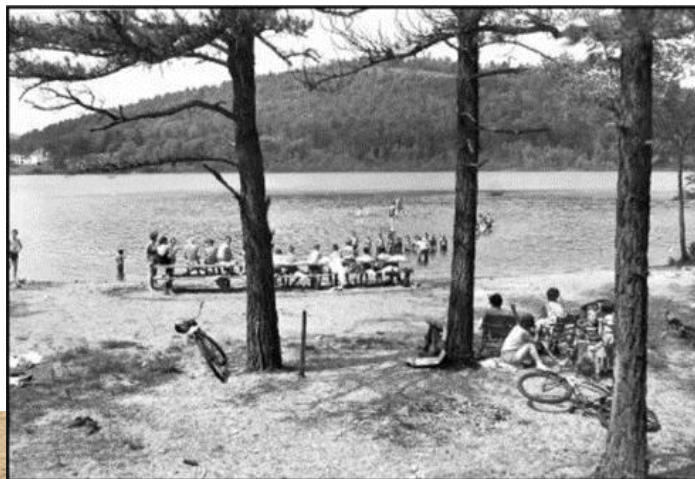
The second item of work done to the Meeting House was to treat the building for damage done by the Powder Post Beetle. This little insect bores holes in various beams and woodworks leaving behind a powder where it had been boring and thereby gets its name as Powder Post Beetle. The Conservation Commission has been researching how to treat this infestation for a couple of years and although a study was done by an outside source at the request of the committee nothing has proven effective until this year. At last, Marty discovered an inexpensive but effective treatment called Bora Care, a hands-on treatment that eliminates the beetle infestation at a fraction of the cost of having a professional exterminator come and do the job, which saved the town an estimated \$2000 dollars. The application of Bora Care was made by the Conservation Commission in July of 2023 at a cost of about \$40.00 and the beetle is currently under control.

Respectfully submitted: *David L. Gilpatric, Con. Com. Committee Member 2023*

Spring Cleanup at Spec Pond

Over the last couple of years the Conservation Commission members have turned their attention to improving the public beach at Spec Pond with the hope of returning it to its glory days back in the 50's when it was a hub of fun and community in Porter. We started a Facebook group in spring of 2022, called Friends of Spec Pond, to rally folks around and to announce events. Since then we have organized several volunteer clean up days. April 29th was our first day of sprucing up the beach in 2023. We had a wonderful turnout and many volunteers set to work. Folks weeded around the waterside and cleared the old dead leaves off of the entrance path. Roger Metcalf (89 years young) hauled his rototiller all the way in and rototilled the beach area! Special thanks to Pam and Rich Pinault who added some new fairy houses to the children's woodland corner and scattered materials, including mica and smooth "seeing stones", for kids to build their own fairy dwellings. Holden Scott and Rich Pinault worked hard cutting a path through the woods from the beach to what will be the new boat launch on Spec Pond Road. We discussed making trail marker signs with old pairs of eyeglasses (Rich's idea) and over the months following we put together an awesome bunch of signs painted by kids and adults from around the community. Watch for those signs to be installed soon!

After doing some leaf blowing on the path, Kate McGlinn and I spent an hour or so planting several flats of pansies that she very thoughtfully purchased for our project. They are shade loving flowers and could still be seen peeking out of the woods along the path well into the fall.



Spec Pond picnic area 1958



Sign painted by Isa Hagerty



Nick and Chloe Donovan



Fairyhouse and Seeing Stone Box

Thanks to everyone who came out to help improve our beautiful town beach that day! We look forward to continuing the cleanup day tradition this coming spring, as well as creating new fun and educational attractions at Spec Pond Beach and its forest trails in 2024!

Hannah Stiles, Conservation Commission member

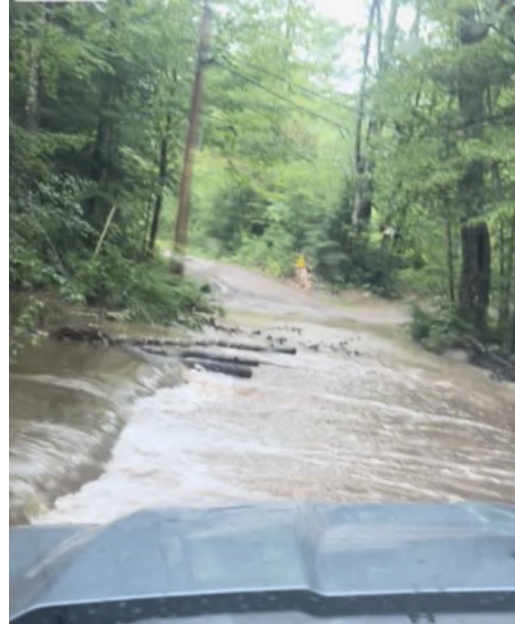
2023 Town Report-Dams

Throughout the course of 2023 the town of Porter saw large amounts of rainfall that resulted in discouraging and costly damage to both public and private properties. Fortunately, Porter has several safety measures set in place, which are the dams located at the southerly ends of Colcord Pond, Bickford Pond, and Black Bog. The dams are designed to control the water level of the bodies of water which they are located on. The dams are operated through the use of simple wooden boards, and a chain fall. The wooden boards can be added when water retention is necessary, or removed, when the risk of flooding is evident. This helps prevent damage to property and roadways above and below the dams. The dams are also helpful in creating a healthy habitat for aquatic life.

One particular storm that occurred on July 16, 2023, had so much rainfall that it required the assistance of Shane Lajoie, and Holden Scott to raise the dams on Colcord, and Bickford Ponds, as well as Black Bog to prevent the water levels from rising too high and flooding roadways and waterfront properties. At the end of the storm the dams were lowered back to their normal levels for the summer season to catch and retain the respective and safe amount of water in each of the bodies of water. The Intense rainfall did cause flooding and erosion damage throughout the town, however the dams contributed immensely in softening the blows of damage from the particular storm.



Old Meetinghouse Rd



Smelt Brook Colcord Pond Rd

We would also like to thank everyone involved in the management and cleanup of the July 16th storm for their quick and professional actions that prevented potential harm and damage to people and property in the Town of Porter.

Holden Scott



Spectacle Pond Beach Updates - 2023

The Conservation Commission held two work-and-play days at the Spec Pond Beach this year, to make the Beach more welcoming - and more fun.

The annual Clean-up Day was on April 29th. Volunteers tidied the parking lot, planted flowers, raked the path from the parking lot to the Beach and cleaned the beach sand with rakes, scufflers, and a rototiller. The path from the Beach to the future canoe launch area that was flagged last year was cleared and will be marked by “spectacle” signs featuring re-purposed eyeglasses frames. Volunteers also created a Fairy

House area next to the Beach and left supplies for kids of all ages to create more Fairy Houses for everyone to discover and enjoy.

On the second work-and-play day, July 30, volunteers made two kid-friendly play areas at the Beach. They built a wood sandbox and used wheelbarrows and a tractor to move donated sand from the parking lot. Once the sandbox was full, extra sand was made into a “mountain” for kids to play on or dig into.

Thanks to everyone who helped out!

Maggie Lowry, Member Conservation Commission

Calling Out For Adventurous Young Pig Farmers!

Porter Conservation Commission started out the New Year in 2023 with a burst of optimism. Hannah Stiles, Holden Scott and Marty Tracy hiked up to the Town Farm on January 22 and we talked about visions of conquering the massive Knotweed growth and restoring the lower areas to fields. Hannah offered to bring her flock of 20 sheep in the summer to see if they would eat the Knotweed. But come summer when we visited the land the knotweed was an impenetrable “knot” of broken and tangled stocks. And the road was full of deep mud from the heavy summer rains. On the winter hike Holden had suggested that maybe pigs could do the job and we think that maybe he’s right. The pigs would need to be attended and protected so it would take a committed and vigorous person or people for the job. If you know of such a person or people let us know. We could provide temporary shelter. It would be an adventure.



And a HUGE THANK YOU to Rich and Pam Pinault for their creative and industrious contributions to Spec Pond Beach. As Rich and Pam are moving to Bucksport, we will miss them very much but know that their new (to them) town will be very lucky to have them. We will be naming the Pinault Launch Trail in their honor and will be marking the trail this winter/ spring. It starts at the fairy house area near the beach. Winter walkers give it a try!

Marty Tracy, Chair Conservation Commission

The Zoning Board of Appeals received one appeal for a variance this year to expand a conforming residence closer to the front lot line under the Single Family Dwelling Setback Variance. The Board, finding the application complete, conducted a public hearing in June at the request of Jackie and Tom Verrill on Chapel Street. In July, the Board met to consider the application and granted the appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Heard,

Chair

Zoning Board of Appeals.

Porter, ME



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Report of the Comprehensive Planning Committee – 2023

UPDATE!

The State approved the Town of Porter Long-Term Comprehensive Plan Draft Proposal **June 12, 2023**, and the townspeople voted to adopt the update on **November 14, 2023**.

The Long-Term Comprehensive Plan for the community is available online on the Town’s website, or a copy can be reviewed or requested at the Town Office during normal business hours.

The document is a great overview of the community, and outlines policies, strategies, and implementation steps that can help guide present and future volunteers and public servants.

Thank you for all the support over the years as this came together, and remember to stay in touch as a “plan” always requires re-evaluation every several years or so to make sure it continues to make sense as the world rapidly changes.

Volunteers are always needed and welcome to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee, to help maintain a healthy and vibrant community.

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Porter Planning Board – 2023 Annual Report

It has been another busy year for the all-volunteer Planning Board in 2023. Our board meets at 7PM on the third Wednesday of every month for public meetings, workshops, public hearings, continued maintenance and updating of our town ordinances and regulations, providing guidance to town residents, and reviewing land use permit applications. The public is encouraged to attend. During 2023 the Planning Board met 12 times to work through various issues such as Land Use Applications and the extensive and very important update of our Land Use Ordinance.

The following items were reviewed and completed by the Planning Board over this past year:

- 1. Land use classification correction from seasonal to full time residential for the entire Mine Pond Subdivision.**
 - a. This was a process that required many months of meetings and work coordinating resident landowners, office staff, Code Enforcement, and outside resources to correct issues with the property deeds that all subdivision residents possessed.**
 - b. Effected properties were as follows: 8511 Ossipee Trail, 543 Ossipee Trail, 27 Heyburn, 51 Heyburn, 91 Mine Pond, 105 Mine Pond, 97 Raspberry, 18 Raspberry**
- 2. Review, research and advise residents on proposed changes to the town’s marijuana ordinance.**
- 3. Extensive modification and update to the current Land Use Ordinance with specific attention to LD 2003 and LD 1706, which will have a significant impact on our town in the future.**

As we face ongoing changes to property ownership and welcome new residents to Porter, it is critical that our town consider land use administration, drafting ordinance and regulatory amendments as a top priority. The Planning Board is striving to proactively understand and integrate these laws and regulations into our town. We do this as volunteers to protect property values and our town’s sense of place while preparing for the quickly arriving future.

New volunteer Planning Board members are always welcome and appreciated. Please reach out to the town if you would like to know more on how to help!

The Planning Board would like to thank all citizens that have taken the time and interest in participating. You are always encouraged and welcome to attend and participate in our meetings. We strive to continue an open, transparent, and inclusive environment.

Sincerely and respectfully, The Porter Planning Board:

David Newman (Chair)
Mark Tuttle (Vice Chair)
Robert Tripp (secretary)
John O’Donnell
James Hilliard
Mark Coffey
James Denman

2023 Annual Report

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Local Health Officer Report for 2023

Complaints this past year involved squatters, trash, unsafe children, drug abuse, mold, failed septic systems one with open pools of fluid in which a barefoot adolescent and family dog were treading repeatedly. Rats are increasing in Porter and all the neighboring towns due to people not cleaning up garbage. People in trouble with one town's authorities over sanitation have been know to move in the path of least resistance to another town rather than dealing with issues where they start. Social determinants of health always seem to enter the situations. Poverty and ill health are prominent. Mercy and helpfulness on the part of town officials has to be balanced with enforcement via legal channels because some of the problems reach an impasse. Child protective services remain actively involved in at least on complex and wrenching case. Law enforcement has been responsive as well.

Together with taking some of the Local Health Officer updates in training offered for free by the State of Maine, I have become certified in both Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid. This additional training is quite helpful in general and specifically with some of the interactions with local residents in turmoil. I remain available to the fire department to help with firefighter evaluations as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Joseph R.D. deKay, LHO for the Town of Porter

Hello Citizens of Porter,

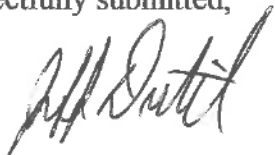
The Kezar Falls Fire Dept continues to respond to over 100 calls per year, with 2023 totalling 144 calls. 73 calls in Parsonsfield, 52 in Porter, and 19 were mutual aid calls to our surrounding towns for assistance. It is now mainstream for our department to respond to mutual aid calls on a regular basis as well as mutual aid departments responding into Porter and Parsonsfield to assist us.

This past year we logged 1,103 training hours, including two of our members attending and completing Firefighter 1 Basic training. We continue to train on a regular basis for state and federal compliance and to improve our emergency operations in the community. We've had an increase in our annual budget to keep up with the inflation spike in our economy over the past year.

Our firetruck fleet is aging but fully operational and compliant. Around 2030, we as a community along with the Town of Parsonsfield will need to work on replacing a truck that will be 35 years old by 2030. We will need to look at all options due to the high cost of firetrucks that of which will continue to climb.

We thank you and appreciate the support the citizens have given us over the years.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Jeff Dutil, KFFD

2023 Annual Report

2023 has proven to be another busy year for Sacopee Rescue. Our total number of calls jumped again from 1005 in 2022 to 1040 runs as of December 28, 2023. The second crew responded a total of ninety-eight times. We also assisted Brownfield, Baldwin, and Limington at their request.

The second crew is manned during the day Sunday through Friday, and has made quite a difference in our ability to cover more calls with a quicker response time. The Lucas devices purchased in 2022 saved several lives this year. Improved training, updated medical devices, and new devices have all contributed to our ability to manage more complex situations. During 2023, we were able to purchase a new monitor/defibrillator with a grant from the Steven and Tabatha King Foundation. This is moving us into a new era in cardiac care. We were able to find and purchase a “new to us” ambulance complete with an auto-load system that helps prevent responder injuries. As of this writing, we are expecting delivery of a new 4-wheel drive ambulance right after the first of the year. We have instituted new inspection and inventory systems that are raising our readiness to new levels. We have instituted a new low-cost CPR instruction course and have made it available to businesses, schools, and the general public. In December of this year Sacopee Valley citizens stuffed the ambulance with toys for The Spirit Tree and donated over \$500.00 in cash for the project.

We look forward to the new truck early in January. 2024 will also see the Junior Rescue Program emerge as a pilot program with Maine Emergency Medical Services and the SVHS Extended Learning Opportunities Program. Hopefully this will help develop a new group of local EMTs and Paramedics. We are spearheading a medical loan closet to help our community find medical equipment they need but may not be able to afford. We will be expanding the second shift to 7 days a week for a total of 56 hours. We also intend to improve our compensation for our response employees to including life and health insurance for full-time employees. This will allow us to compete on a level playing field with other services in our area for the best responders we can find. We look forward to 2024 as another year to develop the kind of emergency medical response service the citizens of the valley deserve.

The call numbers for 2023 (as of December 28th) are as follows:

Cornish	288	
Hiram	244	
Parsonsfield	280	
Porter	214	
Out of town	14	
Total calls for 2023 (as of December 28, 2023,		1040

Mike Hatch, Chief

2023 Annual Report

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	2024 budget		Percentage of 2023 budget		2023 budget	2023 projected budget based on Oct. figures	actual percentage of 2023 budget	2024 budget	2024 budget with 56 hours second crew	percentage of 2024 budget
2	Income									
3	Billing		51.00%		\$450,000	\$513,158.00	58.00%		\$600,000	54.63%
4	Town Subsidies	Parsonfield still owes \$41,500 for 2023	40.70%		\$332,000	\$290,500.00	32.88%		\$407,232	37.08%
5	MEALS ON WHEELS FOR ELECTRIC		0.10%		\$900	\$700.00	0.07%		\$1,200	0.11%
6	Fundraising		0.30%		\$3,000				\$3,000	0.27%
7	refunds					\$1,569.00	0.17%			
8	fees from events		0.20%		\$2,000	\$1,800.00	0.20%		\$2,000	0.18%
9	income from CPR classes		0.30%		\$3,000				\$1,500	0.13%
10	donations		0.70%		\$6,000	\$4,000.00	0.45%		\$5,000	0.45%
11	bank interest		>0.1%		\$30	\$75.00	>0.1%		\$100	>0.1%
12	total income				\$796,930	\$811,802.00			\$1,020,032	
13	carry over from 2022 general fund		6.30%		\$45,000	\$34,201.84	3.87%		\$35,000	3.19%
14	carry over in capital fund that is to designated		4.60%		\$40,000	\$40,605.09	4.59%		\$1,700	0.15%
15	carry over in donation account that is not designated		>1%		\$1,500	\$14,531.86	1.64%		\$41,500	3.78%
16	total working income/budget				\$883,430	\$901,140.79	102.00%		\$1,098,232	100.00%
17	Expenses									
18	Consultant & Professional Fees		1.21%	\$10,690				\$11,080		1.00%
19	Accountant (Audit and taxes)				\$6,000	\$8,200.00	0.92%		\$8,000	
20	Lawyer				\$4,000	\$2,250.00	0.20%		\$3,000	
21	Incorporations Secretary of State				\$60	\$70.00	> 0.1%		\$80	
22	Antivirus security				\$130	\$358.00	>0.1%		move to computer	
23	Internet Domain/website				\$500	\$297.00	>0.1%		move to computer	
24	Bank fees		0.07%	\$650				\$1,700		0.15%
25	line of credit fees									
26	checks/service fees				\$450					
27	return check fees				\$200	\$1,382.00	0.13%		\$0	
28	interest					\$1,000.00	0.11%		\$1,700	
29	refunds of over payment of insurance/fees					\$80.00	>0.1%			
30	reimbursable purchases					\$121.20	>0.1%			
31	Public Relations		0.43%	\$3,800				\$4,800		0.36%
32	Advertising and public events				\$1,000	\$750.00	>0.1%		\$900	
33	Fundraising expenses				\$300				\$200	
34	Community Special Programs									
35	CPR Training				\$1,500	\$1,284.00	0.12%		\$1,500	
36	Junior EMT				\$1,000	\$1,000.00	0.11%		\$1,000	
37	AED					\$2,070.00	0.19%		\$1,200	
38	Office Supplies /Equipment Maintenance		0.10%	\$840				\$1,240		0.11%
39	Postage/shipping				\$120	\$188.00	>0.1%		\$200	
40	Post office box (large price increase 7/2023)				\$120	\$108.00	>0.1%		\$140	
41	General Office Supplies				\$600	\$732.00	>0.1%		\$900	
42	Rent /Utilities		2.00%	\$17,700				\$18,600		1.69%
43	computers in trucks/building phones/Internet/cell				\$3,000	\$5,341.00	0.48%		\$6,000	
44	CMP (Electric)				\$6,000	\$4,545.00	0.41%		\$6,000	
45	Heating oil				\$6,000	\$6,000.00	0.55%		\$6,000	
46	water				\$800	\$500.00	0.1%		\$600	
47	hotspots				\$900	\$472.00	0.1%			
48	propane for generator	filled when generator repaired			\$1,000					
49	Membership/Affiliations/ programs		0.15%	\$1,340				\$1,600		0.13%
50	Maine EMS membership (mandated)				\$220	\$220.00	0.1%		\$220	
51	York county EMA				\$350					
52	IAR annual fee to York County for dispatch program I Am Responding				\$590	\$600.00	0.1%		\$600	
53	MMA (associate fee)								\$600	
54	APEMS					\$600.00	>0.1%		move to training/education under personal	
55	Clin Laboratory paid in December				\$180	\$180.00	0.1%		\$180	
56	Vehicles		7.16%	\$63,280				\$87,239		7.94%

TRI-TOWN WASTE FACILITY

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



Tri-Town Waste Report

2023

Thank you to Baldwin, Hiram and Porter residents for your assistance in making the station run smoothly.

A special thank you to Terry Day for all the years that she has spent working with us and the facility and hope she has been enjoying retirement.

With all the rain storms we have had this year we were lucky enough to not sustain too much road damage other than a few yards of gravel by the recycling. We did however lose the Quasi-hut to the last wind storm and are looking at better long-term sustainable alternatives.

This last year seemed to hold a lot of trouble first with the truck breaking down and requiring major repairs and following with the compactor also experiencing a major problem. We would like to thank Mellon & Sons for assisting us when the truck was down in running our compactors into ECO Maine. And would like to thank Atlantic Recycling Equipment for coming out so soon after the Thanksgiving holiday to get us back up and running.

As you all know we try to run a tight ship and as a result have changed our budget around slightly so that we are able to absorb some of these unexpected truck and station expenses without having to go back to the towns people for more money. We have managed to maintain our budget this year to be the same as last year.

The Town of Parsonsfield made a capital contribution to Tri-Town which allowed Parsonsfield residents to bring in items that are required to go over the scales and metal items. We are excited to offer Parsonsfield the opportunity to come into the facility.

As a reminder to please recycle! All items that are put into the recycling bin we do not pay a tipping fee for. By not putting items in the household compactor the towns save \$101.20 per ton by recycling it all makes a difference.

Respectfully,

Tri-Town Board of Directors

2023 Annual Report

As of 12/31/23	2023 Fee Income	2023 Budget	2023 Spent	2023 Surplus(Deficit)	2024 Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
* Equipment Purchase/Repairs		\$ 9,000	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 15,450	\$ 15,450
Equipment Purchase		\$ 10,000	\$ 17,333.39	\$ (7,333.39)	\$ -	\$ (9,000)
Equipment/Station Repairs		\$ 20,000	\$ 21,402.00	\$ (1,402.00)	\$ 22,000	\$ (10,000)
Insurance		\$ 500	\$ 1,181.44	\$ (681.44)	\$ 1,100	\$ 2,000
MISC		\$ 500	\$ 454.13	\$ 45.87	\$ 500	\$ 600
* Office		\$ 600	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (500)
Supplies		\$ 91,800	\$ 87,757.75	\$ 4,042.25	\$ 96,390	\$ (600)
Ads		\$ 222,600	\$ 195,276.28	\$ 27,323.72	\$ 220,000	\$ (2,600)
Professional		\$ 16,000	\$ 21,155.50	\$ (5,155.50)	\$ -	\$ (16,000)
HHW		\$ 27,070.00	\$ 20,495.68	\$ 6,574.32	\$ -	\$ (16,000)
Demo		\$ 25,000	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 21,850.00	\$ 3,150	\$ (25,000)
Bulky		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,164.89	\$ (164.89)	\$ -	\$ 150
Audit		\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000	\$ (6,000)
Bookkeeper		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000
* Admin		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Truck/Backhoe		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,136.43	\$ (136.43)	\$ 18,000	\$ 3,000
Fuel		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
* Backhoe - Repairs/Maintenance		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,500	\$ 20,500
* Truck - Repairs/Maintenance		\$ 22,645	\$ 34,311.94	\$ (11,666.94)	\$ -	\$ (22,645)
Repairs/Maintenance		\$ 5	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5)
Fuel Decal		\$ 25	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (25)
MMTA (AMVS)		\$ 2,200	\$ 2,109.62	\$ 90.38	\$ 2,200	\$ -
Registration/Inspection		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
* Dues/Fees/Books/Testing		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Station		\$ 1,000	\$ 977.78	\$ 22.22	\$ 1,200	\$ 200
Internet		\$ 4,500	\$ 3,350.61	\$ 1,149.39	\$ 4,500	\$ -
CMP		\$ 650	\$ 656.70	\$ (6.70)	\$ 675	\$ 25
Telephone		\$ 500	\$ 475.35	\$ 24.65	\$ 500	\$ -
Water		\$ 500	\$ 566.81	\$ (66.81)	\$ 500	\$ -
Supplies		\$ 100	\$ 81.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 100	\$ -
Extinguishers		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
* Repairs		\$ 48,626	\$ 430,986	\$ 69,664.70	\$ 423,965	\$ (28,160)
Total		\$ 82,328.77	\$ 82,328.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) paid with Reserve Accounts						

* New Budget Line Items Consolidating or Separating current Line Items
 ** All numbers are subject to change until Final Audit has been completed



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

November 9, 2022

Town of Porter
Attn: Hannah Hutchinson
71 Main Street
Porter, Maine 04068

Dear Hannah,

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the region:

- We made **576 homes safer** by installing smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **34,765 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **132,000 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,900** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Porter. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of **\$1,000.00**.* These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Service Delivery sheet for Oxford County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Jordan".

Lauren Jordan
Development Coordinator

32 N Prospect St
Burlington, VT 05401

2 Maitland St
Concord, NH 03301

2401 Congress St
Portland, ME 04101

www.redcross.org/nne

American Red Cross of Northern New England



December 30, 2023

Ms. Janice Miller
Town Clerk
Town of Porter
71 Main Street
Porter, ME 04068-3557

Dear Ms. Miller,

On any given day, Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice is called to serve more than 3,700 patients on an ongoing basis throughout the state of Maine, regardless of an individual's or family's ability to pay. In 2022 alone, Androscoggin provided more than \$1.65 million in free care to 768 patients who were uninsured, underinsured, or experiencing other personal hardships.

At its core, Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice is an organization about living, dedicated to enhancing quality of life by providing innovative and compassionate medical care for all. In 2022, our organization served a total of 981 Porter residents: 803 home health patients, 103 hospice patients, 10 palliative medicine patients, and 65 patients through our Transitions of Care program.

In recognition of the many funding priorities facing the community, we are requesting \$500 from the Town of Porter in 2024; allocations received will specifically benefit support care for Town of Porter residents.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request to ensure critical care is always delivered where and when it is needed most. Many of our patients suffer from serious and chronic illnesses that, when managed at home, allow the individuals to remain independent and in their own homes.

Should you have any questions or the desire to discuss our services in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at 207-795-9389 or jillian.netherland@androscoggin.org. I wish you a happy new year and look forward to speaking with you in the near future!

Gratefully yours,

Jillian Netherland, MS, CFRE
Community Engagement Officer
Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice



Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine
PO Box 263 59 Winter St. Norway, ME 04268
www.crcofwm.org

September 27, 2023

PORTER

Dear Town of PORTER,

One in four Mainers faces a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime. Cancer is one of the most frightening times in the lives of patients and their families. The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine (CRCofWM), established in 2015, is a comforting and caring place for patients and caregivers to go to receive information, support and perspective after a cancer diagnosis. Whether you participate in one of the center's many programs or just stop in for a visit, you are never alone!

Town funding is used to assist patients' needs and also to bring awareness of our services to your residence. As we have expanded our town funding requests, we are now getting patients referred to us by their town office, which is wonderful. We find newly diagnosed patients are often overwhelmed and it is challenging for them to look for supportive services during this stressful time. All patients and caregiver have access to the following service and/or supports:

- Meet one to one with cancer resource navigator to assess barriers and stressors
- Assist patient to connect with appropriate resources
- Educational programs on a variety of wellness topics
- In-person and virtual wellness programs
- Free complementary therapy sessions
- Travel, Food and Emergency assistance
- Comfort Items, Care Baskets, Chemo Shirts and New Wigs
- Recorded wellness programs on our website and YouTube Channel
- Support groups for men and women
- Assistance with referrals for counseling in collaboration with Oxford County Mental Health
- Soup Program

For 2023, we are requesting \$ 200 from the Town of PORTER to help ensure that people in our communities receive the support they need. If supporting documents are required please contact Wendy Ruby at wruby@crcofwm.org. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regards,

Diane Madden
Executive Director
Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine



240 Bates Street, Lewiston, ME 04240
17 Market Square, South Paris, ME 04281
1-800-866-5588

December 28, 2023

Town of Porter
Attn: Dawn Schol, Treasurer
71 Main Street
Porter, ME 04068

Dear Ms. Schol,

On behalf of Community Concepts, Inc. (CCI), I would like to thank the Town of Porter for your continued support of our services and programs. At CCI, our commitment to addressing the ever-evolving needs of our community has driven us to pivot, innovate, and stand resilient over the last 12 months. From supporting our neighbors with fuel assistance, to helping children prepare for kindergarten and beyond at our Early Learning Centers, our work this year would not have been possible without the support of community members and local municipalities.

We are proud to share with you the tangible outcomes of our efforts this year, including opening the Maine Resiliency Center in the wake of the mass shooting in Lewiston. The Center provides free community connection, support, and resources to those impacted by this tragedy. You can find more information at www.maineresiliencycenter.org. This fall, CCI entered a new partnership with Oxford County Mental Health Services which will allow our organizations to more efficiently bring additional and essential services to current and future customers.

Every contribution to CCI, regardless of size, fuels our ability to pivot and address the most pressing needs of our community. CCI respectfully requests that the Select Board place the following article on the Town Warrant for consideration by the taxpayers: "To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for Community Concepts, Inc. to provide a local match for federal, state or private grants and help defray the cost of providing services."

Donations from our local municipalities help us fill the funding gaps not fully covered by federal, state, or foundational grants and contracts. Enclosed is a summary of CCI's services delivered to Porter residents from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. With your partnership, we can continue to provide pathways to a healthy life for and with those most impacted by inequities in Western Maine.

From all of us at CCI, thank you for your consideration. Wishing you a happy and healthy new year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Martin".

Jim Martin
Chief Executive Officer, Community Concepts, Inc.
Executive Director, Oxford County Mental Health Services



Community Concepts, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Friends of Porter 569

December 23, 2023

Budget Committee
Town of Porter
71 Maine Street, Porter, ME 04068

Dear Budget Committee Members:

The Friends of Porter 569 respectfully requests an appropriation of \$500.00 at the annual town meeting in 2024.

The Friends of Porter 569 is a 501(c)3 charitable organization formed in 2019 to engage in historical preservation and education. We have two significant activities that we need support for.

This year we held two services at the Porter Union Church. Measurements have been taken for the windows and planning has begun for repairs to the steeple. We expect to start replacing windows this year along with some repairs to the original plaster ceiling.

As an affiliate of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, we deliver a book a month to each registered child from birth to age 5 for free. Our coverage area is the MSAD-55 region and now the MSAD-72 district, as well as the towns of Limerick, Limington, Newfield and Waterford. The local support we receive from the Town of Porter, the local Masonic Lodges, the 21 Club, and many individuals has boosted our ability to attract larger grants from outside the area. However, local support is among the most critical considerations for outside grant-making organizations. Our costs are low, a \$14.00 donation pays for one child for a year and we operate entirely as a volunteer organization.

We currently have 620 registered children and 261 'graduates' who have gone on to kindergarten. Porter has 33 children registered at an estimated cost of \$435 with the State match.

We have been successful in getting state-wide support for the program. Last year, the Governor budgeted for 50% matching funds, and this just started to be applied for 2024.

Sincerely,

John Lowry
President

Email: admin@friendsofporter569.org Website: friendsofporter569.org



December 20, 2023

Dear Members of the Town of Porter Select Board:

The Grateful Undead would like to thank the Town of Porter for its commitment to support the Grateful Undead as an AARP-recognized Age Friendly Community. We are asking the Town to consider our request for funding \$500.00 to help us secure annual liability insurance for our all-volunteer organization, and meet other expenses incurred in our work to fulfill our mission. Please note that this amount is also being requested from all the other four Age-Friendly towns in Sacopee Valley. We are most grateful for the invaluable support you gave us last year, our first year as an official 501 (c) (3) organization by granting us \$500 as requested.

The Grateful Undead is a committed group of volunteers from each of the towns in the Sacopee Valley who have been working together for several years on ways to help senior residents remain safely in their homes while providing transportation to health care appointments, as well as regularly scheduled wellness activities, educational workshops and socialization opportunities. The Grateful Undead offers a variety of services:

- **Volunteer Transporters** drive folks to medical appointments as far away as Portland, Bridgton and North Conway;
- **Handy Helpers** do needed basic home repairs for folks who do not have financial resources;
- **Phone Buddies** address isolation by keeping our seniors in touch with others;
- **Wellness checks** are being developed for seniors without family and friends to check daily on their health status;
- **Seniors in Conversation** allows for an annual exchange of ideas directly between the Grateful Undead Board of Directors and all welcomed participants from the area that we serve to help us determine the most needed activities and services for our area;
- **Senior Central** is a collaboration with Sacopee Valley Adult Education, providing workshops and events offering socialization and personal enrichment;
- And we have very recently updated and reprinted our trusty **Resource Guide**, available in all town offices, that connects town seniors with services and programs that are available to them.

The Grateful Undead started as a Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors program. We have grown over the years to try to meet the larger needs of aging residents in our communities. We are a 501(c) (3) non-profit, with seven board members representing the towns of Sacopee Valley. We gratefully accept donations and currently are applying for grants to develop future programs for our expanding Senior population.

Older residents of Porter have participated in all our programming offerings. For example, our Monday Morning Coffee hour and monthly Community Café lunches have served over 60 residents every month who come from all our towns, but particularly from Parsonsfield and Porter, in large numbers. Our Handy Helpers program received a grant that allowed us to invest in portable ramps and one has been installed as a temporary ramp for a Porter resident, to be used until the recipient gets a permanent ramp installed; Handy Helpers has also provided simple home assessment and repairs on two homes of Porter residents, to improve their safety as they remain in their homes. Our volunteer Transporter Program has made 44 trips, mostly to specialists in Portland and Scarborough, but also to Bridgton and North Conway for 4 Porter residents needing specialized care so far this year, and we have added trips to get medications at the local pharmacies, and occasionally to get groceries and other essentials for home-bound residents.

Porter is our hometown. Those who participate in our programming and services are our families, our friends, and our neighbors. We look forward to the Town of Porter's continued support of the Grateful Undead's ever-expanding work in our Sacopec Valley area, and hope you will approve funding our request for \$500 for this next year to help us meet the needs of seniors aging in place in our community.

We deeply appreciate working together with Porter's Select Board and fine office staff. Thank you!

 date: 12-20-23
Katharine G Chaiklin

Resident of Porter

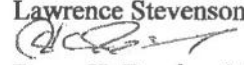


American Legion West- Day Post 123
31 Mountain View Ave.
PO Box 38
Parsonsfield, Maine 04047-0038
12/22/2023

The American Legion West-Day Post 123 would like to request that the Town of Porter consider raising \$500.00 for the year 2024 for the purpose of purchasing Flags for our veteran's graves in all of Porter's out lying cemeteries as well as the local cemeteries in the Village.

We place a Wreath at our Veteran's Memorial Park on Memorial Day and have a small ceremony on that occasion.

We thank you for considering this request, and the opportunity to assist the town in honoring all of our veterans interred in Porter's cemeteries.

For the Commander
Lawrence Stevenson.

Roger K. Berube, Adjutant

Info@harvesthills.org
www.harvesthills.org



(207) 935-4358 Phone
(207) 935-7058 Fax

A Non-Profit Corporation
1389 Bridgton Rd Fryeburg, ME 04037

December 5, 2023

Budget Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

Harvest Hills Animal Shelter appreciates the continued support from your town as we continue almost 40 years of service to the surrounding communities. With funding over the past years, we have found loving homes for over 30,000 cats and dogs that were spayed, neutered, and inoculated. We continue to educate the community about the responsibilities of pet ownership and the benefits of adopting a Harvest Hills Animal Shelter.

So far this year we have taken in 405 cats and 123 dogs. Some of these animals have had serious medical conditions that have had a considerable impact our budget for veterinary and related expenses. Every animal is evaluated, given treatment for any medical problem they might have and is put through a socialization program. We also perform emergency treatments on more animals than we ever have with our local vet not doing emergency at night or weekends.

We were fortunate enough that the board allowed us to appropriate \$20,000 so we were able to spay and neuter cats and dogs from our contracted towns through vouchers at Rozzie May Animal Alliance.

We are requesting \$1.00 per capita fee from your town again for 2024 based on 2020 Census numbers, which for the Town of Porter would be \$1600.00

If you could, please include a discussion of the importance of funding for the shelter at your annual budget meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Shelter Manager, Joan McBurnie at 207-935-4358

Thank you in the advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Joan McBurnie".

Joan McBurnie Shelter Manager

Kezar Falls Circulating Library
P.O. Box 11
Parsonsfield, ME 04047
207-625-2424

December 15, 2023

Budget Committee
Town of Porter

Dear Budget Committee Members,

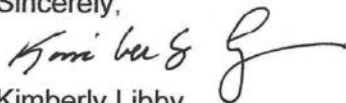
The Kezar Falls Circulating Library always attempts to balance the need to keep costs down while serving the needs of the community. We respectfully request an appropriation of \$6,000.00 at your annual town meeting in 2024. This is the same amount as last year.

As is the case with so many organizations, we continue to face rising costs, but continue to utilize budgeting practices that use our financial resources in a manner that not only advances our mission but also recognizes capacity constraints, supports sustainability, and promotes continuity.

Looking ahead to next year, we are continuing to work toward replacing the accessibility ramp. Our total projected cost is \$16,000. We have received \$9,000 to date; \$8,000 from Davis Family Foundation and \$1,000 from an individual donor. We are optimistically awaiting a response from The Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation due within the next couple of weeks for the remaining funding. Our hope is to start the project in the Spring of 2024.

Thank you for your support as we continue to service our community.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Libby
Treasurer

Kezar Falls Circulating Library
P.O. Box 11, 2 Wadleigh St.
Parsonsfield, ME 04047
207-625-2424
www.kezarfallslibrary.org

December 2023

Dear Porter Selectboard and Budget Committee,

2023 has been another exciting year at the Kezar Falls Circulating Library. We are wrapping up a year that saw many successful programs and fundraising efforts, countless books read and enjoyed, new technology implemented, and wonderful community support.

The library has numerous programs to appeal to people at any age. For the younger set, we have Preschool Story Time on Wednesday, our Summer Reading Adventure for school-aged children, the Bikes-for-Books program (which couldn't happen without the support of the local Masons), and a coding program for kids which we hope to repeat in 2024. For adults, the book group continues to meet monthly, and we provide programs such as author talks.

This past year, thanks to Networkmaine, the Maine School and Library Network, and a nonprofit company named ITDRC, the Library received a major upgrade in our internet services and equipment. This upgrade provides a more robust wireless network both inside and outside the library. Once this was complete, we opted to replace the library's printer to a higher yield, higher quality model, which has been greatly appreciated by both Library staff and patrons.

Thank you for your invaluable support!

Tanya Wilson Denman

Librarian

2023 Annual Report

TREASURER'S REPORT - KEZAR FALLS CIRCULATING LIBRARY - AS OF December 15, 2023

	<u>2023 Actual</u>		<u>2023 Budget</u>
Checking Account Balance, January 1, 2023		\$19,310.40	
Town of Parsonsfield	\$ -		\$ 6,000.00
Town of Porter	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00
Donations	\$ 118.37		\$ 1,200.00
Donations - 2022 Year End Appeal	\$ 1,015.00		
Grants	\$ 8,750.00		
Ramp Donations	\$ 1,000.00		
Misc. (Fines, etc)	\$ 254.09		\$ -
Jose Fenderson Trust	\$ 9,957.72		\$ 4,300.00
Fundraising:			
Book and Bake Sales	\$ 438.75		\$ 400.00
Transfer from Savings if needed			\$ 3,425.00
Interest	<u>\$ 7.87</u>		
Total Income		\$ 27,541.80	\$ 21,325.00
Less Expenses:			
Salaries & Emp. Taxes	\$ 11,527.02		\$ 11,800.00
Books	\$ 975.71		\$ 1,500.00
Books, 2022 Accounts Payable	\$ 100.14		
Workers Comp & Insurance	\$ 1,282.00		\$ 1,300.00
Supplies	\$ 402.90		\$ 700.00
Contracted Services	\$ 495.00		\$ 500.00
Programming	\$ -		\$ 200.00
Children's Programs	\$ 68.11		\$ 150.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 142.00		\$ 250.00
Advertising	\$ 429.00		\$ 500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 375.00		\$ 500.00
Electric	\$ 570.94		\$ 750.00
Heating Oil	\$ 2,068.63		\$ 1,800.00
Phone	\$ 623.04		\$ 650.00
Water	\$ 473.00		\$ 475.00
Printer Purchase	\$ 369.24		
Capital Improvements	\$ -		\$ 250.00
Total Disbursements		\$ (19,901.73)	\$ 21,325.00
Transfers to Money Market Account			
*3/9/23-Transfer to BSB MMA (extra from Fenderson)		\$ (5,600.00)	
*11/1/23-Transfer to BSB MMA (Davis Grant Funds)		<u>\$ (8,000.00)</u>	
*Checking Account Balance on 12/15/2023		\$ 13,350.47	
<i>*Building Maint-\$880.60, Ramp Donations-\$1,000,Gen. Operating-\$11,469.87*</i>			

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Bangor Savings Bank, current rate at .25%		
Beginning Balance 01/01/2023		\$ 16,312.35
3/9/23 - Transfer from Checking Account (Fenderson)		\$ 5,600.00
11/1/23 - Transfer from Checking Account (Davis)		\$ 8,000.00
Year-To-Date Interest		<u>\$ 54.18</u>
Money Market Account Balance on 12/15/2023		\$ 29,966.53

Respectfully Submitted, Kimberly Libby, Treasurer

October 2023

Janice Miller, Town Clerk
Town of Porter
71 Main St
Porter, ME 04068



Greetings,

Maine is a special place with hundreds of communities scattered along the coast and further inland, on small islands and tucked along mountain roads. It often feels like one small town, where people know one another, are committed to this place and to their neighbors, work hard, contribute what they can, and enjoy and take pride in the rugged landscape.

At LifeFlight of Maine, we are committed to being there for Maine, and for your community, when you need us. We have four teams standing by 24 hours a day, seven days a week, ready to bring ICU-level care to the point of need. Our teams are prepared to respond rapidly with a top speed of nearly 175 miles per hour. Our highly skilled clinicians and our state-of-the-art aircraft give patients their best chance on their worst day.

We are grateful for every single family that entrusts us with caring for their loved ones. We are grateful to the police and fire departments, emergency medical services, and hospitals who work alongside us in caring for patients. LifeFlight is one important link, among many, in the chain of survival for those who are critically ill or injured. That is as true today as it was when we began 25 years ago.

We are also grateful for each and every community in Maine and the incredible support we continue to receive for our life-saving mission. Since 1998, we have transported more than 37,000 patients, including residents of every single Maine city, town, plantation, and community. **Since 1998, we have transported 16 residents of Porter, with 1 in the last year. Additionally, we have landed in Porter for 4 scene calls since 1998.**

Each year, we reach out to all municipalities in the state to invite them to **support our Community Giving Campaign** to ensure that LifeFlight teams can continue to answer the call for help today and for years to come. Since 2006, 266 communities have contributed a total of \$840,000. Each one of these gifts is an acknowledgement from these Maine communities that they understand and appreciate the vitally important and unique role that LifeFlight plays as a connector in the state's increasingly fragile healthcare system. **This year, we hope Porter will help us reach our goal of having every municipality in Maine participate in our Community Giving Campaign. Please consider a gift of \$800, which is based on a rate of \$0.5 per capita.**

LifeFlight is a nonprofit charitable organization that depends on logistical and philanthropic support across Maine. Communities like yours make our work possible. Together, we ensure people have access to the care they need when they need it, and we are grateful for your partnership and commitment.

Enclosed you'll find FAQs and supplemental information about LifeFlight, a map of Maine transport locations, and a map of Maine communities that have supported us. **Please contact Ashley MacMillan at The LifeFlight Foundation at amacmillan@lifeflightmaine.org or 207-357-5508 with any questions.** If you need additional information or a specific town application form is required with this request, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Joe Kellner
Chief Executive Officer
LifeFlight of Maine

Ashley MacMillan
Director of Annual Giving
The LifeFlight Foundation



Celebrating 25 years of safely caring for and transporting the people of Maine.

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Ten Facts and Frequently Asked Questions about LifeFlight

1. LifeFlight is a private non-profit charitable organization with a public mission serving all of Maine. We care for all patients regardless of insurance status or ability to pay for care with helicopters based in Bangor, Lewiston, and Sanford, a fixed-wing airplane based in Bangor, rapid response vehicles, and specialized ground ambulances. In FY2023 LifeFlight provided \$1.7 million of care to patients without insurance or the means to cover the cost of care, as well as significant discounts for Medicare and MaineCare patients.

2. In FY23, 2,468 patients were transported from 124 Maine communities, islands, and unorganized townships—about 1 patient every 3.5 hours. LifeFlight has cared for more than 37,000 patients since September 1998.

3. What is the Community Giving Campaign? Each year in the Fall, LifeFlight reaches out to every community in the state to ask for support. The request includes a suggested donation based on population; a \$1.00 per capita rate for towns that have up to 1,000 residents; a \$0.50 per capita rate for those with up to 2,000 residents; and a \$0.25 per capita rate for all others, with asks typically capped at \$2,000. The average gift size in 2023 was \$596, and some towns give generously beyond what they are asked.

4. How is LifeFlight funded? LifeFlight operates much like a hospital emergency department, taking care of all patients and billing insurance companies. We contract with most major commercial insurance companies and participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Most of our operational expenses are covered by patient fees, but we rely on the LifeFlight Foundation to support the purchase of new aircraft, medical equipment, infrastructure improvements, and to provide clinical education around the state.

5. LifeFlight helicopters, the airplane, and specialty ground vehicles are equipped as fully functioning mobile intensive care units. LifeFlight's critical care teams bring the trauma center intensive care unit level care— skills, medical technology, pharmacy, blood, and more — directly to a patient's side.

6. What types of patients do we transport? Critically ill or injured patients of all ages needing specialized care beyond what can be provided by local hospitals - including premature infants, cardiac and stroke patients, complex traumatic injury, organ transplant, sepsis, burns, and serious obstetric complications. We use strict medical utilization criteria to make sure all flights are medically necessary. Emergency medical providers are guided by state-mandated protocols based on the latest research and best practice.

7. About 92% of patients are transported from community hospitals to major specialty centers, and 8% are transported directly from the scene of an emergency - roadsides, woods, mountains, and islands. While most patients are transported to EMMC, MMC and CMMC, about 10% of patients are transported to Boston and beyond for specialized care not available in Maine.

8. LifeFlight is lean. We are among the most efficient providers in the world, we pay close attention to costs, maintaining a very small administrative team that results in some of the lowest costs and charges in New England and the country. We balance this with our goal of being in the top decile internationally for quality of care.

9. LifeFlight's costs and charges are the lowest in New England and among the lowest in the country. The average charge for a LifeFlight transport is around \$20,000. Other provider charges across New England and the northeast range from around \$27,000 for non-profits providers to \$60,000-\$80,000 from for-profit air medical companies. LifeFlight participates with most major commercial insurance companies as well as Medicare and MaineCare, with the goal of avoiding any "surprise bill" to patients.

10. What other benefits to our town and region does LifeFlight provide besides critical care and transport? We provide local critical care training to medical providers in specialized areas such as traumatic brain injury and pediatric trauma, critical medical diagnosis, and treatment. We also support weather systems, hospital helipads, and advanced aviation navigation systems across the state.



September 19, 2023

Town of Porter
71 Main Street
Porter ME 04068

Dear Selectperson,

When Maine Public was established in 1961, the goal was to bring a new kind of broadcasting service to Maine – one that was as innovative as it was trustworthy, a service that would inform, inspire, and educate our communities. Now more than six decades later, Maine Public is still leading the charge to share Maine's stories in new and revitalized ways.

Last year with community support, Maine Public increased our reporting capacity to better cover important news stories by adding a Report For America reporter covering immigration and New Mainer communities and adding a new full-time climate reporter. Your support also helped us increase coverage of underrepresented areas of the state through several projects such as the Rural Reporting Project, highlighting the benefits, challenges, and opportunities of life in rural and western Maine. We shared the first State of the Tribes in more than 20 years live on Maine Public radio, television, and online as Wabanaki leaders addressed both chambers of the Legislature.

Every day, Maine Public connects the people of Maine and our region to each other and the world through the open exchange of information, ideas, and cultural content. This is essential work that we are proud to do. Currently, Maine Public has 14 radio signals emanating from towers across the state. Last year, we were awarded construction permits for seven new stations by the Federal Communications Commission. With donations from our community, we plan to expand Maine Public Radio to unserved areas in Millinocket, Greenville, and Bethel, and grow our existing Maine Public Classical network to Fort Kent, Mars Hill, Calais, and Greenville. Free and open access to accurate, balanced, and objective content is more important than ever, and Maine Public is committed to delivering it everywhere in Maine.

Will you consider an appropriation this year of \$100 (previous donation amount), \$150, or the amount that works best for Porter? With your funding, Maine Public, with our trusted partners, NPR and PBS, will continue to be Maine's storyteller, amplifying the voices of Maine.

Our listeners and viewers appreciate the support your community provides. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marvis Zou
Direct Marketing and Membership Fundraising Specialist
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Maine Public Organizational Overview

Public radio and television broadcasting in the United States is organized as a cooperative of community-based stations which pool resources to create shared national programming and individually serve the needs of their communities.

Through its radio, television, educational and Web services, Maine Public provides inspiration, information and lifelong learning to a diverse public. Maine Public serves Maine, most of New Brunswick, Canada, and parts of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Maine Public's services are available to everyone at no charge. Hundreds of thousands of people find value in Maine Public's services every day. Private donations — including those received from radio members, television members, program sponsors and contributors of unrestricted gifts — comprise the largest source of revenue for the organization. The membership base alone totals more than 54,000 individuals and families.

Formation of Maine Public

Maine Public was formed in 1992 through the merger of the educational radio and television stations provided by the University of Maine System and WCBB public television operated by Colby, Bates and Bowdoin Colleges. Maine Public is an independently owned and operated 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with office and studio locations in Bangor, Lewiston and Portland, Maine.

Maine Public's Mission

Maine Public connects the people of Maine and our region to each other and to the world through the open exchange of information, ideas, and cultural content.

Maine Public's Vision

Maine Public will inform, inspire, and delight.

We will be recognized throughout Maine and beyond as an organization that has made a distinct difference by focusing in a disciplined manner on the issues most important to Maine and by being relentless in pursuit of the truth about them. We will also be noted for the consistent quality of the cultural and entertainment programming that we provide through collaborations with other organizations and independent producers.

We will continue to be regarded as a superb financial steward by all of our supporters, investing resources wisely across our multiple services: Web, radio, TV, and print. We will creatively build on the value created by PBS, NPR, and other organizations to deliver rich, rewarding content.

Maine Public will be known throughout Maine as an organization that listens and acts accordingly.

Our enterprise will help lead Maine towards its bright future.

Financial reports

See Maine Public's federal financial reporting documentation at mainepublic.org/financial-reports-990-forms.



Home Care & Hospice
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Office 207.780.8624
Fax 207.772.0698

December 21, 2023

Selectpersons and Residents
Town of Porter
71 Main St.
Porter, ME 004068

Dear Selectpersons and Residents,

Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of the work we do at Northern Light Home Care & Hospice. This past year we have continued to provide crucial community health services to help your residents remain in the comfort of their own home for as long as they possibly can. Our nurses, rehabilitation therapists, social workers, home health aides, volunteers, and spiritual counselors are dedicated to compassionate care. We provide unique patient-centered care when your residents are released from the hospital following illness or surgery, as well as when your residents elect end of life hospice services.

Although Northern Light Home Care & Hospice, like many others across the health care industry, has faced numerous challenges in recent years, we have not wavered in delivering high quality patient care and striving to improve the health of the people and communities we serve. In the last twelve months statewide, we have:

- Conducted 112,090 visits to 7,185 home care patients
- Conducted 35,229 visits to 1,255 hospice patients

In addition to our hallmark home health and hospice programs, we continued providing indispensable public health services in the community. Each year we host vaccination clinics at community locations including schools, low-income senior centers, workplaces, homeless shelters, nursing homes, island communities, and more to promote public health in the community more broadly. We also provide vaccines to homebound residents and caregivers regardless of whether they are receiving home care or hospice services. In the last twelve months, we have administered 13,602 flu clinic vaccinations, 4,000 Covid vaccines, and close to 1,000 homebound vaccinations. We have also already scheduled over 350 community clinics to offer Flu, Covid, Pneumonia, and RSV vaccines.

We are heartened by these visitation and community health numbers. Even more so, we are immensely proud of the impact we have on the lives of our patients and their families. Some are recovering from illness or surgery or may be managing one or more chronic illnesses, while others are experiencing their remaining days under hospice care. The stories of lonely and isolated patients who look forward to their clinician visits are many, and the words of gratitude from families whose loved ones were able to pass more gently under our care renew our passion for the work we do. As an example of the good work we do, I share with you a quote from a grateful family.

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“Dianna’s and my experience with hospice during her last seven weeks was totally positive. Hospice was very sensitive to our wanting minimum visits due to COVID worries, but the advice we received during the visits that did take place and over the telephone were invaluable. I would not want to go through such an end-of-life caregiving experience without hospice!”

While we get reimbursed from Medicare, MaineCare, and other insurers, this does not cover the full cost of care provided to those with, or without, insurance in your community. It also does not cover our efforts to assist members of your community with needs that go beyond clinical care such as shower benches, blood pressure cuffs, healthy meals, and more. Financial support from the Town of Porter is used to offset the shortage in reimbursements for insured individuals, and to ensure care for those without insurance.

We hope that we have inspired you to consider maintaining your support for our work with a FY24 gift in the amount of \$250. Please be reminded that our clinicians live in the communities they serve, and our board of directors includes a representative residing in each county we cover. Along with this request, I have included our board list, an overview of the care we provided in your community, and our FY24 budget. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

We are grateful for your past support and thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Colleen Hilton
President, Northern Light Home Care & Hospice
Senior Vice President, Northern Light Health



City/Town: **Porter**

FY 2023 Statistics Ending September 30, 2023

Counties served include: Aroostook, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Oxford, Penobscot, Somerset, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington, York.

Home Health Patients	7185
Home Health Visits	112090
Hospice Patients	904
Hospice Visits	35229
Palliative Care Patients	351

FY 23 Local Statistics **Porter**

Home Health patients	12
Home Health Visits	90
Hospice Patients	3
Hospice Visits	24
Palliative Care Patients	0
Non Traditional Patients	0
Non Traditional Visits	0
Estimated Value of Services	\$31,259

Northern Light Home Care & Hospice

Actual and Budget for Year(s) Ending 09/30	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budget
OPERATING REVENUES			
Inpatient Revenue	1,055,896	1,201,777	1,588,871
Outpatient Revenue	56,335,387	48,624,296	53,133,978
Professional Fees Revenue	0	0	0
Gross Patient Revenue	57,391,283	49,826,073	54,722,849
DEDUCTIONS FROM REVENUE			
Inpatient Contractual Allowances	342,980	378,986	16,861
Outpatient Contractual Allowances	13,472,204	9,839,910	9,507,191
Professional Fees Contractual Allowances	0	0	0
Total Contractual Allowances	13,815,184	10,218,896	9,524,052
Charity Care	10,825	29,404	29,201
Other Deductions	0	0	0
Net Patient Revenue	43,565,273	39,577,773	45,169,596
OTHER REVENUE			
Net Sales and Contract Revenue	534,650	576,794	603,360
Other Revenue	1,391,055	518,726	101,000
Net Assets Released from Restriction	165,946	395,766	370,000
Total Revenue	45,656,924	41,069,059	46,243,956
EXPENSES			
Salaries and Wages	27,817,078	30,428,588	32,761,169
Employee Benefits	7,767,849	8,179,924	8,785,074
Professional Fees	2,179,006	1,977,337	2,024,081
Cost of Goods Sold	-25,974	-12,571	-13,390
Supplies	2,337,048	2,311,622	3,551,860
Purchased Services	2,256,620	2,074,702	1,724,627
Leases and Rentals	904,043	814,855	694,989
Utilities	521,378	772,931	640,583
Insurance	362,548	301,003	305,971
Interest	812.66	1339	694
Depreciation and Amortization	121,074	120,050	95,442
Other Expense	2,104,066	2,461,559	-988,970
NLH Support Services	2,257,224	2,144,363	2,144,362
Total Expenses	48,602,775	51,575,702	51,726,492
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(2,945,850)	(10,506,643)	(5,482,536)

Parsonsfield - Porter Historical Society
P O Box 250 Parsonsfield, Maine 04047
92 Main Street, Porter, Maine 04068

December 2023

Budget Committee
Town of Porter
71 Main St.
Porter, ME 04068

Dear Budget Committee Members:

The Parsonsfield - Porter Historical Society respectfully requests an appropriation of \$500.00 at your annual town meeting. This is the same amount requested for many years.

We unexpectedly had to replace the roof on the building addition this past year. Fortunately we were able to cover the cost by transferring money from savings.

We appreciate your support in the past as we strive to preserve the history of our wonderful town.

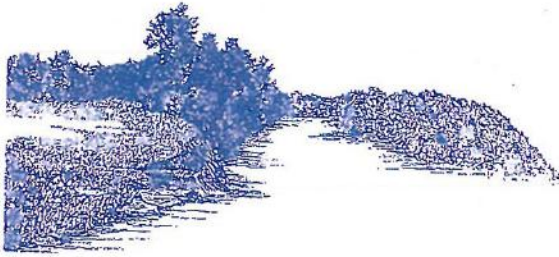
Sincerely,
Sylvia Wilson, Treasurer

2023 Annual Report

TREASURER'S REPORT - PARSONSFIELD PORTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	
Checking Account Balance,1/1/2023			\$ 6,690.36
Add Income:			
Town of Porter	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Town of Parsonsfield	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Membership Dues	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,140.00	
Donations	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,818.27	
Donations made toward Meetinghouse		\$ 50.00	
Fundraising:			
Misc. Sales		\$ 17.70	
Book Sales	\$ 500.00	\$ 555.00	
Quilt Raffle	\$ 600.00	\$ 622.00	
Yard and Bake Sale	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,032.00	
House Tours thru Adult Ed		\$ 319.00	
Sales Tax Collected		\$ 30.46	
Shipping Fees Collected		\$ 10.00	
Interest		\$ 2.78	
Transfer from Savings as needed	<u>\$ 4,645.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>	
Total Income	<u>\$ 9,595.00</u>		\$ 15,597.21
Less Expenses:			
Insurance	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,928.00	
Postage/Box Rental	\$ 450.00	\$ 335.34	
Building Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 9,786.00	
Social Media	\$ 300.00		
Newsletter Printing	\$ 600.00	\$ 495.86	
Non-archival Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 138.92	
Archival Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 702.19	
Advertising	\$ 650.00	\$ 352.00	
Heating Oil	\$ 400.00	\$ 370.72	
Electric	\$ 700.00	\$ 666.16	
Water	\$ 500.00	\$ 390.30	
Program Stipends	\$ 200.00		
Dues	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	
Office Furnishings and Equipment	\$ 500.00		
Exhibit Expenses/Fees	\$ 100.00	\$ 11.06	
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 75.00	\$ 35.00	
Sales Tax Paid to State		\$ 26.53	
Rental Fee - Town Hall Use		\$ 30.00	
Donation to Am. Legion for use of their hall		\$ 25.00	
Donations Collected for Meetinghouse Paid to Town		<u>\$ 50.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 9,595.00</u>		\$ (15,413.08)
Balance, December 31, 2023			\$6,874.49

Respectfully Submitted, Sylvia P. Wilson, Treasurer



Saco River Corridor Commission

"Communities Working Together To Protect Our Rivers"

December 27, 2023

Porter Budget Committee
71 Main Street
Porter, ME 04068

Dear Committee Members:

The Saco River Corridor Commission (SRCC) is pleased to report another successful year of water quality monitoring along the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee Rivers. The testing areas most relevant to the Town of Porter are at the Maine/NH state line off Route 25 (O7), at the covered bridge on Kezar Mountain Road (O7-1), downriver of Kezar Falls village off Powerhouse Road (O8), and Spectacle Pond (SPEC). Attached you will find the SRCC's WQM testing summary for 2023 with an analysis of the results, along with recommendations for water quality protection.

The water quality program was created to help understand the issues affecting water quality in the Corridor's rivers, and to help discern how well the protective standards of the Saco River Corridor Act are helping to preserve this crucial resource. We also want residents to have access to information about water safety factors like the presence and abundance of *E. coli* bacteria. As development and building continue, the water quality monitoring program allows the town and the SRCC to monitor the success of standards put in place 50 years ago by the Saco River Corridor Act, and to react if we see sudden changes in local water quality, or worsening trends. As we often hear in the water quality context, "you can't protect what you do not measure". Thanks to volunteers and support from towns along the Corridor, we have now successfully measured water quality for over 20 years, and in this past year, we monitored 43 sites!

Our program is growing to meet community needs and is keeping up with the latest science whenever possible. With assistance from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund (MOHF), and in partnership with the Green Mountain Conservation Group, the SRCC continues to explore applications of environmental DNA analysis – hoping to better track the source of bacterial contamination and identify potential threats to wildlife or public health. While this is a challenging area of research, this effort and a previous grant from MOHF have expanded the capabilities of the SRCC to test bacterial levels in-house. With this faster testing ability alongside our notifications to municipal officials, action can be taken to advise the public with less time elapsed since samples were taken. With 2023's abundant rainfall and high river flows, we saw frequent high *E. coli* levels at some sites and were able to swiftly update municipalities and our online database with that information. The 2023 season additionally saw the launch of our online bacteria monitoring dashboard which has made testing results more accessible to the public through an interactive site updated daily with bacteria results and warnings for locations with high levels of *E. coli*.

The annual Porter water quality report is enclosed. *E. coli* levels at site O8 (downriver of Kezar Falls village) were elevated as they have been since 2021. The season-wide mean value is within the State Class B limits, but barely. During the season we saw several overages where *E. coli* levels went above safe limits for recreation – this could be due in part to higher rainfall levels, which tend to wash land-based sources of *E. coli* into the rivers. At the very end of the season, after two consecutive samples were above safe limits, two other locations just upstream of O8 were additionally tested at the request of Parsonsfield. By that point on September 22 however, both of those additional samples and Site O8 were within the normal range, so on this occasion the extra testing did not help narrow down the source of the high values. *E. coli* levels at site O7-1, which were rated poor in 2022, were found to be improved this year even with the high rainfalls. Spec Pond's testing location, while it did register one unacceptable high value in June of

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2023, nonetheless had a combined-season mean well within acceptable limits. Chemical parameters at all sites were within normal ranges.

Our water quality monitoring program relies on dedicated volunteers at many of its sites. The desire for rapid water quality monitoring is growing as communities encounter concerns like aquatic invasive plants, increasing recreation, and rapid shoreline development. To help keep this essential program running, we ask two things of each of the municipalities along the corridor: First, that you encourage those interested in volunteering with the Commission to contact us, and second that you consider the value of this testing to the Town and the importance of seeing this program stay robust and expand as needed in the future.

During the 2023 monitoring season, the Commission spent a total of \$19,450.10 on equipment, \$6,973.99 on supplies and lab testing, and another \$8,772.76 in travel reimbursement and personnel costs over the 20-week monitoring season. Equipment costs were particularly high this year due to the need to replace several of the older meters and probes used to gather data on pH, turbidity, conductivity, and dissolved oxygen. The 43 sites tested this year include three in Porter, including the recreation site at Spec Pond, and one just upstream over the NH border, which creates a baseline for comparison to all Maine sites. While the SRCC is able to offset much of the testing and staff reporting costs with other funding, we do rely on town contributions to help fill the gap – and especially to help fund *E. coli* testing, which in total costs nearly \$12,000 for all sites we monitor. We cannot do this without municipal support, so we respectfully request that the following statement be included as an article in your town warrant:

“The town will vote to raise and appropriate \$700 toward the support of the Saco River Corridor Commission for its continued water quality monitoring program.”

We thank the town of Porter for its continued support of the water quality program, and we look forward to providing many more years of valuable information, helping to track trends and keep the community informed. Our goal is to protect the many positive values of the Rivers and the Corridor, including the water quality we all depend on. We will continue to do our part, but we need municipal help to succeed. Thank you for considering this request for support.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with comments, questions, or suggestions about the water quality monitoring program or any of the work we do.

Sincerely,



Cheri Dunning
Executive Director

Enclosure: Water Quality Analysis Report—Porter 2023

Water Quality Parameters: What are we testing for?

Dissolved Oxygen: The amount of oxygen contained in water is commonly expressed as a concentration in terms of milligrams per liter (mg/L), and/or as a percent (%) saturation. Accurate dissolved oxygen readings are dependent on temperature and atmospheric pressure. Gases, like oxygen, dissolve more easily in cooler water than in warmer water. Depletions in dissolved oxygen can cause major shifts in the kinds of aquatic organisms found in water bodies.

Turbidity: A measurement of the clarity of a fluid. The greater the turbidity, the murkier the water. High levels of suspended particles, which absorb heat from the sun, increases the water temperature. Suspended solids can clog fish gills, reduce growth rates, decrease resistance to disease and prevent egg and larval development of aquatic life.

Temperature: The metabolic rates of organisms increase with increasing water temperature. An increased metabolism increases the need for oxygen. Temperature also influences the amount of oxygen dissolved in water and the rate of photosynthesis by algae and larger aquatic plants.

Conductivity: A measure of the ability of water to pass an electrical current. Conductivity in water is determined by the presence of ions that carry a positive or negative charge. Conductivity in some areas, typically those near roads, may have higher than average levels due to manmade issues such as road salting during the winter months. Conductivity is also influenced by temperature (warmer water has higher conductivity) and by flow volume.

pH: Water contains both hydrogen ions and hydroxyl ions. At a pH of 7.0 (neutral) the concentration of both hydrogen ions and hydroxyl ions is equal. When the pH is less than 7.0 (acidic) there are more hydrogen ions than hydroxyl ions. When the pH is greater than 7.0 (alkaline or basic) there are more hydroxyl ions than hydrogen ions. Generally speaking, the ability of aquatic organisms to complete a life cycle greatly diminishes as pH falls below 5.0 or exceeds 9.0.

***Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*):** A bacterium found typically in the small intestines of warm-blooded animals. Most *E. coli* strains are harmless, but some serotypes can cause serious food poisoning in their hosts and are occasionally responsible for product recalls. *E. coli* is expelled into the environment within fecal matter, and in high amounts can cause beach and swim area closures. Values are reported in geometric means.

Total Phosphorus: Of the two nutrients most important to the growth of aquatic plants, nitrogen and phosphorus, it is generally observed that phosphorus is more limiting to plant growth in freshwater systems. Phosphorus is primarily associated with human related activities within the watershed and is therefore important to monitor and control. This parameter is new in 2022.

Overall comments on Porter's water quality

- Porter's water quality for the sites tested in 2023 is good.
 - A few occasions where parameters measured outside of acceptable ranges but that is a typical observance in field work.
- Ways to improve/protect water quality:
 - Make sure there is a good buffer of riparian vegetation near running water.
 - Use Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent erosion.
 - Reduced/no salt areas around bodies of water.
 - Recalibrate trucks so salt stays on road.
 - Brining.
 - Have septic systems checked and maintained regularly.
 - In areas of high swim activity consider whether seasonal toilet facilities are feasible.

Saco River Festival Association



Enriching Maine's Culture
for Over 40 Years



Town of Porter
Budget Committee

November 28, 2023

Hello,

The Saco River Festival Association would like to request that the following article* be placed on the Porter Town Meeting agenda for 2024.

The Saco River Festival Association is a non-profit Corporation formed in 1976 in Parsonsfield for the purpose of promoting quality music and various arts programs in the Sacopec Valley area. The SRFA has been organizing the Cornish Bandstand Summer Concert Series for 15 years. In 2023 we scheduled four bands for the summer concerts, but we have had requests from the audiences to increase the schedule with more bands.

SRFA strives to provide a venue for Maine artists and to provide affordable entertainment for the community. Donations during the Bandstand concerts from the audience, sponsorships from local businesses, and funds from other SRFA projects help to defray the costs of the musical groups. The Association is committed to underwrite the Bandstand concerts with donations only, but the average fee from many musical groups has been increasing. We used to be able to hire groups for \$300 to 400, but many in the past few years have been in the \$500 to \$700 range, or more. For this reason we are increasing our requested amount from the Sacopec Valley towns to \$500.

We would appreciate your consideration in planning the next Town Meeting warrant to include this article. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Sharon Beever, SRFA President

For the SRFA Board of Directors

** To see if the Town will vote to contribute \$500 toward the costs of the Sacopec Summer Concert Series at the Cornish Bandstand organized by the Saco River Festival Association.

Sacopee Valley Recreation Council Annual Report for Porter

December 2023

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 Lee Jones and Jocelyn Nielsen. 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 Dances, open gym, cross-country skiing and ice skating, women's volleyball, pickleball, Friday night cribbage, and Easter egg hunts.

This past spring, we had many sign-ups for baseball and softball! We would not be able to have our successful seasons with these large numbers of sign-ups if we weren't able to utilize the ballfields in Cornish, Baldwin, Porter as well as some of the school ballfields! Karate continued as before at the elementary school gym.

Summer camps resumed in 2023 with great attendance and interest. We were allowed to use school indoor facilities and the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds for two camps, we had track camp at the high schools, and softball, cheer and soccer camp was at the school fields as well as the Cornish fields. The Field Hockey camp and Flag Football camp were at the elementary school fields, and the basketball camps at the elementary school gym. Pickleball was held at the tennis courts. Theater camp was at Pike Hall and reading Camp was held at the Riverside Church.

In the fall soccer and field hockey were both successful, as well as the continuation of the Cheer program that started back up the previous Spring. We were still using Cornish fields which worked out wonderfully. A high number of our youth signed up for basketball and this year we will be joining a new rec league as Fryeburg decided to join Conway and left us out this year. Jocelyn Nielsen has a meeting in December with Waterboro, Buxton, Limington, and Acton to begin coordinating game schedules, securing referees, and setting league rules for those games. She is also working on securing refs and having the middle and elementary school gyms set up for home games. Cheer Program is looking to be in competitions this Winter and their practices have started taken place at the Baldwin Community Center, but Seija, who runs the cheer program, is meeting with Pike Hall this month to see if they can use their space.

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 cheer that was to help with the major expenses that come with competition cheering, 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 Porter

Spring (Baseball, softball)—43 Summer Camps—37

Fall (soccer, field hockey, cheer) ---43 Winter (basketball, karate) ---47

The article for the warrant---

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the Sacopee Valley Recreation Council



Town of Porter
71 Main St.
Porter, ME 04068

Dear Town of Porter,

We have been so fortunate to receive funding and community support from the Town of Porter in the past, this kind of engagement from the communities we work in means so much to our mission and our staff. This year, I am writing to again request funding support.

In addition to the inflation that we are all experiencing (town and city governments included), we have also seen a 40% increase in our call volume compared to pre-pandemic levels. The need for our services is higher than ever, and the demands on our budget bear that out. The support we get from our municipal partners helps bridge the gaps in our funding and ensure that we can provide the services survivors need the most, when they are most needed, no matter when that may be.

Safe Voices has served residents of Porter for 45 years, offering a variety of advocacy services for victims of domestic abuse. In the last year we provided support and safety planning to 2,695 individuals throughout our catchment area. We safely housed 83 adults and 36 children. All of these services are **free and confidential**, with the exception of our Violence Intervention Program for those who use abusive behaviors in their relationships.

This year we are requesting \$275.00 from the Town of Porter to continue this vital work and have our services available to residents, including:

- A 24-hour Helpline for victims, families, service providers, & others affected by domestic abuse
- A 17-bed emergency shelter and six-bed safe house for survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation in Androscoggin County, and a new six-to-eight bed emergency shelter with two attached transitional apartments in Franklin County.
- Transitional services, including housing navigation to help survivors find safe, stable housing
- Rural outreach programs: Outreach offices located in Lewiston, Farmington, and Rumford
- Court advocacy: Assistance and support with criminal and civil proceedings
- Education groups for those who batter: The Violence Intervention Program is a 48-week program certified by the Maine Dept. of Corrections
- Community prevention and education in Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties

If there is other information that would be helpful, or you would like a representative from Safe Voices to attend any of the town's finance or budget committee meetings or the annual town meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me at 207-215-3222 or by email at gkendall@safevoices.org.

With gratitude for your town's consideration,

Grace Kendall
Director of Development & Engagement



Impact Report – Town of Porter

Established in 1977, Safe Voices is the domestic violence resource center serving western Maine. Our mission is to support and empower those affected by domestic violence and to engage the community in creating social change in Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties.

The following services are available to all residents in Safe Voices’ service area:

- ❖ 24-hour Helpline for victims, service providers, and others affected by DV
- ❖ 17-bed emergency domestic violence shelter, a 6-bed emergency safe house for victims of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation
- ❖ NEW this year: 6-bed emergency domestic violence shelter and 2 emergency domestic violence apartments
- ❖ Transitional services, including housing support
- ❖ Outreach offices located in Farmington and Rumford
- ❖ Court advocacy to assist and support with criminal and civil proceedings in all three counties
- ❖ Violence Intervention Program: Education for perpetrators of domestic violence
- ❖ Community prevention/education, and youth advocacy, in all three counties

Services Provided, Most Recent FY

	Androscoggin County	Oxford County	Franklin County	Other	TOTALS
Total unduplicated people served through advocacy	1,190	468	228	779	2,695
People receiving support in the court system	738	300	111	136	1285
Adults provided emergency shelter	42	5	6	30	83
Children provided emergency shelter	7	5	6	18	36
Total direct service hours provided	5,012	1,131	657	1,953	8,754



November 29, 2023

8 Falcon Road • Lewiston, Maine 04240
1-800-427-1241 • 207-795-4010
Fax: 207-795-4009 • www.seniorsplus.org

Town of Porter
Select Board Members
71 Main Street
Porter ME 04068

Dear Select Board Members,

SeniorsPlus, the Western Maine Area Agency on Aging serving Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties, is requesting \$1200 to support its work in your town with older people, those with disabilities, and their families.

SeniorsPlus offers a network of support and community-based services including information and assistance, short-term care management, Medicare counseling, caregiver support and respite, health and wellness education and classes, financial management, homecare coordination, Meals on Wheels, and congregate dining. With offices in Lewiston, Wilton, and Norway, and a meal delivery site in Livermore, staff and services are available in each of the counties we serve. Enclosed is a list of the services we provided to residents of your town during the past year.

The services SeniorsPlus provides are free and there is no income eligibility. However, we are required to demonstrate a local match in order to receive federal support from the Older Americans Act (OAA). It is the OAA, which provides the funding that is necessary to make these services available to all who need them.

The work of SeniorsPlus touches some of our most vulnerable community members, older adults and those living with disabilities. For some of these people we are the reason they can remain independent, living safely and comfortably in their homes. And, with the continued increase in the number of older adults in our communities, the number of people needing our services continues to grow. Your financial support is crucial to ensuring SeniorsPlus can provide the necessary services to meet their needs.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. Please do not hesitate to reach out if further information would be helpful.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Davis".

Heather Davis
Chief Operating Officer

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Summary of Services Report 2023

SeniorsPlus is the designated Area Agency on Aging for your county. Our job is to support your residents in independent living and healthy aging. We act as a hub of information, assistance, referrals, and education.

SeniorsPlus assisted **12** Porter residents during the past year.
Here is a breakdown of those services.

955 Meals on Wheels were delivered to **6** residents; value of **\$8,118**

1 meal was enjoyed by **1** resident at a SeniorsPlus Social Dining Site; value of **\$9**

26 requests for information were answered by Community Services Specialists; value of **\$384**

"I took a Meals on Wheels referral today from a woman who had a stroke and is now legally blind. She explained that she has a really hard time making meals for herself and tends to eat all the wrong food because it is easier for her. When she realized she qualified for meals, she began to cry because she was so happy."

"A client I spoke with this afternoon has called SeniorsPlus off and on over the last several years and she stated that she is always pleased with the competence and professionalism of our staff. Whenever she has called she has been assisted and our staff has always been very pleasant and helpful."

1-800-427-1241  www.seniorsplus.org



December 21st, 2023

To the town of Porter,

Smooth Feather is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with the mission to empower youth through filmmaking. For the past eight years, we have been working with youth in the S.A.D. 55 area to create a wide variety of films which relate to both their struggles and their dreams. We provide a safe place for young people to be vulnerable, to share about the difficulties in their lives, and to find a common connection with others while making films. One of the youth who participates in our program recently stated, "Smooth Feather has become a home for me. I feel more comfortable here than I do in my own home."

Our film from the summer of 2022, "As We Are," which was written and directed by seventeen-year-old Tyler Muise, is a great example of how filmmaking can empower youth and create a platform for community healing. Tyler wanted to make a film focused on the importance of de-escalating violence, especially in the face of drug use. The film was inspired by the intense drug issues in our rural community and his commitment to find humanity in all people regardless of their situation. Smooth Feather has screened "As We Are" in schools and communities throughout the state using the film as a catalyst for conversation around drug use, substance use disorder, and how to find humanity in others. Journey Magazine featured Smooth Feather on the front page of their winter 2023 issue, and "As We Are" was screened as part of a keynote presentation by Smooth Feather at the Maine Judicial Branch's annual Child Welfare Conference. Having our youth introduce our film about de-escalating violence in front of all the District Court judges in Maine was a major milestone for us in our mission to empower youth through filmmaking.

When our youth thrive, our communities thrive. We measure our success by the transformations in our young people who have participated in our programming. For example, one parent described their child's experience with Smooth Feather as follows:

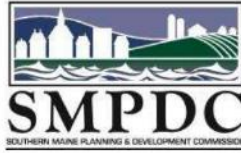
"Smooth Feather has one thousand percent changed my family. Since [my child] was in, "As We Are," I have watched them change. I have watched them go from not wanting to be around a lot of people, to being on a big screen. I have watched them speak up for themselves more, be willing to do things that make them uncomfortable, and it's been the same for me. Pretty much everything I've done for Smooth Feather scared me very very much, to the point where I almost backed out seven thousand times. But I'm so glad I didn't because it does cause growth. It has brought [my child] and I closer together and it has given us multiple things now that are way outside of our comfort zone that we have been able to tackle together. And that couldn't have come from anywhere else. So I'm very grateful for Smooth Feather because it really has impacted my family in a big way."

Last year we were incredibly honored and humbled to have Porter's support of \$600 and it would be a huge help to continue collaborating with the town as we support our youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, sweeping lines that form a stylized, abstract shape.

Silas Hagerty - Executive Director : Smooth Feather



Serving the Municipalities of Southern Maine for Over 50 years

December 27, 2023

Town of Porter

Dear Brent;

With 2024 upon us, I am pleased to report that it was an exciting year of new projects, staff, and growth for the organization. This growth is driven by the demand for our services, as well as new opportunities for the region, and we always strive to provide highly professional and timely services at an affordable cost to our communities.

As you know, SMPDC is a non-partisan nonprofit (Council of Governments) founded in 1964 to provide technical expertise and lead regional planning and economic development for land use, smart growth, resource management, affordable housing, environmental sustainability, and transportation planning. In short, we cultivate and strengthen thriving, sustainable communities and local governments for our 39 member towns in York County and southern Oxford and Cumberland Counties.

Our nonprofit continues to provide affordable, valuable services to you such as planning assistance, cooperative purchasing, access to federal and state grant programs, and collaboration on issues of regional concern. Our technical assistance covers land use, transit and economic development - from providing traffic counts, road service management, grant writing services, to demographic and Census information. Most of our towns benefit from our cooperative purchasing program which offers savings on road salt, paving, and other town purchasing. Last year, your community saved \$20,667.00 from purchasing through SMPDC.

Regional planning has never been more important to meet your needs and those of our region. Because we're seeing increased demands from towns for assistance, our programs and services continue to grow as well. This year, we created three new positions to address needs for land use planning, business recovery programs, and new sustainability projects. It's this responsiveness to your needs that sets SMPDC apart, something that will continue to grow as we build on our regional and cooperative approach to all we do.

As a result of our growth to meet your needs, we are requesting a modest increase in dues of 3%. Please keep in mind that our dues are below the rates for other regional planning agencies across the state and are based on a method that accounts for both valuation and population of your community. These annual membership dues are for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 2024. **Your dues amount for 2024-2025 will be \$633.00.** We are grateful for your continued support.

We have included a page entitled ***Benefits to All Communities*** that details the services provided by Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at pschumacher@smpdc.org or call our office at (207) 751-7065.

Best regards,

Paul Schumacher
Executive Director

Southwest Oxford County Nutrition, Inc.

S.O.C.N. Regional Food Pantry
P.O. Box 85,
Fryeburg, Maine 04037

A Non-profit, Public Benefit Corporation
registered with the Maine Secretary of State
Tax Exempt under section 501(c)3

Date: November 10, 2023
Town of Porter Budget Committee
71 Main St., Porter, Me 04068
Dear Budget Committee:

Our food pantry, Southwest Oxford County Nutrition, Inc., serves the towns of Brownfield, Chatham, Denmark, Fryeburg, Hiram, Lovell, Porter, Stoneham, and Stow. We are an all volunteer organization with no paid positions.

Our annual income of approximately \$48,000 is comprised of money from participating towns, grants, fundraisers, and donations. This money goes directly to the needs of our clients.

We provide about 3,750 people and any person +/- family in these towns who are in need of food. The value of the food is approximately \$295,000.

Due to Covid protocols we changed the way we distribute our food in order to keep both clients and volunteers safe. We continue to have a drive up distribution where our volunteers load up food into the clients cars.

We receive monthly food supplements from the federal government, and as members of the Wayside Food Program, we receive monthly food boxes for our older clients to help supplement their nutritional needs. There are various items we need to purchase. The cost of food continues to increase. We have a good relationship with The Brownfield Country Market, Walmart, and Hannaford / Conway, N.H. They are all generous in allowing us to purchase food at reduced prices.

We ask for your support and are requesting \$3,100 to help serve the needs of your town's people the best possible way.

If you have any questions regarding our request, contact Roger Benson @ 935-2620.

Sincerely,

The S.O.C.N. Board of directors



We offer hope

Referral Line: 1-888-304-HOPE (4673)
Statewide Crisis Services: 1-888-568-1112
TTY: 1-888-568-1112
www.tcmhs.org

LEWISTON

Mailing:
P.O. Box 2008
Lewiston, ME 04241-2008

Location:
1155 Lisbon Street
Lewiston, ME 04240
Main Number 783.9141
Toll Free: 1.800.787.1155

BRIDGTON

32 No. High Street
Bridgton, ME 04009
Main Number 647.5629
Toll Free: 1.800.286.5629

FARMINGTON

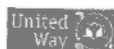
144 High Street, Ste. 1
Farmington, ME 04938
Main Number 778.3556
Toll Free: 1.800.559.3556

OXFORD HILLS

143 Pottle Road
Oxford, ME 04270
Main Number 743.7911
Toll Free: 1.800.750.7911

RUMFORD

49 Congress Street
Rumford, ME 04276
Main Number 364.7981
Toll Free: 1.800.371.7981



December 14, 2023

Town of Porter
71 Main Street
Porter, ME 04068

RE: Town Funding Allocation Request

Dear Friend:

For more than 70 years, Tri-County Mental Health Services has been offering hope, healing and recovery to those who face the challenges of mental illness, substance use disorders, developmental disabilities and more. We deliver state-of-the-art treatment that is trauma-informed, recovery-based and integrated to thousands of Mainers every year. The outcomes-driven, recovery-oriented and cost-effective services we provide across the state include outpatient counseling for adults and children, substance-use disorder treatment, specialized group programs and Behavioral Health Home programming that is delivered by an integrated team of professionals.

Thank you for your past support of Tri-County Mental Health Services! Our services provide significant benefits to the health, well-being and economic strength of an entire community, often making it possible for people to maintain employment and independence and helping to keep families together and strong. Some who turn to us are fortunate enough to have insurance to cover the treatment they need. However, many others depend on funds contributed by municipalities, the United Way and others to ensure their access to the care.

Over the past year, Tri-County was honored to serve six individuals from the Town of Porter. The cost to provide services to Porter residents through our Bridgton location totals \$2,348 per client, or \$14,088 total for all six Porter clients. Your funding allocation ensures that we can continue to keep our Bridgton office operating, maintained and adequately staffed to provide needed treatment services to those Porter residents who need it most.

In support of the services Tri-County provides to residents of the Town of Porter, we ask that you consider making a commitment of \$500 to ensure that all who need our help get the care they need. Tri-County uses town contributions to fund direct treatment services for people who have no pay source and no other means of payment. Those in need of help might include people who lost their healthcare coverage and are not eligible for MaineCare or others who have exhausted the limited funding available to them and still require services. We hope you will help us continue to provide the quality care that people, families and communities need by making a contribution this year.

Sincerely,

Leslie Ogilvie, MPA
Chief of Development & Communications



February 26, 2024

Selectboard
Town of Porter
Porter, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Porter and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Porter as of and for the year ended January 31, 2024. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2024 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
Combining 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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SCHEDULE 1

TOWN OF PORTER

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, February 1, Restated	\$ 1,202,991	\$ 1,202,991	\$ 1,202,991	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	2,083,914	2,083,914	\$ 2,109,026	25,112
Excise Taxes	-	-	413,082	413,082
Interest on Taxes	-	-	9,026	9,026
Total Taxes	2,083,914	2,083,914	2,531,134	447,220
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	205,126	205,126	212,437	7,311
Homestead Exemption	100,417	100,417	92,522	(7,895)
BETE Reimbursement	37,900	37,900	49,513	11,613
Veteran Reimbursement	-	-	504	504
Tree Growth Reimbursement	-	-	21,022	21,022
Other	-	-	15,042	15,042
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	343,443	343,443	391,040	47,597
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	-	14,755	14,755
Charges for Services:				
Rental Income	-	-	1,196	1,196
Planning Board	-	-	5,425	5,425
Animal Control	-	-	358	358
Total Charges for Services	-	-	6,979	6,979
Investment Income	-	-	15,493	15,493
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Misc Revenues	-	-	2,177	2,177
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	-	-	2,177	2,177
Amounts Available for Appropriation	\$ 3,630,348	\$ 3,630,348	\$ 4,164,569	\$ 534,221

SCHEDULE 1 (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF PORTER

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	236,100	236,100	228,013	8,087
Boards and Associations	6,200	6,200	10,325	(4,125)
Culture and Recreation	10,500	10,500	10,500	-
Protection	221,525	221,525	217,758	3,767
Highway and Roads	310,000	310,000	439,561	(129,561)
Health and Sanitation and General Assistance	135,615	135,615	137,153	(1,538)
Education	1,286,868	1,286,868	1,286,868	-
County Tax	161,164	161,164	161,164	-
Debt Service	424,042	424,042	424,042	-
Unclassified	222,979	222,979	7,937	215,042
Local Area Agencies	13,364	13,364	13,364	-
Transfers to Other Funds	180,000	180,000	228,689	(48,689)
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>3,208,357</u>	<u>3,208,357</u>	<u>3,165,374</u>	<u>42,983</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 31	<u>\$ 421,991</u>	<u>\$ 421,991</u>	<u>\$ 999,195</u>	<u>\$ 577,204</u>
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 781,000</u>	<u>\$ 781,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (781,000)</u>

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

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF PORTER

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JANUARY 31, 2024

	General Fund	Stanley Higgins Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,627,750	\$ 282,284	\$ 198,289	\$ 2,108,323
Investments	-	-	10,652	10,652
Accounts receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):				
Taxes	168,719	-	-	168,719
Liens	43,541	-	-	43,541
Other	17,972	-	-	17,972
Prepaid items	1,156	-	-	1,156
Tax acquired property	903	-	-	903
Due from other funds	8,796	106	698,680	707,582
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,868,837	\$ 282,390	\$ 907,621	\$ 3,058,848
LIABILITIES				
Due to other governments	\$ 10,210	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,210
Due to other funds	698,786	-	8,796	707,582
TOTAL LIABILITIES	708,996	-	8,796	717,792
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Prepaid taxes	47,051	-	-	47,051
Deferred tax revenues	113,595	-	-	113,595
Advanced payment of LRAP funding	-	-	27,164	27,164
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	160,646	-	27,164	187,810
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	2,059	-	120,884	122,943
Restricted	-	282,390	84,188	366,578
Committed	-	-	671,079	671,079
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned (deficits)	997,136	-	(4,490)	992,646
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	999,195	282,390	871,661	2,153,246
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,868,837	\$ 282,390	\$ 907,621	\$ 3,058,848

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STATEMENT E

TOWN OF PORTER

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2024

	General Fund	Stanley Higgins Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 2,118,052	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,118,052
Excise taxes	413,082	-	-	413,082
Intergovernmental revenues	391,040	-	46,802	437,842
Charges for services	21,734	-	-	21,734
Miscellaneous revenues	17,670	86,090	14,092	117,852
TOTAL REVENUES	2,961,578	86,090	60,894	3,108,562
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	228,013	-	-	228,013
Boards and associations	10,325	-	-	10,325
Culture and recreation	10,500	-	-	10,500
Protection	217,758	-	-	217,758
Highway and roads	439,561	-	-	439,561
Health and sanitation and general assistance	137,153	-	-	137,153
Education	1,286,868	-	-	1,286,868
County tax	161,164	-	-	161,164
Debt service:				
Principal	421,441	-	-	421,441
Interest	2,601	-	-	2,601
Unclassified	7,937	69,420	40,849	118,206
Local area agencies	13,364	-	-	13,364
Capital outlay	-	-	62,300	62,300
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,936,685	69,420	103,149	3,109,254
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	24,893	16,670	(42,255)	(692)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Bond proceeds	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	228,689	228,689
Transfers (out)	(228,689)	-	-	(228,689)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(228,689)	-	228,689	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(203,796)	16,670	186,434	(692)
FUND BALANCES - FEBRUARY 1, RESTATED	1,202,991	265,720	685,227	2,153,938
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 31	\$ 999,195	\$ 282,390	\$ 871,661	\$ 2,153,246

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TOWN OF PORTER

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Town officer salaries	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 143,109	\$ 6,891
Town office account	62,000	-	62,000	68,999	(6,999)
Insurance and workers comp	9,100	-	9,100	9,358	(258)
Contingency	15,000	-	15,000	6,547	8,453
	<u>236,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,100</u>	<u>228,013</u>	<u>8,087</u>
Boards and Associations -					
Planning and appeals board	1,000	-	1,000	5,861	(4,861)
Comprehensive planning	2,000	-	2,000	1,818	182
Conservation committee	3,200	-	3,200	2,646	554
	<u>6,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,200</u>	<u>10,325</u>	<u>(4,125)</u>
Culture and Recreation -					
Kezar Falls library	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	-
Historical society	500	-	500	500	-
Sacopee Valley recreation	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
	<u>10,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Protection -					
Kezars Falls fire department	62,675	-	62,675	62,675	-
Sacopee rescue	83,000	-	83,000	83,000	-
Harvest Hills animal shelter	1,600	-	1,600	1,600	-
Northern Light home car	250	-	250	250	-
Animal control	2,000	-	2,000	2,609	(609)
E911 communications	7,000	-	7,000	6,058	942
Hydrants	53,000	-	53,000	50,254	2,746
Street lights	12,000	-	12,000	11,312	688
	<u>221,525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221,525</u>	<u>217,758</u>	<u>3,767</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF PORTER

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Highway and Roads -					
Winter roads	310,000	-	310,000	296,250	13,750
Summer roads	-	-	-	143,311	(143,311)
	<u>310,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>310,000</u>	<u>439,561</u>	<u>(129,561)</u>
Health and Sanitation and					
General Assistance -					
Solid waste account	133,615	-	133,615	136,489	(2,874)
General assistance	2,000	-	2,000	664	1,336
	<u>135,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,615</u>	<u>137,153</u>	<u>(1,538)</u>
Education -					
RSU #55	1,286,868	-	1,286,868	1,286,868	-
	<u>1,286,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,286,868</u>	<u>1,286,868</u>	<u>-</u>
County Tax -					
Oxford County	161,164	-	161,164	161,164	-
	<u>161,164</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>161,164</u>	<u>161,164</u>	<u>-</u>
Debt Service -					
Principal	421,441	-	421,441	421,441	-
Interest	2,601	-	2,601	2,601	-
	<u>424,042</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>424,042</u>	<u>424,042</u>	<u>-</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF PORTER

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Unclassified -					
ARPA grant	-	-	-	3,163	(3,163)
Abatements/overlay	222,979	-	222,979	4,774	218,205
	<u>222,979</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>222,979</u>	<u>7,937</u>	<u>215,042</u>
Local Area Agencies -					
Southwest Oxford County Nutrition	3,100	-	3,100	3,100	-
Saco River Corridor	650	-	650	650	-
Sacopee Valley Festival	300	-	300	300	-
Maine Public	100	-	100	100	-
Safe voices	250	-	250	250	-
Community Concepts	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
Seniors Plus	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	-
MaineHealth Care at Home	750	-	750	750	-
Lifelight Foundation	800	-	800	800	-
American Legion - West Day Post	400	-	400	400	-
American Red Cross	100	-	100	100	-
Tri County Mental Health	500	-	500	500	-
Friends of Porter	500	-	500	500	-
Smooth Feather Youth	600	-	600	600	-
Grateful undead	500	-	500	500	-
Southern Maine Planning	614	-	614	614	-
	<u>13,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,364</u>	<u>13,364</u>	<u>-</u>
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Special revenue funds	180,000	-	180,000	228,689	(48,689)
	<u>180,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>228,689</u>	<u>(48,689)</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 3,208,357</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,208,357</u>	<u>\$ 3,165,374</u>	<u>\$ 42,983</u>

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TOWN OF PORTER

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 JANUARY 31, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 198,289	\$ 198,289
Investments	-	10,652	10,652
Due from other funds	698,243	437	698,680
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 698,243</u>	<u>\$ 209,378</u>	<u>\$ 907,621</u>
LIABILITIES			
Due to other funds	\$ 3,366	\$ 5,430	\$ 8,796
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>3,366</u>	<u>5,430</u>	<u>8,796</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Advanced payment of LRAP funding	27,164	-	27,164
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>27,164</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,164</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	120,884	120,884
Restricted	-	84,188	84,188
Committed	671,079	-	671,079
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned (deficit)	(3,366)	(1,124)	(4,490)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>667,713</u>	<u>203,948</u>	<u>871,661</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 698,243</u>	<u>\$ 209,378</u>	<u>\$ 907,621</u>

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SCHEDULE C

TOWN OF PORTER

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	\$ 46,802	\$ -	\$ 46,802
Interest income	-	41	41
Miscellaneous	14,051	-	14,051
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>60,853</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>60,894</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Program expenditures	40,757	92	40,849
Capital outlay	62,300	-	62,300
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>103,057</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>103,149</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(42,204)</u>	<u>(51)</u>	<u>(42,255)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	228,689	-	228,689
Transfers (out)	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>228,689</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228,689</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	186,485	(51)	186,434
FUND BALANCES - FEBRUARY 1, RESTATED	<u>481,228</u>	<u>203,999</u>	<u>685,227</u>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 31	<u>\$ 667,713</u>	<u>\$ 203,948</u>	<u>\$ 871,661</u>

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