

# Town of Hiram

2025

## Annual Report



*The 2025 Town Report is graciously dedicated to  
Sally & Jan Williams*

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge all the ways both Sally and Jan Williams have donated their time and energy to help the community over the past decades.

Sally has been instrumental in the Historical Society for years and is also an active member of the community club. She serves on the board of the Hiram Cultural Center and the Soldiers Memorial Library.

Within the Hiram Historical Society (HHS), she has held the position of President as well as many other roles on the board. She is currently the Curator for the museum and the editor for the quarterly newsletter. Sally has led numerous improvements and repairs to the former Mt. Cutler School and played a key role in creating the society's website, which can be visited at [www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org).

Among her many accomplishments for HHS, Sally has managed the HHS calendar for years—this year's edition, titled "Barns of Hiram Lost and Saved," remains available for purchase as one of the society's ongoing fundraisers. Last summer, she organized a bus tour of several barns featured in the calendar. In 2021, Sally published "Faces of Founders, Hiram Maine," a collection of stories about Hiram's 45 settler families. She also helped form the "Garden Angels," which holds a semi-annual flower bulb sale, and has contributed to beautifying the gazebo with flowers.

Jan has been active as an Executive Committee member and Treasurer for the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission. He is also a member of the Appeals Board and has served on the town's planning board for several years, including as chairman. Jan played a significant part in developing multiple updates to the Hiram Zoning Ordinance.

One of Jan's favorite activities is model railroading. He generously shares his passion by opening his display to the community each December.

Both Jan and Sally can always be counted on to lend a hand at any community event. We are extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful couple so deeply woven into the fabric of our community.

Thank you, Jan and Sally, for all that you do for our small town!

If an event is going on here in Hiram, you can almost guarantee that they will both be there.



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



For the Fiscal Year Ending  
December 31, 2025

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### ***Disclaimer***

*This town report is for information purposes only.  
We apologize for any errors or omissions this  
report may contain.*

## **Notices**

### **Exemptions**

All persons who desire to secure any exemption of taxes in Hiram, shall on or before the first day in April, notify the assessors of Hiram in writing and furnish proof of entitlement. Exemptions forms may be picked up at the town office or downloaded from Maine State Revenue.

### **Assessors 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 and be prepared to take oath to the truth of the same.

### **Dog Notices**

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

## **Our town office hours**

**Hours Mon- Wed 9 to 3**

**Thursdays 9 to 7**

**Board meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7pm**

**Closed on Friday**

**No Saturday hours**

**Assessors Report**  
**2025 Assessment and Valuation Report**

**Assessments**

County Tax	\$ 382,851.00	
Municipal Appropriation	\$ 1,866,982.00	
Education Appropriation	\$ 1,750,904.76	
Overlay	\$ 144,485.76	
<b>Total Assessment</b>		<b>\$4,145,223.52</b>

**Deductions**

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 190,000.00	
Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 81,376.49	
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 342.07	
Other Revenue	\$914,375.00	
<b>Total Deductions</b>		<b>\$1,186,093.56</b>

**Amount to be raised** **\$ 2,959,129.96**

**Valuations of Taxable Real and Personal Property**

Real Estate	\$ 257,381,555	
Personal Property	\$ 1,057,743	
Total Taxable Valuation		\$ 258,439,298

Mil Rate for 2025 X 0.01145

**Total Tax Commitment** **\$ 2,959,129.96**

Supplemental Taxes	1,912.48
Abatements	3,840.00

**Town Officers for 2025**

**Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer – Elected in March Three Year Term**

*Karen James Resigned October 2025, Paul Henninger 2026, Eric Durgin 2027, Cory Hale 2028*

**Town Clerk, Tax Collector & Treasurer**

*Marylou F. Stacey*

**Deputy Town Clerk, PB & AB Secretary & GA Administrator**

*Lisa Fox*

**Road Commissioner**

*Kyle Estes*

**Fire Chief & EM Director / Deputies**

*Ethan Norcross- Chief, Bruce Pyburn Deputy*

**Director of MSAD 55 – Elected in in March Three Year Term**

*Dawn Self-Cooper 2026, Danielle Parker 2027, Alison Lehouillier- 2028*

**Animal Control Officer**

*Cindy Eaton –207- 890-5313*

**Code Enforcement Officer, Building and Plumbing Inspector**

*Guy Lehouillier*

**Planning Board - 5 Members 2 Alternates Three Year Term**

*Carol Goode 2026, Keisha Garnett 2027, David Hewey 2027, James Madgey 2028,  
Bryan Bizer 2028*

**Conservation Committee – 5 Members Three Year Term**

*Dan Hester 2028, Nathan Burnett 2026,  
Brit Wolfe 2027, Herbert Marshall 2027*

**Appeals Board – 5 Members Three Year Term**

*Sylvia Pease 2028, Bill Johnson Sr 2026, Keisha Garnett 2026  
Gene Stacey 2027, Jan Williams 2027*

**Heath Officer Three Year Term**

*Dr. Joseph deKay, D.O. 2028*

**Saco River Corridor Commission- Three Year Term November**

*Dan Hester & Carol Goode Alternate*

**Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission**

*Jan Williams & Karen James*

**Town Council**

*Leah Rachin – Drummond & Woodsum*

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## United States Senate

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APPROPRIATIONS  
CHAIR  
HEALTH, EDUCATION,  
LABOR, AND PENSIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine, and I welcome this opportunity to update you on the work that has taken place in the Senate over the past year. My staff and I have addressed numerous issues affecting our state, and I would like to share some of the progress that we have made.

Since my *Social Security Fairness Act* was signed into law in January 2025, the law has been fully implemented and restored earned retirement benefits to 2.8 million Americans. More than 25,000 Mainers have seen their monthly benefits increase and have been issued more than \$184.5 million in retroactive payments. I am proud that this legislation has improved the lives of many retired firefighters, teachers, police officers, and other public employees and their spouses.

I was honored to become the first Maine Senator in nearly a century to lead the Appropriations Committee. Since I took this role last January, Congress enacted full-year appropriations bills before December for the first time since 2018. These bipartisan bills included full-year funding for Military Construction and the Department of Veterans Affairs, the US Department of Agriculture, and the Food and Drug Administration. At my request, these bills included nearly \$35 million in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for local projects across Maine that will improve fire stations and emergency services, update municipal buildings, and support upgraded facilities at the Maine National Guard and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) in Kittery. This funding builds on the nearly \$1.1 billion in CDS I have secured since 2021 for worthy projects that benefit local communities and nonprofits across 16 counties. As Chair, I remain committed to working to better ensure that federal spending and investments produce real results for the people of Maine.

I have also led other important legislative efforts this year that address problems many Mainers face. This includes bills that expand federal efforts to combat Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses and improve access to early testing for Alzheimer's disease. Provisions I authored to strengthen prevention, treatment, and recovery services for those struggling with substance use disorders and mental illness were included in the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act* that was recently signed into law. An amendment I authored in this year's *National Defense Authorization Act* will increase apprenticeship opportunities at public shipyards like PNSY. That bill also includes more than \$400 million to support critical infrastructure improvements at PNSY and a well-deserved 3.8 percent pay raise for all our nation's service members.

In addition to advancing legislation, I worked to ensure that federal commitments to Maine were maintained and, when necessary, restored. I secured a seasonal employee exemption for Acadia National Park from the Administration's federal hiring freeze and from closure during the recent government shutdown. I protected local programs like Maine Sea Grant and global initiatives like the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) from harmful funding cuts. I led the effort to resume enrollment at Maine Job Corps centers and fought for full funding for Maine's public schools this school year. I preserved funding for the University of Maine System and secured the restoration of funding to the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point and the Penobscot Nation. I protected low-income Mainers' access to key programs like LIHEAP and SNAP. Although I voted against the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* due to my opposition to Medicaid cuts, I helped secure \$50 billion to support rural health providers through the legislation's Rural Health Transformation Program. Maine has been awarded \$190 million in the first year of this five-year grant program.

Throughout my Senate service, I have never missed a roll-call vote and have cast more than 9,850 consecutive votes—reflecting the Maine work ethic I bring to Washington. My continued ranking as most bipartisan Senator from the Lugar Center and Georgetown University is a testament to Maine's tradition of working with cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that the State of Maine's needs are met. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at [collins.senate.gov](http://collins.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Dear Friends,

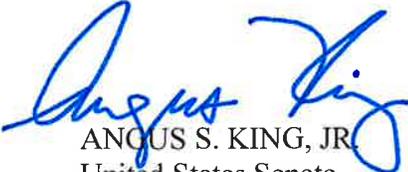
With each year we have a new opportunity to recognize our shared achievements and offer up our time and energy to support one another when challenges arise. I am grateful to the towns across Maine for their dedication to their communities, their residents, and our state. Working together has always been our strength, and the past year proved that once again we are stronger when we work together.

However, it is difficult to recall a year more challenging than the one we just experienced – a year that required a steady focus on our founding principles and shared values. For these reasons, I spent hours on the Senate Floor reminding my colleagues—and many of you back home—about the vision our founders demonstrated when they laid the blueprint for the American experiment. A cornerstone in their understanding was a duty to civic engagement and community. I often refer to Maine as a big town with long roads, and in my travels throughout our state, I am reassured by the grassroots participation in our civic process and the neighborly feel that makes Maine unique.

My legislative priorities remain largely the same: supporting Maine veterans, small businesses, and our heritage industries like agriculture, forest products and the marine economy. Additionally, I am grateful to have an exceptional team across Maine ready to assist you with issues involving the federal government. Whether you are facing challenges related to veterans' services, Social Security, the IRS, passports or other matters, I encourage you to reach out to our offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford. We are here to help and welcome the opportunity to work on your behalf.

Together, I am confident we can continue building a stronger and more prosperous future for our state and nation. Thank you for being one of the many reasons Maine is such a special place. It is truly an honor to serve you and to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2026.

Best Regards,



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As you likely know, my time in Congress will come to an end in January 2027, after which I'll return to my family and my life as a private citizen. In other words, this is my final town letter.

My time as your representative has included a fair share of ups and downs, but one thing that never changed was the pride I brought with me to represent your community and all the others across Maine's 2nd Congressional District.

Maine has been home for my entire life. And while serving in Congress has meant a lot of time in Washington, D.C., I've tried my best to stay connected to the people, places and values that made me who I am.

Growing up in Leeds, I learned the value of hard work and community. When I enlisted in the U.S. Marines, a decision driven by the commitment to service and patriotism instilled in me by the people and places that raised me, I learned a lot about sacrifice and leadership. After my time in the military, I settled in Lewiston and served my city in the Maine State House, where I got a crash course in what representation really meant: listening, understanding, and fighting to make life better for the people and families who'd placed their trust in me.

I brought these values and experiences with me to Congress, and tried to live up to them every day I have served.

I share all this not because my story is special or my values unique, but because I know that it is not.

It's fair to say that I've worked in one way or another with most every community in the District. Together, we've reduced pressure on property taxes by securing congressional funds for local projects. We've passed laws to support Maine's heritage industries and small businesses. And

my staff and I have provided direct constituent services, helping thousands of Mainers across the state — including recovering millions of dollars in missing or delayed federal benefits.

What I've learned through our work together is that there are leaders all over Maine everywhere you look — people committed to service, to their communities and their country: Municipal officials and workers. Business owners and innovators. Servicemembers and law enforcement officers. Volunteer firefighters. And of course, the everyday workers, parents and students who are all doing their part to contribute how they can to their families and communities.

I am grateful to share this state with every single one of you, and despite all our challenges, I am optimistic about our future because of what I've seen and learned. I know that the things that divide us are no match for the things we have in common and our commitment to each other.

While this may be my final letter in this format, I am still working hard to represent you for the rest of this year. If your community, small business, or family has a need, reach out to my nearest district office and talk to us about it. My staff and I can help navigate government programs; find federal resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other agencies. Here's the contact info for my offices:

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

Thank you again for the great honor of representing you in Congress and the opportunity to serve you and your community. I will spend the rest of my time in Congress working just as hard as I always have to deliver what I can to Maine.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden  
Member of Congress



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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January 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It remains my honor to serve as your State Representative for House District 82 in the Second Regular Session of the Maine State Legislature. I take this responsibility seriously and look forward to working hard for the people I represent.

The Legislature convened on January 7, 2026, and is preparing to consider a wide range of proposals in the months ahead. Lawmakers will address issues affecting our farming and agricultural economy, housing availability, workforce development, and support for working families, including Maine's high property and income tax burden and rising energy costs. These decisions have a direct impact on our region, and your input is essential. Hearing from the people of District 82 helps guide my work and ensures your voice is represented at the State House.

I encourage you to stay informed and get involved with what is going on in Augusta. When citizens speak up and stay engaged, it helps create change. I believe this growing involvement can lead to a Legislature that focuses more on the needs of everyday Mainers. Visit the legislative website at [Legislature.Maine.Gov](http://Legislature.Maine.Gov), where you can review bill language and summaries, follow committee schedules, and watch the House and Senate sessions. Public Hearing and committee meetings are also accessible via Zoom and live streamed for your convenience.

I will continue serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, where I help work on energy policy and efficiency, internet and television services, water and sewer utilities, as well as artificial intelligence technology; issues important to our district and state.

If you would like to be added to my email list to receive updates and important information on State programs and services, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request at [Nathan.Wadsworth@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Nathan.Wadsworth@legislature.maine.gov).

I am truly grateful for your confidence in my leadership and for this opportunity to serve. Together, we will work toward building a more prosperous future for our families and our community.

Warm regards,

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

Nathan J. Wadsworth  
State Representative

District 13 Brownfield/ Fryeburg/ Lovell/ Hiram/ Porter



James Libby, Ph.D.  
Senator, District 22

THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

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January 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. It is truly an honor to represent the communities that comprise District 22, and I can assure you I will continue to work diligently on your behalf.

The First Regular Session and the First Special Session of the 132nd Legislature adjourned in March and July, respectively. The Second Regular Session convened on January 7, 2026. I expect it to be a busy Second Session with 415 bills carried over, 90 bills submitted by executive departments and 98 bills accepted for consideration by the Legislative Council, the administrative body of the Legislature.

I am happy to report the Legislature enacted several crucial pieces of legislation to expand access to medical care, including legislation to address access to prescriptions in our state's most rural areas. My colleagues and I were also able to pass legislation to protect our important forest and logging industries, support Maine's hospitality sector and provide economic opportunities for our agricultural industry.

My bills to strengthen mathematics requirements in schools, to protect consumers from heavy fees charged by financial institutions, and to strengthen a town's ability to grant zoning variances to disabled veterans also passed the Legislature this past year. Unfortunately, my bill to strengthen high school math requirements is among 61 bills awaiting the Governor's action.

Last year, I worked closely with municipal leaders attempting to strengthen their ability to respond to the issues of drug use, squatting, and unsafe housing in our region. While many of our proposed solutions were defeated, I will continue to work with leaders at both the state and local levels to solve these problems.

I continue to hear from many constituents about rising energy costs and property taxes. To that end, I supported reforms to the Net Energy Billing program, which will save ratepayers \$67 million annually. Ratepayers are still on the hook for \$153 million in subsidies and I'm eager to support stronger actions this session to decrease that amount. I also supported measures to reinstitute the property tax stabilization program and triple the homestead exemption. While these measures failed, I will continue to work to pass property tax relief.

Please contact me at 287-1505 or [Jim.Libby@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jim.Libby@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or need assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless all the citizens of Maine.

Sincerely,

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

James D. Libby, Ph.D.  
State Senator, District 22

## Municipal Officers Letter

2025 was a busy year here in Hiram. Each year, we are committed to providing the townspeople with excellent and efficient customer service, as well as reliable town-side services.

In 2025, we welcomed a new Road Commissioner and transitioned the position from an elected role to an appointed one. Kyle Estes of PY Estes and Sons, Inc. was appointed as our Road Commissioner for a three-year term. Kyle developed a five-year plan for road maintenance and improvements, which is reviewed and updated annually with the board. Throughout 2025, the Road Commissioner emphasized ditching several roadways, replacing culverts, and carrying out annual roadway maintenance. One of Kyle's first projects was addressing the Trafton Way bridge, which needed replacement. He proposed a non-engineered solution, installing a large culvert in place of the bridge, meeting state agency requirements at a significantly lower cost than the engineered designs previously considered.

The New Settlement Road project was completed in 2025. The initial step involved removing trees that had grown within the town's right of way across a project area spanning 5,425 linear feet. William Day and Sons Logging collaborated with property owners to finish this stage early in the year. In July, WL Sturgeon began the next phase, which included stump removal, ditching, replacing several culverts, reclaiming the existing pavement, and grading and compacting the surface for new pavement. The project was completed in early fall.

As a community, recruiting new members for the fire departments continues to be challenging. If you are interested in joining, please contact Ethan or the office staff. Chief Norcross has worked diligently to keep us in compliance. In 2023, we were awarded the Assistance to Firefighter Grant for the purchase of a new tanker truck. A deposit for the truck was placed in 2025, and we hope to have the new truck on site soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Cory Hale  
Municipal Officer Chair



**TOWN OF HIRAM  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
Elections Friday March 6, 2026  
Polls open from 4 pm to 8 pm  
Annual Town Meeting Saturday March 7, 2026  
At 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 6, 2026** at 3:45 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting.  
The Moderator will then open the polls, to vote on Article 2, at the Hiram Town Office at 4 p.m. and close at 8 p.m.
- Article 2. To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officers:
- Selectboard/Assessor/Overseer – 3 yr term
- MSAD 55 School Board Director – 3 yr term

When the polls are closed, the meeting will recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 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.  
Municipal Officers recommend appropriate the Snowmobile Reimbursement from the State.
- Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$228,093.00 for rescue services as follows:
- |                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Rescue operating account | \$ 218,093.00        |
| Rescue reserve account   | <u>\$ 10,000.00</u>  |
| Totaling                 | <u>\$ 228,093.00</u> |
- Municipal Officers make no recommendations
- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the franchise fees and any other grants received from Spectrum, Inc to Sacopee Valley Media Tech (Sacopee TV) for the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and for operating costs.
- Municipal Officers recommend to do so.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,964.00, for the following outside agencies per their requests.

Arts Center @ 8 Hancock	\$ 1,100.00
Community Club – Hiram	\$ 1,000.00
Development Assoc – Hiram	\$ 500.00
Grateful Undead ( New)	\$ 550.00
Harvest Hills	\$ 1,609.00
Hiram Historical Society	\$ 2,500.00
Library	\$17,500.00
Lifelight	\$ 805.00
Parade- 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	\$ 500.00
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	\$ 7,000.00
<b>Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b> New Petitioned Request*
Total	\$ 41,964.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$39,464.00  
 \*no support

**ADMINISTRATION ARTICLES:**

- Article 7. 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 2026 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2027, to the March 2027 annual Town Meeting. Explanation: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends but before the annual town meeting.
- Article 8. To see if the town will authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax-acquired property via quitclaim deed be either (A) offering the property to the former owner(s) or if deceased, to his/her/their heirs/devisees/personal representative for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and costs; or (B) using the process required by 36 M.R.S.A. §943-C, provided that if the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C(3) the board may sell the property through a competitive bid process in which a notice advertising the sale of the property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county and the local Shopping Guide. For sales other than to the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.
- Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36MRSA §506 and to set that rate of interest at **2%** that the town will vote to pay thereon and appropriate said amount from Interest account. Prepayments not to exceed 90% of the previous year's tax. Municipal Officers recommend to pay 2% on any prepaid taxes.
- Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to charge **7.5%** of interest on unpaid taxes and set the date for interest to commence 60 days after the 2026 commitment date. The Municipal Officers recommend 60 days after the 2026 commitment date and interest rate of **7.5%**.

- Article 11. To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate of **3.5%** to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to MRS Title 36, §506-A and authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate from the 2026 Overlay abated taxes to any property owner that have paid their taxes prior to approval of the abatement.  
Municipal Officers recommend 3.5% for 2026
- Article 12. 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 **\$100,000.00**, to reduce the current year tax commitment.  
Municipal Officers recommend to do so.
- Article 13. 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 will be placed into the Recreational Land Account.  
Municipal Officers recommend to do so.
- Article 14. 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 2026 calendar year to the budget accounts that have overruns at the of the 2026 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 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept any and all interest earned on checking accounts, reserve accounts, money market accounts and savings accounts and disperse said interest and apply a portion to the current year taxes.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of any town owned personal property, they deem necessary and place the funds received from the sale into a specified account. Such as sale of fire trucks, funds would be placed into the Fire Apparatus reserve account etc.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to Title 23 MRS §2953.
- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate all building permit fees and 75% of the plumbing permit fees collected by the building and plumbing inspector. The remaining 25% of the plumbing permit fees to be sent to the State Treasurer.  
Municipal Officers recommend to do so.
- Article 19. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during calendar year 2026.  
Municipal Officers recommend raise & appropriate \$10,000.00
- Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 101,605.00 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 to raise and appropriate \$101,605.00 with revenues received for planning board, appeals board and any legal reimbursements. (NOTE: There is an increase in legal due to a rate increase as well as an increase in town office operations due to updated software and ADA compliance)

Audit	\$ 14,600.00
Planning and Appeals Boards	\$ 200.00
Legal expenses	\$ 16,000.00
MMA Dues	\$ 3,400.00
SMPD dues	\$ 705.00
Town Office operations	\$ 61,000.00
Update Tax Maps	\$ 4,900.00
Health Officer	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
<b>Totaling</b>	<b>\$101,605.00</b>

Article 21. 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 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 for upkeep and repairs to any town owned property.  
Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$15,000.00

**SALARY ARTICLES:**

Article 23. 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 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 204,200.00 for compensation and insurance benefits for town employees. Authorizing and entrusting the elected municipal officers to disperse funds appropriately in accordance with the Hiram Personnel Policy and appointments to positions.

Municipal Officers recommend: \$204,200.00 for compensation, insurance, and benefits:

Town office Staff	\$106,500.00
Fire Chiefs	\$ 10,500.00
Municipal Officers	\$ 20,500.00
Election Clerks	\$ 2,500.00
Animal Control officer	\$ 2,150.00
EMA Director	\$ 1,200.00
Unemployment	\$ 1,000.00
Insurances	\$ 46,000.00
FMLA - New	\$ 850.00
Towns Share Social Security	\$ 13,000.00

- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,750.00 for the update assessing for the 2026 tax commitment. This is a written contract with a single assessor including an additional fee of \$9,850.00 to adjust the cost files for 2026  
Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$31,750.00.
- Article 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into a three year contract for the purpose of a town wide revaluation on such terms as they deem to be in the Town's best interest.**
- Article 27. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Revaluation Reserve Account for the first year of revaluation contract.**

**PROTECTION ARTICLES:**

- Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,000.00 for the following emergency response departments: Any unexpended balance for the Fire Department at year end will be put into a special revenue account.

Communications	\$ 11,000.00
Hiram Fire Department	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 51,000.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise & appropriate \$51,000.00

- Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for the purpose of paying a stipend to volunteer firefighters in accordance with criteria approved by the fire chief and municipal officers.  
Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$6,000.00

- Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 24,420.00 for town utilities as follows:

Hydrants	\$ 16,500.00
Street Lights	<u>\$ 7,920.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 24,420.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$24,420.00

**HEALTH & SANITATION ARTICLES:**

- Article 31. 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 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$179,790.00 for the following solid waste accounts:

Solid Waste Account	\$ 164,790.00
Tri-Town Waste reserve	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 179,790.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$179,790.00

**ROAD ARTICLES:**

Article 33. 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

**CEMETERY, PARKS, RECREATIONAL, AND ANY OTHER TOWN DEPTS 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 MRS Title 13 §1101. 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	\$ 7,800.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$ 7,800.00

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 at year end in the Park Upkeep/Memorial Services will be put into the Parks and Rec Special .

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$ 3,000.00

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$1,500.00 from the Parks and Recreation Fund to purchase signage for the Sawmill Park and Mt. Cutler.

The Municipal Officers recommend to raise and appropriate \$ 1,500.00  
Did not complete the project in 2025

**Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 from the Parks and Recreation Fund to purchase a portion of tax map U09-0007, approximately 25 acres that abuts the Mt Cutler Recreational Land owned by the Town**

**The Municipal Officers recommend to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00**

**RESERVE ACCOUNT ARTICLES:**

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for the following reserve accounts:

Capital Improvement Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Road Reconstruction Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Building Maintenance Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Revaluation Reserve	\$ 30,000.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$ 60,000.00

**Article 39. Shall an ordinance entitled 'Property Maintenance Ordinance' for the Town of Hiram be enacted?**

Article 40. Entertain a motion to adjourn



*Left: 1916  
Below: 2025*



**ADMINISTRATION**

**LEGAL EXPENSES**

Raised		\$14,000.00
Audit	\$407.50	
CEO	3,356.50	
General	2,614.50	
Planning Bd Issues	7,972.30	
Total Expense	\$14,350.80	
Balance		-\$350.80

**TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS**

Raised		\$51,000.00
Paid:		
Elections	\$175.00	
Electricity	2,779.87	
Heating Oil - 931.5G	2,564.83	
Internet	2,246.14	
Telephone	1,529.38	
Water	476.90	
Office Supplies	3,684.34	
Postage	4,207.00	
Mowing	1,450.00	
Shoveling/Plowing	325.00	
General Maint. Other	125.00	
Computer	17,614.19	
Copier	585.74	
Postage Meter Contract	707.88	
Contractual Services Other	206.47	
Professional Service Other	50.00	
Training Workshops	1,117.90	
Dues	210.00	
Advertisement	2,046.00	
Food	128.78	
Gifts	22.99	
Registry of Deeds	1,753.00	
Total Expense	\$44,006.41	
Balance to Surplus		\$6,993.59

**MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION**

Raised		\$3,148.00
Paid:		
Dues	\$3,148.00	

**PLANNING BOARD**

Raised		\$4,300.00
Received from Fees		<u>950.00</u>
Total		\$5,250.00

Paid:		
Stipends	\$3,244.59	
Postage	38.33	
Advertisement	<u>520.22</u>	
Total Expense	\$3,803.14	

Balance to Surplus		\$1,446.86
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**APPEALS BOARD**

Raised		\$100.00
No Expenditures – Moved to Surplus		

**SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

Raised		\$684.00
Paid:		
Dues	\$684.00	

**AUDIT**

Raised		\$8,150.00
Paid: RHR Smith – Town Audit	\$8150.00	

**TOWN SHARE PFML & SOCIAL SECURITY**

Raised for PFML		\$850.00
Raised for Social Security		13,000.00
Reimbursement from Tri-Town		<u>8.00</u>
Total		\$13,858.00

Paid:		
PFML	773.25	
Social Security Towns Share	<u>11,729.57</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 12,502.82	

Balance to Surplus		\$1,355.18
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### TOWN OFFICE STAFF

Raised		\$109,050.00
Reimbursement from Tri-Town		<u>2,262.50</u>
Total		\$ 111,312.50

Paid:		
Town Office Staff	98,025.05	
Fire Chief	7,500.00	
Deputy Fire Chiefs	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Total Expense	\$107,025.05	

Balance to Surplus		4,287.45
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### UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Raised		\$ 5,000.00
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Paid	\$ <u>3,562.12</u>	
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Balance to Surplus		\$ 1,437.88
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### MUNICIPAL OFFICER COMPENSATION & MILEAGE

Raised		\$ 22,300.00
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Paid:		
Municipal Officer Salaries	20,229.25	
Municipal Officer Mileage	1,750.00	

Total Expense	<u>\$21,979.25</u>	
Balance to Surplus		\$ 320.75

### UPDATE ASSESSING

Raised		\$5,000.00
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Paid:		
David Ledew, Assessing Agent	3,750.00	
Emma Ouellette – Data Input	301.00	
Atlantic Valuation – New Assessing Agent	<u>1,450.00</u>	
	\$ 5,501.00	

Balance		-\$ 501.00
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### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Raised		\$20,000.00
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Paid:		
CEO Salary	13,674.00	
CEO Mileage	1,958.29	
Dues	130.00	

Office Supply – New Code Book	<u>166.00</u>
Total Expense	\$15,928.29

Balance to Surplus	\$4,071.71
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**TAX MAP UPDATE**

Raised	\$4,800.00
Paid:	
Annual Update	<u>4,500.00</u>

Balance to Surplus	\$300.00
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**ELECTIONS**

Raised	\$2,500.00
Paid:	
Election Workers	<u>1,417.50</u>

Balance to Surplus	\$ 1,082.50
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**EMERGENCY EXPENSES**

Raised from Fund Balance	\$10,000.00
Paid:	
Audit Exp	5,800.00
TO Building Repairs	113.07
Hiram FD Repairs	313.96
Refund Building Permit	<u>480.00</u>
Total Expense	\$ 6,707.03

Balance to Surplus	\$3,292.97
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**TOWN BUILDING REPAIRS**

Raised	\$15,000.00
Paid:	
Building Repairs	3,998.75
HFD Repairs	8,450.99
Salt Shed Repairs	1,465.00
SHFD Repairs	<u>1,085.26</u>
Total Expense	\$15,000.00

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Raised		\$50,000.00
Forestry Grant		1,995.96
STK		
Paid:		
Electricity	\$2,863.81	
Heating Oil – 1,707.3G	5,291.86	
Propane	410.62	
Water	472.60	
Office Supplies	296.98	
Equipment Purchase	10,273.45	
Office Other	2,218.19	
Shoveling/Plowing	3,850.00	
General Maint. Other	897.75	
Dispatching	349.00	
Contractual Services Other	835.00	
Professional Services	476.00	
Dues	210.00	
Vehicle/Equipment	264.69	
Fuel	593.14	
Parts	6,839.95	
Misc Repairs	10,459.62	
Batteries	505.00	
Forestry Grant Supplies	4,491.91	
Building Repairs	253.00	
Food	38.64	
Total Expense	<u>\$ 51,891.21</u>	
Balance to HFD Special Revenue		\$104.75

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER STIPEND**

Raised		\$6,000.00
Paid:		
Volunteers (8)	\$4,792.00	
Balance to Surplus		\$ 1,208.00

**EMA DIRECTOR**

Raised		\$1,800.00
Paid:		
Stipend	1,000.00	
Mileage	500.00	
Balance to Surplus		\$ 300.00

### COMMUNICATIONS

Raised		\$10,000.00
Paid:		
Fire Chief Cell	617.72	
Dispatching Contract w/ Augusta	7,911.42	
Tower Rent	<u>1,440.00</u>	
Total Expense	9,969.14	
Balance to Communications Special Revenue		\$ 30.86

### ANIMAL CONTROL

Raised		\$2,150.00
Paid:		
Cindy Eaton, Animal Control Officer	1,505.64	
ACO Mileage	<u>1,196.50</u>	
Total Expense	\$ 2,702.14	
Over Budget		-\$ 552.14

### HARVEST HILLS ANIMAL SHELTER

Raised from Fund Balance		\$1,609.00
Paid:		
Shelter Service	\$1,609.00	

### HYDRANTS

Raised		\$16,500.00
Paid:		
Maine Water Company – 6 Hydrants	\$15,882.31	
Balance to Surplus		\$ 617.69

### STREET LIGHTS

Raised		\$7,200.00
Paid:		
Central Maine Power	\$7,190.93	
Balance to Surplus		\$9.07

### INSURANCE

Raised		\$50,000.00
		70.95
Paid:		
Health Insurance for Staff	15,060.96	
Reimbursement for Health Insurance	7,029.15	
Prop. & Casualty	15,497.50	

Workers Compensation	5,580.00	
Volunteer Insurance	<u>54.00</u>	
Total Expense	\$ 43,221.61	
Balance to Surplus		\$6,849.34

**HIGHWAYS**

**GENERAL ROADS**

Raised		\$270,000.00
Raised from Local Roads Fund		55,000.00
From Fund Balance for New Settlement Rd		<u>300,000.00</u>
Total		\$ 625,000.00

Paid:

Road Commissioner	5,220.00
Cold Patch	4,355.50
Culverts	19,890.27
Gravel	20,586.50
Road Signs	751.69
Other – Sand, Seed, Misc.	1,308.98
Tree Cutting New Settlement Rd	15,000.00
Street Sweeping	1,200.00
Sidewalk Survey	345.00
Backhoe Rental	2,042.50
Chainsaw Rental	87.50
Excavator Rental	32,282.50
Fuel Expense	85.97
Grader Rental	6,800.00
Mulcher/Shearer	14,500.00
Trucks	39,036.25
Misc Rental	1,497.50
New Settlement Rd Project	<u>460,000.00</u>
Total Expense	\$ 624,990.16

Balance to Surplus		\$9.84
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**WINTER ROADS**

Raised		\$384,000.00
Paid:		
Electricity	\$1,185.48	
Salt	60,673.66	
Gate Keys & Locks	71.21	
Put up Salt Piles	51,383.78	

Snowplow Contract – NE, Shea & Sons	137,486.00	
Snowplow Contract – SE, Ken Harmon	<u>112,950.00</u>	
Total Expense	\$363,750.13	
Balance to Surplus		\$20,489.87

**HEALTH & SANITATION**

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

Raised		\$4,000.00
Paid:		
Electricity	\$213.50	
Rent	942.00	
Funeral Exp	<u>725.00</u>	
Total Expense	\$1,880.50	
Balance to Surplus		\$2,119.50

**SOLID WASTE**

Raised		\$147,698.00
Paid:		
Tri-Town Waste Facility	\$147,697.14	
Balance to Surplus		\$0.86

**SACOPEE RESCUE**

Raised		\$138,838.00
Paid:		
Sacopee Rescue Unit	\$138,838.00	

**HEALTH OFFICER**

Raised		\$800.00
Paid:		
Stipend – Joseph deKay	\$800.00	

**EDUCATION**

**GENERAL**

Raised		\$1,750,904.76
Paid:		
M.S.A.D #55	\$1,750,904.76	

**TV-2**

Received in Franchise Fees		\$ 5,766.96
Paid:	\$ 5,766.96	

**CULTURE & RECREATION**

**ARTS CENTER @ 8 HANCOCK**

Raised & Paid \$1,100.00

**HIRAM COMMUNITY CLUB**

Raised & Paid \$900.00

**HIRAM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

Raised & Paid \$500.00

**GRATEFUL UNDEAD**

Raised & Paid \$550.00

**HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Raised & Paid \$2,500.00

**SOLDIERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Raised & Paid \$17,500.00

**LIFELIGHT**

Raised & Paid \$805.00

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE**

Raised \$500.00

Balance to Parade Special Fund \$500.00

**PARK UPKEEP**

Raised \$3,000.00

Paid:

Veterans Flags \$435.00

Mowing Sawmill Park 180.00

Mowing Gazebo 675.00

Porta Potties – Stanley Pond 440.00

Memorial Day Flowers 205.00

Total Expense \$ 1,935.00

Balance to Parks & Rec Special Fund \$1,065.00

**SACO RIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Raised & Paid \$500.00

**SENIORS PLUS**

Raised & Paid \$1,000.00

**SMOOTH FEATHER THEATER**

Raised & Paid \$600.00

**SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION**

Raised & Paid \$300.00

**SACOPEE VALLEY SNOWDRIFTERS**

Raised \$500.00

Reimbursement from State 470.02

Total \$ 970.02

Paid: \$970.02

**SACOPEE VALLEY REC COUNCIL**

Raised & Paid \$4,000.00

**SOUTHWESTERN OXFORD COUNTY NUTRITION**

Raised & Paid \$4,600.00

**CEMETERIES**

**OUTLYING CEMETERIES**

Raised \$2,000.00

Paid:

Mowing – Spring Cem 415.00

Balance to Outlying Cemetery Account \$1,585.00

**CARE OF CEMETERIES**

Raised & Paid \$5,800.00

## Town Clerk Report

### INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSE

Combination	29
Hunting	3
Fishing	31
Junior Hunting	4
Archery	2
Bear Permits	3
Migratory Birds	4
Muzzleloader	7
Turkey	6
Lifetime Licenses	5
Misc. License	1
Non-Resident Licenses	9
Superpack	5

### INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE REG

Boats	84
Snowmobiles	73
ATV's	54

### DOGS LICENSED

#### 2025

Males/Females	64
Neutered/Spayed	180

#### 2026

Males/Females	5
Neutered/Spayed	171



## VITAL STATISTICS

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

Scott Arem	08/20/2025
David Bucknell	03/24/2025
Marguerite Cloutier	02/21/2025
Joseph Cooper	07/28/2025
Elwyn Day	01/27/2025
John Driscoll	07/25/2025
Michael Fernald	12/01/2025
Ryan Folland	08/30/2025
Joseph Foster	02/10/2025
Phyllis Hodgdon	09/08/2025
Mary Irish	06/20/2025
Nancy Lundy	05/29/2025
Cynthia Odlin	05/21/2025
Sandra Prindall	03/18/2025
Ronald Richards	07/29/2025
Richard Simpson	12/16/2025
Pauline Simoneau	10/09/2025
Nicholas Strout	08/31/2025
William Tate	11/19/2025
John Thorne	10/28/2025
Victoria Valdez	10/26/2025
Richard Watson	02/23/2025

*A life that touches others goes on forever.*

## 21 BIRTHS IN 2025

## MARRIAGES IN 2025

Abigail Burnell & Finn Simpson	04/25/2025
Justin Stacey & Karlee Lewis	05/31/2025
Marlea Wurtele & Zachariah Pinkham	09/06/2025
Jacob Anderson & Saige Jordan	09/06/2025
Isaiah Clarke & Kaili Moody	08/30/2025
Lisa Rollins & Brent Brown	08/16/2025
Stephanie Biggs & Bryan Bizer	06/14/2025
Jaclyn DelPrete & Logan Matthews	06/06/2025
Taryn Plumb & Jeremy Houle	10/31/2025
Erica Webster & Drew Durgin	11/04/2025
Ben Massey & Brooke Heard	10/16/2025
Christopher Mirtante & Sarah Dunnells	11/04/2025
Lisa Hale & Paul Henninger	11/25/2025
Chenoa Klugman Fitzgerald & Jonathan Turlick	12/11/2025
Hannah Shagoury & Kody Tufts	10/04/2025
Nicole Magada & Noah Mason	10/13/2025

## Tax Collector Report

2025 Taxes	
Committed July 18, 2025	
Rate per Thousand \$11.45	
Committed	\$ 2,954,173.10
Supplements	1,912.48
Received	2,717,475.51
Interest Applied	590.07
Abatements	3,697.33
Balance Due as Dec 31, 2025	234,322.67

Almadani, Carrie J	1,100.00	Doucette, Scott	345.79*
Apple Acres PP	114.50	Drew, James L	2,065.92
Arellano, Luz Maria Tellez	2,476.06	Drew, James L	803.90
Ballachino, Theodore	359.76	Dunnells, Craig	3,040.09
Ballou, Robert	1,582.73	Dunnells, Craig	68.24
Barber, Erin	1,848.83*	Dunnells, Craig A, Sr	356.44
Bazinet, Shawn	2,196.11	Faulkner, David	3,032.65
Bellefontaine, Joshua	\$ 1,279.77	Field, Joanne M	Bal 497.23
Benson, Mary G	2,408.39	Foley, David	1,640.90
Bernard, Michael	522.35	Foss, David	794.97*
Black, James	2,079.43	Foss, David	654.48*
Blanchard, Sharissa	-358.82	Foss, David	5,660.08*
Bray Ridge LLC	433.96	Foss, David	351.40*
Bridges, Karla	1,827.08	Foss, David	763.14*
Brown, Gregory M	598.95	Foss, David	429.60*
Burnell, Phillip	Bal 103.69	Foss, David	429.60*
Burnell, Phillip A	Bal 16.81	Foss, David	209.31*
Burnell, Richard	2,520.37	Foss, David	28.74*
Burton, Donald J	73.74	Foss, David	28.63*
Calnan, Dale heirs	1,696.09	Foss, Kevin	53.47*
Carter, Brannon Jackson	8,099.84	Foss, Kevin	28.51*
Chase, Donald	680.24	Foss, Kevin	4,169.06*
Ciasullo, Gary A	2,444.92	Foss, Kevin	851.08*
Cicerone, Monica	1,732.04	Foss, Kevin	121.14*
Coe, Thomas E	1,492.66	Fox, David	2,456.48
Collomy, Darryl W	1,837.27	Glatzer, Denise	1,032.79*
Cormier, Daniel	1,709.37	Glatzer, Russell	Bal 480.19
Cox Family Land Trust	831.61	Glazier, Robert	1,732.50
Cox Family Land Trust Bal	1,376.29	Gott, James	1,337.02
Cram, Sally	51.41	Graham, William B III	1,776.12*
Cram, Sally	2,244.66	Harmon, Kenneth R	1,472.70
Curit, Virginia	1,151.07	Harmon, Tyler J	3,114.29
D & N Construction, Inc	708.41	Harvey, Roy	464.64
Day, Basil	2,174.01	Heaney, William J	Bal 2,171.41
Day, Mallory	2,443.54	Hurcombe, James W	2,065.24
Demers, Israel L	1,891.65	Irish, Shane A	1,524.34

Johnson, William Jr	4,861.78*	Randall, Ryan	2,959.37*
Johnson, William Jr	219.84*	Reynolds, Trista	Bal 1,205.59*
Kent, Assunta	790.39	Ridlon, Joyce	940.16
Kramp, Charles R	489.60	Rivard, Paula M	808.94
Labrecque, Erin	1,811.62	Rush, David L	678.41
Lash, Enterprise LLC	620.13	Sanborn, Jason O	Bal 1,809.41
Lash, Anthony	1,041.03	Sargent, Rita	1,631.85
Lawrence, David R	1,325.11	Savary, Pam	Bal 561.15
Lawrence, David R	3,547.90	Sears, David Trustee	2,286.34
Lee, Dakota	3,087.61	Smith, Diana	2,031.12
Leonard, William	2,596.86	Smith, Laura	875.12
Libby Family Trust	910.50	Stanley-Trafton Holdings, LLC	30,336.09*
MacDonald, R.A.	460.29*	Stosez, Joseph P	1,830.97
Martel, Lester O, Jr	2,208.48	Swartz, Peter	213.54*
Mayo, Trey	1,158.51	Swartz, Peter	5,250.40
MacDonald, Carlton	Bal 32.06	Teixeira, Elman F, Jr	3,110.85
Miller, Steve	157.67	Thomas, Lisa	3,467.52
Mitchell, Donald	2,507.55	Thompson, Sandra	1,082.94
Novom, Peter	25.76	US Bank Trust	3,231.65
NWC Receivables Trust	1,600.02	Van Syckel, Steven	3,020.51
OCSW	5,117.46	Vittum, Brandi	848.33
Palker, Joseph	2,425.34	Waldman, Becky	382.20
Parker, Eugene	565.63	Ward, Anne L	1,041.15
Penn, Nancy	5,078.88	Ward, Anne L	944.05
Pelletier, Robert C	168.97*	Waterman, Russell	1,548.27
Perry, Brandon P	3,798.54*	Warren, Stefanie Lynn	1,138.02
Pierce, Francina	759.48	Wright, Norman	2,061.00
Porter, Earle, Jr	958.71	Yandell, Richard S, Jr	5,795.53
Porter, Earle G, Jr	1,109.85	York, Matthew	776.31
Rand, Barbara L	1,106.07	Zulick, Patrick W, Jr	2,742.62*

**Liens will be filed in June 2026 for any unpaid taxes.  
The Tax Collector will accept payments on the above outstanding balances.**

#### **Outstanding 2024 Taxes**

Opening Balance	\$ 179,184.86
Received	121,318.00
Transferred to Liens June 2025	\$ 57,866.86

#### **Outstanding 2024 Liens**

Opening Balance	\$ 57,866.80
Received	12,282.54
Transferred to TAP	3,782.54
Balance	41,801.72

**2024 Outstanding Tax Liens**

Benson, Mary G		2,242.26	Irish, Shane		1,011.01
Bridges, Karla	Bal	290.54	Labrecque, Erin		1,675.19
Brown, Gregory		569.13	Lash, Anthony		1,268.06
Burton, Donald		70.07	Lee, Dakota		2,933.90
Chase, Donald		563.61	Martel, Lester O, Jr		2,098.53
Cormier, Daniel		1,480.33	Miller, Steve		149.82
Cram, Sally		42.76	Palker, Joseph	Bal	1,991.88
Curit, Virginia		1,093.77	Pierce, Francina		229.12
D & N Construction, Inc		673.15	Porter, Earle G, Jr		910.98
Drew, James L		1,909.65	Rand, Barbara L		1,004.77
Drew, James		763.88	Ridlon, Joyce heirs of		893.36
Faulkner, David heirs of		2,881.68	Rush, David L		644.64
Glazier, Robert		1,600.01	Sargent, Rita		1,504.38
Graham, William		1,641.47*	Thomas, Lisa		3,294.90
Harmon, Kenneth R		1,399.39	Ward, Anne		989.32
Hurcombe, James		1,566.19	Wright, Norman		2,414.27

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

\* Paid in full after books closed 12/31/2024 – 1/31/2025

2023 Tax Liens	
Opening Balance	\$ 25,061.69
Transferred to TAP	3,410.18
Received	17,544.19
Balance Due	4,107.32 *

TAP Accts Paid in full

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

**2025 Pre-Paid Taxes - \$ 24,577.82**

## Treasurers Report 2025

### Received from Taxes

2025 Taxes	\$ 2,717,475.51
2024 Taxes	\$ 121,318.00
2024 Tax Liens	\$ 12,282.54
2023 Tax Liens	\$ 17,544.19
2025 Pre-Paid Taxes	\$ 24,577.82

### State Revenues

Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 86,413.07
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 974.40
Veteran Reimbursement	\$ 630.00
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 362.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 30,007.94
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 200,849.86
Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$ 470.02
Misc State Revenues	\$ 1,726.00

### Town Revenue

Auto Excise	\$ 378,189.90
Boat Excise	\$ 2,137.70
Dump Stickers	\$ 35.00
Cable Franchise Fee	\$ 5,766.96
Planning Board	\$ 950.00
Misc Revenues	\$ 914.45
Agent Fees	\$ 9,532.00
Vital Fees	\$ 2,158.60
Office Fees Misc.	\$ 98.88
Plumbing Fees	\$ 4,564.50
Building Permit Fees	\$ 15,586.90
Lease Income	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance Dividends	\$ 2,256.00
Bank Interest	\$ 92,475.76
Tax Interest	\$ 14,769.42

### Local Road Funds

\$ 60,548.00

## Reserve Funds

### Capital Improvement Funds

Balance	\$ 54,428.12
Added per Vote	5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 59,428.12

### Road Reserve Funds

Balance	\$ 108,556.57
Added Per Vote	10,000.00
Sale of Equipment	57,425.00
New Settlement Rd Exp	34,767.00
Ending Balance	\$ 141,214.57

### Public Works Funds – Dissolved this fund in 2025

Balance	\$ 81,035.35
Transfer to Fire Apparatus	56,035.35
Transfer to Rec Land	25,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 0.00

### Building Maintenance Funds

Balance	\$ 54,662.47
Added per Vote	5,000.00
Expended	11,134.72
Ending Balance	\$ 48,527.75

### Fire Apparatus Funds

Balance	\$ 127,718.27
Added per Vote	30,000.00
Transfer In from PW	56,035.35
Dep on New Truck	31,895.46
Ending Balance	\$ 181,858.16

### Tri Town Funds

Balance	\$ 11,078.11
Added per vote	15,000.00
Ending Balance	\$26,078.11

### Sacopee Rescue Funds

Balance	\$15,140.00
Added per vote	10,000.00
Expended for new bus	20,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 5,140.00

## Special Revenue Funds

### Revaluation Account

Balance	\$87,303.02
Added per vote	3,500.00
Ending Balance	\$ 90,803.02

### Parade Account

Balance	\$ 2,260.85
Income & Closeout	712.00
Expenses	558.00
Ending Balance	\$ 2,414.85

### Heating Assistance

Balance	\$ 5,388.30
Donations	500.00
Expenses	359.90
Ending Balance	\$ 5,528.40

### Holiday Fund

Balance	\$2,820.63
Donations	600.00
Ending Balance	\$ 3,420.63

### Outlying Cemeteries

Balance	\$ 7,476.28
Added per Vote	1,585.00
Ending Balance	\$ 9,061.28

### Grant – Awarded to the Fire Department

STK Foundations Received	\$6,500.00
Expense (washer)	6,500.00
Ending Balance	\$ 0.00

### Radio Account

Balance	\$ 15,771.13
Added closeout	30.86
Ending Balance	\$ 15,801.99

### Fire Department Funds

Balance	\$ 18,247.60
Donations	1,900.00
Closeout	104.75
Transfer to SCBA Reserve	6,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 14,252.35

**Flags**

Balance	\$ 712.46
Donations	1,776.00
Expense	59.94
Ending Balance	\$ 2,428.52

**SCBA (New Account)**

Transfer from HFD Reserve	\$ 6,000.00
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**Stanley Burial Ground Funds**

Now Checking Account	\$ 4,642.30
Deposits	4,040.00
Withdrawals	5,243.46
Ending Balance	\$ 3,438.84

Money Market Account	\$ 9,342.45
Deposits	260.00
Interest	1,810.30
Ending Balance	11,412.75

CD Balances (6)	\$5,000.00
CD Balance	\$15,000.00



## Trust Funds

<b>Charles Bean Cemetery CD</b>	\$ 1,668.51
Interest Added	52.15
Ending Balance	\$ 1,720.66
<b>Charles Watson CD</b>	\$2,000.00
Savings Balance	\$ 1,134.04
Interest	177.10
Ending Balance	\$ 1,311.14
<b>Durgin Day Ward CD</b>	\$ 1,077.37
Interest Added	36.91
Ending Balance	\$ 1,114.28
<b>Eastman Tripp CD</b>	\$2,002.00
Savings Balance	\$ 2,940.68
Interest	115.73
Ending Balance	\$ 3,056.41
<b>Hiram Village Green CD</b>	\$ 5,675.64
Saving Balance	\$ 2,850.61
Interest Added	236.88
Ending Balance	\$ 3,087.49
<b>Isaac Walden CD</b>	\$6,000.00
Savings Balance	\$ 4,509.01
Interest Added	275.29
Ending Balance	\$ 4,784.30
<b>Spring Cemetery CD</b>	584.48
Interest Added	22.39
Ending Balance	608.67

## Animal Control Officer Annual Report

To the citizens of Hiram:

It has been my pleasure to serve as Animal Control and would like to thank everyone for their help and support. If you need assistance call 207-890-5313 or Oxford County Dispatch at 1-800-733-1421.

Dogs over the age of six months need to be licensed by January 31<sup>st</sup> according to the laws of the State. A late fee of \$25.00 per dog become effective February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also, as a reminder we have a Town Ordinance for dogs Disturbing the peace and it's against the law for your dog to be running at large.

Respectfully Submitted  
Cynthia (Cindy) Eaton  
Animal Control Officer





## Arts Center at 8 Hancock

The Arts Center at 8 Hancock Ave, a component of the Hiram Cultural Center (HCC), continued our mission this year of enriching the educational and cultural lives of the community.

The Center's programming was varied with many types of events and many services for our community. This facility is serving as a satellite center for several Sacopee Valley Adult & Community Education classes. The Arts Center is the home base for the Sacopee Valley Community Band which presented two free concerts for the community this year: a Mothers Day Concert and Holiday Season Concert.

A special event this summer was Children's Book Illustrator, Kevin Hawke who showed children how to draw basic shapes and donated a large dragon head drawing to our library in honor of our summer reading program.

Our largest fundraiser of the year was the Books, Blooms, and Baked (BBB) Sale on Memorial Day. In December this year, the Artisans Fair was another important fund-raising effort and a great opportunity to bring community members together.

The Arts Center is available for rental and is an ideal setting for weddings and parties, several of which were held this past year. This facility also lends itself well to conferences. The HCC Board obtained a grant this year from Maine Community Foundation to upgrade the electrical panel and enable more accessible outlets for events on the main floor.

The Center has been open when needed as a warming or cooling center for the surrounding community. We are applying for a grant to help cover the purchase of a generator that would enable the Arts Center to be open when our village is without power.

The Arts Center is supported by a dedicated group of volunteers who work tirelessly to provide this much needed community resource. Volunteers are always welcome and we can accommodate your interests and schedules. We are very thankful for the annual appropriation of the Town of Hiram, which helps to pay for the costs of the electricity, heating, and elevator services that are needed to maintain the building and help us to continue to provide this space for public needs.

The Arts Center location and services are here to support Hiram and surrounding area and we look forward to a robust calendar in 2026. If you have not had the opportunity to visit us and would like a tour and/or more information please contact any board member. Art Center message phone number is (207) 409-1822 or leave a message at the Library (207-625-4650)

**Mary Hannaford**  
**Pat Deitzel**  
**Sue Hamilton**

**Marianne Wyer**  
**Beth Burnett**

**Dan Hestler**  
**Sally Williams**

## HIRAM CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER 2025 Annual Report

Thanks again for your inquiries and support during this past year. This year the Code Enforcement Office issued a total of 74 building permits as shown below:

- Dwellings – 12
- Accessory Structures such as Garages/Barns/Sheds – 10
- Mobile Homes – 3
- Additions – 1
- Decks/Porch – 10
- Renovation - 6
- Solar Arrays – 8
- Demolition - 3
- Misc./Other – 10
- Occupancy - 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.

2021 International Residential Code (IRC)  
2021 International Building Code (IBC)  
2021 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/LPI

## HIRAM PLUMBING INSPECTOR 2025 Annual Report

This year a total of 45 plumbing permits were issued. Breakdown is as follows:

- Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Systems – 20
- 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  
CEO/LPI



### **The Mission of the Grateful Undead:**

The Grateful Undead supports aging in place by promoting knowledge and organizing services and activities that enable residents of the Sacopee Valley and surrounding towns in southwestern Maine to continue to live in our own homes and community safely, independently, and comfortably as we age.

The Grateful Undead is a group of volunteers from the Sacopee Valley area who are working on ways to help our seniors remain in their homes safely while providing transportation to and from health care appointments, providing wellness activities, educational workshops, and socialization opportunities.

We provided a total of one hundred and sixteen transports to community members in 2025 with thirteen of them going to Hiram residents. We have obtained continued grant funding for the Community Connector program. Thanks in part to the town for providing space for the Connector to meet with people, Jamie Gleason was able to assist twenty-three residents in 2025. She offers assistance with Medicare, Mainecare, and other Benefit programs. Our Handy Helpers program is able to help with emergency ramps and other needs. A Community Cafe is held once a month at a minimal cost for our seniors and is very well attended. Monday Coffees, Wednesday Walkers, Tai Chi and Barn dances are also offered and are well attended.

The Community Connector grant money has enabled us to put a monthly Senior Friendly Events Calendar in the Shopping Guide to keep our Seniors informed about what is going on in the area.

The Grateful Undead is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with seven board members representing the Towns of Sacopee Valley. We gratefully accept donations and are always applying for grants to develop future programs for our seniors.

We thank the Town of Hiram for its on-going support of our mission to help keep our seniors in their homes safely.

Regards,

Jamie Gleason

Grateful Undead Board of Directors Member

## Hiram Community Club Annual Report

Hiram Community Club typically meet at 7:00 pm the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday or Wednesday of each month from April to November at the community center. The club is always looking for new members and volunteers to help with the roast beef suppers. Hiram Community Club is a non-profit organization holding events to bring the community from Hiram and surrounding towns together. The community club holds a roast beef supper on the first Saturday of every month from May to November and we do a pot luck supper in April as well.

The community center can be rented for functions such as wedding receptions, graduation parties, baby showers and retirement parties to name a few occasions. We had a graduation party, wedding reception and a celebration of life this year at the community center. The Hiram Historical Society also used the center for their trash can turkey roast in October.

We are always looking for new members and volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Susan Hamilton 207-625-7477 or Lori Bennett 207-647-1213.

Respectfully,  
Priscilla Howard, Secretary

### HIRAM CONSERVATION COMMITTEE and MOUNT CUTLER CONSERVATION AREA PARK Annual Report - 2025

Although our Conservation Committee has not been active during recent years, individual efforts of the committee members and other volunteers are continuing. Our Mount Cutler Park continues to be a very special asset of the Hiram Village area, providing great opportunities for recreation and for the enjoyment of nature. With Merrill Park, this scenic resource has about 200 acres for the use of our community and for attracting many visitors to Hiram village and the surroundings.

The two Mt Cutler trail heads and parking areas are on Hiram Hill Road and Mountain View Avenue. Maps, descriptions, and Trail Guide pamphlets are available at kiosks at both trail heads, as well as at the Town Office and the Library. Dan Hester has maintained notices and made trail guides available at the information kiosks. Mt Cutler trails are also described in detail in many hiking trail guides, including the AMC Maine Mountain Guide book and at web sites such as Alltrails.com and Mainetrailfinder.com.

To introduce visitors to Mt Cutler, it is essential to have parking places and information, but hiking trails also need maintenance...



just as the maintenance of roads is needed. From the beginnings of the Mt Cutler Conservation Area Park in 2018, the Appalachian Mountain Club Maine Chapter has had volunteer trail work trips to Mt Cutler twice each year. Patsy Leavitt, a certified AMC trips leader, was our recent contact for this essential trail work, but



she has recently shared that health and family needs are limiting her ability to lead trail work groups. The most recent of those trail work projects was on 2024 November 17, when Patsy and 6 other volunteers, led the work on the White Flag Trail. They cleared many blown-down trees and cut back branches to maintain

trail widths. Since then she has provided the contact information for a new trails work leader at the AMC Maine Chapter. We will be working with them to see what help may be available, but we will also enlist local volunteers for new work of reviewing trail conditions, clearing new blow-downs and managing new trail work where ever that is needed.

During 2025 we had some major Mt Cutler trail improvements planned, but time and energy ran short and the projects did not advance. We will try again this year, so look for trail work planning to be described in upcoming Town of Hiram newsletters. Our Select Board has agreed to use some parks & recreation funds to purchase new trail signs. These will replace the original wood-and-laminated-paper trail signs. These signs are needed at all trail junctions to name trails, show directions and suggest distances. The new signs will all be of aluminum metal with black lettering on a white sign surface. Local volunteers will install most of the signs, but some AMC volunteers may also help with this work. In addition to the new signage, volunteers may also be changing from marking trails with paint blazes to using some new colored metal trail markers.

As an example of some of the many persons who enthusiastically visit the trails of Mt Cutler, here are a few details of the recent visit by 16 members of the Denmark Mountain Hikers. The first photo shows the group assembled at the parking area by the Hiram Hill Road on the morning of December 12. The second photo shows some of the group using crampons and hiking poles as they approach the crest of the main ridge. The last photo is the view they had from the South View Ledge, with Ingalls Pond in the distance. For more details, this hiking club has a web site... [denmarkmountainhikers.com](http://denmarkmountainhikers.com) ...where you can read the trip report.

In the past, we have also done clean-up work at the Brookfield-maintained Hiram Falls sand bar which has a parking area off the River Road. Dan Hester has monitored this area during visits every two weeks for all of the recent summers. It is good to see that Brookfield has installed secured picnic tables and has also provided a maintained rest-room on the access road for the area below the falls. This sand bar area below the falls receives unfortunate abuse at times, but it is also a beautiful place for family recreation. On the good side of this, trash has been less of a problem here during 2024-2025 when compared with earlier years.

For 2026 we will be having new meetings and projects planned and we welcome anyone who may want to join in these efforts.  
- Dan Hester, for the Hiram Conservation Committee.



## Hiram Development Association

The Hiram Development Association (HDA) continues to serve our community by the ownership of two public parks in the town and by providing those spaces for important events that commemorate the accomplishments and heritage of our town, our state and our nation.

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, where there is a monument to soldiers of Hiram and a designated village Christmas Tree.
2. The Henry W. Merrill Botanical Park, usually known simply as Merrill Park, is a 25-acre woodlands park at the foot of the Mt Cutler front ledges. This park land is on the west side of the Mountain Division RR, with a temporary parking area between two tracks and accessed from Mountain View Avenue. This park honors Henry Merrill who was a blacksmith and botanist and an early supporter of our public library.

As signified by its name, the Soldiers Memorial Library building is also a monument to those of Hiram who have served in our military, with a large bronze monument plaque inside the building honoring soldiers of Hiram from the Revolutionary War to the date of 1915, when the library building was constructed. The stone monuments in front of the Library honor those who have served in our militaries since the Spanish War. This building is owned by the Town of Hiram and is managed by volunteers as the public library of the town. A separate report for the Soldiers Memorial Library gives more details of the public library services.

The HDA assists in the management of three annual events in the Village Square Park:

- (1) Memorial Day services. Our Representative Nathan Wadsworth spoke to us on May 26 this year.
- (2) Independence Day celebrations of the 4th of July, with a parade on Main Street.
- (3) Christmas tree lighting and caroling, usually on the first Sunday after Thanksgiving.

With regard to that third event of this year, the Christmas Tree Lighting was held on November 30 as a cooperative effort of the Hiram Development Association (accomplished the tree decoration and lighting), the Hiram Community Club (scheduled the event and prepared for the caroling), the Hiram Historical Society (provided the refreshments for the reception after the caroling), and the Hiram Cultural Center (prepared the Soldiers Memorial Library for the reception). That Sunday evening happened to be a continuation of a very damp, rainy day. Despite the rainy evening, a few dozens of hardy community members turned out for this annual event, then sought shelter together in the Library with warmth, delicious refreshments and good company.

The HDA has also had recent activities continuing in Merrill Park. Many visitors come to the park after winter snows retreat. The central feature of Merrill Park is the one-acre area that is bounded by stone walls, where community events were held in past years, especially during the 1950s. Although storms of recent years have felled some of the majestic white pines of the park, there is still much beauty to be found there. During 2022-2023 a local naturalist, Joyce Rodriguez, brought staff from the Maine DEP to Merrill Park to confirm that there is a significant vernal pool at the western corner of the stone wall of the park. As a part of her project, she acquired an interpretive sign for the vernal pool, and that was installed with volunteer assistance. Visit the park in April or May to see for yourself the abundance of frogs, salamanders and other creatures who proliferate here in this vernal pool ecosystem. During early June, visit the park at times to see the flowering of many pink lady slippers. Admire, but please do not pick.

Visit at any time of the year to see other features. 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. Volunteers at the Hiram Historical Society and Soldiers Memorial Library can share some of the stories of the "Gold Mine," historical uses of the parks, and other park features..

Merrill Park also serves as the second trail-head for our Mt Cutler Park. From Merrill Park, the Barnes Trail leads to the front ledges that have a remarkable overlook of Hiram Village and the Saco River. Hikers cross into the Mt Cutler Park just above these ledges. However, the Barnes Trail has sections that are steep and treacherous; there is a better (and safer) trail from the Mt Cutler parking area on the Hiram Hill Road.

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

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

## Hiram Fire Department 2025 Annual Report

Total Dispatched Calls: 88  
North End: 33  
South End: 42  
Mutual Aid/Cnxl en-route: 13

Volunteers put in over 600 hours responding to calls, training and equipment maintenance. Last year, Hiram was awarded Assistance to Fire Fighter grant from FEMA for the purchase of a new tanker to replace our aging Tank 4. I am happy to report that the truck is in production and on schedule to be completed the spring/summer of 2026.

Every year we stress the need to add new members to our department. I want to stress the importance of not ignoring this message. In 2025, we averaged only two responders per call, with many calls only having 1 responder. Our department operates on 100% volunteers from residents of the community. With declining numbers due to residents aging out or moving out of the area, we are finding it harder to generate enough personnel to sustain adequate staffing. I encourage you, members of the community, to please step up and volunteer, not only to help keep the community protected, but also to minimize the impact on our taxes. Paying personnel or contracting with another town for fire protection will come at a much higher cost to you, the taxpayer, than our current yearly operating budget.

Respectively submitted,  
Ethan Norcross, Fire Chief



## Hiram Historical Society

First and foremost, we extend our appreciation to all those whose financial donations and volunteer time helped to support our mission to preserve Hiram's history now and for generations to come. Thank you, everyone!

We opened The Great Ossipee Museum to the public once a month from June to October for visitors to enjoy the exhibits and the many artifacts displayed in the Museum, and assisted residents in genealogy research and the history of their homes throughout the summer. The season culminated with the Turkey Roast and Open Museum on October 18th. We recognized Veteran Dave Buddemyer and gave him the Quilt of Valor, beautifully made by Joanne Ward and her quilting group. The 2025 recipients of the Hubert W. Clemons Award for Outstanding Service to the Town of Hiram were Bill and Marilyn Johnson, Sr.

During the summer, we presented two very popular programs. In August, Don Perkins discussed the barns of New England and led a bus tour of local barns. In September, Vana Carmona, founder of The Prince Project, enlightened an enthusiastic audience about "Enslavement in Maine."

This year the Board committed to undertaking a professional **Collection Assessment**. Dr. Anastasia Weigle, Archival Consultant, provided us with an in-depth analysis of Policies and Procedures, building conditions, and collection inventory, storage and preservation. The care and preservation of the collection is especially challenging since the building has neither heat nor air conditioning and is subject to wide temperature fluctuations. Sally Willimas, Curator, will implement as many of Dr. Weigle's suggestions as possible, given our spatial and financial limitations.

### **Call for Volunteers and Members**

New members and volunteers are always welcome. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles. Volunteer for a day as a docent, take part in organizing a program, assist with the Trashcan Turkey Roast, or if preserving Hiram's history appeals to you, ask about joining our Board. If you are interested in joining HHS or volunteering, please contact us at:

[hirammahistoricalociety@gmail.com](mailto:hirammahistoricalociety@gmail.com)

### **SAVING OUR RIDLON SCHOOLHOUSE**

Ridlon Schoolhouse on Rt. 160 was Hiram's oldest existing schoolhouse. Thanks to HHS leadership and a coalition of individuals and organizations, the building was deconstructed, and salvageable parts moved to a safe location. Our efforts will continue in 2026 to see that it is rebuilt on Ossipee Fairgrounds property in South Hiram (near where it previously existed and close to our present schools).

We need funds to rebuild and furnish Ridlon Schoolhouse, approximately \$25,000. A fundraiser, "Rockin' for Ridlon Schoolhouse," will be held on April 11 at the Hiram Arts Center. We are also actively pursuing grants from various foundations but we welcome any contributions to support this project and any additional ideas about how to bring this project to fruition.

To make a donation, please visit our website at [www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org).

# OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*Christopher R. Wainwright*



*Sheriff*  
*Christopher Wainwright*

*Chief Deputy*  
*James Urquhart*

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Taxpayers,

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

As I have mentioned in previous years, our calls to service have continued to increase in volume as well as their complexity. Our patrol division handled over 16,000 calls to service this past year, with more calls regarding mental health concerns since 2020. This speaks to the need for state funding for services for our communities and our sheriffs' offices throughout the state, to keep individuals needing help, and others around them, safe.

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

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

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

I wish you all a safe and healthy year ahead.

Respectfully,

Christopher Wainwright  
Oxford County Sheriff

## Hiram Planning Board

The Hiram Planning Board met fifteen times in 2025 from January to December. The Board reviewed two conditional use permit applications, one conditional use permit amendment, and one time extension request, all of which were approved, all with conditions of approval. The Board also began review of a major subdivision that will carry into 2026 for further review, and spent many hours on ordinance creation and amendment discussions, including the creation of a new Property Maintenance Ordinance.

### Highlights from 2025:

On January 21, 2025, the Board met to review, and approved, an amendment to a conditional use permit for an automotive shop. The Board also discussed fees and scheduled a workshop for Junkyard Ordinance review.

On February 4, 2025, the Board met to review a conditional use permit application for a daycare and discussed additional ordinance amendments that were in need of review due to conflicts.

On February 25, 2025, the Board held a public hearing, reviewed the application, and approved the conditional use permit for a daycare. After the meeting the Board remained for a workshop to review road setback ordinances.

On March 11, 2025, the Board held a workshop to discuss ordinance changes.

On April 8, 2025, the Board held a workshop to discuss the Junkyard, Appeals, Shoreland Zoning, and Zoning ordinances to determine what work is needed on each.

On May 13, 2025, the Board held the election of officers and reviewed a time extension request for a large solar project (partially located within Hiram).

On June 10, 2025, the Board met for an executive session with the Town Attorney prior to holding a public meeting regarding the Supreme Judicial Court's decision in the matter *Day v. Town of Hiram* (re: an approved conditional use permit for a microbrewery).

On July 8, 2025, the Board met to review the draft Findings of Fact for the microbrewery conditional use permit, the Board approved with amendments.

On July 29, 2025, the Board met to review a conditional use permit application for a butcher shop (deemed complete) and conduct a pre application meeting for a major subdivision.

On August 7, 2025, Board members attended a site visit at the location of the proposed butcher shop.

On August 19, 2025, the Board held a public hearing, reviewed the application, and approved the conditional use permit for a butcher shop.

On September 16, 2025, the Board held a workshop to discuss ordinance amendments.

On October 7, 2025, the Board conducted a preliminary application review of a major subdivision, and found the application to be incomplete.

On October 28, 2025, the Board held a workshop to discuss the proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance.

On November 12, 2025, the Board held a workshop to finalize work on the proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance.

On November 19, 2025, the Board held a meeting and voted to present the Property Maintenance Ordinance to the Municipal Officers as the next step required for adoption of a new ordinance.

The Board began the year with members John Bonanno, Dustin Bachelder, Carol Goode, Keisha Garnett, Paul Henninger, and Jim Madgey. I would like to extend a huge thank you to John Bonanno for his many years of service to the Board, including his years of service as the Chairman and the knowledge that he has passed down. I would also like to thank Dustin Bachelder and Paul Henninger for their service. The Board welcomed Bryan Bizer and David "DJ" Hewey.

As a Board, we are committed to the community of Hiram and will continue to work through the creation of new ordinances and review existing ordinances 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

## Town of Hiram – 2025 Road Report

Greetings,

It has been an honor to serve as Road Commissioner for the 2025 season. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Town of Hiram and its residents. Throughout the season, efforts were focused on responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars while acting in the best interest of the town's infrastructure and community as a whole.

A roadway work plan modeled after MDOT standards has been established and will be updated and published on the town's website for public viewing. The Town of Hiram maintains 37.20 miles of public roads, consisting of 32.08 miles of paved roads and 5.12 miles of dirt roads.

During the 2025 season, the town experienced several weather-related events. Two minor flooding events caused limited damage to Notch Road and Fletcher Road, while another resulted in damage to Wards Hill Road. Additionally, two windstorms caused minor tree damage throughout town. The season concluded with an ice storm that created a significant number of low-hanging hazardous trees, requiring several days to address.

New Settlement Road saw major improvements during 2025. Tree clearing was completed by William Day Logging, and the civil portion of the project was awarded to W. L. Sturgeon to reconstruct 5,425 feet of roadway. This project included culvert replacements, ditching, the placement of 9 inches of gravel, and 3½ inches of new asphalt.

Maintenance efforts included grading and placing 1,072 yards of gravel on dirt roads, street sign replacements, and roadway patching. The Traffton Way culvert was replaced with an 81" x 59" x 26' long elliptical poly-coated steel pipe with an estimated service life of 100 years, eliminating an unsafe and collapsing crossing. Tree and brush removal was completed along approximately four miles of roadway to mitigate public safety hazards. Ditching operations were performed along 5.35 miles of road, with approximately 4,884 yards of material removed, helping to prevent washouts and extend pavement life.

At year end, a trailer load of culvert pipes was purchased for use in 2026 and 2027, saving over \$100 dollars per culvert.

In closing, the 2025 season focused on maintaining safe, reliable roadways while making strategic improvements that will benefit the town long term. Through proactive maintenance, infrastructure upgrades, and careful use of available resources, progress was made toward preserving the town's roadway system and improving public safety. I appreciate the continued support of town officials, staff, and residents, and I remain committed to serving the Town of Hiram with transparency, efficiency, and accountability.

Respectfully,

Road commissioner Kyle Estes



## **Sacopee TV2 Annual Report 2025-26**

As we do every year, we would like to first thank the towns for their ongoing support of Sacopee TV2. Without this continued support, this valuable program would not exist.

Sacopee TV2 is a “win-win” because it provides an important service for the community by broadcasting both school and public events, while simultaneously providing our high school students with valuable skills in video production, post-production editing, video graphics, professional communications, and so much more. Students actively engage in learning valuable, real-life TV/video production experiences as they develop the skills necessary to manage the public access channel. Numerous Sacopee TV2 alumni have gone on to study broadcast communications in college and to pursue careers in multiple communications-related fields.

We continue to add updated programming for our viewers in the MSAD 55 community and around the globe through the use of streaming web media content. Thanks to the

support we receive from the towns, we have been able to purchase Wirecast broadcast equipment, which enables us to broadcast live from any location with WiFi. This

capability has allowed us to significantly broaden both the number and the type of events that we can make available to our viewers. Wirecast has also enabled us to add more broadcast features, including a live running score for sports broadcasts and an

information footer showing things like speakers’ names at meetings. These features have given our broadcasts a much more professional look and have significantly improved the viewer experience.

Our YouTube channel allows viewers who do not have access to Sacopee TV2 via Spectrum Channel 2 to view the same content online. By simply going to our YouTube

page, anyone can view our most recent programming. All of the events on our YouTube channel can be watched at any time, anywhere in the world where there is an internet connection. We have viewers from all parts of the United States and beyond, and our list of subscribers continues to grow. This time three years ago, we had 632 subscribers. Last year, Sacopee TV2 had 838 subscribers, and we are currently at 934 subscribers and our channel continues to grow.

Through the 2025-2026 school year, Sacopee TV2 has provided important events throughout the community that some may not be able to attend. With around 47 events so far this year. We have filmed 15 spring home interscholastic athletic events and filmed 32 fall events (Boys’ Soccer, Girls’ Soccer, Field Hockey, Football, annual Cornish Horse Race

9/13/25, JROTC awards night, the Veterans Day Ceremony on 11/9/25, National Honor Society 10/29/25, monthly School Board Meetings, and the Baldwin and Parsonsfield Town meetings). In the winter, we will be filming events such as Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, SVHS Winter

Concert, Wreaths across America 12/11/25 and Unified Basketball. As well as, the Yellow Tulip Community Project and middle and high school showcases.

Thankfully, we have Mr. JR Stevenson, our TV2 coordinator, and Mrs. Sandra Taylor, who teaches us in the classroom. We would like to recognize and thank Mr. Stevenson for all of

the work he does to make sure that things run smoothly, Mrs. Taylor who has been here for TV2 for years without failure, and has been willing to step up to take on roles that were not her responsibility, all the Sacopee TV2 students, teachers, and the principal for their help to keep this wonderful program alive. The current students for Sacopee TV2 are: Jordan Muise, class of '27 (station manager), Josephine Connelly, class of '26, Finley Hendrick, class of '27, Ethan Worden, class of '27, Logan Richards, class of 27.

We encourage towns, as well as community groups and organizations, to contact us about important announcements or events they would like listed on our community bulletin board or broadcast on Sacopee TV2. We can be reached by emailing [tv2@sad55.org](mailto:tv2@sad55.org) or by calling Sacopee Valley High School at (207) 625-3208.

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

Once again, we would like to thank the towns for their continued support of Sacopee TV2. Please contact us if you have any feedback to offer or if you would like additional information on the program. Please check out Sacopee TV2, located on Spectrum Channel 2 and also on YouTube. You can find our YouTube channel by entering "Sacopee TV" in the search bar. Thank you again for your support, and Ron Silvia, who we owe everything to in the TV2 program, and he will be missed, for making TV2 possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
JR Stevenson  
TV2 coordinator

**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 in 1973, and the current cleanliness and scenic value of the river is a testament to that effort. The Commission’s role is one of partnership with our communities, and our standards apply to the first 500-1000 feet 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 from Hiram serving at this time. Your commissioners are appointed by your Select Board, and confirmed by the State of Maine to serve for three-year terms on the SRCC. The Commission has monthly meetings scheduled for the evenings of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, except December. Details of the meetings and materials are available at our website: [www.srcc-maine.org](http://www.srcc-maine.org)

Representation from Hiram means that your community is weighing in on development patterns throughout the entire Corridor, from Saco to Fryeburg and south to Acton. Together, representatives from all our 20 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 continues at a rapid pace. As areas are built up or used for resource extraction, degradation can occur in the shoreland area, causing water quality problems. The SRCC has kept up with the recent surge in development that started in 2020, and it continues to review each application for new development near the rivers for its compliance with the Saco River Corridor Act. In the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the Commission carefully reviewed 131 applications for development within the Corridor. Six of those applications were for projects in our Town of Hiram.

In 2026, the SRCC will coordinate its 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Water Quality Monitoring Program. Staff and volunteers will 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 42 different locations from May through mid-September, with additional *E. coli* bacteria testing at certain recreational sites from June to September. Not all sites are tested for all parameters, but we add parameters where there are particular concerns or conditions.

Hiram has three of the water testing sites: at the Saco River landing of the Hiawatha Campground, at the Saco River sand bar below Hiram Falls, and at the Ossipee River a short distance upstream of the River Road bridge. Our volunteers who do the testing at these sites are Dan Hester, Ray Noiles, Jenn Locke and Laurie Downey.

To help communicate water quality testing results to the public, the map available on our website highlights sites with recently elevated bacteria levels, and the SRCC sends alerts to municipal staff in the event of detected high levels. While the monitoring program is near its capacity for new sites, the SRCC is happy to discuss the possibility of expanding testing locations in future or adding parameters to existing sites. We are especially grateful to our volunteer water quality monitors, who make our current array of testing locations possible. We encourage those interested in volunteering to contact us ahead of the mid-April training dates each year, in hopes of expanding our monitoring capacity. We sincerely appreciate that most towns along the Corridor also donate to help fund our water testing work.

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 our 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!

### Trafton Way Project



# Smooth Feather

To the town of Hiram,

Smooth Feather is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with the mission to empower community through filmmaking, the arts and wellness. This year marks our 10 year anniversary as an organization and in August we hosted a fantastic event at our theater which showcased over 20 short films and featured live music renditions of our film soundtracks. It was incredibly inspiring to have alumni from the past decade come out and join us for this momentous occasion.

Along with this anniversary celebration, we created a couple powerful films this year. One of which is called, "Nothing Lost" which we filmed and premiered in April at our theater. This film tackles some important themes around suicide and mental health and we had the huge honor of working with the Kezar Falls Fire Department to help us in making this intense action movie. Tim Wentworth and Jeff Dutil volunteered their time to help us as firefighters in the film and their contributions were invaluable to making the film feel powerful and believable. "Nothing Lost" also became an official selection at the Maine Outdoor Film Festival this year where it was part of a sold out screening in Portland in July!

We also have started a new collaboration this year with Long Creek Youth Development Center in Portland. We collaborated with youth there to make a comedy film called "Swamp Dog" this past summer which was incredibly hilarious. We were really inspired by the talent of the youth we worked with at Long Creek and we are excited to continue this collaboration in the future. Currently we are working on another film that is set in space and the youth at Long Creek are tasked with saving the world from an asteroid!

Lastly, this fall we hosted a Smooth Feather wellness retreat which focused on "Facing Our Fears" and we all had the chance to collectively face the fear of getting into an ice bath together and then warming up in a sauna. These wellness retreats have become a great way for us to support each other in our community and we look forward to expanding this program in the upcoming year as well.

All of our programming at Smooth Feather is made possible thanks to the contributions of many including the town of Hiram. We are hugely grateful for the town's continued support, and we hope you all will consider making a \$600 contribution to us once again in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Silas Hagerty - Executive Director : Smooth Feather



**SACOPEE RESCUE UNIT, INC**  
**P. O. Box 367**  
**Parsonsfield, Maine 04047**  
**SacopecRescue.com**  
**(207) 625-3088**  
2025 Town Report

2025 has been another busy year for Sacopec Rescue. Our total number of calls rose from 1000 calls in 2024 to 1074 runs in 2025. We hope that this shows a healthier Sacopec Valley during the last year. We rolled our ambulances 1011 times including calls in Baldwin, Brownfield, and Limington.

We run two crews during the day with the backup crew being on duty from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The full-time truck is manned 24/7. The backup unit was activated 248 times for calls that came in while the other truck was already out.

We took delivery of a new 4WD ambulance during the summer of 2025 which gives two four-wheel drive ambulances. We have definitely seen the value of four-wheel drive during the winter here in our four towns. We lost our 2017 ambulance to a blown motor during the year but we have it in storage to remount in the future giving us our next ambulance at virtually half price.

We once again covered medical needs at the Sacopec Valley Fair with a truck and crew that was dedicated to the fair and was able to man it without having to leave the grounds. We also covered the annual horse races at the Cornish Fairgrounds racetrack which is always a treat for us. We continue to support a junior rescue program with the Sacopec Valley High School's Extended Earning Opportunities program which allows students to explore the world of EMS. We also continue to keep a medical closet that collects medical equipment in excellent condition from those who no longer need it and lend it to people in need. We now have closets in Kezar Falls and Baldwin, both donated by All Purpose Storage. The people of Sacopec Valley generously donated a full ambulance of toys and clothing as well as over \$700.00 in cash for the Spirit Tree program. Many thanks to everyone who supported this very special cause.

This year also saw two drivers become EMT's boosting our local response capability. We also provided CPR classes to businesses and will continue to offer more classes to increase citizens' life-saving skills.

We are starting a new service this year which will run alongside the 911 service we already provide. This privately funded new service, called Community Paramedicine, will allow dedicated personnel to do targeted house calls in an effort to improve the health of people living with chronic diseases. This is being done in cooperation with Community Care Partnership of Maine and the Sacopec Valley Health Care Center.

The number of responses per town during 2025 were:

Cornish	269
Hiram	268
Parsonsfield	275
Porter	284
Out of town	8

Mike Hatch, Chief

Serving Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield and Porter Maine Since 1969

# Sacopec Valley Recreation Council Annual Report for Hiram

Sacopec Valley Recreation Council has provided a wide variety of programs for members of the communities in this area since 1989. SVRC is a registered non-profit organization. The council conducts business through a board of directors who are volunteers and two part-time paid coordinators. Currently our paid coordinators are 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 barn dances, open gym, cross-country skiing and ice skating, women’s volleyball, and pickleball.

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, Parsonsfield; as well as some of the school ballfields! Karate continued as before at the elementary school gym.

Summer camps resumed in 2025 with adequate attendance and interest. Softball camp was at the Cornish fields. The Flag Football camp was at the elementary school fields, and the basketball and cheer camps at the middle school gym. Pickleball was held at the tennis courts at the high school. Reading Camp was held at the Riverside Church. Swimming lessons were given at Sand Pond in Baldwin.

In the fall soccer and field hockey were both successful, as well as the continuation of the Cheer program that started back up a couple of years ago now. 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 trying to add games at Fryeburg back again this year and 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 took place at the Baldwin Community Center last year, as well as Pike Hall in Cornish. She is looking to use the Parsonsfield Town Office that has been offered to SVRC, if needed.

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. 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, tball)—57 Summer Camps—20

Fall (soccer, field hockey, cheer) ---33 Winter (basketball, cheer, karate) ---38



## Soldiers Memorial Library Annual Report

Soldiers Memorial Library (SML) has continued its emphasis on strengthening the children's and youth collections through funding provided by the Stephen and Tabitha King Grant awarded in 2022. As a result, the Easy, Junior, and Young Adult collections have grown substantially. New adult titles are also added on a monthly basis. Patrons may view recent additions on the library's website and social media pages.

Several new facility improvements made possible by the Maine State Library Remote Worker grant received in 2023 were accomplished in 2025 with the support of the Friends of Soldiers Memorial Library (FoSML). New updates include a new circulation desk, upgraded computers and computer table on the main floor, and a new double-sided toy and book shelf in the children's area. These improvements modernize the library while preserving its historic character. Funds of the same grant made a very special improvement last year, constructing the new covered pavilion for anyone to use whether the Library is open or closed. This year the grant also enabled the purchase of new seating and a table, all now available in that pavilion.

Library Director Cat Macri has actively pursued professional development opportunities to better serve the Hiram community. In 2025, she received two grants to attend library conferences, including the Maine Library Association Annual Conference and the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference. Through the ARSL grant, SML also received \$500 in large-print books from Thorndike Gale Publishing.

SML continues to offer consistent and engaging children's programming. Weekly Story Hour is held every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and includes stories, songs, games, and crafts, with a monthly visit from Iris, a certified therapy dog. The library also collaborates with the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum to offer the Mineral Madness After School Club once or twice monthly. Additional children's programs introduced this year include the 4-H STEAM Club, Reading Dragons and Friends Summer Reading Program, Academic Year Reading Challenge, and the Reading Dragons & Friends Tournament. During the summer and fall, SML hosted several children's authors and illustrators, as well as Sparks Ark's educational animal program.

Adult programming remains diverse and well attended. Ongoing offerings include the Knotty Knitters group and Reader's Choice Book Club. New programs added this year include Technical Query Saturdays, Crafts with Cat, Digital Training Workshops, and Scrap Craft Classes.

Library membership continues to grow, with approximately 39 new library cards issued in 2025. With the addition of remote worker space, the library now offers expanded technology assistance, including help with smartphones, computers, applications, printing, and copying. These services are free and available to all community members during open hours.

The Board of Directors and FOSML extend sincere thanks to the many community volunteers whose time, skills, and dedication support library operations, fundraising efforts, and coverage during staff absences. Their contributions are essential to the continued success of Soldiers Memorial Library.

### **Current Library Hours:**

Tuesday & Saturday: 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday: 10:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Location: 85 Main Street, Hiram, ME 04041**

**Phone: 207-625-4650**

**Email: [smlhiram@gmail.com](mailto:smlhiram@gmail.com)**

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

Our public library services are managed by our Library Director and by our volunteers including the seven Hiram Cultural Center board members. However, the historical Soldiers Memorial Library building is owned by YOU, as a property of the Town of Hiram. Those of us managing the Library are sincerely grateful for the expenditures that our Town has made for the maintenance and repairs of this remarkable building.

Elsewhere in this Town Report there is a statement of the annual appropriation from our town. This appropriation provides the essential funding for the cost of our Library payroll that enables us to have the Library open and staffed for 19 hours of every week. At this time our only staff is our exceptionally capable and energetic Library Director (LD), but there have been times when we could also afford to pay for a part-time Library Assistant. At this time, all the work of a Library Assistant is accomplished by our volunteers. In addition to working on fund-raising projects, grant applications and maintenance of the facilities, the volunteers staff the Library whenever the LD is unavailable. Volunteers manage the Library when the LD is providing the Story Hour and other special programs and when the LD is absent to attend conferences and professional development, and for vacations and other personal leave. During days that our library was open, our volunteers recorded a total of 436 hours of volunteer work, which does not include most work on applications, fundraising managing events and other projects.

In addition to our payroll, there are other operating expenses that are paid by the fundraising efforts of our volunteers, by generous donations of other patrons and supporters, and from grant resources that are used for special projects. Details are provided in this brief accounting summary:

**Soldiers Memorial Library – 2025 Budget Summary**

**Public Library Expenses:** Books/subscriptions/audio/videos \$2,833.

Staff/payroll costs (wages, taxes, payroll services) \$20,082.

Building maintenance (electricity, heat, insurance, etc.) \$3,825.

Other expenses (operations, technology, supplies, etc.) \$4,242.

**Total 2025 SML Public Library Expenses:** \$30,982.

**Public Library Resources:** Town of Hiram public library appropriation \$17,500.

Hiram Cultural Center fund-raising projects \$6,580.

Other donations, gifts, and special grants \$3,975.

Library savings used for the remaining costs \$2,927.

**Total 2025 SML Public Library Resources used:** \$30,982.

Financial reports with additional details are available on request from the Library.

While members of the Board of Directors work hard to make both the Library and the Arts Center facilities serve the needs of our community, none of this would work if it wasn't for the many community members who volunteer their time and skills to make all our projects, fundraisers and other tasks successful.

If anyone has time to spare for volunteer work, just ask at the Library; we would always welcome more help.

Thank you all. - Your Library Director, Cat Macri, and board members of the Hiram Cultural Center.



## **TRI-TOWN WASTE FACILITY**

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



# Tri-Town Waste Report 2025

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

As the year comes to a close, we would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a successful and productive year at the Transfer Station. With the continued support of the town and our community, we were able to operate safely, efficiently, and responsibly while providing an essential service to our residents.

This past year brought steady progress, positive cooperation, and a shared commitment to maintaining a clean and well-run facility. We appreciate the town's ongoing support, as well as the cooperation of residents who help make daily operations smoother through responsible use of the facility.

Looking ahead, we are optimistic about the coming year and remain committed to maintaining high standards of service, safety, and environmental responsibility. We look forward to continuing our work with the town to meet future needs and opportunities for improvement.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. We look forward to another successful year ahead.

Respectfully,  
Tri-Town Board of Directors

## Tri Town Waste Expenses 2025

Distribution account	Total
Income	
OPERATING CONTRIBUTION	
Baldwin Receipts	147,697.14
Hiram Receipts	147,697.14
Porter Receipts	147,697.14
<b>Total for OPERATING CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$443,091.42</b>
SALES	
Bulky Waste	25,561.72
CC Fees	1,660.00
Demo Tickets	28,802.44
Electronic Waste	2,130.00
Freon Stickers	3,878.00
Metals	12,703.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	666.24
School Income	20,484.00
<b>Total for SALES</b>	<b>\$95,885.40</b>
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$538,976.82</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$538,976.82</b>
Expenses	
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS/MAINT/PURCHAS	
Compactor	6,858.21
Containers	6,355.24
Scales	2,335.00
<b>Total for EQUIPMENT REPAIRS/MAINT/PURCHAS</b>	<b>\$15,908.95</b>
FUEL	
Backhoe Fuel	1,190.31
Truck Fuel	12,525.59
<b>Total for FUEL</b>	<b>\$14,621.69</b>
INSURANCE	26,078.00
MISC	824.91
OFFICE	2,630.48
PAYROLL	103,597.09
PROFESSIONAL FEES	
Admin	3,412.45
Audit	9,900.00
<b>Total for PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	<b>\$13,312.45</b>
STATION	
Electric	4,496.25
Extinguishers	125.00
Internet/Phone	1,699.88
Water	475.60

<b>Total for STATION</b>	<b>\$6,796.73</b>	
TRUCKS/BACKHOE		
Backhoe Repairs & Maintenance	1,956.65	
Dues/Fees/Books/Testing	925.35	
Truck Repairs/Maintenance	18,874.46	
<b>Total for TRUCKS/BACKHOE</b>	<b>\$21,756.46</b>	
WASTE		
Bulky	21,786.73	
Demo	24,784.50	
Electronics	858.40	
HHW	216,554.01	
<b>Total for WASTE</b>	<b>\$263,983.64</b>	
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$469,510.40</b>	
	<b>\$ (95,885.40)</b>	Sales
	<b>\$ 373,625.00</b>	





*Proven Expertise & Integrity*

February 13, 2026

Selectboard  
Town of Hiram  
16 Nasons Way  
Hiram, Maine 04041

We have been 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, 2025. The following statements and schedules are being reviewed with management and have been excerpted from the 2025 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office upon completion of the audit.

Included herein are:

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

*RHR Smith & Company*

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Certified Public Accountants

## TOWN OF HIRAM

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 3,366,833	\$ 3,366,833	\$ 3,366,833	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	2,959,130	2,959,130	2,912,292	(46,838)
Excise Taxes	345,000	345,000	380,306	35,306
Interest on Taxes and Liens	-	-	17,812	17,812
Total Taxes	<u>3,304,130</u>	<u>3,304,130</u>	<u>3,310,410</u>	<u>6,280</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	190,000	190,000	200,850	10,850
Homestead Exemption	81,376	81,376	86,413	5,037
GA Reimbursement	-	-	974	974
Local Road Assistance	55,000	55,000	60,548	5,548
Veteran Reimbursement	875	875	630	(245)
BETE	342	342	362	20
Tree Growth Reimbursement	22,000	22,000	30,008	8,008
State Snowmobile	-	470	470	-
Other	-	-	1,726	1,726
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>349,593</u>	<u>350,063</u>	<u>381,981</u>	<u>31,918</u>
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	-	31,842	31,842
Charges for Services:				
Administration	-	-	99	99
Total Charges for Services	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>99</u>
Investment Income	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>99,546</u>	<u>29,546</u>
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Cable TV Franchise Fees	-	-	5,767	5,767
Miscellaneous Revenue	35,000	35,000	8,498	(26,502)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>35,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>14,265</u>	<u>(20,735)</u>
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>7,125,556</u>	<u>7,126,026</u>	<u>7,204,976</u>	<u>78,950</u>
USE OF FUND BALANCE SURPLUS	<u>385,000</u>	<u>385,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(385,000)</u>

## TOWN OF HIRAM

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	212,000	212,000	197,277	14,723
Boards and Associations	51,500	51,500	46,172	5,328
Maintenance	18,000	16,935	16,935	-
Community Services	147,638	147,638	147,638	-
Culture and Recreation	28,150	28,620	28,620	-
Protection	146,064	145,928	137,497	8,431
Cemeteries	5,800	5,800	6,215	(415)
Municipal Garage	1,009,000	1,009,000	975,274	33,726
Health and Sanitation	152,498	152,498	150,379	2,119
Education	1,750,904	1,750,904	1,756,672	(5,768)
County Tax	382,851	382,851	382,851	-
Unclassified	13,832	13,832	10,539	3,293
Debt Service:				
Interest	144,486	144,486	-	144,486
Transfers to Other Funds	94,000	95,201	95,286	(85)
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>4,156,723</u>	<u>4,157,193</u>	<u>3,951,355</u>	<u>205,838</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 2,968,833</u>	<u>\$ 2,968,833</u>	<u>\$ 3,253,621</u>	<u>\$ 284,788</u>
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 385,000</u>	<u>\$ 385,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (385,000)</u>

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## TOWN OF HIRAM

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2025

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,911,465	\$ 27,090	\$ 3,938,555
Investments	-	64,198	64,198
Accounts receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	209,745	-	209,745
Liens	41,802	-	41,802
Tax acquired property	1,328	-	1,328
Due from other funds	-	655,551	655,551
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 4,164,340</b>	<b>\$ 746,839</b>	<b>\$ 4,911,179</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 11,025	\$ -	\$ 11,025
Escrow	1,375	-	1,375
Due to other governments	3,747	-	3,747
Due to other funds	655,551	-	655,551
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>671,698</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>671,698</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred tax revenues	239,021	-	239,021
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>239,021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>239,021</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	1,328	66,438	67,766
Restricted	-	24,850	24,850
Committed	-	643,850	643,850
Assigned	-	11,701	11,701
Unassigned	3,252,293	-	3,252,293
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>3,253,621</b>	<b>746,839</b>	<b>4,000,460</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 4,164,340</b>	<b>\$ 746,839</b>	<b>\$ 4,911,179</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, 2025

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 2,930,104	\$ -	\$ 2,930,104
Excise taxes	380,306	-	380,306
Intergovernmental revenues	381,981	129,137	511,118
Interest income	-	2,731	2,731
Charges for services	31,941	-	31,941
Miscellaneous revenues	113,811	57,685	171,496
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,838,143</b>	<b>189,553</b>	<b>4,027,696</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	197,277	-	197,277
Boards and associations	46,172	-	46,172
Maintenance	16,935	-	16,935
Community services	147,638	-	147,638
Culture and recreation	28,620	-	28,620
Protection	137,497	-	137,497
Cemeteries	6,215	-	6,215
Municipal garage	975,274	-	975,274
Health and sanitation	150,379	-	150,379
Education	1,756,672	-	1,756,672
County tax	382,851	-	382,851
Unclassified	10,539	243,176	253,715
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,856,069</b>	<b>243,176</b>	<b>4,099,245</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(17,926)</b>	<b>(53,623)</b>	<b>(71,549)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in	-	168,821	168,821
Transfers (out)	(95,286)	(73,535)	(168,821)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(95,286)</b>	<b>95,286</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>(113,212)</b>	<b>41,663</b>	<b>(71,549)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1</b>	<b>3,366,833</b>	<b>705,176</b>	<b>4,072,009</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ 3,253,621</b>	<b>\$ 746,839</b>	<b>\$ 4,000,460</b>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Legal and professional	\$ 14,000	- \$	14,000 \$	14,344	\$ (344)
Town office operation	56,000	-	56,000	47,568	8,432
Update assessing	5,000	-	5,000	5,501	(501)
Town staff	112,500	-	112,500	107,802	4,698
Town's share ss	13,000	-	13,000	11,722	1,278
Audit of Town books	9,000	-	9,000	8,923	77
Elections	2,500	-	2,500	1,417	1,083
	<u>212,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>212,000</u>	<u>197,277</u>	<u>14,723</u>
Boards and Associations -					
Selectboard	22,300	-	22,300	21,979	321
Tax maps	4,800	-	4,800	4,500	300
Code enforcement	20,000	-	20,000	15,928	4,072
Planning and appeals boards	4,300	-	4,300	3,765	535
Appeals board	100	-	100	-	100
	<u>51,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,500</u>	<u>46,172</u>	<u>5,328</u>
Maintenance -					
Upkeep of buildings	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Park upkeep	3,000	(1,065)	1,935	1,935	-
	<u>18,000</u>	<u>(1,065)</u>	<u>16,935</u>	<u>16,935</u>	<u>-</u>
Community Services -					
Sacopec Rescue	138,838	-	138,838	138,838	-
Southwest Oxford County	7,000	-	7,000	7,000	-
Seniors Plus	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Saco River Festival	500	-	500	500	-
Saco River Corridor Commission	300	-	300	300	-
	<u>147,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,638</u>	<u>147,638</u>	<u>-</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Culture and Recreation -					
Soldiers Memorial Library	17,500	-	17,500	17,500	-
Smooth Feather Youth	600	-	600	600	-
Sacopee recreation	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
Historical Society	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-
Hiram Development Assoc.	500	-	500	500	-
Hiram Community Center	900	-	900	900	-
Snowmobile club	500	470	970	970	-
Grateful Undead	550	-	550	550	-
Hiram art center	1,100	-	1,100	1,100	-
	<u>28,150</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>28,620</u>	<u>28,620</u>	<u>-</u>
Protection -					
Hiram fire department	50,000	(105)	49,895	49,895	-
South Hiram fire department	-	-	-	-	-
EMA director	1,800	-	1,800	1,500	300
Lifeflight	805	-	805	805	-
Communications	10,000	(31)	9,969	9,969	-
Animal control	2,150	-	2,150	2,703	(553)
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	1,609	-	1,609	1,609	-
Hydrants	16,500	-	16,500	15,882	618
Street lights	7,200	-	7,200	7,191	9
Volunteer fire pay	6,000	-	6,000	4,792	1,208
Insurance	50,000	-	50,000	43,151	6,849
	<u>146,064</u>	<u>(136)</u>	<u>145,928</u>	<u>137,497</u>	<u>8,431</u>
Cemeteries -					
Care of cemeteries	5,800	-	5,800	6,215	(415)
	<u>5,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>6,215</u>	<u>(415)</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Municipal Garage -					
General roads	325,000	-	325,000	611,524	(286,524)
Road engineering	300,000	-	300,000	-	300,000
Winter roads	384,000	-	384,000	363,750	20,250
	<u>1,009,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,009,000</u>	<u>975,274</u>	<u>33,726</u>
Health and Sanitation -					
Solid waste account	147,698	-	147,698	147,698	-
Health officer	800	-	800	800	-
General assistance	4,000	-	4,000	1,881	2,119
	<u>152,498</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152,498</u>	<u>150,379</u>	<u>2,119</u>
Education -					
RSU #55	1,750,904	-	1,750,904	1,756,672	(5,768)
	<u>1,750,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,750,904</u>	<u>1,756,672</u>	<u>(5,768)</u>
County Tax -					
Oxford County	382,851	-	382,851	382,851	-
	<u>382,851</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>382,851</u>	<u>382,851</u>	<u>-</u>
Unclassified -					
Contingency	10,000	-	10,000	6,707	3,293
Maine Municipal Association	3,148	-	3,148	3,148	-
Southern Maine Planning	684	-	684	684	-
	<u>13,832</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,832</u>	<u>10,539</u>	<u>3,293</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt Service -					
Interest	144,486	-	144,486	-	144,486
	<u>144,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,486</u>
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	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-
Public works reserve	13,500	-	13,500	13,500	-
Park Upkeep	-	1,065	1,065	1,065	-
Hiram parade	-	-	-	500	-
Hiram fire department	-	105	105	105	-
Sacopec Valley Rescue	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Outlying cemeteries	2,000	-	2,000	1,585	415
Radio reserve	-	31	31	31	-
	<u>94,000</u>	<u>1,201</u>	<u>95,201</u>	<u>95,286</u>	<u>415</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 4,156,723	\$ 470	\$ 4,157,193	\$ 3,951,355	\$ 206,338

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TOWN OF HIRAM

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,090	\$ 27,090
Investments	-	-	64,198	64,198
Due from other funds	187,305	468,246	-	655,551
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 187,305</u>	<u>\$ 468,246</u>	<u>\$ 91,288</u>	<u>\$ 746,839</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	-	-	66,438	66,438
Restricted	-	-	24,850	24,850
Committed	175,604	468,246	-	643,850
Assigned	11,701	-	-	11,701
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>187,305</u>	<u>468,246</u>	<u>91,288</u>	<u>746,839</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 187,305</u>	<u>\$ 468,246</u>	<u>\$ 91,288</u>	<u>\$ 746,839</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, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 129,137	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,137
Interest income	-	-	2,731	2,731
Miscellaneous	-	57,425	260	57,685
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>129,137</u>	<u>57,425</u>	<u>2,991</u>	<u>189,553</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Program expenditures	130,676	111,297	1,203	243,176
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>130,676</u>	<u>111,297</u>	<u>1,203</u>	<u>243,176</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(1,539)</u>	<u>(53,872)</u>	<u>1,788</u>	<u>(53,623)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	31,786	137,035	-	168,821
Transfers (out)	(6,000)	(67,535)	-	(73,535)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>25,786</u>	<u>69,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,286</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	24,247	15,628	1,788	41,663
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>163,058</u>	<u>452,618</u>	<u>89,500</u>	<u>705,176</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 187,305</u>	<u>\$ 468,246</u>	<u>\$ 91,288</u>	<u>\$ 746,839</u>

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