



Town of
Bar Harbor
2022 Annual Report



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Annual Town Meeting

June 6, 2023

**Open Town Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Connors-Emerson School Gymnasium**

~ Voter Check-in Required ~

Voters must check in to obtain a voter card prior to participating in Open Town Meeting. Voters should arrive at least 45 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to begin.

June 13, 2023

**Election of Officers and Referendum
Polls Open 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Auditorium**

Cover Photo: A Community Forum was held October 26, 2022 where residents shared thoughts, ideas, and dreams. File photo.

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TOWN MANAGER

To the Residents of Bar Harbor:

Enclosed in the annual report are the various town department reports for the 2022 calendar year and the audit of the town's financial status as of June 30, 2022.

Some significant events and highlights of 2022:

Town Manager Kevin Sutherland began work with the town on January 3, 2022, which was also Cornell Knight's last day before retiring from full-time public management after 40 years.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) began its work to create a Bar Harbor 2035 Comprehensive Plan that will serve as the town's guiding document for the next ten years. This work included hosting two community forums and conducting a Housing Needs Assessment that has gathered over 800 responses from a recent survey, and the work of the CPC will continue throughout 2023.

A Priority Goal Setting Retreat was held in March with Council, Committee/Board Chairs, and Department Heads that led to Priority Goals for FY23 that were shared with Council in July and updated with Council at a November workshop.

At a Town Meeting with near-record attendance, voters approved two major bonds. A \$43.8-million-dollar Priority Infrastructure Improvement package, split between the General Fund and Water and Wastewater Funds, addresses Combined Sewer/Stormwater regulatory requirements, aging sewer infrastructure, and streetscape that will be impacted by these repairs. Design is underway for several of the projects including West Street Pump Station, CSO Storage Tank, and the Main Street Sewer Project that will result in less CSOs to Eddie Brook. A \$4.35 million-dollar bond was approved to build a solar array in the Higgins Pit site, a likely brownfield site that would not be suitable for housing or other uses. Sundog Solar was the firm chosen last winter to assist the town. Work has been ongoing since last spring to gather needed data and assess size of the solar project. In December, the town signed a contract with Sundog Solar to build us a 1.55 MW solar array system projected to generate 84 percent of the town's current electricity usage.

Voters at the ballot box in June approved zoning changes requested by the Oceanarium and The Jackson Laboratory and rejected a citizen initiative for recreational marijuana stores. Councilors Jeff Dobbs and Matt Hochman ran unopposed for re-election.

The town retained grant writers on a contract basis, who assisted staff in identifying and applying for a number of grants and funding opportunities this year to support key town projects. Grants awarded include \$1.439 million in Congressionally Directed Spending (also known as "earmarks") for the Up Island Water Tank Storage project and two grants through the Community Resilience Partnership through the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future for Climate Action Plan Community Engagement and public EV Charger stations (partnership with Mount Desert/Tremont) and for Municipal Building Electrification.

A long-standing project got off and running when the town signed a contract with Consolidated Communications to build out and lease a fiber internet network for the Municipal Building, with connections to Mount Desert. As part of this agreement, CCI has agreed to assist the town in applying for grant monies to further build out Fidium fiber internet to the under/unserved parts of Bar Harbor. The town is utilizing funds from the federal pandemic-relief American Rescue Plan Act to pay for a Broadband Gap Analysis study to support this work.

On the recommendation of a task force convened last year, the Town Council approved a new Long-Term Rental Registration ordinance. The goals of the new program are to protect health and safety, avoid nuisance or derelict conditions, and to maintain a registry of long-term rentals that require registration and relevant associated data to assist the town in understanding the characteristics of the existing housing stock.

The Council also created a Senior Property Tax Assistance Program and undertook a comprehensive review of council policies.

In November, the voters approved a citizen initiative Land Use Ordinance amendment limiting cruise ship disembarkations. Voters also approved eliminating the requirement that Land Use Ordinance amendments require a two-thirds majority vote to be adopted in cases where the Planning Board recommends against the change. A second round of ballot questions on marijuana stores was rejected.

Adapted from a Year in Review report prepared by then-manager Kevin L. Sutherland for the Town Council, January 3, 2023. As this Annual Report is being prepared, Finance Director Sarah Gilbert is serving as Interim Town Manager.

TOWN CLERK

In the Clerk's office, 2022 began with a new manager and new budget process under the changes to the Town Charter approved by the voters in November 2020. Staff pulled together and adapted quickly to get the budget finished, create presentations for budget workshops that were still fully remote, and make sure everyone had access to the information they needed to do their jobs. The Council and Warrant Committee were exceedingly patient as we all felt our way forward in uncharted territory. A popular new piece of the budget review process was publishing Q&A on the proposed budget on the town website, along with video, PowerPoint presentations and other resources.

The goal-setting retreat in March with committee chairs and senior staff provided a chance both to gather input on the Town's challenges and also for a broader group to get to know each other. Work at that meeting also led to changes to the Council's Rules of Order, especially organizing agenda items into "New Business" (introduction of a new topic or project with no action expected, giving more time for reflection and discussion) and "Unfinished Business" (a "second reading" and action). With the new manager, we also switched to a digital-first approach to agenda packets for Town Council meetings.

The clerk's office issues licenses for dogs, hunting, fishing, clamming, and vehicles for hire; coordinates local approval of liquor licenses; issues certified copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates; and records marriages. In the spring, Deputy Clerk Lynn Kenison Higgins made great strides on a project to digitize more marriage and death records, which greatly speeds our process of issuing certified copies when those records are requested. Marriages, concentrated in June and September-October, continue to keep us very busy during those months. We also administer the General Assistance welfare program in conjunction with the state Department of Health and Human Services.

Our office verified lots of signatures on petitions this year: three town citizen initiatives on marijuana, one for the June election and two for November, the citizen initiative on cruise ship disembarkations, and state petitions on everything from family medical leave to auto repair.

The June election was really three in one: a state primary election, a special election for the State Senate seat created by the resignation of former Senator Louis Luchini, and the town election. Our team did yeoman's work keeping all of those moving parts straight. In November, with a hotly contested cruise ship question and a gubernatorial election, turnout came close to Presidential election year levels.

Lynn and I both celebrated work anniversaries on Labor Day—one year here for her and two for me. We are grateful every day for the opportunity to help keep the town running smoothly and to preserve and maintain its history. This town has an extraordinary group of officials, staff, residents, business owners and others who participate in local government and it is an honor to work with all of you to continually make Bar Harbor even better.

Liz Graves
Town Clerk

Town Clerk - Statistical Report - Calendar Year

Dog Licenses	2021	2022
Kennel	1	1
Male/Female	58	94
Neutered/Spayed	491	613
Totals	549	708

Clam Licenses	2021	2022
Resident Commercial	1	2
Junior Resident Commercial	2	1
Resident Recreational	19	21
Over 65 Free	6	1
Under 18 Free	1	1
Non-Resident Commercial	0	0
Junior Non-Resident Commercial	0	0
Non-Resident Recreational	132	116
Totals	161	142

Hunt & Fish Licenses	2021	2022
Resident	161	157
Totals	161	157

Births Recorded	2021	2022
Bar Harbor Residents	22	10
Non-Residents	33	68
Totals	55	78

Marriages Recorded	2021	2022
Bar Harbor Residents	23	24
Non-Residents	190	212
Totals	213	236

Deaths Recorded	2021	2022
Bar Harbor Residents	58	58
Non-Residents	33	33
Totals	91	91

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department provides several important roles in the operation of town government. These roles include various treasury functions of cash management and investments, tax collection, motor vehicle registration and the collection and billing for most town departments. The department's role also includes accounting functions of budgetary management, accounts payable, payroll, cash disbursement and ambulance billing. The department oversees various budgets totaling approximately \$41 million, as well as investment reserves of approximately \$3 million. The Finance Office strives to manage the finances of the town in a prudent, efficient and transparent manner. We believe the town is strongly positioned to provide the services its citizens require at a reasonable tax obligation.

Personnel

The Finance Office promoted **Betsy Spear** as *Tax Collector/Payroll Supervisor*, replacing **Jennifer Sawyer**, who had been with us for over 8 years. Betsy is the lead in the office effort to increase efficiencies through more effective use of our governmental financial software and web capabilities. **Jennifer Turcotte**, as *Ambulance Agent*, skillfully handles the electronic billing and collection activity for the ambulance service. She is in her 16th year here and is also responsible for Police, Harbor & Cruise Ship billings, monitoring parking permits, sewer liens, payroll backup and is our State Motor Vehicle Agent. **Margaret Porter** complements the finance staff with over 20 years of municipal experience. Margaret's main focus is on invoice payable duties for all funds, along with the related purchase orders, vendor maintenance reporting and invoice archiving for the General, Water and Wastewater Funds. **Elizabeth Barnhart Rodick** joined the Finance Office full-time this year. She serves as *Finance Accountant* and assists in specialty utility receivable reports, as well as reconciling all daily revenue transactions from staff, permit revenue processed by Code, and the parking revenues. **Zach Harris** came on board this year as the town *Human Resource Professional*. He brings extensive experience and professionalism to the position; he is shared with the Town of Mount Desert. **Steve Weed** rejoined the Town in June of 2018 as the *Town Assessor* and has 30 years of service in the assessing field. His experience includes 18 years directly with Bar Harbor as well as expertise in mapping and in the critical maintenance of the GIS database of relevant images and data available for all the town's departments. The Assessor reports administratively to the Finance Director. The Assessing office provides the public with the *Maps on line* system and maintains the popular *Property Tax Look Up* system, which serves as a critical electronic resource to the public to better access certain tax billing data. Steve tracks over 3,500 parcels and 400 personal property accounts.

Steve Cornell, who has been with us for 19 years, is the Town's *Technology Systems Administrator*, and focuses on management of its computers, backups, servers, internet, e-security, e-mail, video security systems for all Town departments, the WAN network, technology purchases, public wireless access in the parks, the Town website, television broadcasts, web streaming of government meetings, the phone system and helps maintain the radio frequency system monitoring of the Town utility pump/treatment systems. This broad scope of responsibilities requires that he is often on call 24/7 to keep

these essential networks and systems operating. **Stan Short**, *Video Systems Operator*, has been with the Town for 13 years on a part-time basis. He broadcasts and records Town Council and Board and Committee meetings for viewing on cable and internet.

Municipal Building

Part-time assistance is required to help oversee certain building maintenance issues and in 2022 this was the responsibility of **Randy Stanley**, who continues his other professional work while working here part-time. Randy kept the equipment and building operating safely and efficiently, walkways free of snow and ice, dealt with the many service contractors (elevator, sprinkler, fire alarms, electrical, plumbing, heating, cooling, ventilation, etc.), multiple tenants in the building, space rentals and the organization and storage of town records.

Financial Outlook

At the annual review of the 2022 fiscal year audit before the Council, the Town's auditor verified that the Town remained in stable fiscal health and received an unqualified favorable audit opinion. In accordance with the Council's *Fund Balance Policy* the Town maintains a balance of 10% of audited revenues as a working capital cash reserve in the Town's Fund Balance. The Town's *Standard & Poor's* bond rating was re-affirmed **AAA** in March 2019 (their highest rating) and re-affirmed its **Aa2** rating by *Moody's*; good ratings that help keep borrowing costs lower, especially for a small community. Both firms suggested within their reports that the Town's borrowing levels are low in reference to its capacity to incur new borrowing.

Both the *Wastewater* and *Water* Funds are "enterprise" funds; meaning that they are 100% self-supported by the users and not by taxpayer funds. The ***Wastewater Division*** remains fiscally healthy and rates remained flat. Annual revenues billed to run the *Wastewater Division*, pay debt service and for capital investment are approximately \$2.2 million.

Water Division rates were last increased on January 1, 2016 and the Division is in solid fiscal health. Much of the water/sewer billing, tracking outside sewer deduction meters, collections and customer communications are handled at the *Water Division's* office by Office Manager **Nancy Warner**, but most other financial reporting is taken care of by staff in the Finance Office here on Cottage Street. Total annual water revenues generated are approximately \$2.2 million.

Property Taxes Receivable

Approximately 62% of the Town's total revenues are raised from property taxation. The 2022 annual uncollected taxes, expressed as a percent, at December 31st are higher than the year before. At fiscal year-end, June 30th of this past year, the Town's tax collection rate reached 98.6% on its 2021 taxes, with a remaining 65 unpaid properties placed on lien; down from 79 in the prior year.

Tax Year	Property Tax as of Dec. 2022		Property Tax as of Dec. 2021	
	Outstanding Balance	%	Outstanding Balance	%
2019	\$ 6,715	0.04%	\$ 18,300	0.1%
2020	\$ 20,515	0.1%	\$ 142,360	0.8%
2021	\$ 155,856	0.8%	\$ 7,078,771	37.7%
2022	\$ 7,740,776	38.7%		

Tax Rates

The Property tax rate for fiscal year 2022-2023 was \$9.32 per thousand dollars of valuation. The components of the tax rates for the fiscal years, 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-2023 are as follows:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Education	\$5.95	\$4.94	\$4.90
Municipal	\$5.47	\$4.37	\$4.00
County	\$0.48	\$0.43	\$0.42
Total	\$11.90	\$9.74	\$9.32

Vehicle Registrations

After real estate taxes, *vehicle excise taxes* are the next largest revenue generator for the Town (over \$1,180,000 in the last fiscal year). Total motor vehicle *unit* registrations (all types) decreased by 7% in the last year.

Calendar Year	2022	2021	2020	2019
Motor Vehicle Registrations:	5012	5404	4947	5353

Cruise Ship Fund

This fund, which is a component of the General Fund, was created in 2009/10 when fees were increased to \$4 per passenger. With cost of living annual increases, the fee was increased to \$5.21 per passenger 7/1/22. Funds to be spent are appropriated each year as part of the total Municipal appropriation vote at Town Meeting. The use of the funds raised each year is generally split 1/3rd each to three areas: *direct cruise ship related expenses* (Chamber summer help, Island Explorer, water quality studies, etc.), *capital improvement fund* for related items (e.g., Comfort Stations, sidewalks, etc.), and *to support taxpayer funded operations* (police, ambulance, public works, comfort station cleaning and harbor department services) provided on cruise ship days.

Parking Fund

This fund collected \$2.1 million during the calendar year (includes quarters, by credit/debit card or through the phone apps. The monies fund the personnel and operating equipment related to parking enforcement and collections and costs related to

parking permits. Within the confines of State law, the revenues are also utilized (as budgeted) to cover Town overhead, direct Town CIP/ Operational expenses and other related capital needs, such as certain debt and long-term capital projects that otherwise would come out of tax monies. Similar to the Cruise Ship Fund, this fund is a component of the General Fund and the appropriations are voted at the annual Town Meeting as part of the Municipal budget. Metered fees range from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per hour. The active season is from May 15 through October 30th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah M. Gilbert,
Finance Director, Treasurer

ASSESSING DIVISION

As of April 1, 2022

Assessed Valuation of Taxable Property:	2021	2022
Real Estate	\$1,914,711,200	\$2,119,689,500
Personal Property	\$17,282,900	\$17,172,300
Real and Personal Property <u>TOTAL</u>:	\$1,931,994,100	\$2,136,861,800
Property Tax Rate (Per thousand dollars of valuation)	\$9.74	\$9.32
Property Tax Levy:	\$18,930,767	\$19,915,552
State Valuation:	\$1,903,400,000	\$2,040,000,000
County Tax:	\$833,472	\$896,367
State Revenue Sharing:	\$350,000	\$350,000

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS:

Homestead Exemptions

In 1998, the State legislature enacted a new homestead exemption for Maine residents. Most homeowners whose principal residence is in Maine are entitled to a \$25,000 reduction in valuation. To qualify, homeowners must fill out a simple form declaring property as their principal residence by April 1 in the tax year claimed. Once the application is filed, the exemption remains until the owner sells or changes their place of residence.

Veteran's Exemption

Any person who was in active service in the Armed Forces of the United States, and who, if discharged, was discharged, retired or separated under other than dishonorable conditions may be eligible for partial exemption provided that the veteran:

1. is a legal resident of the town; and
2. has notified in writing the Assessor of their claim for exemption; and
3. has reached the age of 62 years by April 1st; or
4. is receiving a pension or compensation from the United States Government for disability, either service or non-service connected, as a veteran.

The unmarried widow or widower of a deceased veteran may also qualify if the above criteria are met.

Blind Exemption

Residents who are determined to be legally blind are eligible for partial tax exemption on property owned and located in the town.

Business Personal Property Tax Reimbursement Program (BETR)

Provides business taxpayers with a reimbursement of the personal property tax paid on eligible business property placed in service within the state after April 1, 1995.

Business Personal Property Tax Exemption Program (BETE)

Provides business taxpayers with an exemption of the personal property tax on eligible business property placed in service within the state after April 1, 2008. More information and an application for exemption visit:

www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax/propertytaxbenefits/bete.htm

Tree Growth

The Maine Tree Growth Tax Law provides for the valuation of land, which has been classified as commercially harvested forestland on the basis of productivity value, rather than on fair market value. The State determines the 100% valuation per acre for each forest type classified by County. Once classified, any change in use or withdrawal from classification results in a supplemental tax penalty. For more information and an application contact the Assessor's Office.

Farm and Open Space

The Farm and Open Space Tax Law provides for the valuation of land which has been classified as farmland or open space land on its current use as farmland or open space, rather than its potential fair market value for use other than agricultural or open space.

Farmland - Land registered for long-term agricultural use. The Assessor establishes the 100% valuation per acre based on the current use value of farmland utilized for agricultural or horticultural purposes and not potential developmental or market value uses. Once classified, any change in use or withdrawal results in a supplemental tax penalty. For more information and an application contact the Assessor's Office.

Open Space - Registered land providing a defined public benefit through preservation or restrictions on use. The valuation for open space land is either the market value of open space land adjusted by the certified ratio or an alternative percentage-based method. The percentage-based method provides for reduction from market value relative to the restrictions placed on the property. The greater the restrictions on the property, the greater the reduction. Once classified, any change in use or withdrawal results in a supplemental tax penalty. For more information and an application contact the Assessor's Office.

Senior Tax Stabilization

Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens, also known as the Property Tax Stabilization Program, is a state program that allows certain senior-citizen residents to stabilize, or freeze, the property taxes on their homestead. As long as you qualify and file

a timely application each year, the tax billed to you for your homestead will be frozen at the amount you were billed in the prior tax year. Eligible residents who move may transfer the fixed tax amount to a new homestead, even if that new homestead is in a different Maine municipality.

Stabilization Application - The filing deadline for stabilization was December 1, 2022. Next year's application will be in August, 2023.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Planning Department supports and reviews projects for three quasi-judicial boards (Board of Appeals, Design Review Board and Planning Board). The department also supports the Conservation Commission and the Comprehensive Planning Committee. In 2022, staff support to boards and committees resulted in the review of 51 projects, involvement with five land use amendments, and the staffing of 83 meetings (includes workshops and site visits).

As housing continues to be one of the Town's top priorities, we are excited to let the community know that in 2022, the Planning Board approved several projects that will increase the housing supply. These include:

- 42 residential lots
- One 16-bed Employee Living Quarter
- One 84-bed Shared Accommodation
- One 50-bed student dormitory

In addition to project review and staffing of boards and committees, the department worked on several projects, including but not limited to:

Strategic Workplan — The department developed a strategic workplan that identifies the needs and opportunities in front of us. The workplan includes three goals: Excellence in customer service and delivery of services; Bar Harbor 2035 — a Comprehensive Plan that captures the community's vision for future growth and development, while preserving its character; and Policies, programs and land use regulations aligned with town-identified priorities.

Inclusionary Housing Program — The Planning Board and staff began discussion on the development of an inclusionary housing program (where developers set aside a certain percentage of the dwelling units within a new development for households of a certain income) including forms, levels, and the length of affordability.

Housing Opportunities — The department began work on an overlay district to implement “An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions,” generally referred to by its legislative tracking name of LD 2003. This State law requires that Bar Harbor amend its Land Use Ordinance to allow for a) additional density for affordable housing development in certain areas; b) multiple dwelling units on lots designated for housing; and c) one accessory dwelling unit located on the same lot as a single-family dwelling unit in any area where housing is permitted.

Land Use Amendment — The department drafted the elimination of the two-thirds supermajority vote for land use amendments. More information on this amendment is presented under the Planning Board section.

Identifying Zoning Barriers to Housing — The department worked in concert with the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce to identify the hurdles to housing development, to discuss plans,

and strategies to address the findings. These were also presented to the Town Council, and to boards and committees.

Following is a summary of the accomplishments of the three boards and the two committees that the department works with.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Generally, the Board of Appeals hears appeals of decision made by the Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Board, and Design Review Board.

In 2022, the Board met five times. There were two applications to relocate nonconforming structures, and both were approved. The remaining three applications were administrative appeals: one appealing the issuance of a building permit, and two appealing the denial of short-term rental registrations. The Board upheld the denials of both short-term rental registrations, and separately vacated the issuance of the particular building permit that was appealed and remanded it back to the Code Enforcement Officer.

Board of Appeals	2021	2022
Administrative Appeals	1	3
Variance Requests	0	0
Relocations of Nonconformity	0	2
Requests for Reconsideration	0	0
Other	1	0
Workshops	0	0
Total Board of Appeals Activity	2	5

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Generally, the mission of the Conservation Commission includes enhancing the conservation of natural resources, protecting water and shoreland, and enhancing the value of public parks and open spaces.

In 2022, at the request of the Town Council and Planning Board, the commission examined proposals for a large aquaculture project in Frenchman Bay and a commercial solar farm off of Knox Road. Commission members reviewed the respective applications, conducted research, and offered feedback.

The Conservation Commission struggled with maintaining a minimum membership, as the departure of two members in mid-2022 left it unable to achieve a quorum. From then on, workshops were held so important issues could continue being discussed. Among those issues were balancing the need for additional housing in town with the need to protect the natural resources that are closely linked with the town's character and public image.

After working the last two years to update the town’s Open Space Plan, the commission returned to the Town Council in 2022 to present the work that had been done. The Council voted unanimously to accept the document.

Conservation Commission	2021	2022
Meetings	12	6
Workshops/Work Sessions	1	5
Total Conservation Commission Activity	13	11

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

The Design Review Board is charged to look at “those elements of development, redevelopment, rehabilitation, and/or preservation that affect the visual quality” for the areas covered by the Design Review Overlay District.

The board reviewed and approved 32 applications for Certificates of Appropriateness in 2022. Five of those 32 were for new buildings. Of those five, four of them were in the Downtown/Village area: a new bank building, a new building for an existing eatery, a new building for medical students to live in while working at the hospital, and a new 84-bed shared accommodations building for a hotelier’s workforce.

On the Land Use Ordinance front, the Design Review Board fulfilled its annual duty and proposed a slate of revisions to Appendix A (the local list of properties designated as historic). These changes were approved handily by Bar Harbor voters at the polls in November 2022.

Though no other Land Use Ordinance amendments were brought forward by the Board in 2022, it was not for lack of interest. As 2022 ended, board members were looking at changing the Design Review Overlay District’s boundaries to make them easier to understand and less susceptible to shifting due to other zoning changes and focused on the highly visible parts of town that capture Bar Harbor’s character. They were also exploring the possibility of adding all the town properties on the National Register of Historic Places to the purview as a means of further protecting properties recognized as historically significant.

Concurrent with these efforts, staff has raised the possibility of shifting signage review (all but internally illuminated signs) to the Code Enforcement Officer, to allow the Design Review Board to focus on larger building projects and protecting historically important properties.

The Design Review Board’s ability to meet and conduct business was hampered for a time partway through the year, following the departure of three Board members for personal reasons. This left the Board unable to achieve a quorum for a time. Two residents were eventually appointed. Their willingness to serve allowed the Design Review Board to continue its important work.

Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC)	2021	2022
Meetings	1	12
Subcommittee Meetings	0	4
Public Forums	0	2
Total CPC Activity	1	18

PLANNING BOARD

Two Land Use Ordinance amendment re-zoning proposals were submitted by property owners in the latter half of 2021, and both were approved overwhelmingly at the polls in June of 2022. The Oceanarium on Route 3 received approval to have its property re-designated as Marine Research. Separately, The Jackson Laboratory received approval to have properties it owns re-zoned as Scientific Research for Eleemosynary Purposes (rather than Village Residential).

In 2022, the Planning Board reviewed, and recommended rejection of two proposed Land Use Amendments brought about by citizen petitions. An amendment to limit the number of disembarkations from cruise ships passed at the polls in November 2022 while a separate proposal to allow retail, adult-use marijuana stores in certain areas of town failed.

In late 2021, the Town Council proposed a Land Use Ordinance amendment to eliminate the requirement for a two-thirds supermajority to enact any future Land Use Ordinance amendments if the Planning Board did not make a favorable recommendation (a long-standing requirement in the Land Use Ordinance). That proposal was eventually brought before town voters in November of 2022, and passed (a majority of the Planning Board had recommended voting in favor of the amendment). As noted in the Design Review Board section of this report, an amendment to Appendix A in the Land Use Ordinance was also approved in November of 2022.

At the end of 2022, four proposed Land Use Ordinance amendments were brought forward to be voted on in June 2023. These amendments, summarized below, all further the intent of the 2019 Housing Policy Framework by removing barriers to housing development.

The **Double Setback Distances** amendment proposes to remove a standard that requires principal buildings constructed in a subdivision, where no lots are created, to be located so that the distance between principal buildings is double the setback requirement for the district in which the subdivision is located. This double setback requirement between principal buildings typically results in an unnecessary sprawling layout.

The **Floor Area Ratio** amendment proposes to remove the floor area ratio requirement from the Downtown Residential District.

The **Conversion to Multifamily Use** amendment proposes to remove standards that are more stringent when converting an existing structure into multifamily I or II dwelling units than what applies for the new construction of multifamily I or II dwelling units.

The **Underground Utilities** amendment proposes to remove the requirement that all new utilities be installed underground which adds additional costs to construction projects. This

will not prohibit developers from electing to install utilities underground.

The following table summarizes the board’s work load in 2021 and 2022, with regard to development applications, as well as Land Use Amendment requests and workshop sessions:

Planning Board:	2021	2022
Completeness Reviews	4	17
Site Visits	3	7
Neighborhood Meetings	2	0
Subdivision Sketch Plan Reviews	3	7
LUO Amendment Requests (from Public)	2	4
LUO Amendment Proposals (from Town)	8	1
Site Plan Approvals	3	11
Subdivision Lots Approved	9	13
Subdivision Dwelling Units Approved	24	42
Minor Subdivisions Approved	1	2
Minor Site Plans Approved	5	4
Workshop Sessions (including Joint WS)	6	4
Conditional Use	0	0
Total Planning Board Activity	70	112
Other Planning Department Tracking:	2021	2022
Checklist Reviews	21	24
Total Administration Activity	21	24

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gagnon, Planning Director
Steve Fuller, Assistant Planner
Tammy DesJardin, Administrative Assistant

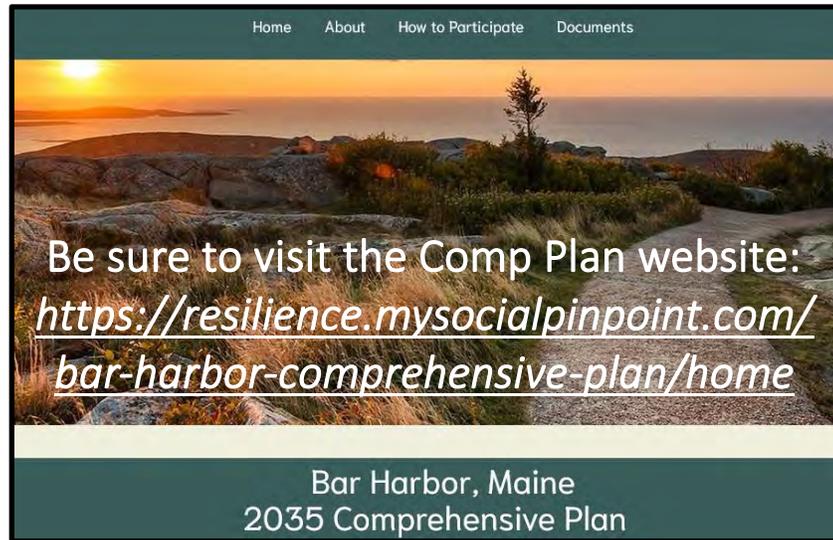
With gratitude, we list the residents below who provide active service to the Town:

BOARD OF APPEALS

Ellen Dohmen, Chair	Term Exp. 2024
Anna Durand, Vice-chair	Term Exp. 2023
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Heather Peterson	Term Exp. 2024
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Michael Siklosi	Term Exp. 2025

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Allison Sasner
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(There are currently four vacant seats on the Conservation Commission)

Jacquie Colburn	Term Exp. 2024
Christian Barter	Term Exp. 2024
Ted Koffman	Term Exp. 2024

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

(There are currently two vacant seats on the Design Review Board)

Barbara Sassaman, Chair	Term Exp. 2023
Francis “Pancho” Cole, Vice-chair	Term Exp. 2024
Andrea Lepcio, Secretary	Term Exp. 2023
Kate Macko	Term Exp. 2025
Mike Rogers	Term Exp. 2025

PLANNING BOARD

Millard Dority, Chair	Term Exp. 2023
Ruth Eveland, Vice-chair	Term Exp. 2024
Elissa Chesler, Secretary	Term Exp. 2024
Joseph Cough	Term Exp. 2023
Earl Brechlin	Term Exp. 2024
Zach Soares	Term Exp. 2025
Cali Martinez	Term Exp. 2025

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CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The Code Enforcement Division’s primary mission is to provide the public with the best customer service by continually striving to be more effective and efficient and to ensure that the public is informed of how Code Enforcement procedures relate to everyday life in regards to safety.

Notable projects permitted this year include the construction of the new Island Housing Trust subdivision development, the new Bangor Savings Bank located on Cottage Street, the Employee Living Quarters project on the Atlantic Oceanside property, construction of the 45 room Bed & Breakfast located on Cottage Street, the construction of a new student housing building at College of the Atlantic, an addition to the River Church, and the construction of a new daycare facility at The Jackson Laboratory.

Building Permits by Category	2022	Value
New Dwellings	45	\$14,681,765
Commercial/Industrial Permits	95	\$22,100,113
Garages/Additions/Other Improve.	186	\$12,787,168
Totals	326	\$49,569,046
Value of Improvements to Tax Exempt Properties		\$14,542,380
Total Value of Improvements to Taxable Properties		\$35,026,666

Building Permit Activity	2022	2021
Total Value of Building Permits	\$49,569,046	\$39,895,276
Value of Taxable Projects	\$35,026,666	\$31,527,551
Number of Building Permits	326	325
Number of New Dwellings	45	79
Number of Plumbing Permits	140	126
Number of Electrical Permits	275	202
Number of Site Inspection	735	606
Scheduled Conferences in Office	228	200
Vacation Rental Permits Issued	676	740
Vacation Rental Inspections	205	481
Violation Letters Sent	19	30

Administration

The Code Enforcement staff attended a variety of training programs in 2022. It is the goal of this department to remain informed of Federal, State, and Local codes as they relate to providing safety and code compliance.

While there were no updates in 2022, several significant building code updates are scheduled to be adopted by the State of Maine and the Town of Bar Harbor in early 2023. These changes include adopting the 2021 editions of the International Residential Code (IRC), the International Building Code (IBC), the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), and the 2023 edition of the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70 or NEC). The State of Maine has also scheduled an update of the Maine Subsurface Wastewater Rules which govern the design, installation and operation of septic systems. The Code Enforcement Division will continue to provide information, conduct outreach efforts, and post regular updates on regulatory changes. Code training opportunities will be provided to assist contractors and homeowners adapting to the code changes. The Code Enforcement Division website is regularly updated with guidance documents on these updates and other useful information.

The Code Enforcement Division is excited to announce that in 2022 we launched a new permitting program with an online permitting function. This will improve the permitting process for customers, increase productivity, and improve service delivery. The program allows customers to apply online, check their permit status, and make online payments. We welcome feedback on ways to improve the permitting process.

In closing, the Code Enforcement Division would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Bar Harbor for periodically adjusting to the changes in code and helping to make our job easier to enforce the changes and to insure their compliance.

Angela M Chamberlain
Code Enforcement Officer

Code Enforcement Office Staff

Angela Chamberlain, Code Enforcement Officer
Michael Gurtler, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
Tammy DesJardin, Administrative Assistant

BAR HARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement:

The Bar Harbor Fire Department's Mission is to provide a wide range of programs and services, including fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency medical services. These services are designed to protect the lives and property of the citizens and visitors to the Town of Bar Harbor from adverse effects of fire, medical emergencies, and man-made or natural disasters.

Fire Department Guiding Principles:

- Community
- Department
- Individual

For 2022, we responded to 1255 EMS and 710 fire calls, for a total of 1965. We also, continued to provide COVID 19 testing for town employees and neighboring agencies.

This past year, we made significant changes to the department. The biggest change has been the addition of a 4th shift. The creation of the 4th shift reduces the number of hours employees work per week, staff went from 56 hours a week to 42 hours. In making that change to the 4th shift, we had several promotions and hired five additional employees. John Lennon has been promoted to Deputy Chief of EMS Operations, Basil Mahaney is now Assistant Chief of Fire Operations, and Jon Wardwell has been promoted to Captain.

October of 2022, we entered into an agreement with the Town of Mount Desert to create and share a Deputy Chief of Emergency Medical Services. The shared Deputy Chief position between Bar Harbor FD and Mount Desert FD spends three days a week in Bar Harbor and two days a week in Mount Desert. The Deputy Chief is responsible for developing, managing, and evaluating all aspects of medical services provided by the fire departments. The Deputy Chief oversees the delivery of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at both the Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support levels, directs the department's EMS activities, supervising the use of equipment and pharmaceuticals, and training and evaluating personnel in the performance of these activities.

The creation of the 4th shift, shared Deputy Chief of EMS position, and promotions allowed us to assign Fire Operations to the Assistant Chief of the Department. Prior to the changes, we never had a designated fire officer assigned to oversee the fire operations of the department. The Assistant Chief will oversee all aspects of fire operations.

Full-time and Call Staff have been attending several outside training opportunities. Trainings the full-time staff attended are; advanced EMS classes, advanced tactics and strategies, fire officer first due classes, national incident management, arson investigation, with Call Firefighters attending the Hancock County Fire Academy and Bureau of Labor Standards Firefighter training hosted by the Town of Mount Desert. This training goes along with the weekly, and in most cases daily, training the staff conducts.

In October, Bar Harbor Fire became a Narcan distribution point in cooperation with Bangor Public Health and Healthy Acadia. We started island-wide training to help those in crisis, educating citizens on how to identify an overdose, what the signs and symptoms look like, and how to respond to the crisis. The training also included how to administer Narcan to a person having an overdose. Since the training was put into place in October, we have been made aware of two separate incidents where Narcan was administered by trained bystanders, resulting in positive outcomes.

The Bar Harbor Fire Department continues to work collaboratively with all the first responding agencies on the Island and Mount Desert Island Hospital. The Island Chief's meet regularly to discuss recruiting, training, and other ideas that will improve the services we provide not only for our town, but also to each other's communities.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the following individuals and agencies: Interim Town Manager Sarah Gilbert, The Honorable Town Council, Department Heads and their respective departments, all members of the various boards, and especially to the members of the Fire Department and their families.

Matthew Bartlett, Fire Chief

Bar Harbor Fire Department Staff

Full-time Staff

Fire Chief Matthew Bartlett
Deputy Chief of EMS John Lennon (Shared with the Town of Mount Desert)
Assistant Chief of Fire Operations Basil Mahaney
Captain Jai Higgins
Captain John Sanders
Captain Jon Wardwell
Firefighter/Medic Jon Zumwalt
Firefighter/Medic Dan Puckett
Firefighter/EMT-B Phil Richter
Firefighter/Medic Sean Hall
Firefighter/EMT-B John Barnes
Firefighter/EMT-B Wyatt Smith
Firefighter/EMT-A Samantha Dixon
Firefighter/EMT-B Jason Dyer
Firefighter/EMT-B Brandon Eugley
Firefighter/EMT-B Aleksandra Pond
Firefighter/EMT-B Ronald Gray Jr.
Firefighter/EMT-B Aidan Pratt

Call Staff/Part-Time Staff

Capt. Dan Daigle	Griffin Costello-Sanders
Lt. Matthew Horton	Darcy Kerr
Zach Soares	Darron Collins
Brian Crater	Rob Benson
Rob Gaynor	Cynder Johnson
Larry Nuesslein	Jeff Miller
Marc Wilhelm	

Fire Department Core Operations

- Fire Suppression
 - Protecting \$3.1 billion of assessed property value
- Emergency medical treatment & transport
- Advanced Life Support and mutual Fire/EMS for surrounding communities, including Acadia National Park
- Work Collaboratively with Federal, State, County and Local Agencies
- All Hazards Mitigation
- Daily FD Operations
- Preplan and train for the variety of incidents we respond
- Records management, reporting, and compliance for state and federal agencies
- Meet the seasonal demand created with tourism
- Participate with Technical Review Team and Planning Board Applicants
- Daily Fire/EMS training

Fire Department Community Outreach

- Fire Prevention
- Home safety inspections
- Fire extinguisher inspections
- School Visits and Fire Drills
- BH Housing Educational Presentations
- Knox Box Program
- Burn Permits
- Home smoke detector checks
- CPR Classes
- Stop the Bleed classes
- COVID testing for town employees, family, and MDI public safety agencies
- Continuing Education for fire/EMS
- Pulse Point AED Program
- Provide Color Guard for Community Events
- Car seat inspection, installation & education
- Narcan give away program and training on how to administer Narcan

2022 BHFD EMS Responses

Response Type Of Service Dispatched	911 Response (Scene)	Community Paramedicine	Intercept	Interfacility Transport	Medical Transport	Mutual Aid	PIFT (Paramedic Interfacility Transfer)	Public Assistance/ Other Not Listed	Specialty Care Transport	Standby	Not Reported	Total
Patient Disposition												
Assist - Agency	2				2	1			1			6
Assist - Public	6							7				13
Canceled (Prior to Arrival At Scene)	22		5	1								28
Canceled (Prior to En Route)	3				1			1				5
Canceled (Request Transferred to Another Provider)					1	1						2
Community Paramedicine Visit								1				1
Dead at Scene- No Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)	8											8
Dead at Scene- Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)	5											5
Intercept	1		37			2						40
No Patient Found/Contact	46							1		3		50
Patient Evaluated, No Treatment/Transport Required	30	124	1					2				157
Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (Without Transport)	49					1		1				51
Patient Treated - Refused Transport	166	1	1			1		7		4		180
Patient Treated, Released (per protocol)								7				7
Patient Treated, Transferred Care to Another Provider on Scene (non-EMS)	2											2
Standby - No Patient Contact										10		10
Standby - Public Safety Support								1		1		2
Treated - Transported by this EMS Unit	569		13	24	66	8	3		1			684
Treated, Transferred Care to Another EMS Unit	3											3
Not Reported											1	1
Grand Total	912	125	57	25	70	14	3	28	2	18	1	1,255

Bar Harbor Fire Department

Bar Harbor, ME

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Incident Type Count per Station for Date Range

Start Date: 01/01/2022 | End Date: 12/31/2022

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
Station: ST1 - BAR HARBOR FIRE STATION	
100 - Fire, other	3
111 - Building fire	10
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	6
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	6
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	2
143 - Grass fire	1
200 - Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other	1
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	41
320 - Emergency medical service, other	2
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	36
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	27
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	18
360 - Water & ice-related rescue, other	1
400 - Hazardous condition, other	2
410 - Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition, other	1
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	6
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	6
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	12
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1
444 - Power line down	14
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	6
462 - Aircraft standby	43
500 - Service Call, other	8
511 - Lock-out	1
520 - Water problem, other	7
521 - Water evacuation	6
522 - Water or steam leak	1
531 - Smoke or odor removal	3
550 - Public service assistance, other	8
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	5
553 - Public service	21

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INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
554 - Assist invalid	3
555 - Defective elevator, no occupants	1
561 - Unauthorized burning	1
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	3
600 - Good intent call, other	3
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	18
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	17
631 - Authorized controlled burning	2
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	13
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	2
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	2
700 - False alarm or false call, other	8
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	1
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	2
730 - System malfunction, other	13
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	7
732 - Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	1
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	30
734 - Heat detector activation due to malfunction	2
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	52
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	6
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	10
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	3
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	110
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	24
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	54
900 - Special type of incident, other	3
911 - Citizen complaint	4

Incidents for ST1 - Bar Harbor Fire Station:

706

Station: ST2 - TOWN HILL STATION

571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	3
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1

Incidents for ST2 - Town Hill Station:

4

Only REVIEWED incidents included.

BHFD EMS Incidents by Agency by Month 2022

Incident Month Name	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Count of Incidents Grand Total
Agency Name (dAgency-03)													
Bar Harbor Fire Dept	110	55	64	72	125	107	145	138	147	135	89	68	1,255
Grand Total	110	55	64	72	125	107	145	138	147	135	89	68	1,255

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Town Manager, the Honorable Town Council and the citizens of the Town of Bar Harbor, I hereby submit the 2022 Annual Report for the Police Department. The Bar Harbor Police Department's primary mission is to protect and serve our community to the greatest extent possible, to protect life and property, and to prevent crime by delivering the best possible law enforcement services.

Our Patrol Division and Dispatch Office are staffed 24/7. Our Public Safety Dispatch Services are enhanced with redundancies between BH and MD facilities and federal radio frequencies. Our full time staff consists of 21 sworn officers (14 Bar Harbor & 7 Mount Desert) and 7 dispatchers (4 Bar Harbor & 3 Mount Desert), 1 Assistant Harbormaster and several seasonal staff for parking enforcement and cruise ship activities. In 2022, due to a staffing shortage with overnight dispatching in Mount Desert, we closed the Mount Desert dispatch center from 11pm-7am with all calls being forwarded to Bar Harbor PD. Because of our dispatch enhancements and redundancies between the two towns, this proved to be very successful and we have continued with this schedule on a permanent basis. One sworn officer is trained as our Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) responsible for ensuring all staff complies with FBI regulations for our NCIC terminals. All other full time dispatchers are certified as Terminal Control Operators. Our dispatchers answer general questions about the town and dispatch for Police, Fire, EMS, Public Works employees and school busses. We offer a Good Morning Program to our elderly population which allows our day time dispatchers to make daily phone contact with each participant to ensure their well-being. We currently have 8 participants in this program, 3 are Bar Harbor Residents and 5 are Mount Desert Residents. Anyone interested in participating in this program can contact the Bar Harbor & Mount Desert Police Department for more information.

All of our Police Officers have law enforcement authority in both towns. Our Officers are encouraged to develop specialties, many of which require special training and certifications. Among our full time patrol staff, we have 2 certified Drug Recognition Experts for impaired driving enforcement, several Field Training Officers for training new Police Officers, 1 trained School Resource Officer who serves in the local school system pursuant to our Memorandum of Understanding with AOS 91, Certified Firearms Instructors to provide biannual training for our Police Officers and to instruct on behalf of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. In addition, we have Taser & Use of Force Instructors, a Forensic Interviewer for children disclosing sexual abuse and 8 Officers with Crisis Intervention Training. These officers have completed 40 hours of specialized training focused on de-escalation and community based services for people experiencing mental health crisis. Our Officers are encouraged to be involved with our community. If you have an idea you think can help with those efforts, please get in touch with us so we can work together to strengthen our community relationships.

During 2022, the Town again shared their Police Chief with the Town of Bar Harbor. Through this formal agreement between the two towns, I split my time between the two communities and Bar Harbor pays Mount Desert for 60% of the expenses related to my position. A similar agreement, in reverse, has allowed us to share our Administrative Assistant who is a Bar Harbor employee with an office at Mount Desert PD. This year we implemented a new 5 year agreement that is expected to continue through 2027. This new agreement between the two Towns now includes Captain David Kerns who is also a Bar Harbor Employee. The Town of Mount Desert reimburses Bar Harbor for 40% of the expenses related to our Captain and Administrative Assistant.

We continue to utilize a single work schedule for our patrol and supervision of both PD's that provides for a minimum of three officers to be on duty at a time, and for a Supervisor to be on duty 18 to 20 hours a day, seven days a week. Supervisors provide on call coverage during the remaining overnight hours. Our towns are divided into 3 patrol zones which ignore town lines and create enhanced call response times when compared to our departments working independently. Officers from both PD's routinely patrol and respond to calls in both towns, which help us achieve our goal of enhanced service for our communities. Our policies and procedures are fully acclimated, as are our equipment, radio communications and records management systems.

During calendar year 2022, the Police Department responded to approximately 4,314 incidents in Bar Harbor. Of these incidents, 197 resulted in individuals being charged with criminal offenses and 89 involved traffic tickets issued for non-criminal traffic infractions. In addition many warnings were issued for a variety of offenses. Below is a summarized listing of the types of incidents we responded to with totals for each. While not inclusive of all incidents, this listing provides an overview of Police Department related activity in town.

False 911 Calls - 724	Lost/Found Property - 505	M/V Accidents – 339; 24 w/injury	Citizen Assist - 225
Suspicious Activity - 206	Activated Alarms - 188	M/V Complaints- 181	Animal Problem - 166
Well-Being Check - 160	Traffic Hazzard – 94	Noise Complaint - 89	Parking Complaint - 77
Fingerprinting-75	Theft -55	Domestic – 46	Special Details – 45
Disorderly - 40	Trespassing - 39	Traffic Offense-39	Harassment - 36
Operating Under the Influence – 33	Municipal Violations - 31	Intoxicated Persons - 30	Fraud - 25
Disabled Motorists – 24	Vandalism - 19	Mental Illness-19	Warrant Arrests – 17
Assaults - 15	Property Damage-15	Missing Persons-14	Gunshots - 13

Special Services Division

The Bar Harbor and Mount Desert Police Department Special Services Division includes the Bar Harbor Harbor Department, Bar Harbor and Mount Desert Parking Programs including enforcement, all activities related to cruise ship planning, coordination and management of visits, shellfish enforcement, street light management, and training coordination for the police departments.

The Harbor Department consists of one full-time Harbormaster Assistant and one seasonal assistant. In the summer months, the Port Security Office is staffed from 7AM to 5PM Monday through Sunday and in the winter from 8AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday. With the merger of the Harbor Department into the Police Department, we were able to provide increased office coverage and better staffing levels, providing a higher level of service to the community. The Harbor Department performs a variety of daily tasks ranging from making reservations for transient yachts to transporting medical crews to emergency scenes on the water.

2022 was another busy year for the department seeing approximately 100 transient yachts at our docking facility, over 114 boaters on our rental moorings and heavy use of the pier and other related infrastructure by the commercial fishing fleet. Cruise ships also returned to the harbor in 2022 seeing 143 cruise ships anchored in the bay with 267,281 passengers on board according to the lower berth capacity of the ships. Our civilian parking enforcement staff performed the role of traffic control for all of the cruise ship visits in 2022. We responded to several calls for service using the Police Boat and patrolled the harbor and the bay on a regular basis.

The Parking Division consists of 5 to 10 seasonal enforcement staff including the Parking Manager. This division is responsible for parking enforcement in both towns. Parking Enforcement staff are on duty from 8AM to 8PM 7 days per week from May 15th to October 30th.

Parking Enforcement staff perform a variety of functions in their daily roles including general maintenance and repair of the parking system, issuing parking tickets to violators, responding to parking complaints by citizens, providing traffic control and oversight for cruise ship visits and assisting the Police Department with traffic control at emergency scenes. In the summer of 2022, Parking Enforcement staff issued over 5,000 parking citations in Bar Harbor and the paid parking system earned over \$2 million dollars in revenue.

We continue to cross train many staff members to work in both the Parking and Harbor divisions allowing us to provide enhanced services and a high level of responsiveness and customer service. Our staff will continue to strive to enhance the level of service we provide to the Citizens and Visitors of Bar Harbor and strengthen relationships with our community.

Respectfully Submitted,



James K. Willis
Chief of Police

**Bar Harbor Police Department
Chief James Willis**

Officers

Captain David Kerns

Lieutenant Christopher Wharff

Sergeant Douglas Brundrett

Sergeant Soren Sundberg

Officer Timothy Bland

Officer Timothy Frost

Officer Judson Cake

Officer Jerrod Hardy

Officer Christopher Dickens

Officer Elias Burne

Officer Caleb Mora

Officer Aime Torrey

Officer Casey Willard

Officer Nathan Formby

Administrative Assistant

Karen Richter

Harbormaster

Lieutenant Christopher Wharff

Harbormaster Assistant

Chris Johansen

Jimmy Differ – Part Time/Seasonal

Dispatchers

Lori Bartlett

Nicole Austin

Timothy Dunton

Samuel Horne

Shelby O'Neil – Part Time

School Crossing Guards

Susan Murphy

Cas Dowden

Parking Enforcement

Lieutenant Christopher Wharff

Scott Pinkham

Susan Murphy

Animal Control Officer

Scott Pinkham

Cleaning Assistant

Claudia Broadie

HARBOR COMMITTEE

Jeff Miller, Chair	Term Exp. 2024
Larry Nuesslein III, Vice Chair	Term Exp. 2024
Robert Garland	Term Exp. 2023
Jamie Weir, Secretary	Term Exp. 2024
Jerry Blandford	Term Exp. 2023
Francis “Pancho” Cole	Term Exp. 2023
Jon Carter	Term Exp. 2024
Micala Delepierre	Term Exp. 2025
Kaitlyn Mullen	Term Exp. 2025
Ed Monat	Term Exp. 2025

Staff: Harbormaster Chris Wharff

MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Chris Petersen, Chair	Term Exp. 2025
Joanna Fogg, Vice-chair	Term Exp. 2025
Fiona de Koning, Secretary	Term Exp. 2023
Natalie Springuel	Term Exp. 2023
Scott Swann	Term Exp. 2023
Matt Gerald	Term Exp. 2024
John Avila	Term Exp. 2024

Staff: Harbormaster Chris Wharff

CRUISE SHIP COMMITTEE

Martha Searchfield Chamber of Commerce Rep,Chair	Term Exp. 2024
Lawrence Sweet, Taxi and Tours Rep, Vice Chair	Term Exp. 2023
Eben Salvatore, Cruise Ship Tender Ops Rep,	Term Exp. 2024
Matthew Hochman, Town Council Rep.	Term Exp. 2023
Sandy McFarland, Resident at Large	Term Exp. 2025
Jeremy Dougherty, Downtown Business Rep	Term Exp. 2023
Jennifer Cough, Downtown Business Rep	Term Exp. 2024
Ken Smith, Resident at Large	Term Exp. 2024
*Greg Gordon, Shore Excursion Rep	Term Exp. 2023
John Kelly, Acadia National Park Rep	Term Exp. 2023
*Sarah Flink, CruiseMaine Rep	Term Exp. 2025
*Prentice “Skip” Strong, Maritime Industry Rep.	Term Exp. 2023
*Amy Powers, Rep with knowledge of the cruise ship industry in Maine	Term Exp. 2023

Staff: Police Chief Jim Willis, Harbormaster Chris Wharff, Deputy Clerk Lynn Kenison Higgins

*Non-voting committee member

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

As the department's Director, my primary objective is to ensure that each division functions in accordance with our mission statement which is:

To operate, maintain and improve the Town's infrastructure, including our roads, sidewalks, parks, buildings, storm drain systems, wastewater system, water system, solid waste and recycling facilities, as efficiently and professionally as possible, while treating taxpayers, ratepayers, visitors and employees in a helpful, friendly and courteous manner, and abiding by the American Public Works Association Code of Ethics.

In order to achieve our mission, the Department is separated into four divisions: Highway, Solid Waste, Water and Wastewater. The operational aspects of the Divisions are handled by the respective superintendents.

In mid-2022, the Town negotiated and renewed a three-year agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 340. New to the agreement was the inclusion of the Water Division. In addition, positions within the Highway and Solid Waste Divisions were reclassified relative to the drivers' license classifications (Class A, B and C).

With the voter-approved bond passage for the Priority Infrastructure Improvements Project at the June 2022 Town Meeting, work commenced to address combined sewer overflow (CSO) mandates, sewer and stormwater collection system needs, water distribution and storage system needs, and streetscape and undergrounding.

Also approved in the FY23 budget at the June 2022 Town Meeting was a significant investment in the on-going maintenance of the Town's infrastructure. We bought one new GPS unit and upgraded an existing GPS unit in order to begin the process of accurately mapping our infrastructure and collect critical asset information, such as pipe size and material at the same time. The data collected by the GPS unit is used to validate our existing asset data (location, asset features, and current condition) and collect new information on our assets. This undertaken enables us to make data-driven decisions to wisely invest the Town's funds.

Highway Division

The Highway Division not only handles the roads, sidewalks, drainage systems, and roadside trees throughout the year, but also handles operations for Parks and Recreation, Cemeteries, Comfort Stations, as well as installing / uninstalling parking meters. Additionally, the mechanics within the Highway Division are performing maintenance work and inspections for the entire fleet of Town-owned vehicles, including Police and Fire.

Early 2022, Travis Smith was promoted to the position of Highway Foreman. Sixteen years previously, Travis joined the Highway Division as a Driver. He later qualified and was assigned the position of Equipment Operator. The Division welcomed back Scott Hopkins to the crew as a Maintenance Worker A. Scott brings more than 21 years of public works service to the Town. Benjamin Beal was promoted to the position of Equipment Operator and was

joined by new employee Glenn Smith as an Equipment Operator. New hire Matthew Hudson joined the crew as Maintenance Worker C. One position vacancy remains open.

Compared with the previous year that dropped 26 inches of snow during 2021, the Highway Division dealt with 64 inches of snow during the storms from January through December 2022. Approximately 9,960 cubic yards of snow were hauled out of the downtown area. An in-town winter sand pile for residents was maintained for 24-hour access on lower Ledge lawn Avenue and at the Public Works Facility in Hulls Cove.

Residents continue to benefit from the leaf composting area at the Public Works Facility by depositing leaves and grass clippings throughout the year. This self-serve operation is very popular. The Highway equipment operators manage the mountainous quantities (500-plus tons), and residents return in the spring to obtain the rich composted material.

The scrap metal recycling sited at Public Works is also highly frequented for deposits by residents and businesses. This remains one of the few recycling items that continues to generate revenue for the Town. The 2022 metal pile revenue and tons are reported under Solid Waste below.

On-going parking meter and kiosk installations, repairs and replacements continued throughout 2022. The spring and fall clean-up programs continued as usual. Approximately 350 tons of catch basin grit and street sweepings were removed throughout the Town. The construction season yielded several projects. A 24-inch culvert was replaced on Crooke Road, along with on-going Town-wide culvert cleaning, asphalt repair and pot hole filling. Additionally, there was sidewalk reconstruction on 200-linear-foot and 147-linear-foot sections on Main Street, which included the resetting of 137-linear feet of granite wall and paver replacements at the Village Green. A 292-linear-foot sidewalk section was replaced on Cottage Street. Six bollards were added along the Eden Street sidewalk. Eight wayfinding directional signs were added to the intersection of West Street and Holland Avenue. Curbing was added at Kids' Corner Day Care.

One curb cut application was approved by Town Council in 2022 for 2 Mt. Avenue.

The Highway crew addressed some safety concerns at the Ferry Terminal and also helped to make it a more usable space: parking spaces were painted for paid Bay Ferry use only and for free public parking spaces.

The temporary Cromwell Bridge #3, a Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) bridge, on lower Ledge lawn Avenue remained open to one -way traffic while DOT progresses with engineering to repair the bridge. The bridge is in poor condition, and a temporary bridge structure was required to protect the integrity of the existing bridge.

Survey and engineering design work progressed for the Sand Point Road retaining wall, Norway Drive / Crooked Road stream crossing, Rodick Street reconstruction, Atlantic Avenue drainage issues, and streetscape undergrounding projects.

The Division's equipment fleet was strengthened with the trade-in of a 2014 Chevy ¾-ton truck and the 2012 Trackless sidewalk plow that were replaced with a 2022 Chevy ¾-ton truck and a 2022 Multihog sidewalk plow, respectively. The Solid Waste Division 2009 Case loader/backhoe and Water Division John Deere 310 loader were traded in for a new 2021 John Deere 410 backhoe/loader for shared use by all Public Works divisions. A replacement for the 2018 street sweeper was put on order with an eight-month lead time for delivery. The 22-year-old heavy equipment vehicle lift was replaced with a new portable vehicle lift which is used for servicing all Town vehicles. Also, to support equipment maintenance, the 24-year-old faulty arc welder was replaced with a used updated welder.

Parks and Recreation

The ball diamond collaborative maintenance arrangement with the Acadian Little League (ALL) continues to the benefit of all users of the Athletic Field. A protective pole pad was installed at the basketball court. The YMCA entered into a lease agreement with the Town for day time use of a specific ballfield for YMCA summer camps from June through August.

The Town Band resumed performances on the Village Green. Other groups took to the parks: art shows, the Corvette display, sports games, half-marathons, the Marty Lyons Little League Classic Tournament, seaside cinemas, luminary event, weddings, Acadia night sky festival, the Pancake Breakfast/Seafood Festival and other interest groups. Significant spring restoration work was conducted on baseball and softball fields.

The Parks and Recreation Committee held ten meetings in 2022. They worked on issues related to Town parks; athletic fields and playgrounds; Glen Mary woods and pool; and reviewed event permit applications. Current committee members are John Kelly, Greg Veilleux, Desiree Sirois, Bob Huff and Jeff Dobbs.

The Committee responded to requests for an in-town Bar Harbor Dog Park on public property, with great public input for ideas. Work was initiated for the addition of such a facility adjacent to the Athletic Field. The Town entered into a MOU with the dog park proponents. The Glen Mary Wading Pool was damaged and unable to open in 2022; however, the Committee has received a lot of public input on what features should be designed into its replacement.

Cemeteries

Restoration of the Village Burying Ground (Mount Desert Street cemetery) wall sections was completed.

Benches and Bike Racks

Crews continued to perform on-going maintenance on benches and bike racks. No new benches or bike racks were added to downtown.

Trees

Three maples and two elms were replaced along Cottage and Main Street. Ongoing tree maintenance with trimming and chipping was conducted.

Solid Waste Division

The Municipal Review Committee, Inc. (MRC) acquired the solid waste processing facility in Hampden through a special purpose entity, Municipal Waste Solutions, LLC (MWS), which is wholly owned by MRC. MRC continues with recapitalization and restructuring to secure private sector interests and to pursue public financing options, with the goal of opening the “Fiberight” facility in Hampden. The facility remained closed throughout 2022, and extra solid waste hauling costs continued during 2022 to transport waste to alternate disposal sites.

Superintendent Percy Clifford resigned early in the year. In addition, Samuel Bannister resigned after 12 years of service. The Highway and Wastewater Division employees supported operations during this time to keep the facility operational. The solid waste became fully staffed with the additions of William Shephard and Howard Carter in the fall of 2022.

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)

For our MSW, we have witnessed a 3% decrease in 2022 from the previous year. In 2021, we shipped 5,178 tons of MSW compared to 5,036 tons in 2022. The additional MSW hauling cost in 2022 was \$58,033. We are currently continuing to send our MSW to Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) in Orrington and Juniper Ridge in Old Town.

Single Sort Recycling (SSR)

In 2022, we shipped 654 tons of SSR to Casella Waste Systems, a recycling facility in Old Town. Compared with 676 tons in 2021, this represents a decrease in SSR tonnage of roughly 3% at an extra cost of \$62,146.

Metal Recycling

Scrap metal revenues continue to fluctuate with the market. We recycled 141 tons, which netted \$12,703 in 2022. For comparison, 137 tons of scrap metal were recycled in 2021, which netted \$7,582.

Water Division

Jeff Van Trump retired from the Water Division after 18 Years of service. Brady Anderson was promoted to Interim Water Superintendent. Bennett Liscomb was promoted to Water Treatment Manager and Jason Alley was promoted to Water Distribution Manager. The Water Division also hired one new employee, Mike Faulkingham, to fill one of the vacancies left by the departure of Todd Daley and John Stewart. Mike Faulkingham brings an array of diverse experience to the Water Division and has a background working for public works.

As in previous years, we are continuing to replace old water meters. This year we replaced 8 manual read meters with new radio read meters. We currently have 1774 of the total 1792 meters reporting on radios. Many customers have seen the benefits of the radio read meters. With this system, in 2022, we notified approximately 43 customers that they had leaks in their plumbing. Of those customers, 12 had water leaks greater than 25 cubic feet per hour (187 gallons per hour or 3 gallons per minute). The largest water leak was 128 cubic feet per hour (957.44 gallons per hour or 15.96 gallons per minute). By notifying customers of the leaks in their plumbing, we have saved many customers hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars in water and sewer bills and personal property damage. In addition to replacing meters, in 2022 we repaired 3 water main leaks and replaced three aging Hydrants.

We are continuing to use the PeopleGIS system for mapping the water mains, service valves, hydrants and other Water Division infrastructure. This program allows us to map the infrastructure while performing our daily tasks. Although to map every valve, pipe and fitting will take several years to complete, the information will help us better respond to emergencies. We continue to link the valves and hydrants to the asset management system, which allows us to keep track of maintenance completed on individual assets.

The Duck Brook facility continues to function well since the upgrades in 2013. This year, we treated about 380,431,300 gallons of water. The average daily amount treated was 1,042,278 gallons with a peak of 2,593,800 gallons on Aug. 4th.

Wastewater Division

In early 2022, the Utilities Superintendent, Jeff Van Trump retired from his position that served both Water and Wastewater. On March 1, 2022, Tony Griffin was promoted to Wastewater Superintendent and holds the necessary licenses to meet state regulations. Austin Townley, who was hired in 2021, was promoted to Lab Technician after serving on the Line Maintenance crew. We had two vacancies in line maintenance and these positions were filled with new hires: Jarod Donnell and Chris Barlow. With these staffing changes, the division was returned to eight (8) full time employees, including the dedicated Wastewater Superintendent.

The year ended with a recorded total rainfall of 59.75 inches, which resulted in twenty overflow events for 2022 versus eight for 2021. Intensity and length of storms are leading contributing factors to overflows. Additionally, collection system rehabilitation projects, including main replacements, point source repairs, manhole replacements and flow monitoring, have all contributed to the reduction of inflow and infiltration (I&I) flow into the collection system. This approach has proven to reduce overflow events.

To assist with our Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) program, the Town currently has 23 in-system flow meters at key locations throughout the collection systems in the downtown area and hulls cove area. This year we upgraded 16 Meters with new 4G cellular modems. The flow meter data is being used to develop a hydraulic model of our collection system to allow us to understand the system's response to rain events and to allow us to model the various options of reducing our CSO volumes.

Vital to the I&I removal efforts is the collection system crew's work. Included this year was the inspection of 32,707 linear feet and cleaning of 7,355 linear feet of sewer mains by our line maintenance crew. These efforts determine the condition of the collection system and facilitate the planning and implementation of necessary improvements.

Of course, your Wastewater crew continues routine work which includes, but is not limited to, property inspections, grease trap inspections, dig safe work, sludge dewatering and hauling, septic receiving, mandated laboratory testing, sewer connection permits, plant tours and safety/professional/compliance training. The inspector processed 18 new sewer connection permits this year. Besides the specific tasks above, the Wastewater crew performs routine maintenance on three wastewater treatment plants and eleven pump stations. In addition, the pump station at the Public Works complex in Hulls Cove was beyond service life and replaced in 2022.

In addition to all of the activities described above, all public works staff stepped up to the challenges we faced in 2022, including increases in land-based tourism, supply chain issues, staff turnover, and fully integrating new and promoted employees into their new positions. I'm proud to lead a professional group of dedicated and innovative Town employees. I also want to recognize the residents and businesses of Bar Harbor, the various committees and organizations, volunteers and other Town staff, who all helped Public Works' operations succeed throughout 2022.

Bethany Leavitt
Public Works Director

2022 PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Highway Division

Bill Soukup, Superintendent
Travis Smith, Foreman
Jordan Pelletier, Mechanic
Patrick Kaemerer, Maintenance Worker A
Ben Beal, Equipment Operator
Stephen LaBelle, Mechanic
Jeffrey Lewis, Maintenance Worker B
Jason Lawrence, Maintenance Worker A
Matthew Hudson, Maintenance Worker C
Glenn Smith, Equipment Operator
Scott Hopkins, Maintenance Worker A
Suzanne Banis, Office Manager

Solid Waste Division

Sean Sweeney, Maintenance Worker A
William Shephard, Maintenance Worker C
Howard Carter, Maintenance Worker A

Wastewater Division

Tony Griffin, Wastewater Superintendent
Pat Kidder, Collection System Manager
Everett Sanborn, Operations Manager
Shawn Young, Maintenance Technician I
John ("Jay") Desjardin, Maintenance Technician II
Austin Townley, Laboratory Technician
Jarod Donnell, Maintenance Worker I
Christopher Barlow, Maintenance Worker I

Water Division

Brady Anderson, Interim Water Superintendent
Bennett Liscomb, Water Treatment Manager
Jason Alley, Distribution System Manager
Josh Conary, Maintenance Technician I
Michael Faulkingham, Maintenance Technician I
Nancy Warner, Office Manager

CONNERS EMERSON SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT 2022-2023

We have had an amazing school year and are excited to share with you all the wonderful things that happen at the Connors Emerson School.

The enrollment for the Connors-Emerson School is as follows:

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Oct 1, 2021	34	36	47	34	34	40	38	33	38	334*

*Current enrollment: 325 (03/17/23)

Every Student, Every Day

At the Connors Emerson School, we pride ourselves in knowing each of our students and their families in order build a strong school community and a positive school culture. Knowing our students' areas of strength and challenge, providing opportunities for student voice and choice in order to increase engagement as well as collaborating with our local educational partnerships to enhance place-base learning has helped to create an incredible learning environment.

As a district we are working on the following goals:

Goal 1: *Improve Student Achievement and Engagement in School-*

CES teachers and staff are dedicated to providing instruction which meets the needs of the individual student, as well as to develop skills which deepen and expand upon the learning standards. Each student in grades K-8 has an individual technology device such as a chromebook, iPad or Mac Air in order to build 21st century communication skills, as well as reinforce skills through software programs. Our MTSS (Multi-Tiered Support System) program continues to meet students where they are in order to support their learning in the areas of Math, Reading, and Writing, helping them meet expected standards and preparing students for any

opportunity they may choose to explore. We will continue to bridge the learning gap of students in need through in school and summer programming.

Goal 2: *Improve Teaching and Learning-*

Our teachers and staff are dedicated to continued professional learning, regularly attending trainings, completing advanced graduate coursework, as well as interning with our community partners. Currently over 50% of our teachers have advanced degrees. Collaboration has been a focus for this year in by planning times for teachers to meet in their teams to create cross-curricular units, discuss students of concern, review student data, and plan for engaging units of study.

We implemented a MTSS program that helps us to identify areas of challenge for students, provide targeted interventions, and progress monitor to determine if the interventions were effective or need to be modified. Our literacy and math interventionists assess progress, analyze student data and consult with classroom teachers to address the specific needs of students, identify gaps in their learning, and inform instruction. We look forward to reflecting on how our MTSS program met the needs of our students this year in order to plan for the next school year.

Our areas of academic focus for the 22-23 school year was Math. Teachers in grades K-5 piloted a new math program, Eureka2 with success. Professional development and on-going training has helped to strengthen our math program in the younger grades. We are also part of the All Learners Network (K-8) which supports math teachers through observations, workshops, facilitate conversations, and online resources.

Goal 3: *Strategic Allocation of Resources, Use of Personnel and Financial*

We appreciate that the majority of our school budget is funded by local tax payers. Being fiscally responsible with spending is our priority. The School Building Committee is moving forward with plans to replace the Emerson building (1962) and Conners building (1952) with a new school building pending voting approval. With the uncertainty of the buildings' future, we are continuing to maintain the safety of our buildings, making the necessary repairs, but being mindful of spending money on new projects within the buildings that could be replaced in the next few years. We did have a few unexpected building projects that arose due to the age and condition of our buildings with a boiler needing to be replaced during the winter months, the library being closed for a few months due to a musty smell coming from the separation between wall and foundation as well as several roof leaks that caused classrooms to be relocated.

Student engagement is an important part of student learning and feeling connected to their school community. Our teachers incorporate “hooks” into their lessons to increase student engagement. We also work with our local education partners to have students experience place-based learning. Our 6th graders will be heading to SEA Camp for 3 days at the Schoodic Educational Research Center, our 8th graders learned about water quality on the floating classroom with Somes-Meynell. Our 6th graders headed south to the Science Center in Portland. We also are so fortunate to have Camp BeechCliff as a partner for community-building activities and district-wide days. Several students are also participating in internship opportunities at the SPCA and Bar Harbor Public Works getting real world experience.

Student voice and choice is a priority and we strive to create opportunities for all students to explore their interests and be part of social groups or teams. In

lieu of study halls, students in grades 6-8 were able to choose a Clubs and Classes option at the end of the day. Some of the options offered (that changed quarterly) were woodburning, Spheroes Robotics, No Sew, Open Table Volunteers, Latin Club, Claymation, French Cooking, Stock Market, Badminton, Yoga, Building Stewards, Photography, Maker Space, and Kindergarten helpers. Our traditional school sports teams are always very popular, in addition to the new clubs and groups that have emerged based upon student interests. Here are just a few of the afterschool options available to our students: Outdoor Club, Dungeons & Dragons, Cooking Club, Art Clubs, Civil Rights Team, Green Team, Lego Challenge Clubs, Volleyball, Science Olympiad, Show Stoppers, Math Counts, Rock Band, and Chess Club.

All of our CES sports teams have done very well. Our baseball and softball teams are now district-based and not only CES. This helps build connections across schools and provide our athletes with appropriate challenge. Our spring track team had an excellent season and displayed sportsmanship in all of their meets. In the fall our soccer teams (A and B teams) were very successful in their matches with a championship win over Lamoine. The cross-country team continued to show excellence sportsmanship in cheering each other on and we had some very, very fast times posted in their invitationals. Our girls basketball team and boys B team had rebuilding years with many new players and we look forward to see their progress next season. Our boys A team won their championship against Blue Hill in an amazingly close game. Our cheerleading squad this year was huge and they were amazing as they performed at the home and championship basketball games this season.

Our Math Counts Team coached by Joel Graber placed first for teams in the State of Maine. We also had a student place first individually and he will now compete at the national competition later this spring along with Coach Graber who was chose as the Maine State Coach this year. Mrs. Edmondson's Show

Choir headed to the state competition in Millinocket with their amazing production.

We are proud of our two National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Awards (2017, 2004) and being recognized by Niche (www.niche.com) for #1 best public elementary school (1 of 306) and #1 public middle schools (1 out of 178) in the State of Maine. These ratings are a direct reflection of the professionalism and dedication of our amazing staff that work tirelessly to provide the best educational experience possible for the children of Bar Harbor.

Our school continues to celebrate diversity and individual uniqueness. with our middle school Civil Rights Teams. We also have a dedicated group of teachers that meet weekly to help our school in better understanding anti-racism, diversity, equity and inclusion. This year we continue to emphasize **ROAR** (**R**especting **O**thers and self- **A**ct **R**esponsibly) and Tiger **PRIDE** (**P**romoting **R**esponsibility **I**n our **D**aily **E**nvironment).

Mrs. Edmondson will be retiring this year. We have appreciated her years of service in creating a love of music for all students at CES since 1990.

In closing, we would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort of the bus drivers, cafeteria staff, custodians, support staff, teachers and community members, and parents that have helped to make this a successful school year. The staff and students at Connors-Emerson continue to be most appreciative of the community's contributions and support. We welcome your feedback and value hearing from you.

Thank you Bar Harbor Families and Community for all of the support and love you have shown CES this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Webster, School Principal

Michael Fournier, Assistant Principal

Professional Staff	Curricular	Years of Exp.	Education
Heather Webster	School Principal	21	5+
Michael Fournier	Assistant Principal	14	5
Laura Savage	Special Education Coordinator	18	5
*Amanda Dyer	Kindergarten Teacher	33	4
*Deb Mountford	Kindergarten Teacher	27	4+
Amber Newman	Kindergarten Teacher	17	4
Kimberly Craighead	Grade One Teacher	12	4
Sarah Pottle	Grade One Teacher	5	4
Jamie Young	Grade One Teacher	7	4
Patty Galeaz	Grade Two Teacher	27	4
Isabel Keene	Grade Two Teacher	4	4
Marcia Rechholtz	Grade Two Teacher	5	4
Allyson Bender	Grade Two Teacher	2	4
Meryl Sweeney	Grade Four Teacher	10+	5
Marianne Tripp	Grade Three Teacher	8	4
Kristin Murphy	Grade Four Teacher	1	5
Renee Quebbeman	Grade Four Teacher	1	4
Meggie Curtis	Grade Five ELA Teacher	4	4
Heather Dority	Grade Five Math Teacher	15	4
Beth Gilman	Grade Six ELA Teacher	14	5
Christina Nicholson	Grade Six Math Teacher	17	5
*Brian Cote	Grades 5/6 Science Teacher	25	5
Michael Newman	Grades 5/6 Social Studies Teacher	1	4
Amanda Patten	Grade Seven ELA Teacher	3	5

Kim Smallidge	Grade Seven Math Teacher	30	5
Amy Schmitt	Grade Eight ELA Teacher	5	4
Keely McConomy	Grade Eight Math Teacher	2	4
Lynn Hanna	Grade 7/8 Science Teacher	15	4+
Jaylene Roths	Grades 7/8 Social Studies Teacher	1	4
Anne Rosborough	Special Education Teacher	32	4
Melanie Mace	Special Education Teacher	22	4
Deidre Swan	Special Education Teacher	7	5
Kim Gray	Special Education Teacher	13	5+
Suzanne Bishop	Speech/Language Teacher	25	CCC/5+
Jeanne Gilpatrick	Speech/Language Teacher	35	CCC/5+
Kelly Beauieu	K-4 Reading Interventionist	25	4
Caresse Hanson	K-4 Reading Interventionist	7	4+
Nikki Dawes	K-4 Math Interventionist	10+	4+
Jennifer Sirois	5-8 ELA Interventionist	10+	4+
Rachel Umphrey	5-8 Math Interventionist	10+	4
Mary Mackay	Gifted/Talented Teacher	17	4+
Melissa Bishop	School Nurse	26	RN/4
Michelle Dupuis	School Nurse	23	RN/5
Edith Dubois	School Social Worker (80%)	26	5
Carol Rosinski	Guidance Counselor	41	5
Siobhan Ryan	Librarian	16	5
Rebecca Edmondson	Music Teacher	33	5
Daniel Granholm	Music Teacher (80%)	24	4
Bryan Dionne	PE/Health Teacher	20	5
Helen Jolley	PE/Health Teacher	9	5

Allison Maurais	Art Teacher	6	4
Lynda Millar	French Teacher	34	4
Chrissy Parkinson	Technology Interventionist	14	5
Tom Brown	Technology (40%)	2	4
Tim Bland	Student Resource Officer	13	4
<i>*Denotes Master Teacher/National Board Certified Teacher</i>			

Support Staff

Secretary: Taylor Hamor **Bookkeeper:** Emily Rusiecki

Kitchen Staff: Tina Lunt (Head Cook), Toby Alley, and Kathy Colbeth

Maintenance Staff: Peter Alley (Head Custodian), Chase Brown, Kurt Lockhart, Tammy Carney, and David Tomlinson

Ed Techs: Susana Ausema, Jeremy Averill, Sonia Bergoff, Angie Bouchard, Cheri Brown, Karen Collins, Elise Craighead, Melanie Fessler, Marina Fletcher, Kim Frazier, Julie Fulton-Kelly, Adam Gariepy, Susan Geib, Heather Kelly, Kathy Lloyd, Karlee Markovich, Dana Noble, Ganesh Reddy, Kelly Roos, Leslyn Shea, Dory Smith Graham, Taylor Walls, and Alyssa Young

AOS# 91 Administrative Staff

Mike Zboray	Superintendent of Schools
Rhonda Fortin	Director of Curriculum Pre-K-6
Julie Keblinsky	Director of Curriculum 7-12
Melissa Beckwith	Director of Special Services
Catherine Kozaryn	Director of Special Education
Selena Dunbar	Administrative Assistant
Nancy Thurlow	Business Manager
Joshua Young	Informational Technology

Bar Harbor School Committee

Lilea Simis (Chairperson), Misha Mytar, Tyson Starling,
Robin Sue Tapley, and Marie Yarborough

This report focuses on the collective efforts of students, staff, and administrators working in the MDI Regional School System/AOS 91 during the 2021-22 school year. The tables below summarize our collective efforts, specific areas of focus, and, in some cases, revisions to plans for each Goal Area, as well as steps we plan to take in the 2022-23 school year. All goals and objectives align with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and support the MDIRSS Service Promise: *AOS 91 works to interrupt educational inequities so that each child will thrive, one conversation at a time.*

Goal 1: Strengthen Learning Culture

Learning culture promotes shared values and responsibility for achieving the school’s vision.	
Looking back, we... (September 2021 to August 2022)	Looking ahead, we plan to... (September 2022 to August 2023)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided opportunities, resources, and support for teachers to develop and refine lessons and practices as it relates to: Anti-Bias Anti-Racism, social-emotional learning, mental health, and trauma-informed practices 	<p>In support of our service promise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to steward the development of Anti-Bias Anti-Racist lessons and practices, strengthen social emotional learning through advisory programs and restorative practices in middle and high schools

Goal 2: Improve Student Learning

Student learning practices maximize the impact of learning for each student.	
Looking back, we... (September 2021 to August 2022)	Looking ahead, we plan to... (September 2022 to August 2023)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offered Professional Learning Opportunities to interested administrators, teachers & Ed Techs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Impact Teaching Strategies Using Tech for High-Impact Teaching The Science of Reading. Supported Civil Discourse programming in all 6 - 11 social studies classrooms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the newly updated MS and HS Maine DOE ELA and Math standards and revise the curriculum as needed (standards and scope and sequence) Research beginning an Educators Rising chapter Use grant funding to purchase decodable texts for K-2 classrooms in support of Science of Reading

Goal 3: Support Professional Practices

Professional practices ensure that practices and structures are in place to support and improve student learning.	
Looking back, we...(September 2021 to August 2022)	Looking ahead, we plan to...(September 2022 to August 2023)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked to create an inclusive school climate that would attract a diverse workforce by explicitly communicating our values in our Professional and Teaching Frameworks. Developed leadership pathways for ed techs and teachers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to refine the Performance Evaluation and Professional Growth System: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form Steering Committee Align student and parent surveys with new Frameworks Pilot updated documents

Goal 4: Construct Learning Support

Learning support ensures that the school has appropriate systems to support student learning and well-being.	
Looking back, we...(September 2021 to August 2022)	Looking ahead, we plan to...(September 2022 to August 2023)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explored the feasibility of a Pre-K program to serve Mount Desert. A program to serve 4-year olds was reviewed and approved by the MDES Board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin a PreK program in Mount Desert Tremont School will submit a PreK Expansion Grant to the MDOE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Implemented a Pre-K program to serve Tremont and Southwest Harbor 4-year olds. ● Offered a combined K-5 Summer School program, expanding from a tutoring model to a full-day program ● Offered a combined ESY program parallel to the Summer School program ● Continued to strengthen our academic and behavior Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) by defining what MTSS is for all MDIRSS schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue to support and improve the Summer School and ESY experience ● Continue to strengthen our academic, behavior and SEL Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hire a district coach from Great Schools Partnership ○ Purchase PowerSchool Special Programs to house MTSS and 504 plans ○ Determine a PreK-10 Universal Screener with cut scores ○ Purchase AimswebPlus for progress monitoring
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Goal 5: *Ensure Learning Resources*

Learning resources ensure that the school has resources necessary to meet the learning needs of all students.	
Looking back, we...(September 2021 to August 2022)	Looking ahead, we plan to...(September 2022 to August 2023)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Followed the continued advice of the Maine DOE, MDI Hospital, and the Jackson Lab for carrying out full-time in-person instruction in all of our schools and to support extra-curricular activities. ● Completed major upgrade of technology infrastructure including replacement of firewalls, expansion of bandwidth and extension of wifi to areas outside of each school. ● Expended grant funds to support hotspot services for students who must quarantine due to COVID-19. ● Hired a tech support specialist for Bar Harbor, Southwest Harbor, and the district. ● Reviewed and updated the district website to improve communications with staff, families and MDIRSS communities. ● Continued to advance and expand conservation, sustainability, and alternative energy programs in all MDIRSS schools (ex. Electric Bus) <p><i>Specific to COVID-19 impact:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Revised budgets downward as needed. ● Use federal COVID Relief Funds to safely open schools. ● Managed 24 federal and state grants. ● Implemented a pooled testing program for staff and students. ● Used federal COVID Relief Funds to safely open schools. ● Used federal funds to continue to provide food resources to support families in the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue to explore options for contracting with an external Human Resources provider to reduce current legal fee expenses, support business office personnel, principals and to provide a consistent response to staff needs. ● Continue to work with the school board to restructure and plan/implement a combined middle school and/or RSU structure. ● Continue to manage COVID relief grant funds. ● Host a Job Fair to recruit substitutes, ed techs, bus drivers and custodians

Respectfully submitted by: Mike Zboray, Superintendent of Schools, Julie Koblinsky, Director of Teaching and Learning 7-12; Rhonda Fortin, Director of Teaching and Learning Pre-k - 6; Melissa Beckwith, Director of Special Services; Cathy Kozaryn, Assistant Director of Special Services, and Nancy Thurlow, Business Manager working in close collaboration with all of the principals of schools in the MDI Regional School System: Matt Haney (MDI High School), Heather Webster (Conners-Emerson School), Gloria Delsandro (Mount Desert Elementary), Crystal DaGraca (Trenton Elementary School), Katie Truesdale (Cranberry Islands, and Frenchboro Schools), Mimi Rainsford (Swan's Island), Christine Gray (Pemetec Elementary School), and Jandrea True (Tremont Consolidated School).

MOUNT DESERT ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

It is my pleasure to be writing this report for the tenth time. It has been a true honor to lead this incredible school for the past decade and I am more excited than ever to continue looking forward to the future. While the past twelve months have thrown a number of challenging situations at us, we continue to learn, adapt, and grow along with our students.

Academics at MDI High School

I am very proud of the education that our students experience. They have the opportunity to be challenged on many different levels. We offer a range of courses that cover all levels of student interest and ability. Year after year our students exceed state norms in their performance, both on standardized tests and with hands-on performance. Our students work hard alongside their teachers and as a result achieve impressive results. Much of our focus this year has been on supporting our 9th grade students. We have intentionally set aside time with them to work on more than the core content that they learn in class. We've also taught them about time management, communicating in the digital world, self-care, and how to access the breadth and depth of supports that are available to them. They have received it very well and are off to a great beginning of their high school years.

Budget

The budget that the MDIHS school board has approved for the 2023-2024 school year is up 6.43%. Most of the increase is the result of salary adjustments for employees and for associated health care benefits. Our human resource is our greatest strength and well worth the investment. Due to decreased revenues, particularly in carryover, the assessment to towns is up just over 8.9%. I feel confident that this budget is built responsibly and will serve the needs of our communities' students well. We have always enjoyed and appreciated the support of our taxpayers and that is a major factor in our success as a school.

Facilities

The Board of Trustees has continued to explore the feasibility and logistics of expanding and modernizing our library and science wings. Both areas of our school were part of the original design and function of the building which opened in 1968. While our library and science faculty and staff do an amazing job teaching in their current spaces, the possibilities abound for 21st century learning that can be actualized with these upgrades which are in the planning process. To that end, they have entered into an agreement with Oak Point Associates of Portland to develop concept designs and cost estimates for these vital upgrades to our facilities. Oak Point has presented us with several options at varying cost levels and the trustees are working to finalize a plan that is cost-responsible as well as impactful on our learning environment.

Faculty/Staff Recognition

It is important to recognize the many contributions made by our staff on a daily basis on behalf of our young people. These individuals work hard to provide an atmosphere conducive to a high level of learning at the high school. We are blessed to have such a talented, diverse, and committed faculty and staff.

This has been a year of highs and lows. As always, I appreciate the support from the students, staff, families, and greater community, which has been the source of inspiration for our continued growth and perseverance. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual High School Budget Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on April 5, 2023, at the high school campus in the Higgins-Demas Theatre.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Haney, MDIHS Principal

MT. DESERT ISLAND



ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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February 6, 2023

Mt. Desert Island Adult and Community Education program provides ongoing high school completion, college readiness, career and educational advising, workforce training, and enrichment opportunities for adults in our communities. Mt. Desert Island Adult Education offers programs that enrich, enable, and energize our community so that its members can experience fuller and more productive lives. Director Anne Patterson, Academic Coordinator Michelle Brzezowski, and Evening Coordinator Gloria Kunje thank the school administrators, community partners and affiliates, and students for their support and participation throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

As an outgrowth of COVID, many of our classes remain virtual or online. Initially, this was in response to shutdowns and needing to be socially distanced. But many of these programs continue to be offered online because we can offer a wider variety of classes. No longer do instructors need to be on-site and in-person. We have many classes, such as for exercise or music, that continue to be taught by instructors in different parts of Maine or the country.

New partner: The National Digital Equity Center offers free, online/zoom technology classes. This new grant is intended to bring digital literacy and skills to anyone who needs or wants them. MDI Adult Ed hosted some of these classes, but anyone can sign up and take advantage of their programming. Some of our local libraries host these classes as well. Their website is digitalequitycenter.org.

Academic Program: ESL, Literacy, High School Completion, College Prep

We had 10 active academic students, two of whom completed the HiSET and graduated with a High School Equivalency Diploma. This program is free and open to adults who need to complete high school.

The profile of our average learner dropped as 17 and 18 years olds, whose education was interrupted by COVID, turned to Adult Ed for high school completion. This trend was seen throughout the state at other adult education programs. We anticipate that this trend will continue for at least the next couple of years.

We had one college transition student who successfully enrolled and started a Nursing program.

Workforce Program

It has not been possible to offer a CNA program locally due to COVID/staffing constraints within the medical field. People interested in taking a CNA class (or other medical certificates) have been able to do so through one of our other local Adult Ed programs.

We have partnered with Woodfords Family Services to offer an online Behavioral Health Professional Certificate for free. Six people enrolled in this program during the 21-22 school year. We anticipate this credential will become more popular in coming years.

Enrichment Program

We offered 143 classes of which 111 ran with a total of 672 registrations. Many of these classes were online or hybrid (partially online/in-person).

We are very grateful for all the support we garner from the MDI High School, the administration, and the school board. Because of this wonderful community, we continue to 'reset, redesign, and rebuild'. We look forward to an even stronger year ahead.

Community members interested in teaching are always invited to contact our office for more information. We continue to strive to improve and expand our programming to meet your needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Patterson, Director

Anne Patterson, Director of Mt. Desert Island Adult Education

MDIHS TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with the requirements of Section 2 and Section 8, Chapter 176, Private and Special Laws of 1963, I submit the following report of the Mount Desert Island Regional School District Board of Trustees covering the year ending December 31, 2022.

The following Trustees were serving at the end of 2022, with terms expiring as indicated:

MEMBER	TOWN	TERM EXPIRES
Robert Jordan, Chair	Bar Harbor	2024
Ann Ratcliff, Vice Chair	Southwest Harbor	2024
Joseph Cough	Bar Harbor	2023
Robert Webber	Bar Harbor	2025
Anthony Smith	Mt. Desert	2023
Carole Plenty	Mt. Desert	2025
Julianna Bennoch	Mt. Desert	2024
Ingrid Kachmar	Southwest Harbor	2023
Steve Hudson	Southwest Harbor	2025
Lawson Wulsin	Tremont	2023
Keri Hayes	Tremont	2024
Deidre Rigby	Tremont	2025

This past year we slowly came out of the pandemic and have returned to something close to normal once again. Your Trustees have worked overtime this year to finalize the plans for the improvements in the Library, Science and Math areas, as well as the Nursing and Administration areas. These plans will be presented to the Island community this year for your approval. All of this proposed work is badly needed in this fifty-five-year-old facility and will provide an improved learning environment for all our MDIHS students into the future. We have been working with the firm Oak Point Associates for the design phase of this project and we are excited to collaborate with them as we hopefully move forward into the construction phase with these improvements.

I have been proud to serve as both Chair and as one of Bar Harbor’s Representatives on the Board of Trustees over the past year. All our members work hard to maintain and to ensure the best facilities for our high school students, teaching staff, support staff and administrators. Providing a facility that the island community can be proud of now and in the future is always part of our deliberations and decision making.

The Trustees would like to thank Principal Matt Haney, all the staff, teachers, and students for their hard work and commitment to keeping everyone safe and protected while continuing to provide the highest level of education.

I would like to personally thank all our Trustees for their work and commitment that help support the education and development of all the young people here on Mt. Desert Island. It is a reflection of the community how much we value this place.

The Trustees also appreciate all our island communities that provide us with the necessary financial support to continue providing a quality-learning environment at Mt. Desert Island High School.

Finally, I would like to recognize and thank Superintendent Mike Zboray and his staff for their service and work with this Board as well as the Regional School District as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Jordan, Chairman
MDIHS Trustees



Founded in 1899 and incorporated in 1969, the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization comprised of nearly 400 independent businesses. The Chamber's mission is to promote the business interests and general welfare of the town of Bar Harbor, Hancock County, and surrounding areas and to provide an excellent experience to all who live in or choose to visit our region.

The Chamber of Commerce, as a membership organization, reflects the needs and concerns of its membership. One of the Chamber's primary goals is to foster a sustainable tourism industry and promote the Bar Harbor area as one of the world's premier travel destinations. The Chamber also works to support a robust year-round community by finding solutions to the major issues facing our area like housing and workforce shortages.

We work as a partner with the town of Bar Harbor to provide exceptional service to residents and visitors alike. At our visitor service locations, we welcome guests and offer guidance on navigating our town and Acadia National Park more efficiently. Our visitor services staff answer questions related to parking, lodging, dining, the weather, activities, and so much more. In 2022, we had many interactions over social media and via email in addition to over 8,700 phone calls from visitors and provided services to over 103,700 visitors at the Chamber's visitor center located at 2 Cottage Street and our information kiosk at Harborview Park.

The Chamber is also happy to organize and produce many of our community's most beloved events, including the Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks, Early Bird Pajama Sale and Bed Races, Village Holidays Celebration & Sale, Seaside Cinema outdoor movie nights, Art in the Park, and the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony. In 2023, with the support of the Town of Bar Harbor, we will continue providing events that foster a sense of community and create memories that will last a lifetime.

The Chamber of Commerce is working to ensure that Bar Harbor remains a vibrant year-round community by supporting the businesses and residents who choose to be here. Over the years, the Chamber has strived to extend the tourism season so that hospitality businesses could open earlier and stay open later in the year. Now, our community is fortunate to have restaurants, shops, hotels, and coffee shops, as well as a hospital, trade services, nonprofits, and so many other businesses available to us at all times of the year.

The Bar Harbor Chamber is proud to partner with the town of Bar Harbor and we look forward to continuing our service to the community and our members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Graten", written in a cursive style.

Chris Graten
Director of Operations & Finance
Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce

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Mount Desert Island and Ellsworth Housing Authorities

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Executive Director H. Duane Bartlett

Annual Report

The Bar Harbor Housing Authority

The mission of The Bar Harbor Housing Authority (BHHA) is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for income eligible seniors, the disabled, and families within its jurisdiction. The BHHA's four locations, all in town Bar Harbor, are owned and administered by the MDI & Ellsworth Housing Authorities. Currently, 170 individuals and families are being served. Each location has a separate waiting list for those interested in becoming tenants; applications are always being accepted.

The MDI and Ellsworth Housing Authorities' Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs assisted over seven hundred individuals and families throughout Hancock County in 2022 in the amount of \$3,928,426.00. Payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to the Town of Bar Harbor for 2022 was \$31,432.00.

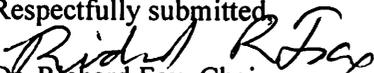
The Acadia Community Association, the Housing Authorities' 501(c)3, provided programming for seniors across Mount Desert Island, from nutritious Meals on Wheels options, to a myriad of wellness classes for seniors.

The Bar Harbor Housing Authority Commissioners Board, Executive Director, and Staff are sincerely grateful for the continued support from all at the Bar Harbor Town Office, the Town Council, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Public Works Department of the Town of Bar Harbor. All help the BHHA achieve its mission of providing decent, safe and affordable housing for community members.

The Bar Harbor Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meets the first Wednesday of each month. The meetings are handicapped accessible and open to public attendance. Please call Theresa at 207-288-4770, extension 127, to confirm the date and time of Board meetings, as dates & times are subject to change.

The Housing Authorities' office is located at 80 Mount Desert Street, in Bar Harbor, ME. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. To contact the Housing Authorities, please call 207-288-4770 or e-mail Executive Director H. Duane Bartlett at: duane.bartlett@emdiha.org.

Respectfully submitted,


Dr. Richard Fox, Chairman

Bar Harbor Housing Authority Board of Commissioners





STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

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

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate. I am grateful for the trust that Mainers have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments for our state.

Last year, I secured more than \$500 million for 285 projects from Aroostook County to York County that will promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; improve public safety, infrastructure, and community resources; and protect our environment. To address the crisis of soaring inflation and high energy prices, I led efforts to provide \$2 billion in supplemental funds to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. In the new Congress that begins in 2023, I expect to be the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and will continue to champion investments to support Maine's communities and families.

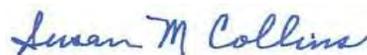
Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations that jeopardize our lobster fishery's very existence. Another ongoing threat to Maine's small businesses is the shortage of workers. That's why I led an effort to push the Administration to nearly double the number of H-2B visas that are critical to our hospitality industry. Additionally, when the Administration proposed to cut the construction of a destroyer to be built by Bath Iron Works, I restored this funding to protect Maine jobs and our national security.

When Maine Veterans' Homes announced last year that it planned to close its facilities in Caribou and Machias, I opposed that decision which would have had such a devastating effect on rural veterans and their families. I am glad that the decision was reversed, and I have secured \$3 million to help with upgrades to these facilities. My *AUTO for Vets Act* also became law, which will help disabled veterans maintain their independence by supporting the purchase of a new adaptive vehicle once a decade.

This past year, Congress demonstrated how effective it can be on behalf of the American people when both parties work together. A few of the bipartisan achievements that I was involved in include the *Respect for Marriage Act*, which will provide certainty to millions of loving couples in same-sex marriages while protecting religious liberties, and the *Electoral Count Reform Act*, which establishes clear guidelines for our system of certifying and counting electoral votes for President and Vice President.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have honored that work ethic by showing up for every vote. During my Senate service, I have cast more than 8,500 consecutive votes, never having missed one. I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2023. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

January 1, 2023

Dear Friends,

I've often thought that Maine is just one big small town connected by long roads. Well, in the past year or two, those roads have gotten steeper and bumpier as we dealt with an unprecedented pandemic and the resulting economic troubles.

As we faced the historic challenges, something impressive happened. We came together and lent a hand to our neighbors wherever we could to keep things running and spirits high.

Down in Washington, Congress tried to help Maine communities get through this struggle, so that our state would come out stronger. To do that, we put in the work and set some things into motion that are already helping Maine people. That's why you hired us, after all.

The pandemic made something we'd known for a while clear: those roads and networks that connect our big town needed repair, improvements, and expansion – from bridges to broadband. So, while Maine was uniting towards a common purpose, Congress came together to pass the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* – legislation that makes generational investments in physical infrastructure, broadband connections, harbors, and the energy grid. These efforts will lay the foundation for Maine's 21st century economy and make sure even the most rural areas aren't left behind.

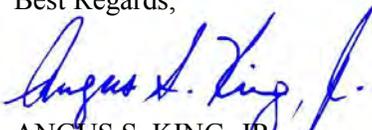
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed the *American Rescue Plan* in 2021, which enabled Governor Mills and the state of Maine to better meet the health and economic difficulties of the pandemic. At a critical moment it expanded healthcare efforts to confront COVID and invested in the state to keep the economy in far better shape than most others nationwide.

Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy. The bipartisan *CHIPS Act* will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones to microwaves to cars – and in doing so reduce prices and create good American jobs. We also passed the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* to lower healthcare costs, allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, and cut energy bills with new rebates for things like heat pumps and solar panels.

Beyond these major investments, we also passed vital legislation to improve the day-to-day lives of Maine people and Americans nationwide. On a bipartisan basis, we expanded health care for veterans exposed to toxins, strengthened protections for marriage equality, supported Ukraine as it fought off a bloody Russian invasion, secured our elections and the peaceful transfer of power, and delivered millions in federal investments to projects up and down our state.

So, as Maine worked to get through hard times, Congress took steps to support our state – and we're already starting to see brighter days ahead. I'm proud to have played a small part down here; it's a true privilege to listen to you, work with you, and build a brighter future for all the incredible people up and down the roads that connect our big small town. Mary and I wish you a happy, and safe 2023.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senator



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.

In August, I voted for the *Inflation Reduction Act* because it represented a dramatic turnaround from misguided efforts to pass sweeping, ill-designed legislation that tried to accomplish too many things through budget gimmicks, setting up problematic fiscal cliffs in numerous programs and refusing to make the difficult decisions to allow for a fiscally responsible bill.

The *Inflation Reduction Act*, which was signed into law by the president, was fiscally responsible and targeted four key priorities: reducing our national debt and putting our country back on a more sustainable path, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, and making health care more affordable, investing in an all-of-the-above energy strategy to significantly increase oil, gas, and renewable energy production to lower energy costs for Americans, and cracking down on the tax avoidance of billion-dollar multinational corporations. This bill was the first major legislation in the last decade to use the reconciliation process to create a fiscally responsible budget to reduce deficits. The Congressional Budget Office estimated it would reduce deficits by approximately \$300 billion.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I also helped pass the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, which among other things, included key wins for Bath shipbuilders, UMaine, and servicemembers and their families. For shipbuilders, the bill secured authorization for a third DDG-51 destroyer; established a new contract for up to 15 DDG-51 destroyers over the next five years, many of which will be built at Bath Iron Works; and included funding for shipyard infrastructure. The bill also authorized over \$25 million for defense research programs, including UMaine's large-scale manufacturing program. Finally, the bill authorized a 4.6% pay increase to help servicemembers and their families deal with rising costs due to inflation.

Additionally, at the end of 2022, Congress passed a spending bill to fund the government through September of 2023. The bill funds nearly \$27 million in funding for community projects across the Second Congressional District, a lifeline for our lobster industry that freezes any regulatory action for at least six years, and secures millions in additional funding for the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help Mainers heat their homes.

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 2023. 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

Nicole Grohoski
Senator, District 7



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THE MAINE SENATE
131st Legislature

February 2023

Dear friends and residents of Bar Harbor,

With the 131st Legislature underway, I am honored to be serving my first full term as your State Senator, representing most of Hancock County.

I have been appointed as the Senate Chair of the Taxation Committee and am returning to the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. For the Taxation Committee, my priorities include improving upon our existing property tax relief programs and ensuring a fair and balanced tax system that prioritizes working families and small businesses over big corporations. On the Energy Committee, I'll continue my efforts to lower electricity rates, reduce power outages, and enable an affordable transition to local, clean energy, as well as expand reliable, high-speed broadband across our state.

During the last two years, I worked with my colleagues to address our most pressing issues. We worked to decrease the property tax burden by expanding the Homestead Exemption and funding 55% of statewide costs for K-12 public education. Our students now have access to healthy meals during the school day, making it easier to learn. We passed laws to help improve access to affordable, high-quality medical care and life saving medications like insulin. Investments in infrastructure – like roads, bridges, housing and internet – have all been a priority.

I will continue to collaborate with my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we are doing the best work we can on these and other topics for the benefit of all Mainers. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance with state government or if you would like to participate in the legislative process. I also share information via Facebook and Instagram (@senator.grohoski) and send out periodic email newsletters; let me know if you would like to receive them. You can email me at Nicole.Grohoski@legislature.maine.gov or call my Senate office at (207) 287-1515.

I remain at your service and honored to be your advocate in Augusta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole C. Grohoski".

Nicole Grohoski
State Senator, District 7

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Dear Neighbors:

It continues to be an honor to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta.

In 2021, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to deliver big victories for the people of Maine. We passed a two-year state budget with overwhelming bipartisan support that will stabilize property taxes, keep free breakfast and lunch available to all students and protect our natural resources. We took steps to make health care more accessible, made much-needed investments in our infrastructure and allocated federal relief funds to help small businesses, fill workforce shortages and expand access to child care.

As I write this, we have recently begun the second year of the two-year term in January 2022. In the coming months, I will be working to build on these successes and focusing on the areas where more work is needed. That includes expanding access to affordable housing, combatting the opioid epidemic and strengthening our workforce, among other issues.

I continue to serve on the Transportation Committee, where we have resumed holding virtual public hearings and work sessions on proposed legislation. I am also proud to continue to advocate for local medical marijuana growers and caregivers by sponsoring legislation to clarify new rulemaking parameters for the Office of Marijuana Policy and define the role of the Legislature in the rulemaking process.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I will continue to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we are doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance or if you would like to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is Lynne.Williams@legislature.maine.gov. I also send out periodic email newsletters. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynne Williams".

Lynne Williams
State Representative

**Town of Bar Harbor
Warrant Committee
Sub-Committees 2022-2023**

**Seth Libby, Chair
Julie Berberian, Vice-Chair
Chris Smith, Secretary**

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Jeff Young

The Warrant Committee meets as needed during preparation of any Warrant created for an Annual and Special Town Meeting. Agendas are posted on the town's website.

James W. Wadman

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Town Council
Town of Bar Harbor
Bar Harbor, Maine 04609

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bar Harbor, Maine (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, 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, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bar Harbor, Maine, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 Bar Harbor, 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 the Town of Bar Harbor, 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.

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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 and *Government 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 Bar Harbor, 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 Bar Harbor, 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 and required supplementary information on pages 4 through 10 and 60 through 71, 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 Bar Harbor, Maine's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic 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 and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 27, 2023, on our consideration of the Town of Bar Harbor, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Bar Harbor, Maine's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Bar Harbor, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.
Ellsworth, Maine
March 27, 2023

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022

Exhibit A

	<i>Governmental Activities</i>	<i>Business-Type Activities</i>	<i>Total</i>
Assets:			
Cash and Equivalents	15,514,807	4,823,165	20,337,972
Investments	1,845,503		1,845,503
Receivables:			
Taxes and Liens	396,273	7,104	403,377
User Fees, net		598,904	598,904
Accounts	262,573	10,769	273,342
Ambulance	162,850		162,850
Accrued Interest	6,398		6,398
Lease Receivable	53,220		53,220
Prepaid Expense	-	12,702	12,702
Inventory	41,282	246,662	287,944
Due from Other Governments	183,516		183,516
Leases Receivable-Current	232,620		232,620
Leases Receivable-Non-Current	260,952		260,952
Right to use leased assets, net of accumulated amortization-School	105,373		105,373
Capital Assets:			
Land	6,213,075	164,126	6,377,201
Construction Work in Progress	429,220	3,867	433,087
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	28,884,401	19,197,409	48,081,810
Total Assets:	54,592,063	25,064,708	79,656,771
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			
Related to Other Post Employment Benefits	241,717		241,717
Related to Pensions	1,249,956	188,085	1,438,041
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,491,673	188,085	1,679,758
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	56,083,736	25,252,793	81,336,529
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position:			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	837,728	830,807	1,668,535
Retainage Payable	10,970	-	10,970
Payroll Taxes Deductible	21,659		21,659
Due to Students	6,948		6,948
Accrued Salaries Payable	859,344	46,830	906,174
Accrued Interest Payable		24,113	24,113
Internal Balances	(17,492)	17,492	-
Deposits Payable	26,113		26,113
Long-term Liabilities:			
Accrued Compensated Absences	369,509	28,141	397,650
Lease liability GASB 87 one year	27,232		27,232
Lease liability GASB 87 due in more than one year	57,148		57,148
Net Pension Liability	23,121	(28,464)	(5,343)
Net Post Employment Benefits Obligation	1,417,333		1,417,333
Debt Due Within One Year	1,122,025	418,083	1,540,108
Debt Due in More Than One Year	10,441,846	4,225,458	14,667,304
Total Liabilities	15,203,484	5,562,460	20,765,944
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Property Taxes Collected in Advance	34,318		34,318
Deferred Inflows of Resources from Leases	449,166	-	449,166
Related to Other Post Employment Benefits	214,573		214,573
Related to Pensions	1,975,698	393,903	2,369,601
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,673,755	393,903	3,067,658
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	23,962,825	14,721,861	38,684,686
Restricted	3,501,532		3,501,532
Unrestricted	10,742,140	4,574,569	15,316,709
Total Net Position	38,206,497	19,296,430	57,502,927
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	56,083,736	25,252,793	81,336,529

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

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
GENERAL RESERVES, COMMITTED FUNDS & SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Exhibit A-5

	<i>Dog Control Reserve</i>	<i>Shellfish Conservation Reserve</i>	<i>School Department (A-6)</i>	<i>Cruise Ship Fund (A-7)</i>	<i>Parking Meter Fund (A-8)</i>	<i>Total</i>
Revenues						
Intergovernmental Revenues			1,896,140			1,896,140
Local Sources			110,248		2,935	113,183
Dog Fees	2,319					2,319
Shellfish Fees/Fines		2,930				2,930
Port Fees				89,660		89,660
Cruise Ship Passenger Fees				120,131		120,131
Parking Fees net of charges					2,103,018	2,103,018
Permit Fees net of charges					26,062	26,062
Total Revenues	2,319	2,930	2,006,388	209,791	2,132,015	4,353,443
Expenditures						
Public Safety	433					433
Education			8,217,445			8,217,445
Cruise Ship Operating				22,983		22,983
Parking Meter Operating					237,346	237,346
Total Expenditures	433	-	8,217,445	22,983	237,346	8,478,207
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,886	2,930	(6,211,057)	186,808	1,894,669	(4,124,764)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfers In			6,207,039			6,207,039
Transfers Out	(1,886)	(2,930)	(95,000)	(174,069)	(1,534,468)	(1,808,353)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,886)	(2,930)	6,252,537	(174,069)	(1,534,468)	4,539,184
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Uses) Over Expenditures	-	-	41,480	12,739	360,201	414,420
Fund Balance - July 1	-	-	1,380,735	96,122	1,115,766	2,592,623
Fund Balance - June 30	-	-	1,422,215	108,861	1,475,967	3,007,043

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - PARKING METER FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Exhibit A-8

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues				
Investment Interest	4,000	4,000	2,935	(1,065)
Parking Fees net of charges	1,386,000	1,386,000	2,103,018	717,018
Permit Fees net of charges	21,500	21,500	26,062	4,562
	<u>1,411,500</u>	<u>1,411,500</u>	<u>2,132,015</u>	<u>720,515</u>
Expenditures				
Wages and Benefits	169,654	169,654	159,931	9,723
Contracted Services	27,687	27,687	29,873	(2,186)
Supplies	15,000	15,000	27,457	(12,457)
Utilities	1,100	1,100	1,388	(288)
Repairs	3,500	3,500	2,886	614
Equipment	6,000	6,000	9,816	(3,816)
Advertising	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
Professional Dues and Licenses	600	600	-	600
Insurance	1,200	1,200	2,118	(918)
Postage & Shipping	200	200	-	200
Contingency	10,000	10,000	3,877	6,123
Island Explorer	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>241,441</u>	<u>241,441</u>	<u>237,346</u>	<u>(7,228)</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>1,170,059</u>	<u>1,170,059</u>	<u>1,894,669</u>	<u>713,287</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In				-
Transfers Out	(1,534,468)	(1,534,468)	(1,534,468)	-
	<u>(1,534,468)</u>	<u>(1,534,468)</u>	<u>(1,534,468)</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Uses) Over Expenditures	<u>(364,409)</u>	<u>(364,409)</u>	360,201	<u>713,287</u>
Fund Balance - July 1			<u>1,115,766</u>	
Fund Balance - June 30			<u><u>1,475,967</u></u>	

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Exhibit D
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	General Fund	CIP Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Taxes	20,052,050			20,052,050
Intergovernmental Revenues	2,624,891	57,552	827,800	3,510,243
Departmental Revenues	3,743,117	-		3,743,117
Other Local Sources	415,781	385,808	128	801,717
Total Revenues	26,835,839	443,360	827,928	28,107,127
Expenditures				
Current:				
General Government	3,531,708			3,531,708
Public Safety	3,439,761		-	3,439,761
Health and Welfare	251,490			251,490
Parks and Recreation	445,480			445,480
Island Explorer Shuttle Bus	13,500			13,500
Roads and Sanitation	2,122,720		-	2,122,720
Education	8,217,445			8,217,445
Assessments	4,309,922			4,309,922
Cruise Ship	22,983			22,983
Parking Meters	237,346			237,346
Capital Outlay		2,788,420	-	2,788,420
Federal/State Funds			257,200	257,200
Total Expenditures	22,592,355	2,788,420	257,200	25,637,975
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	4,243,484	(2,345,060)	570,728	2,469,152
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Lease Liabilities Issued	140,498			140,498
Transfers In	536,961	3,354,527	-	3,891,488
Transfers Out	(3,881,445)	-	(43)	(3,881,488)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(3,203,986)	3,354,527	(43)	150,498
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	1,039,498	1,009,467	570,685	2,619,650
Fund Balance - July 1	7,708,503	5,738,401	15,807	13,462,711
Fund Balance - June 30	8,748,001	6,747,868	586,492	16,082,361

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

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Exhibit D
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Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	2,619,650
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:	
Right to use leased assets addition	140,498
Capital asset purchases capitalized	1,062,816
Gain/(Loss) on Disposal of Assets	58,205
Depreciation expense	(1,666,047)
Amortization expense on leased asset	(35,125)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:	
Unavailable Revenues	6,480
Unavailable Taxes	18,756
Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position:	
Capital lease obligation principal payments	123,543
General obligation bond principal payments	981,958
Lease Liabilities Issued	(84,380)
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Accrued compensated absences	3,937
Post Employment Benefits Cost	(74,656)
Pension Plans (Deferred Outflows, Net Pension Liability, Deferred Inflows)	259,055
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>3,414,690</u></u>

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

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022

Exhibit E

<i>Assets</i>	<i>Wastewater Enterprise</i>	<i>Water Enterprise</i>	<i>Total</i>
Current Assets:			
Cash and Equivalents	2,566,443	2,256,722	4,823,165
Receivables			
User Fees, net	542,716	56,188	598,904
Liens Receivable	7,104	-	7,104
Accounts	10,196	573	10,769
Due From Other Funds	76,372		76,372
Inventory	28,725	217,937	246,662
Prepaid Expenses		12,702	12,702
Total Current Assets	3,231,556	2,544,122	5,775,678
Noncurrent Assets:			
Capital Assets, net	9,800,566	9,564,836	19,365,402
Bond Issuance Costs, net	-	-	-
Total Noncurrent Assets	9,800,566	9,564,836	19,365,402
Total Assets	13,032,122	12,108,958	25,141,080
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			
Related to Pensions	104,653	83,432	188,085
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	104,653	83,432	188,085
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	13,136,775	12,192,390	25,329,165
Liabilities and Net Position			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	722,125	108,682	830,807
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	26,094	20,736	46,830
Accrued Interest Payable	4,300	19,813	24,113
Due to Other Funds	397	93,467	93,864
Compensated Absences Payable	20,046	8,095	28,141
Bonds and Notes Payable	115,661	302,422	418,083
Total Current Liabilities	888,623	553,215	1,441,838
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Net Pension (Asset)/Liability	(16,341)	(12,123)	(28,464)
Bonds and Notes Payable	884,575	3,340,883	4,225,458
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	868,234	3,328,760	4,196,994
Total Liabilities	1,756,857	3,881,975	5,638,832
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Related to Pensions	226,134	167,769	393,903
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	226,134	167,769	393,903
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	8,800,330	5,921,531	14,721,861
Retained Earnings			
Reserved	2,295,027	1,875,441	4,170,468
Unreserved	58,427	345,674	404,101
Total Net Position	11,153,784	8,142,646	19,296,430
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	13,136,775	12,192,390	25,329,165

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

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Exhibit F

	<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Wastewater Enterprise</u>	<u>Water Enterprise</u>	
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for Services	2,157,178	2,205,581	4,362,759
Interest - Late Penalties	5,378	599	5,977
Total Operating Revenues:	<u>2,162,556</u>	<u>2,206,180</u>	<u>4,368,736</u>
Operating Expenditures:			
Current:			
Salaries and Benefits	697,402	516,277	1,213,679
Contracted Services	221,100	266,120	487,220
Utilities & Commodities	264,074	65,504	329,578
Repairs & Maintenance	243,290	202,736	446,026
Equipment	16,546	9,664	26,210
Other Expenses	46,765	55,598	102,363
Depreciation and Amortization	526,352	325,806	852,158
Materials and Supplies	111,914	129,390	241,304
Total Operating Expenditures	<u>2,127,443</u>	<u>1,571,095</u>	<u>3,698,538</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>35,113</u>	<u>635,085</u>	<u>670,198</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)			
Interest Revenue	15,212	13,167	28,379
Special Assessment	46,484		46,484
Jobbing Income, net of expense	-	1,783	1,783
Transfer to CIP Program		(10,000)	(10,000)
Contributions in Aid of Construction	-	(10,274)	(10,274)
Related to Pensions	125,456	19,629	145,085
Interest Expense	(35,333)	(101,138)	(136,471)
Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	<u>151,819</u>	<u>(86,833)</u>	<u>64,986</u>
Change in Net Position (net income)	186,932	548,252	735,184
Total Net Position - Beginning	10,966,852	7,594,394	18,561,246
Total Net Position - Ending	<u>11,153,784</u>	<u>8,142,646</u>	<u>19,296,430</u>

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

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues				
Taxes	19,914,122	19,914,122	20,052,050	137,928
Intergovernmental Revenues	596,834	601,634	728,751	127,117
Departmental Revenues	1,148,916	1,148,916	1,404,246	255,330
Other Local Sources	345,787	345,787	297,349	(48,438)
Total Revenues	22,005,659	22,010,459	22,482,396	471,937
Expenditures				
General Government	3,721,306	3,721,306	3,567,853	153,453
Public Safety	3,433,257	3,438,057	3,416,643	21,414
Health and Welfare	218,366	218,366	251,490	(33,124)
Parks and Recreation	463,090	463,090	445,480	17,610
Roads and Sanitation	2,086,551	2,086,551	2,154,620	(68,069)
Assessments	4,399,710	4,399,710	4,309,922	89,788
Total Expenditures	14,363,182	14,367,982	14,159,508	208,474
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures	7,642,477	7,642,477	8,322,888	680,411
Other Financing Sources				
Transfers In	442,654	442,654	441,961	(693)
Transfers Out	(8,185,131)	(8,185,131)	(8,185,131)	-
Total Other Financing Sources	(7,742,477)	(7,742,477)	(7,743,170)	(693)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(100,000)	(100,000)	579,718	679,718
Beginning Fund Balance - Unassigned			2,198,020	
(Increase) Decrease in Assigned Fund Balances			(102,000)	
Ending Fund Balance - Unassigned			2,675,738	
Reconciliation to Exhibit C:				
Unassigned Fund Balance per above			2,675,738	
Encumbrances			167,220	
Reserve for Working Capital			2,348,000	
Reserve for Insurance			500,000	
Reserved for Fiber Lease			50,000	
School Department			1,475,967	
Cruise Ship Fund			1,422,215	
Parking Meter Fund			108,861	
Total Fund Balance Exhibit C			8,748,001	
Reconciliation to Exhibit D:				
Total Revenues per above			22,482,396	
Dog Control Reserve			2,319	
Shellfish Conservation Reserve			2,930	
School Department			2,006,388	
Cruise Ship Fund			209,791	
Parking Meter Fund			2,132,015	
Total General Fund Revenues per Exhibit D:			26,835,839	
Reconciliation to Exhibit D:				
Total Expenditures per above			14,159,508	
Encumbrances			(45,360)	
Dog Control Reserve			433	
School Department			8,217,445	
Cruise Ship Fund			22,983	
Parking Meter Fund			237,346	
Total General Fund Expenditures per Exhibit D:			22,592,355	

UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

2020

DELAITRE, WILLIAM H JR HEIRS OF	\$1,104.33 *
DELAITRE, WILLIAM H JR HEIRS OF	\$4,816.88 *
EASTERN WATCH, LLC.	\$11,884.05 *
HAMOR, BRUCE F	\$1,953.32 *
HIGGINS, THEODORE S	\$205.23 *
HIGGINS, THEODORE S	\$237.39 *
HIGGINS, THEODORE S	\$4,485.97 *
HILTON, ADAM N	\$4,461.83 *
HOOPER, WALTER PARTY IN POS	\$1,905.15
HOWARD, FRANCIS E LT	\$1,733.06
KRASON, IGNATIUS ET ALS	\$2,304.77 *
LEVESQUE, JOY L	\$2,854.10 *
MANNIX, CHARLES R	\$11,171.85 *
NORWOOD, JEFFREY PR	\$2,615.72 *
PARSONS, DONALD J	\$3,619.92 *
PORTER, TIMOTHY L	\$644.09 *
RILEY, JAMES N JR	\$1,281.60 *
RUSSELL, FRANKE	\$2,510.17 *
SORDYL, EUGENE E HEIRS OF	\$8,276.78 *
TRUITT, MAISIE S EST OF	\$1,710.91 *

2021

35 EAST STRAWBERRY HILL INC	\$4,376.82 *
ALLEN, GARY L	\$3,990.14
BAR HARBOR HOLDINGS LLC	\$2,951.64 *
BOND HOLDINGS LLC	\$4,623.81 *
BOND PROPERTIES LLC	\$13,211.42 *
BOND PROPERTIES, LLC	\$2,386.09 *
BOND PROPERTIES, LLC	\$6,579.10 *
BOND PROPERTIES, LLC	\$6,707.22 *
BURNS, GEORGE J	\$4,504.89
BUTLER, LUCAS M	\$3,120.57
COLLIER, ROBERT V	\$1,704.56 *
DELAITRE, RICHMOND G	\$1,674.06
DELAITRE, RICHMOND G	\$5,145.91 *
DENEGRE, JAMES M	\$340.99 *
DERF C. B. -1	\$726.28
DOBBS, JEFFERSON	\$2,271.51 *
DOWNS, MARK	\$165.33 *
DRENNAN, MATTHEW P	\$3,808.94 **
EASTERN WATCH LLC	\$37,488.13
EHRlich, JONATHAN D	\$825.41 **

* PAID AFTER 6/30/2022

**PARTIAL PAYMENT AFTER 6/30/2022

UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

ERICKSON, CARLTON B	\$1,567.47	*
FITZGERALD & SON LLC	\$77.94	*
FOUNTAIN, DAVID A	\$1,996.19	*
GILLIS, MICHAEL T	\$1,659.00	*
HAMOR, BRUCE F	\$2,923.97	
HIGGINS, THEODORE S	\$225.52	*
HIGGINS, THEODORE S	\$251.61	*
HIGGINS, THEODORE S	\$4,305.27	
HILTON, ADAM N	\$7,495.24	**
HOOPER, WALTER PARTY IN POS	\$2,768.48	
HOWARD, FRANCIS E LT	\$2,493.62	
HURLEY, L POLLY	\$50.75	*
ISLA TORTUGA, LLC	\$18,276.98	
KRASON, IGNATIUS ET ALS	\$2,507.66	
KRAUTWALD, ROBERT	\$1,200.65	*
LANGE, CARROL M	\$699.07	*
LEVESQUE, JOY L	\$2,530.72	
LIAN, GERARD J TRUSTEE	\$1,076.74	
LIBBY, SETH EMERSON III	\$2,681.27	*
LURVEY, FRANK M	\$754.95	
MACGREGOR, JESSIE ARLEEN	\$4,188.86	**
MANNIX, CHARLES R	\$11,932.13	*
MARINKE, THOMAS	\$105.12	*
MASTERSON, HOLLY	\$2,971.23	*
MCFARLAND FARM, LLC	\$67.00	*
MCFARLAND FARM, LLC	\$67.00	*
MCFARLAND FARM, LLC	\$67.00	*
MCFARLAND FARM, LLC	\$67.00	*
MCFARLAND FARM, LLC	\$67.00	*
MCFARLAND, DAVID S, HEIRS OF	\$328.85	*
MYERS, GENEVIEVE E	\$1,294.06	*
NEEL, JAMES C	\$1,920.87	*
NORWOOD, JEFFREY PR	\$3,095.50	*
ORR, HILARY W	\$1,772.32	*
PAPADOPOLI, COREY V	\$3,551.91	
PARSONS, CECIL L JR	\$1,447.21	
PARSONS, DONALD J	\$3,914.04	**
PARSONS, HARLAND A	\$2,098.01	
PERKINS, JAMES W	\$861.51	*
PERSEUS PROPERTIES LLC	\$59.00	*
PIRATE'S COVE BAR HARBOR, INC	\$11,918.88	
PORTER, TIMOTHY L	\$3,311.16	*
RICHARDSON, RALPH M JR	\$3,490.73	*
RILEY, JAMES N JR	\$1,970.97	*
RUBEL, RACHEL GEIST HEIRS OF	\$3,211.87	*
RUBEL, RACHEL GEIST HEIRS OF	\$8,327.88	*
RUSSELL, FRANKE	\$3,642.19	*

* PAID AFTER 6/30/2022

**PARTIAL PAYMENT AFTER 6/30/2022

UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

SALISBURY LLC	\$48.99 *
SMITH, LANA JOY	\$3,151.65
SOMERS, BRIAN	\$2,017.85 *
SORDYL, EUGENE E HEIRS OF	\$8,446.25 *
SOSA, ROLAND L	\$1,500.43 *
SULLIVAN, LLEWELYN A	\$3,225.46 *
TRUITT, MAISIE S EST OF	\$1,832.55 *
ULETT, NANCY F	\$929.96 *
UNKNOWN	\$408.11
UNKOWN	\$276.62
WITHERELL, JESSICA	\$67.00 *

* PAID AFTER 6/30/2022

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FY24 Budget

As Recommended to Town Meeting
By Town Council and Warrant Committee

Updated Through
March 31, 2023



March 31, 2023

MEMO

To: Town Meeting Voters
From: Manager's Office
Re: 2024 Municipal Budget

Following Town Charter Section C-31, Town Council and the Warrant Committee have reviewed the FY 2024 budget submitted by the Town Manager. The Town Council made several changes to the budget and the Warrant Committee agrees on the majority of the numbers presented. (As of the time of this writing, the Warrant Committee has a few items to further consider at their April 6th meeting). Based on the modifications made by Council, there are anticipated increases of 12.2% in the municipal portion of the tax commitment, 1.7% for the local school, 5.7% for the Hancock County assessment and 9.1% for the High School assessment. The overall tax increase is estimated to be 11%. If budgets are approved as proposed and the valuation estimate is on target, then the mil rate would increase from \$9.32 to \$10.21. The median home value of \$405,000 would have a \$360 increase in annual taxes.

This budget proposal does exceed LD 1 limits. Additional information about that calculation can also be found in the Charts section of the full budget, posted on the town's website at barharbormaine.gov/budget.

There are two positions proposed in the municipal portion of the budget in the Planning Office for Housing and Community Planner and a Staff Planner

Some Highlights of the Budget:

Wage increases to non-union employees is 6% to match Teamsters Union contract.

There is one bond request, \$58,538,288 to fund construction of a new elementary school.

This budget includes use of American Rescue Plan Act funds (grant) for additional requests from MDI YMCA, \$50,000 and the Jesup Library, \$119,320. Both of these items are in addition to requested annual funding.

Parking Fund

Net Revenue is estimated at \$3,149,600. \$406,251 will transfer to the General fund to offset town operational expenses.

Cruise Ship Fund

The Cruise Ship Fund budget reflects the November 2022 Land Use Ordinance limiting passenger disembarkation to 1,000 persons per day. The passenger fee will increase to \$5.21. The Fund transfers \$351,417 to the General Fund to offset operational costs and \$331,550 to offset capital improvement costs. CS funds are paying \$25,000 towards the debt on the ferry terminal property.

The Town looks forward to Town Meeting and answering any questions you may have.

Bar Harbor FY 2024 Budget Tax Calculation

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY24	CHANGE	
DEPARTMENT EXPENSE SUMMARIES	Actual	Orig. Budget	MOE	TM Supported SE		
Town Council	\$ 38,475	\$ 39,490	\$ 40,490	\$ 40,490	\$ 1,000	2.5%
Town Manager	\$ 133,902	\$ 264,400	\$ 284,542	\$ 251,842	\$ (12,558)	-4.7%
Town Clerk	\$ 116,278	\$ 137,025	\$ 147,749	\$ 147,749	\$ 10,724	7.8%
Finance Dept	\$ 371,566	\$ 468,904	\$ 510,019	\$ 499,319	\$ 30,415	6.5%
Town Attorney	\$ 83,899	\$ 61,750	\$ 100,750	\$ 200,750	\$ 139,000	225.1%
Elections	\$ 13,261	\$ 16,777	\$ 23,050	\$ 23,050	\$ 6,273	37.4%
Technology	\$ 170,317	\$ 205,893	\$ 222,494	\$ 228,444	\$ 22,551	11.0%
Municipal Building	\$ 82,492	\$ 91,210	\$ 89,327	\$ 89,327	\$ (1,883)	-2.1%
Town Offices	\$ 48,635	\$ 47,166	\$ 58,050	\$ 57,000	\$ 9,834	20.8%
Employee Benefits	\$ 1,646,709	\$ 2,160,754	\$ 2,255,450	\$ 2,300,696	\$ 139,942	6.5%
Code Enforcement	\$ 144,983	\$ 149,976	\$ 165,954	\$ 208,954	\$ 58,978	39.3%
Assessing	\$ 127,437	\$ 174,389	\$ 183,848	\$ 183,848	\$ 9,459	5.4%
Planning	\$ 217,593	\$ 241,876	\$ 285,497	\$ 472,997	\$ 231,121	95.6%
Miscellaneous	\$ 348,364	\$ 227,500	\$ 258,000	\$ 237,000	\$ 9,500	4.2%
Fire / EMS	\$ 1,075,204	\$ 1,471,159	\$ 1,645,976	\$ 1,706,045	\$ 234,886	16.0%
Public Fire Protection	\$ 585,604	\$ 585,604	\$ 620,740	\$ 620,740	\$ 35,136	6.0%
Police Dept.	\$ 1,299,378	\$ 1,424,452	\$ 1,597,850	\$ 1,597,850	\$ 173,398	12.2%
Dispatch	\$ 274,050	\$ 284,564	\$ 315,749	\$ 300,398	\$ 15,834	5.6%
Public Safety Bldg	\$ 47,358	\$ 50,080	\$ 58,605	\$ 58,605	\$ 8,525	17.0%
Street Lights	\$ 24,551	\$ 15,370	\$ 15,370	\$ 15,370	\$ -	0.0%
Harbor Dept	\$ 134,093	\$ 115,432	\$ 122,899	\$ 122,899	\$ 7,467	6.5%
Parks & Rec	\$ 445,480	\$ 481,899	\$ 515,609	\$ 515,609	\$ 33,710	7.0%
General Assist./COVID19 Exps	\$ 55,959	\$ 44,570	\$ 24,200	\$ 24,200	\$ (20,370)	-45.7%
Cooperating Agency	\$ 75,023	\$ 75,867	\$ 75,867	\$ 71,695	\$ (4,172)	-5.5%
Comfort Station	\$ 120,508	\$ 124,932	\$ 140,163	\$ 140,163	\$ 15,231	12.2%
Public Works	\$ 163,297	\$ 420,505	\$ 316,052	\$ 314,612	\$ (105,893)	-25.2%
Highway Dept	\$ 1,099,698	\$ 1,249,411	\$ 1,419,783	\$ 1,419,783	\$ 170,372	13.6%
Solid Waste	\$ 859,725	\$ 818,070	\$ 996,658	\$ 996,658	\$ 178,588	21.8%
SUBTOTAL	\$ 9,803,839	\$ 11,449,025	\$ 12,490,740	\$ 12,846,093	\$ 1,397,068	12.2%
Capital Improvements Transfer	\$ 2,073,092	\$ 1,978,620	\$ 3,011,510	\$ 2,195,148	\$ 216,528	10.9%
School Local - Transfer	\$ 6,112,039	\$ 6,782,772	\$ 6,898,400	\$ 6,898,400	\$ 115,628	1.7%
Other Transfers out						
TOTAL Expense Taxable	\$ 17,988,970	\$ 20,210,417	\$ 22,400,650	\$ 21,939,642	\$ 1,729,225	8.6%
Hancock County Assessment	\$ 833,472	\$ 896,367	\$ 896,367	\$ 947,755	\$ 51,388	5.7%
MDI High School Assessment	\$ 3,476,450	\$ 3,701,291	\$ 3,701,291	\$ 4,037,317	\$ 336,026	9.1%
Overlay Assessment	\$ 72,671	\$ 72,671	\$ 89,789	\$ 72,671	\$ -	0.0%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 22,371,563	\$ 24,880,746	\$ 27,088,097	\$ 26,997,385	\$ 2,207,351	8.5%
REVENUES						
General Revenues	\$ 2,842,837	\$ 3,564,285	\$ 3,519,738	\$ 3,511,238	\$ (53,047)	-1.5%
Reserve-Use of Fund Bal one time Exp		\$ 261,500		\$ 78,500	\$ (183,000)	-70.0%
Reserve-Use of Fund Balance For CIP	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000		\$ 50,000	\$ (100,000)	-66.7%
Transfers In -Cr Ship,Parkng,Dog, Shellfish	\$ 442,654	\$ 633,521	\$ 763,418	\$ 763,418	\$ 129,897	20.5%
SUBTOTAL (REVENUES)	\$ 3,385,491	\$ 4,609,306	\$ 4,283,156	\$ 4,403,156	\$ (206,150)	-4.5%
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 473,452	\$ 350,000	\$ 475,000	\$ 475,000	\$ 125,000	35.7%
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 3,858,943	\$ 4,959,306	\$ 4,758,156	\$ 4,878,156	\$ (81,150)	-1.6%
Net Commitment	\$18,817,622	\$19,921,440	\$22,329,941	\$22,119,229	\$2,197,789	11.0%
Taxable Valuation	\$ 1,931,994,100	\$ 2,136,861,800	\$ 2,166,741,800	\$ 2,166,741,800	\$ 29,880,000	1.4%
Mill Rate	9.74	9.32	10.31	10.21	0.89	9.5%
Total Municipal Budget	\$ 12,041,363	\$ 13,427,644	\$ 15,502,250	\$ 15,041,242	\$ 2,074,606	12.0%
- Total Deductions	\$ 3,735,491	\$ 4,959,306	\$ 4,758,156	\$ 4,878,156	\$ (201,150)	-1.6%
= Municipal Property Tax	\$ 8,305,872	\$ 8,468,338	\$ 10,744,094	\$ 10,163,086	\$ 2,155,756	20.0%
LD-1 Levy Limit - maximum	\$ 8,709,829	\$ 8,982,008	\$9,481,096	\$9,481,096	\$ 499,088	
Difference for LD-1 (under limit)	\$ (403,957)	\$ (513,670)	\$ 1,262,998	\$ 681,990		

Municipal Budget: Budget Summary for Warrant Article

Fund	Appropriation (Expenditures) Requested	Revenues Other Than Prop. Tax	Fund Balance Used	Property Taxes Needed	Tax Rate Change
Assessments					
County Assessment	947,755	0	0	947,755	1.4%
High School Assessment	4,037,317	0	0	4,037,317	3.6%
Overlay	72,671	0	0	72,671	0.0%
Total Assessments	5,057,743	0	0	5,057,743	2.5%
Municipal Budget					
General Fund	12,846,094	4,799,656	78,500	7,967,938	12.2%
Capital Improvement Program Fund	5,893,380	3,648,233	50,000	2,195,148	-0.8%
Dog Control Reserve Fund	2,600	2,600	0	0	n/a
Shellfish Conservation Reserve Fund	3,100	3,100	0	0	n/a
Cruise Ship Fund	939,351	939,351	0	0	n/a
Parking Meter Fund	3,961,952	3,149,600	812,352	0	n/a
Total Municipal Budget	23,646,478	12,542,540	940,852	10,163,086	9.1%
Approp. Warrant				<i>LD-1</i>	
Education Budget					
Elementary School Fund	8,330,965	658,000	774,565	6,898,400	0.6%
Total Education Budget	8,330,965	658,000	774,565	6,898,400	0.6%
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Grand Totals	37,035,186	13,200,540	1,715,417	22,119,229	4.8%

Mill Rate Calc:
22,119,229
 2,166,741,800
 0.01021

<i>Tax Rate Change</i>	
Tax Rate This year	\$10.21
Tax Rate Last Year	\$9.32
Tax Rate Increase	\$0.89
	9.5%

Total Taxable Valuation Next Year
 \$2,166,741,800

<i>What Will It Cost Me?</i>		
Median Home Value	Total Tax Increase Per Month	Total Tax Increase Per Year
\$405,000	\$29.99	\$360

Capital Improvement Program: Highlights of Next Year's Purchases & Projects

In FY24, the Town proposes to:

- continue the buildout of the fiber optic system to its Town locations
- upgrade one of its three main host servers & storage
- continue its property revaluation research on maintaining equitable tax assessments
- focus on the update and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan
- replace a Police cruiser
- continue with Ferry Terminal improvements such as paving and Harbor Committee work on FT marina options
- upgrade the Village Green Bandstand as well as update the Glen Mary Pool facility
- repave the Ballpark areas (3)
- update one of the aged fountains in the Town parks
- scheduled replacement of the Road Grader and Plow Truck
- purchase lights for the Eden Pathway
- continue Road and Sidewalk Improvements
- continue construction of Higgins Pit Solar Array

Our bond payments will total some \$2,500,150 next year in FY24, or about 42% of our normal annual CIP appropriation, this increase due to new debt service for CE School Architectural Design, Fiber Buildout, Solar Array and Priority Infrastructure-stormwater, underground utilities, retaining wall, streetscape and shared use path projects. \$331,500 will be transferred from Cruise Ship fees to help fund those related capital projects and debt service and \$2,884,435 from the Parking Fund to fund its related debt as well as other capital needs. These transfers represent 48% of the total CIP appropriations (excluding new bonding).

How the Capital Improvement Program Works

In order to better understand our Capital Improvement Program, it may be helpful to explain its purpose and function. As required by Section C-30A of the Town Charter, the CIP is “a program consisting of projects any one of which costs more than \$5,000 and meets one or more of the following requirements:

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- construction time extends to two or more fiscal years;
- includes planning for, construction of or major renovation of a Town building, wharf, public way, sewer, drain or appurtenant equipment; or
- replacement or acquisition of equipment with life expectancy of five years or longer.”

Contemporary thinking further suggests that the CIP Fund should help the Town to avoid surprises by forcing us to look ahead for the next five years or longer. Typically, this helps stabilize the CIP tax rate, so that it does not exhibit wild swings from year to year despite large changes in expenditures.

Because we should have plenty of notice when to expect most of our large capital expenditures, proper use of the CIP gives us greater flexibility and can help us avoid paying unnecessary financing costs, since we can begin raising needed capital a little bit at a time. If we plan it right, we should be able to pay cash for most things, other than buildings and major road/sidewalk projects, thereby reducing our overall costs. The credit agencies (S&P/Moody’s) see the Town’s CIP program as a strong plus.

In order to maintain a pay-as-you-go system, it is necessary to plan ahead farther than the five years in the CIP. Accordingly, the budget also includes an "Equipment Replacement Schedule" listing all major equipment and buildings, depreciation rates and proposed replacement dates. The CIP also contains some contingent purchases and projects which will be undertaken only if we are able to obtain the needed additional funds from grants or bonds. Other than *Enterprise Fund* assets (Water/Sewer) all Town capital assets are tracked through this fund, which is why purchases of assets for the benefit of Cruise Ship/Parking Funds are appropriated and recorded here but funded by those funds.

It is also important to note that for capital accounts, appropriations (authorizations to spend) are “continuing appropriations.” That is, once Town Meeting authorizes spending capital funds, the authorization to spend the money continues from year to year. The appropriation does not lapse at the end of the year like it does with operating budgets. This funding mechanism has the additional advantage of creating an emergency source of funds, since accumulated reserves can be spent for major repairs or emergency replacements, without the delay inherent in calling a Special Town Meeting.

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Debt Management Policy

In 2008 Council adopted, and later amended in 2022, a *Debt Management Policy* that basically states that debt will be issued for a capital project only when it is an appropriate means to achieve a fair allocation of costs between current and future beneficiaries or users. Additionally, the policy states that the asset should have a life of at least five years and will be used only for capital projects or equipment and the debt issuance period will not exceed the average useful life of the project. The complete policy is on the Town's website.

Fund Balance Policy

The Town's fund balance policy encourages the Town Manager and Council to annually review any fund balance surplus generated each year from the prior year's operations to consider a nominal drawdown from newly created surplus from the prior audit year results in order to accelerate funding specific CIP projects. In FY23, that drawdown was scheduled for \$150,000, but projects were deferred. Also, \$261,500 was appropriated for FY24 for three CIP projects which are scheduled to be completed (bandstand, Glen Mary pool & ballpark comfort station). The proposed Fund Balance Drawdown for FY24 is \$164,800.

Terminology

This capital plan covers five fiscal years, the first of which is often referred to as Year One. Although it starts on July 1, 2023, Year One is designated as Fiscal Year 2024, since it ends on June 30, 2024. Fiscal Year 2024 is usually referred to as FY24 on most schedules. This year's Capital Improvement Program covers the five years from FY24 to FY28. Years 2 thru 5 are budgetary estimates and are not voted on, nor committed with appropriation votes at the annual Town Meeting.

Revenues

Non-Tax Revenues

State DOT – Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) – State Law, 23 MRS 1803-B(1-A-2) limits the use of LRAP funds to capital improvements related to roads.

Sale of Assets – Reflects any direct asset sales, such as used vehicles that are not budgeted as trade-ins.

Fire Station Cell Phone Antenna Lease – The revenue from the Fire Station cell phone tower lease has been earmarked for maintenance of the Public Safety Building. In FY22, AT&T has added an antenna to the building in addition to Verizon's antennae.

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Lease Payments by Water Fund – The rent was calculated as follows: The Water Division occupies approximately 37.5% of the Public Works Complex space. However, since a portion of the debt service costs includes the pole barn and salt shed we reduced the percentage chargeable to the water division to 33.3%. We use a 5-year average of debt costs and equals a lease transfer of \$77,682 per year.

Lease from Atlantic Fleet/Bay Ferries – This revenue source represents the annual proceeds from a 5-year lease on the use of the land at the Ferry Terminal property which is used to help pay the annual debt service that the Town is obligated on. The lease expires on 10/31/2023, with a one-year renewable option for the tenant to execute. However, in FY22, the Council voted to extend the lease by two years in recognition of the forced inactivity in the summer of 2020 and 2021.

CIP Property Taxes Transferred in – CIP funding from taxes is the net result to balance out the proposed appropriations to CIP (for all projects, equipment replacements, debt, etc.) after we consider all other CIP income sources coming in.

Inter-Fund Transfers In

G/F Transfers In from Fund Balance – \$50,000 is budgeted for FY24 from the General Fund for a planning study for the Public Safety building (Service Enhancement PD-3). By Council policy, if the undesignated General Fund balance grows beyond its needs, then any drawdown of funds is transferred by the Town Manager to the CIP Fund during the annual budget process. Those items in FY24 are noted with a FB\$ indicated, although there are none.

Sewer/Water Transfers In – None proposed in FY24.

Parking Meter Fund: These monies are transferred for replacing meters, kiosks, parking lots, sidewalk, Highway vehicles, lighting and road improvements. Items partially or wholly funded by the Parking Meter Fund, are denoted with a single * in the line item description along with the \$dollars PF transferred to the CIP Fund.

Cruise Ship Fund: Port Development Fees – Annually we will transfer available Port Development Fees from the Cruise Ship Fund to the CIP Fund for use on Town owned projects reasonably related to capital improvements or debt service that benefit in whole or in part the cruise ship passengers. Items partially or wholly funded by the Cruise Ship Fund are denoted with an ** in the line item description along with the \$dollars CS transferred to the CIP Fund.

Technology Division #2122

Copy Machines #6114

We have three copy machines in the Town Office that churn out the hundreds of thousands of copies needed each year to serve the Town Council, Warrant Committee, Planning Board, Appeals Board, Design Review Board, Harbor Committee, Marine Resources Committee, FOA requests and a dozen other boards, committees and task forces, not to mention staff administrative needs. A fourth copy machine is located at the Police Department. We gain the ability to redeploy the older copiers to Finance where less volume is required. We replaced the Town Clerk's Department copier in FY23.

Fiber Network #6115

This originally was a project to study providing secure data connections to all the Town facilities. It is still undetermined at this point if the Town will lose access to *Charter Communication's* network, presently "free", but maintenance is not guaranteed. The Town was informed in 2019 that *Charter* does not wish to continue providing free "I-Net" fiber to some of the Town's facilities, including the schools & library, as part of renewing the franchise agreement, which expired in March of 2015. It wishes to charge \$43,200 for an annual lease for the use of the existing fiber for the duration while it is in service. In FY22 the Town meeting voted to move ahead in creating a Town network to and for most of its facilities and bonded \$750,000, and Consolidated Communications was selected for the build out.

Virtual Desktop Service #6117

This item will assist police officers from either Town to communicate directly and more efficiently between the Bar Harbor and Mount Desert police offices; with an estimated purchased date in FY25.

Fire Protection System (server room) #6119 : Special emergency fire suppression system that will put out a fire while not destroying the critical electrical equipment. This system protects our vital communications and thousands of dollars of equipment.

Wide Area Network, Broadcast & Wi-Fi Systems #6120

Some of our broadcasting equipment used for the G channel was replaced in FY13 but an upgrade needs to occur after a franchise agreement is signed and perhaps funded by that renewal; or by FY25 if no agreement is signed. There is also in the plans a design concept plan to renovate the auditorium which would include a completely new broadcast system at that location (for 2 rooms). Funding for this would

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be in a bond. Replacement switches for much of our wide area network (WAN) system occurred primarily in 2020. The WAN is the communication system utilizing the fiber optic cable system between all Town buildings and facilities that is owned by *Charter Communications*.

Computer Servers; Data & Video Storage: #6124

The Town facilities are linked by our fiber-optic Wide Area Network (WAN) allowing all departments to share information and files, such as digital archiving, assessing, maps, the property and GIS database, word processing, spreadsheets, the Finance's Munis system, e-mail backup, scanners, security cameras, SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) systems; 16 VM systems are running and are hosted on 3 servers. We replace these three critical servers every three years at the replacement rate of one per year as well as 2 storage devices (NAS's) that hold all data and video storage that make up everything we do. Starting in FY21 the PD vehicle videos are now stored through a monthly contract on the cloud. Replacement of one server in FY24.

Website Improvements #6126

A website rebuild with a new vendor was completed in FY14 and an upgrade/redesign was completed in FY2018. This reserve account is for future needs.

Town Phone System #6128

The Town has a *Mitel*/VOIP system with 76 licenses installed in all its facilities. It is expected to have a 12-year life with an anticipated replacement in 2026. It is still in reasonably good operating condition.

Security Camera System #6231

This is an IP based system with 33 active cameras at many department locations. The software license was upgraded to *Blue Iris* software support in FY21. Cameras in the network are now replaced as needed. The system generally records 10 days of video data before it recycles.

Municipal Building #2124

Building Renovations #6130

There are various other targeted improvements recognized in the Municipal building. The first most pressing item would be replacing one of the 2 boilers, the oldest being over 22 years old. The other boiler failed at 18 years. Concept drawings to upgrade the auditorium into a modern Council/Voting area is still in the planning stages. The first hearing before the Town Council occurred in October, 2020. Estimated costs at the time were close to \$700,000 and, if approved, would be funded by a bond to complete the project. The Town Council gave approval in FY21 to move ahead on design development that would cost \$36,000. IN FY24 cooling units for the east side of the Municipal building are budgeted.

Building Energy Audit /Improvements #6136

This account was added by the Town Council in FY21 that will explore alternative energy uses, likely with a focus on less dependence on fossil fuels. This entails an energy audit, sourcing previous studies but recognizing and researching new technologies available and defining the scope of the project.

Code Enforcement Division #2130

Code Officer Vehicle #6150

This is a 2021 AWD hybrid vehicle.

Assessing Division #2132

Geographic Information System Equipment/Vision Assessing Software #6115

Many of the Town's maps, surveys and plans are stored digitally for our archives and Geographic Information System (GIS). Think of GIS as a digital, computerized map linked to all kinds of documents in a computer data base: lot lines, deeds, building locations, topographical features, water shutoffs, sewer connections and maintenance records. GIS software allows several Town departments to share our GIS database and generate, edit and retrieve maps and data for Town facilities and other local features. A reserve has been funded to allow replacement of scanning, plotting and field GPS equipment as it wears out or justifies upgrading. A replacement plotter (\$12,000) is scheduled for purchase in FY25.

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Property Revaluation #6116

A corrective statistical update of tax assessments occurred during the summer of 2021 that relates to tax assessments for FY22. There is ongoing funding required to outsource contractual assistance to keep the values equitable on a more frequent basis. A full revaluation will cost much more which will be studied in FY24 along with including a possible vacation rental assessment methodology.

Assessing/TSA Vehicle Reserve #6150

An electric vehicle was leased in FY22. It is also used year-round for required travel by the Technology Administrator (TSA) for field repairs at the departments. Funding for a future purchase/purchase lease is included.

Ortho Photo Update #6160

These distortion-free aerial photos of the town are an invaluable tool for our taxpayers, real estate agents, surveyors, contractors and Town staff. Our Ortho photos were last updated in FY14/FY15 as part of a *League of Towns/County* collaboration project which reduced our cost significantly. The next State Ortho Photo collection in our area was completed in the spring of 2020 and the Town selected 6-inch pixel photography, the same level as in 2014. For comparison, Google utilizes 18” resolution but does not always use a Spring leafless flyover. This is survey grade quality and will maintain a consistent resolution flight database. A newer technology called Pictometry was contracted for Spring FY22. This imagery takes pictures of the community from a side angle to the ground, which enables the viewer to see the sides as well as the top of structures. This addition will allow more comprehensive data to be easily available, especially for emergency/public safety reasons. Additionally, this data will make software called “Change Finder” to be used to compare any changes in the structures from a previous flyover that were not in the Town’s assessing database. The project cost is \$32,505 for 3” resolution.

Planning Department #2134

Comprehensive Plan #6162

The 2008 Comprehensive Plan approved by Town Meeting is approaching 13 years and a fund reserve was established to build up monies for that project. The 2008 document cost \$94,000, which included a consultant, copy materials and various public meeting costs. FY23 includes an appropriation of \$50,000, making a total \$160,000 available. The first steps in this process is for a professional review of Housing Needs Assessment, Identify Zoning Barriers to Housing and seeking LMI Housing through Zoning opportunities; all as approved in the Housing Strategy report approved by the Town Council on October 1, 2019.

Lower Main St. Streetscape #6164

Initial concept design work on a streetscape was completed years ago and then the next step in the process was with Lark Studio, so that long term construction costs and planning could be completed. Engineering studies and estimates for various options also need to be completed on what is anticipated to be a multi-million-dollar project. Some work was done on discovering opportunities to reduce costs by working with Emera (now Versant) to relocate electrical services but that has been delayed due to the sale of Emera as well as the COVID19 impact.

Cottage St. Streetscape #6166

Design work on a streetscape was completed in FY17 by Lark Studio and the next step was to fund a more detailed engineering study so that long term construction costs and planning can be better ascertained. This is a multi-million-dollar project. Some work was done on discovering opportunities to reduce costs by working with Emera (now Versant) to relocate electrical services but that has been delayed due to the sale of Emera as well as the COVID19 impact.

Ambulance Division #2140

Ambulance #6200

Our 2012 ambulance is scheduled to be replaced when it is twelve years old in FY25. The purchase price includes any related equipment. The oldest ambulance is housed at the Town Hill and will be used as a spare ambulance for both Bar Harbor and Mount Desert.

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Defibrillators/Mechanical CPR Device #6202

A defibrillator is equipment which electrically stimulates the heart to restore the heart rhythm. The 2 new units purchased in 2017 also interpret heart rhythms, monitor a patient's vital signs, and act as a log for administering medications and maintains the patient information electronically that is downloaded to our run reporting software and allows for trans-mission of patient information to a hospital during transport. This information is then used for mandatory reporting and for subsequent e-billing by Finance. A mechanical CPR device was purchased in FY20 and is included in this reserve.

Patient Simulator Mannequin #6204

A patient simulator mannequin was purchased for in house professional training in FY18 with an expected 8-year life.

Fire Department #2142

Turnout Gear #6204

In 2015 the Fire Department was awarded a Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant which replaced 23 complete sets of firefighting turnout gear. Since that time, the Fire Department has continued to replace damaged and expiring turnout gear as needed for to the 10 firefighters that weren't covered by the grant. National Fire Protection Association standard 1851 requires that all turn-out gear to be replaced 10 years after the date of manufacture. To meet this standard, all 23-grant funded turnout gear sets will require replacement in FY 26. The remaining turnout gear in the department's inventory will require a staggered replacement through FY36.

Hose & Couplings #6206

The Fire Department was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant in 2015 which facilitated the purchase of 3000' of large diameter supply hose and 2300' of large diameter attack hose. The department has continued to replace aging hose on an as needed basis, as it has become damaged, or when it no longer passes NFPA 1962 required annual testing. The expected date of replacement for the fire hose purchased through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant is expected in FY31.

Rescue Tools #6212

The Fire Department has one primary set of hydraulic rescue tools located on Ladder 4, with a smaller auxiliary unit located in Town Hill. The primary hydraulic pump was replaced in FY17 after

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the original power unit failed. The remaining hydraulic tools are nearing 20 years of age with the auxiliary unit being in service for over 20 years.

Fire Engine Tanker #1 #6214 - This pumper was purchased in 2003, now with an expected 25-year life and is located at the Town Hill Fire Station.

Fire Engine #4 Ladder Truck/Quint #6218 - This ladder truck was purchased from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles (E-One) through the normal bid process in FY18. It is being used as the primary responder vehicle and has an expected 22-year life in that capacity. 75' ladder/1250gpm

Fire Engine #5 Reserve #6220 –Engine 5, a 2020 E-One Typhoon pumper with a 1500 gpm pump and 1000-gallon water tank. This unit was purchased in FY20 and is expected to have a 25-year life.

Portable Radios #6222 – The department currently has 20 portable radios that should have a reserve set up for replacement in four years where the replacement will be 23 portable radios.

Command, Utility Vehicles (3)/Mass Casualty Trailer #6224 –The Fire Department has two command vehicles operated by the Chief and Deputy Chief. These command vehicles are set up to be used as incident command posts and routinely respond to medical and fire emergencies. The third vehicle is a utility vehicle which is used for day to day operations, is equipped to respond to wildland fires during the summer, transports the Mass Casualty Trailer and is also used for hauling contaminated equipment after an incident. The Mass Casualty Trailer was purchased through a Port Security Grant and is scheduled to be replaced in FY30.

Thermal Imaging Cameras (4) #6226 - The Fire Department operates with four thermal imaging cameras. Each frontline fire apparatus has one thermal camera to allow our firefighters to deploy these devices rapidly at a fire to assist with search and rescue. Due to a failure, the oldest unit which was originally purchased through a donation was replaced with a new thermal camera in FY 23.

SCBAs & Cascade Compressor System #6227

A 2009 Port Security Grant provided 75% funding for 20 high-volume self-contained breathing apparatus units, one Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) pack, 41 air cylinders and a cascade/compressor fill station. All 20 SCBA are scheduled for replacement in FY29, at 20 years of age, and the cascade/ compressor fill station is scheduled for replacement in FY34, when it is 25 years old. Due to a mandated service life limit of 15 years, all 41 SCBA bottles are being replaced in FY23.

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Due to wear and tear, the RIT pack is being replaced in FY23. The RIT pack is used to assist injured or trapped firefighters in a hazardous atmosphere.

Dry Hydrant #6228 - This is part of Service Enhancement request FD 2 for dry hydrant repair.

Police Department #2145

Parking Enforcement Vehicle #6228

The Hybrid Toyota RAV4 and full electric Chevrolet Bolt are funded solely by parking fees.

Parking Meter & Related Equipment #6229

This is the reserve account for eventual replacement of equipment related to parking meters and all support equipment in the system. It is funded entirely by transferred in funds from the Parking Fund and funds 319 meters, 28 kiosks, the meter dome sensors and the license plate reader (LPR) system with 4 cameras.

Cruiser Equipment #6230

Each time we purchase a cruiser, the equipment in it, which has a four-year life expectancy, gets replaced. This equipment included is the console, cage, graphics, antenna and wiring, trunk tray, computer dock top, siren control and related labor. The remaining equipment in a cruiser is expected to last eight years, or through the life of two cruisers and includes the radar, video system, light bar, gun rack, radio & AED units. At the end of that eight year cycle those items need replacement. Labor for this equipment is included with the four-year equipment.

Electronic Fingerprint Scanner #6231

All people who are arrested or criminally summoned are legally required to provide their fingerprints. Our Police Officer arrests and/or summons approximately 300 people annually. Additionally, citizens and visitors routinely rely on the P.D. to have their fingerprints taken in support of brokerage licenses, employment compliance matters and travel documents. The PD relies on ink pads and paper print cards to collect fingerprints, techniques used 50 years ago. Modern booking facilities often rely on electronic fingerprinting machines which eliminate the need for ink, paper, the associated mess and mailing them out along with the associated delays caused by each step. The electronic fingerprinting machine will connect us to the state and national fingerprint databases which could help us identify wanted persons or assist in investigations in a timely manner. We need to conform to the make and model prescribed by the Maine State Bureau

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of Identification to ensure integration with the state and federal systems. FY24 is the estimated replacement date.

Port Security Boat #6233

Purchased with the FY08 Port Security Grant. Starting in FY12, we funded a reserve with cruise ship Port Development Fees, which will allow replacement of the boat when it is twenty-three years old in FY32.

Cruiser Replacement #6234

We put approximately 132,500 miles on our patrol fleet annually. With six funded cruisers we rely on five front line cars with an adequately equipped spare. Our plan is to have our cruisers reaching the end of life as a frontline patrol car at around 100,000 miles, at that point they become our spare cruiser. To stay on track with this plan, we will purchase one car a year for three years and every fourth year we purchase two. Car 502, a hybrid cruiser purchased in FY23 is an administrative cruiser assigned to the Police Captain and is cost shared with the Town of Mount Desert through the Employee Leasing Agreement.

Records Management System-*Spillman* #6236

Spillman is the common system used by the other local agencies. All law enforcement agencies and dispatch operations in Hancock County utilize *Spillman* through a shared server located in Ellsworth. Fire agencies are beginning to join on our shared server; Bar Harbor and Mount Desert are the pilot agencies for the fire service. The shared *Spillman* server allows all agencies using it to seamlessly share data and information during emergencies and for long term record keeping which enhances public safety. Funds in the CIP are for our share of future server maintenance, module upgrades and other improvements made as this regional system grows.

Portable Radios #6237

Most Police radios were purchased with a federal grant in 2012. With an estimated life cycle of approximately 10 years we expect to replace 20 portables in FY2025, the same year as Mount Desert. This will ensure equipment compatibility between PD's.

Tasers #6238

Originally purchased in FY17. We purchased the most Tasers through a program that called for us to make five equal annual payments and that payment program is complete. Replacement schedule for Tasers is aligned with the Mount Desert PD replacement cycle to ensure consistency with equipment between the agencies. All Tasers are designated for replacement in FY23, the process is underway as this FY24 is being prepared.

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Firearms #6240

18 handguns replaced every 10 years and 12 rifles replaced every 12 years. Replacement schedule for firearms is aligned with the Mount Desert PD replacement cycle to ensure consistency with equipment between the agencies.

Speed & Traffic Trailers #6241

The radar trailer was purchased in 2008 and was upgraded to a radar/message board trailer and the 2015 unit is also used as a radar/message board.

Planning & Public Safety Collaborations #6243

This account is intended to facilitate being responsive to existing goals in the Police Chief Sharing Agreement. Specifically, funds will assist with funding consultants and experts needed to assist with strategic planning for a singular employment entity and a singular consolidated facility for all Police and Dispatch personnel for the Towns of Bar Harbor and Mount Desert. Collaboration with other entities for dispatch, etc. will also be included.

Dispatch Department #2147

Voice Recording System #6231

This is the Dispatch recording equipment for 911 calls and radio transmissions. The current recorder was purchased in FY23 and is designed to record all phone and radio communications for both Mount Desert and Bar Harbor pursuant to the goals in the Police Sharing Agreement. Integration will take place after the dark fiber project is completed.

Radio Dispatch Command Console #6232

The 2 units and components were replaced in FY2022 and are interoperable with the consoles in Mount Desert. Modern consoles are primarily software applications, future replacements are for the hardware or computers that run the already purchased software and associated service agreements to maintain it all.

Ireson Hill Radio Building & Generator #6235

Replacement/upgrade is scheduled for 2029 when the building is 35 years old and the generator is 20 years old. The Tower on the property is owned by the Housing Authority.

Radio Equipment #6239

This equipment is broken down in 5 components and are scheduled for replacement at various times, starting in FY24, and as listed on the Equipment Replacement Schedule.

Public Safety Building #2149

Public Safety Building Generator & Shelter Generator Reserve #6242

The Public Safety Building has a generator installed in 2000 with 30-year life; rated at 35KW, fueled by LPgas. The Shelter generator located at Connors Emerson school is rated at 140kw and was installed in 2009; also fueled by LP gas.

Public Safety Building Renovations #6244

Income from the Verizon cell phone antenna lease has been dedicated to renovation of this century old building and the adjacent Police Station. In FY22 new monies will be allocated from a AT&T tower lease. Our priorities are to renovate the Fire Station kitchen, continue work on an air conditioning system for the second floor of the Fire Station, replace some windows on the back side of the Police Station and three windows in the front of the Fire Station. The steam baseboard heating system was installed in 1997 and was anticipated to be upgraded by 2027; the boiler was replaced in FY21. The small hot water baseboard furnace that heats the Police Station, will need to be replaced. The Town Hill Fire Station roof needs to be repaired, with shingles being re-placed. We are also exploring the possibility of placing solar panels on the roof, if feasible.

Public Safety PD Renovations #6246

For Police building maintenance and updates.

Public Safety-Workout Equipment #6248

Replacement reserve for equipment to help maintain physical readiness for the Police, Dispatch & fire staff.

Harbor Department #2153

Boat & Trailer #6250

In FY22 we purchased a new 16-foot aluminum skiff to replace the Mrs. B which was traded in towards the purchase of the new boat (Lund).

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Floats #6252

Four 8X30 finger floats are scheduled to be replaced in FY24; four 16x24 public transient floats are scheduled to be replaced in FY25.

Gangways #6254

Currently we operate four 50' gangways with replacements scheduled as needed. Due to ADA regulations any new gangway must be 80' long which will present design issues with existing float systems. We will likely redesign the next replacement transient floats and incorporate a new 80' gangway in FY25.

Fishermen's Hoists #6256

Two electric winch hoists are currently in operation, both with a 200lb lifting capacity. The older of the two hoists is under contract for replacement in May of FY23 with a hydraulic hoist that has a minimum lifting capacity of 500lbs.

Ferry Terminal Improvements #6258

The portion of the property that is dedicated for public use was used for free public parking beginning in CY22 but no improvements were made to the parking surface other than line striping. Demolition of a passenger bridge building was completed on the Ferry pier during the fall of CY22. However, other capital costs of an immediate need for the property is budgeted here. All Ferry Terminal related consultant(s) costs are also accounted for here.

Port Security Building #6260

A reserve to plan for any future replacement or maintenance which is now partially funded by the Parking Fund as all Parking and Harbor Operations are housed in the Port Security Building.

Breakwater #6264

The Army Corps of Engineers has accepted the breakwater repair as a maintenance project and they are in the early stages of planning and seeking congressional funding for the project.

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Pier Renovations #6266

The entire fender piling system (17 pilings) was replaced in FY23 with pressure treated pilings. The fender piling system should be scheduled for replacement in FY33.

Boat Pump Out System #6268

This is a reserve for eventual replacement of the boat pump out.

Pickup Truck #6269

The current Harbormaster Truck was purchased in 2009 for use by the Bar Harbor Fire Department using funds from a Port Security Grant, when the Fire Dept. replaced the truck, it was handed down to the Harbormaster. Historically the Harbormasters Office has inherited pick-up trucks from the Fire Department when they are replaced. The Fire Department no longer has a 3/4-ton truck. In recent years the Harbormaster truck has been used at greater levels by the Police Department for cruise ship traffic control set up, installation and maintenance of our parking system and to tow the Police Boat. To accomplish these tasks, a heavy duty 3/4 pick-up in good working order is required.

Parks and Recreation #2159

Museum in the Streets #5448

Interpretive signs designating historical points of interest around the downtown were erected in FY13 and more added during FY19. Cruise Ship Port Development Fees are fully funding annual payments into a maintenance reserve account.

Benches, Bike Racks, Pergola, etc. #6300

A line item to provide capital reserves as these park components are expanded or replaced. Funded by Parking Fund and Cruise Ship monies. Public donations are also accepted.

Grant Park Renovations #6302

This was renovated in 2017, with some donations from the BH V.I.A, Cruise Ship Funds and taxes. An annual replacement reserve has been funded primarily using Cruise Ship Port Development Fees.

Tree Planting #6304

Annual funding of replacement of old and diseased trees.

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Park Irrigation Systems #6306

This reserve funds future replacements of the four irrigation systems installed in Barker Park, Village Green, Agamont Park and Grant Park.

Skate Park Reserve #6308

This was originally privately funded at the ballfield and was accepted by the Town in 2017. Landscaping and benches from this account are still on the “to do” list.

Mount Desert Street Cemetery #6310

During FY03 we received a bequest from the estate of Crystal T. Sprague, on the condition that the funds be used only for the maintenance and repair of the Mount Desert Street Cemetery. Headstones have been cleaned and a gate was installed at the north end. We anticipate building paths; regrading and reseeding the sod; replacing overgrown shrubs; installing an irrigation system; repointing the stone wall, installing fencing; and possibly illuminating the Civil War Memorial. A boundary survey indicates the need for a line agreement between the Town and the westerly abutter. Once this is completed we would like to select a designer and finalize design improvements, with construction to follow. Repointing portions of the stone wall was completed in FY23.

Playground Equipment #6312

This account was established for the purchase of new park equipment or the replacement of worn-out equipment as the need arises for either Park Street or Town Hill. Town Hill and the 2017 renovation to Park St. Playground were primarily funded by private donations but the maintenance reserve is now through taxation.

Launch Ramp #6314

This was installed at Hadley Point in 2006.

Tennis & Basketball Courts #6316

Reserve set up for future renovations of the tennis court facilities and basketball courts. The tennis/pickleball court was renovated in 2020 at a cost of \$130,000. \$3,500 in FY24 projected cost to resurface and line the basketball court. This will preserve the court surface.

Village Green Bandstand #6318

The bandstand was rebuilt in FY10 but is scheduled for an expansion in size with enhanced lighting and acoustics in FY24.

Glen Mary Pool Renovations #6332 - This facility located on Village Improvement Society land was last fully renovated in 2009. It is also used as a skating rink during the winter. It is scheduled

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for a complete overhaul in FY24. Private donations may supplement or add additional funding to budget.

Harborview Park #6334

An \$89,000 railing replacement was completed in FY21. This account was established to provide a reserve for upkeep of park. In FY22, ten new park benches were installed.

Downtown Wayfinding Signage Reserve #6336

Originally funded by a 2014 bond with the debt service now being paid by annual transfers from the Cruise Ship fund's Port Development fees. In FY24 a new wayfinding sign is planned for pedestrian area at corner of Eden and West Street.

Park Fountains #6338

The maintenance reserve for the three main fountains at Village Green and Agamont Park. The plan is to assess and repair each of the three fountains, one per year. Replacement of these fountains has not previously been funded. This account will serve as a reserve after all three fountains have been updated.

Agamont Park #6340

Repair the lawn area along Agamont Lane.

Village Green Park Water Fill #6342

This line item is to install a new water fill station near the Village Green Fountain. Reserve funding to replace every five years.

Barker Park Security Enhancements #6344

Enhance security of Barker Park with landscape improvements and/or lighting.

Ballfield Parking Lot #6346

Pave the three parking lots at the ballfield in FY24: paid parking area, tennis court, and the dirt lot on Main Street. Fund future years for maintenance and upgrades.

Comfort Stations #2170

Restroom Reserve #6350

There are four comfort stations funded by this replacement reserve: the Ballfield, the Pier, Newport Drive and Village Green. This reserve account is partially funded each using Cruise Ship Fund's Port Fees for the Newport Dr & Pier facilities. The Ballfield comfort station is anticipated to be replaced in FY24, two years earlier than prior CIP plan. Fund Balance of \$100,000 will assist in funding this project. Planning for the renovation and relocation of the Village Green comfort station is funded under Police 2149-6246.

Highway #2177

Air Compressors / Welder unit #6400

Highway has one compressor located at the Public Works facility and a mobile one it borrows from the Water Division on a trailer. The old welder was replaced in FY23.

Backhoe #6402

We have one 2014 backhoe at the Highway Division which is scheduled to be replaced in FY26. We have a shared backhoe with Solid Waste, Water and Wastewater.

Brush Chipper #6404 - This was replaced in FY2019 with a *Vermeer BC1500* unit.

Bikeway/Pedestrian Improvements #6404

This is a new account to use towards making these transportation modes safer in the congested downtown. All funds are transferred in from the Parking Fund. Potential projects are extension of shared use path on Eden Street and the expansion of sidewalk on Rodick.

Road Grader #6408

Replacement of our old grader has been deferred to FY24, when it will be thirty-three years old and will be replaced with a used grader.

Parking Lot Acquisition #6410

This is a new placeholder account to accumulate funds to acquire any possible downtown parking space in the future and is funded by Parking Fund fees.

Hydraulic Truck Lifts #6412

We have a 15-ton truck lift purchased in 2000 and a 5-ton car lift purchased in 2004. The 15-ton was replaced in FY22 with new mobile columns. The 5-ton car lift is expected to be replaced in FY26.

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Front End Loader #6414 - A new wheel loader was purchased in FY15.

Excavator #6416

This was a new Bobcat excavator purchased in FY17. It is a more efficient machine than a backhoe to do ditching and culvert replacements.

Snowblower #6418 - Purchased in FY16; the 234hp unit attaches to the Front End Loader.

Road Improvement Program #6420

An annual contracted paving program (5-year life) of at least \$300,000 per year is included in the budget. The Parking Fund has now enabled a transfer of \$1,500,000 this year to assist in road improvement rebuilds in the downtown and out of town roads. In addition, this also funds road restoration on Water and Wastewater projects, such as Glen Mary Road and Hancock Street.

Fuel Pump System #6422

This was a new system installed in 2018; primarily the software & components only. The reserve includes both the pump system equipment and the software. Improvements are designated to be made in FY24.

Sidewalk Plow #6424

The sidewalk plow is 2022 Multihog that also has sanding, sweeping and snowblower duties in addition to plowing. Replacement was made in FY23.

Sidewalk Reconstruction #6426

This receives funding from both the Cruise Ship Port Development fees as well as the Parking Fund each year. Generally, monies spent here aligns with the approved road construction projects. However, there is currently work focused on or anticipated to be on Main Street, Kennebec Street and Lower Rodick St.

Pellet Boiler System #6428 - This is over 10 years old and needs replacement in FY24.

Steamer/Pressure Washer #6430 - This unit was replaced in FY2019 with an *Alkota* unit.

Eden Path Lighting #6434

This is an account to coordinate with the neighbors and purchase a proportionate set of matching sidewalk lights to improve night travel for bikers and pedestrians. This is 100% funded by the Parking Fund. Improvements are anticipated FY24.

Street Sweeper #6436

This is a vacuum sweeper, purchased new in 2018. It has a 5-year effective life before trading in due to its heavy use and will be replaced in FY23. 100% funded through Parking and Cruise Ships.

Public Works Building / Solar Panels #6438

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It is anticipated that the Town will entertain purchasing the panels during 7th year of use by the owner at a to be determined FMV price from *Revision Energy*. *Revision* installed the 288 panels and has a purchased power agreement (PPA) with the Town. This is the reserve to make that purchase during FY23 with the panels still having a useful life of at least another 20 years.

School Parking Lot #6440

A placeholder reserve for monies transferred in from the Parking Fund to be allocated towards the future costs of paving, repaving, ground work, etc. related to possible use of the School lot being used for Town satellite parking during the summer season.

Tag Trailer #6442 - Flat trailer for 20 tons purchased in 2000 with an estimated 25-year life.

Brine Mixing Equipment #6444

A reserve account for this winter accessory with a FY24 replacement date scheduled.

Liquid Anti-Icer Tank #6446

This is a removable 1600-gal tank that was purchased in FY16. It rides in the back of a dump truck and is used in the summer (washing sidewalks) and winter (salt brine).

Street Lights/LED Lease #6448

This primarily has funded a 3-year capital lease to pay for the conversion of all the Town's streetlights (including parking lots, decorative lights, etc.) to LED's. This is 100% funded by the Parking Fund monies. Additional funds are included to start a replacement reserve. And funds from this account are also used for upgrades to its Xwalk beacons, the school solar Xwalk light and the Rte#3 stop light.

Light Trucks #6450

There are seven trucks of 1.5 tons or less available to the crew and the PW Director. One truck is scheduled for replacement in FY24.

Plow Trucks #6452

The Town owns five large dump trucks; 4 active trucks, plus the spare. Experience has shown that, on average, they begin to become unreliable after about 8+ years of service, so we put one of the older ones in reserve, while running four on the road. One plow truck is scheduled for replacement in FY24.

Bobcat Loader & Equipment #6453

Bought in FY17, the "Bobcat" fills the same function as a forklift, but with the proper attachments, will also sweep, load, dig, bore and plow snow when needed as a backup support to our sidewalk plow that allows snow removal in a timely manner.

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Vibratory Roller #6454 - This was replaced in FY20.

Power Screen #6506

Pending Council approval, this will be a purchase in FY23 for use this Spring. This power screen is used to create compost from the leaf pile at Public Works as well as breaking up clumps of sand for winter.

Solid Waste #2179

Backhoe #6402

This is a shared backhoe between Solid Waste, Highway, Water and Wastewater. Purchased in FY23.

Waste Oil Furnace #6455

This is used to burn the used motor vehicle oil as a source of heat and was transferred to the Solid Waste location to supplement the propane heat. Replacement is scheduled for FY24.

Single Sort Units/Canopy #6456

Two of these units are in place and were installed when the Transfer Station was rebuilt in FY18. A canopy over the two single sort compactors is being funded.

Transfer Station Renovations #6458

A reserve is established for any needed major repairs/replacements. The transfer station was rebuilt in 2018. The remaining bond monies from that rebuild is being transferred to the Forklift reserve #6472 and the Trailer reserve, #6460. This was previously in a Solar Panel reserve, #6468.

Three 48' Trailers #6460

Three trailers were purchased from the bonded project in FY18. One used trailer was purchased in FY22. These trailers have an anticipated service life of 15 years. We are also looking to transfer \$40,157 from the Solar Panel reserve, #6468, to this line item.

Compactor Unit #6462

This includes the hopper.

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Skid Steer #6464

This 2018 unit is utilized at the facility instead.

High Pressure Washer #6466

Unit used for efficient cleaning of the facility and grounds. Replacement anticipated in FY24.

Solar Panels #6468

The Town previously allocated the last of its Transfer Station bond monies to this line item. Ideally these funds will be reallocated to fund the replacement of essential equipment; Forklift #6472 and Trailers #6460.

Truck #6470

Reserve to replace a 3/4 Ton pickup truck purchased in FY20.

Forklift #6472

The 2001 forklift is inoperable. This appropriation and spending will be proposed as an FY23 budget amendment with funds transferred from Solar Panel reserve, #6468.

* = Partial or Full Parking Funding			Capital Improvement Program					
** = Partial or Full Cruise Ship Funding			Year By Year Overview					
Account Number	This Year FY23	Department	Year One FY24			Year Two FY25		
21	Yr.End Bal.	Account	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
22		Technology Division						
6114	53	Copy Machines	5,571	0	5,624	5,571	8,900	2,295
6115	732,582	Fiber Engineering Project	0	0	732,582	30,000	30,000	732,582
6117	40,000	Virtual Desktpr Softwr-PD-New	0	0	40,000	0	0	40,000
6119	13,796	Fire Prot Syst-Server Rm	1,733	0	15,529	1,733	0	17,262
6120	14,060	WAN & Broadcst & WiFi **2k	5,833	0	19,893	5,833	25,000	726
6124	41,775	3 VM Host Servers & Storage	20,000	20,000	41,775	20,000	25,000	36,775
6126	6,835	Website/Tyler Cont Imprvmnts	4,375	0	11,210	4,375	0	15,585
6128	40,103	Town Phone System	7,545	0	47,648	7,545	0	55,193
6231	3,034	Security Camera System	5,000	4,000	4,034	5,000	3,000	6,034
	892,238	<i>Total Technology</i>	50,057	24,000	918,295	80,057	91,900	906,452
24		Municipal Building						
6130	95,869	Building Renovations *5K **5k	10,000	30,000	75,869	30,000	25,000	80,869
6136	12,000	Energy Audit/Improvements	15,000	0	27,000	15,000	0	42,000
	107,869	<i>Total Muni. Bldg.</i>	25,000	30,000	102,869	45,000	25,000	122,869
30		Code Enforcement Division						
6150	11,018	Code Vehicle Reserve	3,200	0	14,218	3,200	0	17,418
	11,018	<i>Total Code</i>	3,200	0	14,218	3,200	0	17,418
32		Assessing Division						
6115	741	GIS Eqpmnt/Assessing Softwr	3,433	0	4,174	3,950	0	8,124
6116	33,678	Contract Revaluation Srv	20,000	0	53,678	20,000	0	73,678
6150	24,414	Assessing/TSA Vehicle Resrv	5,000	0	29,414	7,000	0	36,414
6160	16,342	Ortho Photos/Pictometry	2,400	0	18,742	2,400	0	21,142
	75,175	<i>Total Assessing</i>	30,833	0	106,008	33,350	0	139,358
34		Planning Department						
6162	33,061	Comprehensive Plan **\$5K	30,000	0	63,061	0	0	63,061
6164	332,293	Lwr Main St Strtscp *\$30K**\$30K	60,000	0	392,293	60,000	0	452,293
6166	326,726	Cottage St Strtscp *30K**\$30K	60,000	0	386,726	60,000	0	446,726
	692,080	<i>Total Planning</i>	150,000	0	842,080	120,000	0	962,080
40		Ambulance Division						
6200	251,389	Ambulances (3) ** 15k	58,000	0	309,389	58,000	218,000	149,389
6202	38,024	Defibrillators/Monitors	8,000	0	46,024	8,000	0	54,024
6204	6,552	Patient Simulator/Chest Compr.	2,588	0	9,140	2,588	0	11,728
	295,965	<i>Total Ambulance</i>	68,588	0	364,553	68,588	218,000	215,141
42		Fire Department						
6204	21,378	Turnout Gear (23 sets in FY26)	24,350	0	45,728	24,350	0	70,078
6206	18,604	Hose & Couplings	4,000	0	22,604	4,000	0	26,604
6212	12,083	Rescue Tools	2,513	0	14,596	2,513	0	17,109
6214	221,971	Fire Engine #1 Tanker	75,000	0	296,971	75,000	0	371,971
6218	127,092	Fire Engine #4 Ladder	54,050	0	181,142	54,050	0	235,192
6220	56,055	Fire Engine #5 Reserve ** \$5k	29,270	0	85,325	29,270	0	114,595
6222	4,440	Portable Radios (20)	5,000	0	9,440	5,000	0	14,440
6224	11,706	Pickup Trucks (2) & Trailer	23,744	0	35,450	23,744	0	59,193
6226	10,149	Thermal Imaging Cameras (3)	2,400	0	12,549	2,400	10,000	4,949
6227	34,977	SCBAs & Cascade System	21,717	0	56,694	21,717	0	78,411
6228		Dry Hydrant	6,300		6,300	6,300		12,600
	518,455	<i>Total Fire</i>	248,344	0	766,799	248,344	10,000	1,005,142

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FY26			FY27			FY28		
Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
5,571	4,000	3,866	5,571	0	9,437	5,571	0	15,008
0	0	732,582	0	0	732,582	0	0	732,582
0	0	40,000	0	0	40,000	0	0	40,000
1,733	0	18,995	1,733	0	20,728	1,733	0	22,461
5,833	0	6,559	5,833	0	12,392	5,833	0	18,225
20,000	30,000	26,775	20,000	25,000	21,775	20,000	0	41,775
4,375	0	19,960	4,375	0	24,335	4,375	0	28,710
4,545	55,000	4,738	7,545	0	12,283	7,545	0	19,828
5,000	3,000	8,034	5,000	0	13,034	5,000	0	18,034
47,057	92,000	861,509	50,057	25,000	886,566	50,057	0	936,623
30,000	6,000	104,869	33,679	8,000	130,548	33,679	0	164,227
15,000	0	57,000	15,000	0	72,000	15,000	0	87,000
45,000	6,000	161,869	48,679	8,000	202,548	48,679	0	251,227
3,200	0	20,618	3,200	0	23,818	3,200	0	27,018
3,200	0	20,618	3,200	0	23,818	3,200	0	27,018
3,950	12,000	74	4,000	0	4,074	4,000	0	8,074
20,000	0	93,678	20,000	0	113,678	20,000	0	133,678
7,000	40,000	3,414	5,000	0	8,414	5,000	0	13,414
2,400	11,800	11,742	2,400	0	14,142	2,400	0	16,542
33,350	63,800	108,908	31,400	0	140,308	31,400	0	171,708
0	0	63,061	0	0	63,061	0	0	63,061
50,000	0	502,293	50,000	0	552,293	50,000	0	602,293
50,000	0	496,726	50,000	0	546,726	50,000	0	596,726
100,000	0	1,062,080	100,000	0	1,162,080	100,000	0	1,262,080
58,000	0	207,389	58,000	0	265,389	58,000	0	323,389
8,000	0	62,024	8,000	30,000	40,024	8,000	0	48,024
2,588	6,000	8,316	2,588	0	10,904	2,588	0	13,492
68,588	6,000	277,729	68,588	30,000	316,317	68,588	0	384,905
24,350	69,000	25,428	24,350	0	49,778	24,350	0	74,128
4,000	0	30,604	4,000	0	34,604	4,000	0	38,604
2,513	0	19,622	2,513	0	22,135	2,513	0	24,648
90,000	0	461,971	90,000	0	551,971	90,000	0	641,971
54,050	0	289,242	54,050	0	343,292	54,050	0	397,342
29,270	0	143,865	29,270	0	173,135	29,270	0	202,405
5,000	0	19,440	5,000	0	24,440	5,000	0	29,440
23,744	0	82,937	23,744	0	106,680	23,744	0	130,424
2,400	0	7,349	2,400	0	9,749	2,400	0	12,149
21,717	0	100,128	21,717	0	121,845	21,717	0	143,562
6,300	0	18,900	6,300	0	25,200	6,300	0	31,500
263,344	69,000	1,199,486	263,344	0	1,462,829	263,344	0	1,726,173

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Account Number	This Year FY23	Department	Year One FY24			Year Two FY25		
21	Yr.End Bal.	Account	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
45		Police Department						
6228	63,990	Parking Meter Vehicle(s) *9k	9,000	0	72,990	9,000	0	81,991
6229	181,900	Parking Meters & Equipmt * 40k	40,435	6,000	216,335	40,435	31,000	225,770
6230	303	Cruiser Equipment	9,888	7,500	2,691	20,000	20,000	2,691
6231	14,250	Electronic Fingerprint Scanner	7,750	22,000	0	7,750	0	7,750
6233	86,898	Port Security Boat ** \$2k	10,870	0	97,768	10,870		108,638
6234	31,728	Cruiser Replacement ** \$10k	13,750	45,000	478	58,750	50,000	9,228
6236	5,428	Records Mgt. Software-Spillman	1,500	0	6,928	1,500		8,428
6237	21,000	Portable Radios (20)	7,000	0	28,000	7,000	30,000	5,000
6238	40,644	Tasers (17)	10,000		50,644	10,000	12,240	48,404
6240	3,856	Firearms	3,680	0	7,536	3,680		11,216
6241	11,417	Speed Tr. & Traffic Sol Trailer	2,600	0	14,017	2,600	15,000	1,617
6243	37,500	Planning & PSafety Collaborations*\$50k	50,000		87,500	50,000	42,000	95,500
	498,914	<i>Total Police</i>	166,473	80,500	584,888	221,585	200,240	606,233
47		Dispatch						
6231	689	Voice Recorder System	3,200	0	3,889	3,200	0	7,089
6232	450	Radio Cmmnd Console	4,500	0	4,950	4,500	0	9,450
6235	8,997	Ireson Hill Radio Bldg. & Generator	6,000	0	14,997	6,000	20,000	997
6239	37,346	Radio Equipment *20k	20,000	25,000	32,346	20,000	25,000	27,346
	47,482	<i>Total P.S.Bldg.</i>	33,700	25,000	56,182	33,700	45,000	44,882
49		Public Safety Building						
6242	42,747	Generators -(2) School & PSB	3,892	0	46,639	3,892	0	50,531
6244	65,907	P.S. Bldg. Fire Renovations	48,566	25,000	89,473	48,566	35,000	103,039
6246	5,000	P.S. Bldg. PD Renovations **5k	5,000	0	10,000	5,000	0	15,000
6248	4,500	Workout Equipment - FD & PD	1,500	0	6,000	1,500	7,500	0
	118,154	<i>Total P.S.Bldg.</i>	58,958	25,000	152,112	58,958	42,500	168,570
53		Harbor Department						
6250	29,194	Boat & Trailer- Lund	1,500	0	30,694	1,500	0	32,194
6252	62,000	Floats	24,000	20,000	66,000	24,000	48,000	42,000
6254	31,981	Gangways	0	0	31,981	2,000	12,000	21,981
6256	14,543	Fishermen's Hoists (2)	8,353	0	22,896	8,353	0	31,249
6258	343,651	Ferry Terminal Lot *100k **5K	105,000	55,000	393,651	150,000	40,000	503,651
6260	22,382	Port Security Office *5k	10,000	0	32,382	10,000	0	42,382
6264	10,000	Breakwater Repairs	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000
6266	18,601	Pier Renovations ** \$13k	13,000	0	31,601	13,000	0	44,601
6268	9,400	Boat Pump Out System	2,600	0	12,000	2,600	0	14,600
6269	10,000	Pickup Truck	12,000	0	22,000	12,000	34,000	0
	551,752	<i>Total Harbor</i>	176,453	75,000	653,205	223,453	134,000	742,658

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Capital Improvement Program									
Year By Year Overview									
	Year Three			Year Four			Year Five		
	FY26			FY27			FY28		
Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	
9,000	0	90,991	9,000	0	99,992	9,000	0	108,992	
140,435	106,000	260,205	140,435	106,000	294,640	140,435		435,075	
21,000	20,000	3,691	20,000	7,500	16,191	20,000		36,191	
7,750	0	15,500	1,900	0	17,400	1,900		19,300	
10,870	0	119,508	10,870	0	130,378	10,870		141,248	
58,750	52,000	15,978	58,750	52,000	22,728	58,750		81,478	
1,500	0	9,928	1,500	0	11,428	1,500		12,928	
7,000	0	12,000	7,000	0	19,000	7,000		26,000	
10,000	12,240	46,164	10,000	12,240	43,924	10,000		53,924	
3,680	10,800	4,096	3,680	0	7,776	3,680	0	11,456	
2,600		4,217	2,600	0	6,817	2,600	0	9,417	
50,000		145,500	50,000		195,500	50,000		245,500	
322,585	201,040	727,779	315,735	177,740	865,774	315,735	0	1,181,510	
3,200	0	10,289	3,200		13,489	0		13,489	
4,500	0	13,950	4,500		18,450	0		18,450	
6,000	0	6,997	6,000	0	12,997	6,000	0	18,997	
20,000	25,000	22,346	25,000	0	47,346	25,000	0	72,346	
33,700	25,000	53,582	38,700	0	92,282	31,000	0	123,282	
3,892	0	54,423	3,892	0	58,315	3,892	0	62,207	
48,566	40,000	111,605	48,566	45,000	115,171	48,566		163,737	
5,000	0	20,000	5,000	0	25,000	0	0	25,000	
1,500	0	1,500	1,500	0	3,000	1,500	0	4,500	
58,958	40,000	187,528	58,958	45,000	201,486	53,958	0	255,444	
1,500	0	33,694	1,500	0	35,194	1,500	0	36,694	
24,000	0	66,000	24,000	0	90,000	24,000	0	114,000	
2,000	0	23,981	10,000	12,000	21,981	10,000		31,981	
8,353	0	39,602	8,353	0	47,955	8,353	0	56,308	
150,000	0	653,651	200,000	0	853,651	200,000	0	1,053,651	
10,000	0	52,382	10,000	0	62,382	10,000	0	72,382	
10,000	0	20,000	10,000	0	30,000	0	0	30,000	
13,000	0	57,601	13,000	0	70,601	13,000	0	83,601	
2,600	0	17,200	2,600	0	19,800	2,600	0	22,400	
12,000	0	12,000	12,000	0	24,000	12,000	0	36,000	
233,453	0	976,111	291,453	12,000	1,255,564	281,453	0	1,537,017	

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			FY24			FY25		
21	Yr.End Bal.	Account	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
59		Parks Section						
5448	12,232	Museum in the Streets ** \$2k	2,000	0	14,232	2,000	0	16,232
6300	22,803	Benches, BikeRks, Pergola*5k**5k	10,000	5,000	27,803	10,000	5,000	32,803
6302	15,000	Grant Park Reserve ** \$1k	1,000	0	16,000	1,000	0	17,000
6304	18,298	Tree Planting and Pruning *\$5K	13,000	8,000	23,298	13,000	8,000	28,298
6306	18,200	Park Irrigation Systems	3,000	0	21,200	3,000	0	24,200
6308	26,239	Skatepark Maint. Reserve	4,516	0	30,755	4,516	0	35,271
6310	23,328	Mt. Desert St. Cemetery	0	0	23,328	0	0	23,328
6312	44,000	Playground Equipment	10,800	0	54,800	10,800	0	65,600
6314	18,474	Launch Ramp @ Hadley Pt.	2,700	0	21,174	2,700	0	23,874
6316	10,586	Tennis & Basketball Crts	5,000	0	15,586	5,000	0	20,586
6318	58,735	Village Green Bandstd **5K	5,000	60,000	3,735	5,000	0	8,735
6332	118,073	Glen Mary Renovations	27,000	125,000	20,073	27,000	0	47,073
6334	5,000	Harborview Park ** \$5k	5,000	0	10,000	5,000	0	15,000
6336	40,958	Downtown Signage Res. **\$10k	12,000	0	52,958	12,000	0	64,958
6338		Park Fountains **\$30K	30,000	30,000	0	30,000	30,000	0
6340		Agamont Park *\$15K	15,000	15,000	0	1,500		1,500
6342		Village Green Park **\$5K Water Fill	5,000	5,000	0	1,500		1,500
6344		Barker Park Security Enhancements	10,000	10,000	0	1,500		1,500
6346		Ballfield Parking Lot *\$155,000K	155,000	155,000	0	1,500		1,500
	431,926	<i>Total Parks</i>	316,016	413,000	334,942	137,016	43,000	428,958
70		Comfort Stations						
6350	204,344	Restroom Resv (4) **\$32k	32,000	0	236,344	32,000	0	268,344
	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
	204,344	<i>Total Comfort Stations</i>	32,000	0	236,344	32,000	0	268,344
77		Highway Division						
6400	6,179	Air Compressor (1)/Welder (1)	402	0	6,581	402	0	6,983
6402	105,349	Backhoe (1)*70K	70,000	0	175,349	35,000	0	210,349
6404	10,927	Brush Chipper	2,600	0	13,527	2,600	0	16,127
6406	100,000	Bikeway/Ped. Imprvmts *\$40k	60,000	0	160,000	60,000	0	220,000
6408	145,694	Road Grader (used) *75k	75,000	220,000	694	5,000	0	5,694
6410	45,000	Parking Lot Acq. *\$50k	50,000	0	95,000	50,000	0	145,000
6412	15,673	Hydraulic Truck Lifts (2)	2,955	0	18,628	2,955	0	21,583
6414	116,441	Front End Loader *20k	20,000	0	136,441	16,500	0	152,941
6416	70,898	Excavator (Bobcat)	9,167	0	80,065	9,167	0	89,232
6418	25,800	Snowblower *\$5K	5,000	0	30,800	5,000	0	35,800
6420	1,049,536	Road Improvements *\$1.5M	1,500,000	1,000,000	1,549,536	400,000	750,000	1,199,536
6422	28,400	Fuel Pump System	5,250	25,000	8,650	5,250	0	13,900
6424	33,254	Sidewalk Plow *\$26k	26,000	0	59,254	26,000	0	85,254
6426	495,362	Sidewalk Constrt *\$200k **20k	220,000	300,000	415,362	132,000	200,000	347,362
6428	40,000	Pellet Boiler System	30,000	70,000	0	2,500	0	2,500
6430	12,029	Steam/Pressure Washer	500	0	12,529	500	0	13,029
6434	109,217	Eden Path Lighting *\$10k	10,000	100,000	19,217	0	0	19,217
6436	195,000	Street Sweeper (Vacuum) *40k**\$10K	50,000	0	245,000	44,000	0	289,000
6438	89,038	Pub Wrks Complx/Solar	10,000	99,000	38	2,000	0	2,038
6440	125,000	School Satellite Park Lot *50k	50,000	0	175,000	50,000	0	225,000
6442	21,719	Tag Trailer	2,500	0	24,219	2,500	26,000	719
6444	10,700	Brine Mixing Equipment	14,300	25,000	0	2,200		2,200
6446	13,097	Liquid Anti-icer Tank	900	0	13,997	900	0	14,897
6448	86,370	Street Lts-LED-Cap Lease	1,000	0	87,370	0	0	87,370
6450	127,325	Light Trucks (6 + PWD)*\$25K	52,000	85,000	94,325	52,000	60,000	86,325
6452	256,727	Plow Trucks (5) *100k	100,000	225,000	131,727	100,000	0	231,727
6453	24,140	Bobcat Loader & Eqpmnt	4,700	0	28,840	4,700	0	33,540
6454	19,551	Roller, Vibratory	1,000	0	20,551	1,000	0	21,551
6480	3,279,199	Solar Array		3,000,000	279,199	1,000	0	280,199
6505	0	CIP Bond Priority Projects	0	0	0			
	6,657,625	<i>Total Highway</i>	2,373,274	5,149,000	3,881,899	1,013,174	1,036,000	3,859,073

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FY26			FY27			FY28		
Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
2,000	0	18,232	2,000	0	20,232	2,000	0	22,232
10,000	0	42,803	10,000	0	52,803	10,000	0	62,803
1,000	0	18,000	1,000	0	19,000	1,000	0	20,000
13,000	13,000	28,298	13,000	13,000	28,298	13,000	13,000	28,298
3,000	0	27,200	3,000	0	30,200	3,000	0	33,200
4,516	0	39,787	4,516	0	44,303	4,516	0	48,819
0	0	23,328	0	0	23,328	0	0	23,328
10,800	0	76,400	10,800	0	87,200	6,800	0	94,000
2,700	0	26,574	2,700	0	29,274	2,700	0	31,974
5,000	0	25,586	5,000	0	30,586	5,000	0	35,586
5,000	0	13,735	5,000	0	18,735	5,000	0	23,735
27,000	0	74,073	27,000	0	101,073	27,000	0	128,073
5,000	0	20,000	5,000	0	25,000	5,000	0	30,000
12,000	0	76,958	12,000	0	88,958	12,000	0	100,958
30,000	30,000	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0	20,000
1,500		3,000	1,500		4,500	1,500		6,000
1,500		3,000	1,500		4,500	1,500		6,000
1,500		3,000	1,500		4,500	1,500		6,000
1,500		3,000	1,500		4,500	1,500		6,000
137,016	43,000	522,974	117,016	13,000	626,990	113,016	13,000	727,006
37,000	0	305,344	37,000	0	342,344	37,000	0	379,344
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37,000	0	305,344	37,000	0	342,344	37,000	0	379,344
402	0	7,385	402	0	7,787	402	0	8,189
35,000	145,000	100,349	35,000	0	135,349	35,000	0	170,349
2,600	0	18,727	2,600	0	21,327	2,600	0	23,927
60,000	0	280,000	60,000	0	340,000	60,000	0	400,000
5,000	0	10,694	75,000	0	85,694	5,000	0	90,694
50,000	0	195,000	50,000	0	245,000	50,000	0	295,000
2,955	10,000	14,538	2,955	0	17,493	2,955	0	20,448
16,500	0	169,441	16,500	180,000	5,941	20,000		25,941
9,167	0	98,399	9,167	0	107,566	9,167	0	116,733
5,000	0	40,800	5,000	0	45,800	5,000	0	50,800
500,000	750,000	949,536	500,000	750,000	699,536	500,000	750,000	449,536
5,250	0	19,150	5,250	0	24,400	5,250	0	29,650
26,000	0	111,254	26,000	0	137,254	26,000	0	163,254
150,000	135,000	362,362	150,000	95,000	417,362	150,000	95,000	472,362
2,500	0	5,000	2,500	0	7,500	2,500	0	10,000
500	0	13,529	500	0	14,029	500	0	14,529
0	0	19,217	0	0	19,217	0	0	19,217
44,000	0	333,000	44,000	0	377,000	44,000	0	421,000
2,000	0	4,038	2,000	0	6,038	2,000	0	8,038
50,000	0	275,000	65,000	0	340,000	65,000	0	405,000
2,500	0	3,219	2,500	0	5,719	2,500	0	8,219
2,200	0	4,400	2,200	0	6,600	2,200	0	8,800
900	0	15,797	900	0	16,697	900	0	17,597
0	0	87,370	0	0	87,370	0	0	87,370
52,000	55,000	83,325	53,000	60,000	76,325	53,000	60,000	69,325
100,000	0	331,727	100,000	200,000	231,727	100,000	200,000	131,727
4,700	0	38,240	4,700	0	42,940	4,700	0	47,640
1,000	0	22,551	1,000	0	23,551	1,000	0	24,551
1,000	1	281,198	1,000	1	282,197	1,000	1	283,196
1,131,174	1,095,001	3,895,246	1,217,174	1,285,001	3,827,419	1,150,674	1,105,001	3,873,092

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* = Partial or Full Parking Funding			Capital Improvement Program					
** = Partial or Full Cruise Ship Funding			Year By Year Overview					
Account Number	This Year FY23	Department	Year One FY24			Year Two FY25		
21	Yr.End Bal.	Account	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
79		Solid Waste Division						
6402	0	Backhoe	2,950	0	2,950			
6455	5,797	Waste Oil Furnace	1,757	7,500	54	1,757	0	1,811
6456	41,791	Recycling/Single Sort/Canopy	2,167	0	43,958	2,167	0	46,125
6458	36,105	Transfer Station Renovations	3,000	0	39,105	3,000	0	42,105
6460	24,358	(3) 48' Trailers	40,000	0	64,358	40,000	0	104,358
6462	16,665	Compactor Unit w/Hopper	3,333	0	19,998	3,333	0	23,331
6464	20,500	Skid Steer	4,500	0	25,000	4,500	0	29,500
6466	6,000	Hi Pressure Washer	500	6,000	500	500	0	1,000
6468	110,157	Solar Panels	2,000	0	112,157	2,000	0	114,157
6470	14,350	Truck	3,800	0	18,150	5,000	0	23,150
6472		Forklift						
	275,723	<i>Total Solid Waste</i>	64,007	13,500	326,230	62,257	0	385,537
84		Town Debt Service						
6502	1,600	D- Agamont Pk.& Seawall-'05	42,400	42,400	1,600	42,400	42,400	1,600
6504	21,312	K- Muni.Bldg.Renov.-'15	150,425	150,425	21,312	150,425	150,425	21,312
6506	38,044	J- Public Works Complex-'13	233,413	233,413	38,044	233,687	233,687	38,044
6508	2,025	K-Downtown Signs '15 ** \$23k	23,650	23,650	2,025	23,650	23,650	2,025
6510	224,405	F - Public Works- '10 ** \$31k	215,430	215,430	224,405	234,950	234,950	224,405
6512	0	L-Pub Safety Bldg Envelp '15	28,500	28,500	0	28,500	28,500	0
6514	42,050	Trnsfr Station,FTrck,Bldg Slab '17	240,100	240,100	42,050	240,100	240,100	42,050
6516	36,225	FerryTrm/PrkMeter Bond-'18 *185k	320,000	320,000	36,225	296,700	296,700	36,225
6518	20,012	FerryTerm/BayF Taxable'18 ** 25K	86,150	86,150	20,012	88,775	88,775	20,012
6520	0	Fiber Build	21,500	21,500	0	95,000	95,000	0
6522	0	Solar Array Higgins Pit	125,000	125,000	0	316,000	316,000	0
	0	StormWater Priority Infrastructure	227,000	227,000	0	530,000	530,000	0
	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
	385,673	<i>Total Town Debt</i>	1,713,568	1,713,568	385,673	2,280,187	2,280,187	385,673
82	0							
6190	2,051	Unallocated	0	0	2,051	0	0	2,051
	11,766,444		5,510,471	7,548,568	9,728,347	4,660,869	4,125,827	10,260,439
		Funds Available	5,510,471			4,660,869		

Note: Amount shown in the "Year One Appropriation" column is established as a continuing appropriation. Figures shown for Year Two through Year Five are the amounts we expect to request in those future fiscal years.

Capital Improvement Program								
Year By Year Overview								
Year Three			Year Four			Year Five		
FY26			FY27			FY28		
Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
1,757	0	3,568	1,757	0	5,325	1,757	0	7,082
2,167	0	48,292	2,167	0	50,459	2,167	0	52,626
3,000	0	45,105	3,000	0	48,105	3,000	0	51,105
40,000	0	144,358	40,000	0	184,358	40,000	0	224,358
3,333	0	26,664	3,333	0	29,997	3,333	0	33,330
4,500	0	34,000	4,500	0	38,500	4,500	0	43,000
500	0	1,500	500	0	2,000	500	0	2,500
2,000	0	116,157	2,000	0	118,157	2,000	0	120,157
8,000	0	31,150	8,000	0	39,150	8,000	0	47,150
65,257	0	450,794	65,257	0	516,051	65,257	0	581,308
40,800	40,800	1,600	0	0	1,600	0	0	1,600
146,025	146,025	21,312	141,625	141,625	21,312	141,625	141,625	21,312
233,813	233,813	38,044	233,788	233,788	38,044	233,788	233,788	38,044
22,850	22,850	2,025	22,050	22,050	2,025	22,050	22,050	2,025
228,475	228,475	224,405	222,000	222,000	224,405	222,000	222,000	224,405
27,700	27,700	0	26,800	26,800	0	26,800	26,800	0
232,100	232,100	42,050	224,100	224,100	42,050	224,100	224,100	42,050
174,225	174,225	36,225	169,625	169,625	36,225	169,625	169,625	36,225
86,525	86,525	20,012	89,425	89,425	20,012	89,425	89,425	20,012
95,000	95,000	0	95,000	95,000	0	95,000	95,000	0
316,000	316,000	0	316,000	316,000	0	316,000	316,000	0
530,000	530,000	0	530,000	530,000	0	530,000	530,000	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2,133,513	2,133,513	385,673	2,070,413	2,070,413	385,673	2,070,413	2,070,413	385,673
40,000	0	42,051	20,000	0	62,051	20,000	0	82,051
4,753,195	3,774,354	11,239,280	4,796,974	3,666,154	12,370,100	4,703,774	3,188,414	13,885,460
4,753,195			4,796,974			4,703,774		

* = Partial or Full Parking Funding			Capital Improvement Program					
** = Partial or Full Cruise Ship Funding			Year By Year Overview					
Account Number	This Year FY23	Department	Year One FY24			Year Two FY25		
21	Yr.End Bal.	Account	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
94		SCHOOL C.I.P						
6602	0	ADA Act Renovations	0	0	0	0	0	0
6604	31,994	Capital Outlay Reserve	10,000	0	41,994	10,000	0	51,994
6605	15,410	Asbestos Removal	0	0	15,410	0	0	15,410
6606	14,649	Furniture & Equipment	5,000	5,000	14,649	5,000	5,000	14,649
6608	113,135	Computers & Technology	35,000	60,000	88,135	60,000	62,000	86,135
6610	28,319	Copier Lease/Purchase	13,890	13,890	28,319	13,890	13,890	28,319
6611	0	Conners Hallway Floor	0	0	0	0	0	0
6612	0	Floor Covering Replacement	0	0	0	0	0	0
6614	0	Repaving P/Lot	0	0	0	5,000	0	5,000
6618	64,744	Pickup Truck Replacement	6,000	0	70,744	6,000	0	76,744
6620	0	Playground	10,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	0	15,000
6624	38,509	Roof Repair Reserve	30,000	20,000	48,509	75,000	10,000	113,509
6626	0	Storage Units	0	0	0	0	0	0
6628	68,000	Technology Infrastructure	25,000	10,000	83,000	18,000	10,000	91,000
6630	0	Kitchen Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
6632	0	Phone System	45,000	45,000	0	0	0	0
6648	0	Conners Water Main Replcmnt	0	0	0	0	0	0
6650	27,740	Safety & Access Control	0	4,000	23,740	10,000	10,000	23,740
6652	0	Upgrade Conners Entrance	0	0	0	0	0	0
6654	780,568	Bldg Reprs/Concept Drawings	0	100,000	680,568	150,000	200,000	630,568
6656	0	School Van	50,000	0	50,000	0	0	50,000
6660	0	Boiler Replacement Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0
6662	30,000	Tractor/Plow Reserve	5,000	0	35,000	5,000	0	40,000
6664	0	Security Panel	0	0	0	0	0	0
6670	0	Gym Floor Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0
6656	3,000,000	Architectural Design		1,900,000	1,100,000	0	800,000	300,000
	4,213,068	<i>Total School Projects</i>	234,890	2,162,890	2,285,068	367,890	1,110,890	1,542,068
		Funds Available	234,890			367,890		
		Surplus (Shortfall)	0			0		
94		School Debt Service						
6704	0	School Design/Renovatns-'21	86,000	86,000	0	170,000	170,000	0
6706	1,738	Bond Issue M: 2004 Heat	62,020	62,020	1,738	0	1,738	0
	1,738	<i>Total School Debt</i>	148,020	148,020	1,738	170,000	171,738	0
	4,214,806	School Totals	382,910	2,310,910	2,286,806	537,890	1,282,628	1,542,068
	15,981,250	C.I.P. Fund Grand Totals	5,893,381	9,859,478	12,015,153	5,198,759	5,408,455	11,802,507
		Funds Available	5,893,380			5,422,621		
		Surplus (Shortfall)	(1)			223,862		

Note: Amount shown in the "Year One Appropriation" column is established as a continuing appropriation. Figures shown for Year Two through Year Five are the amounts we expect to request in those future fiscal years.

Capital Improvement Program								
Year By Year Overview								
Year Three			Year Four			Year Five		
FY26			FY27			FY28		
Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance	Funding	Spending	Balance
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10,000	0	61,994	9,928	0	71,922	9,928	0	81,850
0	0	15,410	0	0	15,410	0	0	15,410
7,500	5,500	16,649	7,500	7,500	16,649	7,500	7,500	16,649
60,000	59,000	87,135	60,000	62,000	85,135	60,000	62,000	83,135
13,890	13,890	28,319	13,890	13,890	28,319	13,890	13,890	28,319
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5,000	0	10,000	5,000	0	15,000	5,000	0	20,000
6,000	0	82,744	6,000	0	88,744	6,000	0	94,744
10,000	0	25,000	10,000	0	35,000	10,000	0	45,000
75,000	10,000	178,509	75,000	10,000	243,509	75,000	10,000	308,509
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12,500	10,000	93,500	20,000	10,000	103,500	20,000	10,000	113,500
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10,000	10,000	23,740	10,000	10,000	23,740	10,000	10,000	23,740
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
150,000	250,000	530,568	100,000	300,000	330,568	292,072	300,000	322,640
0	0	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	50,000
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5,000	0	45,000	5,000	0	50,000	5,000	0	55,000
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	300,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
364,890	658,390	1,248,568	322,318	413,390	1,157,496	514,390	413,390	1,258,496
364,890			322,318			514,390		
0			0			0		
170,000	170,000	0	170,000	170,000	0	170,000	170,000	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
170,000	170,000	0	170,000	170,000	0	170,000	170,000	0
534,890	828,390	1,248,568	492,318	583,390	1,157,496	684,390	583,390	1,258,496
5,288,085	4,602,744	12,487,848	5,289,292	4,249,544	13,527,596	5,388,164	3,771,804	15,143,956
5,419,735			5,513,014			5,419,815		
131,650			223,722			31,651		

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**THE WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – JUNE 6 & 13, 2023
TOWN OF BAR HARBOR**

STATE OF MAINE

County of Hancock, ss

To: A Constable of the Town of Bar Harbor

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet in the **Connors Emerson School Gymnasium** in said Town on Tuesday the sixth day of June, 2023 at **six o'clock** in the afternoon, then and there to act on *Articles A through X*;

And to notify and warn said voters to meet in the **Municipal Building, Third Floor Auditorium** in said Town on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of June, 2023 at eight o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on *Articles One through Six* of said articles being set out below to wit:

**Action on Articles A through X will be on
Tuesday, June 6, 2023 starting at 6:00 p.m.
Connors Emerson School Gymnasium**

~ **Voter Check-in Required** ~

For “Open Town Meeting,” June 6th, all Voters must check in to obtain a voter card prior to the start of Town Meeting. Voters are encouraged to arrive at least 45 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Article A ELECTION OF MODERATOR - To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Note: Articles B through L authorize expenditures in cost center categories.

Article B EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Regular Instruction - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Regular Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 3,533,310	\$ 3,533,310	\$ 3,533,310

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Article C EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Special Education - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Special Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$1,933,875	\$1,933,875	\$1,933,875

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Article D EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Career and Technical Education – To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Career and Technical Education** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Article E EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Other Instruction - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Other Instruction** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$ 128,900	\$ 128,900	\$ 128,900

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Article F EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Student & Staff Support - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Student & Staff Support** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$ 797,247	\$ 797,247	\$ 797,247

The School Committee recommends adoption.

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Article G EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: System Administration - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **System Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 216,581	\$ 216,581	\$ 216,581

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Article H EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: School Administration - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **School Administration** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 432,768	\$ 432,768	\$ 432,768

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Article I EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Transportation & Buses - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Transportation & Buses** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 382,710	\$ 382,710	\$ 382,710

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Article J EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Facilities Maintenance - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Facilities Maintenance** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Warrant</i>
Recommendations:	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Committee</i>
	\$ 810,574	\$ 810,574	\$ 810,574

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
 The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
 The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Article K EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: Debt Service and Other Commitments - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
 The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
 The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Article L EDUCATION BUDGET EXPENDITURES: All Other Expenditures - To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for **All Other Expenditures** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
 The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
 The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Note: Articles B – L authorize a total budget of:

<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
\$ 8,330,965	\$ 8,330,965	\$ 8,330,965

Note: Articles M & N raise funds for the Proposed School Budget

Article M EDUCATION BUDGET: Essential Programs and Services – To see what sum the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (State Recommends \$ 4,558,666) and to see what sum the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor will raise as the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Explanation: *The Town of Bar Harbor’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:			
<i>State Subsidy</i>	\$ 650,586	\$ 650,586	\$ 650,586
<i>Town’s Min. Share (Raise)</i>	\$3,908,080	\$3,908,080	\$3,908,080
<i>State’s Essential Programs & Services Model (Appropriate)</i>	\$4,558,666	\$4,558,666	\$4,558,666

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Note: *Article N raises additional local funds recommended to support the proposed school budget*

Article N EDUCATION BUDGET: Additional Local Funds - To see what sum the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

Explanation:
The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town of Bar Harbor’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town of Bar Harbor’s budget for educational programs. The School Committee recommends the additional local funds shown below and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model. The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the proposed budget.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:			
<i>Additional Local Funds</i>	\$ 2,990,320	\$ 2,990,320	\$ 2,990,320
<i>Exceeding EPS by</i>	\$ 2,990,320	\$ 2,990,320	\$ 2,990,320

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Note: Articles M & N raise a total town appropriation of:

<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
\$6,898,400	\$6,898,400	\$6,898,400

Note: Article O summarizes the proposed school budget and does not authorize any additional expenditures

Article O EDUCATION BUDGET: Total Expenditures- To see what sum the voters of the Town of Bar Harbor will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 from the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

	<i>School Committee</i>	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
Recommendations:	\$ 8,330,965	\$ 8,330,965	\$ 8,330,965

*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Article P EDUCATION BUDGET: State, Federal, and Other Funds - In addition to the amount in Articles B – O, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from state or federal grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2023-2024 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Recommendations:
*The School Committee recommends adoption.
The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.*

Note: Current Year Totals: \$ 368,418

Article Q SALE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY - Shall the Inhabitants of the Town of Bar Harbor allow the Town Council to sell, for an amount of \$51,695.00, a parcel of land on Summer Street, previously known as the Hopkins Lot, Map 104 Lot 58, and authorize the Town Council, or their duly authorized designee(s), on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver Documents and take further action as they may deem necessary in order to complete the sale?

Recommendations:

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 12 to 0.

Article R MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Expenditures - To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Municipal Budget for FY24 (7/1/23 TO 6/30/24).

Explanation:

This is the total amount that the Town Council is allowed to spend from all sources except grants and donations, as provided in Article V, and from reserve accounts.

Recommendations:	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$23,646,478	\$23,663,878

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 13 to 0.

Article S MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Other Revenues - To see what sum the Town will vote to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation by using estimated revenues and fund balance for the Municipal Budget for FY24 (7/1/23 TO 6/30/24).

Explanation:

In addition to property taxes, the Town receives other revenues from fees, licenses, excise taxes, etc., and we sometimes use monies left over from prior years (fund balance). The funds shown in this article reduce the amount of property taxes that have to be raised.

Recommendations:	<i>Town Council</i>	<i>Warrant Committee</i>
<i>Other Revenues</i>	\$12,469,869	\$12,469,869
<i>Fund Balance</i>	\$128,500	\$128,500
<i>Fund Balance – Parking Fund</i>	\$812,352	\$812,352

The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 14 to 0.

Article T MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Tax Cap Override – To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$9,481,096 established for the Town of Bar Harbor by State law in the event that the FY24 Municipal Budget approved by the Town results in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Explanation:

In 2005 the State Legislature passed a “tax reform” law known as LD#1. This bill created a maximum municipal tax levy based upon this year’s tax, plus an allowance for personal income growth and the town’s tax base growth due to new construction. However, LD#1 allows Bar Harbor voters to increase that tax cap with the approval of a simple majority of the voters at Town Meeting. The only requirement is that a secret vote must be taken by written ballot. Using the State’s formula, the maximum tax levy for Bar Harbor’s Municipal Budget is \$9,481,096. As detailed in your copy of the annual Town Report, currently the proposed budget is \$681,990 over the tax cap.

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 12 to 0.*

Article U MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Grants and Donations – In addition to the amount in Article R, shall the voters appropriate and authorize the Town Council to expend additional state, federal and other funds received during FY24 (7/1/23 TO 6/30/24) for municipal purposes, provided that such additional funds do not require the expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated?

Explanation:

From time to time, the Town Council receives funds from state and federal grants, and donations, as well as sources other than local tax dollars. This article gives the Town Council the authority to spend such funds, as long as no local property tax dollars are required to match them, other than those already in the budget.

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 12 to 0.*

Article V PREPAYMENT OF TAXES - To see if the Town will vote to accept tax payments prior to the commitment date and to pay interest on said tax payments in the amount of 0% per year figured on a monthly basis until the tax commitment date is reached.

Explanation:

On rare occasions, taxpayers need to pay their taxes before they have been billed. The Town Treasurer cannot accept such early payments unless an article is passed.

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 12 to 0.*

Article W TAX DUE DATE AND INTEREST RATE - To see if the Town will vote that the first half taxes shall be due and payable on or before September 29, 2023 and that the second half taxes shall be due and payable on or before March 29, 2024 and that interest shall be charged at the annual rate of 8.0% on any unpaid taxes due on September 29, 2023 beginning September 30, 2023 and on any unpaid taxes due March 29, 2024 beginning March 30, 2024.

Explanation:

The due dates proposed are the same as last year. The proposed interest rate is the highest allowed by State Law to encourage taxes to be paid on time.

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 12 to 0.*

Article X OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES - To see if the Town will vote to establish the interest rate to be paid to a taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate taxes in excess of the amount finally assessed for 2023 at 4% per year on the amount of overpayment.

Explanation:

If a taxpayer prevails in a tax assessment appeal against the Town, we must pay interest on the tax amount being refunded. The Town is required by law to set the interest amount each year. We are suggesting the lowest interest rate allowed by law, which is 4% less than what we charge for late payments.

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 6 to 0.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 12 to 0.*

Election of Town Officers and Ballot Articles
Action on the following articles will be at the Town Election with
Polls Open Tuesday, June 13, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building Auditorium

Article 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS - To elect Town Officers as are required to be elected by secret ballot.

Article 2 – BOND - NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL– Shall the Town of Bar Harbor:

1. **Approve** the construction and equipment of a new elementary school to replace the existing Connors Emerson school buildings (the “Project”);
2. **Authorize** the Town Council, acting pursuant to the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 5772, to provide by Order for the issuance of general obligation securities of the Town of Bar Harbor (with or without call provisions and with or without premium, and including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$58,538,288 (the “Bonds”);
3. **Appropriate** the proceeds of the Bonds, including principal of up to \$58,538,288, as well as bond premium and investment proceeds, to provide for the costs of the Project, including issuance costs;
4. **Delegate** the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), denominations(s), place(s) of payment, form and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Bar Harbor, and to provide for the sale thereof, to the Treasurer and Chair of the Town Council; and
5. **Accept** grants and donations for the Project (“Project Gifts”), if any

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 [30-A-M.R.S.A. §5772 (2-A)]
 As of 6/13/2023

1.	Total Town Indebtedness- Principal	
	A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$14,667,304
	B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$51,997,600
	C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved:	\$58,538,288
	TOTAL	\$125,203,192
2.	Costs	

At an estimated interest rate of 4%, the estimated costs to finance this Project over a term of 25 years will be:

Principal:	\$58,538,288
Interest:	<u>\$31,610,520</u>
<u>Total Debt Service:</u>	<u>\$90,148,808</u>

3. Validity

The validity of the Bonds and of the voters’ ratification of the Bonds may not be affected by any error in the above statements. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the voters is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

/s/

Sarah M. Gilbert
Treasurer
Town of Bar Harbor

***Explanation:** The Town previously authorized the issuance of \$3,000,000 in bonds for the design of the replacement Connors Emerson School. This Article, if approved, authorizes the Town to issue Bonds to demolish the existing school buildings and to construct and equip a new consolidated school building. Project Gifts will be used to either reduce the amount of Bonds issued or to pay debt service on the Bonds, depending on when Project Gifts, if any, are received.*

Recommendations:

*The seven-member Town Council recommends adoption by a vote of 4 to 2.
The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 9 to 3.*

Article 3 – LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Double Setback Distances – Shall an ordinance, dated December 8, 2022, and entitled “**An amendment to remove the double setback distances**” be enacted?

SUMMARY

This amendment would remove a standard in the Land Use Ordinance that requires principal buildings constructed in a subdivision where no lots are created be located so that the distance between the principal buildings is double the setback requirement for the district in which the subdivision is located.

EXPLANATION

This double setback distance requirement typically results in setback ranges between 50 feet and 150 feet. These additional setback distances between the principal buildings result in the buildings being located in a sprawling design, rather than clustered together.

An amendment to Article V

The Town of Bar Harbor hereby ordains that Chapter 125 of the Town Code is amended as follows:

[Please Note: Old language is ~~stricken~~. New language is underlined.]

Chapter 125 , LAND USE ORDINANCE

Article V General Provisions

§ 125-67 General review standards.

A. Permitted uses. Any proposed use must be a permitted use with site plan approval, as determined by reference to Article III for each district in which it is proposed.

B. Lot standards. Except as modified by the provisions for planned unit developments set forth in § 125-69M and S, as applicable, any proposed structure or lot must comply with the lot size, area per family, road frontage, lot width, and front, side and rear setback requirements, and the shoreland zone lot standards in § 125-68B as determined by reference to Article III for each district in which it is proposed subject to the following:

(1) Any yard adjacent to a street shall be considered a front yard.

(2) Front setback distances shall be measured from the center line of the traveled way in all districts except the Village Historic, Mount Desert Street Corridor District, Downtown Village, Downtown Residential, Hulls Cove Business, Village Residential and Shoreland General Development I Districts where setback distances shall be measured from the edge of the lot line.

~~(3) In any subdivision in which lots are not created, the distance from the side of one principal building to the side of another principal building shall be no less than twice the distance of the side yard setback in the district; the distance from the side of one principal building to the front of another principal building shall be no less than twice the distance of the front yard setback in the district; the distance from the side of one principal building to the back of another principal building shall be no less than twice the distance of the rear yard setback in the district; the distance from the front of one principal building to the front or back of another principal building shall be no less than twice the distance of the front yard setback in the district; and the distance from the back of one principal building to the back of another principal building shall be no less than twice the distance of the rear yard setback in the district.~~

~~(4)~~ (3) Off-street parking.

(a) No off-street parking or loading or maneuvering space for off-street parking shall be located within the front or side setbacks of any district. This requirement shall not be construed to prohibit parking in any area of any driveway associated with single-family dwellings; provided, however, that in no event may a vehicle, in any district, be parked within five feet of a residential structure located on an abutting property in different ownership.

Recommendations:

The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 12 to 0.

Article 4 – LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT — Floor Area Ratio – Shall an ordinance, dated December 8, 2022, and entitled “**An amendment to remove the Floor Area Ratio requirement**” be enacted?

SUMMARY

This amendment would remove all references in the Land Use Ordinance to Floor Area Ratio.

EXPLANATION

Floor Area Ratio is defined in the Land Use Ordinance, is referred to in a section regarding nonconforming lots, and is a dimensional standard in the Downtown Residential District.

An amendment to Article V

The Town of Bar Harbor hereby ordains that Chapter 125 of the Town Code is amended as follows:

[Please Note: Old language is ~~stricken~~. New language is underlined.]

Chapter 125 , LAND USE ORDINANCE

Article III Land Use Activities and Standards

§ 125-22 Downtown Residential

A. Purpose.

B. Dimensional standards.

(1) Minimum lot size: 5,000 square feet.

- (2) Minimum road frontage and lot width: 50 [feet].
- (3) Minimum front setback: 15 [feet].
- (4) Minimum side setback: five [feet].
- (5) Minimum side setback for accessory, nonresidential structures: five [feet].
- (6) Minimum rear setback for principal structures: 15 [feet].
- (7) Minimum rear setback for accessory, nonresidential structures: five [feet].
- (8) Maximum lot coverage: 75%.
- (9) Maximum height: 40 [feet].
- (10) Minimum area per family: 2,500 square feet.
- ~~(11) Maximum floor area ratio: the greater of either the median or the mean value of the FARs for all of the lots within the district within 300 feet of the subject property.~~

Article IV Nonconformity

§ 125-56 Nonconforming Lots

A single parcel of land, the legal description or dimensions of which are recorded on a document or map on file at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds, which lawfully existed immediately prior to the enactment of this chapter or any subsequent amendment and which, as a result of the enactment of this chapter or any amendment, does not meet the lot size, minimum area per family, road frontage, ~~floor area ratio~~, lot coverage, shore frontage, or lot width requirements, or all seven, in the district in which it is located, and which does not adjoin another vacant parcel in common ownership, may be built upon without the need for a variance, but only subject to the following:

Article XII Construction and Definitions

§ 125-109 Definitions

~~FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)~~

~~The decimal representation of the gross floor area of all principal structures on a lot divided by the total lot area. Both the mean and the median values used to determine maximum floor area ratio are calculated using the FARs for all properties within the district within 300 feet of the subject property.~~

A. The mean is the sum of all values in the set of FARs divided by the number of values in the set. For example, the mean, or average, of the set {1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11} is 6.

Mean = sum total of values divided by the number of values

$$\text{Mean} = (1+3+5+7+9+11)/6$$

$$\text{Mean} = 36/6$$

$$\text{Mean} = 6$$

B. The median is the middle value of the set of FARs ranked in ascending order. To find the median, use the formula $(n+1)/2$ th value, where “n” equals the number of values in the set. When there is an even number of values in a set, the median is the average of the two middle values.

(1) Example of a set with an odd number of values:

Set: {1, 3, 5, 7, 8}

There are five values in this set.

Median = $(n+1)/2$ th value, where n = the number of values in the set

$$M = (5+1)/2$$

$$M = 6/2$$

Median = 3, the third number in the set.

The median value is 3.

(2) Example of a set with an even number of values:

Set: {1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8}

$$M = (6+1)/2$$

$$M = 7/2$$

$$M = 3.5$$

The two middle values are 3 and 5.

The median value is the average of these two numbers, or 4, i.e. $(3+5)/2$.

Recommendations:

The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 12 to 0.

Article 5 – LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Conversion to Multifamily Use –

Shall an ordinance, dated December 8, 2022, and entitled “**An amendment to remove the Conversion to Multifamily Use Requirements**” be enacted?

SUMMARY

This amendment would remove standards in the Land Use Ordinance specifically for the conversion of existing structures into multifamily dwelling units I and II.

EXPLANATION

These standards for the conversion of existing structures into multifamily dwelling units I and II go beyond the minimum standards required for the construction of new multifamily dwelling units. These requirements for the conversion of existing structures into multifamily dwelling units I and II are more restrictive than those of the locally adopted building codes, and address subjects covered in other areas of the Land Use Ordinance.

An amendment to Article V

The Town of Bar Harbor hereby ordains that Chapter 125 of the Town Code is amended as follows:

[Please Note: Old language is ~~stricken~~. New language is underlined.]

Chapter 125 , LAND USE ORDINANCE

Article V General Provisions

§ 125-69 **Standards for particular uses, structures or activities.**

B. Cabins and cottages. Cabins and cottages shall be treated as transient accommodations; provided, however, that any lot containing cabins and cottages shall contain at least 20,000 square feet.

C. Campgrounds. All site plans for proposed campground development shall demonstrate that:

- (1) The applicant has obtained all required state permits and licenses.
- (2) Each recreational vehicle, tent, or shelter site shall contain a minimum of 5,000 square feet of suitable land in shoreland areas and 2,500 square feet of suitable land in inland areas, not including driveways and roads, for each site. Land supporting wetland vegetation and land below the normal high water line of a water body shall not be included in calculating land area per site.
- (3) The area intended for placement of the recreational vehicle, tent or shelter site and utility and service buildings shall be set back a minimum of 50 feet from the exterior lot lines of the camping area, 100 feet from the normal high water line of a great pond classified GPA or a river flowing to a great pond classified GPA, and 75 feet from the normal high water line of a tributary stream, upland edge of a wetland or any other body of water.
- (4) The campground shall be screened from all abutting areas.

(5) Each recreational vehicle, tent or shelter site shall be provided with a trash receptacle.

D. ~~(Reserved) Conversion to multifamily use. Conversion of existing structures into multifamily dwelling units I or II will be permitted only on the following conditions:~~

~~(1) Off-street parking will be provided in accordance with the requirements of § 125-67D(3)(a).~~

~~(2) Written approvals of conversion plans by the Fire, Electrical, and Plumbing Inspectors are submitted at the time of application.~~

~~(3) Each dwelling unit shall be at least 500 square feet in area for one-bedroom units, plus 150 square feet for each additional bedroom, and all such space shall comply with FHA standards.~~

~~(4) Each dwelling unit shall have its own toilet and kitchen facilities, and no dwelling unit will share these facilities with any other dwelling unit.~~

Recommendations:

The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 12 to 0.

Article 6 – LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Underground Utilities – Shall an ordinance, dated December 8, 2022, and entitled “**An amendment to remove the requirement that all utilities be installed underground**” be enacted?

SUMMARY

This amendment would remove a standard in the Land Use Ordinance requiring that all site and subdivision plan projects must install utilities underground.

EXPLANATION

This underground utilities standard adds additional costs to construction projects and has often been modified by the Planning Board at the request of applicants. Removing this standard would not prohibit developers from electing to install utilities underground; rather, it would no longer be mandatory.

An amendment to Article V

The Town of Bar Harbor hereby ordains that Chapter 125 of the Town Code is amended as follows:

[Please Note: Old language is ~~stricken~~. New language is underlined.]

Chapter 125 , LAND USE ORDINANCE

Article V General Provisions

§ 125-67 General review standards.

CC. Outdoor storage or displays. All site plans shall demonstrate that any materials or merchandise to be stored outdoors shall be stored in such a manner as to prevent the breeding and harboring of insects, rats or other vermin. Except for merchandise sold at farmers' markets and as otherwise provided by the Town Code, no merchandise shall be displayed or stored outside of any business establishment located within the Design Review Overlay District until a certificate of appropriateness has been approved by the Design Review Board pursuant to Article XIII, Design Review.

~~DD. (Reserved.) Utilities. Except for within mobile home parks, utilities shall be installed underground except as otherwise approved by the Planning Board. Underground utilities shall be installed prior to the installation of the final gravel base of the road. Any utility installations remaining above ground shall be located so as to have a harmonious relation to neighboring properties and the site. All utilities, poles and streetlights shall be installed in conformity with the approved plan.~~

EE. Fire protection.

(1) Detailed building plans for commercial developments in the Downtown Village and Shoreland General Development I Districts, transient accommodations, nursing homes, convalescent centers, retirement communities, private compulsory schools, multifamily dwellings and hospitals shall be approved, in writing, for compliance with Life Safety Codes by the State Fire Marshal's Office or by the Bar Harbor Fire Chief.

(2) No subdivision which has access to a public water supply shall be developed such that any building lot is more than 500 feet from a fire hydrant which has a capacity of 750 gallons per minute.

(3) No subdivision which lacks access to a public water supply shall be developed so that any building lot is more than 2,000 feet from a fire pond having a capacity of 45,000 gallons or a dry hydrant with a capacity of 750 gallons per minute for 60 minutes or some other water source acceptable to the Fire Chief.

(4) All site plans shall demonstrate that the proposed development will not cause an unreasonable burden on the Town's ability to deliver fire protection services.

Recommendations:

The seven-member Planning Board recommends adoption by a vote of 5 to 0.

The 15-member Warrant Committee recommends adoption by a vote of 12 to 0.

The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 for election of Town officers and referendum. Absentee ballots will be processed on Saturday, June 10, 2023 starting at 9:00 a.m., or immediately following a requested inspection, and on Election Day every hour on the hour starting at 9:00 a.m.

The last day to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, June 8.

The Registrar of Voters of the Town of Bar Harbor hereby gives notice that she or her designee will be at the Municipal Offices on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except holidays, and during poll hours on Election Day for the registration of persons desiring to register for this election. To register to vote, residents must provide proof of identity and proof of physical residence address, not a post office box. A Maine driver’s license with current physical address satisfies both requirements.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of April 2023.

Municipal Officers of the Town of Bar Harbor

Valerie Peacock, Chair

Matthew A. Hochman, Vice Chair

Gary Friedmann

Joseph Minutolo

Jill Goldthwait

Erin E. Cough

J. Clark Stivers

Attest:

A true copy _____
Town Clerk of Bar Harbor, ME

CONSTABLE’S RETURN

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have warned and notified the inhabitants of the Town of Bar Harbor to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein named by posting attested copy of the within Notice on the Bulletin Board, Municipal Offices, being conspicuous public place within said Town on the _____ day of _____ in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

Attest: _____
Constable of the Town of Bar Harbor

Attest: A true copy _____
Town Clerk of Bar Harbor, ME



TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Transfer Station / Recycling Phone 288-4464

Winter Hours: October 1 – May 31

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	8:00 AM to 3:45 PM
Thursday and Saturday	8:00 AM to 11:45 AM
Sunday	CLOSED
Holidays	CLOSED

Summer Hours: June 1 – September 30

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	7:00 AM to 3:45 PM
Thursday and Saturday	7:00 AM to 11:45 AM
Sunday	CLOSED
Memorial Day and Labor Day	7:00 AM to 11:45 AM
July 4th	7:00 AM to 9:45 AM
Other Holidays	CLOSED

GLEN MARY HOURS

Winter Skating Hours:

Facility Open: 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM
(Pending weather conditions)

Summer Pool Hours:

Seven days a week 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR

Website: www.barharbormaine.gov

Ambulance: Emergency		911
Other Business		288-5554
Assessor	(assessor@barharbormaine.gov)	288-3320
Code Enforcement	(ceo@barharbormaine.gov)	288-3329
Finance Department	(treasurer@barharbormaine.gov)	288-5096
Fire Department: Emergency		911
Other Business	(mbartlett@barharbormaine.gov)	288-5554
Harbormaster	(bhhmaster@barharbormaine.gov)	288-5571
Planning Department	(planner@barharbormaine.gov)	288-3329
Police Department: Emergency		911
Other Business	(bhpd@barharbormaine.gov)	288-3391
Public Works Department		
Public Works Director	(pwdirector@barharbormaine.gov)	288-1026
Highway Division	(hwsupt@barharbormaine.gov)	288-4681
Solid Waste Division	(recycling@barharbormaine.gov)	288-4464
Wastewater Division	(wwsupt@barharbormaine.gov)	288-4028
Water Division	(water@barharbormaine.gov)	288-3555
Town Clerk	(clerk@barharbormaine.gov)	288-4098
Town Manager	(manager@barharbormaine.gov)	288-4098
Tax Collector	(collector@barharbormaine.gov)	288-5096
Conners Emerson School		
sites/google.com/mdirss.org/conners-emerson-school/home		288-3631
MDI High School	mdihs.net	288-5011

TOWN BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Meeting Schedule

Town Council	6:30 p.m.	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday
Age Friendly Committee	4:00 p.m.	3 rd Wednesday
Board of Appeals	4:30 p.m.	As needed 2 nd Tuesday
Board of Assessment Review	3:30 p.m.	As needed Thursday
Communication & Technologies	4:00 p.m.	3 rd Monday
Conservation Commission	5:30 p.m.	2 nd Monday
Cruise Ship Committee	3:30 p.m.	2 nd Wednesday
Design Review Board	4:00 p.m.	2 nd Thurs & 4 th Thurs. March-June
Harbor Committee	4:00 p.m.	2 nd Monday
Marine Resources Committee	4:00 p.m.	3 rd Wednesday
Parks and Recreation Committee	4:30 p.m.	As needed 1 st & 3 rd Monday
Planning Board	4:00 p.m.	1 st Wednesday
School Board: Bar Harbor	4:30 p.m.	1 st Monday
High School	5:00 p.m.	2 nd Monday