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One Hundred Seventy Seventh

Annual Report

of the

Municipal Officers

of the

Town of Searsport, Maine

Fiscal Year 2021
The Town of Searsport lost a very dear and dedicated friend in 2021. Bruce served on the Planning Board for Searsport for 52 years. Most of that time was spent as the Chair, and he was an active member of the board at the time of his passing. He graduated from the University of Maine with two degrees in Pulp and Paper, and worked for Great Northern Paper before entering the military where he served as an officer in the Intelligence Corps. In 1963 he took a job with Sprague Energy and had a very successful career with them that spanned 38 years. He was a member of the Searsport Lion’s Club for over fifty years. Bruce was one of the most avid sportsmen you could ever know. He loved everything outdoors. He passionately wanted to share that love with everyone and in 2007 he and his family donated 175 acres of land to the Small Woodlot Owners of Maine so it could be forever accessible for all of us to enjoy the outdoors. He lived an amazing life and left Searsport much better than he found it.

We dedicate this report to Bruce for his amazing commitment to community.
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Dear Friends:

I am deeply honored to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of the areas I have been working on over the past year.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose enormous challenges for our state and our country. When the pandemic began, I co-authored the Paycheck Protection Program that helped small businesses remain afloat and keep their employees paid. In Maine, our small businesses received more than 47,000 forgivable loans totaling $3.2 billion. I also led efforts to provide relief for loggers, lobstermen, and bus companies.

In addition, I helped secure $700 million to assist Maine’s overwhelmed hospitals and nursing homes, and a new law I led prevented Medicare payment cuts to help further ease the financial strain on our hospitals. I also urged the CDC to update its recommendations so that our students and teachers could safely return to their classrooms, and I pressed the Administration to end the closure of the U.S.-Canada border.

While addressing the pandemic has been a major focus, I’ve also worked hard to ensure Maine’s other needs are met. A group of 10 Senators, of which I was a part, negotiated the landmark bipartisan infrastructure bill that was signed into law in November. I co-authored the section of the bill that will provide Maine with as much as $300 million to expand high-speed internet in rural and underserved areas.

Soaring inflation is another crisis, particularly when it comes to the cost of heating oil. I have strongly supported federal programs that help Maine families stay warm. In November, Maine was awarded $35 million to help low-income Mainers pay their energy bills. And the bipartisan infrastructure bill included $3.5 billion to help families make energy efficiency improvements that would permanently lower their heating costs.

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I have supported investments in Maine’s communities. This year’s funding bills include $265 million I championed for 106 projects across Maine. These projects would help create jobs, improve workforce training, address the opioid crisis, and increase access to childcare and health care services. In addition, I worked to reverse proposed cuts to our Navy in order to help protect America and keep the skilled workers at Bath Iron Works on the job. The bills also include $475 million for the construction of a new dry dock at Maine’s Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that will allow the Navy to continue to carry out its submarine missions. I will keep working to get these important bills enacted.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,000th consecutive vote, becoming the only Senator in history to do so without ever having missed a roll call vote. The Lugar Center at Georgetown University once again ranked me as the most bipartisan Senator for the eighth year in a row.

In the New Year, I will keep working to solve problems and make life better for the people of Maine and America. May 2022 be a happy, healthy, and successful one for you, your family, and our state.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator
Dear Friends,

On the heels of 2020’s challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged this crisis and created new risks for Maine people. The challenges raised tension levels to boiling points during the fallout of the 2020 presidential election and the January 6th Capitol attack. But despite that, Congress was able to deliver for a nation gripped by an unprecedented pandemic. As we reflect back on the year, we see the important action that will make a difference for Maine people – as well as work still unfinished.

As COVID-19 continued to impact communities across our state and the country, Congress’s first priority this year was to confront the pandemic’s health threats and economic toll. We immediately got to work on the American Rescue Plan, crafting an emergency bill to meet the moment and get our nation back on stable footing. The legislation delivered essential support to businesses facing crises, households in need, and the medical professionals on the front lines of this fight. The funds helped get vaccine shots in arms, while also confronting the damage done to our economy. All told, the American Rescue Plan is bringing billions of dollars to Maine, helping the state continue to push through this crisis and bounce back stronger than ever.

After passing the American Rescue Plan, Congress turned its attention to a longstanding but unfulfilled priority: infrastructure. Through hard work and compromise, both parties came together to pass a bipartisan bill that finally addresses key infrastructure needs. For Maine people, the bill means an estimated $1.5 billion to repair crumbling roads and out-of-date bridges, $390 million to improve access to clean drinking water, and more. I am most excited about the significant funding for broadband – because, as we have seen during the pandemic, broadband is a necessity to succeed in the 21st century economy. The historic investments in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, combined with additional funding I pushed for in the American Rescue Plan, will bring an estimated $400 million for broadband home to Maine. These funds will be nothing short of transformational, creating new opportunities across our state.

These two bills have made and will continue to make a real difference for Maine people, helping to both address the challenges of COVID-19 and lay a foundation for long-term success. I am proud of what we’ve accomplished this year – but I know there is still a lot of work to do and that the road ahead is challenging. Even still, I am filled with optimism because I know the true nature of our citizens, though challenged, has not changed. Despite every hardship, people in towns and communities have stepped up with strong local leadership, a willingness to help, and a Maine ‘neighborhood’ spirit. It is why I truly believe we can and will get through anything together. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2022.

Best Regards,

Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator

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United States Senator
Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It remains a privilege to represent you in Congress, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on for the people of the Second Congressional District.

This year, our small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, states, and towns continued to face challenges related to the coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health and our economy that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. While we are not yet out of the woods, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Still, I know there are many Mainers who will continue to need assistance getting through this pandemic. I am committed to making sure our communities’ most urgent needs are met to get our economy back on track.

One thing I am particularly proud of this year is that Democrats, Republicans, and the Biden Administration worked together to pass the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which will make a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation’s infrastructure and support Maine jobs. This bill will bring $1.3 billion to Maine for highways and $225 million for bridge replacement and repairs, as well as $234 million to improve public transportation options. It will also allocate over $100 million to help provide broadband access to the 42,000 Mainers currently without it and make 310,000 Mainers eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Benefit to help families pay for internet access. Crucially, it will also provide Maine with $390 million to combat Maine’s historically high rates of lead poisoning by replacing lead pipes and allowing Maine families access to clean drinking water.

Another one of my priorities in Congress is protecting Maine jobs. For one, shipbuilders at Bath Iron Works are a vital part of our economy, and the ships they build are critical to our national security. Throughout 2021, I led the Maine congressional delegation in pushing back against the Biden Administration’s proposed decrease in DDG-51 shipbuilding, a proposal that would have had serious consequences for the shipbuilding workforce at BIW, one of the two shipyards that produces these destroyers, and American naval capabilities around the world. We fought successfully to include authorization for construction of three new DDG-51 destroyers in the final National Defense Authorization Act. I will continue to work hard with my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee to ensure that we protect our national security and shipbuilding jobs in Maine.

My most meaningful work in Congress continues to be providing direct assistance to Mainers. My staff and I stand ready to serve you. If you are looking for assistance with a federal agency, help for your small business, or want to keep me informed about the issues that matter to you, please reach out to one of my offices below:

- Caribou Office: 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
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- Lewiston Office: 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767

I am especially glad to share that my wife Izzy and I were pleased to welcome our daughter, Rosemary, into the world this year. Mom and baby are happy and healthy, and we’re so thankful for this blessing. We look forward to showing her the beauty of Maine in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress
Dear Friends:

For three 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. In the last year, 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, I will be 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,

Janet T. Mills
Governor
Dear Friends and Residents of Searsport,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state senator. I am honored to represent Waldo County.

In this past year we took on another year of the COVID-19 pandemic. In doing so, we all faced personal and tragic losses, disruptions in our daily lives and an economy in recovery. It's been a hard year, and I'm honored to share that I continued to serve as Senate chair of the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee. We are responsible for looking at a wide range of issues including supporting and uplifting Maine’s workforce, strengthening local businesses and encouraging economic development. Our work is central in planning Maine’s economic recovery. I also continued to serve on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee which focuses on enabling and promoting safe enjoyment of Maine’s outdoors along with conservation duties to protect our wild resources.

In the last session, the Legislature focused on laws that would make a real difference in the lives of all Maine people. We passed laws to help improve access to affordable, high-quality medical care and lifesaving medications like insulin. We invested in senior living and nursing facilities and in our direct care workers, who have been so vital during the pandemic. In July, we passed a two-year bipartisan budget that, for the first time, meets the state’s obligation to fund 55% of K-12 public education. We also restored municipal revenue sharing and increased property tax relief programs, all of which will help reduce property taxes for Maine people. I'm looking forward to continuing this in this legislative session.

At least for the start of the session, we will be doing much of our work virtually, and only convening in person when it’s necessary. Our committee hearings and meetings will all be live-streamed and recorded and can be viewed online at www.legislature.maine.gov. Most importantly there are many ways you can have your voice heard at the legislature. You will be able to participate and provide testimony on bills via phone or videoconference, and by submitting written testimony at www.mainelegislature.org/testimony. The legislature works best when we hear from you. I am excited about legislation I submitted to support an uplift rural ambulance services to help ensure emergency medicine is available to Mainers regardless of where they live. I also introduced legislation to give more resources to the Child Welfare Ombudsman to protect Maine children.

I want to remind you that I am here as a resource to you or your family. If you have an issue, need to contact a state agency or just have a question or comment, please reach out. You can send me an email at Chip.Curry@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at 287-1515.

I know these are still difficult times, but we will get through them and on to brighter days.

Sincerely,

Chip Curry
State Senator
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 healthcare more accessible, made much-needed investments in our infrastructure, allocated federal relief funds to help small businesses, filled workforce shortages and expanded access to child care.

As I write this, we have 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 am happy to once again serve on both the Legislature’s Labor and Housing Committee and the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. In my own work this session, I continue to advocate for a measure that would help ensure the Maine Ocean School’s future is secured by pushing back or eliminating the sunset clause. I am proud to have already succeeded in helping correct an error in the funding structure which now ensures that the school has access to better resources moving forward. I am committed to continuing to collaborate with members of the community, the Department of Education and others who care deeply about this school and its success.

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. You can reach me by email at Scott.Cuddy@legislature.maine.gov. I also send out periodic email newsletters. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

Scott Cuddy
State Representative
January 13, 2022

Citizens of Waldo County,

The Members of the Waldo County Sheriff’s Office are proud to serve the citizens of our great County. We want to thank the members of the public for their continued support. We are a full-service Sheriff’s Office providing Law Enforcement, Corrections and Civil Paperwork Service to folks who live, work and visit Waldo County.

The Covid Pandemic continued to complicate the delivery of our services throughout the year. The Deputies, Corrections Officers and Civil Process Servers did a fantastic job working through the pandemic to ensure the safety of our citizens.

Our patrol division handled 9,280 calls for service in 2021. These calls included all types of incidents from murders, domestic violence, robberies, burglaries, thefts, child abuse, sexual abuse, drug overdoses, and much more. The drug abuse epidemic continued to ravage our citizens and cause much of the crime in our county. The patrol division also conducted 1,175 traffic stops throughout the county in an effort to increase traffic safety on our roads and highways.

Our Corrections Division finished its twelfth year in the operation of the Maine Coastal Regional Re-entry Center serving 52 residents in 2021. These are men who were nearing the end of their term of incarceration. Our many programs assist them with their integration back into society as productive and contributing citizens. During their stay at the re-entry center, residents provided 3,075 hours of community service throughout Waldo County. This translated to a savings in labor costs of $37,361 to citizens and non-profit agencies. Residents also provided more than 173,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to local food pantries and those in need from the County’s Garden Project overseen by Waldo County Commissioner William Shorey. The residents also paid $3,552.36 dollars in room and board to the County.
The seventy-two-hour holding and booking facility processed 734 persons who were arrested in Waldo County by all the law enforcement agencies serving our County. If a person who has been arrested cannot make bail within 72 hours, he or she has to be transported to the Knox County Jail in Rockland by our Transport Division. Our average daily population of Waldo County prisoners held at the Knox County Jail was 25 men and women. This along with bringing prisoners to court and medical appointments, generated 274 transports with our transport division, traveling more than 29,748 miles in 2021.

Our Civil Service Division served 1,224 sets of legal paperwork all over the County in 2021.

It has been an honor for all of us to be of service to the citizens of Waldo County in 2021. We look forward to a safe and productive 2022.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Jeffrey C. Trafton
### Total Number of Complaints received in 2021 for Searsport

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**Total Complaints Reported:** 204  
**Total Traffic Stops:** 48
February 14, 2022

Dear Citizens of Searsport and Stockton Springs,

Regional School Unit #20 has moved into our seventh year and will be looking forward to our eighth. We, the Board of Directors, administration and staff want to express our sincere gratitude for your support and the support of our children's educational programs.

As we have stated before, since March 13, 2020, the RSU #20 community has been tested numerous times by the Covid pandemic. Together, we have refused to be deterred and we continue to provide an outstanding educational system. We are hoping for a better 2022-2023 school year and as a team of all, we will meet the goals.

RSU #20 elected to concentrate on the social, emotional and mental health aspects affecting our students. The two years and into a third condition have tested our students and staff. Professional social work supports, assistance on transportation, return to a schedule whereupon Pre K thru Grade 12 attended on the same schedule and students' needs were at the forefront of our established objectives. The team work of staff within the school community and the continued support from our citizens within the communities have led and will continue to lead to success.

We have begun preparing our 2022-2023 budget and will adhere to a team approach: RSU #20 (Searsport and Stockton Springs) will work together to provide an education that provides the best for all students.

As stated last year, we will again be faced with challenges: (a) continued decisions based upon the Covid pandemic, (b) state funding increases to address the past year's decrease; (c) budgetary considerations based upon numerous variables and (d) assessments to towns, and in tum, taxpayers-dealing with many variables as well. We will need to face and answer the challenges in order to provide the education our students deserve while balancing the needs of our taxpayers. Together, we will maintain our focus and make decisions within the framework of the budget process based foremost on education.

Throughout the budget process, RSU #20 will provide information to the citizens of Searsport and Stockton Springs in order for you to make informed decisions. Current budget information will be posted on our website at www.rsy20.org or our Facebook page, as well as dates of Board workshops, Board meetings, and informational meetings. Information from local, state, and federal resources will also be available from the RSU #20 Board, administration and staff.

With your support, the students and staff of RSU #20 will be provided the best educational opportunities. We will continue to face our challenges head-on and firmly believe "out of darkness comes light" and we are seeing positive changes. Our lights are bright as the RSU #20 team will succeed together.

Sincerely,

Chris Downing
Superintendent of Schools, RSU #20
TOWN OF SEARSSPORT

Spirit of America Award

2022

John Moran

Searsport Spirit of America
Honor Roll

2012 – Searsport Beautification Committee 2017 – Almond “Bud” Rivers
2013 – William Terry 2018 – Sandra Otis-Anderson
2014 – Bob Ramsdell 2019 – Ralph & Joyce Harvey
2021 – Dr. Karen Kelley

Spirit of America Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity established in Augusta, ME in 1990 to honor volunteerism.

The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Maine municipalities to local individuals, organizations and projects for commendable community service.

Since Alma Jones received the first Spirit of America award from Augusta Mayor William Burney in November 26, 1991, the tribute has been presented in over 400 ceremonies.

Searsport has participated in the Spirit of America Award Recognitions since 2001 in an effort to recognize the many people and organizations that give so much of themselves back to our community.
### 2022 HOLIDAY & CLOSURE SCHEDULE

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*Holidays that fall on Saturday are observed on the preceding Friday; holidays that fall on Sunday are observed on the following Monday. New Year’s Day 2022 will be observed on Friday, December 31, 2021; Juneteenth 2022 (June 19th) will be observed on Monday, June 20, 2022; and Christmas Day 2022 will be observed on Monday, December 26, 2022.

### EMERGENCY & STORM CLOSURES WILL BE POSTED ON CABLE ACCESS CHANNEL 7 AS WELL AS MAJOR NEWS NETWORKS.

### TRANSFER STATION:

The Transfer Station is closed during the above Holidays.

### Hours of Operation:

Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

You will need a Transfer Station Permit for each vehicle entering the Transfer Station. There is no charge for vehicle permits and they can be picked up at the Town Office during regular business hours.

Please see the Transfer Site Recycling Guidelines pamphlet (available at the Town Office and on the Town Website) for current regulations and costs. Each 30 gallon bag must have a trash sticker. These stickers cost one dollar each and are available at the Town Office, Tozier’s and Steamboat Market.

**THERE WILL BE NO DEPOSITING OF REFUSE AT THE TRANSFER STATION AT ANY TIME OTHER THAN THOSE HOURS LISTED ABOVE.**
2022 IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 1st  
Fiscal Year begins.

March 1st  
Annual Municipal Elections at the Searsport Community Building 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

March 5th  
Annual Town Meeting at the Searsport High School Gym 9:00 a.m.

April 1st  
All property, both real and personal, assessed to owner of record as of April 1st. Owners must bring in a list of property to the Assessor to be eligible to make a claim for abatement.

February 1st  
Late fees begin for dog licenses.

June 30th  
Re-register snowmobiles and ATV’s.

July 28th - 31st  
Tax bills mailed out at the end of July.

September 6th  
Taxes are due and payable.

October 11th  
Interest begins to accrue on all unpaid real estate and personal property taxes.

October 15th  
New tags available for upcoming year dog licenses.

December 1st  
New hunting and fishing licenses available for upcoming year.

December 31st  
Fiscal Year ends.
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2022 TOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY (Police/Fire/Ambulance) ......................... 911

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE TOWN OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY DISPATCH.

North Fire Station .................................................. 548-6262
Ambulance/Fire (Non-Emergency) ............................. 548-2302
Police (Non-Emergency) ........................................ 548-2304
Waldo County Communications (Pub. Safety Non-emergency) ... 338-2040
Town Garage .......................................................... 548-2301
Carver Memorial Library ......................................... 548-2303
Wastewater Treatment Plant .................................... 548-6320
Town Office ............................................................ 548-6372

Town Manager ....................................................... Ext. 106
Town Clerk ............................................................. Ext. 100
Deputy Clerk ......................................................... Ext. 101
Bookkeeper ............................................................ Ext. 102
Code Enforcement ................................................ Ext. 104
Assessing .............................................................. Ext. 103

Town Office Fax ...................................................... 548-2305

Town Address and Wastewater Billing:
1 Union Street
P.O. Box 499
Searsport, ME  04974-0499

Town Office Hours:
Monday through Friday ........................................ 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Town E-mail Addresses:

Town Manager (James Gillway)
manager@searsport.maine.gov
Deputy Clerk (Joanne Moulton)
deputy@searsport.maine.gov
Bookkeeper (Vacant)
bookkeeper@searsport.maine.gov

Town Clerk (Harriet Clark)
clerk@searsport.maine.gov
Code Enforcement (Randolph Hall)
enforcementofficer@roadrunner.com

The Town has a website at searsport.maine.gov.
This site has important town information such as: ordinances, directions, information on events and meetings, and contact information. Please log in to see all that the website has to offer.
R.S.U. #20 Board of Directors

Anthony Bagley ......................................... Term Expires 2024
Wendi Hamel .............................................. Term Expires 2022
Ruth Fethke ............................................... Term Expires 2023

Regional School Unit #20:
6 Mortland Road
Searsport, ME 04974
(207) 548-6643

RSU#20 Searsport Area School Telephone Numbers:

Searsport High School ........................................ 548-2313
Searsport Middle School ...................................... 548-2311
Searsport Elementary School ................................ 548-2317

Searsport Water District
46 Prospect Street, Searsport ME 04974
Phone: 548-2910  Fax: 548-6719
e-mail: info@searsportwater.org

Employees
Brenda Corbin, Office Mgr.
Timothy Wilson, Service Foreman
Harold Porter, Service Technician
Kyle Benson, Office Assistant
Herb Kronholm, Superintendent

Trustees
William Shorey, Chairman
Bruce Mills, Treasurer
Larry Clark, Clerk

Business hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In case of an emergency during non-business hours please call the
Waldo County Dispatch Center @ 1-800-660-3398
Board & Committee Chairs

Planning Board
George Kerper ............................................. Term Expires 2024

Board of Appeals
John Moran .................................................. Term Expires 2024

Board of Assessment Review
George Kerper ............................................. Term Expires 2022

Comprehensive Planning Committee
George Kerper ............................................. Term Expires 2025

Historic Preservation Committee
Lin Calista & Mary Brann ............................ Term Expires 2024

Shellfish Management Committee
Steve Tanguay ............................................. Term Expires 2024

Budget Advisory Committee
Dorothy Alling ............................................. Term Expires 2022

Cable Television Committee
George Kerper ............................................. Term Expires 2022

Cemetery Committee
James Gillway ............................................. Contact Person

Recycling/Conservation Committee
James Gillway ............................................. Contact Person
2021 Manager’s Report

I am very happy to turn the calendar and see 2022. Last year was a real challenge in many ways. The year was marked with many accomplishments and marred with many sad moments. On the accomplishments side we had a very successful celebration of our 175th Anniversary. The events held on and around the 4th of July were fantastic. Searsport was a real leader in the State on how to throw a COVID safe party. The events were very well attended, and it culminated with the absolute best fireworks show in our history. Later in the year, we pulled off another fantastic COVID safe event during the Fling into Fall. All our events were very well attended. Sadly, we lost a lot of good friends and family in 2021. Notably, long time resident and close friend Bruce Probert passed away in 2021.

We had a couple of changes in personnel in 2021. Officer Greg Jones left us in the summer. Ambulance Director Adrian Stone left us in October. We were able to bring Colby Leavitt on full-time School Resource Officer before the school year started. Officer Brian Lunt was able to come to the police department in November to fill the full-time position. In November Chief Boisvert was appointed by the Selectboard to be Public Safety Director in charge of the Police, Fire, Ambulance and Emergency Management. Officer Jim Greeley came on full time in December to cover patrol. This allows the Public Safety Director to manage all departments. We also hired Thalia Veizaga as the Children’s librarian in December after Sarah “Sadie” Green left for a full-time position.

The pandemic drags on and we keep serving the residents with very little interruption. I believe the measures we put into place, counter window and drive thru, in 2020 help keep our staff and residents safe and healthy. We did not have a lot of traffic at the drive up window but did have quite a few election ballots dropped off at it. We did use the Community Building at 42 Prospect Street to conduct the election. This space is great for voter flow and allows for good social distancing. Speaking of this building, the rentals were limited due to the pandemic. We did see $2,100 dollars in rental income. We also were able to use the building for a couple of public suppers sponsored by the town. The building was reserved for 172 days last year. Some of the events included: AARP Free Tax Preparation, Lions Meetings, Elections, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, Christmas toy drive and distribution, an auction, a couple of birthdays, a life remembrance, a couple of wedding receptions and community sheltering and meetings. Of course most of the use, at this point, is for non-profit or municipal purposed; however, if and when we get out from under this pandemic, we are confident the rentals will return.

This year our auditors did come to visit for several days and much of their work was done remotely. Again, this year, we are experiencing a delay in getting the audit done. The auditor’s report that the town’s financial condition continues to be very good. We have been able to maintain our surplus at over a million dollars. We did not have a very good year with revenue collections. Our Ambulance and General Assistance revenues were much lower than anticipated. We continue to see consistent revenue in excise tax and revenue sharing. Our auditor’s could not give me an exact number for undesignated surplus but reported that it is in excess of $1,300,000. We are recommending that $200,000.00 be used to offset taxes in the 2022 budget.

2022 is going to be a busy year for Searsport. Most of the projects that have been in the planning stages for years are scheduled to begin construction this year. The Maine Department of Transportation will be putting the downtown rebuild out to bid in June with an anticipated start in late August or September. I am personally hopeful that the contractor will be able to get a lot of work done before snowfall. If we have a mild winter the contactor can pick up early in
the spring and minimize the impact of construction during the summer seasons. Another project that is scheduled to start this year is our wastewater plant rebuild. We have been in the planning process for this project for almost five years. We have been very fortunate to line up an amazing grant/loan package from several different sources. Since most of the work associated with the project is located at the plant on Navy Street there will be little interruption to traffic and businesses. The Water District is going to replace several more water lines in 2022. At this point, they are looking at Elm, Howard and Park Streets. They also will be doing Steamboat Avenue. The Maine Department of Transportation is going to be replacing a large culvert on the Stockton Springs town line this spring. The state is also engaged in offshore wind and hope to be constructing the first demonstration project on Mack Point beginning this spring. They are heavily engaged in a process to determine how, where and if Maine is going to take the development and deployment of offshore wind to the next level. That process is likely going to continue through the summer and fall. The Maine Department of Transportation is also applying to the Army Corps of Engineers to do a maintenance dredge of Searsport Harbor. Unlike the expanded dredge proposed a decade ago, this dredge will be very similar to the last one done in 1964. Dredging, like this proposal, is done for safety reasons and not for any expansion of services or growth. When the channel fills with silt and mud it needs to be cleaned out for ship safety.

The Selectboard and I came to agree on a four-year contract for my services as manager. I am proud to have been your manager for the past sixteen years. 2022 is a milestone for me as I have worked for Searsport now for 35 years in total. I do enjoy my role here and always work hard to make sure that your local government is the best. It is very important that I report that the success of Searsport is not because of me. It is because we have hired some of the best employees anywhere. Our team is dedicated to good service and are always looking for ways to improve what we do for you. I thank the Selectboard for all their efforts and support. Without their vision and support we would not be able to achieve our level of success.

Respectfully yours,

James S. Gillway

Town Manager

I want to recognize an incredibly special friend of the Town Office and all town staff. We lost Jerry “Red” Rumney this year. A son of Searsport he was always there to help in one way or another. He loved our community and was very proud of everything about Searsport. We will miss him.
Dear Searsport Residents,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Town Clerk in 2021. It’s been a busy year getting caught up with all the office activity and juggling all the tasks of the office in these pandemic times.

Our year started out with the retirement of Deborah Plourde, our long time clerk whom had served for 44 years with the Town of Searsport with 16 of them as Town Clerk. While we were in the midst of advertising and filling the Town Clerk position Joanne Moulton, Deputy Clerk and Wendy Rogers, Deputy Clerk stepped up to make sure everything was running smoothly. I had been in the position of the Assessor for the Town of Searsport but decided I’d like the opportunity to come back into the Clerk’s Office as I had previously served as Deputy Clerk from 2010 to 2017.

Once I settled in as Town Clerk in late March we developed a welcome to Searsport packet for all new residents to help guide them with changes as they navigate a new community. The pandemic has really made the real estate market soar and we have had many new residents move into town from other areas of the country. The coast of Maine has certainly become a destination for many throughout the country. With the month of April along came the municipal election and the Town Meeting which was held at the Searsport Gymnasium to make room for social distancing.

The Election November 2, 2021 turned out to be a busy one with 823 ballots cast. With great perserverance we achieved an organized, safe and manageable polling place for our residents to cast their ballots.

The year 2021 turned out to be a busy year with a record in excise tax collections and real estate tax collections are coming in nicely as well. We are fortunate that we have been able to keep our office open to the public through the year and have utilized our drive through window for any resident that is not comfortable coming into the office or just for their convenience. The window is closed for the winter but will be available in the spring.

Our community only works when we support one another. I would like to thank you, our residents, and the Selectboard for your continued support and patience as we navigate this ever changing environment. I would like to thank my staff, Joanne Moulton, Deputy Clerk and Wendy Rogers, Deputy Clerk for their teamwork in our office.

Our office is open 8:30 to 4:00 Monday through Friday for your convenience and we welcome the opportunity to get to know you all. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

Sincerely,

Harriet E. Clark, Town Clerk
TOWN OF SEARSPORT

In accordance with Title 36, MRSA Section 706, the Assessor of the Municipality of Searsmont, Maine hereby gives notice to all persons liable to taxation in said municipality that the Assessor's Agent RJD Appraisal is in the office twice a month. Please call the office at 548-6372 or email us at assessor@searsport.maine.gov and we will schedule a time to meet with you for the purpose of revising lists of estates taxable in the Town of Searsmont.

All inhabitants of the Municipality of Searsmont, Maine and all Administrators, Executors, trustees, non-residents, etc., all estates taxable in said municipality or such persons hereby notified to MAKE AND BRING INTO THE ASSESSOR TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS OF ALL THEIR ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the FIRST DAY of April 2022 and be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same and to answer all proper inquiries in writing to the nature, situation and value of their property liable to be taxed.

2021 SEARSPORT ASSESSOR'S REPORT

2021 was a busy year in the Assessors office due to a high number of home sales and the changes brought about by COVID-19. The sales prices are exceeding our current values in most cases but this may be a short lived cycle that we will keep a close eye on. I would like to thank all of our residents and business owners for their cooperation when there are site visits to your home and/or business. We were fortunate in 2021 to keep the mil rate close to the 2021 mil rate with an increase of only .20 cents to hold the mil rate to $18.90 per 1,000 dollars of valuation. The mill rate breaks down as follows 9.8% to the County, 31.3% to the Town, and 58.9% to the School for education. The amount of new construction in the Town of Searsmont both residential and commercial areas continues to show improvement. The CEO, Randy Hall and I are working together to assure that all new construction and building permits are visited and re-assessed in the spring.

All Searsmont residents with a primary residence here are reminded of the Homestead Exemption of up to $25,000 off your assessed value. There is also a Veterans Exemption, and Blind Exemption if you qualify. To find out about these exemptions please contact the assessors office. The Maine Property Tax Refund is still available through the Maine Revenue Services Offices in Augusta. Please call them directly at 626-8475 with any questions.

Respectfully,
Robert Duplisea CMA
Jay Frye CMA
RJD Appraisal
CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT
Title 36 MRSA 712

State of Maine County of Waldo, ss.

I, hereby certify, that I have assessed a tax on the estate, real and personal liable to be taxed in the Municipality of Searsport for the fiscal year 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 at 18.90 mils on the dollar, on a total tax valuation of $282,820,100.

### Assessments

1. County Tax 557,982.41
2. Municipal Appropriation 3,064,974.00
3. TIF Financing Plan Amount 82,040.18
4. Local Educational Appropriation 3,276,068.02
5. Overlay (not to exceed 5% of the "Net to be raised") 38,784.06
6. Total Assessments $7,019,848.67

### Deductions

7. State Municipal Revenue Sharing 274,934.00
8. Homestead Reimbursement 257,204.43
9. BETE Reimbursement 143,357.35
10. Other revenue 999,053.00
11. Total Deductions $1,674,548.78

12. Net Assessment for Commitment $5,345,299.89

List of all the same I have committed to James S. Gillway, Tax Collector of said Municipality, with warrants in due form of law for collecting and paying the same to James S. Gillway, Municipal Treasurer of said Municipality, or the successor in office, on or before such date, or dates, as provided by legal vote of the Municipality and warrants received pursuant to the laws of the State of Maine.

Given under my hand on August 3, 2021

Robert Duplisea
RJD Appraisal
Town of Searsport - Assessor
Searsport Police Department
ANNUAL REPORT
2021

Mission: To lead the citizens of the Town of Searsport in a partnership dedicated to the protection of life and property, and the advancement of peace, prosperity, and community. The genesis of our efforts is the values of respect, fairness, and integrity.

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Dear Citizens of Searsport,

During the beginning of 2021 staffing levels continued to drop as sworn officers retired or resigned for other employment opportunities. The School Resource Officer (SRO) position, which had been vacant since September of 2020, was filled in August of 2021 by Officer Colby Leavitt. SRO Leavitt came to the Town of Searsport and RSU-20 from the Brunswick Police Department, and had previously worked for the Town of Belfast Police Department.

Officer Brian Lunt was hired by the Searsport Police Department to fill a previously vacated position. Officer Lunt came to the Searsport Police Department from the Brewer Police Department. Officer Lunt had previously served with both the Camden Police Department, and the Belfast Police Department, as well as having served as a Reserve Officer for the Searsport Police Department many years ago. Officer Lunt has extensive experience in patrol, and as a supervisor as a Sergeant with the Belfast Police Department.

Officer James Greeley was hired by the Searsport Police Department in December of
2021 to fill a vacancy created by the establishment of the position Director of Public Safety, which was filled by the Police Chief, Todd Boisvert. Officer Greeley comes to the Searsport Police Department with years of experience with the Waldo County Sheriff’s Office in such capacities as patrol officer, patrol supervisor, and detective.

There was a 91.75% increase in calls for service in Searsport during the 2021 calendar year. Total incidents report went from 2,277 in the year 2019 to 2456 in the year 2020, to 4770 in 2021. Of these calls for service, Searsport Officers handled 4364 calls, the Waldo County Sheriff’s Office handled 179, Maine State Police handled 53, Belfast Police handled 45, and Stockton Springs handled 9. The Animal Control (ACO) handled 121 animal problems during 2021.

One of the main focuses of the department was recruitment and filling the SRO position prior to the start of the 2021 RSU-20 school year. This was accomplished by great cooperation between the RSU-20 School Board, the Town of Searsport Select Board, and the Searsport Police Department.

The Police Department's Fleet currently consists of: 2015 Ford Police Sedan (Taurus #2128) with 89,422 miles; 2016 Ford Police Utility (Explorer #1083) with 96,539 miles; and 2017 Ford Police Utility (Explorer #577) with 48,194 miles. All vehicles are up to date on service both mechanically and with the assigned equipment.

Future goals that the Police Department anticipates working on are: filling part-time Officer positions, upgrading the vehicle fleet, updating policies, the purchasing of laptop computers, and the upgrade of department issued firearms.

In closing, as I begin my third year as, now as your Director of Public Safety / Police Chief, I look forward to meeting more and more of the great citizens of Searsport. Thank you for allowing me your Chief of Police.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

T.A. Boisvert

Todd A. Boisvert

Chief of Police / Director of Public Safety
Greetings,

The Searsport Fire Department had 154 calls in 2021. We, as well as many of you, have had a hard time learning how to continue to deal with the pandemic. We are committed to your safety. If within 6 ft of anyone we require masks. All of our firefighters are following the CDC safety guidelines to keep ourselves and all of you safe.

I would like to take the time to congratulate Herbert Kronholm on his retirement from the Assistant Chief position. Herb has been with the department for 27 years and was with Millinocket for 7 years prior to that. Thank you for your time, dedication and service. Your knowledge will be missed. Enjoy your retirement!

The fire department is currently looking for new members. Although we have 24 people on our roster, it is very common that only 4 or 5 people are available to respond to calls. We are a volunteer service and all of our members have full time employment elsewhere. We rely heavily on mutual aid from our surrounding towns. Unfortunately, they are also having staffing issues. You can always count on us to be there in your time of need. If you would like to help us by becoming a member of our team, please stop by the town office and pick up an application.

I would like to thank the residents of the Town of Searsport for your continued support of the Searsport Fire Department. It has been my pleasure to be the Fire Chief for the last 10 years and to serve this little town called Searsport, Maine.

Please remember to change your smoke detector batteries twice a year and to put your CO2 detectors close to the floor.

Thank you,

Andrew Webster
Andrew Webster
Fire Chief, Searsport
Many thanks to our volunteer staff:
- George Kerper, PIO;
- Sandra Otis-Anderson, Mass care Coordinator;
- Gayle McKeige, Deputy Director
- Paul Biddle, Deputy Director

Continuing thanks go to the North Searsport Methodist Church and the First Congregational Church for entering into an agreement to establish warming centers during extended power outages or other events within the constraints of the COVID protocols.

The Searsport EMA organization accomplished the following work during 2021:

1. PLANNING/RESPONSE:
   - Participated in the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) process for the Waldo County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
   - Performed hazard assessments for new hazards and proposed new businesses.
   - Maintained and updated hazard and risk data for our existing facilities.
   - Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated with minimum staffing for 1 day response to two Storms.
   - Continued participation with the HAZMAT Assessment and Rescue Team. Team operates with West Frankfort Volunteer Fire Department.
   - Entered into a mutual agreement with GAC for confined space rescue capability.

2. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM
   - Monitored CDC and state briefings on the COVID 19 Pandemic.

3. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT:
   - Maintained a location for the municipal Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
   - Updated EOC equipment and supplies.
   - Maintained the “Nixie” emergency warning system.

We welcome additional volunteers to help perform the EOC functions through multiple shift emergencies. Volunteers can contact me through the town office, at 322-8464, at ema@searsport.maine.gov or at searsportema@gmail.com.

After 12 years I plan to step down as your EMA Director. I have recommended the appointment of Paul Biddle as Director. I will remain as a Deputy for another year to provide a smooth transition.

Please notify us of activities or materials that could present a hazard to emergency responders or other people in town.

Almon D. (Bud) Rivers
Emergency Management Director
Annual Code Enforcement Officer Report

2022

At the turn of the century the world was very concerned about the advancement of the technology that was on a fast pace, specifically the Y2K theory that had many all up in a tizzy. Here we are twenty-one years later having survived that scare if you will and have had many new things that have challenged our lives, way of thinking and philosophies. The past two years have really tested us in our country, communities, and even our families. Life is a challenging journey and we can choose to enjoy the ride or complain and make our lives miserable as well as those we meet along the way. So reach out and help your fellow man encouraging them along the way show compassion when you can and remember there are some things that we cannot change but we can make the world around us a better place in spite of things.

The past year has shown a steady climb in home sales and has driven up the costs of existing homes and the shortage of residential dwellings. The so called shortage of materials have driven the cost of building a new home up drastically and it does not look as if it is going to change in the near future. Despite these facts we have seen a steady growth in new buildings and renovations over the past twelve months. Our office issued the following permits for the 2021 year:

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As you can see there has been a steady growth in our community. I have received and replied to several calls and inquiries concerning what can be done with properties and what is allowed in the district that they are located in. There have been changes to several of the codes, so again I urge those who were considering a project of any kind to call and see what codes will or could have an effect on their project. It has been a very busy year and I want to especially thank Martha Martin for working in the office this past summer it was a great help and greatly appreciated. I would also like to welcome those that have moved to Searsport this year, many of whom I had the pleasure of speaking with and meeting before they purchased their new homes. If you have any questions concerning code related issues or projects please call my office and I will do all I can to get you the answers or find them for you.

This office runs as smoothly as it does for many reasons. one of the main reasons being the way our inner office staff works together for the good of our residents. I want to thank them personally for their tireless efforts in working with me to accomplish my responsibilities. A good working team is like a well-oiled machine; the parts don’t wear out and the machine operates properly and produces the finished product for a long time. As always it is my pleasure to serve the Town of Searsport.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randolph B. Hall

Code Enforcement Officer
Licensed Plumbing Inspector
911 Addressing Officer
2021 Planning Board Annual Report

The Planning Board approved four new businesses in Searsport in 2020: Moorings II Camp Ground, Timber Wrights, Bertram’s Joinery, and Curl Up & Dye. We also approved an additional building at GAC Chemical Corporation.

At the 2022 Annual Town Meeting you will be asked to approve changes to the Land Use Ordinance, adopt a “Dark Sky” Lighting Ordinance and remove the terminology “Board of Selectmen” and replace it with Selectboard in the Planning Board Ordinance, Land Use Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, and Site Plan Review Ordinance. These changes and the Lighting Ordinance are available for your review at the Town Office and on the Town Website, Searsport.Mainegov.

We will very much miss the knowledge, guidance, and operational wisdom of our long-time member J. Bruce Probert who passed away in 2021.

The regular Planning Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month in Union Hall at 6:00 PM. The agenda for each meeting is available prior to the meeting on the Town Website Searsport.Mainegov. Planning Board meetings are streamed live on the internet at SCTV7.Viebit.com and Searsport Cable Channel 7 and 1303. Videos of meetings for the last 12 months, are available on the town website.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Kerper, Peter Nowell, Travis Otis, Norris Staples,
Keith Ritchie, Celine Kelley, Arthur Koch Jr.
2021 Mass Communications, Broadband Committee Annual Report

In 2021 the Broadband Committee’s feasibility study was completed by the Axiom company. From this planning report the committee was able to make suggestions to the Select Board as how to proceed to have high-speed Fiber-to-the-Premise (FTTP) offered to all homes and businesses in Searsport at an affordable price. FTTP is next generation voice, data and possible future video products, including higher bandwidth offerings, ultra-high-speed Internet access, networking, multiple voice lines, teleconferencing and video applications.

Digital inclusion is a national priority in the United States, and increasingly, a priority in Maine. High-speed internet access is widely recognized as a necessity for full participation in today’s society. Employers, educators, businesses, healthcare providers, and civic institutions expect people to have access to computers and broadband connectivity. In 2022 we have partnered with the National Digital Equity Center. The National Digital Equity Center’s program promotes and advocates for Digital Inclusion. This digital literacy services will provide job training/employment-related education as well as technology training to older adults. The program has engaged and trained digital literacy instructors to provide computer skills/digital literacy instruction to adult learners throughout Maine.

Searsport offers three FREE groups of classes at the Town Office. Aging Well With Technology which includes classes such as Learning about devices, iPad & iPhone, Windows PC Laptops, Android and Apple Smartphones & Tablets. Home & Education includes classes on Applying for the Affordable Connectivity Program, Getting what you need online, using social media, Internet Safety, Apple/Mac Based Tools, and Google Classroom. Work & Business includes Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Bookkeeping Software, and Word Press. For more information about these free classes email Janine Laveway at Searsport@digitalequitycenter.org or stop in at the Searsport Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Kerper
Committee Chair
2021 Shellfish Management Committee Report

Members: David Bond, Jay Economy (co-chair), Travis Otis (Shellfish Warden), Steve Tanguay (co-chair), Carleton Wiggin, Stan Wood (consultant and support person), Danny Piper

During the spring of 2021 volunteers seeded four, 14 by 30 foot areas with softshell nursery clams and quahogs, covering each seeded area with netting on the sand bar off Kidder Point. The nets are trenched in around each seeded area to help with predator control and spat collection (green crab and milky ribbon worm, which have decimated soft-shell clam populations in Maine over recent years). These clam nurseries were sited in areas that proved to be more productive than other areas tested in years past.

The shellfish committee evaluates the number of diggers that the flats can sustain by conducting annual clam & invasive species surveys. Searsport has 5 ½ miles of tidal flats currently open to recreational digging.

Of the 65 recreational licenses available this year: 26 were issued to residents, 17 to senior residents and 15 to non-residents. In addition 108, 72-hour licenses were sold. $2650.00 was raised from licensing fees. The diggers reported harvesting almost 42 pecks of clams (mussels are not counted) which is down from the previous year.

Maine’s harvest of soft-shell clams has been near a one hundred year low over the last few harvest seasons. Our largest challenge in coming years will be to manage this declining resource. Mussel populations in the Bay are also in dramatic decline. Since the 1980s, as water temperatures have warmed, statewide soft-shell clam landings have declined by 75% (Beal et al., 2016). The committee will continue working with Dr. Brian Beal and Hannah Annis, the area’s municipal shellfish manager.

In 2022 the Shellfish committee members will reach out to local schools to help conduct simple research with intertidal sediment samples, installing a few Beal Boxes for collecting spat and seed/net 40,000 juvenile soft shell clams and quahogs. This work will begin at low tide during the 3rd week of April.

As a result of the 2021 clam survey, the committee chose not to sell any commercial licenses in the coming year. The Shellfish Committee ran a daily monitor program, checking the flats at low tide to gather data for our State Annual Report.

Please contact anyone in the committee or town office if you are willing to help in any way, we need you. Free license and other incentives available for new committee members. Our committee members would like to thank our Regional Marine Biologist Advisor, Hannah Annis.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Economy and Steve Tanguay
Searsport Shellfish Management Committee Co-Chairs

*Note: The Town of Searsport's Cleanup Day is on April 23rd starting at 9AM. Hope everyone can join in to help spruce up our beautiful town. Free lunch at noon when we're all finished up! Collection bags will be provided for those that need them.
January 19, 2022

We have all heard the old adage, “If you don’t like the weather in Maine, wait 5 minutes.” That would describe the seasons of 2021. The winter months ranged from snow to sleet and freezing rain leading into a hot and muggy summer. Spring came in a little below average but turned into a nice summer for boating. Fall arrived with warmer than average temperatures turning into a cold winter. Searsport was very fortunate in 2021 with only 2 major storms. All tropical storms and hurricanes were tracked to determine if they could become a local threat to our harbor; this year all went out to sea before reaching us.

Searsport collected a total of $3,373.00 from moorings, dinghy fees and boat excise taxes. We had 19 resident and 4 non-resident moorings. With the generosity of people who use our facility, $3,620.17 was donated to the harbor. We had many visitors that used our visitor moorings to tour our town and visit the Penobscot Marine Museum.

Travis and I attended the 36th Annual Harbormaster Association Training Program in March which was held virtually because of COVID-19. Even though it was condensed into one, 8-hour day, many valuable topics were covered. This year the Searsport Chief of Police, Chief Boisvert, attended so he could familiarize himself and his department with crucial information so they could better assist the harbormasters in emergencies. Once again, my fellow Harbormasters elected Travis and I to the Board of Directors for the Maine Harbormaster Association.

The popular 4th of July Rowboat Races was held at the Town wharf. The Harbormaster, along with several volunteers, helped to organize 14 races with around 28 individual participants, all striving for a blue ribbon.

We had a relatively quiet year. Travis and I responded to eleven incidents. There were six rescues requiring assistance or towing, one kayak adrift, and there were multiple boats requiring a pump out because they were in danger of sinking.

We would like to thank the Town manager, his staff, Searsport Ambulance, the Fire, Police, Public Works Departments, and the Beautification Committee for all their continued support and assistance. We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all who assisted Travis and myself at various times through the year. We love our town and are proud of what we have accomplished to promote it.

Wayne Hamilton  Travis Otis
Harbormaster  Deputy Harbormaster

Maine’s Fastest Growing Industrial Deep Water Port
Economic Development
Annual Report 2021

It is with great appreciation that I hereby submit my fifth Annual Report to the citizens and business owners of Searsport.

The key to successful economic development is to strategically position Searsport to anticipate, respond to, and capitalize on development opportunity. In addition to promoting business attraction, it is vital to the business community that the municipal government of Searsport support the existing business community at every opportunity.

In the most recent years, Searsport has advocated for business development with the following initiatives:

**Downtown Study:** This strength and weak assessment, resulted in a number of action items to best position the Town for business attraction.

**Downtown Tax Increment Financing District:** A Downtown “TIF” District was adopted, designed to capitalize on captured tax dollars for reinvestment in economic development initiatives. In addition, opened the door to negotiations for business development and credit enhancement provisions.

**Façade Grant Program:** A Façade Grant program was development and adopted. This program has successfully awarded multiple $5,000 matching grants to a number of our existing businesses that qualified.

**Downtown Revitalization:** Major infrastructure improvements will be coming over the next couple of years. This mile-long project will bring restoration and a revamping of Searsport downtown, increasing Searsport’s investment appeal.

**Maine’s Off-Shore Wind Port:** The Governors’ focus on Searsport as Maine’s Off-Shore Wind Port will be beneficial, opening the door to State and private development investment, job creation, business creation and business expansion.

Over the next few years, Searsport will be facing many development opportunities that will require forward thinking decision making. I look forward to assisting the residents and business owners of Searsport in charting their future by providing Manager Gillway and the Selectboard with the best information and guidance possible, enabling sound opportunistic decision making.

Change is always coming as it cannot be avoided. Preparing for welcomed change is the key. I am confident that Searsport has and will continue to position the community to anticipate and capitalize on future opportunities for development.

I want to extend both acknowledgement and appreciation to the Selectboard, Manager Gillway and the Searsport staff as we continue to work together toward a healthy, vibrant, and prosperous community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean L. Bennett, Director
Economic Development
In 2021 we found new ways to expand our services outside our beautiful building. We did storywalks with Friends of Sears Island. We did tai chi on the lawn. We expanded our library patches program, earned through reading and activities. In our first year of partnership with Neighborhood Trees, we shared 28 baby trees for children to plant. We started our Seed Library to help folks get outside and get growing. We made and distributed DIY and Take-and-Make Kits, started a Spice Club, handed out Summer Reading starter bags, and sent outreach packets to the school children and the Bayview Manor residents—that’s over 1920 kits and packets to foster learning, exploration, and connection!

The Consortium of Apollo Maine Libraries (CAML) went live in early 2021, and enables borrowers to directly request items from CAML libraries through the catalog, and to borrow in person when they visit. The CAML libraries are in Farmington, Machias, Hollis, Waterboro, and Searsport. This is in addition to our regular interlibrary loan services, where borrowers can request items through library staff from libraries around Maine and the country.

Thanks to a Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation grant, we fixed the stonework and roof around the chimney and put a cap on to keep water out of the fireplace. The ceiling plaster has been repaired and the Reading Room is looking its best.

In October 2021 we said goodbye to Sadie Greene and welcomed Thalia Veizaga as our new Youth Services Librarian. We are looking forward to connecting more with our local teens and young adults.

Carver Memorial Library is a collaboration between the Town of Searsport and the Carver Memorial Library Association and we are grateful to the Town and the community for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue McClintock, Library Director
and the Trustees of Carver Memorial Library Association
### Carver Memorial Library Association - 2021 Financial Report

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#### INCOME / EXPENSES

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**TOTAL INCOME** $70,081

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*These are the agency trusts of which Carver Memorial Library is the sole beneficiary. Carver also receives annual income from the Robert and Muriel List Fund and the James Nichols Trust, but these are not assets.*
2021 REPORT FOR THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

It’s been a busy year for the Historical Preservation Commission. We produced our third (2022) calendar with new properties and histories. This is a major fund raiser for extra projects that promote the history of Searsport to its residents as well as learning about the structures that are around us. We are so pleased with the support of the community for this project and every year we sell more as word gets out. We keep the price is reasonable as to make it affordable to all. Black Printing has been a major help to us as well as Kevin Johnson in obtaining the old photos from the Penobscot Marine Museum collections. Mary Brann has spearheaded this project from the beginning and continues to work on it with Helen Nezda. We plan on putting out a 2023 calendar with new properties and history. They are always available at the town office, the library, special town events, and the “Calendar Car” when you spot it in one of our local business parking lots.

Janine Kent has plunged in to our historical house plaque project. We are working at providing historical plaques on structures that have a history in our town. Janine has worked tirelessly doing research on the history of several houses. She is willing to help with suggestions for research for those interested in getting one, and done the legwork to get the plaques made and hung. If you’d like one for your house, please pick up a form at the town office.

At the July 4th celebration, we sponsored a free historical “Poker Run”. Everyone who participated visited at least 5 of our historical sites in town, got a playing card that entitled them to compete for the best ‘hand’, and then qualified for a prize donated by local merchants. All our commission members participated and our residents had fun while they learned a few things about historic Searsport!

Our most ambitious project this year was the restoration of the public fountain in Grange Park. It had been dormant for years. We gave it a facelift with sandblasting, connected it to an electrical source to run the pump and light and voila, the fountain is spewing water from its dolphins! We are oh so grateful to the town manager and road crew for digging a trench for the wiring, Al Kinney for putting in the electrical connection, and for taking a few minutes to unclog the fish openings, George Kerper for hooking up the pump, and Ralph Harvey for his expertise and background information. We are currently being considered for a state wide restoration award for our work.

We approved sign and restoration projects from Trove, a new business in town, and the outdoor renovation to the old ‘Liberty Tool’ building.

Our group was also privy to several house tours by their owners and a shipyard neighborhood tour by lifelong resident, Doug Norman. We have taped that tour of the shipyard district and it has spurred us on to put educational maps of the shipyard sites in Mosman Park for next year’s project.

Next year will also be busy with plans for the new calendar, more house plaques, the shipyard map project and probably some restoration to the information booth that is the last Rt #1 tourist cottage still standing. We also have plans to remove some chips from some of the old wharf pilings before they disintegrate and share them with the Penobscot Marine Museum, Searsport Town Office and Historical Society.

We are fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and dedicated group as your Searsport Historic Preservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Calista, Chairperson. Mary Brann, Vice Chair, Steve Bulloch, Sandi Cirillo, Mark Bradstreet voting members, Janine Kent and Karen Kelley, alternates, Mayo Bulloch, Facebook coordinator, and Helen Nezda, both valuable advisors
March 2022

To the Citizens of Searsport,

2021 was a year of great structural accomplishments for the park. A major project was building a sturdy new set of stairs from the park to the beach below. It serves as a great photo opportunity spot as well, being high above the beach. We were able to put up a new and larger picnic pavilion in the spring which got lots of use for memorials and birthday parties etc. Another nice addition is the porta-potty housing, constructed of beautiful Cedar wood and metal roof. We also did an enclosure for the single porta-potty by the recreation shed. Thanks to everyone who donated time and funds for these projects to become a reality.

As the COVID scare lessened, there was much more activity in the park this past summer with children on the playground, soccer games being played, lots of picnics, and puppet shows resuming. We had the biggest fireworks display the town has ever seen for the 4th of July. The park was an essential part of the delayed 175th Anniversary Celebration of the Town of Searsport.

The park is privately owned by the Mosman Memorial Park Association and is made available to everyone free of charge. The Town of Searsport and the Association have worked together harmoniously to make the park a special place for all to enjoy. Each year at the annual town meeting, funds are appropriated to maintain the park; for which the Association is very grateful. The town crew takes pride in the work they do on the grounds all summer long. We also are grateful that the Searsport Water District maintains the fountain for all to use.

Mosman Memorial Park Association was incorporated on January 7, 1922 so we officially became 100 years old on January 7, 2022. There will be a ceremony commemorating this historic event on Saturday July 2, 2022 at 11AM in the park, which will kick off the annual 4th of July festivities. The Secretary of State, Shenna Bellows will be on hand to present a special certificate of appreciation at this event. Hope to see ALL of you there!!

Yours truly,

James K. Rose

James K. Rose, Park President
WASTEWATER.

2021 Annual Report

This year was challenging to say the least. To keep the plant operations and pump stations running with limited resources and manpower, a bunch of sacrifices needed to be made by all of our departments, including the wastewater department.

We weathered a number of storms this year including two that literally flooded us out. We had one storm that gave us over 6 inches of rainfall in 8 hours. We had another that coincided with an astronomical high tide that flooded some of our electrical panels at the plant. Storms are becoming stronger and more costly, and are much more numerous than when I started here 34 years ago.

The treatment plant is aging quickly and some of the original equipment is now obsolete or inoperable. We have spent the past two years trying to get the idle clarifier back on line and are close to finishing the job. Parts are difficult to get and sometimes take 6 months, depending on the vendor. Just last week, we received grinding cutter blades for a submersible pump that I ordered 5 months ago. The replacement pump controller for our pump station on Old U.S Route 1 ran manually for 6 weeks before a replacement could be found and installed. The previous unit lasted for 14 years, so I guess we got our monies worth out of it, but it still wasn’t easy operating it while we waited for a solution. Our 2000 Ford service truck broke down in April, and hasn’t been replaced to this day.

There are a number of wastewater projects that currently need to be done. We need to rebuild the idle blower unit, purchase a new set of belts for the filter press, and budget for enterococcus lab testing that will be required by permit in April of 2022. With the nitrogen testing that we already do, our outside lab costs could reach $10,000 in 2022.

This coming year will require investment on the parts of the Town Manager, Board of Selectpersons, ratepayers and its citizens. While rate hikes are not currently planned, it is inevitable that they are coming sooner than later. Our new license requires more stringent environmental testing than ever before. Couple that with the emergence of PFAS or sometimes referred to as “forever chemicals”, and anyone can see how prices of services are about to rise.

The need for a new treatment plant is here and the good news is that it is being designed as we speak. It is a $ 9.5 million dollar upgrade using local, state, and federal funding. As of today, the plant and pump station upgrades are 60% designed with a schedule to be at 90% by the end of March,2022. The town has signed an administrative order of consent agreement with USEPA to have the plant completed and fully in compliance by 2024. This means that in the next two years, there will be a newly modified secondary wastewater treatment plant in Searsport, Maine.

I’m sorry to report that our billing clerk, Linda Patterson, is moving on to bigger and better things. She has been a great asset to the wastewater service, and we wish her the best of luck in the future. Thank you, Linda!

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard M. Clark
CONSTRUCTION, FINANCING, AND OPERATION UPDATES FOR 2021

In 2021 we here at the Searsport Water District were once again busy assisting our contractors with replacing water mains in the following locations: Route 1, Warren Street, Norris Street, Cross Street, Union Street, and Black Road South. The total budget for the 2021 Project was $1,864,000 with $1,491,200 coming in the form of grant funds from the Maine Drinking Water Program and the American Recovery Protection Act (ARPA). With favorable low bids for completing these projects along with unanticipated funds from the ARPA program the district had enough remaining funds to replace more water mains than expected along with piping upgrades within our Booster Station. Two water mains that will be replaced using leftover funds are as follows: Black Road South beginning at the intersection of Union Street and Black Road South continuing easterly for 1,000 feet where the main now ends. The other section of water main is located on Steamboat Avenue between Route 1 and the Town Wharf. The Steamboat Avenue main is approximately 1,250 feet in length and is a 6” cast iron main and will be replaced with a new 8” cement lined ductile iron water main. The old unlined 6” cast iron water main is one of the worst pipes that we have seen to date. Both water main replacement projects and the Booster Station project will be completed in the spring of 2022.

Since 1977 the district has been active with replacing its infrastructure and as of this date, we have invested more than $22.7 million dollars in water system upgrades. Of this amount the district received $12.6 million in both State and Federal grants along with private investments from the Irving Oil Terminal and other developers.

At present the Route 1A and Route 1 from our pump station on Route 1A to just south of the Savage Road intersection has been completely replaced thus paving the way for the proposed MDOT Route 1 downtown revitalization project in Searsport which is now scheduled to start in September 2022.

What’s happening in 2022? The district applied for and received $3,434,000 in funding ($2,060,000 in Grant, and $1,374,00 in Loan) from the Maine Drinking Water Programs State Revolving Fund (MDWP-SRF). At present our expectation is to use these funds to replace water mains on Cape Jellison Road in Stockton Springs east of the Town Garage, and on Water Street, Navy Street, Elm Street, Park Street, Leach Street, and Howard Street in Searsport. Completion of these projects will be entirely dependent upon what the bids look like once we receive them. Our goal is to complete as many of these projects as possible without the need to increase water rates. If bids are too high, we may need to remove some of these projects from this year’s list.

In 2021, the district pumped a total of 106,153,000 gallons of water. This amount is a decrease of 30,638,000 gallons from the previous year. The significant portion of this decrease is the result of replacing water mains that have been leaking. This includes one serious leak that was repaired on the Cape Jellison water main which is more than 13 feet deep. This section of water main is scheduled to be replaced in 2022. Our daily average pumping rate was 290,830 gallons per day or 202 gallons per minute. This amount is 45.69% of the total daily safe yield based on our calculated safe yield of 636,500 gallons per day. Total water sold to metered customers during 2021 was 66,788,920 gallons. This amount is an increase of 2,000,480 gallons over our water sales in 2020.

As COVID-19 continues to impact so many lives we want to express our sincerest condolences to all those who have lost loved ones. It’s a serious virus and one that must not be taken lightly. We here at the Searsport Water District continue to do our very best to stop the spread by wearing our masks when in close quarters with one another. For those who desire to make payments at our office we ask that you wear a mask and limit our payment area to one person at a time. For your convenience we have mask on site should you need. Also, when our service technicians are visiting your premises to make repairs or simply remove a meter, we also ask that you maintain a
safe distance from our staff as well. Who knows exactly when this will be over, but until then we will do our very best to stop the spread by reducing our risk of exposure. Thank you for helping us in doing this.

We here at the Searsport Water District continue to do our absolute best to assure that each of our customers receive safe drinking water every day. It’s what we do, and in no way will we allow COVID-19 to change that.

We want to thank all of you for your support and patience while we continue to work through these trying times.

Should you need emergency assistance after hours please call the emergency number listed below. You can also find us on the web at www.searsportwater.org or follow us on Facebook at Searsport Water District for periodic construction updates, etc. Should you have any other questions or concerns please call office at (207) 548-2910 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or email us at info@searsportwater.org. Thanks again for your support and stay strong and healthy.

Sincerely,

Herb Kronholm,
Superintendent
Searsport Water District

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Business hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
In case of an emergency during non-business hours please call the Waldo County Dispatch Center @ 1-800-660-3398
Residents and citizens of Swanville, Searsport and Frankfort, this has been a very interesting year for the history of the Swan Lake dam with a number of events occurring.

1. The town of Swanville has purchased the dam from Goose River Properties, Inc.
2. The old “dam committee” disbanded after 41+ years as the agreement under which the committee operated expired with the sale of the dam.
3. A Water Level and Minimum Flow Ordinance was adopted by each town that included the provision for the creation of a new Swan Lake Dam Committee.
4. A new committee was created with six members representing the towns of Swanville, Searsport and Frankfort. The number of representatives from each town was based on the percentage of Swan Lake shore frontage in each town.

Frontage percentages are Frankfort 9.8%, Searsport 16.73%, and Swanville 73.47%.

Committee members are:

**Frankfort** - Mike Tripp and alternate Wayne Tripp

**Searsport** - Charlie Plourde with alternate and consultant Stan Wood (Stan served on the old committee since its creation)

**Swanville** - Bruce Mailloux, Nathan Howard, Duncan Brown and Chris Dupuis with alternates Tracey Hartford and Jon Benner.

5. The Committee identified some immediate maintenance concerns with the gates and dam leakage. The leaks were obvious and significant while only one of the three gates was currently functional. We searched for, and found a company that does repair work on dams. Thanks to some federal dollars and the efforts of Selectperson Cindy Boguen, much of the leakage repair work was completed in December. We also found a company that makes replacement gates and are hoping to install those next fall if the additional federal dollars arrive as expected. There has also been much discussion about the installation of a spillway. The spillway would create a maximum water level that is lower than the current dam height and provide a safety release in the event of a major rain (for example, last fall when the lake went up 10” on September 27th). A spillway might also reduce the need for folks to carry flood insurance.

6. There are other matters to be completed. The three towns need to agree upon and approve Interlocal Agreement. This however, will not happen until FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) releases their interest in the Swan Lake Dam. FERC was involved because of the required license to generate electricity. Goose River Hydro did not renew the license and FERC is working through the release process.

The Swan Lake Dam Committee will continue to work hard to make sure the dam is maintained to a safe and functional level. The Committee will further monitor water levels and operate the gates to provide consistent recreational water levels in the summer and lower water levels during ice season to avoid erosion and shore damage. The Committee meetings are always open to the public with dates and times posted in your Town Office. Feel free to attend meetings or contact any committee member if you have a question or concern.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Mailloux
Chairperson
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*Denotes full or partial payment received after December 31, 2021*
2021 Motor Vehicle Transactions

Agriculture Plates 29
Antique Vehicle Plates 43
Animal Welfare Plates 35
Autocycle Plates 1
Barbara Bush Plates 11
Black Bear Plates 30
Breast Cancer Plates 35
Combination Plates 0
Commercial Vehicle Plates 137
Conservation Commercial Plates 1
Conservation Plates 60
Disabled Veteran Plates 3
Farm Plates 5
Firefighter Plates 6
Handicapped Plates 20
Lobster Plates 60
Motor Homes (Recreational Vehicles) Plates 10
Motorcycle Plates 98
Municipal Plates 69
Passenger Plates (Chickadee) 1692
Special Equipment Plates 2
Support Wildlife Plates 45
Trailer Plates 332
Troop Support Plates 5
University of Maine Plates 4
Veteran Plates 81

Registration fees $113,662.25
Sales Tax $64,405.01
Title Fees $11,295.00
Excise Tax $516,038.94
Agent Fees $16,458.50
Total $721,859.70

2021 Dog Licensing

Males / Females (Capable of Reproducing) 48
Neutered / Spayed 240
State Fee Collected $1,330.00
2021 Hunting / Fishing Licenses - Resident:
Apprentice Hunt – Non resident 1
Archery 1
Bear 1
Complimentary 0
Coyote Night Hunt 3
Crossbow 1
Expanded Archery, Antlered & Antlerless 0
Fish 76
Hunt 20
Hunt / Fish Combination 15
Junior 4
Migratory Waterfowl 0
Muzzleloading 10
Saltwater Registry 18
Spring / Fall Turkey 3
3 Day Fishing 2
1 Day 2
Superpack 1

2021 Hunting / Fishing Licenses - Non-Resident:
Season Fishing 5
7 Day Fishing 3

Total Issued: 166

Registered Voters:
Republican 742
Democrat 730
Unenrolled 825
Green/Independent 108
Libertarian 0

Total Registered Voters: 2405

Shellfish Licenses:
There were 100 Shellfish Licenses allowed last year, beginning June 1st. These were issued on a first come, first serve basis. **15 non-resident** licenses were included in this total. There were an unlimited amount of 72 Hour Licenses available.

Fees are as follows:
Resident (over 10 & under 65) $20.00
Non-Resident (any age) $30.00
72-Hour (any age) $15.00
2021 Resident Marriages

**January**
01/02/2021 Mykayla Alex McCormick to Noah John Schartner

**February**
02/12/2021 Jason Christopher Moulton to Janessa Eva Moulton
02/24/2021 Katelin Noel Juszkiewicz to Tyler Ryan Ellsworth

**March**
03/06/2021 Harold Joseph Saucier Jr. to Sherry L Elwell

**April**
04/16/2021 Samantha Lynn Goodness to Meriah Mae Kingsbury

**May**
05/01/2021 Stephen Andrew Acree to Gabrielle Alexis Mayo
05/01/2021 Donna M Nickerson to Alfred John Mooney

**June**
06/12/2021 Trevor Lloyd Hubbard to Grace Anne Mackey
06/13/2021 Richard E Carroll Sr. to Tonya May Chambers
06/25/2021 Michelle Lee Wood to Clifford Arthur Mace

**July**
07/17/2021 Ryan Michael Buffone to Julia Lynn Snyder
07/23/2021 Enoch Sergeevich Nelson to Brittany Marie Atwater

**August**
08/14/2021 Rajah Leanne Peavay to Edward Alfred Dorman III
08/21/2021 Dennis Richard Bowden to Jeanette Irene Albert
08/21/2021 Sara Elizabeth Flagg to Damion James Benner
08/28/2021 Amanda Margaret Schiessl to Michael Wayne Gwaltney III

**September**
09/17/2021 Alexandra Veronica Pagan to Windham Blake Veevaert
09/18/2021 Colin Patrick Sarsfield to Molly Ann Rubin
09/18/2021 Wesley Duncan Norton to Sigrid Engman Coffin
09/28/2021 Kerry Anne Dougherty to Richard Alan Dyer
09/30/2021 Janine Marie Chiusano to Brandon Vincent Greenleaf

**October**
10/09/2021 Alyssa Ann Green to Tyler Stephen Grant
10/16/2021 Grace Shauntel Hughes to James Andrew Seekins
10/18/2021 Meghan Jean Kerrigan to Michael Allen Brooks

**December**
12/16/2021 True Adelord Rideout to Lois Marie Noyes
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<td>Morgan Brooke Whitten to Dakota Adam Hellum (Both of Bucksport, ME)</td>
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2021 BIRTHS

Maine State Law prevents the Town from reporting the names of persons born. In 2021 there were 16 births to residents of Searsport.

2021 DEATHS

**January**
- 01/05/2021 Charles Glenwood Michaud II Age 58
- 01/17/2021 Frances Lorena Gray Age 89
- 01/18/2021 Lawrence M Ray Age 70
- 01/28/2021 Samuel Joseph Carriere, Age 24

**February**
- 02/04/2021 Martha McLain Age 87
- 02/08/2021 Peter Scott Taber Age 73
- 02/13/2021 Robin Ann Kalis Age 56
- 02/15/2021 David Michael Moon Age 53
- 02/26/2021 Gerald Lee Rumney Age 87

**March**
- 03/01/2021 Floyd Herbert Hews Age 71
- 03/01/2021 Alexander Gregory Hooper Age 25
- 03/02/2021 Jesse Ivan Keniston Age 94
- 03/12/2021 Frank Alfred Lane Age 76
- 03/25/2021 Harry Edward Tupper Age 82
- 03/29/2021 Howard Warren Hughes Age 72
- 03/29/2021 Priscilla A Wentworth Age 68

**April**
- 04/01/2021 Anne Rose Rowan Age 78

**May**
- 05/24/2021 Kyle James Dunbar Age 34
- 05/24/2021 Faylene M Moulton Age 83
- 05/26/2021 Jean Ann Mahoney-Morse Age 77
- 05/29/2021 James Gilmore Hatch Sr. Age 90
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of Searsport
Searsport, Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Searsport, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility 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; this includes 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.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.
Opinions

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, and each major fund of the Town of Searsport as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management’s discussion and analysis, schedule of towns proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of town contributions, and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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 basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Searsport’s basic financial statements. The nonmajor fund financial statements and Schedules B-1 through B-14 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Bath, Maine

March 2, 2022
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS’ REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Selectmen
Town of Searsport
Searsport, Maine

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Searsport as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, which collectively comprise the Town of Searsport’s basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 2, 2022. 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.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Searsport’s internal control over financial reporting of the financial statements audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Searsport’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Searsport’s internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity’s financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.
Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Searsport’s financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Bath, Maine

March 2, 2022
NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accounting policies of the Town of Searsport conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

1. Financial Reporting Entity

The Town of Searsport was incorporated in 1845. The Town operates under a town meeting form of government.

In evaluating the Town of Searsport as a reporting entity, management has addressed all potential component units. The primary criteria for including a component reporting entity are the exercise of financial accountability by the Town of Searsport’s municipal officials.

The Town's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

2. Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

The Town’s basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Town as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Town’s major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as governmental. The Town’s fire protection, recreation, public works, and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities.

In the government-wide Statements of Net Position, the governmental column is presented on a consolidated basis by column, and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Town’s net position is reported in three parts - net invested in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. The Town first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statements of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Town’s functions and business-type activities (fire, public works, administrative, etc.). The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits, and charges, etc.). The Statements of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, and operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function (fire, public works, etc.). Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The net costs (by function or business-type activity) are normally covered by general revenue (property, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc.).

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Town as an entity and the change in the Town’s net position resulting from the current year’s activities.
NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT’D):

3. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the Town are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the Town:

a. Governmental Funds:

The focus of the governmental funds’ measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the Town:

1. General Fund:

   General Fund is the general operating fund of the town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Capital Reserves:

   Capital Reserve Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for specific projects as determined by the town’s management.

3. Capital Projects Funds:

   Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and equipment.

4. Special Revenue Fund - Special revenue funds are used to account for the revenues derived for specific sources (i.e. federal and state grants) and to facilitate the management of financial resources internally “designated” for specific purposes.

Additionally, the Town reports the following fund types:

Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary Funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore are not available to support town programs. The reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position and is reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. Nonmajor funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of either fund category) for the determination of major funds.
NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT’D):

3. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements (Cont’d)
   a. Governmental Funds (Cont’d):

      Fiduciary Funds (cont’d):

      The Town’s fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

      Enterprise Fund:

      The Enterprise Fund is the fund used to account for all financial resources relating to the Wastewater Department. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector.

4. Basis of Accounting

   Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied:

   a. Accrual:

      Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements and fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

   b. Modified Accrual:

      The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e. both measurable and available. “Available” means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

5. Financial Statement Amounts

   a. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

      The Town has defined cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, demand deposits, and cash with fiscal agents. Statutes authorize the Treasurer of the Town, as directed by the municipal officers, to invest all municipal funds, including reserve and trust funds, to the extent that the terms of the instrument, order, or article creating the fund do not prohibit the investment, in financial institutions as described in Section 5706 MRSA and securities as described in Sections 5711 through 5717 MRSA.
NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT’D):

5. Financial Statement Amounts (Cont’d)

b. Accounts Receivable:

Receivables include federal grants, state subsidies, town assessments and reimbursements. Based on prior year collections, management has determined that an allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary at December 31, 2021.

c. Investments:

Investments, including deferred compensation and pension funds, are stated at fair value (quoted market price or the best available estimate).

d. Capital Assets:

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of $2,000.00 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Asset Type</th>
<th>Useful Life</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Buildings</td>
<td>20-50 Years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Machinery and Equipment</td>
<td>5-10 Years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Improvements</td>
<td>10-20 Years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Infrastructure</td>
<td>10-50 Years</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

e. Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources:

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until that time. The deferred outflows relate to the net pension liability, which include the Town’s contributions subsequent to the measurement date, which is recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent year. They also include changes in assumptions, differences between expected and actual experience, and changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions, which are deferred and amortized over the average expected remaining service lives of active and inactive members in the plan.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The deferred inflows relate to the net pension liability, which include the differences between expected and actual experience and changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions, which is deferred and amortized over the average expected remaining service lives of active and inactive members in the plan. They also include the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments, which is deferred and amortized over a five-year period.
5. Financial Statement Amounts (Cont'd)

f. Revenues:

Substantially, all governmental fund revenues are accrued. Property taxes are billed and collected within the same period in which the taxes are levied. In applying GASB No. 33 to grant revenues the provider recognizes liabilities and expenses and the recipient recognizes receivables and revenue when the applicable eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Resources transmitted before the eligibility requirements are met are reported as advances by the provider and deferred revenue by the recipient.

g. Expenditures:

Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

h. Compensated Absences:

The Town accrues accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave and associated employee-related costs when earned (or estimated to be earned) by the employee. The noncurrent portion (the amount estimated to be used in subsequent fiscal years) for governmental funds is maintained separately and represents a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentations.

i. Use of Estimates:

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

j. Fund Balance:

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, the Town employs terminology and classifications for fund balance items as follows:

Nonspendable fund balances include amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash, or that are legally required to be maintained intact. The fund balance of the Town's Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund is classified as nonspendable.

Restricted fund balances are amounts that can be used only for specific purposes because of legislation or restrictions imposed by donors. The school budget carryforward amount and the fund balances of the Special Revenue Funds are classified as restricted.

Committed fund balances are amounts that can be used only for specific purposes because of a formal action taken by town government. Budget carryforward amounts (other than the school budget) and the fund balances in the Capital Projects Fund and the Cemetery Maintenance Fund are in this category.
NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D):

5. Financial Statement Amounts (Cont'd)

j. Fund Balance (cont'd):

Assigned fund balances are amounts that the Town intends to use for specific purposes. The Board of Selectmen approved carryovers are included in assigned fund balances.

Unassigned fund balance are all amounts in the General Fund that are not assigned to another category. Only the General Fund can have an unassigned fund balance.

k. Interfund Receivables and Payables:

Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which the transactions are executed.

6. Implementation of New Accounting Standards

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the following statements of financial accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board became effective:

a. Statement No. 89, “Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period”, effective for the year ending December 31, 2022. The objectives of this statement are (1) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. This statement establishes accounting requirements for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. Management has determined that the impact of this statement is not material to the financial statements.

b. Statement No. 98, “The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report” is effective for the year ending December 31, 2021. That new term and acronym replace instances of comprehensive annual financial report and its acronym in generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

7. Future Accounting Pronouncements

a. Statement No 87, “Leases” is effective for the year ending December 31, 2022. The objective of this statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This statement increases the usefulness of governments’ financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments’ leasing activities. Management has determined that the impact of this statement is not material to the financial statements.
NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT’D):

7. Future Accounting Pronouncements (Cont’d)

b. Statement No. 91, “Conduit Debt Obligations” is effective for the year ending December 31, 2022. The objective of the statement is to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required disclosures. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

c. Statement No. 93, “Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates” is effective for the year ending December 31, 2022. The objective of this statement is to improve guidance regarding the governments that have entered into agreements in which variable payments made or received depend on an interbank offered rate (IBOR) - most notably, the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). As a result of global reference rate reform, LIBOR is expected to cease to exist in its current form at the end of 2021. The objective of this statement is to address those and other accounting and financial reporting implications that result from the replacement of an IBOR. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

d. Statement No. 94, “Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements” is effective for the year ending December 31, 2023. The objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in this statement, a PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

e. Statement No. 96, “Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements” is effective for the year ended December 31, 2023. The objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset - an intangible asset - and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.

f. Statement No. 97, “Certain Component Unit Criteria and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans” is effective for the year ended December 31, 2022. The requirements of this statement will result in more consistent financial reporting of defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution OPEB plans, and other employee benefits plans, while mitigating the costs associated with reporting those plans. Management has determined that this statement is not applicable.
NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT’D):

8.  Subsequent Events

Management has made an evaluation of subsequent events to and including the audit report date, which was the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure have been considered in the preparation of the financial statements.

In the year ending December 31, 2021 the Town was awarded $6,401,000.00 from the USDA to fund infrastructure upgrades at the sewage treatment plant. Of the total award of $6,401,000.00, $1,601,000.00 was a loan and $4,800,000.00 was awarded as a grant.

NOTE B - CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

Cash:

The Town’s cash is categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Town at year end. These Categories are defined as follows:

Category #1 - Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Town or by its agent in the Town’s name.

Category #2 - Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution’s trust department or agent in the Town’s name.

Category #3 - Uncollateralized (This includes any bank balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town’s name.)

At December 31, 2021 cash consisted of:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACCOUNT TYPE</th>
<th>CARRYING AMOUNT</th>
<th>BANK BALANCE</th>
<th>CATEGORY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Interest Bearing Accounts</td>
<td>$1,298,726.94</td>
<td>$1,799,010.85</td>
<td>$275,770.95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-Interest Bearing Accounts</td>
<td>4,360.00</td>
<td>4,360.00</td>
<td>4,360.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$1,303,086.94</td>
<td>$1,803,370.85</td>
<td>$280,130.95</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Investments

The Town’s investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Town at year end. These categories are defined as follows:

Category #1 - Investments that are insured or registered, or securities held by the Town or its agent in the Town’s name.

Category #2 - Uninsured and unregistered investments with securities held by the Counterparty’s trust department or agent in the Town’s name.
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NOTE B - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONT’D):

Investments (Cont’d)

Category #3 - Uninsured and unregistered investments with securities held by the Counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town’s name.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INVESTMENT TYPE</th>
<th>CARRYING AMOUNT</th>
<th>FAIR VALUE</th>
<th>CATEGORY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Money Market</td>
<td>$ 477,103.48</td>
<td>$ 477,103.48</td>
<td>$ 477,103.48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Treasury Bonds</td>
<td>998,005.66</td>
<td>997,399.00</td>
<td>997,399.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$ 1,475,109.14</td>
<td>$ 1,474,502.48</td>
<td>$ 1,474,502.48</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

NOTE C - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Accounts Receivable consist of the following:

- State of Maine - General Assistance $10,374.17
- State of Maine - Homestead Reimbursement 59,627.00
- RSU #20 School Resource Officer 9,024.70
- Maine Community Foundation 35,396.18
- Ambulance Fees 39,910.11
- Wastewater Department 119,829.72

Total $274,161.88

NOTE D - NOTES AND BONDS PAYABLE:

The following is a summary of note transactions of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2021:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>General Fund:</th>
<th>BALANCE 1/1/21</th>
<th>ADDITIONS</th>
<th>REDUCTIONS</th>
<th>BALANCE 12/31/21</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>United States Department of Agriculture - Sewer Loan</td>
<td>$317,466.24</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$16,929.85</td>
<td>$300,536.39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United States Department of Agriculture - Sewer Loan</td>
<td>115,897.14</td>
<td>5,686.38</td>
<td>110,210.76</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maine Municipal Bond Bank - Road Bond</td>
<td>818,448.00</td>
<td>93,660.00</td>
<td>724,788.00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tax Anticipation Note</td>
<td>$1,251,811.38</td>
<td>1,200,000.00</td>
<td>1,316,276.23</td>
<td>$1,135,535.15</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Total $1,251,811.38 | $1,200,000.00 | $1,316,276.23 | $1,135,535.15
NOTE D - NOTES AND BONDS PAYABLE (CONT'D):

Long-Term Debt as of December 31, 2021 is as follows:

United States Department of Agriculture - Sewer Loan
This note is for 30 years with annual payments of $30,819.00. Interest at a rate of 4.38% is payable annually. $300,536.39

United States Department of Agriculture - Sewer Loan
This note is for 30 years with annual payments of $10,612.00. Interest at a rate of 4.25% is payable annually. 110,210.76

Maine Municipal Bond Bank - Road Bond
This note is for 10 years and interest varies from 1.920% to 2.990%. An interest only payment is due in May and a principal and interest payment is due in November. 724,788.00

The annual requirements to amortize notes payable as of December 31, 2021 follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31</th>
<th>PRINCIPAL</th>
<th>INTEREST</th>
<th>TOTAL</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2022</td>
<td>$ 119,387.00</td>
<td>$ 37,092.21</td>
<td>$ 156,479.21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2023</td>
<td>$ 122,710.00</td>
<td>$ 34,221.50</td>
<td>$ 156,931.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2024</td>
<td>$ 126,241.00</td>
<td>$ 30,690.34</td>
<td>$ 156,931.34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2025</td>
<td>$ 130,002.00</td>
<td>$ 26,929.72</td>
<td>$ 156,931.72</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2026</td>
<td>$ 134,765.00</td>
<td>$ 22,958.64</td>
<td>$ 157,723.64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2027-2031</td>
<td>$ 379,479.00</td>
<td>$ 57,885.02</td>
<td>$ 437,364.02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2032-2036</td>
<td>$ 122,951.15</td>
<td>$ 12,266.36</td>
<td>$ 135,217.51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 1,135,535.15</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 222,043.79</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 1,357,578.94</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

NOTE E - SHORT-TERM DEBT:

The Town of Searsport obtained a Tax Anticipation Note on April 30, 2021, for $1,200,000.00 due in full on December 31, 2021. Interest was at a rate of 1.25% based on a 365-day year. The note was paid off on October 31, 2021.

NOTE F - GENERAL FUND BUDGET:

The Town operates on a net budget as compared with a gross budget. All revenues are not estimated, but are credited to the particular operating account. Certain revenues are dedicated for particular purposes by vote of the townspeople at the annual town meeting or at special town meetings.

At the annual town meeting, held in March of each year, the townspeople vote on various articles on which amounts for appropriations have been recommended by the Board of Selectmen and/or the Budget Committee.
NOTE G - ASSIGNED FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

Historically, the townspeople vote to carry certain departmental unexpended balances forward to the following year for expenditure. This is usually in lieu of additional appropriations in any particular account.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Department</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Community Building</td>
<td>$23,835.10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cemetery Lot Sales</td>
<td>$4,350.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Town Office Heat Pump Project</td>
<td>$3,458.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$31,643.10</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

NOTE H - DEFERRED REVENUE:

Deferred Revenue at December 31, 2021 consists of the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Prepaid 2022 Taxes</td>
<td>$7,959.06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Excess Revenue Sharing Receipts</td>
<td>$251,964.49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$259,923.55</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

NOTE I - EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS:

During the year expenditures exceeded total revenue and appropriations in the following general fund categories:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FUNCTION</th>
<th>REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION</th>
<th>EXPENDITURES</th>
<th>VARIANCE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Education</td>
<td>$3,276,068.02</td>
<td>$3,276,068.04</td>
<td>$(.02)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shellfish</td>
<td>$6,130.00</td>
<td>$6,350.44</td>
<td>$(220.44)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Animal Control</td>
<td>$11,281.65</td>
<td>$11,909.14</td>
<td>$(627.49)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>$38,768.46</td>
<td>$55,172.64</td>
<td>$(16,404.18)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Homestead</td>
<td>$257,203.00</td>
<td>$257,204.43</td>
<td>$(1.43)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abatements and Supplemental</td>
<td>$3,184.65</td>
<td>$6,955.42</td>
<td>$(3,770.77)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ambulance</td>
<td>$454,802.34</td>
<td>$477,311.29</td>
<td>$(22,508.95)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Highways and Streets</td>
<td>$479,347.38</td>
<td>$499,567.31</td>
<td>$(20,219.93)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State Highway Funds</td>
<td>$47,236.00</td>
<td>$48,000.00</td>
<td>$(764.00)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>General Assistance</td>
<td>$56,221.17</td>
<td>$83,508.25</td>
<td>$(27,287.08)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The overdrafts are due to expenditures exceeding budgeted amounts and revenues not meeting anticipated levels. Abatements have historically not been appropriated but rather is funded from unappropriated surplus.

NOTE J - REVENUE RECOGNITION - PROPERTY TAXES:

The Town’s property tax for the current year was levied August 3, 2021 on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2021 for all taxable real and personal property located in the Town. Taxes were due on September 3, 2021 with interest at 5.0% per annum or part thereof commencing October 8, 2021. Liens are filed on any real property where taxes remain unpaid between eight and twelve months after the levy date.
NOTE J - REVENUE RECOGNITION - PROPERTY TAXES (CONT’D):

The National Council on Governmental Accounting (N.C.G.A.) Interpretation No. 3 requires that property tax revenue be recognized only to the extent it will be collected within 60 days following the year end. The deferred tax revenue shown on the balance sheet represents property taxes not expected to be collected within 60 days after the year end.

Property taxes are recognized when they become available. Available includes those taxes expected to be collected within 60 days after year end as stated above. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible and therefore no allowance for uncollectible taxes is provided.

NOTE K - INTEREST COST INCURRED:

During the current year, the Town incurred interest costs totaling $45,350.59 which was charged as an expense to various operating accounts.

NOTE L - MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM:

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description - Employees of the Town are provided with pensions through the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Consolidated Plan for Local Participating Districts (PLD Plan), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, administered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MPERS). Benefit terms are established in Maine statute. MPERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.mainepers.org.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

Benefits Provided - The PLD Plan provides defined retirement benefits based on members’ average final compensation and service credit earned as of retirement. Vesting (i.e. eligibility for benefits upon reaching qualification) occurs upon the earning of five years of service credit. In some cases, vesting occurs on the earning of one year of service credit immediately preceding retirement at or after normal retirement age. For PLD members, normal retirement age is 60 (65 for new members to the PLD Plan on or after July 1, 2014). The normal retirement age is determined by whether a member had met certain creditable service requirements on specific dates, as established by statute. The monthly benefit of members who retire before normal retirement age by virtue of having at least 25 years of service credit is reduced by a statutorily prescribed factor for each year of age that a member is below her/his normal retirement age at retirement. MPERS also provides disability and death benefits, which are established by contract under applicable statutory provisions (PLD Plan).

Contributions - Employee contribution rates are defined by law or Board rule and depend on the terms of the plan under which an employee is covered. Employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuations. The contractually required contribution rates are actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

PLD Plan - Employees are required to contribute 8% of their annual pay. The Town’s contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2021, was 8.0% of annual payroll for the regular plan. Contributions to the pension plan from the Town were $47,161.16 for the year ended December 31, 2021.
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NOTE L - MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONT'D):

The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liabilities used to calculate the net pension liabilities were determined by actuarial valuations as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liabilities were based on projections of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating local districts (PLD Plan), actuarially determined.

**PLD Plan** - At December 31, 2021, the Town reported a liability of $273,844.00 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. At June 30, 2020, the Town's proportion of the PLD Plan was .068923%.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Town recognized pension expense of $25,815.29 for the PLD Plan. At December 31, 2021, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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<tr>
<th>Differences between Expected and Actual Experience</th>
<th>Deferred Outflows of Resources</th>
<th>Deferred Inflows of Resources</th>
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<tr>
<td>Changes in Assumptions</td>
<td>$16,433.00</td>
<td>$3,011.00</td>
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<td>Contributions subsequent to Valuation Date</td>
<td>47,161.16</td>
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<tr>
<td>Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings of Plan Investments</td>
<td>17,818.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Changes in Proportion</td>
<td>17,184.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$98,596.16</strong></td>
<td><strong>$3,011.00</strong></td>
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$47,161.16 is reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liabilities in the year ended December 31, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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<th>Year ended December 31:</th>
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<td>2021</td>
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<td>($546.00)</td>
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<td>2022</td>
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<td>$18,667.00</td>
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<td>2023</td>
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<td>$15,136.00</td>
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<td>2024</td>
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<td>$15,169.00</td>
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**Actuarial Assumptions** - The total pension liability in the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- **Salary Increases, per year**: 2.75% to 9.00%
- **Investment return, per annum, compounded annually**: 6.75%
- **Cost of living benefit increases, per annum**: 1.91%

Mortality rates were based on the RP2014 Total Dataset Healthy Annuity Mortality Table for Males and Females.
NOTE L - MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONT'D):

Actuarial Assumptions (Cont’d)

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period June 30, 2012 to June 30, 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan’s target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

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<th>Asset Class</th>
<th>Target Allocation</th>
<th>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</th>
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<td>Public Equities</td>
<td>30.0%</td>
<td>6.0%</td>
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<td>US Government</td>
<td>7.5%</td>
<td>2.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Private Equity</td>
<td>15.0%</td>
<td>7.6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Real Assets:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Real Estate</td>
<td>10.0%</td>
<td>5.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Infrastructure</td>
<td>10.0%</td>
<td>5.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Natural Resources</td>
<td>5.0%</td>
<td>5.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Traditional Credit</td>
<td>7.5%</td>
<td>3.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alternative Credit</td>
<td>5.0%</td>
<td>4.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fixed Income Diversifiers</td>
<td>10.0%</td>
<td>5.9%</td>
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Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.75% for the PLD Plan. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rates assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from participating local districts will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plans’ fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees.

Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liabilities.

Sensitivity of the Town of Searsport’s proportionate share of the net pension liabilities to changes in the discount rate - The following presents the Town of Searsport’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.75% for the PLD Plan as well as what the Town of Searsport’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower (5.75% for PLD Plan) or 1 percentage-point higher (7.75% for PLD Plan) than the current rate:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PLD Plan</th>
<th>1% Decrease (5.75%)</th>
<th>Current Discount Rate (6.75%)</th>
<th>1% Increase (7.75%)</th>
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<td>PLD Plan</td>
<td>$575,510.00</td>
<td>$273,844.00</td>
<td>$26,909.00</td>
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Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MPERS financial report.
TOWN OF SEARSPORT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE N - PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:

The following is a summary of changes in fixed assets at December 31, 2021:

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<th>JANUARY 1, 2021</th>
<th>ADDITIONS</th>
<th>DISPOSALS</th>
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<td><strong>Governmental Activities</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Non-Depreciable Assets:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Land</td>
<td>$ 908,074.00</td>
<td>$ 3,180.95</td>
<td>$ (8,216,823.86)</td>
<td>$ 5,733,933.81</td>
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<td>Depreciable Assets:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Land and Improvements</td>
<td>100,575.64</td>
<td>22,016.29</td>
<td>$ (908,074.00)</td>
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<td>Buildings</td>
<td>3,414,996.30</td>
<td>17,819.90</td>
<td>$ (3,414,996.30)</td>
<td>3,437,012.59</td>
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<tr>
<td>Equipment</td>
<td>1,141,138.17</td>
<td>61,467.20</td>
<td>$ (1,141,138.17)</td>
<td>1,158,958.07</td>
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<td>Motor Vehicles</td>
<td>2,062,686.51</td>
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<td>$ (2,062,686.51)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Infrastructure</td>
<td>6,323,287.05</td>
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<td>$ (6,323,287.05)</td>
<td>6,384,754.25</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$ 13,950,757.67</td>
<td>$ 104,484.34</td>
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<td>$ 14,055,242.01</td>
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<td>Accumulated Depreciation</td>
<td>(8,216,823.86)</td>
<td>(451,158.95)</td>
<td></td>
<td>(8,667,982.81)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net Property, Plant, and Equipment</td>
<td>$ 5,733,933.81</td>
<td>(346,674.61)</td>
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<td>$ 5,387,259.20</td>
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<td><strong>Business-Type Activities</strong></td>
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<td>Non-Depreciable Assets:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Land</td>
<td>$ 54,583.00</td>
<td>$ (12,075.32)</td>
<td>$ (54,583.00)</td>
<td>$ 54,583.00</td>
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<td>Depreciable Assets:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Buildings</td>
<td>3,308,756.51</td>
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<td>$ (3,308,756.51)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Equipment</td>
<td>172,692.79</td>
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<td>$ (172,692.79)</td>
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<td>Wastewater Treatment</td>
<td>4,726,060.85</td>
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<td>$ (4,726,060.85)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$ 8,262,093.15</td>
<td>$ (93,905.27)</td>
<td></td>
<td>$ 8,262,093.15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accumulated Depreciation</td>
<td>(5,505,889.19)</td>
<td>(93,905.27)</td>
<td></td>
<td>(5,599,794.46)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net Property, Plant, and Equipment</td>
<td>$ 2,756,203.96</td>
<td>(93,905.27)</td>
<td></td>
<td>$ 2,662,298.69</td>
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Depreciation expense for the period totaled $545,064.22. Of that amount, $12,075.32 was for Administration, $272,063.84 was for Public Works, $138,428.95 was for Public Safety, $16,334.56 was for the Transfer Facility, $12,256.28 was for Recreation and Cultural, and $93,905.27 was for Wastewater.

NOTE O - OVERLAPPING DEBT:

The Town of Searsport is situated in Waldo County and is therefore subject to annual assessment of its proportional share of county expenses. Long-term debt outstanding in Waldo County, for which the Town of Searsport would be proportionally responsible in the event the County defaulted, was zero at December 31, 2021.

The Town of Searsport is a participant in Regional School Unit 20 (RSU #20) and is subject to annual assessment of its proportional share of school expenses. Long-term debt outstanding in RSU #20 for which the Town of Searsport would be proportionally responsible in the event the school defaulted is approximately $3,709,902.26 at June 30, 2021. The Town of Searsport’s share would be 55.72% of the debt, or approximately $2,064,928.73.
NOTE P - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES:

As of December 31, 2021, interfund loans receivable and payable were as follows:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>FUND</th>
<th>INTERFUND RECEIVABLE</th>
<th>INTERFUND PAYABLE</th>
<th>TRANSFERS</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>General Fund</td>
<td>$627,852.13</td>
<td>$475,511.82</td>
<td>$(448,462.00)</td>
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<td>Wastewater</td>
<td>8,750.00</td>
<td>274,927.63</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Reserves</td>
<td>248,143.41</td>
<td>23,591.82</td>
<td>454,462.00</td>
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<td>Capital Projects</td>
<td>268,732.80</td>
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<tr>
<td>Special Revenues</td>
<td>162,503.99</td>
<td></td>
<td>(6,000.00)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trust Funds</td>
<td>11,945.33</td>
<td>16,430.79</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,059,194.86</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,059,194.86</strong></td>
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</table>

The purpose of interfund loans is to charge revenues and expenditures to the appropriate fund when that activity is accounted for through the centralized checking account. The balances represent each fund’s portion of the centralized checking account.

NOTE Q - DEFICIT FUND BALANCES:

Deficit in fund balance was reported in the following funds and is expected to be funded in future years:

- Cemetery Reserve: $12,644.27

NOTE R - TAX ABATEMENTS:

On February 16, 2016 the taxpayers of the Town of Searsport approved forming a Tax Increment Finance District on approximately 4 acres in town. As part of this District, the Town of Searsport entered into a credit enhancement agreement with PPSA Oversees Ltd. The credit enhancement agreement allows for 65% of the property taxes, approximately $49,677.68 in 2021 and $47,079.00 in 2020, to be returned to the developer and 35% of the property taxes to be retained by the Town, approximately $32,362.50 in 2021 and $25,349.00 in 2020. The funds retained by the Town can be used for economic development projects within the town.

NOTE S - SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENT:

The Town of Searsport is one of three beneficiaries of the James Nichols Trust. Key Private Bank serves as the trustee of the James Nichols Trust and handles all calculations of distributions for the Trust. In the current year, the Trust distributed $11,945.33 and no distribution was made in the prior year to the Town of Searsport based on assets held by the trust totaling $484,135.23 in 2021 and $475,141.42 in 2020.

NOTE T - RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. All significant losses are covered by commercial insurance. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.
Warrant Articles

For the Annual Town Meeting to be held on March 1, 2022

To: Todd Boisvert, a Constable of Searsport, in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Searsport, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Searsport Community Building / Lions Club Building, 42 Prospect Street, at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday the first day of March, AD 2022, the One Hundred and Seventy Seventh Anniversary of the Town of Searsport, The Two Hundred and Second Anniversary of the State of Maine and the Two Hundred and Forty Sixth Anniversary of the United States of America, there and then to act upon Articles 1 and 2, AND to notify and warn said voters to meet at the Searsport High School at 24 Mortland Road at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, the fifth day of March, AD 2022, there and then to act upon Articles 3 through 22 inclusive.

ARTICLE 1. To choose Moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. Elect one (1) Selectboard Member and Board of Overseers for a three (3) year term; one (1) Regional School Unit 20 Board Member for a three (3) year term and nine (9) Budget Advisory Committee Members for two (2) year terms.

ARTICLE 3. To see what sum the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate from 2022 taxes and/or appropriate from general revenues; state or federal grants or subsidies; fund balances; and/or excise taxes for the following municipal accounts for fiscal year 2022.

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<tr>
<th>2022 Appropriate Request</th>
<th>Raised By Taxes</th>
<th>REVENUE</th>
<th>EXCISE TAX</th>
<th>2021 Appropriated</th>
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<td>SELECTBOARD</td>
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<td>$8,174</td>
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<td>$8,890</td>
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<td>Raise and Appropriate</td>
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| TOWN MANAGER             |                |         |            | $102,004         |
| $115,388                 | $109,619       | $5,769  |            |                  |
| Raise $109,619 and       |                |         |            |                  |
| Appropriate $115,388     |                |         |            |                  |
| Selectboard: 5-0-0        |                |         |            |                  |
| BAC: 13-0-0              |                |         |            |                  |

<p>| ADMINISTRATION           |                |         |            | $303,045         |
| $331,833                 | $232,833       | $44,000 | $55,000    |                  |
| Raise $232,833 and       |                |         |            |                  |
| Appropriate $331,833     |                |         |            |                  |
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| BAC: 12-0-0              |                |         |            |                  |</p>
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| **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** | | | | $13,539 |
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| **PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT** | | | | $478,410 |
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**CEMETERY EQUIPMENT RESERVE**

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**BUILDING REPAIR RESERVE**

$7,500

Raise and Appropriate $7,500

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**TOWN HALL COMPUTER RESERVE**

$3,500

Raise and Appropriate $3,500

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**TRANSFER STATION RESERVE**

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**AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT RESERVE**

$500

Raise 0 and Appropriate $500

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**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the 2022 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2023 to the completion of the 2023 Town Meeting, except those costs associated with the Public Works winter road maintenance program which may, if necessary, exceed this amount.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept and pay no interest on prepaid taxes not yet due or assessed.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to determine when the 2022 taxes shall be due and payable.

**RECOMMENDED DUE DATE:** September 6, 2022

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5% for the fiscal year 2022. The maximum State rate is 5%.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on the 2022 taxes remaining unpaid after a certain date. If so, what rate of interest and what due date?

**RECOMMENDED:** 5% Annual (0.417 Monthly) interest starting October 11, 2022.
ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to expend funds from any Town Reserve account for the following purposes: (NOTE: “major” is defined as any cost not included in a corresponding operating budget).

*Ambulance Reserve* – purchase of a vehicle or major repairs to existing vehicles.

*Public Works Equipment Reserve* – purchase of vehicles or equipment, or major repairs to existing vehicles or equipment.

*Road Maintenance Reserve* – costs associated with the rebuilding, resurfacing and major repair of Town roads and shoulders.

*Fire Department Equipment Reserve* – purchase of vehicles or equipment, or major repairs to existing vehicles or equipment.

*Public Safety Buildings Reserve* – major repair/renovation of or upgrade to the Town Public Safety Building and North Fire Station.

*Police Cruiser Reserve* – purchase of vehicle or major repairs to existing vehicle(s).

*Wastewater System Reserve* – addition to or repair/replacement of the wastewater system structures, equipment, sewer lines, or anything appurtenant thereto.

*Dredging Reserve* – dredging of Searsport Harbor or harbor related projects.

*Transfer Station Reserve* – purchase or repair of disposal related vehicles, equipment, or structures; costs associated with any reconfiguration of the Transfer Station site, or relocation to a different site if required; and any other costs associated with bringing the site into compliance with Town/State/Federal regulations.

*Wharf Repair Reserve* – major repairs/replacement of the Town Wharf, floats, or portions thereof.

*Sidewalk Repair Reserve* – major rebuilding/extension or resurfacing of Town sidewalks.

*Property Revaluation Reserve* – costs associated with the revaluation of real and personal property within the Town.


*Cemetery Equipment Reserve* – purchase of capital equipment or major repairs to existing equipment.

*Building Repair Reserve* – major repair/renovation of Town buildings.

*Computer Capital Reserve* – purchase or upgrade of Town computer equipment, peripherals and software necessary to Town operation.

*Economic Development Reserve* – for Economic Development projects and to print a business and visitors guide as needed.

*TIF Revenue Reserve* – Tax Increment Financing revenue to be used on approved Economic Development projects for the Town.

*Police Personnel Reserve* – for purpose of depositing funds refunded to the Town when a trained officer leaves Searsport to take a position with another department. These funds are only to be used for the purpose of training and equipping replacement officers as needed.

*Ambulance Equipment Reserve* – for the purpose of depositing funds to buy specialized equipment for the Ambulance Department.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to dispose of surplus equipment or vehicles, crediting the respective department reserve with any proceeds.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to dispose of Town-owned personal property, not otherwise addressed in Article 10, with a sale value of $3,000 or less, upon such terms and conditions as the Selectboard shall deem advisable.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to contract for necessary services, as appropriated, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to expend funds from the Selectboard’s Contingency Account to meet unbudgeted, necessary expenses, or to meet an unexpected need for additional money to fund an expenditure previously authorized.
ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town of Searsport will appropriate up to $80,780.00 from the 2022 Imery’s Clay (formerly PPSA-OV) tax revenue to fulfill the year seventeen (17) requirement of the Town of Searsport’s Credit Enhancement Contract with Imery’s Clay (formerly PPSA-OV) for Tax Increment Financing to the following: Sixty-five percent of the amount will be returned to Imery’s Clay formerly PPSA-OV and thirty-five percent will be placed in the Town of Searsport TIF Reserve Account.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate from 2022 taxes for the out of house accounts for fiscal year 2022. In the 2020 Town Meeting, voters approved a 1% of the previous years operating budget cap of funds available for “Out of House” accounts. That only allows $26,879 dollars to be available in 2022. The Selectboard determines the distribution of funds as follows:

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*** The Kindness Program is being fully funded for $5,000 by the use of Searsport Trust Funds

Selectboard recommend: $26,879; Vote: 5-0-0           BAC recommend: $26,879; Vote: None Taken

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to appropriate up to $250,000.00 dollars from surplus to fund items within the 2022 municipal budget that would otherwise be raised by taxes.

Selectboard recommend: $200,000.00 from Surplus Vote: 5-0-0
BAC recommend: $200,000.00 from Surplus Vote: 9-0-0

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will amend the Site Plan Review Ordinance for the Town of Searsport.

The only changes are to remove the terminology Board of Selectmen and replace it with Selectboard. A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk at the Town Office, online at www.searsport.maine.gov and at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will amend the Subdivision Ordinance for the Town of Searsport.

The only changes are to remove the terminology Board of Selectmen and replace it with Selectboard. A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk at the Town Office, online at www.searsport.maine.gov and at the Town Meeting.
ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will amend the Planning Board Ordinance for the Town of Searsport.
The only changes are to remove the terminology Board of Selectmen and replace it with Selectboard. A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk at the Town Office, online at www.searsport.maine.gov and at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town of Searsport will vote to adopt the Town of Searsport Lighting Ordinance.
A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk at the Town Office, online at www.searsport.maine.gov and at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will amend the Land Use Ordinance for the Town of Searsport.
Changes include the following:
1) Remove the terminology Selectman and replace it with Selectboard. Pages 7,13,36, 40,44, 46, 47,48,49,50,51,59,64.
2) Add language on page 34 under section 5. – Lighting - All exterior lighting shall minimize adverse impact on neighboring properties. See “Town of Searsport Lighting Ordinance”
3) Add language on page 41 under Section E. - 1 Application - All applications for a permit required by this ordinance shall be submitted, with fee if applicable, in writing to the Code Enforcement Officer on forms provided. The Planning Board and/or Code Enforcement Officer may waive items not applicable to the development or may require information not specified but which is pertinent to the development.
A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk at the Town Office, online at www.searsport.maine.gov and at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will amend the Town of Searsport Changeable Sign Ordinance for the Town of Searsport to prohibit changeable signs on the exterior of properties in the Historic District Overlay.

4. REGULATIONS.
   a. The display on each side of the changeable sign may be changed no more frequently than once every twenty (20) seconds.
   b. The display on each side of the changeable sign must change as rapidly as technology practicable, but the display may change through phasing, rolling, scrolling or blending; provided, however, that the display on each side of a changeable sign shall not flash.
   c. Changeable electronic signs are prohibited from the Historic District overlay and any building or site listed on the National Historic Registry of Historic Places.
A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk at the Town Office, online at www.searsport.maine.gov and at the Town Meeting.
The Polls for voting on Articles 1 and 2 will be open at 8:00 a.m. in the morning and will close at 8:00 p.m. in the evening of March 1, 2022 at the Searsport Community Building at 42 Prospect Street, Searsport, ME.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Searsport, Maine, the 15th day of February, 2022.

[Doug Norman's signature]
Doug Norman, Chair

[Mark Bradstreet's signature]
Mark Bradstreet, Vice Chair

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Linda Payson

[Sandra Otis Anderson's signature]
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