

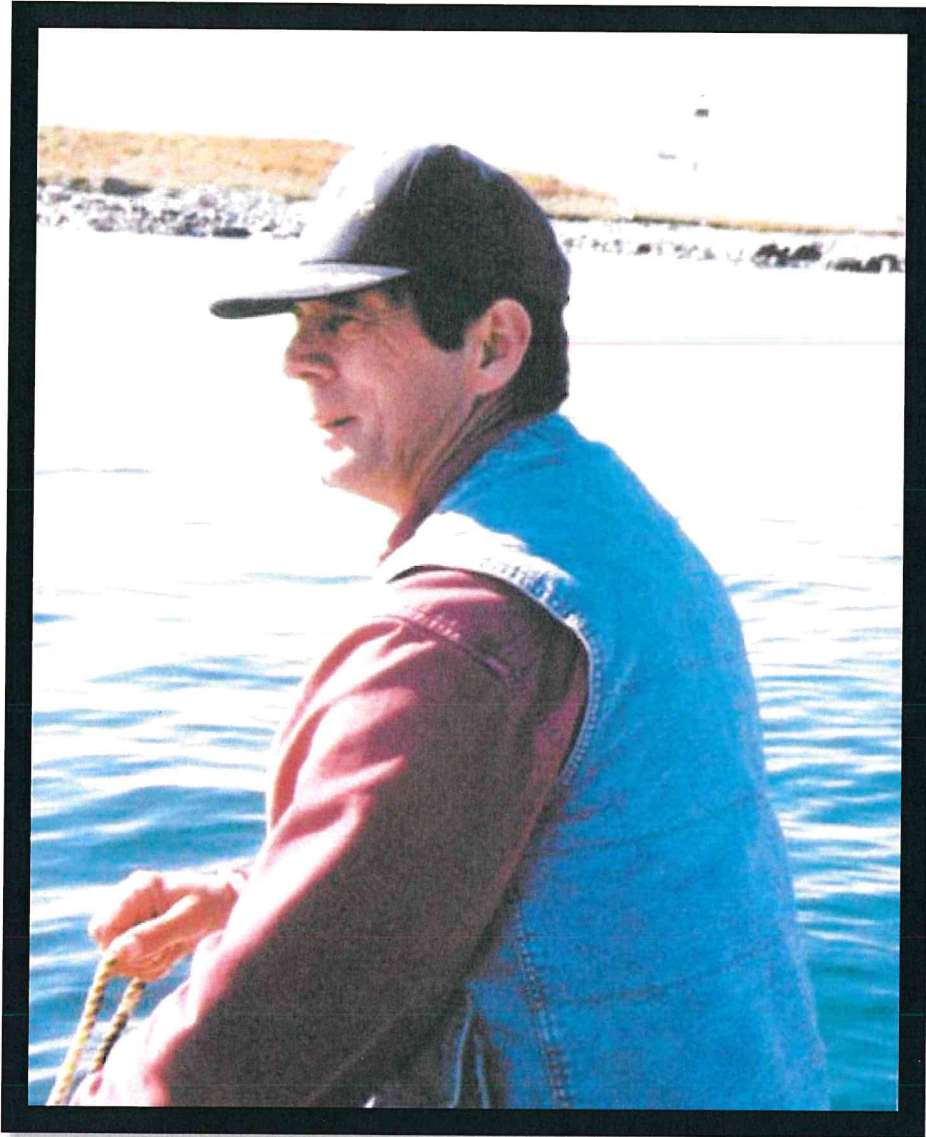
TOWN OF ADDISON

Incorporated 1797

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Including the 2024 Warrant



In Memory of Parris Hammond Sr.

November 9, 1944 – December 9, 2023

Parris grew up here in Addison and served as the Addison Fire Chief from 1972-1992.

He was also a Forest-Fire Warden, Selectman, and a member of the Planning Board.

Photo Submitted by the family of Parris Hammond Sr

KEEPING WITH TRADITION

Addison Town Cane



"Congratulations Cecil Rockwell!"

The Town of Addison kept with its tradition and presented the "Addison Town Cane" to the Oldest Citizen of the town yet again. The cane and holder were made and donated by Ward Perry who did a wonderful job designing it. He hand-crafted this from an Addison Applewood Tree and the original can be seen at the Town Office.

The new recipient of the "Addison Town Cane" was Cecil Rockwell, who at this time is **95** Years young. The surprise presentation was made at the Town Hall by Selectmen – William Gray, Joshua Stubbs and Verlan Lenfestey, Jr. on January 2, 2024. Cecil was also presented with a replica cane to keep, a certificate and a pin. Cecil was very excited and said he had been waiting a long time for this moment.

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
ADDISON, MAINE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
2023-2024
AND THE
2024 WARRANT ARTICLES**

227TH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

7 PM, TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2024

D.W. MERRITT SCHOOL

LEWIS B. LOVEJOY GYMNASIUM

TOWN OF ADDISON INCORPORATED 1797

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THIS REPORT TO THE TOWN
MEETING.**

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Town Officers and Officials of January 31, 2024

Board of Selectmen: Verlan Lenfestey Jr. (2024)
Joshua Stubbs (2026)

Admin Assistant/Treasurer: Amy Bright
(GA Coordinator, E911 Addressing Officer, Deputy Clerk & Tax Collector, Deputy Registrar)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Amy Lenfestey
(Deputy Treasurer, Registrar of Voters, BMV Agent, and Moses Agent)

Office Assistant: Robin Reynolds
(Deputy Registrar of Voters, Deputy Tax Collectors, Deputy Tax Collector)

Road Commissioner: Marcus Norton

Fire Chief: Timothy Hernandez

Fire Warden: Eleni Wakeman

Code Enforcement Officer: Kevin Brodie
(Licensed Plumbing Inspector)

Harbor Master: Irene Yaws

Shellfish Warden: Shawn Dowling

Animal Control Officer: Elwin Wright

Assessor: Barbie Cirone

Health Officer: Alfred Wakeman

SAD #37 Directors: Debra Murphy (2024)
Christopher Chartrand (2025)
Daniel Kane (2026)

Town Office Hours

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8am - 4pm

Wednesday 8am - 6pm

The Office is closed on all State and Federal Holidays. We may be closed during inclement weather or trainings. Please call the office before venturing out or check the Town's Facebook page and website for updates.

The Town Office accepts cash, checks, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Visa debit/credit cards. For all debit/credit cards there is a processing fee of \$1.00 for up to \$40.00 and 2.5% on anything over \$40.00.

Reoccurring Scheduled Meetings

Meetings at the Addison Town Hall:

- Selectmen's meetings are held on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday of every month at 5:00 pm. Holiday Monday's will automatically have the meeting pushed to the next day, on Tuesday at 5:00 pm.
- Planning Board meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm with workshops on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm.

Meetings at the Addison Fire Department – Station 1:

- The Addison Fire Department business meetings are held on the 1st Thursday at 6:30 pm.
- Training meetings are held on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of every month as announced by the Regional Communications Center.
- Please check out the Addison Volunteer Fire Department's Facebook page for the most up to date information

All meeting times are subject to change and will be posted. Please call the Town Office for the most up to date information (207) 483-4678 or visit the Addison Town Hall, the Towns website www.addisonmaine.org, or the Town Facebook Page. Emergency or Special Meetings will also be posted at the Post Office.

A special THANK YOU from the Addison Town Officials and Officers to all the people who have volunteered their time and energy by serving on various Boards and Committees. We appreciate your continued support! If you have any interest in serving on a committee, please see the staff at the Town Office.

REMINDERS

Dog Licenses: Dog licenses open on October 15th and are due and payable on December 31st of each year.

NOTE: All dogs 6 months of age or older **must** be registered at the Town Office. A Neuter/Spay certificate is required for first time registration. License fee is \$6.00 a dog if neuter/spayed, otherwise the fee is \$11.00 a dog. A current rabies certificate is required each time their vaccination has expired. For any dog licenses renewed after January 31st, there will be a \$25.00 late fee. ***The State of Maine does not allow any municipality to waive the late fee for any reason.***

Boat Registrations: All boat registrations expire December 31st. If you have a **Documented Boat**, you are **required** to go to your town office, pay excise tax only and receive an excise sticker for the current year.

Mooring Fees: Please remember mooring fees stay with the Harbor Committee and allow us to maintain the floats and landings. Fees are as follows: Residents - \$50.00 and Non-Residents - \$125.00. Late fees will be \$50.00 for a resident and \$125.00 for a Non-Resident. Mooring Fees are due by December 31st to avoid late fees.

Please remember your moorings need to be registered at the Town Office. If you sell or give your mooring to another person, please write a Bill of Sale and have the new owner bring it to the Town Office. If you wish to surrender your mooring, the Town Office must receive a statement in writing before December 31st. If no statement is received, then you are liable for those charges. Please direct all questions to the Harbor Master – Irene Yaws.

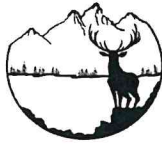
Real Estate Taxes: These are generally mailed between June – July, depending on the school budget, and are due by January 31st of each year. Interest will begin on February 1st. The Town Office will close at noon on January 31st or the Friday before if the 31st falls on a weekend, for the Fiscal Year End process. No money can be received after this time until 8:00 am the following business day. All real estate taxes not paid by this closing time will be listed in the Annual Town Report as delinquent. Liens are then placed on these properties between 8 to 12 months from the date of commitment and are recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Foreclosure then happens 18 months from the lien date. This information affects your credit report. It is recommended not to wait until the last minute. **IF YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PAY YOUR TAXES, TRY TO MAKE PAYMENTS TO KEEP THEM FROM GOING INTO FORECLOSURE.**

ATV and Snowmobiles: Registrations expire each year on June 30th.

Motorcycles: Registrations expire each year on March 31st.

Automobile Registrations: RE-REGISTRATIONS MUST BRING A CURRENT INSURANCE CARD AND MILEAGE. Prior registration is appreciated but not required. New vehicle registrations require more paperwork so please call the Town Office if you are not sure what to bring. **ALL** vehicles 1999 and newer **MUST** have a title including trailers with a registered weight of 3,000 pounds or more. The person who is to be listed on the paperwork for a new registration must be the one signing.

**REPORT OF THE CLERK
2023-2024**



LICENCES SOLD

Miscellaneous Hunting	29
Bear Permits	8
Hunting/Fishing Combination	80
Duck Stamps	9
Fishing	38
Hunting	66
Junior Hunting	13
Archery	18

Boat Registrations	251
Moorings	108
ATV	134
Snowmobile	27



Dog Registrations

Dog Licenses	201
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MOTOR VEHICLES

Passenger Vehicles	1368	Trailers	191	Commercial Vehicles	105
Motor Homes	6	Motorcycle	34	Transfers	47
Antique Cars	15	Transit	27	Farm Truck	5



SHELLFISH LICENCES

Commercial - Resident	26	Non-Resident	4
Recreational - Resident	20	Non-Resident	3
Recreational Resident Complimentary	18	Student Commercial	5
Commercial Resident Complimentary	7	Student Recreational	1
		Supplies/ Clam Rings	1

VITALS

Births	11	Marriages	2	Town Deaths	31
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In Loving Memory



Carolyn R. Ackley	1/6/2023	Brent A. Libby	5/20/2023
Julian E. Alley	3/14/2023	Pamela B. Look	3/27/2023
Frank C. Batson	9/20/2023	Dawn S. McManus	8/14/2023
Eugene E. Bresley	4/12/2023	Andrew W. Merchant	4/9/2023
James Briggs	3/12/2023	Joshua C. Peabody	2/23/2023
Mariner S. Burgess Jr.	9/18/2023	Robert G. Pounder Jr.	1/9/2023
Annie E. Davis	10/31/2023	Thomas E. Rittenhouse	9/8/2023
Chris Davis	1/6/2024	Stephen E. Robinson	4/1/2023
Vaughn M. Davis	12/25/2023	Leslie G. Stanwood	8/17/2023
Jacklin S. Emerson	4/28/2023	Nancy A. Strickland	10/15/2023
Denny R. Farnsworth	3/21/2023	Carroll V. Strout	10/19/2023
Shalbajeon M. Farren	12/3/2023	Juanita L. Stubbs	11/27/2023
Daniel J. Graham	11/17/2023	Bonnie Look Thompson	12/14/2023
Andree L. Guerrette	1/15/2023	David A. Tibbetts Sr.	4/21/2023
Stephen M. Hall	9/16/2023	Dana W. Wright	1/29/2023
Ronald J. Hornyak	12/10/2023		

Our Deepest Sympathy to all of the families, friends, and loved ones



Hello Everyone-

My name is Barbie Cirone. At the end of March, 2023, I was appointed as your assessor. The past year has been a whirlwind, to say the least. However, the assessor's office is now organized, the property transfers are up to date, the tax maps are ready to be updated, and I have visited with quite a few townspeople. Addison is fortunate to have a great town office and the people are wonderful to work with.

A little about myself...since I have lived here all my life and am a direct descendant of the founding families of Seth Norton, Thomas Kelley, and Manwarren Beal, my roots run deep in the towns of Jonesport and Addison. I graduated from Jonesport-Beals High School, went to college in Miami, Florida and Beverly, Massachusetts where I received a degree in interior design. I later worked for surveyor Almer Huntley where I did the drafting of plot plans and deed research. For the past 25 years, I worked at Jonesport-Beals High School as the secretary/guidance advisor. In 2017 (while still working at JBHS), a friend of mine talked me into helping in the Jonesport Assessor's office. I decided if I was going to be responsible for taxing properties that I wanted to know all the rules and regulations so I could do a proper job. So, I ordered all the books and attended the Maine Property Tax School (yes, that is a thing! Sounds fun, right?) earning my Certified Maine Assessor (CMA) certificate. After being offered this position last March, I decided to leave JBHS for a more flexible work schedule. Since July, I have also taken on the assessor position for Jonesport.

I am married to Stephen "Tex" Cirone, who grew up in South Addison. Together, we have two children that are now out of college and on their own. So in their place, we have two dogs, Dexter and Maude, that keep us busy.

As most of you know, Addison has not had a town-wide evaluation done for 30 years. Within the next few years, hopefully that will be happening. That process will allow the town to have equitable values assigned to all properties. It will also help the town meet the certified ratio values required by the state. I am looking forward to working with you through this procedure. In the meantime, I may be knocking on your door to update your property information. I work very hard to treat everyone as fairly and honestly as I possibly can. Keep in mind that all properties have varying factors, so it is rare that any two properties are the same. If you feel you are being overvalued compared to your neighbor, I will definitely visit everyone in the neighborhood to make sure all are treated the same. I have found that no one minds paying their taxes as long as everyone is paying their fair share, too.

Barbie Cirone
Tax Assessor, Addison, Maine
(207) 483-4678



Addison.me.assessor@gmail.com

ASSESSOR'S VALUATION / ASSESSMENT REPORT
2023 TAX YEAR (FEBRUARY 1, 2023 TO JANUARY 31, 2024)

Valuations:

Real estate	\$140,060,620
Personal Property	\$333,650
Taxable Valuation	\$140,394,270
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Homestead Exempt Valuation Reimbursement	\$5,830,150
BETE Exempt Valuation Reimbursement	\$298,339
Total Exempt Valuations	\$6,128,489
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Total Valuation Base	\$146,522,759

Assessments:

County Tax	\$281,529
Municipal Appropriation	\$1,056,345
School/Education Appropriation	\$1,367,419.01
Total Assessments	\$2,705,293.01

Deduction:

State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$183,538.70
Other Revenue	\$22,000
Total Deductions	\$205,538.70
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Net to be raised by local taxation	\$2,499,754.31

Outstanding Balance on All Accounts

Acct	Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Amount Due
959	ALBEE ET AL, LUCILLE	2023	3,850.39	550.33
258	ALLEY, CLIFFORD L	2023	339.23	339.23
68	ALLEY, HEIDI	2023	472.69	472.69
1709	ALLEY, JOHN M JR	2023	1,963.08	1,963.08
764	ALLEY, RAYNARD F	2023	766.29	726.68
769	ANDERSEN, KATHLEEN (75% INT)	2023	1,263.95	1,240.89
510	BAILEY, MAGGIE M	2023	1,222.62	1,222.62
30	BATSON, ADRIAN L	2023	2,599.36	2,599.36
40	BATSON, ADRIAN L	2023	180.81	180.81
1856	BATSON, HALEY	2023	761.12	761.12
57	BATSON, JAMES N JR	2023	374.54	374.54
26	BATSON, JAMES N SR	2023	1,714.25	1,714.25
31	BATSON, JAMES N SR	2023	657.80	657.80
1853	BATSON, SHEILA L (HEIRS OF)	2023	203.20	203.20
24	BATSON, THOMAS W	2023	22.39	22.39
38	BATSON, THOMAS W	2023	241.08	241.08
1851	BATSON, THOMAS W (1/2 UND. INT in 144 ACRES)	2023	203.20	203.20
62	BEAL, BROOKE	2023	358.18	358.18
1	BEAL, CHRISTOPHER I	2023	504.55	504.55
65	BEAL, TIMOTHY P	2023	996.18	796.18
805	BEAUREGARD, DANIEL	2023	1,640.21	1,640.21
983	BISHOP, ELAINE B	2023	261.74	261.74
42	BJORNSON, THOMAS	2023	108.49	108.49
1686	BJORNSON, THOMAS	2023	297.91	297.91
828	BJORNSON, THOMAS G (1/8 INTEREST)	2023	249.69	249.69
991	BRIGGS, JAMES	2023	1,958.78	1,958.78
72	BRITTON, KENNETH	2023	743.90	743.90
279	BROOKS, PATRICK D	2023	2,609.69	2,609.69
858	BROOKS, WILLIAM K JR (TRUSTEE)	2023	163.59	163.59
20	BROOKS-ATCHERSON, BRANDY L	2023	338.37	338.37
914	BUDGE, PETER	2023	1,055.59	1,055.59
1780	BURKE, BRET	2023	74.91	74.91
866	CADIEU, JOHN E	2023	3,074.63	3,074.63
1746	CALL, ADAM L	2023	134.32	134.32
81	CELESTINA, DAVID D	2023	4,835.38	4,835.38
840	CELESTINA, DAVID D	2023	817.95	817.95
1065	CELESTINA, DAVID D	2023	871.33	871.33
1169	CELESTINA, DAVID D	2023	470.11	470.11
45	CHAMBERS, ROGER C	2023	633.70	633.70
1727	CHANDLER, REBECCA	2023	41.33	41.33
110	CHARTRAND, CHRISTOPHER	2023	15.50	15.50
1405	CHARTRAND, CHRISTOPHER	2023	1,425.82	1,425.82
1088	CIRONE, LAURIE E	2023	42.19	42.19
1956	CLARK, ERIC D	2023	58.55	56.18
1681	COLLINS, JANET LEE	2023	2,953.23	2,953.23
1784	CROCKETT, KENNETH A**	2023	2,627.00	627.00
332	DAME, CHRISTINA (1/3 INT IN LAND)	2023	1,288.92	1,288.92
1659	DAME, RODNEY	2023	323.74	323.74
188	DAVIS, OSBORNE W	2023	2,318.67	2,318.67
197	DAVIS, OSBORNE W	2023	922.99	922.99
186	DAVIS, ROSS D	2023	1,299.25	1,299.25
1102	DEHAHN, JEBRA FAYE	2023	4,405.74	2,405.74
203	DENNY, STEPHEN C	2023	1,197.65	1,197.65
414	DOBBINS-IRELAND, NICOLE	2023	136.04	136.04
212	DOUCETTE, ELIZABETH L (LIFE ESTATE)	2023	222.14	222.14
213	DOUCETTE, ELIZABETH L (LIFE ESTATE)	2023	1,412.04	1,412.04

Acct	Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Amount Due
51	DURKEE, LINDA S JR	2023	216.97	216.97
336	DURKEE, MANFORD H JR	2023	365.06	365.06
496	DURKEE, MANFORD H JR	2023	1,727.17	1,727.17
656	DURKEE, MANFORD H JR	2023	2,483.12	2,483.12
667	DURKEE, MANFORD H JR	2023	489.05	489.05
1024	DURKEE, MANFORD H JR	2023	1,272.56	1,272.56
239	EMERSON, JACKLIN (LIFE ESTATE)	2023	1,036.64	1,036.64
226	EMERSON, MICHAEL	2023	292.74	292.74
958	EMERSON, SANDRA	2023	68.88	68.88
391	FAULKINGHAM, DEAN	2023	2,398.75	2,398.75
1955	FERRANTE, ANGELA	2023	272.08	272.08
977	FISHER, CLARK JR	2023	359.90	359.85
281	FRISBEE, KENNETH	2023	621.64	621.64
729	FRISHCOSY, ERIC J	2023	1,527.41	1,527.41
1268	GABRYSZEWSKI, THADDEUS P (JT)	2023	576.87	576.41
1678	GERBER, DANELLE	2023	185.98	185.98
1679	GERBER, DANELLE	2023	163.59	163.59
244	GRAY, CATHERINE, J E.	2023	867.03	867.03
355	GRAY, HAROLD M	2023	810.20	810.20
1788	GRAY, JASPER	2023	99.88	99.88
1590	GRAY, JESSE	2023	130.87	130.87
311	GRAY, JESSE L	2023	599.26	599.26
1739	GRAY, JESSE L	2023	146.37	146.37
963	GREISER, DONNA L (JT)	2023	2,781.03	2,781.03
320	GROVES, ROBERT JR	2023	1,589.41	1,589.41
1579	HACHEY, JEFFREY M (1/3 INT IN LAND)	2023	216.11	216.11
1734	HANDY, DENISE B	2023	464.08	464.08
1638	HANNING, LARRY M JR	2023	1,189.04	1,189.04
1896	HANNING, LARRY SR	2023	651.78	651.78
1920	HANNING, TIMOTHY	2023	509.71	509.71
662	HERNAS, SIMON C	2023	234.19	7.03
1048	HERRICK, SCOTT	2023	344.40	344.40
1040	HERSHOFF, HERBERT (HEIRS OF)	2023	494.21	494.21
145	HILLS, WALTER E III (JT)	2023	1,155.46	1,155.46
1175	HINKLE, RONNIE	2023	3,976.96	3,976.96
1885	HUNTER, DOUGLAS H	2023	2,822.36	2,822.36
353	JOHNSON, CATHERINE	2023	2,675.99	1,175.99
1796	JOHNSON, RUTH I	2023	180.81	180.81
231	JOHNSON, WAYNE A	2023	1,198.51	1,184.43
315	JOHNSON, WAYNE A	2023	99.88	99.88
1751	JOHNSON, WAYNE A	2023	80.93	80.93
1589	JONES, LEE ANNE	2023	402.95	2.00
386	JOY, HERMAN (HEIRS)	2023	132.59	132.59
286	KANE, MANDY	2023	1,095.19	1,095.19
403	KELSEY, RICHARD C JR	2023	72.32	72.32
406	KELSEY, RICHARD C JR	2023	211.81	211.81
470	KELSEY, RICHARD C JR	2023	685.36	685.36
1728	KELSEY, RICHARD C JR	2023	501.10	501.10
1120	KIECHEL, CONRAD D	2023	678.47	678.47
17	LAFERA, DONALD	2023	2,104.28	2,104.28
1182	LAKE, JAMES R	2023	600.98	600.98
920	LAMBSON, JEREMY A	2023	55.10	55.10
500	LINVILLE, DARLA L	2023	1,696.17	76.01
446	LOOK, DENNIS L	2023	1,517.08	1,517.08
1370	LORD, JASON K	2023	433.08	433.08
292	MERCHANT, BERTRAM, B	2023	2,428.88	2,428.88
1157	MERCHANT, VERNAL L	2023	173.92	8.38
1159	MERRITT, ELLIS T	2023	3,183.98	3,183.98
1389	NIEMI, JANE E	2023	3,719.52	1,860.02

Acct	Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Amount Due
1188	NORTON, NATHAN (HEIRS OF)	2023	115.37	115.37
1528	PALMACCI SERVICE & RENTALS LLC	2023	1,158.91	1,158.91
1322	PARKER, DANA L	2023	543.29	543.29
1915	PARKER, PHILIP S	2023	353.01	353.01
890	PHALON, PAMELA A	2023	2,953.23	2,953.23
1448	PHALON, PAMELA A	2023	607.87	607.87
1803	PHILLIPS, JOHN E JR	2023	2,856.80	2,856.80
568	PINKHAM, ROBERTA E	2023	984.12	984.12
1364	PLEASANT BAY COTTAGE LLC	2023	1,272.56	1,272.56
1473	PLUMER, TIMOTHY C	2023	1,108.97	1,108.97
1122	RACKLIFF, CHRISTOPHER G	2023	466.66	453.81
501	RAYMOND, LOIS (ESTATE OF)	2023	449.44	449.44
1603	REDIMARKER, BRENT L (HEIRS OF)	2023	136.90	136.90
1236	RHODIN, ELSPETH L, RHODIN LINDSAY (TRUSTEES)	2023	6,114.82	6,114.82
1980	RISING TIDE TOWERS	2023	4,933.53	4,933.53
618	RITTENHOUSE, THOMAS E	2023	1,359.52	1,359.52
751	ROACH, ROSALIE J	2023	9,204.09	8,945.28
1676	ROBBINS, NICHOLAS L	2023	712.05	712.05
623	ROBINSON, MICHAEL E	2023	1,151.16	1,151.16
133	ROCKWELL, EUNICE	2023	1,759.88	1,759.88
246	ROLFE, NORMA E	2023	1,446.48	1,446.48
638	ROLFE, NORMA E	2023	32.72	32.72
1460	ROTHWELL, TRUSTEE, KARIN	2023	433.94	433.94
1254	ROWLEY, JAMES M	2023	551.04	551.04
1256	ROWLEY, JAMES M	2023	1,367.27	1,316.25
1255	ROWLEY, MARTHA DRISKO	2023	7,470.00	7,470.00
1257	ROXBOROUGH, JOSEPH	2023	141.20	141.20
1926	ROY, NANCY LYNN	2023	141.20	141.20
630	RYAN, ALBERTINA	2023	947.96	947.96
1756	SANQUEDOLCE, ANTHONY J (JT)	2023	938.49	938.49
641	SHAW, JEFFREY D	2023	1,427.54	737.54
1002	SHAW, JEFFREY D	2023	747.35	746.52
1285	SNYDERMAN, RICHARD E	2023	1,742.66	1,742.66
1968	STEWART, RONALD J	2023	914.38	74.42
713	TENNEY, DAVID	2023	807.62	807.62
1304	THAXTER, MORTON (JT)	2023	130.87	130.87
1306	THERIAULT, TIMOTHY S	2023	8,045.18	3,041.74
1392	THOMAS, RUSSELL S. (HEIRS OF)	2023	153.26	153.26
1799	THOMPSON, AMY ANNE	2023	657.80	657.80
1765	TIEDE, BRETT H	2023	583.76	583.76
1089	TOSTESON, INGRID	2023	2,553.73	2,255.37
1351	ULTIMO, ROBERT J	2023	1,782.27	1,782.27
1149	WEBB, DAVID	2023	773.18	773.18
248	WENBLAD, DARLENE I	2023	2,634.66	2,634.66
1763	WHITCOMB, JESSICA	2023	678.47	678.47
1738	WHITE, KRISTI	2023	998.76	462.39
313	WILLIAMS, WILLIAM J	2023	454.61	453.98
1976	WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE	2023	1,596.29	1,596.29
299	WORCESTER HODINGS, LCC	2023	167.03	167.03
1118	WORCESTER HOLDINGS	2023	5,172.89	5,172.89
1224	WORCESTER HOLDINGS LLC	2023	163.59	163.59
1420	WORCESTER HOLDINGS LLC	2023	618.20	618.20
1939	WORCESTER HOLDINGS LLC	2023	37.88	37.88
224	WORCESTER HOLDINGS, LLC	2023	192.86	192.86
657	WORCESTER HOLDINGS, LLC	2023	709.46	709.46
853	WORCESTER HOLDINGS, LLC	2023	142.93	142.93
880	WORCESTER HOLDINGS, LLC	2023	2,655.32	2,655.32
1117	WORCESTER HOLDINGS, LLC	2023	20,367.82	20,367.82

Acct	Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Amount Due
36	WORCESTER PEAT CO. INC.	2023	843.78	843.78
871	WORCESTER PEAT CO. INC.	2023	299.63	299.63
888	WORCESTER PEAT CO. INC.	2023	260.02	260.02
1374	WORCESTER, MORRILL	2023	37.88	37.88
1375	WORCESTER, MORRILL	2023	117.10	117.10
745	WRIGHT, DANA	2023	352.15	352.15
570	WRIGHT, DANA W	2023	852.39	852.39
Total for 187 Bills:			229,992.96	208,817.97

68	ALLEY, HEIDI	2022	486.87	486.87
30	BATSON, ADRIAN L	2022	2,515.87	2,515.87
57	BATSON, JAMES N JR	2022	385.74	385.74
26	BATSON, JAMES N SR	2022	1,705.16	1,705.16
31	BATSON, JAMES N SR	2022	675.64	675.64
1	BEAL, CHRISTOPHER I	2022	553.99	553.99
805	BEAUREGARD, DANIEL	2022	1,565.57	1,565.57
991	BRIGGS, JAMES	2022	1,897.98	1,897.98
72	BRITTON, KENNETH	2022	764.97	764.97
858	BROOKS, WILLIAM K JR (TRUSTEE)	2022	213.82	213.82
1780	BURKE, BRET	2022	107.64	107.64
188	DAVIS, OSBORNE W	2022	2,258.30	2,258.30
212	DOUCETTE, ELIZABETH L (LIFE ESTATE)	2022	269.44	269.44
213	DOUCETTE, ELIZABETH L (LIFE ESTATE)	2022	512.49	512.49
1504	DOWLING, SHAWN	2022	691.90	691.90
51	DURKEE, LINDA S JR	2022	264.39	264.39
336	DURKEE, MANFORD H JR	2022	402.59	402.59
496	DURKEE, MANFORD H JR	2022	1,755.43	1,755.43
667	DURKEE, MANFORD H JR	2022	517.21	517.21
1024	DURKEE, MANFORD H JR	2022	1,287.47	1,287.47
391	FAULKINGHAM, DEAN	2022	1,915.85	1,915.85
1955	FERRANTE, ANGELA	2022	314.95	314.95
244	GRAY, CATHERINE, J E.	2022	867.49	867.49
963	GREISER, DONNA L (JT)	2022	2,731.61	2,731.61
320	GROVES, ROBERT JR	2022	1,221.73	953.51
1579	HACHEY, JEFFREY M (1/3 INT IN LAND)	2022	253.68	253.68
1734	HANDY, DENISE B	2022	473.38	473.38
1175	HINKLE, RONNIE	2022	3,817.87	3,817.87
386	JOY, HERMAN (HEIRS)	2022	185.17	185.17
286	KANE, MANDY	2022	1,120.60	1,120.60
1182	LAKE, JAMES R	2022	613.58	613.58
446	LOOK, DENNIS L	2022	1,513.32	1,513.32
502	MERCHANT, TIMOTHY P	2022	261.02	261.02
1159	MERRITT, ELLIS T	2022	3,045.41	3,045.41
1188	NORTON, NATHAN (HEIRS OF)	2022	175.06	157.07
1322	PARKER, DANA L	2022	559.34	559.34
1915	PARKER, PHILIP S	2022	394.17	394.17
1803	PHILLIPS, JOHN E JR	2022	688.54	688.54
568	PINKHAM, ROBERTA E	2022	989.14	989.14
501	RAYMOND, LOIS (ESTATE OF)	2022	483.50	483.50
246	ROLFE, NORMA E	2022	1,466.13	1,466.13
630	RYAN, ALBERTINA	2022	943.63	943.63
1799	THOMPSON, AMY ANNE	2022	480.20	480.20
745	WRIGHT, DANA	2022	386.83	386.83
570	WRIGHT, DANA W	2022	910.42	910.42

Total for 46 Bills: 47,221.94 46,935.73
Total for 2022 and 2023

* **Payment made in full after books closed** 277,214.90 255,753.70

** **Partial payment made after books closed**

Road Commissioner's Report

Work Completed in 2023

Sweeping of Intersections

Gravel Road Maintenance

Road Side Mowing

Tree Trimming & Mulching

- Cape Split Road
- Marsh Harbor Road

Culverts, Ditching, & Pavement

- West Side Rd

Planned Work for 2024

Sweeping of Intersections

Roadside Mowing

Culverts, Ditching, & Pavement

- Ridge Rd

Paving & Ditching

- Mooseneck Rd

Culverts, Ditching, & Pavement

- Cape Split Rd

Regular Maintenance

- Gravel Roads

Thank you to all the contractors involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus Norton,

Road Commissioner

Tel: (207)483-2362

Addison Planning Board 2023 Report

The Addison Planning Board issued 28 building permits and 6 permit renewals/extensions in 2023. This included the permitting of:

- 14 Garages / Barns / Sheds
- 5 Houses
- 1 Mobile Home placements
- 7 Additions
- 1 Deck

The Planning Board meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 6pm at the Addison Town Hall. In addition, on the third Wednesday of every month at 6pm at the Addison Town Hall, the Planning Board has been holding ongoing workshops to review Town Ordinances. These meetings are open to the public.

Submitted by:

Richard A. Martin, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.A. Martin", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Addison
PO Box 142
Addison, Maine 04606

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Addison, Maine as of and for the year ended January 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Addison, Maine, as of January 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Addison, Maine, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of Addison, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for

one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Addison, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Addison, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, pension and other post-employment benefit disclosure information on pages 4 through 8, and 28 through 30, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Addison, Maine's financial statements. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.
Ellsworth, Maine
November 30, 2023

TOWN OF ADDISON
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JANUARY 31, 2023

Exhibit A

<i>Assets</i>	<i>Governmental Activities</i>
Cash and Equivalents	1,604,156
Receivables	
Taxes	142,755
Tax Liens	39,896
Accounts	517
Due from Other Governments	27,237
Capital Assets:	
Land and Art Work	689,263
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	5,317,947
Total Assets	7,822,408
 <i>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</i>	
Related to Other Post Employment Benefits	4,501
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	4,501
 <i>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	 7,826,909
 <i>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position</i>	
<i>Liabilities:</i>	
Accounts Payable	1,262
Accrued Salaries	2,166
Due to Other Governments	6,296
Long-term Liabilities:	
Net Other Post Employment Benefits Obligation	14,509
Due Within One Year	25,532
Due in More Than One Year	289,617
Total Liabilities	339,382
 <i>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</i>	
Related to Other Post Employment Benefits	5,387
Property Taxes Collected in Advance	1,272
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	6,659
 <i>Net Position:</i>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,692,061
Restricted	299,625
Unrestricted	1,489,182
Total Net Position	7,480,868
 <i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position</i>	 7,826,909

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit B

**TOWN OF ADDISON
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2023**

	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services	Operating Grants
Primary Government			Total Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities			
General Government	292,956	6,312	(286,644)
Public Safety	112,177	36,632	(75,545)
Health and Sanitation	147,015	2,714	(144,301)
Public Transportation	636,758	9,975	(597,519)
Education	1,377,307		(1,377,307)
Unclassified	82,216		(76,288)
Assessments	273,827		(273,827)
Total Governmental Activities	2,922,256	55,633	35,192
Total Primary Government	2,922,256	55,633	35,192
General Revenues:			
Taxes			
Property			2,275,008
Auto Excise			258,124
In lieu of taxes			13,210
Intergovernmental Revenues			371,801
Other Local Sources			36,492
Total Revenues, Special Items and Transfers			2,954,635
Changes in Net Position			123,204
Net Position - Beginning			7,357,664
Net Position - Ending			7,480,868

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF ADDISON
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2023

Exhibit D
Page 1 of 2

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>
Revenues			
Taxes	2,567,170		2,567,170
Intergovernmental Revenues	305,503	66,298	371,801
Departmental Revenues	90,825		90,825
Other Local Sources	26,798	-	26,798
Total Revenues	2,990,296	66,298	3,056,594
Expenditures			
General Government	280,458		280,458
Public Safety	133,966		133,966
Health & Sanitation	147,015		147,015
Public Transportation	415,772		415,772
Education	1,377,307		1,377,307
Unclassified	80,944		80,944
Assessments	273,827		273,827
ARPA Expenditures		10,545	10,545
Total Expenditures	2,709,289	10,545	2,719,834
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	281,007	55,753	336,760
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers from Other Funds	175,217	-	175,217
Transfers to Other Funds	(175,217)		(175,217)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources/(Uses) Over /(Under) Expenditures	281,007	55,753	336,760
Beginning Fund Balance	1,256,349	66,221	1,322,570
Ending Fund Balance	1,537,356	121,974	1,659,330

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Pay Totals for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	
<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Gross Wages</u>
Allen Rolfe	\$ 160.00
Amy Bright	\$ 28,658.26
Amy Lenfestey	\$ 43,436.47
BONNIE DAVIS	\$ 144.90
Bonnie Look Thompson	\$ 4,313.77
BRADLEY COLEMAN	\$ 38.46
Carol Anthony	\$ 468.92
CHARLES HARRINGTON	\$ 25.64
CHERYL PAUL	\$ 50.00
David Perham	\$ 212.12
DONNA KAUSEN	\$ 50.00
DOUGLAS HINKLEY	\$ 202.80
DOUGLAS PETERSON	\$ 10.10
Eleni Wakeman	\$ 2,000.00
Elizabeth Wakeman	\$ 644.31
Elwin Wright	\$ 3,000.00
Eric Schmidt	\$ 170.50
Gary Stanley	\$ 446.38
Hannah LaRose	\$ 126.65
Irene Yaws	\$ 5,304.00
JANIS GRASLIE	\$ 317.40
Jason Guilmain	\$ 231.15
JOSHUA EASTMAN	\$ 179.48
Joshua Stubbs	\$ 3,000.00
Kevin Brodie	\$ 9,034.74
KYLIE HINKLEY	\$ 131.31
Linda Alley	\$ 15,149.41
Lou Ann Cox	\$ 124.71
Matthew Alley	\$ 588.76
Michael Gray	\$ 264.18
Michelle Malcolm	\$ 324.78
Norman Cox	\$ 220.28
Pamela Grant	\$ 743.78
Shawn Dowling	\$ 16,860.00
SHEILA MITCHELL	\$ 320.85
SHELBY BRIGHT	\$ 551.26
Sherry Dixon	\$ 343.95
Terrance Grant	\$ 191.72
Timothy Hernandez	\$ 18,000.00
Tony Graham	\$ 364.99
Verlan Lenfestey Jr.	\$ 3,000.00
WILLIAM CONEY	\$ 147.43
William Gray	\$ 3,000.00
Total	\$ 162,553.46

Note: Figures are prior to Audit and Journal Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Revenues

01 - Administration	\$	22,373.13
01 - Town Fee	\$	9,220.00
03 - Building Permits	\$	3,235.00
04 - Copies/Faxes	\$	231.55
07 - BP-Initial Fee Non-Refundable	\$	1,050.00
08 - Miscellaneous Income	\$	2,451.91
10 - Hall Rent	\$	105.00
11 - CEO Inspection Fees	\$	910.00
12 - Vital Records	\$	1,504.80
17 - BuildingPermitLateFee	\$	200.00
18 - Junkyard Permits	\$	250.00
20 - SAD #37 Ballot Clerks	\$	884.00
21 - Cash Drawer Off	\$	2.78
22 - Admin Donation Receipt	\$	140.00
23 - FOAA Research	\$	125.00
24 - Safety Grant 2023 MMA	\$	2,063.09
05 - Addison Harbors	\$	14,877.10
01 - Mooring Fees	\$	9,030.00
02 - Mooring Late Fee	\$	300.00
07 - MiscDonations	\$	300.00
12 - Boat Excise Tax	\$	5,247.10
07 - Animal Control	\$	571.00
02 - Town Dogs	\$	346.00
03 - Late Fees	\$	225.00
30 - General Assistance	\$	3,265.90
01 - State Reimbursement	\$	3,265.90
45 - LRAP St of Maine	\$	33,716.00
01 - Local Roads Assistance	\$	33,716.00
46 - Town Road Maintenance	\$	80.00
06 - Driveway Entrance Permit	\$	80.00
51 - Solid Waste	\$	3,316.00
01 - Trash Bag Sales	\$	3,316.00
53 - Shellfish	\$	15,536.00
01 - Resident Commercial	\$	11,425.00
02 - Resident Recreational	\$	505.00
03 - Non-Residnet Commercial	\$	3,150.00
04 - Non-Resident Recreational	\$	330.00
05 - Supplies	\$	26.00
06 - Shellfish Fines	\$	100.00
55 - Addison Days	\$	2,891.35
01 - Donation	\$	1,635.35

02 - Fundraiser Proceeds	\$	1,146.00
03 - Petty Cash Return	\$	110.00
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83 - Excise Tax	\$	245,415.20
01 - Motor Vehicle Excise	\$	245,415.20
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88 - Revenue	\$	2,427,038.08
01 - Tax Commitment	\$	2,417,589.79
02 - In Leu of Taxes	\$	15,726.26
05 - Interest on Taxes	\$	832.74
10 - Abatements	\$	(8,440.61)
15 - Supplemental	\$	682.06
20 - Discounts	\$	(160.00)
22 - Tree Growth Penalty	\$	807.84
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89 - State Treasurer	\$	121,604.70
01 - Homestead Reimbursement	\$	110,527.40
04 - BETE Reimbursement	\$	5,137.00
05 - Snowmobile Reimbursement	\$	529.60
07 - Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$	3,949.70
09 - Veteran's Reimbursement	\$	1,461.00
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90 - Tax Lien Costs & Interest	\$	7,480.85
01 - Costs & Interest	\$	7,480.85
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Final Totals	\$	2,898,165.31

Note: Figure are prior to Audit & Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Expenses

Account		YTD Net
01 - Admin	\$	66,423.58
02 - Employee Hea	\$	26,043.92
03 - Security TH	\$	648.00
04 - Legal	\$	8,822.35
05 - Addi Harbor	\$	22,518.67
06 - Amb	\$	107,911.92
07 - Animal Cont	\$	3,000.00
08 - Constable	\$	160.00
09 - Computer	\$	20,650.34
10 - Assessing	\$	23,838.90
16 - County Tax	\$	281,529.00
18 - Disc on Tax	\$	49,131.71
22 - Educ	\$	1,367,419.01
25 - Fire Dept	\$	70,911.77
26 - FD RescTruck	\$	-
27 - Forest Fire	\$	-
28 - FireStLoan	\$	32,721.86
30 - Gen Assist	\$	2,530.65
33 - Library	\$	6,000.00
34 - EmergManage	\$	-
36 - BuildMainten	\$	81,855.35
37 - Handicap TH	\$	82.05
39 - Payroll	\$	141,277.79

43 - EmergConting	\$	-
44 - SandSaltShe	\$	8,186.88
45 - LRAP	\$	1,225.00
46 - Roads Mainte	\$	45,950.30
47 - Paving	\$	90,000.00
48 - Snow Rem&Sal	\$	235,389.68
51 - Solidwaste	\$	79,919.17
52 - Reseeding	\$	1,164.00
53 - Shellfish	\$	21,943.00
54 - Spec Int Gp	\$	17,481.00
55 - Addison Days	\$	6,002.46
57 - Street Light	\$	4,742.44
59 - Unemployment	\$	236.00
60 - Veteran's Ac	\$	2,103.16
Final Totals	\$	2,827,819.96

Church Hill Community Center

The Church Hill Community Center under the direction of the Friends of the Church on the Hill is available for use by the community for appropriate activities during spring, summer and fall. (pews intact) Since 2015 with completion of the outside and cleaning of the inside it has been used by many for various activities.

In addition, the Friends of the Church on the Hill are offering daily well-being calls to anyone who would like a call. Call 483-4655 if you would like calls.

In 2019 the Friends became a distribution site for Commodities Supplemental Food Program once a month. Distribution takes place the second Friday of each month from 2:00 to 2:30 at the Community Center. Those over 60 call 941-2865 to apply for the commodities program. There are income guidelines to follow. The Furry Friends pet food program is available with the commodities distribution.

The Friends are seeking grants and other forms of funding to complete the restoration of the building including a basement. We received a sum of money bequeathed to us by a neighbor.

New faces and new ideas are always welcome. Meetings are held at the Addison town hall on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Currently the architect is completing the actual blueprints for the basement that will be under the building for added space and foundational support for the historic building. When the basement is completed, the Center will be available year round.

A grant writer has been hired to help with finding and writing grants for the Friends. It is hoped that the excavation/construction of the basement is not too far away.

The Memorial Day program will be held at 10:00 AM on May 27, 2024 beginning at the library yard and proceeding to the wharf and the Church Hill Cemetery. Join us to remember those who died serving our country. Watch for notices.

183 US Hwy 1, Columbia ME 04623 207-483-2700 A non-profit, 501(c)(3), quasi-municipal entity.

February 9, 2024

To the Residents of the Towns of Addison, Columbia, Columbia Falls, and Harrington,

Greetings,

2023 was a very busy year with 628 calls for service. We continue our recruitment efforts for paramedics and all levels of providers to complement our skilled and dedicated staff. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank each of our crew members for going above and beyond by giving of their own time to do all that is required to keep a service running and for responding to second calls for service such as motor vehicle accidents. Their selflessness increases our coverage abilities and reduces response times within our communities. Thanks to them, we were only out of service for a total of 24 hours during the entire year. We enjoyed participating in community events during the year such as handing out candy in parades, at town celebrations and trunk-or-treats, making some noise celebrating the homecoming of our veterans and victorious sports teams, joining the annual Wreaths Across America Convoy sendoff, participating in a Harrington Health Center Community Resource Fair, and engaging students at a Job Fair at Narraguagus Jr/Sr High School.

We would like to thank Petit Manan Ambulance for giving us an incredible deal on a Stryker power stretcher with charger and batteries, a LifePak 15 cardiac monitor/defibrillator, and a Stryker stair chair, when they unfortunately ceased operations last spring. This purchase provides us with identical equipment in both ambulances.

In early summer, we were contacted by Autotronics, the company we purchase our trucks and equipment from, with an outstanding offer on a brand new 2022 Braun ambulance which fits in the smaller bay in the base. Again, unfortunately, another ambulance service in the state was closing and unable to take delivery of the Braun. Autotronics gave us first refusal at a significantly discounted price. This purchase will replace the 2007 Wheeled Coach with 202,711 well-earned miles and is one of the reasons for the increase in the budget along with the state mandated minimum wage increase affecting payroll, related taxes, and insurance liabilities. Like most of us, the service has also felt the effects of inflation and rising energy and utility costs.

We continue to look forward to and plan for the future of the service and the needs of our residents who are our family, friends, and neighbors. If you are interested in joining the service or are wondering how you can help in other ways, please reach out to me, or members of the board or the crew and we will be happy to speak with you. We thank you for your continued support of your ambulance service.

Very Sincerely,



Charlene Hammond, Chief

Directors: Addison: Cheryl Paul, Tracy Ramsay. Columbia: Brandi Graham, Kevin Lovejoy. Columbia Falls: Tony Santiago, Courtney Hammond. Harrington: Dea Peterson, Robert Hammond.

Pleasant River Ambulance Service Budget VS Actual 2023 & Proposed Budget 2024_{1/25/2024}

Account	2023 Proposed	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
Income:			
Donations	\$0	\$224.34	\$0
Training Sessions	\$0	\$	\$0
Fundraising	\$0	\$	\$0
Grants	\$0	\$	\$0
Interest Income/Dividends	\$0	\$5,355.62	\$0
Total Other Income	\$0	\$5,579.96	\$0
Reimbursements:			
ALS Backup Performed	\$0	\$0	\$0
Medicaid	\$60,000.00	\$42,006.07	\$48,000.00
Medicare	\$103,999.92	\$170,636.52	\$159,999.96
Private Insurance	\$36,000.00	\$19,353.21	\$24,000.00
Private Pay	\$1,200.00	\$954.72	\$1,200.00
Total Reimbursements:	\$205,999.92	\$232,950.52	\$233,199.96
Subsidy	\$287,701.08	\$278,708.37	\$348,914.16
Total Income:	\$481,901.00	\$517,238.85	\$582,114.12
ALS Requested	\$3600.00	\$3,675.00	\$3,600.00
Ambulance: Rental	\$0	\$4,050.00	\$4,050.00
Ambulance Capital Purchase	\$15,757.08	\$15,757.08	\$43,559.88
Diesel	\$14,400.00	\$12,525.63	\$14,400.00
Cell Phone	\$2,000.04	\$2,016.61	\$2,199.96
Repairs	\$4,800.00	\$5,618.18	\$5,600.04
Supplies	\$360.00	\$122.57	\$360.00
Total Ambulance:	\$21,560.04	\$43,765.07	\$73,769.88
Payroll taxes	\$35,199.96	\$26,063.96	\$32,000.04
Wages	\$378,754.56	\$333,577.35	\$392,010.96
Total Payroll:	\$413,954.52	\$359,641.31	\$424,011.00
Maintenance/Repairs/Supplies:			
Building	\$4,320.00	\$1,449.68	\$1,805.04
Medical (disposable/O2/ meds/equip)	\$18,350.16	\$13,104.78	\$16,400.16
Office	\$1,150.08	\$703.81	\$800.04
Utilities	\$9,876.12	\$10,130.36	\$11,540.04
Equip Purchase (Medical)	\$2,400.00	\$17,548.58	\$2,400.00
Insurance:			
Property/Casualty/Liability	\$16,800.00	\$23,714.50	\$24,000.00
Workers' Compensation	\$36,000.00	\$20,455.75	\$24,000.00
Total Insurance:	\$52,800.00	\$44,170.25	\$48,000.00
Prof. Fees-Accounting/Medical Billing/Medical Director/ Collections/Lab			
	\$15,780.00	\$16,442.63	\$16,550.04
Prof. Development/Supplies	\$2,000.16	\$1915.59	\$2,695.70
Dues/Subscriptions/Fees/ Licenses/Permits			
	\$1,120.08	\$1094.97	\$1,764.12
Bank Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fines & Penalties	\$0	\$3.21	\$0
Postage/Printing/Shipping	\$120.00	\$31.35	\$120.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$484.41	\$500.04
Refund of Overpayment	\$650.04	\$1,459.00	\$0
Total Expense:	\$547,981.20	\$511,935.00	\$600,356.06

Addison Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary Beano Account

February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023

Beginning Balance	\$5,492.51
Deposits	\$84,666.72
Beano Prizes Paid Out	\$73,872.63
Paper Cards/Supplies	\$4,072.56
Beano Licenses	\$432.00
Charge for Checks	\$866.58
Down East Graphics	\$486.00
Checking Account Balance	\$4,672.50
Savings Account Balance	\$3,014.18

-Submitted by Lynn Dowling, Auxiliary Treasurer

The Addison Auxiliary meets the first Friday of every month at 6pm at the Addison Town Hall. Beano is held every Sunday, doors open at 3, and the fun starts at 5pm. We look forward to another great year and hope to see you on Sunday.

New members are always welcome!

-Submitted by Betty Thompson, Auxiliary President



ADDISON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE ADDISON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Business Meeting	10	Wildland Fire	7
Training	21	Vehicle Fire	5
Lift Assist	51	Gas Leak	3
Structure Fire	5	CPR	7
Car Accident	16	Power Line Down	3
Fire Alarm	15	Chimney Fire	4
Turnout	641	Hours Worked	885

The life of any volunteer organization is cyclical, especially in terms of volunteers, and all that their work encompasses for the organization. I'm happy to report that the life of the department is past it's cyclical spring and in into early summer. It's a good thing too. This year the department responded to 145 requests for service- fully sixty more calls than in 2022. Our members stood ready to respond to every call. I'm proud of our firefighters for their responses. We turned out 641 people to our trainings, meetings, and emergencies. Some light analysis reveals that our increased call volume has put a

higher burden on our members to to respond. We had 4.4 responders per call in 2023 versus 5.1 in 2022. If you've ever thought about joining the department, now is a great time to do so.

Our meetings and trainings are typically on the first three Thursdays of every month. We have a new initiative to incorporate more training with our partners at the Epping Fire District, so there is going to be greater likelihood of meetings occasionally changing dates. Our Facebook page is a good place to check for updated meeting information. We have some really good training planned for the year ahead.

While all of the activity, training, and new members have been good for the department and town, it does come with a price. The price of fully equipping and training a firefighter is approaching \$7,000. This year could see as many as five new firefighters, and accounts for the largest increase in this year's budget. The second greatest increase in our budget increase revolves around a new initiative to replace our breathing apparatus on a schedule, rather than all at once several years past their obsolescence. We appreciate the select boards and budget committee's support for our budget, and hope to receive similar support from you- the citizens we serve.

The 2023 wildfire season was mercifully mild this year due to heavy saturation throughout the summer. That trend marched right into the winter and we weathered several severe wind storms. With all that wind we've had a large number of blow-downs, which creates potential for that wood to become fuel for wildfires. One of the best tools we have in town to prevent wildfires is the Maine Forest Service's permitting system on the internet for outdoor burns. Visit maine.gov/burnpermit to access the online permitting system for information on obtaining a no-cost-to-you burn permit.

I'd like to thank Eleni Wakeman for her years of dedicated service as a Deputy Chief. The department has endured some difficult times and emerged stronger for her efforts and consistent responses to the needs of the department. We are happy that she will still be a pillar of the department as she continues in a leadership role as a Captain and the Town's Fire Warden.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Hernandez, Fire Chief, Addison Volunteer Fire Department



ADDISON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2023 FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVE PERSONNEL

Tony Graham was awarded the 2023 Fire Officer of the year for being an excellent leader who teaches skills to all levels but especially is encouraging to newer members. Tony's experience at fighting all types of fires and his ability to think outside the box is a valuable asset.

Shelby Bright was recognized as the 2023 Firefighter of the year for consistent and reliable attendee at both meetings and calls. He is easy to work with and willing to do any job on scene.

Department Leadership

Timothy Hernandez	Fire Chief
Eleni Wakeman	Deputy Chief
Matthew Alley	Deputy Chief
Tony Graham	Captain
Carol Anthony*	Lieutenant

Board of Directors

President	Sheldon Trundy
Secretary	Eleni Wakeman
1st at-large seat	Matthew Alley
2nd at-large seat	Tony Graham
Fire Chief	Timothy Hernandez

Firefighters

Shelby Bright	Jason Guilmain
Brad Coleman*	Charlie Harrington
William Coney	Douglass Hinkley*
LouAnn Cox*	Hannah LaRose*
Norm Cox*	Michelle Malcolm
Joshua Eastman	Cayden Stanley*
Terry Grant	Gary Stanley*
Michael Gray	Wren Wakeman

*HONORARY MEMBER

Pleasant River Historical Society

2023 Annual Report for the Towns of Addison, Columbia and Columbia Falls

Activities

History Round Table. Richard Paul (Dick) presented "History of a House/History of a Town" with Deeds, Wills and Probates. Due to a pending storm, not many of us were able to attend so we are hoping to have Dick do this presentation again in the coming year.

The Baseline Lady, Nancy Willey, was able to join us for our Epping Baseline Tour. It was a wonderful day ending with us being able to find on the western side, all four corners of that held the signal tower.

Thank you to Ronie Strout, Sonya Grant and Arthur Langley, the original Eastern monument stone and a mile marker stone have been recovered and are placed at the Columbia Town office in front of the Community Room.



Current Projects

Members of the Society are working on a book that contains Post Cards from the past; sardine label posters; blueberry label posters. Anyone interested in participating or donating to the projects, please let us know.

A kiosk to be located near the bridge in the Town of Columbia Falls which shows the town as it was and as it is – this is very near completion by Chuck and Roberta Hammond.

Planned Events

It is still the goal of the Society to participate in events such as:

The walking/carriage tour of the historic village in Columbia Falls in partnership with Wreaths Across America.

Continue to offer the Baseline tour in the fall. This event is several hours long so please be prepared with snacks, lunch and water.

Future Projects/Goals

History Round Tables to continue.

Program locations at various times will be held in Columbia Falls at Union Hall and in Addison at the Church on the Hill and Addison Town Hall.

The Society is still actively looking for a more permanent home so that we may set up and present artifacts. Please let us know if anyone has an interest in helping with this project.

Dues: Dues are due and can be mailed to Pleasant River Historical Society at P O Box 300, Addison, ME 04606. The amount to send is \$10.00.

Anyone interested in becoming a member may send in their dues, contact information including an email address and we will be happy to contact you concerning all meetings and activities.

Officers: Grace Falzarano, President, Ronie Strout, Vice President, Tony Santiago, Secretary and Roberta Hammond, Treasurer.

Please feel free to contact anyone of these folks with questions, suggestions, ideas, participation, and meeting dates.

As always, the goal of this Historical Society is to preserve and share our history. The public is always welcome to attend and/or join us. Please contact a member if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted: Grace Falzarano, President and Ronie Strout, Vice President

Encompassing the Towns of Addison, Columbia, and Columbia Falls

Building and Grounds Maintenance Committee (B&GM)

Peter Davis, Don Williams, Co-Chairman, Monroe Hart, Terry Grant, Glen Garnett, Irving Pinkham, Barry Grant, and Cody Davis are members.

Our membership requirements are to: attend and contribute at all meetings, held as needed, to maintain and resolve all issues within the committee confines. Three consecutive missed meetings result in dismissal. We are always looking for new members and request that members must have some knowledge of building and grounds maintenance. Please check for postings at the Town Office, Post Office, Town's Facebook page and website for upcoming meeting information.

Our 2023 Year in Review:

- This past summer we were able to have the North Side of the Town Hall repaved and want to thank Marcus Norton & Sons, Moraisey Earthworks, Davis and Sons Construction, and County Concrete for completing the project.
- Davis and Sons Construction has replaced the awning over the Town Hall rear entrance and constructed a roof over the ramp on the North Side.
- With ARPA funds this year, we were able to have a generator installed at the Town Hall during the summer. This was perfect for the winter wind storms that took out the power.

Our 2024 Year Goals:

- We still have a couple lighting projects for the ramp but are waiting on an electrician. We also plan to install a push button entry on the handicap door this year as well.
- In this coming year we look to have the Storage Building completely re-shingled.
- PDQ will again maintain all overhead doors for the Town.
- The Town Office flooring is also on the books to be replaced this year as well.
- With the help of Efficiency Maine, our goal will be to replace the lighting at Fire Station #1, #2, and the Town Hall to LED Fixtures to reduce costs.
- We have recommended to continue our accrual of \$10,000.00 annually until we have saved \$50,000.00. At this time, we have saved \$30,000 and with your support this year we will reach \$40,000.

As always, we appreciate and thank all of you for your support in this past year's projects and our upcoming projects as well in the Town of Addison. Should you see something or have any questions please reach out to the Town Office so it may be brought to our attention.

Peter Davis and Don Williams Co-Chairman

Code Enforcement Officer

To the Residents of Addison:

I would like to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity to serve this wonderful community for another year as the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) and Licensed Plumbing Inspector (LPI). I have been working closely with the planning board and while there have been a few bumps in the road together, we have gotten through them.

One of the largest changes to building codes this year is LD 2023 the right to housing access that all towns must follow. This bill basically allows for the addition of multiple dwelling units on a single property that previously the town may have denied. The other large change is that within this bill you are allowed to build a 190 square foot addition or separate accessory structure (in-law-apartment) on any dwelling. The planning board and I are working on some definitions to help clarify our current ordinances to meet the intent and wording of this law.

The planning board has been working on some changes to the ordinances and updating them, so they stay current. The state is coming out with new Sub-surface waste regulations (they could be out at any time now, no set date) that will have some updates and changes. One large change is that any new septic tanks will be required to have access to the pump holes on the tank and any accessory devices. This will make finding and servicing the tanks much easier in the future.

There was also a change in the Maine Building Codes which makes it that any residential and some commercial buildings have to have a Radon mitigation system in place when a new basement/slab are created. These systems are very important for helping to protect lives from the colorless and odor free gas. Therefore, any new construction will need to show proof of these systems being designed and will need to be inspected prior to the pouring of cement on the project. The state building codes are scheduled to be updated this year to the 2021 International Code (ICC) which will mostly affect commercial buildings.

There are always changes happening to the building codes, plumbing codes, and septic codes. If you have any projects and have questions, please feel free to contact me between 7AM and 8PM any day, if I do not answer please feel free to leave a voicemail and I will return your call as soon as possible. If you do not hear from me in 24hrs, please try again.

Thanks, and have a great year,
Kevin Brodie
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CEO/LPI
Town of Addison



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January 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the Second Regular Session of the Maine State Legislature convenes, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve the citizens of District 11 in the Maine House of Representatives. Representing you is an honor and a privilege.

I am continuing to serve on the Joint Standing Committee of Marine Resources where we are looking at bills ranging from Aquaculture leasing, appeals for medical waivers for the menhaden fishery and seaweed harvesting. I presented LD 817 "An Act to Allow the Crew Member of a Holder of an Elver Fishing License to Empty an Elver Fyke Net", and it passed unanimously out of committee and should be in effect this Elver season. I had two bills related to hunting that did not pass out of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, and one bill that did not pass out of the Taxation Committee, LD 1884 "An Act to Prohibit Offshore Wind Energy Development". This was a divided committee report, and I presented the bill on the house floor. It failed, but it did have bipartisan support. I am still very much opposed to offshore wind.

Unfortunately, with significant increases in tax revenues this past year the Legislature chose to grow state government rather than reform the income tax structure and help us all with the challenges we face due to inflation. The majority party passed bills like Family Medical Leave and voted to end the funding for the *Property Tax Stabilization Act* after reimbursement was already promised to towns.

I encourage you to participate in your state and local governments and school board. Phone calls and letters are always welcome; and due to the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are even more accessible. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: **Legislature.Maine.Gov**, you will find access to Committee Hearings via Zoom, where you can observe or testify for or against a bill from the comfort of your home. I will be sending a weekly email newsletter with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at Tiffany.Strout@legislature.maine.gov, and we will gladly add you to our list.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you at the State House and may you all have a safe and healthy 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tiffany Strout".

Tiffany Strout
State Representative



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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress

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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

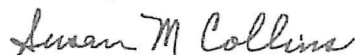
These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

Washington County Sheriff's Office

Barry Curtis
Sheriff

Michael Crabtree
Chief Deputy

Richard Rolfe
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January 31, 2024

TO THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY:

As I write this annual report, I can't help but feel immense gratitude for the incredible support I've received throughout my tenure as your Sheriff. I want to express my deep appreciation for the unwavering confidence you've shown in me, allowing me to lead the Washington County Sheriff's Office for a third term.

Our agency has continuously evolved to meet the ever-changing needs of our community and beyond. When emergencies strike and calls come into our dispatch center, having access to accurate and comprehensive data becomes crucial in saving lives. To ensure swift emergency services, we've added two additional positions at the Regional Communications Center due to increased call volume.

I'm thrilled to share that we've secured a substantial grant of \$3.1 million, enabling us to make significant improvements to county-wide radio communications. These enhancements include upgrading to digital communications and improving coordination with ambulance and fire departments throughout the County.

Due to the restructuring of the Maine State Police in July of this year, they opted to end our call sharing agreement causing a shift of primary law enforcement duties to our agency. While State Troopers will continue to support us and offer their specialized units as needed, we are now the primary force in the area.

Our dedicated detectives have proven to be an invaluable asset in conducting criminal investigations. With their expertise, we've been able to thoroughly investigate complex crimes and successfully bring several significant felony cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Lastly, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated employees of the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Washington County Jail, and the Regional Communications Center. Your unwavering commitment and devotion have played a vital role in making our County a safer place to live.

With utmost respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barry Curtis'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Barry' being larger and more prominent than the last name 'Curtis'.
Sheriff Barry Curtis

TOWN OF ADDISON WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

To, Amy Bright, resident of the Town of Addison in the County of Washington and the State of Maine:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Addison, in the County of Washington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the D. W. Merritt School on the 12th day of March 2024 at seven o'clock in the evening then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a **Moderator** to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will adopt the rules of procedure set forth in the Maine Moderator's Manual for the governance of this meeting.

ARTICLE 3. To choose a **Selectman** to serve a three-year term.

Verlan Lenfestey Jr.'s term expires March 2024 (VJ is not seeking an additional 3-year term)

ARTICLE 4. To choose a **Selectman** to serve a one-year term.

William Gray's term expires March 2025 and he resigned January 20, 2024.

ARTICLE 5. To choose a **Road Commissioner** for the ensuing year.

Marcus Norton's term expires March 2024

ARTICLE 6. To choose a **Director of SAD #37** to serve a three-year term.

Debra Murphy's term expires March 2024

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to **appoint all minor officers.**

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend on behalf of the Town, Federal and/or State funds, and/or Donations, that may be received in the form of Grants or any other Revenues during the fiscal year.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay any tax abatement refunds and interest from the **Overlay Account.**

(Amount raised for Overlay FY 23 – 24 \$23,367.59/Total Abatements FY 23 – 24 \$ 8,443.25)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to set the **interest rate of abated taxes** to be paid by the Town, at a rate of **5%**, pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 36 § 506-A.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to set a date for the Tax Collector to settle with the Town and set a rate of interest to be charged on all unpaid taxes after that date. **Recommend January 31, 2025 at 8.5%.** *(Maine State maximum allowed is 8.5%)*

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and/or Treasurer to accept **prepayments of up to 75 %** of last year's tax commitment on taxes not yet committed, **without interest**, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and/or Treasurer to automatically credit **overpayment of committed taxes** to the next year's taxes.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to **borrow money** and issue the Town's negotiable notes therefore in anticipation of taxes in an amount not to exceed the taxable year of 2024 from money raised by taxation during that year.

This article would allow the Selectmen to take out a tax anticipation loan in order to continue paying bills until taxes are committed and monies start coming in.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax-acquired property via quitclaim deed by either (A) offering the property to the former owners(s) or if deceased, to his/hers/their/heirs/devisees/personal representative for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and costs; or (B) using the process authorized by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, the board may sell the property through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of the property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. For sales other than to the former owner, excess sales proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C(3), shall be returned to the former owner.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to increase the **Property Tax Levy** established for Addison by State of Maine Law in the event that the Municipal Budget approved in the following articles will result in the tax commitment that is greater than the property tax limit.

Passing this article does not increase your taxes; it confirms the tax appropriations approved by town voters at this meeting and gives the town power to override the State's Property Tax Levy Limit for Addison.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed **¼ of the budget** amount in each budget category of the 2024-2025 annual budget during the period from February 1, 2025 until the annual town meeting in 2025. *This is a forward-looking article that provides continuing spending authority to the municipal officers for municipal expenditures made after the end of the budget or fiscal year being voted on in other parts of the same warrant but before the next annual town meeting or other meeting at which the next annual budget is adopted. The continuing authority is stated as a fraction of a 12-month budget. Recommended by the Selectmen.*

All dollar amounts from Article 18-48 are recommended unanimously from the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee unless otherwise noted.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Addison Days Fireworks**

Recommended (Per 3-year contract 2022 -2024): \$5,000

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Addison Harbors** and to carryforward any unspent balance for this committee.

Recommended: \$25,000 (Budget Committee 4 in favor and 1 opposed)

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Paving the South Addison Landing.**

Recommended: \$75,000

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Addison Point Floats.**

Recommended: \$12,000

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Administration Expenses.**

Recommended: \$ 72,000

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Pleasant River Ambulance Service.**

Recommended: \$ 130,872

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Assessing and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Assessor - \$25,000, Supplies - \$500, and Tax Bills - \$1,500.

Recommended: \$ 27, 000

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate towards a **Town-wide Revaluation** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 50, 000

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Buildings and Grounds Maintenance** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 36,291 (*Budget Committee 4 in favor and 1 opposed*)

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Emergency Funds** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 10,000

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for purchase and placement of **memorial flags on veteran graves and town displayed flags** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 4,500

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Computer Equipment and Software** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$14,750

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Online Rapid Renewal through BMV.** (*This will allow town residents to process vehicle and trailer reregistration's online. This is the initial start up costs and \$250 per year thereafter.*)

Recommended: \$1,325

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a **Contingency** to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies as deemed necessary by the Selectmen during the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year.

Recommended: \$15,000

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to allow a **discount of 3%** on all Real Estate Taxes if paid in full on or before the 30th day of commitment. Postmark on 30th day will be accepted.

Recommended: \$60,000

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for cost of **Elections** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 4,500

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Operations** of the Fire Department and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Budget Committee Recommended: \$ 116,615 (Original budget request by the Fire Department) (4 in favor and 1 opposed)

Selectmen Recommended: \$ 92,865 (per budget revisions provided by the Fire Department)

Revised Budget, the TL;DR version

Item	Original	New	Difference	
Consumables	\$750	\$500	-\$250	SCBA Batteries, AED pads, etc
General Liability	\$500	\$250	-\$250	Picnic and event insurance
Pagers	\$1,000	\$700	-\$300	Pagers and chargers- we can easily make this up in a VFA grant
Wildland New Equipment	\$1,000	\$500	-\$500	I hate to cut this one even a little this year
Misc Fire Equip	\$1,000	\$750	-\$250	Turnout bags, flashlights, and the nickel- and dime non-ppe stuff
MFSI/CMFAS/NFA	\$1,000	\$500	-\$500	This may have been a little high anyway
Fire Academy	\$5,400	\$2,700	-\$2,700	I think we will be okay here- if we send anyone to academy we can probably skate it till the 2025 budget. We could probably put on a pretty decent in-house academy for \$5,400
SCBA	\$12,000	\$3,000	-\$9,000	This will cover two new cylinders to extend the life our our current packs. Cecil is interested in buying our old packs. I told him \$6,000 so we may end up short only \$3,000 to keep the program alive this year.
Preemployment Medical	\$4,000	\$2,000	-\$2,000	Same with academy- we can skate this item to 2025 for anyone going to academy
Turnout Gear	\$15,000	\$8,000	-\$7,000	We'll try to make this up in grants
MC Equip Ins	\$1,500	\$500	-\$1,000	I still don't know what this was even for...
Totals	\$43,150	\$19,400	-\$23,750	

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate in anticipation of purchasing a new **Fire Truck** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 12,000

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for obligated **loan payment** on **Fire Station #1**.

Recommended: \$ 32,722

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Forest Fire** account and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$2,000

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Mandated General Assistance and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 5,000

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for cost of **Legal Fees** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 15,000

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **MMA Dues**.

Recommended: \$ 3,000

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Payroll** - \$160,040, **Payroll Taxes** – \$17,000, **Health Insurance** - \$30,000, and **Unemployment Fund** - \$500.

Recommended: \$ 198, 445

ARTICLE 42. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Pleasant River Solid Waste Disposal District**.

Recommended: \$ 88,941

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will **ratify** the over expenditure of the **Street Lights** of **\$243**.

Recommended: \$243

ARTICLE 44. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Street Lighting** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 5,500

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Roads Maintenance** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 70,000 (*Budget Committee 4 in favor and 1 opposed*)

ARTICLE 46. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Paving** and to carryforward any unspent balance.

Recommended: \$ 120,000 (*Budget Committee 4 in favor and 1 opposed*)

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$ 237, 000 to be taken from excise tax for the purpose of **Snow Removal, Salt and Sand.**

Recommended: \$ 237,000

ARTICLE 48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Mayhew Public Library.**

Recommended: \$5,000

ARTICLE 49. Shall the following amendment to the Town of Addison’s Building Permit Ordinance, Revised April 25, 2023, be enacted based upon the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Board.

- *Under Minimum Standards – Sizes, Setback, and Other Requirements: Delete, “The minimum lot size must be met for dwelling unit or principal structure on the lot.”*
(Note: This will bring the ordinance in compliance with the new State Law PL 2021, ch. 672(LD 2003)).

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the returns from the **Snowmobile Registrations** to the **Narraguagus Trail Riders** to establish and maintain existing trails for the use and recreation of our citizens.

ARTICLE 51. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Downeast Community Partners/WHCA.**

Budget Committee Recommended: \$5,998

ARTICLE 52. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Addison YMCA Recreational Basketball.**

Requested: \$ 2,013 (Due to an oversight this article was not presented at the Budget Committee Meeting)

ARTICLE 53. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Life Flight Foundation.**

Requested: \$574

ARTICLE 54. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Narraguagus Post #8, American Legion.**

Requested: \$750

ARTICLE 55. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Eastern Area Agency on Aging.**

Requested: \$300

ARTICLE 56. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Maine Public TV.**

Requested: \$100

ARTICLE 57. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for WCCP (Washington County Children's Program).

Requested: \$500

ARTICLE 58. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the WIC program.

Requested: \$2,100

Given under our hands the 5th day of February 2024


Verlan R. Lenfestey, Jr.


Joshua L. Stubbs

SELECTMEN, TOWN OF ADDISON

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk of Addison, Maine

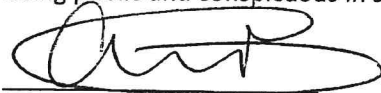


Amy L. Lenfestey

Municipal Clerk

RETURN

Pursuant to within warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Addison, qualified as herein expressed to meet at the time and place for the purpose therein named by posting this day an attested copy of the within warrant at the Addison Post Office and the Addison Town Office, the same being public and conspicuous in said Town.



Amy Bright

RESIDENT, TOWN OF ADDISON

FEBRUARY 8, 2024