

Town of Hiram

2024

Annual Report



## *The 2024 Town Report is graciously dedicated to Sylvia Pease*

This wonderful lady is one of the most active, generous, and helpful individuals around. Whenever there is a committee, organization, fundraiser, or event, she finds a way to participate. Sylvia grew up in Porter and moved to Hiram with her family in the early '70s. She began her career as a schoolteacher in SAD 55 and, while teaching, pursued further education, eventually holding various positions within the district. After being appointed Superintendent of SAD 55, she continued her education and earned her doctorate.

Since retiring in 2013, Sylvia has remained actively involved in several community organizations. In Hiram, she serves on the Hiram Cemetery Committee, is a member of the Appeals Board, has volunteered as one of Santa's helpers, and can frequently be seen at elections working as a ballot clerk. She is also involved with both the Hiram Historical Society and currently serving as President of the Parsonsfield- Porter Historical Society.

With the transition of the Stanley Cemetery to town maintenance, Sylvia has assisted with the additional responsibility of maintaining burial information. She has been exceptionally active in updating and verifying data, collaborating closely with office staff to create a digital database.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable volunteer in our town, one who possesses a deep understanding of our community's history and families.

Sylvia should consider writing a book or documenting these stories and histories for future generations; it would undoubtedly be a bestseller!

Thank you for everything you do for our community; your efforts are truly appreciated and do not go unnoticed.



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



For the Fiscal Year Ending  
December 31, 2024

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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 will be  
changing in the near future**

**New Hours Mon- Wed 9 to 3**

**Thursdays 9 to 7**

**Board meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7pm**

**Closed on Friday**

**No Saturday hours**

**Assessors Report**  
**2024 Assessment and Valuation Report**

**Assessments**

County Tax	227,053.00		
Municipal Appropriation	1,813,963.00		
Education Appropriation	1,716,796.80		
Overlay	133,865.14		
<b>Total Assessment</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>3,891,677.94</b>

**Deductions**

State Revenue Sharing	190,000.00		
Homestead Reimbursement	93,495.07		
BETE Reimbursement	282.06		
Other Revenue	877,509.00		
<b>Total Deductions</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,161,286.13</b>

**Amount to be raised** **\$2,730,391.81**

**Valuations of Taxable Real and Personal Property**

Real Estate	\$ 250,191,423		
Personal Property	\$ 763,707		
<b>Total Taxable Valuation</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>250,955,130</b>

Mil Rate for 2024 X 0.01088

**Total Tax Commitment** **\$ 2,730,391.81**

Supplemental Taxes	31,148.32		
Abatements	2,822.25		

## **Town Officers for 2024**

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

*Cory Hale 2025, Karen James 2026, Eric Durgin 2027*

### **Town Clerk, Tax Collector & Treasurer**

*Marylou F. Stacey*

### **Deputy Town Clerk, Assessing Tech, GA Admin. & EMA Director**

*Emma Ouellette*

### **Road Commissioner**

*Greg Sawyer March 2025*

*Moving to an appointed position in 2025*

### **Fire Chief/Deputies**

*Ethan Norcross- Chief, Bruce Pyburn & Joe Cooper Deputies*

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

*Alison Lehouillier- 2025, Dawn Self-Cooper 2026, Danielle Parker 2027*

### **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**

*Dustin Bachelder 2025, John Bonano 2025, Carol Goode 2026,  
Keisha Garnett 2027, Paul Henninger 2027, James Madgey Alternate 2027*

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

*Dan Hester 2025, Lura Sawyer 2025, Nathan Burnett 2026,  
Brit Wolfe 2027, Herbert Marshall 2027*

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

*Sylvia Pease 2025, Bill Johnson Sr 2025, Keisha Garnett 2026  
Gene Stacey 2027 Jan Williams 2027*

### **Heath Officer Three Year Term**

*Dr. Joseph deKay, D.O. 2025*

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

*Dan Hester & Carol Goode Alternate 2025*

### **Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission**

*Jan Williams & Karen James*

**Town Council**  
*Leah Rachin – Drummond & Woodsum*

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Janet T. Mills  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
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AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0001

Dear Maine Resident:

I have always been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has been investing in what people need to succeed, like job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

We are seeing results — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers. These are all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has one of the best rates of economic growth in the nation.

That's good news, but I know that not everyone is feeling the benefits of our strong economy. The cost of living in Maine, as in much of America, is too high. The price of fuel, the cost of supplies, utilities and labor have driven up expenses for families across the country and impacted the budgets of towns, counties and nearly every state, including Maine.

I want everyone to benefit from the availability of good jobs, a good public education, and good health care in our state. That is why I have put forward a balanced budget proposal that proposes some savings and certain targeted revenue increases to maintain things we all support, like the state paying 55 percent of the cost of education and 5 percent municipal revenue sharing, to keep all these costs from being passed along to property taxpayers.

We have made good progress over the past six years to ensure that every person in Maine can find a good-paying job in a rewarding and stable career; go to the doctor when they feel sick because they have health insurance; and have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school.

I look forward to working with communities and citizens across the state to solve problems, manage our finances, and keep our people healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills  
Governor



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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share several key accomplishments for our state from the previous year.

As Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee in 2024, I have secured nearly \$580 million for 230 projects across all of Maine's 16 counties to promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; support law enforcement; improve public education and infrastructure; and protect our environment. As the new Congress begins, I am honored to be taking the helm of the Committee, the first Mainer to do so in nearly a century, and I remain committed to ensuring that federal spending produces real results for our state and nation.

Maine has the oldest average age in the country, which is why I have long prioritized health-focused legislative efforts. There were more than 1,860 health care bills introduced during the 118th Congress. Only 15 health care bills were signed into law, and I was a lead sponsor of five of them. These bills will enhance care for individuals with Alzheimer's, autism, and substance abuse issues through improved research funding, strengthened public health programs, and increased support for rural first responders.

Another important bill that I coauthored was the *Social Security Fairness Act*. Since 2003, when I led the first-ever Senate hearing on the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, I have sought to end these provisions of the *Social Security Act* that unfairly reduce the Social Security benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned. I am pleased to say that with the passage of my bill, the *Social Security Fairness Act*, in December, public sector retirees will now receive the full Social Security benefits they have earned.

When the Maine way of life was under threat, I was certain to defend the interests of our state. I worked to protect Maine's potato farmers when the Department of Agriculture tried to reclassify the potato from a vegetable to a grain. I thwarted efforts to consolidate USPS mail operations at the Hampden postal facility, which would have disrupted mail delivery throughout our state. I sounded the alarm with leaders at the FBI and Departments of State and Treasury on the spate of illicit marijuana growing operations that are destroying properties and providing refuge to foreign criminals in our state. Following damage to our working waterfronts after last winter's storms, I secured \$15 million to help fishing communities recover. I championed funding to support the Maine Air National Guard base, Bath Iron Works, and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

As of last December, I have cast more than 9,100 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997. My ranking as the most bipartisan Senator reflects Maine's tradition of working with a spirit of cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that 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

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2025

COMMITTEES:  
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CHAIRMAN, STRATEGIC FORCES  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
ENERGY AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PARKS  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
INTELLIGENCE  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Dear Friends,

Each year comes with renewed hope – to celebrate each other’s successes and care for each other in times of need. I am thankful to each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. We always work together to get things done. This past year was no different.

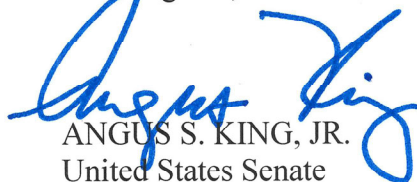
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services. The *Inflation Reduction Act* has been incredible for older people in Maine – Medicare is finally negotiating lower prices for prescription drugs, on top of the \$35 per month cap for insulin that took effect in 2023. We have an opportunity to build on what we have in common and do what Maine people do best; we will continue to help each other and lead through example.

I have also been consistently working to help our veterans. My team has repeatedly been successful in securing long-overdue recognition of military medals for many of Maine’s combat veterans and working to resolve issues with claims, travel pay, and access to healthcare and benefits our veterans earned through their selfless service to our country. I have also worked with my Veterans Affairs and Defense partners in Washington to successfully pass a national defense bill that strengthens our national security, takes care of our service members, and supports Maine businesses from Aroostook to York County.

I am also thankful to have such an incredible team across Maine available to you for hurdles you may face with the federal government. Whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, IRS and more, please never hesitate to reach out to my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow us the chance to be part of your solutions.

Together, over the next six years, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2025.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
United States Senate



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. Thank you for the opportunity to share an update on the work I've been doing for the people of the Second Congressional District.

**Fisheries:** This spring, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) announced a gauge increase for lobsters caught in the Gulf of Maine beginning in January 2025. Maine fishermen warned that this decision is founded on incomplete and inaccurate data. Additionally, this gauge increase could put Mainers at a competitive disadvantage to Canadian fishermen with looser regulations. That's why I sent a [letter](#) to the ASMFC urging them to delay their decision until they can evaluate data with fishermen, whose proactive stewardship provides invaluable insight. I have also submitted an amendment to this year's funding bill that would block federal funding from being used to implement and enforce a gauge increase. Because of these efforts, the ASFMC made the decision to delay the implementation of this new requirement. I'll always stand with Maine lobstermen against unfair, unnecessary regulations that threaten their livelihoods and industry.

**Veterans:** The first meeting I attended as an elected official was with a large group of veterans and the former Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. We discussed a lot, but one issue rose above the rest: how little was being done for Maine veterans who needed treatment for mental health issues or substance use. At the time, there were no in-patient treatment beds in Maine, so veterans had to wait for a bed to open up at an out-of-state facility. Fast forward 10 years, through unending red tape, and I'm delighted to report we just broke ground on a treatment facility at the Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta. This was the direct result of the tireless advocacy of veterans from across our state — this win is theirs.

**Postal Service:** This spring, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) announced plans to consolidate and move some processing operations from the Eastern Maine Processing & Distribution Center in Hampden to Scarborough. This would have caused significant mail delivery delays that disproportionately harm rural communities. That's why I introduced the *Timely Mail Delivery*

and *Postal Services Protection Act*, which would have halted this planned consolidation across the country. Following these efforts, the USPS announced they have scrapped their plan entirely. While this is a win for Maine, it is also evidence that we cannot become complacent. That's why I recently introduced the bipartisan *Postmaster General Reform Act*, which would establish term limits for the United States Postal Service's (USPS) postmaster general and require nominations to be confirmed by the Senate.

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

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

I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,



Jared Golden  
Member of Congress



*Thank you Calista*



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January 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am deeply honored and humbled by the trust you have placed in me to represent you in the 132nd Legislature. Serving as your State Representative is a privilege, and I am committed to working hard on your behalf to address the challenges we face and to seize opportunities that can make a meaningful difference in our communities.

Our shared values and the strength of our communities inspire me every day. Whether it is advocating for education, ensuring access to quality healthcare, or supporting local businesses, I believe we can make progress together. I will continue to listen to your concerns and ideas, as they are the foundation of the work we do in Augusta.

I will serve the next two years on the committee for Energy, Utilities and Technology. The EUT committee has jurisdiction over energy policy, tele-communications, and water and sewer utilities.

As your Representative, I encourage you to stay connected and engaged with the work happening at the State House and to monitor all legislative proposals being worked on by visiting the Legislature's website at [www.legislature.maine.gov](http://www.legislature.maine.gov). Decisions made in Augusta affect our lives in countless ways, and your voice is vital in shaping the future of our district and our state. Please feel free to reach out to me with your questions, concerns, or suggestions. Whether you need assistance navigating state services or want to share your thoughts on upcoming legislation, I am here to help.

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).

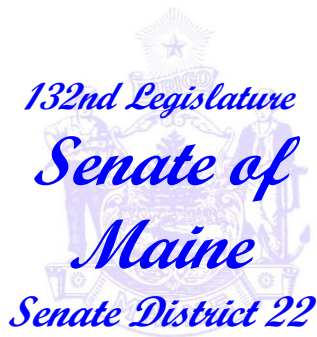
Thank you for your confidence in me and for the opportunity to serve. Together, we can build a brighter future for our families and communities.

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



*Senator James D. Libby*  
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*(207) 287-1505*

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate and for putting your trust in me to be your voice in Augusta. This will be my second term of office, following prior service back in the late 1990's.

As a lifelong resident of Maine, I am familiar with the issues that our small towns face. It's with great excitement that I return for the upcoming session.

My goal this term is to educate other legislators, agency personnel, and the Governor on what life is currently like in rural towns in southern and western Maine.

For example, inflation has had a major impact that has been felt across Senate District 22. Young Mainers now find it significantly more difficult to own a home, even in our rural setting. Seniors on a fixed income have trouble simply staying in their own homes due to elevated property taxes. With the cost to run municipalities and schools escalating, I believe it is incumbent on the state and federal governments to target spending more wisely on the critical tasks of educating our children, maintaining roads and bridges, and improving existing programs. I am not returning to Augusta looking to constantly create new costly programs, as was the record of the previous legislature.

I will work hard to find economies of scale and scope, so that state government can be more effective. The time has come to reduce financial pressures on Maine Citizens.

You can rest assured that I will be there for you, regardless of political affiliation. In the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, I was the only Senator to cast a vote 100% of the time. This session, I am excited to announce that I have been reappointed to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

The 132<sup>nd</sup> Maine Legislature has much work ahead of us, starting with addressing a nearly half billion-dollar budget shortfall. I know we can solve the problems we face if we work collaboratively.

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

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

Sincerely,

James D. Libby  
State Senator  
Maine Senate District 22

**TOWN OF HIRAM  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
Elections Friday February 28, 2025  
Annual Town Meeting Saturday March 1, 2025  
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, February 28, 2025** 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2025 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 \$148,838.00 for the Sacopee Rescue Unit per their request as follows:

Sacopee Rescue operating account	\$ 138,838.00
Sacopee Rescue reserve account	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 148,838.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$138,838.00.00 for operations and \$10,000.00 for reserve for SRU.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the franchise fees and any other grants received from Spectrum, Inc to Sacopee Valley Media Tech (Sacopee TV) for the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and for operating costs.

Municipal Officers recommend to do so.



Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,864.00, for the following outside agencies per their requests.

Arts Center @ 8 Hancock	\$ 1,100.00
Community Club – Hiram	\$ 900.00
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
Saco River Festival (Music)	\$ 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	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 39,864.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$39,864.00

**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 2025 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2026, to the March 2026 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 the 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 36M RSA §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 2025 commitment date.  
The Municipal Officers recommend 60 days after the 2025 commitment date and interest rate of **7.5%**.
- Article 12. To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate of 2% to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36MRSA section 506-A and authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate from the 2025 Overlay abated taxes to any property owner that have paid their taxes prior to approval of the abatement.  
Municipal Officers recommend 2% for 2025
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to use a portion of the undesignated fund balance account, not to exceed 75,000.00, to reduce the current year tax commitment.  
Municipal Officers recommend to do so.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all types of gifts, trusts, grant funds and/or income generated from town owned properties that are in the best interest of the Town. The Town to disperse funds as intended and any interest earned on any trust in accordance with provisions therein. Any income generated on town owned property to be put into the Recreational Land Account.  
Municipal Officers recommend to do so.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer funds from budget accounts that have unexpended balances at the end of the 2025 calendar year to the budget accounts that have overruns at the end of the 2025 calendar year, provided that any such transfer is approved at a properly called public meeting of the Municipal Officers.  
Auditor recommends to do so.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept any and all interest earned on checking accounts, reserve accounts, money market accounts and savings accounts and disperse said interest and apply a portion to the current year taxes.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of any town owned personal property, they deem necessary and place the funds received from the sale into a specified account. Such as sale of fire trucks, funds would be placed into the Fire Apparatus reserve account etc.
- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 MRSA subsection 2953.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate all building permit fees and 75% of the plumbing permit fees collected by the building and plumbing inspector. The remaining 25% of the plumbing permit fees to be sent to the State Treasurer.  
Municipal Officers recommend to do so.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during calendar year 2025. Funds to be taken from the undesignated fund balance account.  
Municipal Officers recommend raise & appropriate \$10,000.00 from undesignated fund balance

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 82,782.00 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 \$82,782.00 with revenues received for planning board, appeals board and any legal reimbursements. (NOTE: There is an increase in legal due to a rate increase as well as an increase in town office operations for cost increase overall)

Audit	\$ 8,150.00
Planning and Appeals Boards	\$ 200.00
Legal expenses	\$ 14,000.00
MMA Dues	\$ 3,148.00
SMPD dues	\$ 684.00
Town Office operations	\$ 51,000.00
Update Tax Maps	\$ 4,800.00
Health Officer	<u>\$ 800.00</u>

Totaling \$ 82,782.00

Article 23. 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 24. 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 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, and Plumbing Inspector's combined salary, Mileage, Training courses and any other miscellaneous materials or supplies needed.

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

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 210,100.00 for compensation, insurance, benefits for town employees, Unemployment funds to come from undesignated fund balance. Authorizing and entrusting the elected municipal officers to disperse funds appropriately in accordance with the Hiram Personnel Policy and appointments to positions.

Municipal Officers recommend: \$210,100.00 for compensation, insurance, and benefits:

Town office Staff	\$102,000.00
Fire Chiefs	\$ 10,500.00
Municipal Officers	\$ 22,300.00
Election Clerks	\$ 2,500.00
Animal Control officer	\$ 2,150.00
EMA Director	\$ 1,800.00
Unemployment	\$ 5,000.00
Insurances	\$ 50,000.00
FMLA - New	\$ 850.00
Towns Share Social Security	\$ 13,000.00

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the update assessing for the 2025 tax commitment. This is a written contract with a single assessor. Any unexpended funds at year end will be put into the Revaluation Reserve Account.  
Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$5,000.00.

**PROTECTION ARTICLES:**

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for the following emergency response departments: Any unexpended balance at years end will be put into a special revenue account for each department.

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

Municipal Officers recommend raise & appropriate \$60,000.00

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 both fire departments in accordance with criteria approved by the fire chiefs 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 \$ 23,700.00 for town utilities as follows:

Hydrants	\$ 16,500.00
Street Lights	<u>\$ 7,200.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 23,700.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$23,700.00

Article 31. **To see if the Town will vote to authorize a new Reserve Fund for SCBA Packs. By authorizing the transfer of \$6,000.00 from the Hiram Fire Department Special Fund to create the SCBA Reserve Account. (Future funding will be raised at town meeting. )**  
**Municipal Officers recommend to authorize the new SCBA Reserve Account.**

**HEALTH & SANITATION ARTICLES:**

Article 32. 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 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$162,698.00 for the following solid waste accounts:

Solid Waste Account	\$ 147,698.00
Tri-Town Waste reserve	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>
Totaling	\$ 162,698.00

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$162,698.00

**ROAD ARTICLES:**

Article 34. **To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into an extension of the current winter road contracts for a period of not more than 3 years, for the purpose of providing winter road maintenance, on such terms as they deem to be in the Town's best interest. Municipal Officers recommend to do so.**

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$709,000.00 for the purpose of road work within the town as follows:

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

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

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 300,000.00 from fund balance to re do a section of New Settlement Rd. (voted on in 2024 but did not start the project)

Municipal Officers recommend to do so.

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

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,800.00 for the Care of Cemeteries and the restoration and maintenance of Outlying Cemeteries where veterans are buried, per MRSA 1964, Chap. 58, Section 3. Any unexpended balance at year end in the outlying cemetery account will be put into the Outlying Cemetery Reserve Account

Accounts as follows:

Outlying Cemeteries	\$ 2,000.00
Care of Cemeteries:	
Pleasant Ridge Cem	\$ 1,000.00
Stanley Cem.	\$ 3,000.00
Tare Cem.	\$ 100.00

Hiram Village Cem	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>
Totaling	<u>\$ 7,800.00</u>

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$ 7,800.00

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Park Upkeep/Memorial Service and the balance in the Park Upkeep/Memorial Services will be put into the Parks and Rec Special Fund (formerly Referred to as Recreation Land Reserve Fund).

Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$ 3,000.00

Article 39. **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$1,500.00 from the Parks and Recreation( formerly referred to as the Recreational Land Use Fund) to purchase signage for the Sawmill Park and Mt. Cutler.**

**The Municipal Officers recommend to raise and appropriate \$ 1,500.00**

**RESERVE ACCOUNT ARTICLES:**

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,500.00 for the following reserve accounts:

Capital Improvement Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Road Reconstruction Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Building Maintenance Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$ 30,000.00
Revaluation Reserve	\$ 3,500.00

Totaling	<u>\$ 53,500.00</u>
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Municipal Officers recommend raise and appropriate \$53,500.00

Article 41. Entertain a motion to adjourn



**ADMINISTRATION**

**LEGAL EXPENSES**

Raised		\$12,500.00
Paid:		
Audit	\$335.50	
Planning Bd Issues	13,259.50	
Total Expense	\$13,595.00	
Balance		-\$1,095.00

**TOWN OFFICE OPERATIONS**

Raised		\$45,000.00
Paid:		
Elections	\$175.00	
Electricity	2,371.53	
Heating Oil - 931.5G	2,580.42	
Internet	1,559.88	
Telephone	1,491.06	
Water	477.55	
Office Supplies	5,063.86	
Parts	11.99	
Postage	3,262.99	
Office Other	840.35	
Mowing	680.00	
Shoveling/Plowing	125.00	
General Maint. Other	94.50	
Computer	17,879.94	
Copier	607.98	
Postage Meter Contract	664.59	
Contractual Services Other	192.47	
Workshops	862.00	
Training Other	321.78	
Dues	270.00	
Advertisement	1,104.00	
Food	262.26	
Gifts	72.00	
Registry of Deeds	1,628.00	
Mileage	765.06	
Total Expense	\$43,364.21	
Balance to Surplus		\$1,635.79

**MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION**

Raised		\$3,013.00
Paid:		
Dues	\$3,013.00	

**PLANNING BOARD**

Raised		\$4,300.00
Received from Fees		985.00

Total		<u>\$5,285.00</u>
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Paid:		
Stipends	\$3,100.00	
Postage	38.33	
Advertisement	804.86	

Total Expense	<u>\$3,943.19</u>	
Balance to Surplus		\$356.81

**APPEALS BOARD**

Raised		\$100.00
No Expenditures – Moved to Surplus		

**SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

Raised		\$664.00
Paid:		
Dues	\$664.00	

**AUDIT**

Raised		\$7,750.00
Paid:		
RHR Smith – Town Audit	\$7,600.00	
Balance to Surplus		\$150.00

**TOWN SHARE SOCIAL SECURITY**

Raised		\$16,500.00
Reimbursement from Tri-Town		70.14

Total		<u>\$16,570.14</u>
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Paid:		
IRS Tax Deposits	\$15,101.39	
Balance to Surplus		\$1,468.75



### TOWN OFFICE STAFF

Raised		\$109,050.00
Reimbursement from Tri-Town		2,262.50
Total		<u>\$111,312.50</u>
Paid:		
Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer	\$52,203.00	
Deputy Clerk, Tri-Town	41,882.50	
Fire Chief	7,500.00	
Deputy Fire Chiefs	3,000.00	
Total Expense	<u>\$104,585.50</u>	
Balance to Surplus		\$6,727.00

### UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Raised from Fund Balance		\$1,000.00
No Expenditures – Moved to Surplus		

### MUNICIPAL OFFICER COMPENSATION & MILEAGE

Raised		\$22,300.00
Paid:		
Municipal Officer Salaries	\$19,499.94	
Municipal Officer Mileage	1,800.00	
Total Expense	<u>\$21,299.94</u>	
Balance to Surplus		\$1,000.06

### UPDATE ASSESSING

Raised		\$5,000.00
Paid:		
David Ledew, Assessing Agent	\$3,680.00	
Balance to Reval. Reserve		\$1,320.00

### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Raised		\$20,000.00
Paid:		
CEO Salary	\$13,263.00	
CEO Mileage	1,999.92	
Dues	35.00	
Total Expense	<u>\$15,297.92</u>	
Balance to Surplus		\$4,702.08

## TAX MAP UPDATE

Raised		\$4,500.00
Paid:		
Supplies Other	\$100.00	
Annual Update	4,400.00	
Total Expense	<u>\$4,500.00</u>	

## ELECTIONS

Raised		\$2,700.00
Paid:		
Election Workers	\$2,726.25	
Balance to Surplus		-\$26.25

## EMERGENCY EXPENSES

Raised from Fund Balance		\$10,000.00
Paid:		
Clean Heat Pumps – Town Office	\$192.00	
Pump Septic – HFD	400.00	
Tree Removal – King St	1,875.00	
South End Salt Shed Door Repair	1,400.00	
New Oil Tank – Library	3,543.04	
Sidewalk Down Payment	250.00	
Total Expense	<u>\$7,660.04</u>	
Balance to Surplus		\$2,339.96

## TOWN BUILDING REPAIRS

Raised		\$15,000.00
Paid:		
SHFD Door Repairs	\$500.00	
Pump Septic – Town Office	400.00	
Town Buildings Furnace Cleaning	737.29	
Install Ballot Box	232.47	
Paint Town Garage	336.22	
Paint Deck – Library	1,748.00	
Chimney Repair – Library	1,800.00	
New Flooring – HFD	9,738.28	
Total Expense	<u>\$15,492.26</u>	
Balance to Surplus		-\$492.26

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Raised		\$50,000.00
Insurance Claim – Truck Door		6,715.13
Forestry Grant		3,168.25
Total		<u>\$59,883.38</u>
Paid:		
Electricity	\$2,631.67	
Heating Oil – 1,707.3G	4,667.99	
Water	472.68	
Utilities Other	646.07	
Office Supplies	656.65	
Postage	87.84	
Equipment Purchase	2,666.38	
Office Other	2,090.34	
Shoveling/Plowing	3,240.00	
General Maint. Other	309.00	
Dispatching	305.00	
Contractual Services Other	4,201.40	
Dues	190.00	
Vehicle/Equipment	22,978.14	
Fuel	1166.11	
Parts	1007.52	
Repair Generator	200.00	
Forestry Grant Supplies	7,196.80	
Food	41.05	
Total Expense	<u>\$54,754.64</u>	
Balance to HFD Special Revenue		\$5,128.74

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER STIPEND**

Raised		\$4,000.00
Paid:		
9 Qualified Volunteers	\$3,996.00	
Balance to Surplus		\$4.00

**EMA DIRECTOR**

Raised		\$1,800.00
Paid:		
Stipend	\$900.00	
Balance to Surplus		\$900.00

## COMMUNICATIONS

Raised		\$10,000.00
Paid:		
Road Commissioner & Fire Chief Cell	\$1,056.63	
Dispatching Contract w/ Augusta	7,151.42	
Tower Rent	1,140.00	
Total Expense	<u>\$9,348.05</u>	
Balance to Communications Special Revenue		\$651.95

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Raised		\$2,150.00
Paid:		
Cindy Eaton, Animal Control Officer	\$954.01	
ACO Mileage	601.30	
Total Expense	<u>\$1,555.31</u>	
Balance to Surplus		\$594.69

## 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		\$7,000.00
Paid:		
Central Maine Power	\$6,990.32	
Balance to Surplus		\$9.68

## **INSURANCE**

Raised		\$60,000.00
Workers Comp. Rebate		649.54
Total		<hr/> \$60,649.54
Paid:		
Health Insurance for Staff	\$31,100.63	
Prop. & Casualty	14,712.00	
Workers Compensation	5,189.00	
Volunteer Insurance	56.00	
Volunteer Fire Fighter Insurance	578.00	
Total Expense	<hr/> \$51,635.63	
Balance to Surplus		\$9,013.91

## **HIGHWAYS**

### **GENERAL ROADS**

Raised		\$274,000.00
Raised from Local Roads Fund		51,000.00
Reimbursement for FEMA Storms		49,905.95
Insurance Claim – Backhoe & F550 Window		1,072.22
Total		<hr/> \$375,978.17
Paid:		
Road Commissioner	\$31,861.35	
Road Crew	23,459.40	
Cold Patch	32,634.26	
Culverts	11,526.11	
Gravel	6,926.38	
Supplies	10.74	
Parts	85.35	
Road Signs	1,049.04	
Sand	30.00	
Tools	24.69	
Part/Supplies Other	22,862.34	
Storm Clean Up	300.00	
Street Sweeping	1,200.00	
General Maint. Other	200.00	
Emergency Storm Elliot	1,430.40	
Emergency May Storm	3,402.00	
April Storm Clean Up	900.00	
Paving King Street	158,313.61	

Contractual Services Other	230.00	
Training	50.00	
Backhoe Repairs/Maint.	7,505.19	
Dump Truck Repairs/Maint.	1,319.86	
F550 Repairs/Maint.	5,952.47	
Repairs/Maint. Other	589.52	
Fuel	10,164.63	
Rental	2,170.00	
Large Project – Trafton Way SOS	5,000.00	
Total Expense	<u>\$324,197.34</u>	
Balance to Surplus		\$46,780.83

**ROAD RECONSTRUCTION**

Raised from Fund Balance		\$300,000.00
No Expenditures – Moved to Surplus		

**WINTER ROADS**

Raised		\$384,000.00
Paid:		
Electricity	\$1,073.58	
Salt – NE	35,028.09	
Salt – SE	22,568.87	
Sand	14,364.00	
Part/Supplies Other	34.19	
Put up Salt Pile – NE	37,322.14	
Put up Salt Pile – SE	17,641.59	
Snowplow Contract – NE, Shea & Sons	135,557.90	
Snowplow Contract – SE, Ken Harmon	112,950.00	
Contractual Services Other	531.00	
23-24 Salt Bid Fee	190.97	
Total Expense	<u>\$377,262.22</u>	
Balance to Surplus		\$6,737.67

**HEALTH & SANITATION**

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

Raised		\$4,000.00
Paid:		
Electricity	\$81.25	
Heating Oil	836.16	
Telephone	189.33	

Lodging	2,400.00	
Total Expense	<u>\$3,506.74</u>	
Balance to Surplus		\$493.26

**SOLID WASTE**

Raised		\$141,322.00
Paid:		
Tri-Town Waste Facility	\$141,321.69	
Balance to Surplus		\$0.31

**SACOPEE RESCUE**

Raised		\$101,800.00
Paid:		
Sacopee Rescue Unit	\$101,800.00	

**HEALTH OFFICER**

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

**EDUCATION**

**GENERAL**

Raised		\$1,716,796.80
Paid:		
M.S.A.D #55	\$1,716,796.80	

**CULTURE & RECREATION**

**ARTS CENTER @ 8 HANCOCK**

Raised & Paid		\$1,100.00
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**HIRAM COMMUNITY CLUB**

Raised & Paid		\$700.00
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**HIRAM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

Raised & Paid		\$500.00
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**GRATEFUL UNDEAD**

Raised & Paid \$500.00

**HIRAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Raised & Paid \$2,200.00

**SOLDIERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Raised & Paid \$17,500.00

**LIFELIGHT**

Raised & Paid \$805.00

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

Raised \$500.00

Paid:

Flowers \$25.00

Balance to Parade Special Fund \$475.00

**PARK UPKEEP**

Raised \$3,000.00

Paid:

Veterans Flags \$446.91

Clemons Pond Kiosk 504.60

Mowing Sawmill Park 200.00

Mowing Gazebo 730.00

Porta Potties – Stanley Pond 405.00

Memorial Day Flowers 205.00

Total Expense \$2,491.51

Balance to Parks & Rec Special Fund \$508.49

**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 622.00

Total 

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\$1,122.00

Paid: \$1,122.00

**SACOPEE VALLEY REC COUNCIL**

Raised & Paid \$4,000.00

**SOUTHWESTERN OXFORD COUNTY NUTRITION**

Raised & Paid \$4,600.00

**CEMETERIES**

**OUTLYING CEMETERIES**

Raised & Paid \$2,000.00

**CARE OF CEMETERIES**

Raised & Paid \$5,800.00

## Town Clerk Report

### INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSE

Combination	30
Hunting	7
Fishing	34
Junior Hunting	1
Archery	5
Bear Permits	4
Migratory Birds	8
Muzzleloader	7
Turkey	9
Misc. License	12
Non Resident Licenses	9

### INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE REG

Boats	84
Snowmobiles	75
ATV's	67

### DOGS LICENSED

#### 2024

Males/Females	36
5	
Neutered/Spayed	128
68	

#### 2025

Males/Females	
Neutered/Spayed	



## VITAL STATISTICS

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

Dale Calnan	06/04/2024
Lorraine Dixon	06/16/2024
Elaine Dunning	03/08/2024
Jeffery Gilliland	03/24/2024
Delbert Gilpatrick	08/10/2024
Eugene Harmon	03/06/2024
Lucille Harmon	09/23/2024
James Hurcombe	10/06/2024
Roberta Jones	04/20/2024
Nancy Liming	01/28/2024
John Martus	09/07/2024
Edward Matthewson	04/24/2024
Steven Nelson	06/07/2024
Denise Pitts	01/01/2024
Charlotte Soucy	05/14/2024
Laura Soucy	01/20/2024
James Tripp	12/18/2024

*A life that touches others goes on forever.*

## 19 BIRTHS IN 2024

## 14 MARRIAGES IN 2024

Mystica Maxie & Nicholas Hulsman	05/10/2024
Jessica Allen & Theodore Nutting	08/31/2024
Haley Fox & Isaiah Reynolds	04/21/2024
Abbigayle Chase & Cory Day	06/22/2024
Brynn Hink & Craig Dunnells Jr	05/25/2024
Justin Engels & Candice Gagne	11/22/2024
Amber Crocker & Merlin Small	12/20/2024
Matthew Yandell & Tansy Sanborn	03/09/2024
Ian Campbell & David Savage	08/10/2024
Tabatha Mason & Ro-Sean Woolery	08/14/2024
Eric Durgin & Kendra Kincaid	10/14/2024
Caleb Senechal & Camry-Le Dyer	07/19/2024
Hannah Byrnes & Dalton Randall	07/06/2024
Hilary Lane & Nicholas Gilman	10/05/2024

## Tax Collector Report

2024 Taxes	
Committed July 14, 2024	
Rate per Thousand \$10.88	
Committed	\$ 2,730,391.71
Supplements	31,148.32
Received	2,578,895.05
Interest Applied	637.87
Abatements	2,822.25
Balance Due as Dec 31, 2024	179,184.86

Almadani, Carrie J	Bal	1,045.24	Dunnells, Craig A, Sr	338.69
Arellano, Luz Maria Tellez		2,352.80	Erickson, Gregg E	851.90
Bazinet, Shawn		2,086.78	Faulkner, David	2,881.68
Bean, Paul		1,248.15	Field, Joanne M	1,357.72
Benson, Mary G		2,242.26	Foley, David	1,559.21
Bernard, Michael		496.35	Glazier, Robert	1,600.01
Black, James		1,975.92	Goodwin, Melton E	1,903.13
Blanchard, Sharissa	Bal	1,465.06	Gould, Timothy R	Bal 1,314.09
BNL Properties, LLC		4,710.60	Graham, William B III	1,641.47
Bridges, Karla	Bal	686.87	Harmon, Kenneth R	1,399.39
Brown, Gregory M		569.13	Harmon, Tyler J	2,913.01
Bucknell, Linda		873.23	Heaney, William J	Bal 2,440.26
Burnell, Phillip	Bal	463.43	Hege, Caleb I	64.19
Burnell, Phillip A		321.50	Hubbard, Alice	1,824.14
Burton, Donald J		70.07	Hubbard, Alice	480.68
Carter, Brannon Jackson		7,696.62	Hubbard, Alice Marie	531.60
Chase, Donald	Bal	563.61	Hurcombe, James W	Bal 1,566.19
Ciasullo, Gary A		2,323.21	Irish, Shane A	Bal 1,421.57
Cicerone, Monica		1,599.58	Jacobs, Elliott H	Bal 1,289.62
CILK, LLC		5,506.37	Jensen, Henry J	725.15
Coe, Thomas E		1,494.30	Johnson, William Jr	Bal 31.12*
Collomy, Darryl W		1,699.56	Johnson, William Jr	Bal 1.35*
Cormier, Daniel		1,480.33	Kelly, Jasmine	17.30
Cox Family Land Trust		790.21	Kramp, Charles R	465.23
Cram, Michael D	Bal	1,566.83	Labrecque, Erin	1,675.19
Cram, Sally		42.76	Lash, Anthony Jr	1,268.06
David M Crosbie Living Trust		2,104.52*	Lawrence, David R	1,259.14
Curit, Virginia		1,093.77	Lawrence, David R	3,371.28
D & N Construction, Inc		673.15	Lee, Dakota	2,933.90
Day, Basil		2,019.55	Libby Family Trust	865.18
Decker, Dwight		480.68	Little Carr RE Trust	Bal 1,738.30*
Demers, Israel L		1,797.48	Luce, Larry W, Jr	82.69
Drew, James L		1,909.35	MacDonald, R.A.	437.38
Drew, James L		763.88	Martel, Lester O, Jr	2,098.53
Dunnells, Craig		2,842.51	Meehan, Stephen R	364.92
Dunnells, Craig		64.84	Meehan, Stephen R	1,836.00

Miller, Steve		149.82	Sanborn, Jason O		3,079.80
Nevers, Ronald		496.56	Sanborn, Tracey	Bal	496.04
Normantas, Irena A	Bal	1,052.88	Sargent, Rita		1,504.38
Normantas, Irena A	Bal	23.13	Smalley, Tammy		826.99
Novom, Peter		24.48	Stanley-Trafton Holdings, LLC		28,825.91
O'Grady, Daniel J	Bal	561.73	Stosez, Joseph P		1,693.58
OCSW	Bal	4,460.47	Teixeira, Elman F, Jr		2,955.99
Palker, Joseph		2,101.80	Thomas, Lisa		3,294.90
Pantano, Christopher		2,097.01	Thompson, Sandra		1,029.03
Pelletier, Robert C		168.97*	Updyke, James H	Bal	39.85*
Perro, Natalie AD		411.16*	Vittum, Brandi	Bal	308.69
Perry, Brandon P		2,689.97*	Waldman, Becky		363.17
Pierce, Francina		675.43	Ward, Anne L		989.32
Porter, Earle, Jr	Bal	195.24*	Ward, Anne L	Bal	397.06
Porter, Earle G, Jr		910.98	Ward, Anthony		148.51
Adler & Lily Souther Irrev. Trust		2,186.44	Warren, Stefanie Lynn	Bal	116.01
Rand, Barbara L		1,004.77	Wright, Norman		2,414.27
Ridlon, Joyce		893.36	Yandell, Richard S, Jr		5,445.11
Rivard, Paula M		722.43	Yarbrough, Julie	Bal	61.42*
Rush, David L		644.64	Zulick, Patrick W, Jr		2,559.85

**Liens will be filed in June 2025 for any unpaid taxes.**

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

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

#### 2023 Outstanding Taxes

Opening Balance	\$ 126,025.17
Supplements	7,192.00
Received	80,987.17
Transferred to Liens June 2024	52,320.00

#### 2023 Liens

Opening Balance	\$ 52,320.00
Received	27,258.31
Balance	25,061.69

#### 2023 Outstanding Tax Liens

Bean, Paul	1,145.40	Hubbard, Alice Marie	109.87
Benson, Mary G	2,176.84	Kelly, Jasmine	15.70
BNL Properties, LLC	4,369.01	MacDonald, R.A. heirs of	430.62
Curit, Virginia	1,038.98	Martel, Lester O, Jr	2,065.23
D & N Construction, Inc	611.82	Pantano, Christopher	2,055.34
Drew, James L	694.26	Porter, Earle G, Jr	Bal 493.26
Dunnells, Craig	3,038.71	Rand, Barbara L	912.91
Faulkner, David heirs of	354.68	Ridlon, Joyce heirs of	854.45
Harmon, Kenneth R	1,333.40	Rush, David L	553.68

Sargent, Rita  
Thomas, Lisa

Bal        730.55  
              3,244.25

Ward, Willis E  
Wright, Norman

851.73  
2,350.01

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

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

2022 Tax Liens  
Opening Balance  
Received  
Balance Due

\$ 29,950.20  
25,842.88  
4,107.32

**2022 Outstanding Tax Liens**

BNL Properties, LLC                    4,107.32

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

**2025 Pre-Paid Taxes - \$ 23,175.91**



## Treasurers Report 2024

Received from Taxes	
2024 Taxes	\$ 2,578,895.05
2023 Taxes	\$ 80,987.17
2023 Tax Liens	\$ 27,258.31
2022 Tax Liens	\$ 25,842.88
2021 Tax Liens	\$ 1,217.79
2025 Pre-Paid Taxes	\$ 23,175.91
State Revenues	
Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 93,057.88
General Assistance Reimbursement	\$ 2,390.54
Veteran Reimbursement	\$ 877.00
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 282.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 25,839.86
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 204,517.04
Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$ 622.00
Misc State Revenues	\$ 2,475.99
Town Revenue	
Auto Excise	\$ 377,967.72
Boat Excise	\$2,140.20
Dump Stickers	\$80.00
Cable Franchise Fee	\$ 6039.08
Animal Control	\$ 689.00
Planning Board	\$ 985.00
Misc Revenues	\$ 2,307.39
Agent Fees	\$ 10,254.75
Vital Fees	\$ 2,020.60
Office Fees Misc.	\$ 153.94
Plumbing Fees	\$ 5,955.00
Building Permit Fees	\$ 22,272.13
Lease Income	\$ 2,401.00
Insurance Dividends	\$ 1,182.73
Bank Interest	\$ 129,046.13
Tax Interest	\$ 9,354.94
Local Road Funds	\$ 59,226.00

## Reserve Funds 2024

### Capital Improvement Funds

Balance	\$ 49,428.12
Added per Vote	5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 54,428.12

### Road Reserve Funds

Balance	\$ 42,056.57
FEMA \$	56,500.00
Added Per Vote	10,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 108,556.57

### Public Works Funds

Balance	\$ 71,035.35
Added per Vote	10,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 81,035.35

### Building Maintenance Funds

Balance	\$ 49,662.47
Added per Vote	5,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 54,662.47

### Fire Apparatus Funds

Balance	\$ 107,718.27
Added per Vote	20,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 127,718.27

### Tri Town Funds

Balance	\$ 3,211.45
Added per vote	15,000.00
Purchased 2 Bins	-7,133.34
Ending Balance	\$11,078.11

### Sacopee Rescue Funds

Balance	\$ 5,140.00
Added per vote	10,000.00
Ending Balance	\$15,140.00

### Recreational Land Use Funds

Balance	\$ 13,778.89
Waterwheel Closeout	211.80
Logging Income	2,028.24
Added closeout	508.49
Ending Balance	\$ 16,527.42



## Special Revenue Funds 2024

### Revaluation Account

Balance	\$82,483.02
Added per vote	3,500.00
Close out	1,320.00
Ending Balance	\$ 87,303.02

### Parade Account

Balance	\$ 2,124.85
Income & Closeout	711.50
Ending Balance	\$ 2,260.85

### Heating Assistance

Balance	\$ 4,085.40
Donations	1,500.00
Expenses	197.10
Ending Balance	\$ 5,388.30

### Holiday Fund

Balance	\$2,427.71
Donations	1,210.00
Expenses	817.08
Ending Balance	\$ 2,820.63

### Outlying Cemeteries

Balance	\$ 6,488.78
Added per Vote	2,000.00
Expenses	1,012.50
Ending Balance	\$ 7,476.28

### Grant – Awarded to the Fire Department

STK Foundations Received	\$15,000.00
Expense (dryer)	8500.00
Ending Balance	\$ 6,500.00 * will purchase washer in 2025

### Radio Account

Balance	\$ 15,119.18
Added closeout	651.95
Ending Balance	\$ 15,771.13

### ARPA Funds

Balance	\$ 60,654.64
Expenses	29,756.38
Ending Balance	\$ 30,898.26

**Fire Department Funds**

Balance	\$ 12,930.86
Donations	500.00
Closeout	5,128.74
Ending Balance	\$ 18,247.60

**Flags**

Balance	\$ 712.46
No Transactions in 2024	

**ARPA Funds**

In In 2024 we finished allocating the rest of the ARPA funds. We have until December 31, 2026, to spend the balance of these funds. At the town meeting in 2024 we distributed \$26,520.00 to the Fire Department for the purchase of new hose and SCBA's bottle. In 2024 they expended roughly \$13,987.00 on those items. The SCBA's bottles are being bought over a three-year period to stagger the expiration dates. We will be buying more SCBA bottles in 2025 and 2026. At a special town meeting in November, we allocated the remaining funds for improvements to be made at the town office.

**Stanley Burial Ground Funds**

<b>Now Checking Account</b>	\$ 3,667.34
Deposits	4,793.74
Withdrawals	3818.78
Ending Balance	\$ 4,642.30

Money Market Account	\$ 22717.22
Deposits	440.00
Interest	1,185.23
Withdrawal opened CD	15,000.00
Ending Balance	9,342.45

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

## Trust Funds

<b>Charles Bean Cemetery CD</b>	1614.11
Interest Added	49.55
Ending Balance	1,663.66
<b>Durgin Day Ward CD</b>	1,045.28
Interest Added	32.09
Ending Balance	1,077.37
<b>Spring Cemetery CD</b>	571.97
Interest Added	12.51
Ending Balance	584.48
<b>Charles Watson CD</b>	\$2,000.00
Savings Balance	1119.31
Interest	91.15
Ending Balance	1134.04
<b>Eastman Tripp CD</b>	\$2,002.00
Savings Balance	2,809.67
Interest	131.01
Ending Balance	2,940.68
<b>Hiram Village Green CD</b>	\$ 5,675.64
Saving Balance	2608.06
Interest Added	242.55
Ending Balance	2850.61
<b>Isaac Walden CD</b>	\$6,000.00
Savings Balance	4217.47
Interest Added	291.54
Ending Balance	4509.01

**Animal Control Officer  
Annual Report**

To the citizens of Hiram,

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia (Cindy) Eaton



## Arts Center at 8 Hancock Annual Report

The Arts Center at 8 Hancock Ave, a component of the Hiram Cultural Center, fulfilled their 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. In cooperation with SAD 55 Adult Education, this facility is a satellite center for some classes. The year started with a unique concert by Pihcintu, an immigrant girls choir from Portland that was well received by a full house.

During the summer, the Children's Museum and Theater of Maine offered two programs for children and families, "Turtles for Tots" and "Earth Rocks." On Memorial Day, we had our annual BBB, "Blooms, Bake and Book," Sale. In October, the Artisans Fair was another important annual fund-raising effort and a great opportunity to bring community members together.

Christmas in Hiram, made up of several events this year, was accomplished in partnership with Tear Cap Workshops and included a new event, a High Tea in the Arts Center that was well attended.

The Arts Center is the home base for the Sacopee Valley Community Band which presented Mothers Day and Holiday Season concerts. Prior to the holiday concert, a delicious dinner was prepared and served by our capable and much-appreciated volunteers.

The Arts Center is available for rental and has been the setting for weddings and parties. This facility also lends itself well to conferences. The Center has also been used when needed as a warming or cooling center. We were able to provide a warm supportive environment when a local family lost their home to a fire.

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! We are very thankful for the annual appropriation of the Town of Hiram, which helps to defray some of 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.

We would also like to thank both Bangor Savings Bank and M&T Bank for their generous support of some of this years programs. We especially thank those community members whose donations support our mission.

The Arts Center is here to support Hiram and surrounding towns. We look forward to a robust calendar in 2025. If you have not had the opportunity to visit us and would like a tour and/or more information please contact us. Phone: 207-409-1822. Email: [soldiersmemoriallibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:soldiersmemoriallibraryfriends@gmail.com)  
Mail: Hiram Cultural Center, 85 Main Street, Hiram, Maine 04041

## Code Enforcement Officer Annual Report

Thanks again for your inquiries and support during this past year. This year the Code Enforcement Office issued a total of 66 building permits as shown below:

- Dwellings – 18
- Accessory Structures such as Garages/Barns/Sheds – 16
- Mobile Homes – 3
- Additions – 1
- Decks – 2
- Solar Arrays – 8
- Misc./Other – 6
- Occupancy - 12

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

- 2015 International Residential Code (IRC)
- 2015 International Building Code (IBC)
- 2015 International Existing Building Code (IEBC)

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Guy Lehouillier  
CEO

## HIRAM PLUMBING INSPECTOR 2024 Annual Report

This year a total of 47 plumbing permits were issued. Breakdown is as follows:

- Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Systems – 23
- Interior Plumbing – 24

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

### **Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code**

Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) applies to all towns within the State of Maine. Enforcement of MUBEC is based on population or local action for communities under 4,000 residents as outlined in Chapter 1 (see below "MUBEC Rules and Laws.")

**MUBEC is made up of the following codes and standards:**

- 2015 International Residential Code (IRC)
- 2015 International Building Code (IBC)
- 2015 International Existing Building Code (IEBC)
- 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
- 2015 International Mechanical Code (IMC)

The following standards are also adopted as part of the MUBEC, and are mandatory.

**The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standards:**

- 62.1 - 2016 (Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality)
- 62.2 - 2016 (Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings)
- 90.1 - 2016 (Energy Standard for Buildings except Low-Rise Residential Buildings) editions without addenda.
- E-1465-2008, Standard Practice for Radon Control Options for the Design and Construction of New Low-Rise Residential Buildings.

**Maine has adopted the national model codes and standards with amendments. The amendments are listed in Rule Chapters 1-7. Chapters can be found under [MUBEC Rules and Laws](#).**

### **Health Officer Annual Report**

Coordination with the Hiram Town Office, Code enforcement and Animal control town officials has been gratifying in terms of the professionalism of those involved. Problematically, we have residents who do not adhere to safe, healthy and hygienic practices. Complaints arise from residents and law enforcement and are referred to some or all of us. While showing respect and understanding is essential and can save the town money on legal expenses, steady pressure on people about whom reasonable complaints arise is essential to see any positive results. Too often moves in the right direction made by apparent violators are too slow and not adequate. With other towns, I am working on legislative changes to save towns from having to spend so much on court costs for obvious violations when less adversarial efforts fail, and we judge the situations are serious. Commonly, property owners cannot or will not do the work required. In these cases, recovery of cleanup costs means liens on property. This involves due process to be enforceable. Towns face excessive billable hours of town attorney time attesting in court to trusted town officials' determinations. Meanwhile, the problems of vermin and other nuisances too often go unabated, and the legislative process is slow.

The State of Maine has provided some useful Local Health Officer ongoing training in which I participated over the past year. Septic systems and ground water safety, vermin, hoarding of possessions, animal hoarding, and mold remediation are some of the topics. The Property Maintenance Code has been a consideration at least for study. Improving communication among Local Health Officers has been a focus the State of Maine has increasingly demonstrated both regionally and statewide.

Ongoing firefighter fitness evaluations have continued with an emphasis on accommodating volunteers' schedules and showing them appreciation.

Respectfully submitted.

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

## **HIRAM CONSERVATION COMMITTEE and MOUNT CUTLER CONSERVATION AREA PARK Annual Report**

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 feature of Hiram Village, providing great opportunities for recreation and for the enjoyment of nature. With Merrill Park, this scenic resource has about 200 acres for our community and for attracting many visitors to our area.

The two Mt Cutler trail heads with parking areas are on Hiram Hill Road and Mt View Avenue. Trail Guide pamphlets and maps are available at kiosks at both trail heads, as well as at the Town Office and the Library. Dan Hester has maintained notices at the information kiosks at each parking area and has also assured that there are trail guide pamphlets available. Mt Cutler trails are also described in detail in the AMC Maine Mountain Guide book and at web sites such as Alltrails.com 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, is our current contact for this essential trail work. The most recent of those trail work projects was on November 17, when Patsy, with 6 other volunteers (see photo), led the work on the White Flag Trail. They cleared many blown-down trees and cut back branches to maintain trail widths.

Earlier last year, on June 22, the AMC trail work had just 3 volunteers, but they accomplished significant work repairing the North Trail. (The North Trail is the main access hiking trail from the Hiram Hill Road parking area.) Patsy reported that they “Lopped and trimmed all trail corridors. Cut any encroaching branches, trimmed stumps, and removed fallen timber from the trail. This year, due to winter and spring storms, there were an unusual number of fallen trees. We cut and moved 12-to-15 small trees out of the trail.”

For early 2025 we have some major Mt Cutler trail improvements planned. 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 signs may also be installed by AMC volunteers in May or June. In addition to the new signage, volunteers may also be changing from the paint blazes that now mark trails to use new colored metal trail markers.

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 is trying to better monitor the area. However, they had intended to install portable toilets at a point on the access trail below the falls; unfortunately storms of last year washed out parts of that trail and Brookfield did not accomplish the installation of the toilet facilities. This sand bar area below the falls receives unfortunate abuse, but it is also a beautiful place for family recreation. On the good side of this, trash was less of a problem in this area during 2024 when compared with previous years.



Other places for excellent outdoor recreation and where the committee may also be involved: (1) The Tenmile River Demonstration Forest (maintained by Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation) on the Notch Road is a large and very popular area with many trails for hiking and walking. (2) The Ingalls Pond Conservation Area has trails maintained by the Francis Small Land Trust. Although most of this area is in Baldwin, many Hiram residents enjoy using these attractive and easy trails. (3) The Mountain Division RR, owned by Maine DOT, is now having engineering studies to plan the development into a walking and biking multi-use trail. When this is accomplished, this new trail will provide many recreational and active transportation opportunities.

For 2025 we will be having new meetings planned and we welcome anyone who may want to join in these efforts or other projects.

- Dan Hester, for the Hiram Conservation Committee.

### **EMA Director Annual Report**

This year, we were lucky enough to not get as much rain and endure damage like we did in the previous. We did, however, get a late winter storm in April. The storm brought wet and heavy snow and strong winds that contributed to most of the state suffering power outages that lasted several days to a week for some. Outages affected nearly 350,000 CMP customers, which is almost half of Maine's CMP customers. This storm did significant damage that resulted in arborists, line crews, road crews, and first responders putting in lots of hard work to put everything back in place. Several warming shelters were opened within the community, with the Sacopee Valley Middle School being one, where we were able to provide heat, lights, charging stations, and showers for those that were without. With the help of neighboring towns, school and town staff, and many generous volunteers, we were able to come together and help not only our town but our community in having a safe, warm place to go in the event of a disaster. I want to thank each and every one of you that offer your assistance in these tough situations.

This winter storm really grabbed the attention of local EMA's and first responders. Jen Lewis, Municipal Officer and EMA Director for the Town of Parsonsfield, put together a group of local EMA Directors, Fire Chiefs, EMS Chiefs, Municipal Officers, School Officials, and other local entities, which we call Centers Without Borders. We met 4 times this year where we were able to collaborate among each other and County EMA's to come up with plans for future disasters and make it easier for members of the community to access needed resources. Each meeting there is a new topic discussed, and we make progress each time. We hope to be able to offer more resources and information for the community as the meetings continue. This year was not nearly as busy as last; however, it was a productive one. As always, there was a lot learned. My goal this year is to attend more local Centers Without Borders meetings, as well as Oxford County meetings. I would like to continue to work with local EMA directors and first responders to offer more resources to the public in the event of a disaster. I look forward to 2025!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Emma Ouellette

## Hiram Fire Department Annual Report

### 2024 calls for service

Total Calls for Service: 102

Fire Group (Structure, Chimney, Wildland, Car): 24	Motor Vehicle Accident/EMS Assist: 31	
Tree/Wires Down: 23	Service Calls: 2	Good Intent: 9
False Alarm: 6	Severe Weather: 7	

2024 saw a 15.9% increase in our dispatched call volume. This increase was the result of the April 4<sup>th</sup> storm which resulted in HFD responding to 20 calls in a 72-hour period. The number of calls provided a challenge given our limited manpower. Sadly, this year, Hiram suffered a major residential fire. Our hearts go out to all those affected. Fire fighters put in over 600 hours of responding to calls, training and maintenance.

Hiram was selected for the 2023 Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant from FEMA for the purchase of a new Tanker to replace our aging Tank 4. The Department was also awarded \$15,000 from the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation for the purchase of a Gear Washer & Dryer.

There is a growing need to add new, younger members to the department. Volunteers are needed to meet the current demands and to assume the roles of those approaching retirement age. Sustaining a volunteer department in our community requires participation from those among us, not "somebody else". If our current trend continues, and we are unable to grow our volunteer numbers, we could find ourselves not having an active volunteer fire department in the next 10-15 years, or, finding that we are either paying part- or full-time personnel to cover our fire department or paying another town for fire protection.

If you are interested in joining, please text or call the Fire Chief at 207-256-1591 or email [firechief@townofhiram.org](mailto:firechief@townofhiram.org).

Respectively submitted,  
Ethan Norcross, Fire Chief



## Hiram Historical Society Annual Report

Hiram Historical Society – Bringing Us Back to the Past and...The BIG challenge ahead

This past year, more townspeople than ever pitched in with their donations and volunteer time to help preserve Hiram's history for us and for generations to come. Thank you, everyone!

We offered 4 free programs and exhibits plus our annual Trash Can Turkey Roast. We gave a Quilt of Valor, beautifully made by Joanne Ward and her quilting group to deserving Vietnam Veteran Gary Blair and presented the Hubert W. Clemons Award for Outstanding Service to the Town of Hiram to Cliff Whitney, who was a prime mover for our Ridlon School House preservation project. Our programs were:

**“Play Ball!”** - story telling by our local minor league players of some repute, with lots of audience participation on what “America's Greatest Past-time” meant to each of us. The historical societies of Baldwin, Brownfield, Cornish, and Sacopee Valley High School were our collaborators.

**“More Than a Store”** – an exhibit of why 19<sup>th</sup> century general stores were centerpieces of small communities: a fun display of everyday items people purchased and bartered at Lemuel Cotton's Store in Hiram and Sutton Edgecomb's Store in Kezar Falls. This was “back by popular demand” from last year.

**“Wit and Wisdom”** – a talk by Lovell author Jo Radner on one special way Mainers connected on Saturday nights in schoolhouses to give speeches, debate topics of the day, share poetry, and socialize to fend off lonely blues that can prevail in rural places in winter. These weekly events were called “Lyceums”. Who knew?

**“Bringing Ridlon School to Life”**- an exhibit of the school's construction, history, deconstruction, artifacts, floor plans and photos of teachers and students of the 200-year-old school. Scott Campbell, proprietor of Maine Mountain Post & Beam, walked us through the fundamentals of post and beam construction.

### **SAVING OUR RIDLON SCHOOLHOUSE**

Ridlon Schoolhouse is Hiram's oldest existing schoolhouse, and it was in jeopardy of being demolished. Thanks to HHS leadership and a coalition of individuals and organizations, the building was deconstructed, and salvageable parts moved to a safe location.

Now we need to rebuild it, 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 \$60,000. This year we will be searching for those funds. We welcome any contributions to support this project and any ideas about how to raise this money.

To make a donation, please visit our website at [www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hiramhistoricalsociety.org). If you are interested in joining our lively board and would like more information, please contact us at: [hirammehistoricalociety@gmail.com](mailto:hirammehistoricalociety@gmail.com)

# Hiram Development Association

## Annual Report for 2024

The Hiram Development Association (HDA) 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 Christmas Tree. As signified by its name, Soldiers Memorial Library is also a monument to those of Hiram who have served in our military, and the stone monuments in front of the Library honor those who served since the Spanish War.

2. The Henry W. Merrill Botanical Park, usually known simply as Merrill Park, which is a 25-acre woodlands park at the foot of the Mt Cutler front ledges, on the west side of the Mountain Division RR, and directly across from Mountain View Avenue. This park honors Henry Merrill who was a blacksmith, botanist and an earlier supporter and librarian of our public library.

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

- (1) Memorial Day services.
- (2) Independence Day celebrations of the 4th of July.
- (3) Christmas tree lighting and caroling, usually on the first Sunday after Thanksgiving.

With regard to the third event of this year, the Christmas Tree Lighting was held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, as a cooperative effort of the Hiram Development Association (accomplished the tree decoration and lighting 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 was a wintry evening with about a half foot of recent snow, but the community turn-out for the event brought at least 50 persons to the park. A photo shows part of the gathering there enjoying songs of caroling and the winter season. A second photo shows some of those who continued as a group into the Library with warmth, delicious refreshments

and good company.

The Hiram Development Association 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 1-acre area that is bounded by stone walls, where community events were held in past years, mostly 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. At her own expense, she acquired an interpretive sign for the vernal pool, and it was installed with volunteer assistance. Visit this in April or May to see for yourself the abundance

of frogs, salamanders and other creatures who proliferate here from 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.

This park serves as the second trail-head for our Mt Cutler Park. From this 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 for community support, get in touch with any of us.

### **Saco River Festival Annual Report**

Hello,

The Saco River Festival Association has been promoting music and the arts since 1976, when it was organized by Frank and Ruth Glazer. The current SRFA members continue with this tradition through our Summer Bandstand Series, which is held during the month of July.

The SRFA has been planning and presenting these concerts as part of our mission to bring quality music to the Sacopee Valley community and to support the arts and music in the schools. With municipal support, audience donations, and other fundraising concerts we remain committed to presenting the Summer Bandstand Series with no admission fees.

We have had positive feedback both from local concert-goers and from visitors, and many of the bands have asked to come back for future dates.

For the summer 2025 season we may need to change the weekday for the concerts, but more information will be published once the schedule is reserved and the bands are booked. For 2025, we are also planning a Christmas program and a Children's Program at Pike Hall Auditorium.

We appreciate the ongoing support from the citizens of the five towns of Sacopee Valley.

Thank you,

Mark Beever

SRFA Treasurer

## **Hiram Planning Board Annual Report**

The Hiram Planning Board met ten times in 2024 from January to December. The Board reviewed four conditional use permit applications, one time extension request, and a request for a reduced setback, all of which were approved, most with conditions of approval. After countless hours of trainings, research, and meetings, we completed an ordinance to address LD 2003, legislation to assist in the housing crunch and allow for increased housing, to bring to the Annual Town Meeting along with some other minor changes to the Land Use Ordinance to clarify some ambiguous wording and provide definitions of terms. The Board collectively decided that further work on an ordinance for Medical Marijuana was unnecessary at this time, primarily due to the Town of Hiram following all State of Maine guidelines and laws regarding medicinal marijuana use, cultivation, and distribution. If you, or someone you know, needs clarification of what is legal please consult the Maine Office of Cannabis Policy and note that the Town of Hiram is not opted in for recreational cannabis.

Highlights from 2024:

On January 15, 2024, the Board met to continue review and work on the proposed LD 2003 ordinance.

On February 19, 2024, the Board held public hearings for a sawmill, commercial kitchen operation, and an auto shop. All three Conditional Use Permits were approved, two with additional conditions of approval.

On March 25, 2024, the Board met and held the election of officers. The Board reviewed the Planning Board Bylaws and approved changes.

On May 13, 2024, the Board approved a third time extension for the West Baldwin Solar Farm, as construction of the project has been held up due to a main line needing replacement before they can begin.

On July 8, 2024, the Board met to review a Conditional Use Permit application for completeness.

On July 26, 2024, the Board held a public hearing and approved an application for an agritourism business.

On August 26, 2024, the Board met and reviewed a request for a reduced setback from a body of water for the placement of a driveway within the Shoreland Zone. The Board approved the request based on it being best for the environment to place the driveway along the natural contours of the land.

On November 26, 2024, the Board met to discuss some concerns that were raised about a business with an approved Conditional Use Permit. The concerns were discussed at the following meeting on December 17, 2024, with the property owner and the Board will continue to work with the property owner in 2025 to address the concerns.

Thank you Guy Lehouillier for your service on the Hiram Planning Board. The Board welcomed new member, Paul Henninger, and alternate, Jim Madgey, this year.

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

## 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 major waterways of the Saco Basin and all that these rivers represent to the people who live and work here. The Maine State 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 or up to 1,000 feet of land around the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee, as well as the waters themselves (together called “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 serving as members from Hiram at this time. Representation from Hiram means that your community is weighing in on development patterns throughout the entire Corridor, from Fryeburg to Saco and south to Acton and Shapleigh. 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 uses.

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, along with 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 development near the rivers for its compliance with the Saco River Corridor Act. In 2024, the Commission carefully reviewed 110 applications for development within the Corridor, seven of which were for projects in Hiram. Your Commissioners attended all but one of the twelve SRCC meetings during 2024, and at least one Hiram Commissioner was present for the discussion and voting on every application from Hiram.

Dan Hester also serves on the SRCC Rules Committee. This committee meets two weeks before every Commission meeting to review applications and to advise the SRCC staff as to details that may be needed for some applications. This adds to the volunteer work of serving on the SRCC, but it helps to assure that applicants have the preparations that they need for better success at the monthly SRCC meetings.

In 2025, the SRCC will coordinate its 24<sup>th</sup> year of the Water Quality Monitoring Program (WQM). Staff and volunteers will monitor for dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, turbidity, temperature, alkalinity, phosphorous (total amounts and orthophosphates) nitrogen (total dissolved, NPOC, and nitrates/nitrites), and either *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) or *Enterococci*. Our testing takes place bi-weekly along the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee Rivers at 43 different locations from May through mid-September, with 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. To help communicate water quality testing results to the public, the map available on our website highlights locations with recently elevated bacteria levels. The site also provides links to the most updated *E. coli* test results. in order to maintain our qualifications for the WQM monitoring.

Your commissioner for Hiram, Dan Hester, is also a volunteer for the WQM program. He works with Jennifer Locke and Ray Noiles, both former Hiram residents, to monitor two sites on the Saco River in Hiram: at the shore of the Hiawatha Campground (a short distance downstream from the Hiram Veterans Memorial Bridge) and at the sand bar below Hiram Falls. Hiram also has a third WQM monitoring site, near the River Road bridge that crosses the Ossipee River, which is tested by Laurie Downey from Baldwin. The SRCC is 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. Dan Hester and Ray Noiles have expressed willingness to talk with potential volunteers about this opportunity.

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 the Saco River Basin. 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 sincerely thank the people of Hiram for helping to protect the Saco River and its tributaries!



Smooth Feather  
Annual Report

To the town of Hiram,

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

Smooth Feather's highlights from 2024 include a comedy film we created called "Whatcha Washin'" which was filmed at the Village Laundry in Porter. It was a hilarious production that included many locals who acted as extras. You never know what will happen when you bump into us at the laundromat! The film had a fun premiere where one of the film's star's Tyler Muise dropped from the ceiling in a laundry basket to kick things off! Then this past summer, we collaborated with one of Kezar Falls' greatest legends Colleen Coates to have her star in an action comedy titled "Nana's Heist" which was filmed in the old bank in the Stanley Building. Colleen rolled up to the film premiere in her convertible while wearing a red dress along side her co-star Rob Hatch who was also wearing a full suit. It was a packed house premiere and so much fun to have the community be involved in this film in so many ways.

We are thrilled to be headed into our ten year anniversary in 2025, and we are inspired to continue empowering our community through filmmaking, the arts and the outdoors.

To view all of our films and programming you can visit, [www.smoothfeather.org](http://www.smoothfeather.org).

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

Sincerely,

Silas Hagerty



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



2024 Town Reports

2024 has been another active year for Sacopee Rescue. Our total number of calls fell slightly from 1040 on December 28th in 2023 to about 993 runs as of December 23, 2024. We hope that this shows a healthier Sacopee Valley during the last year. We rolled our ambulances 944 times for 923 runs including calls in Baldwin, Standish, Limington, Limerick, Gorham and Denmark.

The second crew is now staffed 7 days a week, 9am to 5 pm .This additional crew has enabled us to cover more calls without mutual aid from other towns as well as dispatch a second truck to a call when extra hands are needed. They were dispatched 152 times. We took delivery of a new 4WD ambulance in May of 2024 which gives us three units we can call our own. This enables us to have a more consistent maintenance schedule keeping both crews in service all the time. The new unit has an autoloader stretcher system that makes loading and unloading a patient much safer.

We once again covered medical needs at the Sacopee 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. This was a vast improvement. We initiated a program with the Sacopee Valley High School's Extended Earning Opportunities program which allows students to explore the world of EMS. We are in hopes that this will spur interest in a career in EMS with young residents in our area. We also started a medical closet that collects medical equipment in excellent condition from those who no longer need it and lend it to people in need. The annual toy drive for the Spirit Tree program collected a record number of toys from donors. The hundreds of toys, clothing and almost \$500.00 in cash helped many Valley children have a Merry Christmas. We are now able to give full-time employees a benefits package which makes it much easier to attract and retain good responders. This year also saw one driver become an EMT and two more drivers enrolled in EMT classes. We also provided several CPR classes to businesses and will continue to offer more classes to increase citizens life-saving skills,

The call numbers for 2024 (as of December 24<sup>th</sup> ) are as follows:

Cornish	248	
Hiram	264	
Parsonsfield	233	
Porter	244	
Out of town	25	
Total calls for 2024 (as of December 24th)		992

Mike Hatch, Chief

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

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

Summer camps resumed in 2024 with great attendance and interest. We were allowed to use school indoor facilities and the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds for two camps, we had track camp at the high schools, and softball, cheer and soccer camp was at the school fields as well as the Cornish fields. The Field Hockey camp and Flag Football camp were at the elementary school fields, and the basketball and cheer camps at the middle school gym. Pickleball was held at the tennis courts. 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, but Seija, who runs the cheer program, was told they no longer could. She is hoping to use the Parsonsfield Town Office that has been offered to SVRC and/or Pike Hall in Cornish.

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)—43 Summer Camps—25

Fall (soccer, field hockey, cheer) ---24 Winter (basketball, karate) ---38



## **Soldiers Memorial Library Annual Report**

This year, SML continued to increase the number of titles in our childrens and youth collections using funding provided by the Stephen and Tabitha King grant obtained in 2022. The easy, junior and young adult collections have increased and many new Adult titles have been added to our collection as well. To see our new titles visit our website (see below), scroll down the Hiram Cultural Center's Library page, and click on the "Library World" link. Details are at our Facebook page as well.

The Remote Work Through Libraries grant that SML received from the Maine State Library in 2023 has allowed us to add very significant improvements to our spaces in 2024. New heat pumps were installed in all of the Library rooms for better heating and cooling, and for more efficient energy use. Be sure to also visit our new outdoor pavilion! The pavilion provides 24 hour wi-fi access and electrical outlets for community use. When weather cooperates, take a seat and enjoy the view of Mt. Cutler while having a picnic or getting some work done in a beautiful setting. Continue to visit our Library during 2025 to see what is new and improved!

SML welcomed a new library director, Cat Macri, in June of 2024. Cat brings her expertise and experience in homeschooling and 4-H to our community. She has implemented a new format for our weekly story hour on Tuesdays at 10 AM, including songs, games, crafts, and of course much loved picture books. Once a month, Iris the therapy dog, also visits during story hour. We also have a presenter from the Maine Mineral & Gem Museum for our monthly Maine Mineral Madness Club. If you have a child who enjoys reading, singing, playing games, making crafts and having fun learning experiences please join us for these free events!

During the summer SML collaborated with the Maine Children's Museum and hosted two programs; Earth Rocks and Turtles for Tots. Both programs were well attended by many families for enjoyment and education. The Bikes for Books program sponsored by the Drummond Masonic Lodge encouraged many community children to read over this summer. Congratulations to Wolf VonWerssowetz & Rafi Wyer, who each received new bikes and helmets from this program!

SML also welcomed local Author Robert W. Spencer on July 27th for a riveting conversation of his most recent book, Francena Hallett's Heart: A Novel of Romances and Revenge. This book is the 3rd book in the Lizzie Millett series and is set in Maine in the late 1800's. Spencer weaves his characters' stories within a milieu of early Maine history.

This fall our coffee hour resumed for the first Wednesday of each month at 1 PM, and has evolved to include a Reader's Choice Book Club. Patrons choose a book, summarize it orally and recommend it (or not) to others of the group while enjoying coffee, tea and sweet treats. Please check it out, all are welcome to join in! The Knotty Knitters continue to meet at the library on Thursdays at 12:30. This group is open and welcoming, so bring along your project and visit with others with similar interests!

SML's membership continues to grow; approximately 40 new library cards were issued in 2024. With the new remote worker space at the library, Hiram Cultural Center board members and the library director are seeking more ways to help our community. If you need help with technology, the director offers her expertise with smartphones, computers, and the apps on these devices, as well as troubleshooting any other technology related questions during Library open hours. The library director also helps patrons connect using library computers, printers, and copiers. Please come in and check out the free services available to you at your public library! If you have any other needs you think the library can provide please let us know and we will be sure to research the need and see how we can help!

Library Hours: Tuesday and Saturday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM / Wednesday and Thursday 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: 85 Main Street, Hiram, Maine, 04041 Phone: 207.625.4650

Email: [smlhiram@gmail.com](mailto:smlhiram@gmail.com) Website: <https://thehiramculturalcenter.squarespace.com/>

Your public library services are managed by the Hiram Cultural Center board members, other volunteers, and our paid staff, but 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 investments that have been made in the maintenance of this remarkable building. During 2024 our Town paid for several expensive and much-appreciated repairs: (1) chimney repairs where bricks had broken out, (2) re-painting of about half of the exterior to repair weathered surfaces, and (3) replacement of the heating fuel tank with a new double-wall tank.

Elsewhere in this Town Report there is a statement of the annual appropriation from our town that provides the essential support used for paying staff at our Library. There are other operating expenses and also grant resources that are used for special projects. Details are explained in this accounting summary:

### **Soldiers Memorial Library – 2024 Budget Summary**

<b>Public Library Expenses:</b> Books/subscriptions/audio/videos	\$1,493.
Staff/payroll costs (wages, taxes, payroll services)	\$19,054.
Building maintenance (electricity, heat, insurance, etc.)	\$2,848.
Other expenses (operations, technology, supplies, etc.)	\$1,339.
Total 2024 SML Public Library Expenses:	\$24,734.
<b>Public Library Resources:</b> Town of Hiram annual public library appropriation	\$17,500.
Hiram Cultural Center fund-raising projects	\$6,545.
Other donations (\$279) and savings used (\$410)	\$689.
Total 2024 SML Public Library Resources:	\$24,734.
<b>SML Grant-funded Projects:</b> Childrens books/videos (STKF grant)	\$2,778.
Outside Pavilion construction (RWTL grant)	\$47,995.
Heat pumps installation (RWTL grant)	\$21,461.
Technology & other improvements (RWTL grant)	\$1,752.
Total 2024 SML Grant-funded Expenses:	\$73,986.
<b>SML Grant Resources Used:</b> Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation (STKF)	\$2,778.
Maine State Library Remote Work Thru Libraries (RWTL)	\$71,208.
Total 2024 SML Grant Resources Used:	\$73,986.

If desired, more detailed financial reports are available from the Library and the Hiram Cultural Center.

While the Board of Directors work hard to make both facilities serve the needs of the community, none of this would work if it wasn't for the many community supporters who volunteer their time, skills and effort when called upon to make our projects, fundraisers and other tasks a success. 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 2024

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

We started the year off strong with some administrative changes. We would like to express our thanks to Hannah for making the transition a smooth process for Emma and for helping contribute to Tri-Towns' financial growth.

This last year we were able to purchase two new Octagon Containers from our reserve accounts. This made it easier for the attendants at the station to manage the flow of waste. We were lucky enough not to run into any major or costly equipment breakdowns/repairs with the help of our staff maintaining our equipment properly to ensure the longevity of their operations.

A few years back, the town of Parsonsfield was allowed minimal usage of the station and made capital contributions by purchasing two containers. This year, we were happy to expand their usage of the station to include the disposal of all items, with the exception of Household Waste, and the condition that they must go over the scales for all other waste. This operation has been running smoothly, with the cooperation of the residents of Parsonsfield and station Attendants.

As most of you may know, the cost of mostly everything in the world continues to increase. We experienced increases in our tipping fees of 3.75%. In turn, we had to make some adjustments to our fees. Those affected include electronic waste, bulky waste, construction debris, and mattresses. Recyclables do not have a tipping fee; however, we do have to include trucking fees.

This year we want to continue to run our budget in a way that we can grow our fund balance, so that hopefully in the next year, we don't have to keep going back to the taxpayers requesting more money. We were able to keep our increases minimal. Our HHW increased due to the increase in tipping fees, and the influx in waste, therefore resulting in more trips made to dispose. Most others are typical increases due to inflation, with some that we were able to decrease or keep the same.

As a reminder to please recycle! All items that are put into the recycling bin we do not pay a tipping fee for. By not putting items in the household compactor the towns save \$105 per ton by recycling. It all makes a difference!

Respectfully,

Tri-Town Board of Directors

		2024 Fee Income		2024 Budget		2024 Spent		2024 Surplus (Deficit)		2025 Budget		Budget Increase (Decrease)	
<b>Waste</b>													
	HHW			\$ 220,000	\$ 206,277.37	\$ 13,722.63	\$ 222,434.40						2,434.40
	DEMO	\$ 26,667		\$ -	\$ 19,263.32	\$ 7,403.68	\$ -						0.00
	BULKY	\$ 22,278		\$ -	\$ 15,363.01	\$ 6,914.99	\$ -						0.00
	ELECTRONICS	\$ 2,117		\$ -	\$ 897.50	\$ 1,219.50	\$ -						0.00
<b>Station</b>													
	Internet & Phone			\$ 1,875	\$ 2,432.90	\$ (557.90)	\$ 1,900						25.00
	Electric			\$ 4,500	\$ 4,346.86	\$ 153.14	\$ 5,500						1,000.00
	Water			\$ 500	\$ 476.66	\$ 23.34	\$ 500						0.00
	Extinguishers			\$ 100	\$ 266.00	\$ (166.00)	\$ 300						200.00
	Repairs			\$ 5,000	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 5,000						0.00
<b>Trucks/Backhoe</b>													
	Fuel			\$ 18,000	\$ 12,335.69	\$ 5,664.31	\$ 16,000						(2,000.00)
	Repairs-Backhoe			\$ 5,000	\$ 2,305.88	\$ 2,694.12	\$ 5,000						0.00
	Repairs-Truck			\$ 20,500	\$ 9,238.25	\$ 11,261.75	\$ 20,500						0.00
	Dues/Fees/Books/Testing			\$ 3,400	\$ 991.26	\$ 2,408.74	\$ 1,200						(2,200.00)
<b>Equipment Purchase/Repairs</b>													
	Compactor			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						0.00
	Scales			\$ 1,450	\$ 1,515.00	\$ (65.00)	\$ 1,600						150.00
<b>Payroll</b>													
				\$ 96,390	\$ 100,335.79	\$ (3,945.79)	\$ 107,187						10,797.02
<b>Insurance</b>													
				\$ 22,000	\$ 22,822.00	\$ (822.00)	\$ 28,000						6,000.00
<b>Office</b>													
				\$ 1,000	\$ 1,914.57	\$ (914.57)	\$ 3,720						2,720.00
<b>Admin</b>													
				\$ 6,000	\$ 5,167.18	\$ 832.82	\$ 3,700						(2,300.00)
<b>Audit</b>													
				\$ 3,150	\$ 4,850.00	\$ (1,700.00)	\$ 5,750						2,600.00
<b>Misc.</b>													
				\$ 1,100	\$ 1,301.28	\$ (201.28)	\$ 800						(300.00)
<b>Total</b>				\$ 423,965	\$ 414,168	\$ 60,858.70	\$ 443,091.42						19,126.42
<b>Purchased New Container Paid With Reserve</b>				\$ 21,400.00	\$ 21,400.00	\$ -	\$ -						



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January 28, 2025

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Town of Hiram  
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We were engaged by the Town of Hiram and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Hiram as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2024 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

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

*RHR Smith & Company*

Certified Public Accountants

## TOWN OF HIRAM

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

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 3,062,807	\$ 3,062,807	\$ 3,062,807	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	2,730,392	2,730,392	2,716,281	(14,111)
Excise Taxes	340,000	340,000	380,108	40,108
Interest on Taxes and Liens	-	-	12,135	12,135
Total Taxes	<u>3,070,392</u>	<u>3,070,392</u>	<u>3,108,524</u>	<u>38,132</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	190,000	190,000	204,517	14,517
Homestead Exemption	93,495	93,495	93,058	(437)
GA Reimbursement	-	-	2,391	2,391
Local Road Assistance	51,000	51,000	59,226	8,226
Veteran Reimbursement	900	900	877	(23)
BETE	282	282	284	2
Tree Growth Reimbursement	18,000	18,000	25,840	7,840
State Snowmobile	-	-	622	622
Other	-	-	2,476	2,476
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>353,677</u>	<u>353,677</u>	<u>389,291</u>	<u>35,614</u>
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	-	40,463	40,463
Charges for Services:				
Administration	-	-	154	154
Animal Control	-	-	689	689
Total Charges for Services	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>843</u>	<u>843</u>
Investment Income	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>117,153</u>	<u>47,153</u>
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Cable TV Franchise Fees	-	-	6,039	6,039
Miscellaneous Revenue	35,000	35,000	6,876	(28,124)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>35,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>12,915</u>	<u>(22,085)</u>
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>6,591,876</u>	<u>6,591,876</u>	<u>6,731,996</u>	<u>140,120</u>



## TOWN OF HIRAM

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

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	199,500	199,500	189,643	9,857
Boards and Associations	51,200	51,200	45,041	6,159
Maintenance	18,000	18,000	18,492	(492)
Community Services	108,200	108,200	108,200	-
Culture and Recreation	28,100	28,100	28,722	(622)
Protection	153,864	153,864	142,724	11,140
Cemeteries	7,800	7,800	7,800	-
Municipal Garage	1,009,000	1,009,000	655,480	353,520
Health and Sanitation	146,122	146,122	145,628	494
Education	1,716,797	1,716,797	1,716,797	(0)
County Tax	238,021	238,021	238,021	-
Unclassified	147,542	147,542	14,159	133,383
Transfers to Other Funds	78,500	78,500	78,500	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>3,902,646</u>	<u>3,902,646</u>	<u>3,389,207</u>	<u>513,439</u>
 Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	 <u>\$ 2,689,230</u>	 <u>\$ 2,689,230</u>	 <u>\$ 3,342,789</u>	 <u>\$ 653,559</u>
 Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	 <u>\$ 373,577</u>	 <u>\$ 373,577</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ (373,577)</u>

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## TOWN OF HIRAM

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,003,467	\$ 25,419	\$ 4,028,886
Investments	-	64,081	64,081
Accounts receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	179,185	-	179,185
Liens	25,062	-	25,062
Tax acquired property	13,187	-	13,187
Due from other funds	-	646,575	646,575
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 4,220,901</u>	<u>\$ 736,075</u>	<u>\$ 4,956,976</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 10,032	\$ -	\$ 10,032
Due to other governments	5,310	-	5,310
Due to other funds	646,575	-	646,575
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>661,917</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>661,917</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Prepaid taxes	23,176	-	23,176
Deferred revenue	-	30,899	30,899
Advanced payment of LRAP funding	29,800	-	29,800
Deferred tax revenues	163,219	-	163,219
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>216,195</u>	<u>30,899</u>	<u>247,094</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	13,187	68,259	81,446
Restricted	-	27,791	27,791
Committed	-	600,726	600,726
Assigned	-	8,400	8,400
Unassigned	3,329,602	-	3,329,602
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>3,342,789</u>	<u>705,176</u>	<u>4,047,965</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 4,220,901</u>	<u>\$ 736,075</u>	<u>\$ 4,956,976</u>

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## TOWN OF HIRAM

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

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 2,728,416	\$ -	\$ 2,728,416
Excise taxes	380,108	-	380,108
Intergovernmental revenues	389,291	29,756	419,047
Charges for services	41,306	-	41,306
Miscellaneous revenues	130,068	109,293	239,361
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,669,189</u>	<u>139,049</u>	<u>3,808,238</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	189,643	-	189,643
Boards and associations	45,041	-	45,041
Maintenance	18,492	-	18,492
Community services	108,200	-	108,200
Culture and recreation	28,722	-	28,722
Protection	142,724	-	142,724
Cemeteries	7,800	-	7,800
Municipal garage	655,480	-	655,480
Health and sanitation	145,628	-	145,628
Education	1,716,797	-	1,716,797
County tax	238,021	-	238,021
Unclassified	14,159	71,124	85,283
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,310,707</u>	<u>71,124</u>	<u>3,381,831</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>358,482</u>	<u>67,925</u>	<u>426,407</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	78,500	78,500
Transfers (out)	(78,500)	-	(78,500)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(78,500)</u>	<u>78,500</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	<u>279,982</u>	<u>146,425</u>	<u>426,407</u>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED	3,062,807	619,406	3,682,213
ARPA CORRECTION	<u>-</u>	<u>(60,655)</u>	<u>(60,655)</u>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED	<u>3,062,807</u>	<u>558,751</u>	<u>3,621,558</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 3,342,789</u>	<u>\$ 705,176</u>	<u>\$ 4,047,965</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF HIRAM

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

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Legal and professional	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ 13,598	\$ (1,098)
Town office operation	46,000	-	46,000	43,365	2,635
Update assessing	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Town staff	109,050	-	109,050	102,323	6,727
Town's share ss	16,500	-	16,500	15,031	1,469
Audit of Town books	7,750	-	7,750	7,600	150
Elections	2,700	-	2,700	2,726	(26)
	199,500	-	199,500	189,643	9,857
Boards and Associations -					
Selectboard	22,300	-	22,300	21,300	1,000
Tax maps	4,500	-	4,500	4,500	-
Code enforcement	20,000	-	20,000	15,298	4,702
Planning and appeals boards	4,400	-	4,400	3,943	457
	51,200	-	51,200	45,041	6,159
Maintenance -					
Upkeep of buildings	15,000	-	15,000	15,492	(492)
Park upkeep	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
	18,000	-	18,000	18,492	(492)
Community Services -					
Sacopeco Rescue	101,800	-	101,800	101,800	-
Southwest Oxford County	4,600	-	4,600	4,600	-
Seniors Plus	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Saco River Festival	500	-	500	500	-
Saco River Corridor Commission	300	-	300	300	-
	108,200	-	108,200	108,200	-

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

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

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Culture and Recreation -					
Soldiers Memorial Library	17,500	-	17,500	17,500	-
Smooth Feather Youth	600	-	600	600	-
Sacopec recreation	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	-
Historical Society	2,200	-	2,200	2,200	-
Hiram Development Assoc.	500	-	500	500	-
Hiram Community Center	700	-	700	700	-
Snowmobile club	500	-	500	1,122	(622)
Grateful Undead	500	-	500	500	-
Hiram art center	1,100	-	1,100	1,100	-
Hiram parade	500	-	500	500	-
	<u>28,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,100</u>	<u>28,722</u>	<u>(622)</u>
Protection -					
Hiram fire department	50,000	-	50,000	50,001	(1)
EMA director	1,800	-	1,800	900	900
Lifeflight	805	-	805	805	-
Communications	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Animal control	2,150	-	2,150	1,555	595
Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	1,609	-	1,609	1,609	-
Hydrants	16,500	-	16,500	15,882	618
Street lights	7,000	-	7,000	6,990	10
Volunteer fire pay	4,000	-	4,000	3,996	4
Insurance	60,000	-	60,000	50,986	9,014
	<u>153,864</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>153,864</u>	<u>142,724</u>	<u>11,140</u>
Cemeteries -					
Care of cemeteries	7,800	-	7,800	7,800	-
	<u>7,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,800</u>	<u>7,800</u>	<u>-</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

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

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Municipal Garage -					
General roads	325,000	-	325,000	273,217	51,783
Road engineering	300,000	-	300,000	5,000	295,000
Winter roads	384,000	-	384,000	377,263	6,737
	<u>1,009,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,009,000</u>	<u>655,480</u>	<u>353,520</u>
Health and Sanitation -					
Solid waste account	141,322	-	141,322	141,322	-
Health officer	800	-	800	800	-
General assistance	4,000	-	4,000	3,506	494
	<u>146,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,122</u>	<u>145,628</u>	<u>494</u>
Education -					
RSU #55	1,716,797	-	1,716,797	1,716,797	(0)
	<u>1,716,797</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,716,797</u>	<u>1,716,797</u>	<u>(0)</u>
County Tax -					
Oxford County	238,021	-	238,021	238,021	-
	<u>238,021</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>238,021</u>	<u>238,021</u>	<u>-</u>
Unclassified -					
Contingency	10,000	-	10,000	7,660	2,340
Maine Municipal Association	3,013	-	3,013	3,013	-
Southern Maine Planning	664	-	664	664	-
Abatements/overlay	133,865	-	133,865	2,822	131,043
	<u>147,542</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,542</u>	<u>14,159</u>	<u>133,383</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF HIRAM

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

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Road reconstruction	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Building improvement	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Revaluation reserve	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	-
Capital improvements	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Tri-Town capital reserve	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Fire apparatus reserve	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-
Public works reserve	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Sacopec Valley Rescue	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
	<u>78,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,500</u>	<u>78,500</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 3,902,646	\$ -	\$ 3,902,646	\$ 3,389,207	\$ 513,439

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## TOWN OF HIRAM

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,419	\$ 25,419
Investments	-	-	64,081	64,081
Due from other funds	193,957	452,618	-	646,575
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 193,957</u>	<u>\$ 452,618</u>	<u>\$ 89,500</u>	<u>\$ 736,075</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred revenue	30,899	-	-	30,899
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>30,899</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,899</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	68,259	68,259
Restricted	6,550	-	21,241	27,791
Committed	148,108	452,618	-	600,726
Assigned	8,400	-	-	8,400
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>163,058</u>	<u>452,618</u>	<u>89,500</u>	<u>705,176</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 193,957</u>	<u>\$ 452,618</u>	<u>\$ 89,500</u>	<u>\$ 736,075</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, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Interest income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,038	\$ 2,038
Miscellaneous	30,521	56,500	20,234	107,255
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>60,277</u>	<u>56,500</u>	<u>22,272</u>	<u>139,049</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Program expenditures	45,172	7,133	18,819	71,124
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>45,172</u>	<u>7,133</u>	<u>18,819</u>	<u>71,124</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>15,105</u>	<u>49,367</u>	<u>3,453</u>	<u>67,925</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	3,500	75,000	-	78,500
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,500</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>18,605</u>	<u>124,367</u>	<u>3,453</u>	<u>146,425</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED</b>	205,108	328,251	86,047	619,406
<b>ARPA CORRECTION</b>	<u>(60,655)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(60,655)</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, AS RESTATED</b>	<u>144,453</u>	<u>328,251</u>	<u>86,047</u>	<u>558,751</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31</b>	<u>\$ 163,058</u>	<u>\$ 452,618</u>	<u>\$ 89,500</u>	<u>\$ 705,176</u>

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