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2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

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DEDICATION
Randy Scott

If you hadn’t known Randy Scott for a long time, or even if you had, you would quite likely remain unaware of his accomplishments and contributions to the Town of Union. Randy was an old school influencer: he influenced things for the better by deeds rather than images or words. With his warm eyes and smile, he had the Unionite qualities of being friendly to everyone and serving the community without braggadocio. There was a steadiness and ease about him that will be missed.

Born in Rockland March 27, 1949, Randy was the son of Herman and Veda (Cunningham) Scott of Union. He attended school in Union and was a member of Union High School’s graduating class of 1968. After graduation, he left to serve in the Vietnam War with the NMCB-12 (Naval Mobile Construction Battalion) from 1968 to 1969.

After returning home, Randy married Carol Wallace of Union. Together they had four children. Over the years their home was the center of all family events and gatherings. His family was his pride and joy.

Randy was well known for his mechanical skills. He retired from Bath Iron Works after 32 years of service as a machinist. In Union he was notorious for being a “Mr. Fix It.” If anyone had a small engine that needed tinkering, Randy was the person to call on.

In addition, he was recognized as a lifetime member on the Union Fire Department with more than 50 years of service. Imagine the number of fires he attended, the residents he helped, and the changes in firefighting training, technology, and protocols he had seen.

Randy also took his turn in the distinguished tradition of Union birdhouse/street sign builders, begun by Bob Heald in 1971. These are of course the pine boxes with holes at either end and yellow lettering, often with dangling bits of straw or bluebirds flying in and out. “They’re part of Union’s history,” the late Isabel Abbott said in 2002, and they continue to charm and inspire residents and visitors alike thanks to Randy carrying on the tradition.

Randy passed away August 27, 2021 at age 72 after a battle with cancer. Known as “Dad” or “Pops,” he leaves behind wife Carol; daughters Tracey and her husband Mike Weed and Jennifer Lavway of Union; sons Corey and his wife Megan of Cumberland, Christopher and his wife Janelle of Morrill; six grandchildren Kurt Ward of Warren, Ashley Brown and her husband John of Union, Sheldon Lavway of Union, Adrianna and Mila Scott of Cumberland, Latham Scott of Morrill; three great grandchildren Will Ward of Hope and Warren, Zoe and Lucy Brown of Union; brother-in-law James Wallace of Union; favorite K-9 buddy Red; and a very large extended family including special sister Susan Larson of Hudson, MA.

Randy was one of a kind, and the Town of Union is thankful that he lived and served here.

(Obituary information by Hall Funeral Home)
The 2021 Union, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors Sherwood Hilt for commendable community service.

Be it Resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Union as follows:

Whereas, Sherwood has served on the Union Fire Department (UFD) for 45 years, was Firefighter of the Year in 1993 and 2010, and a member of the Knox County Firemen’s Association and Sargent of Arms, UFD Historian, and UFD Awards Chairman;

Whereas, Sherwood has served on Union Rescue for more than 25 years as Ambulance Attendant and Driver;

Whereas, Sherwood has been involved in the Boy Scouts for more than 45 years including membership in the Downeast District Committee of the Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America, Chair of the Scouting for Food Project for the downeast district, and recipient of the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award, Scout Master Award of Merit, Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter’s Award, Cub Scouter Award, Scouter’s Training Award, and Distinguished Commissioner Service Award;

Whereas, Sherwood has served on the Union Appeals Board, the Veterans Monument Committee, and as a member of the Union Masonic Lodge;

Be it Resolved by the Selectmen of the Town of Union that Sherwood Hilt is hereby recognized for his great achievements and honors that he has brought upon this community with the 2021 Union Spirit of America Foundation Tribute; and

Be it Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be appropriately framed and presented to Sherwood Hilt for appropriate display.
RECOGNITION BY TAMMY BROWN, PRESIDENT, MAINE ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS:

I am here today to announce the recipient of the 2021 Maine Association of Assessing Officers Assessor of the Year Award. The Assessor of the Year Award is sponsored annually by the Maine Association of Assessing Officers to recognize the professional and dedicated service by an individual to their profession and community.

I am honored and pleased to announce Jim Murphy, Jr, from the Town of Union is the recipient of the 2021 Maine Association of Assessing Officers Assessor of the Year Award.

Jim serves many communities in his roles as Assessor/Assessors’ Agent. He provides services and contributions to those communities beyond what is expected of him in his role as Assessor. Jim is very active within the assessing profession; he is a member of many assessing organizations in the State of Maine. In conjunction with Maine Revenue Services, he has been and continues to be instrumental in educating new assessors by teaching the Maine Revenue Services Review Course. I would be remiss if I didn’t mention Jim’s love and passion for the Boys Scouts of America. He has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America organization for more than 30 years, being an Eagle Scout himself.

Jim has told me many times that he believes the role of assessor is also to be an educator of the assessment function, which has given him the opportunity to be a positive representative of the local government.

Jim is recognized as an Assessor who displays characteristics of integrity and leadership. He often shares with others the following motto which he lives his life by: “Commitment to where one lives and the youth development is where good communities come from.”

Union is very fortunate not only to have Jim as our Assessors’ Agent but also as our resident.

Picture above of Jim and his wife Judy.
## Elected Town Officials

### Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting Moderators
Ronald Hawes, Elmer Savage, and Gregory Grotton

### Select Board, Assessors, and Overseers
- Martha L. Johnston-Nash ................................................................. term expires 2022
- Joshua B. White ..................................................................................... term expires 2022
- Adam C. Fuller, Chair ................................................................................. term expires 2023
- Vacant (resignation) .................................................................................. term expires 2023
- James W. Justice ......................................................................................... term expires 2024

### Trustees of the William Pullen Fund (to serve with two Selectmen – four-year term)
- Paul Gaudreau ............................................................................................. term expires 2022
- Judith Brogden ............................................................................................ term expires 2023
- Irene Hawes .................................................................................................. term expires 2024
- Anita Brown ................................................................................................ term expires 2025

### Trustees of the Cemetery Trust Funds (three-year term)
- Keith Hilt .................................................................................................... term expires 2022
- Lee MacFarland ........................................................................................... term expires 2023
- Joel Wentworth, Sr. ..................................................................................... term expires 2024

### Budget Committee (three-year term)
- Terry Brackett ............................................................................................ term expires 2022
- Bruce Cobb .................................................................................................. term expires 2022
- Paul Gaudreau ............................................................................................ term expires 2022
- Lawrence Nash ........................................................................................... term expires 2022
- Dan Day ........................................................................................................ term expires 2023
- Wayne Kirkpatrick ....................................................................................... term expires 2023
- John Mountainland ..................................................................................... term expires 2023
- Barry Norris ................................................................................................ term expires 2023
- Erik Amundsen ........................................................................................... term expires 2024
- Michael Drickey .......................................................................................... term expires 2024
- John Gibbons ............................................................................................... term expires 2024
- Vacant .......................................................................................................... term expires 2024

### Directors of Regional School Unit No. 40 (three-year term)
- Erik Amundsen ........................................................................................... term expires 2022
- Robert Williams .......................................................................................... term expires 2023
- Matthew Speno ........................................................................................... term expires 2024
TOWN OFFICIALS

ADMINISTRATION
Town Manager, Road Commissioner, General Assistance Administrator and
Public Access Officer................................................................. Jay Feyler
Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Deputy Registrar/Treasurer/General Assistance
Administrator.............................................................. Stacey M. Y. Parra
Registrar of Voters, Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer, and Alternate
General Assistance Administrator.................................................. Michelle Clifford
Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/Treasurer ......................... Sharon Richardson & Sherry Abaldo
Town Legal Counsel ................................................................. Roger Therriault
Recording Secretary ................................................................. Sherry Abaldo

ASSESSING
Assessors’ Representative .......................................................... James Murphy, Jr.

CEMETERIES
Cemeteries Director ................................................................. Myrna Soule

FINANCE
Treasurer/Bookkeeper ......................................................... Maria Greeley

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
Code Enforcement Officer, Local Plumbing Inspector, and Building Inspector .... Grant Watmough
Alternate Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, and Local Plumbing
Inspector ................................................................. Melody Sainio

PUBLIC SAFETY
Animal Control Officer .......................................................... Heidi Blood
Emergency Medical Service Chief.................................................... Jesse Thompson
Fire Chief and EMA Director ........................................................ Kevin Soule
Health Officer ................................................................. Sarah Swan

PUBLIC WORKS
Supervisor ................................................................. Matt Elwell
Town of Union, Maine

ELECTIONS

ELECTION CLERKS (May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2024)

DEMOCRATIC
Dorothy Black
Hannah Faesy
Dianne Groce
Debra Hilt
Pamela Jensen
Nancy Johnson

REPUBLICAN
Sherry Abaldo
Cynthia Burns
Tera Corson
Charlotte Doughty
Barbara Fang

ELECTION WARDENS
Wardens/Deputy Wardens ................................................................. Elmer Savage/Gregory Grotton

ELECTION MODERATORS
Moderators/Deputy Moderators ........................................ Ronald Hawes/Elmer Savage/Gregory Grotton

COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

AGING IN PLACE IN UNION (two-year term)
Anita Brown ................................................................. term expires 2023
Marcy Corwin ................................................................. term expires 2023
Holly DeYoung ................................................................. term expires 2023
Erik Durbas ................................................................. term expires 2023
Lorain Francis ................................................................. term expires 2023
Phil Groce ................................................................. term expires 2023
Carol Watier ................................................................. term expires 2023
Dorothy Williams ................................................................. term expires 2023
Robert Williams ................................................................. term expires 2023

BOARD OF APPEALS (five-year term)
Neil Pollis ................................................................. term expires 2022
Abraham Knight ................................................................. term expires 2023
Judith L. Brogden ................................................................. term expires 2024
Charlotte Doughty ................................................................. term expires 2025
William Pagnano, Chair ................................................................. term expires 2025
## COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS – continued

### BROADBAND COMMITTEE (one-year term)
- Renee Flanders ................................................................. term expires 2022
- John Gibbons .................................................................. term expires 2022
- Kimberly Grindle ............................................................ term expires 2022
- Michael Ross .................................................................... term expires 2022

### COMMITTEE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE THOMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER (one-year term)
- Erik Amundsen ............................................................... term expires 2022
- Michael Beardsley ......................................................... term expires 2022
- Gregory Grotton ............................................................. term expires 2022
- Gail Hawes ....................................................................... term expires 2022
- Abraham Knight ............................................................... term expires 2022
- Steven Migliorini .............................................................. term expires 2022
- John Mountainland .......................................................... term expires 2022
- Paul Raudonat ................................................................. term expires 2022
- Rebekah Smith ............................................................... term expires 2022
- Ariana Whiting ............................................................... term expires 2022

### GREEN SPACE COMMITTEE (one-year term)
- Heather Jackson ............................................................ term expires 2022
- Donald Kleiner .............................................................. term expires 2022
- Wendy Reinemann ........................................................ term expires 2022
- Clairlynn Rountree .......................................................... term expires 2022
- Kathleen Thornton .......................................................... term expires 2022

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (one-year term)
- Patrick Hood ................................................................. term expires 2022
- Ashley McKellar ............................................................ term expires 2022
- Michael Thompson ........................................................ term expires 2022
- Mitchell Wilson ............................................................. term expires 2022
- Matthew Wyman ........................................................... term expires 2022

### PLANNING BOARD (five-year term)
- Glenn Taylor, Vice-Chair ............................................... term expires 2022
- Laura Curtis .................................................................... term expires 2023
- Michael Johnson ............................................................ term expires 2024
- Robin Milliken .............................................................. term expires 2024
- C. Dale Flint ................................................................. term expires 2025
- Gerald S. Brooks, Jr., Chair ............................................ term expires 2026
- John Mountainland ....................................................... term expires 2026
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (three-year term)
Mary Joyce Grotton .......................................................... term expires 2024
Rebekah Smith .......................................................... term expires 2024
Rachael Umstead .......................................................... term expires 2024
Vacant ............................................................................... term expires 2024
Vacant ............................................................................... term expires 2024

SESTERCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE (July 31, 2024)
Matthew Blazek ................................................................ term expires 2024
Gail Hawes .................................................................. term expires 2024
Argy Nestor .................................................................. term expires 2024
Elmer Savage ................................................................ term expires 2024
Morgan Winslow .......................................................... term expires 2024
Robert Winslow .......................................................... term expires 2024

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE REPRESENTATIVES (one-year term)
Ali Crocco .................................................................. term expires 2022
Thomas Pitzi ................................................................ term expires 2022
John Shepard, Alternate ................................................ term expires 2022

Interested in serving on a Board or Committee? Here’s our list!
https://www.union.maine.gov/committees
UNION & FIRE RESCUE

UNION FIRE ROSTER

Chief:
Kevin Soule*

Assistant Chief:
Jesse Thompson

Captains:
Nick Ciasullo

Lieutenants:
Ryan Soule
John Willis

Fire Police:
James Murphy

Firefighters:
Joe Benner
Stephen Dearborn
Jason Earl
Jeff Grinnell
Sherwood Hilt*

Firefighters – continued:
William Jackson
Wayne Kirkpatrick
Amy Wheelis
Beth Wheelis
Robert Wheelis

Retired Firefighters:
Rick Dodge*
Paul Doughty*
Ron Hawes*
Edgar Moody*
Maxey Hannan, Sr.*
Keith Hilt*
Gary Leach*†
Robert Linscott*†
Lewis Merrifield
Kathy Packard*
Bill Packard*
Fred Peabody*
Randy Scott*†
Adam Simmons*
Scot Sabins*

UNION RESCUE ROSTER

EMS Chief:
Jesse Thompson

Paramedics:
Stephen Barley
Jeff Grinnell
Cherie Komandt
Justin Ledolce
Jesse Thompson

EMT Advanced:
Josh Conway
Jason Earl
Matt Kilpatrick
Michelle Robinson
Jamie Dow
Mike Gross

EMT Basics:
Harry Ankers
Teresa Ankers
Nicholas Ciasullo
Clarence Keller
Barry King
Prent Marriner
Michael Seeger

Drivers:
William Jackson
Robert Sayward

*20 years or more of service
†In Memory
Dear Fellow Union Residents,

It has been a busy year in our Town of Union on the municipal side of things. We have some new staff in the office, some new businesses in town, and lots of new residents that have chosen Union to make their new home. We have a lot of really great work being done by town committees and organizations, and we have a lot of people motivated to step up and do the hard work that benefits us all.

In some ways, the last few years of the pandemic feel like it is behind us, but the reality is we are still feeling the effects of it, both economically and personally. One thing that seems very clear from the view on the Select Board is that Union has tried, and in many ways been successful, in working to accept new ideas and modernize our approach to issues while also making sure not to lose the sense of community and personal interactions that make Union such a great place to live.

I want to point out we had James Justice return to the board this year. Jim had been one of our longest serving board members in the past. His return this year brought a welcome wealth of experience and knowledge to the board, something I am personally very thankful for and appreciate.

Board member Josh White will be leaving at the end of his term this summer to focus on his new family, and we all wish him the best. Josh has been a very levelheaded voice on the board and, while I very much respect his choice to make the time for his family, his voice is one I will miss regularly.

Martha Johnston-Nash will run for her seat again, and I look forward to continuing to work with her or whomever fills her spot. Martha has put in countless unpaid hours beyond the typical responsibilities of a board member over the last year, in being the board’s representative in figuring out the future of the Thompson Community Center and helping to get the building to a town wide vote.

As I write this, board member Lombardi just recently stepped down which will mean an upcoming special election to fill his spot on the board. I want to take this opportunity to thank Bill for his service to the town over the last two years. He has been an active voice in our meetings as well as a great representation of someone who came to Union later in life, chose to make it his home, and wanted to devote time to make it a better place. He has done a wonderful
job on the Aging in Place in Union Committee as the board representative, and has also done
tremendous work being involved in the local food pantry. I know Bill will stay active in this
community.

Union and much of the midcoast is feeling the effects of the raging housing market and
demographic shift following the pandemic, with many folks from away moving to our town
looking for a more rural lifestyle provided by working remotely. This has boosted home prices
while supporting local businesses. The challenge for the board going forward will be to
capitalize on this influx and support families, and those on fixed incomes, while offering the
services such a population needs. It will require a conscious effort by current and future boards
to balance the offer of public services, like ambulance and public works, with keeping costs
manageable so that our seniors on fixed incomes and our young families starting out are not
overly burdened financially. It is a fine line and one we need to stay on top of constantly, all
under the backdrop of working to keep the underlying community that makes Union such a great
group of neighbors.

We have some really excellent work done by our committees this year that I encourage everyone
to follow. Our Green Space Committee has done a lot of work looking into what the town's best
course of action is for protecting town-owned property like Coggins Hill for future generations.
The Aging in Place in Union Committee has managed to stay very active, even in the face of the
lingering pandemic constantly hampering participation. Our Parks and Recreation Committee
has grown into a real force, with some folks stunned by the huge participation in youth sports in
town, something I hope is representative of what is to come.

I also would be remiss if I did not praise the mountain of solid honest work done by the
Committee for the Future of the Thompson Community Center. This group has worked
tirelessly, many members for over a year, putting together options for the voters regarding what
to do with the town-owned property going forward. As I write this, we are approaching a public
hearing on the issue, to present to voters the many options they have put together for the summer
vote. This committee has many different voices and opinions represented in its members, yet
they have managed to set those differences aside for the most part and focus on delivering a full
picture to the voters. I am personally very proud to live in a town where putting the greater
community over personal views has succeeded so well. It is something I think Augusta and
Washington could learn lessons from. It was very hard work, and it is not over, but these folks
represent the best of our community.

In line with that, I want to thank the members of the Thompson Memorial Association (TMA)
group that formed to manage the building after the former nonprofit pulled out with very little
notice at the first of the year. This unpaid volunteer group stepped up to manage the building to
offset costs to us all, and to get the building to the summer vote in order to give voters all options
regarding the building. They saved the voters money and hit the ground running. They have done
so at the expense of a ton of personal time and determination, and we all owe them a debt.
Talking to many of them, it is my impression they did so and continue to do so because they believe the voters should have all options regarding the building's future. Thank you, TMA. Most of all I want to thank Union residents for the opportunity and trust that you have given the board over the past year. With the many issues we have tackled, the board has heard from many of you -- in person, via zoom or in-person meetings, email, and personal phone calls. Even when folks are heated with the board, I take it as a sign that they care what happens in our town. If they didn’t care, they wouldn’t bother to comment at all.

Obviously, we don’t make everyone happy all the time, but we keep trying and we keep the door open for greater discussion and participation. I know that is something the board will continue to do going forward. I want to thank everyone who has come to meetings, called us out online, stopped us at the store, sent us emails, and cornered us at the post office. We can only work with the knowledge we have. Your feedback gives us more to work with, so keep it up!

Last, I want to thank our town employees, without whom none of us would be able to get much done or function. From public works to the ambulance and fire crew, we all go to work and home every day knowing that you are taking care of everything every day. A lot of your work goes on in the background for many of us, but honestly it is the fabric that holds us together: thank you. To the office staff, and our town manager, I am sorry for all the long and extra meetings, the many committee reports, the mountains of emails, and the repeated questions. Your patience is noted and appreciated.

Thank you to my fellow board members for all the work over the past year. I hope we get even more done in the year coming. I know we will continue to work for the best outcomes for our community. The last year is in the books so to speak. It has been productive, but in the view from the seats on the board, the next year looks even brighter.

L-R: James Justice, Adam Fuller, Martha Johnston-Nash, Joshua White, and William Lombardi

Photo Credit: Christine Simmonds, Village Soup

Annual Report 2021-2022
Certainly, the recent past has been a challenge: the pandemic, political discourse, and inflation have taken a toll on all of us. One great thing about living in Union is that we take care of one another, and I saw evidence of this over the past three years.

During the height of the pandemic, there were tens of thousands of dollars donated to our Union Assistance Fund. We were able to help citizens put food on the table, pay an electric bill, and even offer gift certificates from our local merchants. Although most of the funds came from Union residents, we had several donations from across the country. Yes, this is a great place to live!

At the town level we were able to supply PPE and other sanitation equipment to our local businesses and residents, to help stop the spread of this dreaded and sometimes deadly virus. It wasn’t easy for any of us, but we thank you for your patience and understanding during these times.

When I arrived in this position over 13 years ago, the Select Board was tired of phone calls about the poor conditions of our roads and directed me to take care of the issue. I am pleased to say that we are now in preservation mode for all our roads. What this means is that we are saving hundreds of thousands each year in road repairs. We have been able to upgrade some of our worst dirt roads to pavement, thus saving the taxpayers thousands.

This past year we have seen inflation rise to numbers not seen in decades; this has had a huge impact on our employees and budgets in Union. With 6% inflation the last calendar year and 10% thus far this calendar year, we have some challenges in our budget. The proposed budget for this year will do a few things. First, it compensates our employees with significant increase in salaries that begins to bring us to the average. It is extremely difficult to find employees now, and it is important for us to compensate employees with a fair living wage.

Second, this budget keeps our investment in our infrastructure, mainly roads and equipment. It is important to maintain our road plan to keep saving the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars by keeping our roads in good shape.

Third, this budget represents a fairly large increase in supplies, including fuel, electricity, and parts. Some of these items have increased in cost over 150%!
I would be remiss if I did not mention the “elephant in the room,” the Thompson Community Center, and the upcoming vote on the future of this building. I urge you to carefully -- and I mean carefully -- study the options presented to you and the various estimated costs. By the time this is printed, you will be able to view a video and PowerPoint from the committee that explored the options.

Another item on this year’s warrant is the referendum voting option. What this means is that all money articles will be by referendum voting, and not at an open Town Meeting. This is the same way we have done this during the pandemic over the past two years. There are advantages and disadvantages on this way of voting, and you need to weigh the options to see what you believe is right for the town. More information is available on our website.

I want to thank our entire staff for their dedication and hard work this past year. I dare say that this is the best municipal team we have ever had, and our department heads are some of the best in the State.

Also, I want to also thank Josh White who will be leaving us after the election in June. Josh has been a tremendously valuable Select Board member and will be missed. Josh will be spending his time being a new dad.

Your Select Board has worked hard during the year on various time-consuming issues, and we owe them a great deal of gratitude for all the work they have done. The past two years have demanded much more from the Select Board than previous years.

And last, thank you to all the volunteers on all our committees. You have all worked tremendously hard, and the Town of Union is the beneficiary of your hard work.
## OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk and Tax Collector  
Michelle Clifford, Deputy Town Clerk  
Sharon Richardson, Deputy Town Clerk

### VITAL STATISTICS

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### NAME | DATE OF DEATH | TOWN OF DEATH | AGE
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Ronald E. Dan | January 29, 2021 | Rockport | 72
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Michael A. Marotto | September 21, 2021 | Rockport | 70
Linda Surry Owen | September 26, 2021 | Rockport | 78
Arnold Arthur Allen, Jr. | October 10, 2021 | Union | 70
Margie Ilene Peabody | October 29, 2021 | Union | 92
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### LICENSES SOLD, STATISTICS, REVENUES RECEIVED, AND FEES COLLECTED

#### DOG LICENSES

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WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A VEHICLE (WE HAVE LICENSE PLATES!):

RE-REGISTRATION: Previous registration, current insurance card, and mileage.
NEW REGISTRATION (Dealer Sale): Documentation (Proof) sales tax paid, blue title application form, current insurance card, and mileage. It is MANDATORY to have the monroney label or window sticker on a brand-new vehicle. This became law on September 19, 1997.
NEW REGISTRATION (Private Sale): Bill of sale and title on vehicle 1995 or newer.
NEW REGISTRATION (Transfer): Same as above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A SNOWMOBILE/ATV/BOAT:

RE-REGISTRATION: Old registration.
NEW REGISTRATION (Dealer Sale): Documentation (Proof) sales tax paid, ME-assigned number on used recreation vehicles.
NEW REGISTRATION (Private Sale): Bill of sale, ME-assigned numbers and serial numbers, horsepower & length for boats.
NEW REGISTRATION (Transfer): Same as above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

WHAT TO BRING WHEN LICENSING A DOG:

Current rabies certificate and neuter/spay certificate if applicable (furnished to you by your vet).

WHAT TO BRING/SEND WHEN PAYING TAXES:

Please enclose or bring your tax payment stub.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Property Taxes Due: .................. Monday, November 15, 2022 and Monday, May 15, 2023
Dog Licenses Due: ................................................................. December 31
Boat Registrations Expire: .................................................. December 31
Snowmobile Registrations Expire: .................................. June 30
ATV Registrations Expire: ..................................................... June 30

HOLIDAYS – The Town Office Will Be Closed on the Following Dates:

Monday, July 4, 2022 ............................................................ Independence Day
Monday, September 5, 2022 ................................................... Labor Day
Monday, October 10, 2022 ................................................... Indigenous Peoples Day
Friday, November 11, 2022 .................................................. Veterans’ Day
Thursday, November 24, 2022 .............................................. Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 25, 2022 ................................................... Thanksgiving Friday
Monday, December 26, 2022 ................................................ In Observance of Christmas Day
Monday, January 2, 2023 ...................................................... In Observance of New Year’s Day
Monday, January 16, 2023 ................................................. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 20, 2023 ................................................ Presidents’ Day
Monday, April 17, 2023 .......................................................... Patriots’ Day
Monday, May 29, 2023 ........................................................ Memorial Day
Monday, June 19, 2023 .......................................................... Juneteenth
Busy schedule? Most transactions can be processed through the “Online Services” section.

When’s the next meeting? https://www.union.maine.gov/calendar

Can I watch it online? https://townhallstreams.com/towns/union_me

Have a question? https://www.union.maine.gov/
Union residents who are eligible to vote may register at the town office during regular business hours or at the polls on Election Day. Proof of residency is required at the time of registration. Proof of residency could be a current vehicle registration, lease or rental agreement, utility bill, bank statement, or paystub with your Union physical address on it. Post office boxes cannot be accepted for proof of residency.

If this is your first time registering to vote in Maine, you must also bring proof of identification, such as a driver’s license or other photo ID. You may also register to vote at a branch office of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. You may register by mail with a card supplied by the Secretary of State, but you must enclose a copy of your driver’s license. Seventeen-year-olds may register and vote in a Primary, as long as they will be 18 on or before the next General Election. In January of 2020 a new law went into effect allowing the registrar to conditionally accept the registration and enrollment of any person who is 16 or 17 years of age and who is otherwise qualified to be a voter. The conditional registration automatically becomes effective on the person's 18th birthday and the registrant is then eligible to vote. Only registered voters may vote at Town Meeting and at the polls. If you move within the Town of Union, please let us know so your address is correct in our voting files. Union has now changed back to one voting district.

To vote in a Primary election or participate in a Caucus, you must be enrolled in a political party. If you are unenrolled, you may enroll in a party at any time, including Election Day; however, if you are changing parties, you must do so at least 15 days before that party’s Caucus or Primary. You may change or withdraw party enrollment only after three months of enrollment in one of the four recognized political parties in Maine: Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, or Green Independent. Please note that although some unenrolled candidates and voters choose to designate themselves as “Independent,” there is currently no Independent Party in Maine.

A “Declaration of Intent to Form a Party by Party Enrollment” was filed with the Secretary of State’s Office by four different parties in 2020, pursuant to Title 21-A, section 303, to form new parties called the People’s Party, Libertarian Party, Alliance Party, and Yankee Party. In order for any of these parties to become a qualified party for the 2022 elections, the group had to have enrolled at least 5,000 voters in the proposed party by January 2, 2022. The People’s Party, Alliance Party, and Yankee Party fell short of this 5,000 enrollment, thus disqualifying them. A voter may enroll in the Libertarian Party by completing a new Maine Voter Registration Application. The voter must check the box next to “Other qualifying party” and write in Libertarian Party.
Town of Union, Maine

Statutes and rules relating to changing and withdrawing enrollment:

- Once a voter enrolls in a party (including a qualifying party), the voter must remain in that party for three months before the voter can file an application to either withdraw or change enrollment.

- A voter who is enrolled in a qualified party (Democratic, Libertarian, Green Independent or Republican) currently must have been in that party for at least three months before filing an application to change enrollment to a new party.

In Maine, a registered voter may vote by absentee ballot for any reason. Absentee ballots are available 30 days before an election. Voters can request an absentee ballot in person at the town office, by mail, by phone, or on the internet from the Secretary of State’s website. There is a link to that site at www.union.maine.gov and in the illustration below. Immediate family members may request an absentee ballot on behalf of a family member in person or by mail only. Absentee voting stops three days before Election Day except for certain special circumstances.

Our voting takes place at the William L. Pullen Municipal Building Meeting Room (town office, 567 Common Road, downstairs). There is parking and an entrance around back of the building.

The registrar’s email address is registrar@union.maine.gov and phone is 207-785-3658

**REGISTERED VOTERS** (as of May 2022)

Democrats .................................................................................................................................... 532
Republicans ................................................................................................................................... 716
Green Independents ....................................................................................................................... 90
Unenrolled ................................................................................................................................... 512
Libertarian ....................................................................................................................................... 1

TOTAL .................................................................................................................................... 1,851

State of Maine Online Absentee Ballot Request Service
https://apps.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl
As mentioned last year there will be a revaluation for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. By now you should have received a letter with the new valuations. It is without question that some values have as much as doubled or more.

While some people feel that this is a real estate market bubble there are no indications at this time that the bubble is collapsing. It is important to know that it is the duty of local assessors to treat property owners as fairly as humanly possible. There will be minor mistakes and things that I do not know about. It is up to you to let me know.

Each letter sent included a deadline for submitting additional information. I have attempted to be as transparent as possible and make no reservations about sending you the information I have. While I advised all property owners (1,500+) in last year’s tax bills to email me so that I can send a copy of their property record card, less than 100 property owners actually requested their own property card.

This worries me. Taxation is a vital municipal service. I want you to be involved.

If you believe the real estate market is overvalued, I agree with you. But the current sales data reflects the current market, and the valuations used for taxation purposes should reflect the current market.

As of this day, April 21, 2022, I have reviewed for the third time all the new valuations created and the sales numbers are still exceeding the new valuations. People are bidding up listed prices faster than the assessor can keep up. I have a multitude of data including all the sales and the interior photos that can be found online; the facts of the property sales are just what I know and yet the valuations are under the new sale prices. It’s very frustrating to try to measure a market that seems to move by the hour, treat every taxpayer with the due diligence expected, and weigh each property’s individual characteristics to achieve a fair and just valuation.

My duty is to reflect the current market as fairly and as equitably as possible. I believe I have accomplished that by adjusting the baseline valuation process in line with the current market evidence. I have then taken the additional step (about 40 hours) to review each property value individually to confirm the baseline valuation process achieved a reasonable valuation result. Being a statistical program there is a built-in statistical margin of error. By individually reviewing each property value, that margin of error is reduced.

It comes down to this: if you have evidence that the valuations used for taxation purposes are “manifestly wrong,” please show me. I am not unreasonable and will objectively review anything you want me to consider.
For 2022-2023 the Homestead Exemption is $25,000. Also available is the Veterans Exemption, Blind Exemption, and other programs that can assist at the town and state level. Please call me at if you have a question. I am usually scheduled for the Union Town Office most every Thursday.

**ASSESSMENT STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

- **Total Taxable Valuation-Real Estate**: $233,754,100
- **Total Taxable Valuation-Personal Property**: $1,082,510
- **Total Taxable Valuation**: $234,836,610
- **Homestead Exemption Valuation**: $17,712,850
- **Commitment Date**: September 7, 2021
- **Last day to appeal valuation**: March 11, 2022
- **2022 Tax (Mill) Rate**: $18.10 per $1,000 of taxable value
- **2021-2022 Tax amount to be raised**: $4,250,542.64
- **2020-2021 Tax amount to be raised**: $4,160,032.20
- **2019-2020 Tax amount to be raised**: $4,224,609.90

**Revenues received from...**
- Property Taxes: 79.38%
- Other Fees/State: 20.62%

**And Expenses for...**
- Education: 62.01%
- Municipal: 31.65%
- Knox County: 6.34%

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**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS**

Do you qualify? Homeowners who reside in Union should be eligible for this exemption. If the exemption does not show on your tax bill, please call the town office with any questions.
**REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**  
**UNPAID AS OF END OF DAY ON MAY 16, 2022**

**Unpaid 2022 Real Estate Taxes**

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Knox Capital, LLC ......................................................... $1,410.08
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Langelier, Katheryn ......................................................... $1,608.91
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Larrabee, David A., II & Donald ................................. $753.09
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Lorentzen, Cody & Nichole M. ..................................... $1,726.58
Lorentzen, Michael P. & Amanda R. ........................... $1,192.54
Luce, Joshua D. & Jessica K. ........................................... $2,390.96
Luce, Larry, Jr. & Sue E. ................................................. $3,384.23
Luce, Larry, Jr. & Sue E. ............................................... $49.62
Lunt, Katherine R. Graffam ............................................. $4,211.22
MacFarland, Lee & Frances ............................................ $1,619.77
MacFarland, Lee & Frances ............................................ $1,334.19
MacFarland, Lee & Frances ............................................ $967.60
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MacWilliams, Christine M. ............................................ $2,033.87
Matthews, Meyric E. & Morrison, Carol M. ............. $560.52
McDaniels, Laurie A. & Rossiter, Mark .................... $2,877.01
McMurray, Genevieve A.  .............................................. $2,074.61
Mellor, Thomas C. ........................................................ $455.77
Mento, Barbara & Beard, Billie ................................. $2,522.20
Merrifield, Judith D. & Plummer, Stephen J. .......... $1,320.16
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Miller, Raymond E. & Rudy, Tanya ......................... $1,386.24
Moody, Paul W. ............................................................. $106.59
Morgan, Richard P. ......................................................... $1,290.11
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Butler, Joyce .....................................$445.35
Butler, Patricia .................................$573.38
Byrd, Ruth ........................................$2,218.78
Camber, Richard E. ...........................$503.04
Douxette, Robert H. ...........................$1,474.78
Ferland, Michael L. & Kathryn ..........$1,213.70
Greif, Daphne ...................................$195.17
Harding, Paul E. ...............................$1,505.86
Harvey, Kerry & Carla J. .................$3,841.10
Herbal Revolution Farm & Apothecary, LLC ..........................$1,900.36
Holmes, Charles W. & Blair E. ..........$1,219.55
Kennedy, Andrea .............................$1,919.05
Matthews, Meyric E. & Morrison, Carol M. ..................$332.75
Morine, Michele L. M. ......................$635.67
Ott, Terry A. .....................................$893.91
Reiner, Charlotte L., Devisees ...............$1,079.49
Savage, Melanie A. P. .....................$979.59
Sedgwick, Debra J. ..........................$2,492.35
Ulmer, Susan G. ..............................$1,331.23
Williams, Pauline M. .......................$605.18
Wooster, Glenn E. ...........................$2,533.06

Unpaid 2022 Personal Property Taxes

Bentley’s Café, LLC .........................$11.03
Blackwood Forge/J & L Construction ........................................$61.91
Catalano, Michael ............................$18.38
Lanphere & Son, LLC .........................$1,837.75
Maine’s Best, Inc. ..............................$163.56
Mic Mac Campground, Inc. ................$14.70
Mic Mac Market ................................$545.81
Union Square Laundry, LLC ................$62.45

Unpaid 2021 & 2020 Personal Property Taxes

Lanphere & Son, Inc. (2021) ...............$1,982.40
Lanphere & Son, Inc. (2020) ...............$2,199.20

SUPPLEMENTAL AND ABATED TAXES

2022 Supplemental Taxes

Amundsen, Erik ..............................$402.15
Hastings, Benjamin ..........................$18,277.74
& Alexandra Crocco A. ......................$557.48
Lilley, Brian & Michelle .....................$18,277.74

2022 Abated Taxes

Dean, R. ...........................................$43.44
Strong, Tiffany M. ...........................$557.48
# Fund and Trust Balances
## As of April 30, 2022

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May 17, 2022

Selectboard
Town of Union
Union, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Union, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Union, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2021 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, is available for inspection at the Town. Included herein are:

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

Certified Public Accountants
# Town of Union, Maine

## Finance

### STATEMENT C

#### TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

#### BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

**JUNE 30, 2021**

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| **LIABILITIES**      |              |                          |                         |
| Accounts payable     | $ 18,670     | -                        | $ 18,670                |
| Accrued expenses     | 9,612        | -                        | 9,612                   |
| Due to other funds   | 2,196,247    | 122,758                  | 2,319,005               |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES**| 2,224,529    | 122,758                  | 2,347,287               |

|                      |              |                          |                         |
| **DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES** |          |                          |                         |
| Prepaid taxes        | 25,946       | -                        | 25,946                  |
| Deferred tax revenue | 126,181      | -                        | 126,181                 |
| **TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES** | 152,127 | -                        | 152,127                 |

|                      |              |                          |                         |
| **FUND BALANCES**    |              |                          |                         |
| Nonspendable         | -            | 48,415                   | 48,415                  |
| Restricted           | -            | 1,197,598                | 1,197,598               |
| Committed            | -            | 1,960,676                | 1,960,676               |
| Assigned             | 24,151       | 54,005                   | 78,156                  |
| Unassigned           | 1,382,961    | (122,758)                | 1,260,203               |
| **TOTAL FUND BALANCES** | 1,407,112   | 3,137,936                | 4,545,048               |

|                      |              |                          |                         |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES** | $ 3,783,768 | $ 3,260,694 | $ 7,044,462 |
TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

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| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | 693,594 | (821,751) | (128,157) |

| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | Bond proceeds | - | 1,800,000 | 1,800,000 |
|                               | Transfers in  | - | 164,500  | 164,500   |
|                               | Transfers (out)| (164,500) | - | (164,500) |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | (164,500) | 1,964,500 | 1,800,000 |

| NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES | 529,094 | 1,142,749 | 1,671,843 |

| FUND BALANCES - JULY 1       | 878,018 | 1,995,187 | 2,873,205 |

| FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30      | $ 1,407,112 | $ 3,137,936 | $ 4,545,048 |
## TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

### BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS

**BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

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## TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

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TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

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### TOWN OF UNION, MAINE

**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2021**

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CODE ENFORCEMENT
Grant Watmough, Code Enforcement Officer
Local Plumbing and Building Inspector

Hopefully most of you know how to get to our website and negotiate it. For those of you who might not, our website is: www.union.maine.gov.

2021 was not a normal year. COVID-19 continued to be an issue even for those building new structures or replacing one. Construction costs and availability of contractors were everyone’s issues. This would be a good time for me to remind you all that a permit when issued is good for two years once started, but if not completed as the two-year time is getting close let me know and an extension can be issued.

You are always welcome to stop in or call with your questions. It has been and will continue to be a privilege to serve in this capacity.

### BUILDING PERMITS

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### PLUMBING & SEPTIC

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My office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Monday and Friday by appointment.
I look forward to serving the Town of Union as Animal Control Officer again this upcoming year and encourage all to contact me with any questions, complaints, or concerns regarding Animal Control. In 2021, I responded to more than 50 calls and traveled more than 500 miles. I also received many phone calls, emails, and social media posts from people regarding animal control.

Just a few quick notes for you:

The Town of Union is contracted with Pope Memorial Humane Society in Thomaston to take in our lost/stray animals that I pick up. So, if your dog gets loose and I cannot identify it, it gets delivered to PMHS for safekeeping until its owner can claim it. A fee must be paid to the shelter to claim your pet once it enters their care. If your dog is licensed and wearing its tags, I will make every effort to contact you and reunite you with your pet, before taking it to PMHS. PMHS will also take in your unwanted pets, but Animal Control will not handle it. You must call PMHS and make arrangements to get the animal to them for relinquishing. This helps the shelter by having you fill out a form with your pet’s information, which enables them to ensure the pet gets adopted into an appropriate home.

Dog licenses expire each year on December 31, regardless of when they were first done.

You can renew your dog’s license for the next year anytime after October 15.

A state-mandated Late fee of $25.00 is applied starting February 1. This is nonnegotiable, as again it is state-mandated. You can renew your dog’s license at the town office anytime or online before January 31.

Licensing your dog and keeping its tags on is an invaluable tool to ensure its safe return to you if the dog finds itself lost. We have over 400 dogs licensed in Union.

It is Maine law that every dog and cat be currently vaccinated against rabies. If you are unsure of your pet’s vaccination status, please call me, the town office, or your veterinarian.

Most vaccines are good for three years after a pet’s initial rabies vaccine (which is only good for one year). Rabies is currently in every Maine county, including Knox.

Animal Control does not handle wildlife complaints, unless a domestic animal is attacked or attacks a wild animal and rabies is a concern.
Stray cats are an issue in every town. Do not feed them! If you care for or feed a stray cat for more than 10 days, law states you are the owner of that cat and responsible for it. If you think a stray cat is homeless, call me immediately if it has been hanging around for a few days, or appears to need veterinary care. I will gladly come pick it up or trap it and get it to the shelter. Cats are free roaming animals; therefore, every cat you see is not necessarily stray or homeless. Use your judgment.

Again, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, complaints, or concerns regarding animals in Union.

Phone: 207-322-3237
E-mail: hjb04915@yahoo.com

The Town of Union offers Online Dog Licensing as one of our many online options:  
https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl
The Union 911 Addressing Ordinance came into effect in 1995. Little did we know then that nearly every house in Union would have a GPS identification marker linked to satellites. Such is the nature of progress.

Our fire department, Union Excelsior Engine Company, is offering reflective house number signs as a public service at a small cost. The signs are red with white numbers to help Emergency Services find you when you need them most. The application is available on the town website or at the town office.

There are approximately 1,250 properties in Union with residential and commercial buildings on the property. To date about 350 red signs have been placed on Union properties. Some of the other signs used are adequate. Some properties have old peeling numbers on rusty mailboxes connected to a bent post with duct tape -- not good!

The addressing ordinance has a requirement of a 4” tall number placed on a contrasting background. I have seen black numbers on brown houses, numbers missing, numbers too small to see at night. I have found numbers carefully attached to houses, but the houses were not visible from the road.

A problem is that some of your homes are down long driveways or on camp roads. Your driveway or camp road should be clear of trees and tree limbs to allow emergency vehicles to reach your home. Visualize a space 10-12’ wide and 14-18’ high. This is the space needed to safely allow a fire truck to pass though. If tree limbs are rubbing the side of your car, there is no way the ambulance or fire truck is going to make it down your road or driveway.

Emergency Services may not be able to find some of you in an expedited manner. They want to help. Help them by having clear and visible numbers that identify your home, as well as by making sure your driveways and roads can accommodate fire and rescue vehicles.
Grant Watmough, who most of you already know as our Code Enforcement Officer, took on the additional role of Local Health Officer in March 2020. Grant has resigned from this position and Sarah Swan from Warren (where she also serves as the Health Officer) was appointed in December.

From the maine.gov website: “Maine LHOs role began in 1885 and have had a long and proud tradition of serving their communities. The ‘Local Health Officer’ (LHO) is a term established by Maine Statute.

“The local health officer work force has a unique knowledge about how to assist and protect Maine citizens and communities. They are ‘on the ground’ working with public health nurses, other local health officers, environmental health officials, and other professionals who share the common goal of improving and caring for the health of their communities.

“The LHO monitors his or her community through identifying and/or responding to immediate and trends in health risks to individuals or the community through town resident queries and/or the sharp eye of the LHO.”

If you have a complaint, question, or concern about health risks, environmental risks, or landlord tenant concerns, contact Sarah Swan at 975-1899 or soswan1889@gmail.com.

The members of Union Fire Rescue and the Excelsior Engine Company would like to thank the citizens of Union for their continuing support. Many thanks also to the Appleton, Hope, Waldoboro, Warren, and Washington Fire Departments and their members for assisting us during this last year. As a result of the mutual aid system, we have been very successful.

We continue to advance our skills to better serve the community. In 2021 we have slowly started to meet and train again as COVID-19 allows. Union Fire Rescue responded to over 600 calls of service for Fire and EMS calls.

We continue to offer public fire safety education in the local school when we can get in, and around the community. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance to your group or organization.

We continue to add new members to the department and are always looking for those who would like to serve our community. We have many roles to fill, not only those of interior firefighters. The department meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. We have found that we are becoming shorthanded and, like many of the departments around us, need all the help that we can get.

Please remember: should you or someone you know require assistance with smoke or CO detector batteries, please call us at 785-3803. If you should need us, please call 911 as we are not always at the station.

I would like to ask those of you living on cottage roads or long driveways to take a look at them and ask yourself: can a large fire truck or ambulance get to us should the need arise? The tree canopies tend to grow in and limit access to these large vehicles. If we cannot get to you, our response to your emergency may be limited. Insurance companies have called us to see if we can access certain properties.

It has been a pleasure to serve alongside the members of Union Fire Rescue in protecting our community.
FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS

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This past year has been the busiest year ever for Union Rescue. We ran 598 calls for service. This was partially due to the fact that doctors’ offices had requested just to see people they had not seen in the past year. A lot of these calls were high acuity calls. We found that people were not just ill, but a lot of their untreated conditions were worse than they would have been had the pandemic not happened.

This is the second year since we started 24/7 per diem. Since then we have kept our average response time down to 1.5 minutes from the old average of 10 minutes. This means that we are getting on scene faster, rendering medical treatment faster, and making a difference in patients’ lives.

In the past year we had a couple members achieve their Advance EMT. We currently have more members being enrolled into an Advance program and a member in a Paramedic program. We lost a few members who were hired at full-time fire/rescue departments. They will be missed, and we wish them the best in the future.

As more people are working from home, I cannot stress enough the importance of having your house numbered. Also, even though we are staffed 24/7, we are not always at the station, and there have been a lot of direct calls as well as drive-ins there. I would hate for care to be delayed because we did not know that you had called or driven to the station. Please always call 911. Yes, they ask a lot of questions, but that is so we can be prepared.

I would like to thank the members of Union Rescue for their dedication to our communities. It is a privilege to serve with each one of them. I am extremely proud of our awesome team.

You can get information on all the Town Departments on the town website!

https://www.union.maine.gov/ems
2021 was another busy year for the public works department. In March we hired Tom Fontaine of Washington, who brought with him an excellent work ethic and quickly became an asset to the crew. Within a few months he was trained to operate the motor grader. For the past two or three years the grader has sat dormant as no one was trained in its operation. Having a grader operator in-house is very valuable to the town, as we can grade roads when needed and aren’t limited to just the spring and fall as we were before when that job was contracted out. The grader is also useful in the wintertime to scrape ice off the road. I also want to say a big thank you to Union resident Bill Packard, who volunteered his time to help train Tom on the operation of the grader. Bill has decades of experience in earthwork and was the public works supervisor when the town purchased the grader many years ago. Bill is certainly invested in the community, and we appreciate his continued support.

In July we ordered a new John Deere wheel loader to replace the aging backhoe. The backhoe has served us well but with almost 10,000 hours on it, it was time to find its replacement. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control such as supply issues, we are still waiting to take delivery of the wheel loader.

Several roads were resurfaced this past year. Browns, Thurston, and Sterlingstown were treated with an overlay. Townsend, Sidelinger, and the first 2000 feet of Coggins Hill were converted from dirt to pavement. Sennebec and the upper half of North Union received a shim and rubberized chip seal. The process in which chip seal is applied is fast which helps keep the cost down. The advantage of rubberized chip seal is that the chips are coated and laid in liquid rubber, allowing for a little amount of flexibility which helps minimize cracking as the road moves due to frost. More roads will continue to be chip sealed this year as the town is committed to continuing with the preservation approach, which places roads in a scheduled cycle to be resurfaced before they get to the point where they need to be rehabilitated, which is much more costly. Two other major projects that will be happening are the replacement of the Cole Brook culvert on Clarry Hill Road, and the removal of the cement pads at the Ayer Park boat launch with an upgrade to new larger ones. These jobs will be performed by independent contractors.

We spent a lot of time this past year working on improving road drainage. Cross culverts were replaced on several roads including Barrett Hill, Clarry Hill, Sidelinger, Browns, and North Union. We also replaced countless driveway culverts and performed extensive ditching on Barrett Hill, Clarry Hill, Butler Road, and Come Spring Lane. Each year our goal is to identify trouble spots pertaining to drainage issues and address them. Proper drainage is the key to road preservation. One way residents can help is by keeping your driveway culvert clear of debris, snow/ice, sand, etc. Once a culvert is clogged and causes drainage issues, it costs valuable time and resources to fix it. The fewer clogged culverts we have, the more time and money we save. Dirt roads are especially susceptible to bad drainage and when mud season arrives, we know
there are always certain spots that become very rough and sometimes nearly impassable. Multiple factors go into fixing a road including manpower, availability of material, and time of season. We will as always do our best to make sure all roads are passable as soon as possible.

Finally, I’d like to thank Barry and Junia Norris for providing the crew with hot meals during the long winter storms, and the families of our crew members who are forced to “hold the fort down” while their loved ones are gone for many hours at a time working to keep our roads clear. We have a very hardworking and dedicated crew here at the public works department and I am proud of the work they do every day.

If anyone should have questions, concerns, or comments, I would encourage you to reach out to me at the office by calling 785-3411 or by email at publicworks@union.maine.gov.
To all Tri-County patrons:

Once again I summon my elusive muse to share in writing reflections of the past year at the transfer station. Early last fall, Terri Gilman, an attendant who primarily worked on Saturday, moved to Kentucky. The resultant workforce vacancy has, at this time, yet to be permanently filled.

Notable facility improvements include the purchase of a new 50-yard roll-off container (the blue “metal bin”), and the purchase and installation of a standby generator. This generator will allow us now to operate the station in its full capacity (including the scales) in the event of any power outage, however extended.

Our recycling efforts have expanded to include printer and copier ink cartridges. We recently shipped over 350 cartridges to a firm dedicated to their recycling. Your collective contribution in support of our recycling efforts truly does make a difference.

Area transfer stations have much in common: the goals and issues of one are the goals and issues of many. Hence, more now than ever, we maintain an ongoing interactive dialogue with each other for the benefit of all.

We strive to provide you, our faithful customers, with exemplary service. If you have a question, please ask. We’re here to make it happen. As always, we once more thank you for your support – past, present, and future.

https://www.tcswmo.com/
AGING IN PLACE IN UNION

Anita Brown, Secretary
Marcy Corwin
Holly DeYoung
Erik Durbas
Lorain Francis
Phil Groce
Carol Watier
Dot Williams
Robert Williams

The UAP Committee met monthly during 2021 (except July and August) on the first Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. We met by Zoom until April 2022. Our agendas and minutes are posted on the Town of Union website.

The mission of this committee is identified as the ability to stay in your home safely as you age. The committee vision is: Union is an age friendly community. We are a community that helps meet the changing needs of our aging residents by connecting them with services and support that allows them to stay in their own homes.

This committee organized and put on two age 55+ curbside pick-up luncheons during this period. On October 21, 2021, the meal featured baked beans with hot dogs, macaroni and cheese casserole, coleslaw, and blueberry cake. We served 37 seniors who signed up in advance through the town office to receive this free meal. We also delivered this meal to homes when requested. We included an information resource bag with each meal. A second meal of corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potato, rolls, cookies, and bottled water was served curbside or delivered to 48 seniors on March 17, 2022. Methodist Conference Home kitchen provided this hot meal.

We hope to be able to resume in-person gathering of our town seniors for our June meal. As with so many activities, Covid protocols have restricted this possibility for socialization.

Holly DeYoung brought us an idea for engaging members of our town in “Community Circles,” which provide a place to listen and learn how we may improve systems in Union to facilitate and support Aging in Place. This will require gathering in person, so we hope Covid allows for this activity to be planned in the future.

Our 2021 UAP committee members were Chair Lorain Francis, Secretary Anita Brown, Carol Watier, Bob and Dot Williams, Marcy Corwin, Erik Durbas, Holly DeYoung, Vose Librarian Debra Lay, Select Board Representative Bill Lombardi, Phil Groce, and Town Manager Jay Feyler.

We continue to seek volunteers interested in helping our Union residents with their needs. Please inform the town office if you are interested in this committee and our work. We have recently lost committee members due to health problems or change of employment.
Aging in Place in Union is scheduled to continue to meet at 1:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month during 2022 except July and August.

Can’t “lunch” in person, no worries…we’ll deliver it to the parking lot!

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Want to know what’s going on with our Boards & Committees?  
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The Select Board chartered the Union Broadband Committee to find a way to extend high-speed Internet access to all the citizens of Union. This action was motivated by the widespread recognition that high-speed Internet is becoming essential in our day-to-day activities, with traditional Internet uses like online shopping expanding rapidly to include virtual classrooms, video conferencing, video streaming, telehealth, and similar activities, often with multiple simultaneous users in a single household. Realtors tell us that the availability of high-speed Internet can be a major decision factor in residential real estate sales and in business locating decisions.

Internet access in Union is currently provided by a mix of different services, offering different levels of network performance in different parts of the town:
- DSL (digital subscriber line, provided over telephone lines by Tidewater and Consolidated); slow, expensive, and rapidly becoming obsolete
- fixed-base wireless (Redzone, from a tower on Coggins Hill); susceptible to terrain blockage and weather
- cellular, mostly 4G; town-wide 5G in rural areas like Union is far over the horizon
- satellite networks, typified by Starlink
- cable (Spectrum), along certain high-population-density roads; susceptible to congestion
- optical fiber (LCI/Tidewater), along certain high-population-density roads

The clear long-term objective for high-speed service in Union is a townwide optical fiber network. Fiber is capable of extremely high speeds, is not susceptible to congestion or weather, and is not going to be overtaken by any faster technologies for decades. Cost to subscribers is likely to be no higher than for slower and less robust services.

After over a year of work by the Broadband Committee to find the best path forward, the Select Board voted in March to partner with LCI in applying for a state grant to extend LCI’s current fiber network to reach almost 250 addresses in Union on 34 roads that currently have no options for high-speed Internet service. In the presence of intense competition with many other applicants, this application did not succeed. But there are two other grant opportunities coming up in the next few months that we plan to pursue, both with substantial federal funding behind them, and we are confident that at least one of them will succeed.

Once this initial expansion of LCI’s fiber network has been carried out, there is one additional substantial expansion that will be required before fiber service is available to all citizens townwide. This one will require a substantial town financial contribution. The costs, contractual provisions, and other factors are still being negotiated with LCI. Once the plan is fully definitized and we have a determination of the cost to the town, this will be brought to the voters to determine whether we should make the commitment.
All of this will require several years to come to fruition. Once the expansions are under way, we plan to evolve the Broadband Committee from its current role of finding the best approach, to a different role of working at the interface between the citizens and LCI to publicize the emerging service opportunities, provide feedback to LCI regarding citizen perceptions of customer service and performance, assist LCI in setting priorities, and similar tasks aimed at making the process move ahead smoothly for the town.

We consider ourselves fortunate that LCI is a local company headquartered here in Union, with a demonstrated commitment to the town and its citizens.

Agendas & Minutes can be found through this process illustrated in the picture below.

https://www.union.maine.gov/committees
I. **Option 1: Retain and Renovate the Buildings**

August 25, 2021 Report: 1. Town maintains ownership and oversees the building through a hired position. Engages with engineering company/contractor to determine how to rehabilitate the buildings, obtain financing, and locate tenants. Since the August report, the Committee has also considered the possibility that operations could be managed by a separate entity although the Town would maintain responsibility for building maintenance and repairs.

**The Costs are:**

- Tier 1 repairs are to address immediate needs for continued operation of current use. Costs for Tier 1 repairs are estimated to be $285,500 to $465,500.
- Tier 2 repairs are to allow for the full use of all spaces. Costs for Tier 2 repairs are estimated to be $490,000 to $852,000.
- Tier 3 repairs are to address structural deficiencies as full potential usage is reached. Costs for Tier 3 costs are estimated to be $115,000.
- Total renovation (all Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 costs) estimates range from $890,500 to $2,000,460.

The potential annual rental income from the building if the classrooms in the yellow building were fully leased and the community spaces were rented is approximately $100,000 to $165,000 at present but could grow significantly as repairs are completed. The cost to maintain and run the building annually is roughly estimated to be $168,900 to $196,900 (including heat, furnace, electric, septic, maintenance, operations director, janitorial staff). A variety of grants may be available to offset the costs of repairs.
II. **Option 2: Senior Housing Lease/Sale**

August 25, 2021 Report: 2. Long term lease or sale to entity that would create senior housing.

- Under this arrangement, the Town could potentially retain ownership of the building although all maintenance and upkeep would be done by the tenant if it were a lease arrangement. Retention of the gym, museum, and thrift store spaces could be negotiated.
- The cost to the Town of either a lease or sale to a senior housing developer would be $0 although the Town may have to retain insurance if it is a lease.
- The annual income to the Town would be $15,000 to $20,000 in the case of a lease, depending on the number of units. In the case of a sale, the sale price is anticipated to be slightly under market value.

Before the public hearing, the Committee will obtain architectural design of the buildings as to the possibilities under this option.

III. **Option 3: Sell the Buildings to a Rehabilitation Specialist/Renovation Group**


- Sale to a rehabilitation specialist would involve sale of the building to a developer with covenants to retain historical aspects and restrictions. The anticipated sale price of the building is estimated to be between $100,000 to $200,000 but this figure requires additional research.
- This option would require further clarification of what could be sold and what would need to be retained by the Town (for example, the parking lots and land near the tennis and basketball courts).
- The Town currently lists the tax valuation for the property at $5.75 million.

IV. **Option 4: Demolition Both Buildings/Demolish Yellow Building and Repair Brick Building**

This was not presented as one of the Committee’s options in its August 25, 2021, report. The Select Board requested that the Committee include this option in the research.

- Three estimates to demolish both buildings, not including miscellaneous permits and other expenses, ranged from $201,040 to $498,000.
- An estimate to demolish the yellow building only was between $135,000 to $270,000. The accompanying cost to address the urgent/immediate needs to
maintain the brick building that were able to be established is approximately $1,059,000. These estimates do not include unknown additional costs associated with construction/repair of the connection between the two buildings, and unknown costs associated with the necessary re-routing of utilities that currently run between the two buildings.

It is noted that the 2018 Capital Needs Assessment Report estimated the cost of building a new brick building at 15,493 square feet and $300 per square foot to be $4,647,900.

V. Option 5: Sale on the Open Market

Since the August report, the Committee has also incorporated sale on the open market to this option.

• One broker, who conducted an extensive review (including comparable properties), estimated the value of the property in its current state to be $595,000 to $695,000 while another broker, who conducted a less extensive review, concluded the property was worth $150,000, with the land alone worth $50,000 or $60,000.
• This option would require further clarification of what could be sold and what would need to be retained by the Town (for example, the parking lots and land near the tennis and basketball courts).
• The Town currently lists the tax valuation for the property at $5.75 million.

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Joyce Grotton                            Rachael Umstead
Rebekah Smith

Each year the Union Scholarship Committee oversees the awarding of monies from five scholarship funds. Two of these scholarships, the Robert H. and Eleanor S. Heald and the Gilbert Doughty, are designated for graduating seniors only. The William L. Pullen, the Union Alumni, and the Frank and Gertrude Rowe Scholarships are for any student, graduating seniors as well as post graduate students continuing their education. Recipients may be graduates of any high school, public or private, as long as they are residents of Union. Those who are home schooled are also eligible. The monies come from the interest earned on the principle from each of these funds. This year, we have been able to award monies from each of the five scholarship funds. After careful consideration of all applications, the available scholarship monies were awarded to each of the nineteen applicants. Seven of these students were graduating seniors. The total amount of money awarded in 2021 was $44,655. Monies from the following scholarships were awarded:

- Frank and Gertrude Rowe Scholarship $352
- Union Alumni Scholarship $353
- Gilbert Doughty Memorial Scholarship $287
- William L. Pullen Fund $18,289
- Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Scholarship Trust $25,374

Interested Union students seeking scholarship information regarding available scholarship application procedures, eligibility criteria, critical timelines, etc. may direct questions to the Union Town Office or to the Guidance Department at Medomak Valley High School.

The committee members wish to thank the town for allowing us to serve the community in this capacity.

https://www.union.maine.gov/scholarships
COME SPRING FOOD PANTRY

At Come Spring Food Pantry our mission is Feeding our Neighbors with Dignity, while promoting Health, Opportunity, and Hope.

The Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We have added the 3rd Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. to accommodate those who work and need assistance.

This has been an exciting year for Come Spring Food Pantry as we moved into our new pantry at 27 Common Road.

We average between 30-38 unduplicated families and 100–115 unduplicated individuals. Our numbers have increased with the move to the more visible location. Our recipients are small families and couples, single mothers, and a few large families of five to eight. We have many single men of middle and senior ages. They are veterans, the working poor, disabled, widowed, elderly, and homeless. All are living below the poverty level.

The pantry operates with 10 pantry volunteers who are dedicated to all the essential roles it takes to run a successful food pantry. They donated 1,657 hours in 2021-22 picking up food deliveries from Good Shepherd Food Bank and the Common Market. They stocked shelves, shopped, sorted fresh vegetables, and filled bags. Our other volunteers serve as board support and crews to keep the pantry organized. Our costs have increased to serve our neighbors in need with many new families and the increased cost of food.

As the Covid pandemic continues it remains difficult for the pantry. Food is distributed outside in all kinds of weather. Volunteers prepack bags and boxes of food to be placed in the recipients’ vehicles. Both our volunteers and recipients are kept safe using a safe distancing system.

We have many partners to whom we are thankful. They help us to supply food, vegetables, and necessities: Good
Shepherd Food Bank, One Less Worry, Erickson Fields, Sani e Felici Farm, and South Hope Community Church. We are thankful for our community that donates funds and food, Vose Library for collecting food, and our local small businesses and Chamber of Commerce who support us with fundraisers. The need is great, and more funding is needed to continue to support our residents with healthy, nutritious food.

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Registered in Maine as a 501c3 nonprofit corporation
Located at 27 Common Road, Union
Fifty years ago, 16 visionaries met on a summer night for the purpose of creating Union Historical Society. We have the minutes of that first meeting, written by Muriel Heath, proclaiming July 26 the official date when Union Historical Society was established. The group went on to create a nonprofit corporation and established bylaws with the mission statement, “to promote interest in and knowledge about history in general, and the history of Union in particular, through public programs and through the preservation and display of documents, artifacts, archives, buildings, and published materials.”

Union Historical Society faithfully continues that mission, thanks to the support of our members, volunteers, board of directors, and benefactors. Our headquarters and museum are located in the Robbins House. The Old Town House, where we have programs during the warmer months, will soon get some maintenance and repair on the north side of the roof. Watch for details about our 50th anniversary celebration in the summer newsletter.

After five years as our able curator, Marion Gray is pursuing her other interests. At November’s annual meeting we elected four new members to the board: Greg Grotton, Jerome Morris, Nancy Nicol, and our new curator Karin Larson. We’re currently looking for a volunteer to fill a vacancy. Stephanie Turner resigned to join her husband in a new business venture.

Very sadly we lost a friend, neighbor, and board member this year. Barb Vittum lost a tough battle with cancer on July 6. With Barb’s energy there is no knowing where she would have taken us. We will also miss and remember Rob Brooks, Nancy Brown, Elizabeth McKinley, Nancy DeWilde, and Ruth Herridge, our members who passed recently. Finally, we were saddened by the loss of Zac Aiken who recently with his crew did a masterful job refurbishing the Robbins House exterior.

Photo Credit: Davis Clough
A new website design was one of the most prominent accomplishments of 2021 for Vose Library. Funding by a grant through the American Library Association, https://voselibrary.org transformed the way our community library offers information to its visitors. After soliciting feedback from patrons, a more accessible design now features prioritized elements such as “what’s new” and makes borrowing easier. Feedback from its users has been resoundingly positive and we anticipate visitors will see voselibrary.org as the “go to” place for all things Vose.

Grants and gifts to the library accelerated our operations in 2021. In partnership with our town, the Keep ME Healthy grant afforded us COVID-19 supplies so that we could maintain a safe working environment and assure patrons that our library took precautions to maintain a COVID-free space. Bates College granted us funds to improve our children’s collection using its Diverse Book Finder application. Magazine subscriptions were supported financially by individuals and businesses, and new partnerships were forged. Probably the most significant gift to Vose Library in 2021 was that granted to us by the William Pullen Fund. In June of 2021, we launched our very first StoryWalk® on the Vose Nature Trail: a path established on the side and back of the library property. Since that time, numerous visitors have enjoyed the variety of seasonal books displayed and Halloween projects submitted by Union’s school-aged children. This project is synonymous with our ongoing quest to ensure our library remains an inclusive community library.

The Zoom with Vose Wednesday Series that ended in May 2021 morphed into the Vose or Virtual Wednesday Series in the latter half of 2021. With a different presentation each Wednesday from September through May, Vose patrons and future friends from a variety of locations enjoyed tuning in with us from the convenience of their own computers. The virtual format of our Armchair Adventures and the return of Soup & Suspense were well attended. Our Wi-Fi capability was
enhanced through the work of the nonprofit organization ITDRC, ensuring reception throughout our parking area for those seeking access. We reinstated Tech Tuesdays, an open session on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. where those in need of technology assistance can come and troubleshoot their issues with skilled volunteers. Storytime, Crafts-to-Go, and our Book Group returned to Vose.

Children’s author/illustrator Lynn Plourde kicks off the StoryWalk® at Vose Library

New to our operations, Knox County Gleaners with the facilitation of Come Spring Food Pantry coordinated a fruit and vegetable food share table at Vose Library. Each Friday, patrons filled their take-home bags with scrumptious goodies. Additionally, we expanded our Library of Things in 2021: with knitting needles and crochet hooks cataloged for borrowing; a Snowflake Pack that provided families with snowshoes, ice grippers, snow-themed books for adults and children; an animal tracking guide, and more. Free library passes to the Botanical Gardens in Boothbay Harbor and the Contemporary Art Museum in Rockland were available to our patrons as a new resource.

Community partnerships continued to flourish during 2021, and our outreach endures. Come Spring food donations continue to pour into the collection bin that exists at curbside, and the library’s Board of Trustees’ Annual Appeal was once again overwhelmingly successful. We anticipate strengthening our relationship with Union Elementary School into 2022 with collaborative projects and programming that draws our families to Vose. It is imperative to note that only because of the reliable, trustworthy, and dedicated volunteers who provide countless hours and service to Vose Library does our total collection of over 44,000 items circulate so smoothly. Deep generosity and a commitment to the library’s success are alive and well in Union.
Looking Ahead:
The library seeks involvement from the community. Please be on the lookout for communication regarding the following events and give us a call or email debra@voselibrary.org with interest.

- Volunteers are always welcome! (front desk, Storytime, and routine tasks)
- Running of the Black Flies (5K race) May 28, 2022 held at The Pour Farm
- Annual Plant Sale June 4, 2022 held at Vose Library
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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,

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
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,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is an honor to represent you and your family during these challenging times, and I am thankful for the opportunity to update you on my work in Washington and Maine.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause challenges for people in Maine and across the country. Please know that the health and safety of you and your loved ones, as well as the economic recovery of our communities, remains the driving force behind legislation I have pushed for in Congress.

In early 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan, historic legislation that makes investments to crush the virus, create millions of jobs, provide direct relief to working families, and help schools remain safely open. Not only did this legislation give 90 percent of American households a stimulus check, but it also helped local and state governments better respond to the pandemic, put food on families’ tables, got more vaccine shots into arms, cut child poverty in half through the expanded Child Tax Credit, and so much more. The American Rescue Plan is one of the most important pieces of legislation Congress will ever pass, and I’m so proud to have supported it from the beginning. You can read more about this piece of legislation here: https://pingree.house.gov/covid.

Our economic recovery from the pandemic will be accelerated even more thanks to the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which Congress passed in November. This legislation marks the most expansive infrastructure investment since the construction of the interstate highway system. From funding to repair our aging roads, bridges, and ports to high-speed broadband expansion and legacy pollution clean-up, this law is a once-in-a-generation investment in our future.

In addition to working on COVID-19 relief legislation, my Congressional colleagues and I are also collaborating on legislation that addresses the climate crisis, supports voting rights, and—through my role on the House Appropriations Committee—supports programs important to Maine.

After seven years on the House Appropriations Committee, I took the gavel and lead the subcommittee that oversees discretionary spending for the Department of the Interior, the
Environmental Protection Agency, US Forest Service, and several agencies related to the arts and humanities. In my new role as Chair, I have fought to secure significant funding for Maine’s tribes, environmental preservation programs, our cultural economy, and our forests.

I will keep pushing legislation to support America’s long-term care needs, lower prescription drug costs, expand Medicare benefits, cut taxes for working people, make our workforce competitive with the world, and fight climate change.

So, as we reflect on 2021, let us welcome 2022 with a renewed sense of optimism. There is a lot to fight for, and I assure you I will continue to fight for Maine in Congress. I want you to know that my staff and I are doing all we can to support Mainers through this public health crisis and all the challenges that come with it. If you are unsure of the resources available to you, are having difficulty accessing resources, or if you’d just like to share a thought or opinion, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

Need to contact your Government Representative?
Dear Friends and Residents of Union.

I want to thank all of you for the amazing opportunity to continue serve as your senator. It has been and continues to be the honor of a lifetime, to be able to represent our communities in Augusta. I will continue to work in the best interest of all in our communities.

The past couple of years have been hard, but we remain strong and optimistic in true Maine fashion. We all must come together to stem off this pandemic and finally get back to normal life.

In the Legislature I serve as the Chair of the Marine Resources Committee. I understand the vital importance that our bodies of water are when it comes to our, food, jobs and leisure. I will continue to work and fight to preserve our beautiful Maine ecosystems to ensure that all, for generations to come can benefit from them. I also serve on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. This committee focuses on veterans’ affairs, substance regulations, campaign and election law, governmental ethics and more. Most importantly, I work to make sure that the Maine’s laws align with our values and remain fair and just.

We at the Legislature will continue to meet virtually, and only convening all-together in person when it’s necessary. Our committee hearings and meetings will all be live-streamed and recorded and can be seen online at www.legislature.maine.gov. In addition, folks will be able to participate and provide testimony via phone or videoconference, as well as by submitting written testimony online at www.mainelegislature.org/testimony. I will make sure that even during these unusual times, the public always has ample access to see our work and to add their voices to the process.

I also want to remind you that I am here as a resource to you or your family. Whether you need to contact a state agency or just have a question or comment, don’t hesitate to reach out. You can send me an email at David.Miramant@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at 287-1515.

Again thank you it, is such a please to be able to represent our communities.

Sincerely,

Dave Miramant
State Senator
State Representative’s Report to the Town of Union
A message from State Representative Jeffrey Evangelos

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor and pleasure to represent you in the 130th Maine Legislature. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you about our efforts to improve your lives as we work in the second session of the 130th.

In my last report to you I said I was hopeful that we would enact proposals to increase municipal revenue sharing, the Homestead Exemption, and aid to education. We were successful in enacting all three and I expect the same for 2022. Last year, Maine’s finances were under pressure due to the economic uncertainty generated by the Pandemic. However, a sharp rebound in consumer spending has generated an $1.2 billion dollar surplus in Augusta. The Legislature and the Governor are currently debating priorities for the use of this money and how much will be returned to tax taxpayers.

The Pandemic has also accelerated a housing crisis in Maine. People who once worked in urban high-rise buildings in New York and elsewhere are now zooming in from home. Consequently, the need to pay for an expensive apartment in the city is no longer necessary. Some of these people are relocating and landing in Maine. The consequent demand for housing has been unprecedented as are the prices being paid for real estate. While this is fine for those of us who own a home, it has also effectively priced out many of our local and younger people seeking their first home. This trend may also pressure real estate tax assessments. Therefore, I would urge municipal tax assessors to take a go-slow approach so we can determine the full extent of this crisis before undertaking any revaluations.

Two of the biggest challenges facing Maine in 2022 continue to be the deplorable issues around the performance of Central Maine Power and the challenges being faced by the Maine lobster industry.

First, in reference to CMP, last year I testified before the Public Utilities Commission on your behalf in opposition to the proposed rate increase and demanded that CMP refund all the money they overcharged my constituents and other Mainers in their overbilling scheme. Unfortunately, while CMP has made high profile management changes, little has changed on the ground. Despite huge opposition, the Public Utilities Commission gave in to CMP and raised our rates quite sharply in January, while at the same we continue to suffer from a foreign owned power company that puts profit over the interests of my people. CMP continues to rank dead last in national surveys among power companies operating in the US.
Second, I continue to be deeply concerned about the unjustified and unfair proposals being promoted by the federal agency NOAA, who is blaming the Maine lobster industry for Right Whale deaths despite the fact that they have publicly admitted there is no evidence to back up this claim. I have joined hands with my fishermen and women in my District to fight these draconian proposals and have attended hearings and provided testimony against these proposals. The lobster industry is the lifeline to our local economy, and you can rest assured I will continue to fight to protect your interests. Recent news also indicates that most of the wind power projects in State waters that were slated to interfere with our lobster fleet have now been put on hold.

I have enjoyed representing Union, something I also did in the 1980's and 1990's when I served SAD #40, when we all collaborated to build the Union School and gymnasium. The people are friendly, and I appreciate it. I also wanted to thank the Selectmen and women, Town Office staff, our emergency responders, and the Public Works crew who keep our roads safe. I appreciate the work you do. I would like to thank Stacey Parra, Jay Feyler, and the staff for the great job they have done in adjusting to conditions of operation during the Pandemic. Hopefully, 2022 will see things start to ease up as we progress through the year.

You may have heard that I’m taking a break from politics and public service. I’ve been in the Legislature for a decade now and have worked in public service most of my life, so a break is in order. The last several years, my service on the Judiciary Committee has opened my eyes to some very grave injustices in Maine’s criminal justice system, including innocent people trapped in prison, too much police violence and misconduct, unjustified police shootings, and a failure to provide a system that ensures adequate defense counsel for all, including the indigent. While I have risen to the occasion and challenged the power structure in Maine responsible for these injustices, the work is controversial, and I have encountered entrenched forces in the Maine Attorney General’s Office who refuse to adopt the reforms that are sweeping the nation. This work also has generated a lot of news media attention. I want to thank the people in Union for allowing me to undertake this difficult and controversial work. Not one of you ever complained to me about this, something I will be forever grateful for. While I will not be in office next year, I will continue to fight for criminal justice reform as an activist.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Evangelos
State Representative

465 Waldoboro Rd.
Friendship, Maine 04547
1-800-423-2900 or 287-1400
207-832-7378

email: jeffrey.evangelos@legislature.maine.gov
Dear Union Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our communities in the 130th Legislature. It is truly an honor to serve. While this legislative session has looked very different from previous ones, it has not stopped us from doing the important work of giving the people of Union and our greater community a voice in the state government, and I am proud to have continued that work during the second session of the 130th Legislature this year.

As part of my duties, I serve on the Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Committee and the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, both of which give me an incredible opportunity to learn about and make a difference with issues that weigh heavily on the minds of the voters I talk to in our district. Whether it’s protecting our rural way of life by passing more badly-needed funding to help small family farms, protecting and cleaning up the lands we depend on to sustain ourselves, or ensuring that our families can grow up in safe communities with enough food on the table, I have been humbled by the opportunity to work on these pressing issues in the past, and vow to continue to do so in the future.

One of the most important ways we can protect the land we depend on is cleaning up and regulating harmful compounds like Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, or PFAS. These chemicals were unknowingly used in many kinds of industrial and farm materials, and now mar some of our most important and cherished lands, leaving a dangerous “forever chemical” residue that will endanger peoples’ health in perpetuity. That’s why I passed LD 264 and LD 363 into law. LD 264, “An Act to Prohibit Accidental Aerial Application of Polyfluoroalkyl Substances” bans the application of any aerial pesticides unless they have been determined to be free of PFAS by the Board of Pesticide Control. This will help “turn off the faucet” and ensure that no more of these dangerous chemicals are added on top of the problem we already face. LD 363 guarantees that everyday Mainers harmed by PFAS have at least 6 years to seek justice following the discovery of the potential harm. This is because the danger of these chemicals is still so new, folks could have been past the statute of limitations to seek justice following the discovery of the potential harm. This is because the danger of these
justice for injuries caused by PFAS before they even knew there was an issue in the first place. We will continue to oversee the state’s cleanup of sites that have been determined unsafe due to PFAS, and look forward to a day when these dangerous chemicals no longer pollute the lands we hold so dearly.

Another matter I have worked extensively on with the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee is our correctional facilities- both the men and women held there, and the many staff of all kinds who keep our correctional facilities running year after year- especially given all the unique challenges they have faced in recent years. That’s why I worked hard to pass LD 1683 “A Resolve To Compensate Department of Corrections Employees for Hazardous Work”. This bill would require that the Department of Corrections use available federal funding to pay eligible correctional employees a hazard duty stipend related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and includes retroactive payment for work performed since any prior hazard payments.

Finally I was proud to pass into law LD 691, “An Act To Support Farms and Address Food Insecurity”, which establishes the Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. These funds will be used to support local organizations helping feed the hungry, while ensuring that those organizations are more likely to buy their local fruits, vegetables, and produce from our communities.

The legislature worked hard in unprecedented circumstances last year- considering over 1,700 bills all while switching to a form of hybrid in-person and online legislating, meeting at the Augusta Civic Center, and being unable to have regular in-person sessions to vote on legislation as in previous Legislatures. Thanks to your support, I have been honored to continue this work in 2022, representing our communities in the State Legislature and ensuring that we always have a voice in favor of rural Maine, our land, and of the things we hold dearest like our health and our safety.

Bill Pluecker
Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk of Union, called the Municipal Election and Annual Town Meeting to order on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. The Warrant was read then and there to act upon the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Gregory Grotton was nominated and elected by secret ballot to the position of Moderator for the meeting. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office.

Gregory Grotton appointed Elmer Savage and Jarrett Feyler as Deputy Moderators. The Deputy Town Clerk duly swore them into office.

The polls were declared open and Article 2 through Article 19 by secret ballot began.

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect all necessary Municipal Officers/Officials and School Committee Members as are required to be elected.

Selectmen/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor (two-year term)
Fuller, Adam C. 247*

Selectmen/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor (three-year term)
Justice, James W. 134*
Snow, Kimberly J. 131

Director of Regional School Unit No. 40 (three-year term)
Speno, Matthew E. 235*
*elected

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall amendments to Article 4 of the Land Use Ordinance changing Map 19, Lot 13 from Resource Protection to Limited Residential Zone.

*A copy of the changes is attached and available for review at the Town Office.*
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Article 3. passed by a secret ballot vote of 138 Yes 118 No and 23 Blank.

ARTICLE 4. Shall amendments to Article 4 of the Land Use Ordinance changing part of Map 3, Lot 12-1 from Resource Protection to Limited Residential Zone.

*A copy of the changes is attached and available for review at the Town Office.*

Article 4. passed by a secret ballot vote of 137 Yes 118 No and 24 Blank.

ARTICLE 5. Shall a Solar Array Ordinance be adopted as Section 5 to the Land Use Ordinance to provide regulations for commercial proposals.

*A copy is attached and available for review at the Town Office.*

Article 5. passed by a secret ballot vote of 192 Yes 71 No and 16 Blank.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fiscal year 2021-2022 for debt service or act thereon:

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*These funds have already been committed during last year’s town meeting and this is the payment amount.*

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9-0

Article 6. passed by a secret ballot vote of 230 Yes 40 No and 9 Blank.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $678,805.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for General Government.

*This includes Insurances, Payroll, Office Personnel, and Building maintenance.*

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9-0

Article 7. passed by a secret ballot vote of 216 Yes 57 No and 6 Blank.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $642,453.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Protection.

*This includes ACO, Fire, Ambulance, and Planning Department.*

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9-0
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Article 8. passed by a secret ballot vote of 234 Yes 38 No and 7 Blank.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $63,664.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Health and Sanitation.

(This includes Septic Waste and Tri-County Solid Waste.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9-0

Article 8. passed by a secret ballot vote of 237 Yes 37 No and 5 Blank.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $609,008.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Highway and Bridges and Paving.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 3-1
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9-0

Article 9. passed by a secret ballot vote of 217 Yes 55 No and 7 Blank.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,500.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Parks and Recreation.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9-0

Article 10. passed by a secret ballot vote of 218 Yes 53 No and 8 Blank.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $47,694.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Social Security.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9-0

Article 11. passed by a secret ballot vote of 220 Yes 48 No and 11 Blank.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $59,600.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Cemeteries.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 9-0

Article 12. passed by a secret ballot vote of 224 Yes 40 No and 15 Blank.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for General Assistance.

(These funds do not raise taxes but are funded under a dedicated trust fund.)
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS  4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS  9-0

Article 14. passed by a secret ballot vote of 232 Yes 38 No and 9 Blank.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $631,204.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for Unclassified.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS  3-1
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS  9-0

Article 15. passed by a secret ballot vote of 163 Yes 101 No and 15 Blank.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenue and dedicated revenue sources to be used toward the 2021-2022 budget appropriations of the Town of Union, thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes or act thereon:

State Revenue Sharing          $  186,400.00
Ambulance Billing and Assessments $  447,776.00
General Assistance Reimbursement $      2,500.00
Parks and Recreation Pullen Investment $  2,300.00
Animal Control Fees            $       900.00
Local Road Assistance Program  $  50,400.00
Excise Tax                    $  471,000.00
Scholarship Trust Funds        $   45,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care        $     1,900.00
Other Revenue and Fees         $  50,000.00
TOTAL                        $1,258,176.00

Article 16. passed by a secret ballot vote of 237 Yes 31 No and 11 Blank.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to carry the unexpended balances in the following accounts for the ensuing fiscal year:

Ambulance
Parks and Recreation
Cemeteries
Animal Control
Union Assistance Fund
Road Bond
Building Maintenance

Article 17. passed by a secret ballot vote of 208 Yes 40 No and 9 Blank.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from fund balance the following overdrafted account:
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This is estimated at the time of printing.

Article 18. passed by a secret ballot vote of 208 Yes 55 No and 16 Blank.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to reduce the amounts to raise by taxes if other revenues become available.

Article 19. passed by a secret ballot vote of 244 Yes 25 No and 10 Blank.

ARTICLE 20. To choose all other necessary Municipal Officials or act thereon:

One Trustee of the Cemetery Trust Fund (three-year term)
Term of Joel Wentworth, Sr.

A motion and second were made for Joel Wentworth, Sr. Motion carries.

Four Members of the Budget Committee (three-year term)
Terms of Doris Vertz, Erik Amundsen, John Gibbons, and Michael Drickey

A motion and second were made for Erik Amundsen. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made for John Gibbons. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made for Michael Drickey. Motion carries.

One Trustee of the William Pullen Fund (four-year term)
Term of Anita Brown

A motion and second were made for Anita Brown. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town of Union will authorize the Board of Selectmen, with a four-fifths vote, to transfer up to 10% of unexpended balances between accounts as needed or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to fix the salaries of the officials appointed by them under provision of MRSA Title 30-A, Section 2601, subsection 1 & 2, or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell tax-acquired property, and to give quitclaim deeds thereof. Sales to other than the former record titleholder, his or her heirs, devises or assigns shall be by the best
means available to obtain the maximum price, and to expend such funds as the
majority of the Board of Selectmen shall decide, except that the Board of
Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRSA 943-C for
qualifying homestead property if sold to anyone other than the former owner(s).

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment
of taxes not yet due or assessed and no interest to accrue or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 505 (4), will vote that
property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by November 15, 2021 and May 15,
2022, and that interest at the rate of 6% per annum shall be charged on all
delinquent property taxes, or act thereon. If the due date(s) fall on a Saturday,
Sunday, or holiday, then the due date(s) will fall on the next business day, and
interest will start the day after.

**NOTE:** The Board of Selectmen recommends due dates of November 15, 2021
and May 15, 2022, and interest due dates of November 16, 2021 and May 17, 2022
and interest at the rate of 6% per annum. Taxpayers’ names will appear in the
Town Report if taxes are not paid by the close of business on May 16, 2022.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** 6% 5-0

A motion and second were made for 6%. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 506-A, will vote to set a
rate of interest to be paid on the overpayment of abated taxes from the date of
overpayment or act thereon (maximum 6% and minimum 2% per annum).

**EXPLANATION:** If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town of Union must
refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS** 2% 5-0

A motion and second were made for 2%. Motion carries.

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use the
proceeds of any payment on insurance claims, for damage occurring to Town
property in the fiscal year 2021-2022, to be allocated to the municipal department
whose goods or equipment were damaged, and appropriate any such insurance
payment to repair or replace the damaged goods or equipment or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.
ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant Application and/or a Quality Community Grant Application, and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development or the Maine Department of Transportation, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purpose of the grant, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit applications for grants, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purposes of the grant, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to disburse money received from the State Snowmobile Refund from the registration of snowmobiles to the Appleton Trail Makers, Inc. (Appleton) and the Hatchet Mountain Snowriders Snowmobile Club (Hope) – ½ to each club – for the purposes of maintaining their snowmobile trails in Union, to be open for the use of the public at all times while they are snow covered or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess the Town of Washington the sum of $63,002.00, and the Town of Appleton the sum of $55,955.00 for ambulance services for the fiscal year 2021-2022 or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Union Ambulance Department and Union Fire Department to expend monies raised by them for equipment and other operational expenses or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus Fire, Ambulance, Office, and Highway Department Equipment and appropriate the proceeds from the sale back to the respective departments’ Equipment Reserve Account or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.
ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of equipment and Town property with a value less than $8,000.00 per item after appraisal for fiscal year 2021-2022 or act thereon.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to take the following amounts from income and interest earned on the respective scholarship accounts to fund a scholarship(s) to be awarded in the year 2021-2022 or act thereon:

A. Robert H. & Eleanor S. Heald Fund $25,374.46
B. William L. Pullen Fund* $18,289.00
C. Raymond Thurston & Belle Thurston Kinniston Fund $1,000.00
TOTAL $44,663.46

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDS 5-0

*This is a non-binding vote as the William L. Pullen Fund is under the exclusive authority of the Board of Selectmen and Pullen Trustees according to the will.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Union by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

A motion and second were made to indefinitely postpone as article is not needed. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:20 a.m. 17 registered voters attended.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 4th DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2021

s/John Shepard, Chair
s/Adam C. Fuller, Vice-Chair
s/Joshua B. White
s/William J. Lombardi
s/Martha L. Johnston-Nash

UNION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
2021 Town of Union Annual Town Meeting Warrant Minutes

Dated:

A True Copy Attest: __________________________
Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk

RESIDENT’S RETURN

COUNTY OF KNOX
STATE OF MAINE, ss.

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Union, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting this Warrant at the following public and conspicuous places within the Town including the Town Office, 567 Common Road; Common Market, 40 Burkett Road; Four Corner Variety, 1718 Heald Highway; Union Farm Equipment, 1893 Heald Highway, and Mic Mac Market, 994 Heald Highway; on the 26th day of May, A.D. 2021, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: s/Gregory Grotton, Resident

Access to all Town Meeting & Election information from the comfort of your home.
MINUTES

TOWN OF UNION
WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022
WILLIAM L. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MEETING ROOM
6:30 PM

TO: James H. Murphy, Jr., Resident of the Town of Union, in the County of Knox.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Union in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the WILLIAM L. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING in said Town on TUESDAY, the TWENTY FIFTH DAY of JANUARY, A.D., 2022 at 6:30 PM, then and there to act upon Article 1 by secret ballot and Articles 2 and 3 as set out below:

ARTICLE 1. To elect by written secret ballot, a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Gregory Grotton was nominated and elected by secret ballot to the position of Moderator for the meeting. The Town Clerk duly swore him into office.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to rescind authority for the Lease granted to the Thompson Community Center Association by the voters of Union on March 29th, 1988 and signed by the Select Board on November 2nd, 1989.

A motion and second were made. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 3. To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to expend from unappropriated fund balances, for the benefit of the Thompson Community Center, and to raise said amount on the 2022-23 tax commitment.

Select Board recommend $30,000

A motion and second were made for $30,000. Motion carries.

A motion and second were made to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:03 p.m. 67 registered voters attended.
Tuesday, January 25, 2022 Town of Union Special Town Meeting Warrant Minutes

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2022

UNION SELECT BOARD
s/Adam C. Fuller, Chair
s/Joshua B. White
s/William J. Lombardi
s/Martha L. Johnston-Nash
s/James W. Justice

Dated:
A True Copy Attest: ____________________________________________
Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk

RESIDENT’S RETURN

COUNTY OF KNOX
STATE OF MAINE, ss.

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Union, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting this Warrant at the following public and conspicuous places within the Town including the Town Office, 567 Common Road; Common Market, 40 Burkett Road; Four Corner Variety, 1718 Heald Highway; and at Mic Mac Market, 994 Heald Highway; on the 6th day of January, A.D., 2022, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: s/James H. Murphy, Jr., Resident
TO: Gregory Grotton, Resident of the Town of Union, in the County of Knox.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Union in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the William L. Pullen Municipal Building in said Town on Tuesday, the Fourteenth day of June, A.D. 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the morning, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 through 5 as set out below;

and to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the William L. Pullen Municipal Building, in said Town on Tuesday, the Twenty-First day of June, A.D. 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 6 through 37 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

ARTICLE 2. To elect all necessary Municipal Officers/Officials and School Committee Members as are required to be elected.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will accept a donation from the William Pullen Trustees of a parcel of land located on Heald Highway, known as Clark Field, for any use determined to be in the best interests of the Town by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town of Union, starting with the June 2023 Annual Town Meeting, submit all warrant articles, to be considered at any Annual Town Meeting, to the voters of the Town in the format of secret ballot referendum questions and keep the polls open as required by law when said Article or Articles are voted upon. Special Town Meetings will be at the discretion of the Select Board or as may be required by Citizen Petition.

ARTICLE 5. To see what option of the five listed below the Town would like to pursue with the Thompson Community Center.

To authorize the Select Board to implement and negotiate the chosen option in the best interest of the Town, to raise and appropriate up to the maximum amount listed on the chosen option, and to conduct any other necessary business required to implement said option.
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VOTE FOR ONE ONLY:

Option 1:
To see if the Town will retain ownership of the Thompson Community Center and accept all responsibility for renovations and repairs, operations, and operating expenses.

Immediate needs: $285,500 to $465,500

Future needs $3,000,000 (not appropriated under this Article)

Possible offsetting income after renovations of $100,000-$165,000, from rental income and/or available grant funding.

This could be run by the Town with Town employees or contracted with a third party or some combination thereof, at the discretion of the Select Board.

Option 2:
To see if the Town will sell or lease the building to a third party for senior housing with retained community center.

Cost to the Town: $0-$10,000

Offsetting income: Payment in lieu of taxes

The Town would sell or lease to a third party with all financial responsibilities with the exception of the Town’s liability insurance to the Lessee if under a lease arrangement.

Option 3:
To see if the Town will sell the property to a rehab specialist/renovation group to create community and mixed-use space.

Cost to the Town: $0-$10,000

One-time revenue: $150,000 to $695,000

The Town could request conditions of the sale such as keeping the gym and thrift store, but will not retain any guarantees or any financial obligations.

Option 4:
To see if the Town will demolish the building and remove all debris.

Cost to the Town: $201,040 to $498,000

Option 5:
To see if the Town will list the property with a real estate agent and sell to the highest qualified bidder with the right to reject any and all bids.

Cost to the Town: $0-$10,000

One-time income: $150,000 to $695,000

This would remove the property from town ownership and would allow the purchaser to manage the property as allowed under the Town Land Use Ordinances.
Polls shall be opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

Absentee ballots will be processed starting at 9:00 a.m. every hour on the hour

ARTICLE 6. To choose all other necessary Municipal Officials or act thereon:

One Trustee of the Cemetery Trust Fund (three-year term)
Term of Keith Hilt

Four Members of the Budget Committee (three-year term)
Terms of Bruce Cobb, Lawrence Nash, Paul Gaudreau, and Terry Brackett

One Trustee of the William Pullen Fund (four-year term)
Term of Paul Gaudreau

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $7,000 for the purpose of surveying the town property on Coggins Hill or act thereon.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 5-3

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fiscal year 2022-2023 for debt service or act thereon:

TOTAL $320,439

These funds have already been committed during previous town meetings and this is the payment amount.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $730,073.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for General Government or act thereon.

This includes Insurances, Payroll, Office Personnel, and Building Maintenance.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 3-1
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and appropriate from fees, the sum of $805,335.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Protection or act thereon.

This includes ACO, Fire, Ambulance, and Planning Department.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0
ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $62,300 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Health and Sanitation or act thereon.

This includes Septic Waste and Tri-County Solid Waste.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $721,650.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Highway and Bridges and Paving or act thereon.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 3-1
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for General Assistance or act thereon.

These funds do not raise taxes but are funded under a dedicated trust fund.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,800.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Parks and Recreation or act thereon.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $51,500.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Social Security or act thereon.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $62,600.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Cemeteries or act thereon.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $887,605.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023 for Unclassified or act thereon.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0
ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following General Fund revenue and dedicated revenue sources to be used toward the 2022-2023 budget appropriations of the Town of Union, thereby decreasing the amount required to be raised by property taxes or act thereon:

State Revenue Sharing $ 310,000.00
Ambulance Billing and Assessments $ 649,892.00
General Assistance Reimbursement $ 2,500.00
Parks and Recreation Pullen Investment $ 2,300.00
Animal Control Fees $ 900.00
Local Road Assistance Program $ 50,400.00
Excise Tax $ 471,000.00
Scholarship Trust Funds $ 65,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care $ 3,000.00
Other Revenue and Fees $ 50,000.00
TOTAL $1,604,992.00

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to carry the unexpended balances in the following accounts for the ensuing fiscal year or act thereon:

Parks and Recreation $ 7,000.00
Cemeteries $ 19,000.00
Animal Control $ 1,500.00
Union Assistance Fund $ 2,200.00
Road Bond $109,696.97
Building Maintenance $ 8,700.00
TOTAL $148,096.97

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from fund balance the following overdrafted account or act thereon:

Insurances $20,128.00
This is estimated at the time of printing.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to reduce the amounts to raise by taxes if other revenues become available or act thereon.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town of Union will authorize the Select Board, with a four-fifths vote, to transfer up to 10% of unexpended balances between accounts as needed or act thereon.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to fix the salaries of the officials appointed by them under provision of MRSA Title 30-A, Section 2601, subsection 1 & 2, or act thereon.
ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell tax-acquired property, and to give quitclaim deeds thereof. Sales to other than the former record titleholder, his or her heirs, devises or assigns shall be by the best means available to obtain the maximum price, and to expend such funds as the majority of the Select Board shall decide, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 MRSA 943-C for qualifying homestead property if sold to anyone other than the former owner(s).

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed and no interest to accrue or act thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 505 (4), will vote that property taxes shall be delinquent if not paid by November 15, 2022 and May 15, 2023, and that interest at the rate of 4% per annum shall be charged on all delinquent property taxes, or act thereon. If the due date(s) fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, then the due date(s) will fall on the next business day, and interest will start the day after.

NOTE: The Select Board recommends due dates of November 15, 2022 and May 15, 2023, and interest due dates of November 16, 2022 and May 16, 2023 and interest at the rate of 4% per annum. Taxpayers’ names will appear in the Town Report if taxes are not paid by the close of business on May 15, 2023.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 4% 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 7-1

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 506-A, will vote to set a rate of interest to be paid on the overpayment of abated taxes from the date of overpayment or act thereon (maximum 6% and minimum 2% per annum).

EXPLANATION: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town of Union must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them.

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS 2% 4-0
BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 8-0

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims, for damage occurring to Town property in the fiscal year 2022-2023, to be allocated to the municipal department whose goods or equipment were damaged, and appropriate any such insurance payment to repair or replace the damaged goods or equipment or act thereon.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant Application and/or a Quality Community Grant Application, and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development or the Maine Department of Transportation, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Select Board to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purpose of the grant, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise
such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to submit applications for grants, and if a grant is approved to authorize the Select Board to accept said grant funds and to expend grant funds for the purposes of the grant, and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as is necessary and reasonable to implement such a program or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to disburse money received from the State Snowmobile Refund from the registration of snowmobiles to the Appleton Trail Makers, Inc. (Appleton) and the Hatchet Mountain Snowriders Snowmobile Club (Hope) – ½ to each club – for the purposes of maintaining their snowmobile trails in Union, to be open for the use of the public at all times while they are snow covered or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to assess the Town of Washington the sum of $117,168.84, and the Town of Appleton the sum of $104,772.56 for ambulance services for the fiscal year 2022-2023 or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Union Ambulance Department and Union Fire Department to expend monies raised by them for equipment and other operational expenses or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell surplus Fire, Ambulance, Office, and Highway Department Equipment and appropriate the proceeds from the sale back to the respective departments’ Equipment Reserve Account or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell or otherwise dispose of equipment and Town property with a value less than $8,000.00 per item after appraisal for fiscal year 2022-2023 or act thereon.

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to take the following amounts from income and interest earned on the respective scholarship accounts to fund a scholarship(s) to be awarded in the year 2022-2023 or act thereon:

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<td>C. Raymond Thurston &amp; Belle Thurston</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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**SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDS** 4-0
2022 Town of Union Annual Town Meeting Warrant

*This is a non-binding vote as the William L. Pullen Fund is under the exclusive authority of the Select Board and Pullen Trustees according to the will.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Union by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2022

s/Adam C. Fuller, Chair
s/Joshua B. White, Vice-Chair
s/Martha L. Johnston-Nash
s/James W. Justice

UNION SELECT BOARD

A True Copy Attest: ____________________________________
Stacey M. Y. Parra, Town Clerk

RESIDENT’S RETURN

COUNTY OF KNOX
STATE OF MAINE, ss.

By virtue of the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Union, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting this Warrant at the following public and conspicuous places within the Town including the Town Office, 567 Common Road; Common Market, 40 Burkett Road; Four Corner Variety, 1718 Heald Highway; and Mic Mac Market, 994 Heald Highway; on the _____ day of June, A.D. 2022, the same being at least seven days prior to the within named meeting.

Attest: ________________________________
Gregory Grotton, Resident
## UNION PROFILE

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Online Assessing Data!

[https://www.axisgis.com/UnionME/]
**CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET**

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<td>Animal Control Officer Heidi Blood</td>
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<td>Assessors’ Rep. Jim Murphy</td>
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<td>Cemeteries Director Myrna Soule</td>
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**Emergency/Non-Emergency**

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