

**TOWN OF HIRAM  
2023  
ANNUAL REPORT**



RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO  
*Darryl & Donna Ward*

*The 2023 Town Report is graciously dedicated  
to Darryl & Donna Ward*

Both Darryl and Donna can be found at most town functions, from dinners to town meetings and anything in-between. They never bring attention to their good work yet are always willing to lend a hand if they are able, they are the quiet understated pillars of our community.

Darryl was born and raised here in Hiram. He and Donna have made Hiram their home, we are lucky to have such wonderful residents.

Darryl served as fire chief for the North End from 1994 – 2005, and then again from 2011-2016. During this time he undertook several projects for the department. He continues to be an active member of the department and still issues fire permits for the north end of town.

Meanwhile Donna served on the Hiram Budget Committee from 2003 until 2019 when the committee disbanded. She has also served as the treasurer for many committees in the community such as the Hiram Historical Society. Not to mention that she was an active member of the Hiram fireman's auxiliary.

Darryl and Donna together have rebuilt, replaced and painted the fence surrounding the Hiram Village Cemetery, with the help of other community members. They can also be seen plowing, and shoveling throughout the village in the winter and sweeping and weed whacking the village sidewalks in the spring and summer. All this takes considerable amount of time and greatly improves the overall look of the area.

They have adopted local area seniors and treated them as family, most recently they orchestrated the parade honoring Howard Forysthes 100 birthday. It was something to see.

We are lucky to have such pillars in our community, we would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for all they have done continue to do for our town.

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



*For the Fiscal Year Ending  
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*informational purposes only – We*  
*apologize for any errors or*  
*omissions*  
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*editing.*



**--- NOTICE ---**

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

**--- SPECIAL NOTICE ---**

To veterans or other persons who desire to secure any exemption of taxes in Hiram, shall on or before the first day of April, 2024, notify in writing the assessors of Hiram, and furnish proof of entitlement. Excerpt of Public Laws of the State of Maine passed by 95<sup>th</sup> legislature, Chapter 160, Public Laws of 1951.

**--- ASSESSOR'S NOTICE ---**

To bring to the assessors of the Town of Hiram, a true and perfect list by all persons, and all their estates, real and personal, not by law exempt from taxation, which they possessed or otherwise held on the first day of April, 2024, also to be prepared to take oath to the truth of the same.

**--- NOTICE ---**

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

**TOWN OFFICE HOURS**

Mon- Thurs 9 – 3 p.m.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

FRI- 9 – NOON

2nd Saturday of the month

8 to 11 a.m.

Municipal Officers Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
of the month at 7:00 P.M.

**APPROVED BY VOTERS:**

Sacopec Rescue Unit & Reserve	93,000.00
Outside Agencies	35,614.00
Emergency funds	10,000.00
Town Office Operations and professional services:	71,571.00
Town Building Repairs	10,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	20,000.00
Compensations, benefits & insurances	243,000.00
Update Assessing	5,000.00
Emergency response departments.	55,400.00
Volunteer firefighters stipend	4,000.00
Town Utilities	26,500.00
General Assistance	4,000.00
Solid Waste & Reserve	148,615.00
Road Works	684,500.00
Care of Cemeteries/Memorial Purposes, Park Upkeep	10,800.00
Waterwheel Fund	5,000.00
Reserve accounts	53,500.00
Snowmobile club	754.68

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TOTAL TOWN BUDGET 1,481,254.68

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

Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00
Emergency Fund	10,000.00
Snowmobile revenues	754.68
State revenue sharing	185,000.00
Veteran reimbursement	1,000.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	18,000.00
Interest earned	60,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	28,000.00
Excise Tax	325,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Local Roads	50,000.00
Harvest Hills	1,609.00
Waterwheel /Parks & Rec Reserve	5,000.00

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TOTAL FUNDS/SURPLUS & REVENUES TO REDUCE COMMITMENT: \$ 735,363.68



## ASSESSOR'S REPORT 2023

Real Estate Valuation	\$ 210,116,420.00
Homestead Exemption Valuation	11,712,110.00
Personal Property Valuation	673,770.00

<b>TOTAL VALUATION:</b>	<b>\$ 222,502,300.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION</b>	<b>210,790,190.00</b>
Homestead	8,901,204.00
BETE reimbursement value	40,500.00

Base Assessment	<b>\$ 219,731,894.00</b>
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Raised at Town Meeting	\$ 1,480,500.00
MSAD #55 Assessment	1,646,585.53
County Tax	195,112.00

<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 3,322,197.53</b>
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<b>*LESS ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>- 734,609.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT W/OVERLAY</b>	<b>\$2,386,944.06</b>
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Rate of taxation - \$1236 per thousand

Committed to the Tax Collector July 13,2023

Interest started 60 days after commitment date, September 12, 2023 - 8%

Information compiled from 2023 Municipal Valuation Return

Homestead exemptions- 469

Tree Growth exemptions-121

Farmland exemptions – 47

Veteran exemptions - 37



**Sawmill Park Project 2023**

# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2023

## SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

*Elected – 3 year term – March*

Eric Durgin	2024
Cory Hale	2025
Karen James	2026

### MODERATOR

*Elected*

Kraig Mason

## TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, TREASURER REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

*Appointed – 1 year term - March*

Marylou F. Stacey

## BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY DEP TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, & TREASURER

*Appointed – 1 year term - March*

Terry Day – Retired July 2023

Emma Ouellette



### ROAD COMMISSIONER

*Elected – 3 year term – March 2025*

Greg Sawyer

### FIRE CHIEFS

Bruce Pyburn	HFD until 5/2023
James Siracuse	SHFD – retired 1/2023
Gary Pierce	SHFD until 5/2023
Ethan Norcross	5/2023 went to single chief

### EMA DIRECTOR

*Appointed – 1 year term July*

Lisa Hale Jan - June

Emma Ouellette July – Dec



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

*Elected – 3 year term – March*

Danielle Parker	2024
Alison Lehouillier	2025
Vacant	2026



**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

*Appointed – 1 year term – March*

Cindy Eaton  
890-5313

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

*Appointed – 1 year term – March*

Guy Lehouillier

**APPEALS BOARD  
FAIR HEARING AUTHORITY**

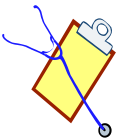
*Appointed – 3 year term - April*

Eugene Stacey	2024
Jan Williams	2024
Sylvia Pease	2025
Keisha Garnett	2026
William Johnson	2026

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

*Appointed – 3 year term – March*

Herbert “Jamie” Marshall	2024
Britton Wolfe	2024
Daniel Hester	2025
Lura Sawyer	2025
Nathan Burnett	2026



**HEALTH OFFICER**

*Appointed – 3 year term – March*

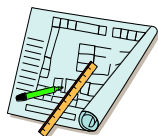
Dr. Joseph DeKay, D.O. 2025

**HIRAM PARADE COMMITTEE**

Dave Paro

### **TOWN HISTORIAN**

*Appointed – 1 year term – March*  
Sally Williams



### **PLANNING BOARD**

*Appointed – 3 year term - March*

Keisha Garnett	2024
Guy Lehouillier	2024
Dustin Bachelder	2025
John Bonanno	2025
Carol Goode	2026
Myles Heard, Alternate	2026

Planning Board Currently  
Has One Alternate Vacancy

### **SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION**

*Appointed – 3 year term – November 2025*  
Dan Hester & Carol Goode- Alt

### **SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMM.**

*Appointed 1 Year Term*  
Jan Williams & Karen James - Alt

### **TOWN COUNSEL**

Leah Rachin – Drummond & Woodsum

### **TRI-TOWN WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD**



Hiram -	Cory Hale Karen James Eric Durgin
Baldwin -	Jim Dolloff Robert Flint Dale Miner
Porter -	Brent Day Shane Lajoie Jeff Cypher
Secretary/Bookkeeper	Terry Day/Hannah Hutchinson
Station Attendants	Joe McNulty Michael Cote Tim Caldwell
Truck Driver	Dennis Lowd
Spare Driver	Scott Chapman

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATE  
CONTACT INFORMATION**

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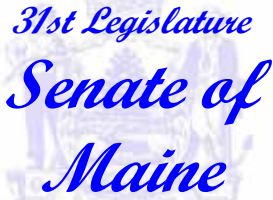
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*31st Legislature*  
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*Maine*

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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 131<sup>st</sup> 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 131<sup>st</sup> 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 131<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:james.libby@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,



James D. Libby



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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](http://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](mailto:Caleb.Ness@legislature.maine.gov).

Sincerely,

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

**Caleb Ness, State Representative**

**District 82 Brownfield, Fryeburg, Hiram, Lovell and Porter**

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
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SELECT COMMITTEE  
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.

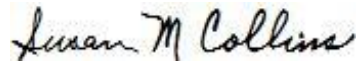
On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the 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



2023 Municipal Officers  
Karen James, Eric Durgin & Cory Hale

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 stride — 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,







**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.  
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- **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.

Sincerely,



Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress



**Terry Day with the Municipal Officers  
At her last town meeting.  
Terry, thank you for all you did for Hiram**



STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
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AUGUSTA, MAINE  
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Dear Friends:

For four years it has been my privilege to guide our great state, working with the Legislature to keep Maine people safe and put our economy on a path to recovery.

Since the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccines in December 2020, we have worked hard to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly as possible. Since the COVID-19 vaccine became available, more than a million Maine people have gotten fully vaccinated from COVID-19. It is thanks to them that our state has one of the highest vaccination rates and one of the lowest death rates from COVID-19, despite having a much older population than other states. People are coming to Maine because we are one of the safest states in the nation.

Following the recommendations of the Economic Recovery Committee, our economy has not only fully recovered, but has surpassed pre-pandemic projections and unemployment claims have dropped to pre-pandemic levels. And, last year, I was pleased to sign a balanced, bipartisan budget that finally achieves the State's commitment to 55 percent education funding, fully restores revenue sharing, and expands property tax relief for Maine residents.

Maine can be proud of our nation-leading progress, but our work is far from done. Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we will continue to address our longstanding workforce shortage, the expansion of broadband, education and job training opportunities, housing, child care, and transportation. Drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, together we will rebuild our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge a state that is stronger than ever.

In 2022, we focused on our economy, on our climate, on our kids, on keeping people safe and on the health and welfare of all Maine people. We have persevered, and, while challenges remain, we will get through them together. I am proud of the people of Maine, and I am proud to be your Governor.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janet T. Mills'.

Janet T. Mills, Governor

## Municipal Officers Report

Greetings from the Hiram Municipal Officers. As we look back at 2023, we had a major change in the office; Terry Day retired after 36+ years of service. With Terry's departure came the addition of Emma Ouellette to take her place. Emma spent 6 months training with Terry to ensure a fairly seamless transition. Emma has been a great addition to the office staff and we look forward to working with her for many years. We hope all of you have had the opportunity to meet her when you have been in the office and have been satisfied with the customer service she provided. I would like to thank Marylou for her continued service to the town and Emma for joining us.

2023 will probably be remembered as one of the rainiest years on record. With all that rain came a host of problems with washouts to our roads. I would like to thank our Road Commissioner, Greg Sawyer, and his crew for working through these issues in a very timely manner. The town will receive reimbursements from FEMA on some of the work and will place those funds into the road reserve account as discussed last year. Greg and Emma worked together to get reports into FEMA so the town could receive these disaster relief funds. As a town, we should be thankful for the minimal amount of damage we received as compared to those in some of the towns here in New England that had it far worse than we could imagine.

As a town, one of our biggest issues is our roads. We have heard our taxpayers loud and clear that this issue needs to be addressed. We were able to rebuild a portion of Hampshire St. and Tear Cap Rd. this year without having to raise taxes. We used monies from fund balance and reserve accounts to pay for this project. Work was done by W.L. Sturgeon of Cornish. We also continued with our annual paving program and ground up pavement on the South Hiram Rd. end of Durgintown Rd. then repaved it. After paving, we also completed shoulder work to assure the new paving would hold up. We plan to keep chipping away at our road issues while

trying to keep taxpayers in mind. Annual paving will still take place along with regular summer road maintenance, but we are in hopes of doing another reconstruction project in the near future.

In closing, I would like to thank the many volunteers from within the town. All of whom make our small town work. We certainly can't do it without you. Small communities like ours were built on volunteerism and it remains a large part of how we do business everyday. Thank you to all of you for all that you do! On that note, if anyone has an interest in volunteering for the town, there are several committees that could use assistance. There is also a need for firefighters as well. Please contact the office if you are interested or would like more information and they will put you in touch with the committee or department chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric K. Durgin  
Chairman, Municipal Officers



**Darryl and Donna Ward with Howard Forsythe at his  
100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration in 2020**

**TOWN OF HIRAM  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
Elections Friday March 1, 2024  
Polls Open 4pm to 8pm**

**&  
Annual Town Meeting Saturday March 2, 2024  
9 am at the Sacopee Valley Middle School**

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

**GREETINGS:**

You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Hiram, in said County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Hiram Town Office on Friday, March 1, 2024** at 3:45 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

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

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

Selectboard/Assessor/Overseer – 3 yr term

MSAD 55 School Board Director – 3 yr term

MSAD 55 School Board Director - 2 yr term

When the polls are closed, the meeting will recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2024, to meet at the **Sacopee Valley Middle School**, then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

**ARTICLES FOR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:**

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the snowmobile reimbursement received from the State to the Sacopee Snowdrifters Club. The money is used for various purposes, such as trail maintenance and construction, or purchases of equipment and material. These trails are open to the public during the winter season.  
Municipal Officers recommend appropriate Snowmobile Reimbursement from the State is \$622.00 for 2024

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$111,800.00 for the Sacopee Rescue Unit per their request as follows:

Sacopee Rescue operating account	\$ 101,800.00
Sacopee Rescue reserve account	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Totaling	<u>\$ 111,800.00</u>

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$111,800.00 for operations and for SRU reserve.

**Article 5. To see if the townspeople authorize the Municipal Officers to send a letter of support requesting to name the bridge on Rte.113, also known as Pequawket Trail crossing the Saco River “Veterans Memorial Bridge”**

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the franchise fees and any other grants received from Spectrum, Inc minus the internet costs for the town, to MSAD 55 for Sacopee TV for the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and for operating costs.

Municipal Officers recommend to do so.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,914.00, with \$1,609.00 coming from the undesignated fund balance for Harvest Hills Animal Shelter and the following outside agencies per their requests.

Arts Center @ 8 Hancock	\$ 1,100.00
Community Club – Hiram	\$ 700.00 (increase)
Development Assoc – Hiram	\$ 500.00
Grateful Undead ( New)	\$ 500.00
Harvest Hills	\$ 1,609.00
Hiram Historical Society	\$ 2,200.00 (increase)
Library	\$17,500.00
Lifeflight	\$ 805.00
Parade- 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	\$ 500.00
Saco River Festival (Music)	\$ 500.00 (increase)
Seniors Plus	\$ 1,000.00
Smooth Feather	\$ 600.00
Saco River Corridor Commission	\$ 300.00
SV Snowdrifters	\$ 500.00
SV Recreation Council	\$ 4,000.00
SW Oxford Food Panty	<u>\$ 4,600.00</u>
Total	\$ 36,914.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$36,914.00 with \$1,609.00 coming from undesignated fund balance.

## **ADMINISTRATION ARTICLES:**

- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2024 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2025, to the March 2025 annual Town Meeting.  
Explanation: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends but before the annual town meeting.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers on behalf of the Town to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on terms as they may deem advisable but pursuant to a written policy adopted by them, and to execute Quitclaim Deeds for such real estate and further allow the Municipal Officers to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.
- Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36MRSA §506 and to set that rate of interest at **2%** that the town will vote to pay thereon and appropriate said amount from the Interest account. Prepayments not to exceed 90% of the previous year's tax.  
Municipal Officers recommend to pay 2% on any prepaid taxes.
- Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to charge 8.5% of interest on unpaid taxes and set the date for interest to commence 60 days after the 2024 commitment date.  
The Municipal Officers recommend 60 days after the 2024 commitment date and interest rate of 8.5%
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate of 2% to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36MRSA section 506-A and authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate from the 2024 Overlay abated taxes to any property owner that have paid their taxes prior to approval of the abatement.  
Municipal Officers recommend 2% for 2024



- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to use a portion of the undesignated fund balance account, not to exceed \$50,000.00 in order to reduce the current year tax commitment.  
Municipal Officers recommend to do so.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all types of gifts, trusts, grant funds and/or income generated from town owned properties that are in the best interest of the Town. The Town to disperse funds as intended and any interest earned on any trust in accordance with provisions therein. Any income generated on town owned property to be put into the Recreational Land Account.  
Municipal Officers recommend to do so.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer funds from budget accounts that have unexpended balances at the end of the 2024 calendar year to the budget accounts that have overruns at the of the 2024 calendar year, provided that any such transfer is approved at a properly called public meeting of the Municipal Officers.  
Auditor recommends to do so.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept any and all interest earned on checking account, reserve accounts, money market accounts and savings accounts and disperse said interest and apply a portion to the current year taxes.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of any town owned personal property, they deem necessary and place the funds received from the sale into a specified account. Such as sale of fire truck, funds would be placed into the Fire Apparatus reserve account etc.
- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA subsection 2953.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate all building permit fees and 75% of the plumbing permit fees collected by the building and plumbing inspector. The remaining 25% of the plumbing permit fees to be sent to the State Treasurer.  
Municipal Officers recommend to do so.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during calendar year 2024. Funds to be taken from the undesignated fund balance account. Municipal Officers recommend raise & appropriate \$10,000.00 from undesignated fund balance.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 74,427.00 for the following town office operations and professional services in combination with any revenues received for legal, planning board and appeals board.

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$74,427.00 with revenues received for planning board, appeals board and any legal reimbursements.

Audit	\$ 7,750.00
Planning and Appeals Boards	\$ 200.00
Legal expenses	\$ 12,500.00
MMA Dues	\$ 3,013.00
SMPD dues	\$ 664.00
Town Office operations	\$ 45,000.00
Update Tax Maps	\$ 4,500.00
Health Officer	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
<b>Totaling</b>	<b>\$ 74,427.00</b>

**Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200.00 for the purpose of paying a stipend to the planning board members in accordance with criteria approved by municipal officers.**

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 for upkeep and repairs to any town owned properties. Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$15,000.00

**SALARY ARTICLES:**

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, and Plumbing Inspector's combined salary, Mileage, Training courses and any other miscellaneous materials or supplies needed.

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

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,500.00 for wages, insurances, social security. (Unemployment funds to come from undesignated fund balance.)

Authorizing and entrusting the elected municipal officers to disperse funds appropriately in accordance with the Hiram Personnel Policy and appointments to positions. Municipal Officers recommend: \$215,500.00 for compensations, insurances, and benefits:

Town office Staff	\$ 98,550.00
Fire Chiefs	\$ 10,500.00
Municipal Officers	\$ 22,300.00
Election Clerks	\$ 2,700.00
Animal Control Officer	\$ 2,150.00
EMA Director	\$ 1,800.00
Unemployment	\$ 1,000.00
Insurances	\$ 60,000.00
Towns Share Social Security	<u>\$ 16,500.00</u>
	\$215,500.00

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the update assessing for the 2024 tax commitment. This is a written contract with a single assessor agent. Any unexpended funds at year end will be put into the Revaluation Reserve Account.

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$5,000.00.

**PROTECTION ARTICLES:**

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for the following emergency response departments: Any unexpended balance at years end will be put into a special revenue accounts for each department.

Communications	\$ 10,000.00
Hiram Fire Department	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 60,000.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise & appropriate \$60,000.00  
( In May of 2023 the Town Voted to combine the departments)

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

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$4,000.00

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 23,500.00 for town utilities as follows:

Hydrants	\$ 16,500.00
Street Lights	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 23,500.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$23,500.00

**HEALTH & SANITATION ARTICLES:**

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

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$156,322.00 for the following solid waste accounts and authorize the Select Board to withdraw funds from the reserve as needed for the capital expenses at the Tri-Town Waste Disposal Facility.

Solid Waste Account	\$ 141,322.00
Tri-Town Waste reserve	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 156,322.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate 156,322.00 for Tri Town Operations and the reserve account.

**ROAD ARTICLES:**

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$709,000.00 for the purpose of road work within the town as follows:

General Road / Paving	\$ 325,000.00
Winter Roads	<u>\$ 384,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 709,000.00

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate the sum of \$709,000.00

**Article 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 300,000.00 from fund balance to re do a section of New Settlement Rd.**

**CEMETERY & PARK/UPKEEP MEMORIAL ARTICLES:**

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,800.00 for the Care of Cemeteries and the restoration and maintenance of Outlying Cemeteries where veterans are buried, per MRSA 1964, Chap. 58, Section 3. Any unexpended balance at year end in the outlying cemetery account will be put into the Outlying Cemetery Reserve Account

Accounts as follows:

Outlying Cemeteries	\$ 2,000.00
Care of Cemeteries:	
Pleasant Ridge Cem	\$ 1,000.00
Stanley Cem.	\$ 3,000.00
Tare Cem.	\$ 100.00
Hiram Village Cem	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>
Totaling	<u>\$ 7,800.00</u>

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Park Upkeep/Memorial Service and the balance in the Park Upkeep/Memorial Services will be put into the Recreational Land Reserve Account. Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$ 3,000.00

**ARPA ARTICLES**

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to reallocate the **\$5,000.00** previously approved for a server on July 19, 2022 for the purchase and installation of new computers for the office.  
**Municipal Officers recommend to do so.**

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to expend a portion of the ARPA funds of **\$26,520.00** for equipment for the Hiram Fire Department.  
**Explanation the Fire Department needs to replace their SCBA bottles and Large Diameter Hose. They intend to make these purchases over the next three years to stagger future replacements of said items. Municipal Officers recommend to do so.**

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to expend a portion of ARPA funds up to **\$7,000.00** for an new copier for the office.  
**Municipal Officers recommend to do so**

**RESERVE ACCOUNT ARTICLES:**

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,500.00 for the following reserve accounts:

Capital Improvement Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Road Reconstruction Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Public Works Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Building Maintenance Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
The Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$ 20,000.00
Revaluation Reserve	\$ 3,500.00
<b>Totaling</b>	<b>\$ 53,500.00</b>

Municipal Officers recommend: raise and appropriate \$53,500.00

Article 40. **Shall an ordinance entitled “ Town of Hiram Zoning Ordinance” (as revised March 2024) be enacted? Planning Board and CEO recommend to do so.**

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ established for the Town of Hiram by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved in the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Article 42. Entertain a motion to adjourn.



Donna & Darryl Ward  
Pillars of our Community



Attendees at the Town Meeting & special thanks to Kraig Mason for Moderating our 2023 Town Meeting

## EXPENDITURE REPORT



### EXCISE TAX



Auto Registrations		\$ 364,451.68
Boat Registrations		2,086.80
Transferred to other towns		- 4,974.75
Total		\$ 361,563.73
Applied to 2023 commitment	\$ 325,000.00	
Balance		\$ 36,563.73

### COUNTY TAX

Assessed:		\$ 195,112.00
Paid:		
Oxford County Treasurer		\$ 195,112.00

### STATE MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING

Received from State Treasurer		\$ 205,036.46
Applied to 2023 commitment	\$ 185,000.00	
Balance to Surplus		\$ 20,036.46



### OVERLAY

Assessed 2023 Commitment		\$ 128,297.67
Supplements		20,179.23
Abatements		- 11,690.20
Balance		\$ 136,786.70





**ADMINISTRATION**

**LEGAL EXPENSES**

Raised at town meeting		\$ 12,500.00
Paid:		
Town issues	\$ 100.00	
Audit	305.00	
Planning Bd issues	10,739.23	
Total expense	<hr/>	\$ 11,144.23
Balance		\$ 1,355.77

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT  
FUNDS  
(ARPA)**

Beginning Balance:		\$ 63,654.64
Approved at Special Town Meeting to spend:		
GIS Mapping Program	3,000.00	
Total expense	<hr/>	\$ 3,000.00
Balance		\$ 60,654.64



**From Terrys retirement party – have fun fishing!**

## TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS

Raised		\$ 42,500.00
Paid:		
Heating Oil 482.90 gals	\$ 1,480.05	
Electric Bill	2,898.01	
Telephone Bill	1,438.86	
Water Bill	479.17	
Office Supplies	6,624.16	
Postage	3,462.30	
Mowing	1,230.00	
Shoveling	300.00	
Computer	14,533.66	
Copier contract	357.02	
Postage Meter contract	650.16	
Workshops	721.88	
Dues	305.00	
Registry of Deeds	1,672.00	
Ads	1,893.50	
Town office mileage	1,245.71	
Extinguishers	266.87	
Miscellaneous	379.11	
	\$ 39,937.46	
Total Expenses		
Balance lapsed to surplus		\$ 2,562.54

## MMA DUES

Raised:		\$ 2,976.00
Paid:		
Maine Municipal Association		\$ 2,976.00

### PLANNING BOARD



Raised:		\$ 100.00	
Received from fees		1,950.00	
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Total			\$ 2,050.00
Paid:			
Ads	\$ 986.92		
Workshops	385.00		
Postage	11.40		
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Total	\$ 1,383.32		
Balance to surplus			\$ 666.68



### APPEALS BOARD

Raised:		\$ 100.00	
Received from fees		300.00	
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			\$ 400.00
Total paid:			
Ads	\$ 375.67		
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Total	\$ 375.67		
Balance to surplus			\$ 24.33

### STATE PLUMBING FEES

Received from Plumbing Permits		\$ 2,072.50	
Received from plumbing surcharges		285.00	
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Total			\$ 2,357.50
Paid:			
Treasurer State of Maine	\$2,533.75		



## MUNICIPAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION & MILEAGE



Raised:		\$ 13,000.00
Mileage		1,800.00
Total		<hr/> \$14,800.00
Paid:		
Municipal Officers salaries	\$12,999.16	
Municipal Officers mileage	1,800.00	
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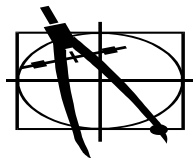
## UPDATE ASSESSING



Raised:		\$ 5,000.00
Paid:		
David Ledew, Assessing Agent	\$ 3,520.00	
Balance to Revaluation Reserve Acct		\$ 1,480.00

## SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Raised		\$ 645.00
Paid:		
SMRPC dues		\$ 645.00



## SOLDIERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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





## AUDIT

Raised		\$ 7,450.00
Paid:		
RHR Smith, town audit		\$ 8,050.00

## UPDATE TAX MAPS

Raised		\$ 4,500.00
Update Tax Maps		\$4,600.00



## UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

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

## TOWN OFFICE STAFF

Raised:		\$ 133,700.00
Received reimbursement from		
Tri-Town		792.00
Total		<u>\$ 132,908.00</u>


Paid:		
Secretary/Bookkeeper	33,816.75	
Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer	48,727.25	
Deputy Clerk	34,550.25	
Fire Chief- Deputy	1458.36	
Fire Chief – Deputy	1833.36	
Chief	<u>4708.28</u>	
Total	\$ 125,094.25	

## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Raised:		\$20,000.00
Paid:		
CEO	13,050.00	
Mileage	1,999.92	
Total		<u>\$ 15,049.92</u>
Balance to surplus		\$ 4,950.08



## ELECTION OFFICIALS/WORKERS

Raised:		\$ 2,750.00
Paid:		
Election Workers		\$ 1,098.75
Election supplies/food		56.94
		\$ 1,155.69
Total Balance		\$ 1,594.31

## TOWNS SHARE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Raised		\$ 18,000.00
Received reimb. from Tri-town		60.38
		\$ 18,060.38
Paid:		
Towns Share of IRS tax deposits		\$ 15,333.61

## EDUCATION

Assessed:		\$ 1,646,585.53
Paid:		
MSAD #55		\$ 1,646,585.53

## EMERGENCY EXPENSES

Voted at town meeting to appropriate up to		\$ 10,000.00
Paid:		
Tree Value	\$ 160.00	
IRS Penalty	313.64	
		\$ 473.64
total expenses		
Balance		\$ 9,526.36



## HEALTH & SANITATION



### GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Raised:		\$ 4,000.00
Reimbursed from State		1,953.24
Total		<u>\$ 5,953.24</u>
Paid:		
Heating Oil, 100 gals	\$ 382.90	
Rents	1,217.00	
Electricity	325.77	
Water	490.91	
Total expenses	<u>\$ 2,416.58</u>	
Balance to fund balance		\$ 3,536.66



### SOLID WASTE



Raised:		\$ 133,615.00
Raised for reserve		15,000.00
Total		<u>\$ 148,615.00</u>
Paid:		
Tri-Town Waste operating	\$ 133,615.00	
Placed into Reserve	15,000.00	
Total	<u>\$ 148,615.00</u>	



### SACOPEE RESCUE UNIT



Raised:		\$ 83,000.00
Raised for Reserve		10,000.00
Total		<hr/> \$ 93,000.00
Paid:		
Sacopee Rescue Unit	\$ 83,000.00	
Put into a reserve account	10,000.00	
Total		<hr/> \$ 93,000.00



### HEALTH OFFICER

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



### TOWN BUILDING REPAIRS

Raised & Appropriated from building reserve		\$ 5,000.00
Placed into Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	
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Total		\$5,000.00





# HIGHWAYS



## LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE

Received from State		\$ 54,942.00
Appropriated to commitment	\$50,000.00	
Under Estimated		\$ 4,942.00

## GENERAL ROADS & PAVING

Raised:		\$ 250,000.00
From Local Road funds		50,000.00
Overdrawn account		1,845.00
Fund Balance		13,467.64

Total		\$ 315,312.64
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Paid:		
Road Commissioner	\$ 28,383.00	
Road Crew	16,832.00	
Supplies	437.10	
Parts	1,148.59	
Tools	264.99	
Culverts	9,040.59	
Cold Patch	22,435.48	
Gravel	6,007.00	
Paving	190,837.59	
Equipment repairs	16,478.37	
Truck maintenance	7,212.03	
Moved backhoe	750.00	
Road signs	1,806.35	
Sweeping Roads & sidewalks	1,050.00	
Town backhoe & truck fuel & oils	9,326.52	
Equipment Rental,		
Truck	840.00	
Excavator	8,173.56	
Backhoe	2,340.00	
Equipment Purchase,		
Street Broom	671.00	
Plow Harness	1,200.00	
Contracted Services		
Cut Trees	5,000.00	

Total	\$ 330,234.17
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## ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Approp. at STM from Fund Balance: \$300,000.00  
Paid:  
Tearcap/Hampshire St. Project: \$300,000.00

## ROADS, BRIDGES & LARGE PROJECTS

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

## FEMA EMERGENCY STORMS

Emergency Dec Storm Expense: \$23,013.89  
Emergency May Storm Expense: 43,482.24

Total: \$66,496.13

May Emergency Storm Expense: \$43,482.24  
Transfer from Reserve 34,082.00

Net Expense 

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 9,400.24

December Emergency Storm Expense: 23,013.89  
Transfer from Reserve 22,418.00

Net Expense 

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 595.89



**Flood Water & Damage 2023**





## WINTER ROADS



Raised: \$ 374,500.00

Paid:		
CMP	\$	739.63
Salt-North End 683.42 tons		
South End 263.84 tons		73,601.85
Snowplow Contract NE-		
Shea & Sons		132,557.90
Put up Salt/sand pile-NE –Geo. Anderson		27,000.00
Snowplow Contract SE		
Ken Harmon		112,950.00
22-23 Salt Bid Fee		294.46

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Total \$ 27,356.16

# Reminder

**It is against the law to shovel, plow, push or blow snow from your driveway or property into a public way.**

# Notice

**Sand & Salt Piles located in both ends of town are for use by the contractor only.**

**They are closed to the public due to liability issues.**



## PARKS & RECREATION

### PARKS & RECREATION REVENUES

Received:

Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 18,447.05
Veterans Reimbursement	894.00

Total	<hr/>	\$ 19,341.05
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### OUTLYING CEMETERIES

Opening balance	\$ 4,488.78
Raised	2,000.00

Total	<hr/>	\$ 6,488.78
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Paid:	
Flags for veterans graves	\$ 417.60

Balance to 2024	<hr/>	\$ 6,448.78
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### CARE OF CEMETERIES

Raised	\$ 5,800.00
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Paid:

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery	\$ 1,000.00
Stanley Cemetery	3,000.00
Tarr Cemetery	100.00
Hiram Village Cemetery	1,700.00



Total	<hr/>	\$ 5,800.00
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**DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL**

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

**PARK UPKEEP/MEMORIAL PURPOSES**

Appropriated: \$ 3,000.00

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Paid:  
Mowing Sawmill Park \$ 912.50  
Porta Potties for public beaches 812.50  
Parade Ad 108.50  
Parade Flowers 210.00

Total 

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 \$ 956.50

**SAWMILL PARK/WATERWHEEL**

Appropriated: \$5,000.00

Paid:  
Lumber/Concrete \$978.00

Balance: \$4,022.00

**HEATING ASSISTANCE  
DONATION ACCOUNT**

Opening Balance \$ 1,981.30

Paid:  
CN Brown – 100 gals \$ 395.90

Total spent 

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 \$ 395.90  
Balance for 2024 \$ 1,585.40





### HIRAM PARADE



Opening Balance		\$ 1,504.85
Appropriated		500.00
Received		173.00
Total		<hr/> \$ 2,177.85
Paid:		
Banners/Flowers	\$53.00	
Balance to 2024	<hr/>	\$ 2,214.85



### SACOPEE HIGH SCHOOL TV 2



Received from franchise fees		\$ 6,590.61
Paid:		
Time Warner, high speed internet		
for town office & SHFD	\$ 1,549.88	
MSAD 55 - TV2	5,040.73	
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### SENIOR PLUS

Raised & Paid:		\$ 1,000.00
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### SOUTHWESTERN OXFORD COUNTY NUTRITION (BROWNFIELD FOOD PANTRY)

Raised & Paid		\$ 4,600.00
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**HIRAM CULTURAL CENTER**

Raised & Paid: \$ 1,100.00

**HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Raised & Paid \$ 1,800.00

**HIRAM COMMUNITY CLUB**

Raised & Paid \$ 500.00

**HIRAM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

Raised & Paid \$ 500.00

**SMOOTH FEATHER THEATER**

Raised & Paid \$ 600.00

**SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION**

Raised & Paid: \$ 300.00

**SACOPEE SNOWDRIFTERS**

Raised & Paid: \$ 500.00

**LIFEFLIGHT**

Raised & Paid \$ 810.00



# PROTECTION



## HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised at town meeting \$ 22,700.00

Paid:

Heating Oil – 1,515.60 gals + propane	\$ 5,029.13
Electricity	1,344.74
Supplies	2,456.22
Truck fuel	1,223.97
Hose testing	1,403.00
Pump Test	393.75
Fit test SCBA	180.00
Truck radios/pagers	175.00
Truck Maint.	3,636.60
Repair Diesel Pump & Clean Airpack	2,716.61
Fire extinguishers	451.50
Parts	1,191.09
Plowing station	4,400.00
Firefighter dues	228.00
Contracted Services	152.50
Building repairs	270.09

Total \$ 24,982.11

## EMA DIRECTOR

Raised: \$ 1,800.00

Paid:  
EMA mileage \$ 300.00

Total \$ 300.00

In May of 2024 the Town adopted the  
Hiram Fire Department Policy

This combined both departments with one chief  
overseeing both stations with a deputy appointed to  
each station.

The chief has worked hard to bring both stations into  
compliance with rules and regulations.

Thank you Ethan for all your hard work!





# SOUTH HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT



Raised at town meeting \$ 22,700.00

**Paid:**

Heating Oil 494.60 gals	\$ 1,811.54
Electricity	976.05
Telephone	462.66
Water Bill	473.26
Fuel for trucks	781.39
Pump test	393.75
Hose Test	702.00
Protective gear	3,051.70
Benchtest SCBA	56.04
Radios/pagers	1,288.44
Truck maintenance	2,580.25
New Gauge on Engine 3	172.50
New Letters on truck	1,460.00
Extinguisher inspections	669.50
Parts	291.70
Plowing	1,000.00
Dispatching	152.50
Dues	130.00
Background Checks	54.00
Civil Service	77.28
Miscellaneous	71.24

Total \$ 16,584.56

## VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER STIPENDS

Raised and appropriated \$ 4,000.00

**Paid:**

4 qualified volunteers	\$ 2,396.00
Balance	\$ 1,604.00



## COMMUNICATIONS

Raised \$ 10,000.00

**Paid:**

Dispatching contract w/Gray	\$ 7,361.64
Tower rental	1,140.00
Road Commissioners & Fire Chief Cell	826.42

Total paid \$ 9,328.06

Balance to communication reserve account \$ 671.94



### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

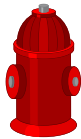
Raised		\$ 2,150.00
Paid:		
Animal Control Officer	\$ 596.25	
ACO mileage	479.29	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 1,074.46



### HARVEST HILLS SHELTER

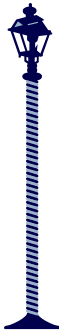


Appropriated		\$ 1,609.00
Paid:		
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter		\$ 1,609.00



### HYDRANTS

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



### STREET LIGHTS

Raised:		\$ 10,000.00
Paid:		
CMP	\$ 6,699.37	
Balance	<hr/>	\$ 3,300.63



## INSURANCE



Raised:

\$ 68,800.00

Paid:

MMA General Liability & Auto	\$ 14,760.50
MMA Workers Comp.	6,295.00
Health Insurance, towns share	47,213.73
Volunteer insurance	440.00

Total	<u>\$ 67,829.23</u>
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Balance		\$ 970.77
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## DEBT AND INTEREST

### INTEREST

Received from

Money Market and Checking	\$ 95,402.41
Interest from Taxes paid	7,008.22
Interest applied to pre-paid taxes	- 537.48

Total	<u>\$ 101,873.15</u>
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Applied to commitment	\$ 60,000.00
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Balance to surplus	\$ 41,873.15
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**TOWN CLERK REPORT**  
**INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**LICENSE SALES**



Combination	26
Hunting	12
Fishing	35
Junior Hunting	3
Archery	5
Bear Permits	3
Misc. Lic	15
Migratory Birds	7
Muzzleloader	8
Turkey	11
Non Resident Licenses	10



**INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**REGISTRATIONS**

Boats Registered	93
Snowmobiles	69
ATV's	60

**DOGS LICENSED**



<b>2023</b>	
Males/Females	43
Neutered/Spayed	99
<b>2024</b>	
Males/Females	8
Neutered/Spayed	69

## VITAL STATISTICS

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

Chad Adams	9/13/2023
Virginia Allen	7/26/2023
Donald Clark	1/13/2023
David Faulkner	4/20/2023
Katherine Fyler	9/25/2023
Rochelle Gallagher	5/23/2023
Fred Glatzer	6/22/2023
Chris Heller	5/23/2023
Edward Kramer	8/19/2023
Rita LaChance	9/26/2023
Roger McGrath	6/16/2023
Stephen Nelson	9/17/2023
Scott O'Neil	7/7/2023
Rose Pierce	7/19/2023
Stephanie Ranieri	9/13/2023
Anita Ricks	5/1/2023
James Terry	11/11/2023
William True	6/18/2023
Alice Wadsworth	3/10/2023
Alonzo Wallace	4/17/2023
Susan Worster	11/20/2023

*A life that touches others goes on forever.*



## 13 BIRTHS IN 2023



## 3 MARRIAGES IN 2023

Scott Harmon & Susan McCrillis	10/14/2023
Patrick Schofield & Brianna Lozzi	10/21/2023
Samuel Anderson & Jacqueline Jones	10/31/2023



## Tax Collector Report 2023 Taxes

Assessed Value \$ 210,790,190

Tax Rate \$12.36 per thousand

Committed July 13, 2023

Committed		\$2,605,366.68
Supplements		1,863.76
Interest applied to Taxes		537.48
Abatements		2,392.02
Received		2,455,629.47
Stabilization Due		22,646.30
Balance Due		\$ 126,025.17
*Adams, Chad		1,480.36
Almadani, Carrie		1,011.05
Apple Acres		61.80
Ballachino, Theodore		310.61
Bean, Paul Est of		1,145.40
Benson, Mary		2,176.84
Bernard, Michael		451.02
Bickford, Dwight		364.25
Black, James, heirs		1,943.61
Blanchard, Sharissa		1,442.78
BNL Properties		4,369.01
Bridges, Karla	Bal	328.65
Bucknell, Linda		854.94
Caldwell, Denise	Bal	732.96
Canwell, Thomas		455.59
Chapple, Brent		1,318.56
Chase, Donald		589.32
Ciasullo, Gary		2,273.75
Cicerone, Monica		1,457.92
Coe, Thomas	Bal	1,498.24
Collomy, Daryl		1,597.90
Corbin-Walker, Lisa		2,026.17
Cormier, Daniel		1,179.27
Cox, Ronald	Bal	132.68
Cram, Michael		57.72

Cram, Michael		1,950.90
Curit, Virginia		1,038.98
DN Construction		611.82
Day, Basil		1,887.37
Decker, Dwight		436.80
Demers, Israel		1,748.57
Doucette, Scott		297.18
Drew, James		1,819.76
Drew, James		694.26
Dunnells, Craig		3,038.71
Dunnells, Craig		58.83
Faulkner, David		2,601.29
Foley, David		1,522.39
Gardner, Coleen		2,005.41
*Glatzer, Denise		816.38
Glazier, Robert		1,483.45
Gould, Timothy		1,974.51
Grant, Peter	Bal	562.44
Hansen, Lisa	Bal	522.54
Harmon, Kenneth R.		368.33
Harmon, Kenneth R.		1,333.40
Harmon, Tyler	Bal	2,846.34
Healey, Parmelia		585.62
Heaney, William		2,986.84
*Hege, Caleb		72.80
*Howard, Deborah		109.39
*Howard, Deborah		73.67
Hubbard, Alice		1,732.38
Hubbard, Alice		523.82
Hubbard, Alice		436.80
Irish, Shane	Bal	640.82
Jacobs, Elliott		2,490.42
*Jamerson, Tanya	Bal	1,945.01
*Jensen, Henry	Bal	662.13
Kelly, Jasmine		15.70
Kramp, Charles		422.71
Labrecque, Erin		1,584.06
Lash, Anthony Jr.		1,192.37
Lawrence, David		1,239.71
Lawrence, David		3,319.28



Leonard, William		2,429.48
Leveille, Diane	Bal	1.73
Libby Family Trust		823.18
Luce, Larry Jr.	Bal	22.25
MacDonald, Andrew		693.52
MacDonald, Jeannie		430.62
Martel, Lester Jr.		2,065.23
Michel, Dolores		619.85
Michel, Dolores		304.30
Miller, Steve		147.45
Mitchell, Donald		2,236.91
Morris, Jill		1,882.30
Nevers, Ronald		467.21
Novom, Peter		22.25
Deed Street Capital		1,447.85
O'Grady, Daniel		567.32
Oxford County/		4,986.89
Palker, Joseph		1,743.01
Pantano, Christopher		2,055.34
Perro, Natalie		373.64
Poirier, Raymond	Bal	918.27
Poirier, Raymond	Bal	1,531.33
Porter, Earle Jr. Heirs		1,028.72
Porter, Earle Jr Heirs		848.51
Rand, Barbara		912.91
Ridlon, Joyce		854.45
Rivard, Paula		629.62
Rush, David	Bal	553.68
Sargent, Rita		1,377.15
Smalley, Tammy		748.68
St. Louis, Jerome	Bal	53.72
Stosez, Joseph		1,559.46
Thomas, Lisa		3,244.25
Thombs, Harvey	Bal	145.55
Thompson, Sandra		935.16
Vittum, Brandi		789.43
Waldman, Becky		330.01
Ward, Bruce		623.81
Ward, Willis		851.73
*Warren, Stefanie		1,050.85

Wright, Norman	2,350.01
Zulick, Patrick	2,456.80
Balance Year End	\$ 125,963.22

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

**Liens will be filed in June 2024 for any unpaid taxes.**

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

\* Paid in full after books closed 12/31/2023 – 1/31/2024

**2022 Outstanding Taxes**

Opening Balance	\$ 119,232.21
Supplements	9,797.85
Abatements	1,029.48
Received	81,772.18
Transferred to Liens	\$ 46,228.40
Balance	0.00

**2022 Outstanding Tax Liens**

**As of December 31, 2022**

Opening Balance	\$ 46,228.40
Received	16,278.20
Total Due as of 12/31/2022	\$ 29,950.20

**2022 Outstanding Tax Liens**

Bean, Paul Est of	712.51
Benson, Mary	1,906.24
BNL Properties, LLC	4,107.32
Chase, Donald	583.21
Cram, Michael	843.07
Curit, Virginia	964.75
Drew, James	1,612.72
Drew, James	689.04
Dunnells, Craig	2,703.03
Dunnells, Craig	58.44
Gould, Timothy	1,750.36
Harmon, Kenneth R	365.50
Harmon, Kenneth R	1,240.45

Martel, Lester Jr.	1,871.06
Miller, Steve	135.13
Pantano, Christopher	1,530.61
Porter, Earle Jr heirs of	800.03
Porter, Earle Jr heirs of	929.57
Rand, Barbara	790.17
Ridlon, Joyce heirs of	783.99
*Sargent, Rita	623.11
Thomas, Lisa	2,794.00
Wright, Norman	2,155.89
 Total Due as of 12/31/2023	 \$29,950.20

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

\* Paid in full after book closed 12/31/2023 to 1/31/2024

**2021 Outstanding Tax Liens**

Beg. Balance	\$ 23,621.55
Received	\$ 23621.55
Balance due	\$0.00

**Tax Acquired Property**

Beg Balance	216.28
Received	216.28
Balance	0.00

**Taxes Paid in Advance 2023**

Opening Balance	\$ 25,695.90
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Payment for taxes can be made several ways. You can make partial payments throughout the year; a lot of people find it easier to budget and send in a monthly payment if your taxes are not escrowed.

If you have any questions at all about your taxes please be sure and call the office.

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## TREASURERS REPORT



Received from Taxes	
2023 Taxes	\$ 2,455,629.44
2022 Taxes	\$ 81,772.18
2022 Tax Liens	\$ 16,278.20
2021 Tax Liens	\$ 23,621.55
Tax Acquired Property	\$ 216.28
2024 Taxes Paid In Advance	\$ 25,695.90
Received in Interest	
Taxes	\$ 7,008.22
Peoples United Bank	\$95,402.41
Received from the State	
Homestead	\$ 110,357.00
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 1,953.24
Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	\$ 894.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 18,447.05
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 205,036.46
Local Roads	\$ 54,942.00
Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$ 754.68
BETE	\$ 250.00
Fuel Reimbursement	\$ 434.83
Stabilization Mandate	\$ 420.00
State Agencies - Agent Fees	9,553.00
Animal Welfare -Animal Control	\$ 526.00
IF&W- Boat Excise	\$ 2,086.80
Motor Vehicle- Excise	\$ 364,451.68
Vital Statistics - Town	\$ 1,620.00
Received from Planning Board	\$ 1,950.00
Received from Appeals Board	\$ 300.00
Received from Permits	
Plumbing Permits	\$ 6,141.25
Building Permits	\$ 24,888.33



Received from Miscellaneous	
Cable Franchise Fee	\$6,590.61
Driveway Permits	\$ 250.00
Holiday Donations	\$ 3,665.19
Insurance Dividends	\$ 1,136.00
Lease Income	\$ 1,501.00
Office Misc. Fees	\$ 35.60
Tri Town Stickers	\$ 70.00

**TOWN OF HIRAM RESERVE FUNDS**



**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE**

Balance	\$ 44,428.12
Added per Town Vote	5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$49,428.12

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION RESERVE**

Opening Balance	\$140,804.95
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Emergency Repairs – FEMA	56,500.00
Tear Cap/Hampshire St Project	37,852.00
Durgintown Shoulder work	14,396.38
Ending Balance	\$ 42,056.57

**PUBLIC WORKS RESERVE**

Opening Balance	\$ 88,262.13
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Sold Plow	2,000.00
Purchased Dump Truck	29,226.78
Ending Balance	\$ 71,035.35

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE RESERVE**

Opening Balance	\$ 72,125.40
Added per Town Vote	5,000.00
SHFD Heating System	16,834.93
Office Ramp	15,628.00
Ending Balance	\$ 49,662.47

**FIRE APPARATUS RESERVE**

Opening Balance	\$ 87,718.27
Added per Town Vote	20,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 107,718.27



**TRI TOWN WASTE RESERVE**

Opening Balance	\$ 18,236.45
Added per Town Vote	15,000.00
Tarp for Truck	2,725.00
Bond Payment 1 of 1	27,300.00
Ending Balance	\$ 3,211.45

**SACOPEE RESCUE RESERVE**

Opening Balance	\$ 32,250.00
Added per Town Vote	10,000.00
Generator Replacement	2,110.00
Purchase Rescue	35,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 5,140.00

**REVALUATION RESERVE**

Opening Balance	\$ 77,503.02
Added per Town Vote	3,500.00
Added Balance from Assessing	1,480.00
Ending Balance	\$ 82,483.02

**RECREATIONAL LAND USE**

Opening Balance	\$ 18,239.99
Added Bal from Park Upkeep	538.90
Move to Waterwheel Fund	5000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 13,778.89

**WATERWHEEL FUND**

Transfer from Recreational Land Use	\$5,000.00
Donations	280.78
Expenses	978.00
Ending Balance	4,302.78

## SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS

### PARADE ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	\$ 1,504.85
Addedd per TM	500.00
Income	173.00
Expenditures	13.00
Ending Balance	\$ 2,164.85

### HEAT ASSISTANCE

Opening Balance	\$1,981.30
Expenditures	395.90
Baldwin Church Donation	2,500.00
Ending Balance	\$ 4,085.40

### HOLIDAY FUND

Opening Balance	\$909.03
Donations Received	3,665.19
Expenses 2022	1,746.51
Ending Balance	\$ 2,827.71

### OUTLYING CEMETERIES

Opening Balance	\$4,488.78
Added per Town Meeting	2,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 6,488.78

### RADIO ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$14,447.24
Added YE Balance	671.94
Ending Balance	\$15,119.18

### ARPA FUNDS

Beginning Balance	\$63,654.64
Expenses	3,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 60,654.64

### FLAG FUND

Received thru Donations	\$ 212.46
Audit Adj	500.00
Ending Balance	\$ 712.46

**HIRAM FD ACCOUNT \***

Beginning Balance	\$4,824.10
Added YE Balance both Stations	5,897.28
Donations	600.00
Ending Balance	11,321.38

**SO HIRAM FD ACCOUNT \***

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,848.28
Added YE Balance	500.00
Expenses	1,738.80
Ending Balance	\$ 1,609.48

\* These accounts are being combined in 2024  
Beginning Balance will be \$12,930.86

**TRUST FUNDS**



**CHARLES BEAN CEMETERY**

Balance of CD	\$ 1,579.71
Interest Added to CD	34.40
Balance of CD	\$ 1,614.11

**DAY DURGIN WARD**

Balance of CD	\$ 1,023.01
Interest Added to CD	22.27
Balance of CD	\$ 1,023.01

**CHARLES WATSON CEMETERY TRUST**

Balance of CD	\$ 2,000.00
Account Opening Balance	\$ 1,106.75
Interest Received	12.56
Account Balance	\$ 1,119.31

**EASTMAN TRIPP CEMETERY TRUST**

Balance of CD	\$ 2,002.00
Account Balance	\$ 2,700.84
Interest Received	108.80
Account Balance	\$ 2,809.64



**HIRAM VILLAGE GREEN / K OF P TRUST**

Balance of CD		\$ 5,675.64
Account Opening Balance	\$ 2,431.79	
Interest Received	176.27	
Account Balance	\$ 2,608.06	

**ISAAC WALDEN GRAY (OLD SETTLERS) TRUST**

Balance of CD		\$ 6,000.00
Account Balance	\$ 3,995.08	
Interest Received	222.39	
Account Balance	\$ 4,217.47	

**SPRING MARSHALL TRUST - CD**

Account Balance	\$ 568.33
Interest Received	3.64
Account Balance	\$ 571.97



**STANLEY BURIAL GROUNDS**

Opening Balances of CD's (6 at \$5,000.00)	\$ 30,000.00
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**NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Opening Balance		\$ 3,209.44
Deposits	4,350.00	
Expenses	3,892.10	
Ending Balance		\$ 3,667.34

**MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT**

Opening Balance		\$ 20,294.90
Interest of checking account	51.46	
Interest on CD's	170.86	
Sale of Lots	2,200.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 22,717.22



Bill and Bruce Nason  
Bruce is the Boston Post Cane recipient for the Town of Hiram

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
Annual Report**

Thanks again for your inquiries and support during this past year. This year the Code Enforcement Office issued a total of 60 building permits as shown below:

- Dwellings – 14
- Accessory Structures such as Garages/Barns/Sheds – 14
- Mobile Homes – 3
- Renovations – 4
- Additions – 4
- Porches/Decks – 3
- Solar Arrays – 2
- Misc./Other - 11

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

2015 International Residential Code (IRC)

2015 International Building Code (IBC)

2015 International Existing Building Code (IEBC)

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Guy Lehouillier  
CEO

**HIRAM PLUMBING INSPECTOR  
Annual Report**

This year a total of 48 plumbing permits were issued. Breakdown is as follows:

- Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Systems – 23
- Interior Plumbing – 25

All plumbing systems, for which a permit was issued by this office, were inspected in accordance with State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules and the 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code. Thanks for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Please feel free to contact this office with any questions relating to the plumbing permit process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Guy Lehouillier

# Hiram Planning Board Annual Report



## Hiram Planning Board 2023 Annual Report

The Hiram Planning Board met fourteen times in 2023 from March to December. The Board reviewed five applications, two amendments and an extension request, all of which were approved. Despite our best efforts, hours of trainings and research, and hours of meetings we are continuing fine tuning on ordinances including: an ordinance to address LD 2003, legislation to assist in the housing crunch and allow for increased housing; an ordinance for medical marijuana; amendments to road setbacks to provide consistency and general clarity throughout all of the ordinances; and several other updates to assist in clear administration of the ordinances by the Code Enforcement Officer.

### Highlights from 2023...

On March 21, 2023, Board elections included: Keisha Garnett, Chair; John Bonanno, Vice Chair; and Terry Day and Emma Ouellette, co-secretaries. The Board approved a second extension for the West Baldwin Solar Farm, as meetings were still taking place with Baldwin where the bulk of the project is located.

On April 4, 2023, the Board signed an updated building permit fee schedule adding a fee for processing amendments to applications. We also welcomed Myles Heard as an Alternate Planning Board Member; and discussed the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance draft.

On April 18, 2023, the Board approved a wedding venue amendment requesting a structure instead of using a tent; Carol Goode was sworn in as a Planning Board Member, and the Board voted to hold off on submission of the drafted Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance until we were able to obtain further clarity and guidance from the state. We also discussed businesses in town that were advertising without the proper permitting from the Town. The Board voted to have the secretaries draft communications requesting the business owners submit applications to obtain the proper permitting.

On May 2, 2023, the Board reviewed a court judgement issued in response to an appeal of the the Planning Board's approval for a Micro Brewery. After the Board's findings of facts were deemed insufficient by the court, we requested that the Town's Attorney draft findings of facts for us to review.

On May 15, 2023, the Board approved an agri-tourism farm and discussed findings of facts.

On May 23, 2023, the Board held a public meeting with the Town's Attorney present to discuss the findings of facts that were drafted. The Board reviewed and approved the findings of facts with some corrections and at the

request of the applicant’s attorney, the Board voted to stay the deadline for the project until all appeals are resolved.

On June 6, 2023, the Board reviewed and approved another wedding venue utilizing an existing barn and voted to adopt a new format for future findings of facts.

On June 26, 2023, the Board approved a daycare and received updates on two businesses in town that were operating without proper permitting. This was also the last meeting that Terry Day attended as co-secretary, the Board wished her well and thanked her for her many years of service to the Town and the Board.

On July 24, 2023, the Board approved a massage and holistic therapy home occupation, one of the businesses that was operating without a permit. The Board also looked at the marijuana ordinance.

On August 14, 2023, the Board had a workshop to focus on the marijuana ordinance and what the ordinance should address.

On September 18, 2023, the Board discussed an issue the Code Enforcement Officer was having with setbacks from private roads; signing of future findings of facts; and received an update on the other unpermitted business that had been contacted. We also briefly looked at a draft marijuana ordinance.

On October 9, 2023, the Board approved a Home Salon and further discussed the draft marijuana ordinance.

On November 13, 2023, the Board approved a minor parking lot amendment for the daycare that was approved in June. We discussed the timeline for LD 2003 to take effect statewide and proceeded to discuss the marijuana ordinance.

On December 11, 2023, the Board listened to Jan Williams, the Chair of the Hiram Zoning Board of Appeals, regarding an issue with an appeals application and the need for amendments to the zoning ordinances.

We as a Board are committed to continuing to work through the creation of new ordinances and review existing ordinances, drafting amendments as needed, in the coming year to provide our wonderful town with the necessary tools to thrive. We will continue to commit our time to training, research and discussion to ensure that the ordinances put forth to the town for vote encompass the needs of the town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keisha Garnett  
Planning Board Chair

The Planning Board has openings on the board.  
The following positions are open  
One Board Member &  
Two Alternates

The Planning typically meets Monday evening  
starting at 7pm Please contact the office if you  
are interested.

## Animal Control Officers Annual Report



To the citizens of Hiram,

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Animal Control Officer for the Town of Hiram and would like to thank everyone for their help and support. If you have any questions, concerns or need to make a report please call me at 207-890-5313 of Oxford County Dispatch at 1-800-73.3-1421.

Dogs over the age of six months are to be licensed each year by December 31<sup>st</sup> according to the laws of the state. To license your dog bring proof of rabies and spay or neuter certificate the cost to license your dog is \$6.00 (spayed or Neutered) and \$11.00 (unaltered). Substantial late fee for \$25.00 per dog become effective February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also a reminder we have a dog ordinance, which addresses disturbing the peace: *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. Any owner or keeper causing or permitting a dog to bark, howl, or yelp continuously for twenty (20) minutes or intermittently for one (1) hour or more shall be in violation of this section.*

*It shall be unlawful for any dog owner or keeper to cause or permit such dog to disturb the peace by biting, chasing, or damaging the property of any person.*

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

Cindy Eaton



**Lola the Office Dog**

## Emergency Management Agency Director Annual Report

There were two declared storms in Hiram last year, but with the help of my colleagues, and our road crew, we were able to efficiently keep track of and safely repair the damage throughout the town. I attended 1 training course in Fryeburg and completed 3 online courses.

The significant amount of rain that we received kept us alert and busy, making sure that any updates or declarations were noted, and all damages were tracked, as well as working closely with our road crew to stay up to date on what was happening throughout town.

It was a busy year for me, as I had a lot to learn being new in the office and to this position. This year my goal is to attend quarterly meetings with Oxford County EMA and continue providing the town with my best effort to efficiently and effectively get the job done. Hopefully 2024 will bring us more sunshine!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Emma Ouellette



# HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT Annual Report



## 2023 calls for service

Structure Fires/Chimney Fires: 4  
MVA: 12  
EMS Assist: 21  
Gas Leak/Odor: 3  
Alarm Activation: 5

Tree/electrical hazard: 22  
Wildland Fire: 1  
Alarm Activation: 5  
Mutual Aid: 7  
CNXL En-Route: 5

2023 was a year of change for the fire department. With the passing of the Fire Department Ordinance, the South Hiram Fire Company, and Hiram Fireman's Association (DBA Hiram Fire Dept) merged to form one municipal fire department. Members responded to 85 calls for service and committed 585 manpower hours to calls, station duties and training.

Firefighter Gabe Durgin completed Basic Fire School. This course allows FF Durgin to perform interior firefighter duties. Additionally, FF Durgin also completed his Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC) and has begun driver training. The department gained 3 members over this past year, and we are happy to report all three joined with previous firefighting training & experience adding to our structural firefighter core. We are still seeking members, if you are interested in joining, please contact us to discuss how you can help. We can provide in-house training including Basic Fire School which we can work around your schedule to complete the training.

The rainy summer contributed to a "low" fire danger during the height of the fire danger season resulting in HFD only needing to respond to 1 wildland fire. Hiram is utilizing the state's online burn permit system. Please see the town's website for more information. Due to daytime staffing levels, permits are only available after 5pm on weekdays. Permits obtained on Saturday or Sunday are available all day unless otherwise noted.

Respectively submitted,  
Ethan Norcross, Fire Chief



# SACOPEE RESCUE

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



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 28<sup>th</sup> ) 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



## Hiram Historical Society Annual Report

### **We offered community programs, free of charge.**

March - Movie Night "Clips from the Collection" at the Hiram Arts Center, showing 2 films we produced: "Hiram Medley", activities from long ago and a new virtual driving Tour of historic buildings, mapping their places in town.

July - A packed house of children and families attended "War Pigeons: winged couriers in the U.S. military, 1878-1957". In the parking lot afterward, kids helped release the charming stars of the show for the flight home to Westbrook!

August – We showed Hiram Medley and the Tour of historic houses on a sultry summer day and introduced Native Americans, and Wadsworth Hall for sale on USB drives.

Sept./Oct. - "More than a Store" revealed the everyday merchandising history of two country stores, Cotton's in Hiram Village and Edgecomb's in Kezar Falls Parsonsfield. The exhibit answered such questions as "In what ways were these multi-faceted stores the centers of our towns?"

Nov. - "Tribute to Veterans" Some of our brave veterans told revealing and heartwarming stories of their valuable service. John Martus, who served in Vietnam, was presented with a magnificent Quilt of Valor made by Joanne Ward.

### **We improved research opportunities.**

Researching your ancestry? We are digitizing cemetery and genealogical records! Look for them on our website! We are digitizing our collection inventory, too!

### **We accepted the challenge of trying to save Ridlon Schoolhouse.**

Hiram's oldest remaining one-room school should be preserved! The Society and the Ossipee Valley Fair organization have partnered to save the schoolhouse from demolition. The OVF has agreed to provide a permanent site. We plan to reconstruct the building there and to provide everyone with an opportunity to experience education in the early 1800's. Volunteers and funding are needed! Stay tuned...

### **We gathered at our October "Trash Can Turkey Roast."**

We celebrated our successful year and awarded the Hubert W. Clemons Award for Outstanding Service to the Town of Hiram to Sue Hamilton. Congratulations, Sue!

*We pause to warmly thank our Board of Directors, Trustees, and our generous volunteers and donors who make the work of Hiram Historical Society meaningful.*

*Thank you to all for helping preserve Hiram's heritage!*

Hiram Historical Society depends financially upon membership dues, individual donations, various fundraisers, occasional grants, and a town appropriation.

[www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org) - P.O. Box 101 - Hiram, Maine 04041

Sally Williams and Ellie Stein on behalf of the Board and Trustees



## **Soldiers Memorial Library Annual Report**

Soldiers Memorial Library has had an exciting 2023!

This year has continued the ongoing emphasis on developing the children and youth collection using the monies provided by the Stephen and Tabitha King grant obtained in 2022.

We continued offering school year activities for children; arts and crafts, special story times, and family games. Our weekly Tuesday morning story time has been well attended and we have served more children than ever before. Our February and Spring school vacation special activities for children were well received by local and children in the area on vacation.

We held two open house events this past year; the first held on January 14th, to introduce our new librarian Cait Busnell and thank Andrea Guimond who had been covering the library since spring of 2022. The second was after Christmas tree lighting on the green on November 26th. Several new Hiram residents came to meet neighbors and become acquainted with the library. There has been an increase in new residents visiting the library and obtaining library cards. We have issued more than 40 new cards in the last year.

Our librarian has been offering help to patrons to better understand their digital devices. She helps with smartphones, computers, and the apps on these devices and troubleshooting any other technology related questions. She also helps patrons with using library computers, printers, and copiers. This is a free service open to all members of the community.

During the course of the year we have noted several individuals who came to the library for the high speed WiFi connection and ability to work remotely. During the extended power outage this past December remote workers also came to use our wifi in a comfortable setting

In the late winter of 2023 the board had become aware of a grant opportunity that enabled us to respond to community input received in 2022 during the Community Conversations events held at the library. Local community members noted a desire for more work options and better internet options within the community.

Maine State Library had offered grant monies that would be focused on assisting Maine residents who were or hope to become remote workers. There was a competitive application process and Soldiers Memorial was the only Oxford County library to receive one of 39 grants.

The capital improvements that this grant enables are at no cost to the town and will result in improving the town owned library building in ways that could enhance service to local remote workers and all patrons.

Current library hours:

Tuesday and Saturday 9:30AM -12:30pm/ Wednesday and Thursday 10:30AM-5pm

Website to check library collection [soldiers.lib.me.us](http://soldiers.lib.me.us)

The Library is managed for the town by the Board of the Hiram Cultural Center which includes the Arts Center and that website is

<https://thehiramculturalcenter.squarespace.com/>

While the Board members work hard to make both facilities serve the needs of the community, none of this would work if it wasn't for the many community supporters who volunteer their time and skills when called upon to make our fundraisers a success. We are grateful.

***Reminders from Tri Town Waste***

***Recycling saves you money!***

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

***Station hours: Tues, Weds, Fridays – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.***

***Sun. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.***

***STATION MANAGER: JOE MCNULTY –***

***ATTENDANTS: MIKE COTE, TIM CALDWELL***

***TRUCK DRIVER – DENNIS LOWD-SPARE TRUCK DRIVER – SCOTT CHAPMAN***

***STATION TEL NUMBER: 207-625-7633***

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

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

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

## The Arts Center at 8 Hancock Annual Report

The Arts Center building came to Friends of Soldiers Memorial Library in 2016 as a donation from the Congregational Church with the request that it be maintained for the benefit of the community. It was the addition of this building to the Friends responsibilities that resulted in the umbrella name of the Hiram Cultural Center.

In the years since, it has been made available free of charge for memorial services and many types of public functions. It continues to be a venue for SAD 55 Adult Education classes and several sessions of three different classes were held here this past year.

Most other programs are donation only and this broadens the availability to our entire community. There was a Folk Music Presentation by Fryeburg Musicians "Pete and Justice" this summer.

A free family movie night was offered in January and a children's movie was shown during Spring vacation.

The Arts Centers first big event of the year was in March, with the very well attended Historical Society video presentation "Clips from the Collection" with video of Hiram people, places and events over the years.

Other large community wide events held here this past year were: The Artisans Fair, showcasing local crafters and The Annual Books/Blooms (plants) and Baked goods event held every Memorial Day.

Sacopec Valley Community band holds their practices at the Arts Center and this past year their two major concert events were held here. In May "Take Your mom to the Movies" was focused on well known music from movies

In December the Christmas concert was preceded by a community dinner provided by the board members and many band members.

Both events included raffles, also sponsored by the band members, which along with audience donations contributed significantly to our ability to pay for maintenance costs of the building this year.

Rental for private parties and weddings has also provided some funds toward building maintenance costs.

We appreciate the towns contribution to keeping this building available for year round public use in Hiram Village.



## Hiram Conservation Committee/ Mt Cutler

Our Conservation Committee has not been active during the past few years, but the individual efforts of the committee members do continue. For 2024 we are having new meetings planned and we welcome anyone who may want to join in these efforts or other projects.

The Mount Cutler Park continues as a feature of Hiram Village that provides a great recreational and scenic resource for our community and attracts many visitors to our area.



Mt Cutler Trail Guide pamphlets and maps are available at the two trail heads, at the Town Office and at the Library. The trail heads are on Hiram Hill Road and Mt View Avenue. Dan Hester has maintained notices at the Mt Cutler information kiosks at each parking area and has also assured that there are trail guide pamphlets available. Mt Cutler trails are also described in detail in the AMC Maine Mountain Guide book and at web sites such as [alltrails.com](http://alltrails.com) and [mainetrailfinder.com](http://mainetrailfinder.com).

For trail maintenance and improvements, we have been consistently in touch with the Trails Committee members of the Appalachian Mountain Club Maine Chapter. True to their word, from the start of the Mt Cutler Conservation Area Park in 2018, the AMC Maine Chapter has had volunteer trail work trips to Mt Cutler twice each year. Patsy Leavitt, a certified AMC trips leader, is our current contact at the AMC for this essential trail work.

The most recent of those trail work projects was on November 19, when Patsy led, with 8 other volunteers and an assistant, Sue Scottle, to clear and refresh parts of the snowmobile trail from the parking area for Merrill Park by Mt View Avenue to the lower parts of the Saco Ridge Trail.

In the past, we have also done clean-up work at the Brookfield-maintained Hiram Falls sand bar river access. Dan Hester has monitored this area during visits every two weeks for all of the summer. It is good to see that Brookfield has installed secured picnic tables, made a site for portable rest room facilities, and is trying to better monitor the area. This sand bar area below the falls receives unfortunate abuse, but it is also a beautiful place for family recreation.

Other efforts where the committee may be involved: (1) There is work progressing towards developing the Mountain Division RR into a paved bicycle and walking path. (2) The Ingalls Pond Conservation Area has trails maintained by the Francis Small Land Trust; although most of this area is in Baldwin, many Hiram residents enjoy using these trails. (3) The Tenmile River Demonstration Forest (maintained by Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation) on Notch Road is also a large and popular hiking/walking opportunity.  
Dan Hester, for the Hiram Conservation Committee.

## **Saco River Corridor Commission**

*“Communities Working Together to Protect Our Rivers”*

The Saco River Corridor Commission (SRCC) was created with one purpose in mind – to protect the rivers in the Saco Basin and all that these rivers represent to the people who live and work here. The Maine legislature provided the performance standards to initiate our program, and the current cleanliness of the river is a testament to that 50-year effort. The Commission’s role is one of partnership with our communities, and our standards apply to the first 500-1000ft of land around the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee (i.e. the Corridor). All twenty towns with lands in the Corridor can appoint one regular and one alternate Commissioner, and we are grateful to have Dan Hester and Carol Goode as Hiram’s Commissioners at this time. Representation from Hiram means that your community is weighing in on development patterns along the rivers, from Fryeburg to Saco and south to Acton/Shapleigh. Together, representatives from our twenty municipalities help to keep the water clean and preserve natural resources, ultimately protecting public health and quality of life in our region. Clean water is one of Maine’s greatest assets, and our volunteer Commissioners work hard to ensure the Saco and its major tributaries are protected from unsustainable or incompatible development.

Development in Maine has been booming in recent years. As areas are built up, inappropriate land-use planning can cause degradation to the shoreland area, along with water quality problems. The SRCC has kept up with the recent surge and continues to review each application for new development within the corridor for its compliance with the Saco River Corridor Act, and the best-practice standards that we know can protect our waterways. In FY23, the Commission carefully reviewed 119 applications for development within the Corridor.

The SRCC has now completed its 22<sup>nd</sup> successful year of the Water Quality Monitoring Program. Staff and volunteers monitor for dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, turbidity, temperature, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, orthophosphates, alkalinity, nitrogen (NH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub> + NO<sub>2</sub>), total phosphorous/phosphates, ammonium, and either *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) or

*Enterococci*. Our testing takes place bi-weekly along the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee Rivers at 43 different locations from May through mid-September, with weekly *E. coli* testing at certain recreational sites from June to September.

In 2022, SRCC purchased advanced bacteria monitoring equipment, which has expanded our capacity to analyze samples in-house and continued to serve us well in 2023. This means our reports are available faster, and towns can more quickly take action to advise the public when high levels of *E. coli* or *Enterococci* occur. With assistance from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund, the Commission is also exploring applications of environmental DNA (eDNA) analysis, in hopes of developing a new method to determine the source of bacterial contamination.

To help communicate water quality testing results to the public, the map available on our website highlights sites with recently elevated bacteria levels. The site also provides links to the most updated *E. coli* test results. While the monitoring program is currently at capacity for new sites, the SRCC is happy to discuss the possibility of expanding testing locations in future. We are especially grateful to our volunteer water quality monitors, who make our current set of testing locations possible. We encourage those interested in volunteering to contact us ahead of the April 2024 training dates, in hopes of expanding our monitoring capacity.

The SRCC's mission is to work with the communities of the Corridor to help keep the rivers clean and preserve quality of life in southern Maine. If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions on any of the Commission's programs, please contact the Commission's office. We are located at 81 Maple Street in Cornish, Maine, where we have staffed hours Monday-Thursday, 9am-5pm. You can reach us at 207-625-8123 or [srcc@srcc-maine.org](mailto:srcc@srcc-maine.org), and you can find much more information on our website at [www.srcc-maine.org](http://www.srcc-maine.org). We thank Hiram for helping to protect the Saco River and its tributaries!





## **Sacopee Valley Recreation Council Annual Report**

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

Spring (Baseball, softball)—43 Summer Camps—18

Fall (soccer, field hockey, cheer) ---35 Winter (basketball, karate) ---40

### **Town of Hiram Health Officer**

Hiram Health Officer Yearly report for 2023:

As with other towns, many health officer complaints involve people not being willing, ready or able to clean up after themselves. When hoarding complicates people's physical limitations, and they do not notice or prioritize clean up, neighbors become frustrated and often angry. Legal costs present a hurdle because often the town has difficulty recouping the costs of enforcement especially when people making the messes are poor. It falls upon the health officer to try to negotiate some sort of reasonable compromise, but whether or not attorneys get called in, liens placed or property gets taken by the town, significant delays lasting months to years are the rule. Often the individuals involved have complex mental and social problems together with financial difficulties. At least one of the properties is abandoned by the owner of record with whom I spoke. The cost to the town is a recurrent hurdle. When the clean ups do occur, they are incomplete and temporary. People involved have to be reminded that maintenance needs to be ongoing. Rats and other vermin are one of the main concerns that people agree need to be controlled.

Mold remediation and drug abuse has not been as large of an issue to people coming to me for help in the past year. However, social problems between separated parents have come up, and de-escalating emotional reactions to situations needing some form of investigation has been done.

The State of Maine has provided some useful Local Health Officer ongoing training in which I participated. With the consolidation of the Fire Department, ongoing firefighter fitness evaluations have continued.

Respectfully submitted.

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

## **Hiram Development Association 2023 Annual Report**

The Hiram Development Association owns and manages two public parks in Hiram:

1. The Knights of Pythias Park, also known as the Village Square Park, at the corner of Main Street and Sebago Road.
2. The Henry W. Merrill Botanical Park, usually known simply as Merrill Park, which is a 25-acre park on the west side of the Mountain Division RR, directly across from Mountain View Avenue.

The Hiram Development Association manages or assists in the management of three annual events in the Village Square Park:

- (1) Memorial Day services.
- (2) Independence Day celebrations.
- (3) Christmas tree lighting and caroling, usually on the first Sunday after Thanksgiving.

The Hiram Development Association has had these recent activities in Merrill Park:

- (1) the central feature of Merrill Park is the 1-acre park area that is bounded by stone walls, where community events were held in past years, mostly during the 1950s. In and near this park area there are at least nine identified hand dug water wells that used to serve as water supplies for Hiram village. Here there is also the historical “Gold Mine” of Hiram.
- (2) This park serves as the second trail-head for our Mt Cutler Conservation Area Park. From this park, the Barnes Trail leads to the front ledges that give the remarkable overlook of Hiram Village and the Saco River. Those ledges are actually on the Merrill Park property. Hikers cross into the Mt Cutler Park just above these ledges. However, the Barnes Trail has sections that are unfortunately steep and treacherous; to reach the Hiram Village overlook ledges, there is a better (and safer) trail from the Mt Cutler parking area on the Hiram hill Road.
- (3) The snowmobile trail from Hiram to South Hiram and Cornish actually runs through the SE part of our park. This trail is used by both hikers and snowmobilers.
- (4) During 2022 a local naturalist brought staff from the Maine DEP to Merrill Park to determine whether an intermittent water body is actually a vernal pool. They confirmed that this is a significant vernal pool (“significant” means that all four indicator animal species were found).
- (5) During 2023, the naturalist... at her own expense... acquired an interpretive sign for the vernal pool, and it was installed with volunteer assistance

The current HDA Board of Directors: Daniel Hester, Priscilla Howard, Kenneth Kimball.

If interested in joining in our work for community support, get in touch with any of us.



***Rep Caleb Ness speaking at services on May 29 for the Memorial Day Celebration***



***Joyce Rodriguez with the sign in Merrill Park. The pool is at the left behind logs, and the trail to Mt Cutler is at the right.***

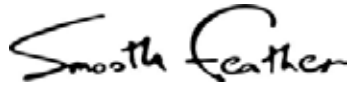
## **Hiram Community Club Annual Report**

Hiram Community Club met monthly around the 3rd Wednesday of each month from April to November. For those new to our town, we are a non-profit organization working to hold events to bring the community together. The community Club does a roast beef supper the 1st Saturday of every month from May- November and a pot luck supper in April. The community Club used to do other events but since COVID, other events got put on hold and haven't found volunteers to help out to get them going again.

The center had two rentals for functions this year. We rent the hall for any occasion and the Center hosted the Hiram Historical Trash Can Turkey Roast in October again. This is always a popular event with door prizes and raffles. The Community Center had new steps built on the side entrance thanks to Ken Harmon.

We are always looking for new members with new ideas and volunteers for the roast beef suppers. If you are interested, please contact President, Dave Paro 207-256-0136 or Priscilla Howard 207-625-8074.

Respectfully,  
Priscilla Howard, Secretary



To the town of Hiram,

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 Hiram's support of \$600 and it would be a huge help to continue collaborating with the town as we support our youth.

Sincerely, 

Silas Hagerty - Executive Director : Smooth Feather

## Saco River Festival Association



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 Sacopee 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 Sacopee 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

*Spirit of America*  
2023 Recipient  
Lura Sawyer  
With Municipal  
Officers



## **TRI-TOWN WASTE FACILITY**

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



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 Mellen & 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

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					\$ 1,100	\$ 600
* Office					\$ 500	\$ 500
Supplies		\$ 500	\$ 454.13	\$ 45.87	\$ -	\$ (500)
Ads		\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ (600)
Payroll		\$ 91,800	\$ 87,757.75	\$ 4,042.25	\$ 96,390	\$ 4,590
Professional						
HHW		\$ 222,600	\$ 195,276.28	\$ 27,323.72	\$ 220,000	\$ (2,600)
Demo	\$ 27,070.00	\$ 16,000	\$ 21,155.50	\$ 21,914.50	\$ -	\$ (16,000)
Bulky	\$ 21,556.00	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,495.68	\$ 26,060.32	\$ -	\$ (25,000)
Audit		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,150.00	\$ (150.00)	\$ 3,150	\$ 150
Bookkeeper		\$ 6,000	\$ 3,164.89	\$ 2,835.11	\$ -	\$ (6,000)
* Admin					\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Truck/Backhoe						
Fuel		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,136.43	\$ (136.43)	\$ 18,000	\$ 3,000
* Backhoe - Repairs/Maintenance					\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
* Truck - Repairs/Maintenance					\$ 20,500	\$ 20,500
Repairs/Maintenance		\$ 22,645	\$ 34,311.94	\$ (11,666.94)	\$ -	\$ (22,645)
Fuel/Decal		\$ 5	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5)
MMTA (AWSI)		\$ 25	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (25)
Registration/Inspection		\$ 2,200	\$ 2,109.62	\$ 90.38	\$ 2,200	\$ -
* Dues/Fees/Books/Testing					\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Station						
Internet		\$ 1,000	\$ 977.78	\$ 22.22	\$ 1,200	\$ 200
CMP		\$ 4,500	\$ 3,350.61	\$ 1,149.39	\$ 4,500	\$ -
Telephone		\$ 650	\$ 656.70	\$ (6.70)	\$ 675	\$ 25
Water		\$ 500	\$ 475.35	\$ 24.65	\$ 500	\$ -
Supplies		\$ 500	\$ 566.81	\$ (66.81)	\$ 500	\$ -
Extinguishers		\$ 100	\$ 81.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 100	\$ -
* Repairs					\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 48,626	\$ 452,025	\$ 430,986	\$ 69,664.70	\$ 423,965	\$ (28,160)
BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) Paid with Reserve Accounts		\$ 82,328.77	\$ 82,328.77			

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





February 9, 2024

Selectboard  
Town of Hiram  
16 Nasons Way  
Hiram, Maine 04041

We were engaged by the Town of Hiram and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Hiram as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2023 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

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

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TOWN OF HIRAM

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1, Restated	\$ 3,102,627	\$ 3,102,627	\$ 3,102,627	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	2,605,367	2,605,367	2,615,247	9,880
Excise Taxes	325,000	325,000	361,564	36,564
Interest on Taxes and Liens	-	-	7,008	7,008
Total Taxes	2,930,367	2,930,367	2,983,819	53,452
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	185,000	185,000	205,036	20,036
Homestead Exemption	110,019	110,019	110,357	338
GA Reimbursement	-	-	1,953	1,953
Local Road Assistance	50,000	50,000	54,942	4,942
Veteran Reimbursement	1,000	1,000	894	(106)
Tree Growth Reimbursement	18,000	18,000	18,447	447
State Snowmobile	-	-	755	755
Other	501	501	1,105	604
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	364,520	364,520	393,489	28,969
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	-	31,030	31,030
Charges for Services:				
Administration	-	-	14,309	14,309
Planning Board	-	-	2,250	2,250
Lease Income	-	-	1,501	1,501
Transfer Station Fees	-	-	70	70
Animal Control	-	-	526	526
Total Charges for Services	-	-	18,656	18,656
Investment Income	60,000	60,000	106,120	46,120
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Cable TV Franchise Fees	-	-	1,550	1,550
Miscellaneous Revenue	28,000	28,000	1,811	(26,189)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	28,000	28,000	3,361	(24,639)
Transfers from Other Funds	5,000	5,000	94,353	89,353
Amounts Available for Appropriation	6,490,514	6,490,514	6,733,455	242,941

SCHEDULE 1 (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	222,900	222,900	204,740	18,160
Boards and Associations	39,500	39,500	36,208	3,292
Maintenance	13,000	13,000	7,675	5,325
Community Services	89,200	90,740	90,740	-
Culture and Recreation	27,000	27,000	27,000	-
Protection	161,064	161,064	151,984	9,080
Cemeteries	5,800	5,800	5,800	-
Municipal Garage	684,500	1,083,376	1,083,376	-
Health and Sanitation	138,415	138,415	136,832	1,583
Education	1,646,586	1,646,586	1,646,586	-
County Tax	195,112	195,112	195,112	-
Unclassified	141,919	141,919	4,095	137,824
Transfers to Other Funds	80,500	80,500	80,500	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>3,445,496</u>	<u>3,845,912</u>	<u>3,670,648</u>	<u>175,264</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 3,045,018</u>	<u>\$ 2,644,602</u>	<u>\$ 3,062,807</u>	<u>\$ 418,205</u>
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 57,609</u>	<u>\$ 458,025</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (458,025)</u>

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

## TOWN OF HIRAM

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,594,246	\$ 37,138	\$ 3,631,384
Investments	-	48,909	48,909
Accounts receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	148,670	-	148,670
Liens	31,168	-	31,168
Due from other funds	-	533,359	533,359
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 3,774,084</b>	<b>\$ 619,406</b>	<b>\$ 4,393,490</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 2,479	\$ -	\$ 2,479
Due to other governments	2,357	-	2,357
Due to other funds	533,359	-	533,359
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>538,195</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>538,195</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Prepaid taxes	25,696	-	25,696
Advanced payment of LRAP funding	29,426	-	29,426
Deferred tax revenues	117,960	-	117,960
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>173,082</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>173,082</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	-	68,259	68,259
Restricted	-	78,443	78,443
Committed	-	461,200	461,200
Assigned	-	11,504	11,504
Unassigned	3,062,807	-	3,062,807
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>3,062,807</b>	<b>619,406</b>	<b>3,682,213</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 3,774,084</b>	<b>\$ 619,406</b>	<b>\$ 4,393,490</b>

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## TOWN OF HIRAM

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 2,622,255	\$ -	\$ 2,622,255
Excise taxes	361,564	-	361,564
Intergovernmental revenues	393,489	-	393,489
Charges for services	49,686	-	49,686
Miscellaneous revenues	109,481	26,160	135,641
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,536,475</b>	<b>26,160</b>	<b>3,562,635</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	204,740	-	204,740
Boards and associations	36,208	-	36,208
Maintenance	7,675	-	7,675
Community services	90,740	-	90,740
Culture and recreation	27,000	-	27,000
Protection	151,984	-	151,984
Cemeteries	5,800	-	5,800
Municipal garage	1,083,376	-	1,083,376
Health and sanitation	136,832	-	136,832
Education	1,646,586	-	1,646,586
County tax	195,112	-	195,112
Unclassified	4,095	35,663	39,758
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,590,148</b>	<b>155,426</b>	<b>3,745,574</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(53,673)</b>	<b>(129,266)</b>	<b>(182,939)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in	94,353	85,500	179,853
Transfers (out)	(80,500)	(99,353)	(179,853)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>13,853</b>	<b>(13,853)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>(39,820)</b>	<b>(143,119)</b>	<b>(182,939)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED</b>	<b>3,102,627</b>	<b>762,525</b>	<b>3,865,152</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ 3,062,807</b>	<b>\$ 619,406</b>	<b>\$ 3,682,213</b>

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

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>General Government -</b>					
Legal and professional	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ 11,144	\$ 1,356
Town office operation	42,500	-	42,500	39,937	2,563
Update assessing	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Town staff	134,700	-	134,700	124,302	10,398
Town's share ss	18,000	-	18,000	15,151	2,849
Audit of Town books	7,450	-	7,450	8,050	(600)
Elections	2,750	-	2,750	1,156	1,594
	<u>222,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>222,900</u>	<u>204,740</u>	<u>18,160</u>
<b>Boards and Associations -</b>					
Selectboard	14,800	-	14,800	14,799	1
Tax maps	4,500	-	4,500	4,600	(100)
Code enforcement	20,000	-	20,000	15,050	4,950
Planning and appeals boards	200	-	200	1,759	(1,559)
	<u>39,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,500</u>	<u>36,208</u>	<u>3,292</u>
<b>Maintenance -</b>					
Upkeep of buildings	10,000	-	10,000	4,675	5,325
Park upkeep	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
	<u>13,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>7,675</u>	<u>5,325</u>
<b>Community Services -</b>					
Sacopee Rescue	83,000	-	83,000	83,000	-
Southwest Oxford County	4,600	-	4,600	4,600	-
Seniors Plus	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Saco River Festival	300	-	300	300	-
Saco River Corridor Commission	300	-	300	300	-
Sacopee HS TV	-	1,540	1,540	1,540	-
	<u>89,200</u>	<u>1,540</u>	<u>90,740</u>	<u>90,740</u>	<u>-</u>

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Culture and Recreation -</b>					
Soldiers Memorial Library	17,500	-	17,500	17,500	-
Smooth Feather Youth	600	-	600	600	-
Sacopee recreation	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
Historical Society	1,800	-	1,800	1,800	-
Hiram Development Assoc.	500	-	500	500	-
Hiram Community Center	500	-	500	500	-
Snowmobile club	500	-	500	500	-
Hiram art center	1,100	-	1,100	1,100	-
Hiram parade	500	-	500	500	-
	<u>27,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Protection -</b>					
Hiram fire department	22,700	-	22,700	22,700	-
South Hiram fire department	22,700	-	22,700	22,700	-
EMA director	1,800	-	1,800	300	1,500
Lifeflight	805	-	805	805	-
Communications	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Animal control	2,150	-	2,150	1,076	1,074
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	1,609	-	1,609	1,609	-
Hydrants	16,500	-	16,500	15,870	630
Street lights	10,000	-	10,000	6,699	3,301
Volunteer fire pay	4,000	-	4,000	2,396	1,604
Insurance	68,800	-	68,800	67,829	971
	<u>161,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>161,064</u>	<u>151,984</u>	<u>9,080</u>
<b>Cemeteries -</b>					
Care of cemeteries	5,800	-	5,800	5,800	-
	<u>5,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>-</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Municipal Garage -					
General roads	300,000	398,876	698,876	734,386	(35,510)
Road engineering	10,000	-	10,000	1,846	8,154
Winter roads	374,500	-	374,500	347,144	27,356
	<u>684,500</u>	<u>398,876</u>	<u>1,083,376</u>	<u>1,083,376</u>	<u>-</u>
Health and Sanitation -					
Solid waste account	133,615	-	133,615	133,615	-
Health officer	800	-	800	800	-
General assistance	4,000	-	4,000	2,417	1,583
	<u>138,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,415</u>	<u>136,832</u>	<u>1,583</u>
Education -					
RSU #55	1,646,586	-	1,646,586	1,646,586	-
	<u>1,646,586</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,646,586</u>	<u>1,646,586</u>	<u>-</u>
County Tax -					
Oxford County	195,112	-	195,112	195,112	-
	<u>195,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>195,112</u>	<u>195,112</u>	<u>-</u>
Unclassified -					
Contingency	10,000	-	10,000	474	9,526
Maine Municipal Association	2,976	-	2,976	2,976	-
Southern Maine Planning	645	-	645	645	-
Abatements/overlay	128,298	-	128,298	-	128,298
	<u>141,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,919</u>	<u>4,095</u>	<u>137,824</u>



TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Road reconstruction	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Building improvement	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Revaluation reserve	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	-
Capital improvements	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Tri-Town capital reserve	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Fire apparatus reserve	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-
Public works reserve	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Sacopee Valley Rescue	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Outlying cemeteries	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
	<u>80,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,500</u>	<u>80,500</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 3,445,496	\$ 400,416	\$ 3,845,912	\$ 3,670,648	\$ 175,264

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TOWN OF HIRAM

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,138	\$ 37,138
Investments	-	-	48,909	48,909
Due from other funds	205,108	328,251	-	533,359
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 205,108</u>	<u>\$ 328,251</u>	<u>\$ 86,047</u>	<u>\$ 619,406</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	68,259	68,259
Restricted	60,655	-	17,788	78,443
Committed	132,949	328,251	-	461,200
Assigned	11,504	-	-	11,504
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>205,108</u>	<u>328,251</u>	<u>86,047</u>	<u>619,406</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 205,108</u>	<u>\$ 328,251</u>	<u>\$ 86,047</u>	<u>\$ 619,406</u>

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TOWN OF HIRAM

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Interest income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 803	\$ 803
Miscellaneous	18,807	-	6,550	25,357
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>18,807</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,353</u>	<u>26,160</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Program expenditures	8,313	23,458	3,892	35,663
Capital outlay	-	119,763	-	119,763
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>8,313</u>	<u>143,221</u>	<u>3,892</u>	<u>155,426</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>10,494</u>	<u>(143,221)</u>	<u>3,461</u>	<u>(129,266)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	8,500	77,000	-	85,500
Transfers (out)	(5,000)	(94,353)	-	(99,353)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>(17,353)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,853)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	13,994	(160,574)	3,461	(143,119)
<b>FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED</b>	<u>191,114</u>	<u>488,825</u>	<u>82,586</u>	<u>762,525</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31</b>	<u>\$ 205,108</u>	<u>\$ 328,251</u>	<u>\$ 86,047</u>	<u>\$ 619,406</u>

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