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of the
Town of Baldwin
Maine

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Dedication

The Town of Baldwin dedicates this year's Town Report to Connie and Dwight Warren, Baldwin's 2024 Spirit of America nominees.

A Resolution by the Select Board of the Town of Baldwin as follows:

The 2024 Baldwin Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors Connie and Dwight Warren for outstanding community service to the Town of Baldwin. Dwight has lived his whole life in Baldwin and attended Baldwin schools. After graduating high school, he married Connie, and they built their home on a portion of the family farm. Individually and as a couple, they have been pillars of the community.



Whereas, Connie, since moving to Baldwin in 1967, has been an active contributor and leader for the community. Her participation and leadership impacted a wide area of community activities. To name a few of her contributions to youth development, she served as PTC President, was a Girl Scout

leader and Council member for 15 years and has been an active member of the North Baldwin Grange. She also served as board member and Secretary for the Brown Memorial Library for over 30 years helping to provide educational materials and activities to local youth. She has also been active in efforts to research, preserve, and honor the history of Baldwin and its people as a long-time Board Member of the Baldwin Historical Society and more recently as its secretary. She works with the local food pantry and is a co-founder of the monthly Baldwin Senior Lunch. She has also served as a Ballot Clerk for many years.

Whereas, Dwight, a life-long resident of Baldwin, has made important and lasting contributions to Baldwin's well-being. Early on, he served on the East Baldwin Volunteer Fire Department and served as radiological monitor for Civil Defense exercises. He worked with local youth groups and coached little league baseball. He served as a member of the 2002 Bicentennial Committee that commemorated and celebrated the Town's long history. He was a member of the Historical Society team that renovated and expanded the Baldwin Soldier's Memorial. Like Connie, he has served on the Brown Memorial Library Board for over 30 years and helped with the local food pantry. And with Connie, he co-founded the Baldwin Senior Lunch. He served on the Executive Committee of the North Baldwin Grange and has recently completed six years on the Baldwin Select Board including during the COVID 19 pandemic, providing outstanding and critical leadership shepherding the Town's response to maintain local services.

Connie and Dwight are both known for their calm, quiet, and considerate demeanor based on rock-solid principles. Their high regard for others is reflected in the level of service they have performed for the community over the years. They and people like them are what makes Baldwin an excellent place to live.

Therefore, be it Resolved by the Select Board of the Town of Baldwin, in sincere gratitude and appreciation, that Connie and Dwight Warren be hereby recognized for their exemplary citizenship and outstanding contributions to this community, with the 2024 Baldwin Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.

Select Board Members: James Dollof, Dale Miner, Robert Flint 2 April 2024

Baldwin 2022 - 2023 TOWN REPORT

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Tuesday	8:00AM – 7:00PM
Wednesday - Friday	8:00AM – 4:00PM
Last Saturday of each month	8:00AM – 12:00PM

Assessing Office Hours

By Appointment

Code Enforcement Office Hours

Every Friday 8:00AM – 12:00PM

General Assistance Office Hours

By Appointment

Select Board, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor:

James Dolloff- 2024
Robert Flint - 2025
Dale Miner- 2026

Town Clerk/ Treasurer/ Tax Collector/ Registrar of Voters:

Deborah Wakefield- 2025

Deputy Town Clerk:

Sara Chase

Town Administrative Assistant:

Robyn Anderson

Road Commissioner

Chris Harrington- 2024

Code Enforcement Officer/ Plumbing/Building Inspector: Donald Kent

Animal Control Officer

Richard Guilbault

Town Fire Chief

Steven Sanders
Bruce Crawford (resigned 03/2023)

Emergency Management Director

Steven Sanders
Tom Caron- 05/02/2023-10/2023
Bruce Crawford (resigned 03/2023)
Owen Sprague (resigned 09/2022)

Health Officer

Dr. Joseph deKay

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Carl Landry

Planning Board

Planning board members meet at the Town Office on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm unless noted otherwise. All members are appointed.

- Josiah Pierce (Chairman)-2027
- David Strock (Vice Chairman)-2026
- Donald Sharp- (Secretary) 2026
- Matthew Fricker-2028
- Theresa Grisez-2026
- Michael Ustin- (Alternate) 2027
- Victoria Abramowska- (Alternate) 2027

Appeals Board

- Gary McNeil (Chairman) – 2027
- Laurie Downey (Secretary) – 2027
- Jon Bishop- 2027
- Keith Stachouse-2027
- Olin Thomas-2027
- Daniel Pierce (Alt) – 2027

Directors of M.S.A.D. #55

- Betty Lawrence-2024
- J. Wesley Sunderland – 2025
- Olin Thomas – 2026

Saco River Corridor Commission

- Cheri Brunault-2025
- Laurie Downey - 2025

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Spring 2024

Dear Maine Resident:

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

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

At the same time, we have our challenges. In late October, a gunman took the lives of 18 innocent citizens and injured many more in an act of senseless and unconscionable violence. Then, in December and January, heavy rains and powerful winds brought massive flooding that destroyed homes and businesses, roads, and bridges, and changed the very landscape of our coast.

I have proposed legislation to address both issues — first, to rebuild from these storms and prepare for those to come; and, second, to expand mental health services and keep weapons out of the hands of dangerous people to better protect public safety.

We have made good progress over the past five years to ensure that every person can find a good-paying job in Maine; have affordable health insurance; have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school; breathe clean air and drink clean water and enjoy the rolling hills, lush forests, mighty rivers, and bold coast of Maine.

There are still plenty of challenges, particularly when it comes to the affordability of housing, child care, energy, and other things, but thanks to the resilience and the resolve of Maine people, I am more confident than ever before in the future of our state.

It is my honor to serve as your governor.

Sincerely,



Janet T. Mills
Governor



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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right – *Dirigo* – because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

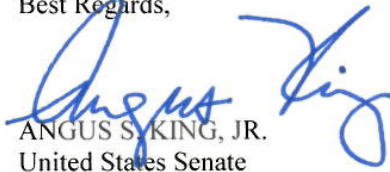
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans' suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Regards,



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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good health. It is my honor to serve the people of Maine's First District, and I'm pleased to share some ways that I can support you and your community this year.

I know that navigating many federal agencies and programs can be frustrating. One of my most important roles as a Member of Congress is to assist you if you're having trouble. My office can help to resolve challenges with a wide range of programs, including Social Security, veterans' benefits, passport renewals, and more. If you need help, please reach out to my Portland office at (207) 774-5019 or visit my website at pingree.house.gov/contact.

As you know, communities around Maine have experienced major damage as a result of winter storms and widespread flooding in recent months. These storms have underscored the importance of disaster preparation, particularly as we face the growing impact of climate change. I am working closely with Governor Mills and her administration to ensure that federal assistance is available for both short-term recovery needs and long-term resiliency planning. My staff and I are continually updating my website with new resources and stand ready to answer any questions you may have.

My office can also provide more information about the annual Community Project Funding (CPF) process. Each year, Congress enacts appropriations bills that provide the federal government with the funding it needs to operate. CPFs are a critical tool to directly support local governments and nonprofit organizations through federal appropriations. If you know of a project that might be a good fit, I encourage you to keep in touch as more details about the Fiscal Year 2025 funding process become available, as eligibility requirements and limitations can differ from year to year.

It is always a privilege to hear from you, so don't hesitate to reach out to my office any time that I can be helpful. Please rest assured that I do not take the responsibility of representing you lightly, and as we move into this new year, I will continue fighting for Mainers on the issues that impact us most. Thank you, and I hope to see you in Maine soon.

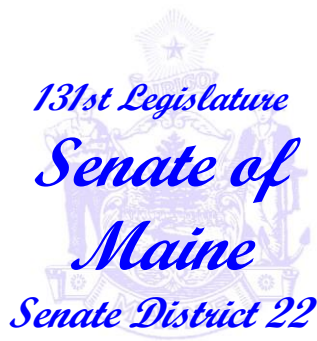
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate and for putting your trust in me to be your voice in Augusta. As the only Maine Senator with a 100% voting record, you can rest assured that I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf. And as a lifelong resident of Maine, I am quite familiar with the many struggles our small towns face each year.

The First Regular and First Special sessions of the 131st Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during their first year.

One area of unique success was the Highway Fund. In the past, our Highway Fund has been supported through taxes on gasoline. Yet those funds have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles. The highway budget will now be funded by dedicating 40% of the sales and use tax collected by the State from vehicle purchases beginning this year. This sustainable, long-term funding model should generate about \$200 million per biennium.

A major impact that has been felt across Maine's towns, families, seniors and small businesses in general has been high costs and inflation. Addressing policies that have contributed to some of these high costs has been a priority of mine this year and I will continue those efforts in the next session. As your State Senator, I will continue to find ways to ensure your tax dollars are being spent wisely.

In addition to addressing costs, the 131st Legislature was tasked with passing a balanced budget by June 30, 2023. This required careful review of current state spending and a prioritization of allocations that meet the most vital needs of our towns. We were able to continue funding our schools at 55% as well as increase revenue sharing to all cities and towns.

Thank you for electing me to serve you in the Maine Senate. The 131st Legislature still has a great deal of work to do; but I know if we come together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. Please contact me at 287-1505 or james.libby@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim".

James D. Libby
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April 2024

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

I hope you were able to enjoy the solar eclipse earlier this month! It will be more than 20 years before the next one, and then only for areas around the Dakotas.

Under the State House dome, lawmakers are preparing to conclude their Second Regular Session, with the statutory adjournment date of April 17 fast approaching. There are still a number of controversial bills, covering a wide range of topics, to be deliberated, including “**An Act Regarding Health Care in the State**,” “**An Act to Provide Funding to Rebuild Infrastructure Affected by Extreme Inland and Coastal Weather Events**,” “**An Act to Establish a State Minimum Hourly Wage for Agricultural Workers**,” and “**An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public**.” As with all too many proposals submitted by policymakers, some of these titles are a bit deceptive, thus I would encourage you to visit the Legislature’s Web site, <https://legislature.maine.gov/>, to learn more.

State finances, of course, is a major topic of discussion, as well. A \$342 million surplus has prompted debate on whether to spend more on additional programs, or return this excess to its source – you the taxpayers. Rest assured, with goods and services still costing extensively more, I am committed to providing meaningful tax relief to help fellow Mainers make ends meet.

In closing, I again wish to thank you for allowing me to be your voice at the State House. Be sure to follow legislative proceedings as they unfold. By staying informed, you will be empowered with the ability to make good decisions and respond effectively.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Walker
State Representative

SELECT BOARD REPORT

Greetings:

A Town Report has two purposes. It reports on the past financial year and provides a proposed budget (a warrant) to be voted at Town Meeting for the coming or current financial year. Because this Town Meeting is being held a month before FY24 closes, we prepared the budget for FY25 based on nine months of expenditures. In addition, the auditor's report in this report is for the twelve-month period of 31 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 (FY23). We find ourselves in this position because we've tried to maintain a traditional spring Town Meeting after switching to the fiscal year financial schedule in 2022. Prior to then, we held our annual Town Meeting in early March which was two months after the completion of the past financial year. This gave time for the auditor to complete an audit of the previous year and provided needed data for preparing the current year's budget. This suggests the way to improve the data available for preparing future annual budgets is to move the Town Meeting to early September.

The Tax Stabilization program that allowed seniors to freeze their real estate taxes at the 2022 assessment level was cancelled after the first year due to larger than expected costs at the state level. It was good while it lasted. However, your FY25 real estate taxes will be based on the 1 April 2024 assessment so you will likely see a significant increase if you participated in the program. We have had relatively few tax foreclosures in the last year which is encouraging. We ask that you notify the Tax Collector of any mailing address changes and pay attention to any mail that you receive from the Town concerning taxes. If you have questions contact the Tax Collector. If you're having trouble paying your taxes, contact the Select Board before foreclosure happens. There are some programs available that might assist you. You can also check out the information available on our Town website and from our assessing agent. The Select Board encourages all home owners to review their property tax records periodically. You can do that by computer in the comfort of your home by going to the Town website, selecting Assessing in the left-hand menu which will bring you to Cumberland County Assessing, then selecting Online Data – Property Records in the left-hand menu. There you can look up what the town has for the value of land and improvements, square footages, quality of construction, and many other things that might impact your assessment.

There are significant changes coming this year to Baldwin's Land Use Ordinance as a result of LD2003. The Planning Board should have more information on that in their report. We expect a number of public hearings and perhaps special town meetings. Please stay involved.

Inflation and advanced planning are impacting the proposed Town Budget for this year. The Fire Chief and the Road Commissioner have for the first time, made long term capital investment plans for the replacement of aging trucks and equipment. That means putting away funds every year that may not be needed for 10 years or more, but that will allow the town to buy the equipment outright when needed, instead of paying additional leasing fees as we have done in the past. The Select Board has also requested funds to repair the south side roof of the Community Center and for installation of a back-up generator that had been approved for last year but didn't get completed.

Thank you for your support over the past year. Please stay informed by reading the Baldwin website, the bulletin board outside the Community Center, our Facebook page, and the Shopping Guide for upcoming town events. Select Board and Planning Board meetings and events are always open to the public. Hope to see you at Town Meeting on 1 June 2024.

Sincerely
Baldwin Select Board,

James Dolloff
Dale Miner
Robert Flint

Assessors Report

2022/2023 Assessment and Valuation

ASSESSMENTS

School/Education Appropriation	\$1,730,810.34	
Municipal Appropriation	1,350,114.27	
County Tax	121,338.00	
Overlay	<u>52,068.55</u>	
TOTAL ASSESSMENT		\$ 3,254,331.16

DEDUCTIONS

Estimated State Revenue Sharing	\$ 200,000.00	
Homestead Reimbursement	105,039.28	
BETE Reimbursement	18,923.73	
Municipal Revenues	<u>710,636.00</u>	
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		\$ 1,034,599.01

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED **\$ 2,219,732.15**

VALUATIONS OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Land	\$54,089,295.00	
Buildings	121,741,900.00	
Personal Property	<u>2,891,200.00</u>	
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION		\$178,722,395.00

MIL RATE FOR 2022/2023 x 12.42

TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT
As of JULY 26, 2022 **\$ 2,219,732.15**

SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES	\$ 7,028.64
REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS	<u>- 7,196.15</u>

TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT **\$ 2,219,564.64**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Baldwin, we herewith present our annual report for fiscal year ending June 30th 2023.

Dwight Warren
James Dolloff
Robert Flint

WARRANT

To Connie Warren, a resident of the Town of Baldwin, in the County of Cumberland:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Baldwin qualified by law to vote in said town affairs, to assemble at the **Baldwin Community Center, Baldwin in said town on the 1st day of Jun 2024** at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1: To choose or elect a moderator to preside at the said meeting.

Article 2: To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (3-year term)
- One School Board Director (3-year term)
- One Road Commissioner (3-year term)

Polls will close at 12:30 pm. Annual meeting will reconvene at 1:00 pm or shortly thereafter to act on the remaining articles.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept, or act upon the report of its Select Board, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Clerk and Treasurer, and other Town Officers of the last year.

OFFICE AND TAXES WARRANT ARTICLES:

Article 4: **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (CONTINGENT)**
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for administrative expenses consisting of legal fees, interest, supplies, office equipment, insurances, workman's compensation, audits, assessing, and operational items not specifically covered by other appropriations.

FY24 Appropriation	\$115,000.00
FY24 Expenditure:	\$109,283.62

The Select Board recommends **\$128,000.00**

Article 5: **BUILDING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for building maintenance consisting of building insurance, phone, internet, electricity, alarm system, janitorial wages, and minor operational items and repairs pertaining to the Baldwin Community Center.

FY24 Appropriation	\$55,000.00
FY24 Expenditure:	\$49,257.74

The Select Board recommends **\$57,750.00**

Article 6: **ELECTED OFFICERS SALARY & WAGES**
To see what hourly rate the Town will vote to pay the Town Officers for the ensuing year. The FY24 approved rates are as follows:

- Select Board annual stipend
 - Chairman: \$12,000.00
 - Other Select Board members: \$10,000.00 each
- Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector **\$28.00** per hour (combined)
- Road Commissioner **\$28.00** per hour

Article 7: **TOWN CLERK/TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE COMPENSATION**
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Office

Compensation for the Town Clerk's office for the ensuing year. This article includes Town Clerk Wages, Assistant Clerk Wages, Ballot Clerks and the related Town share of FICA and Medicare.

FY24 Appropriation	\$103,000.00
FY24 Expenditure:	\$82,431.93

The Select Board recommends **\$108,150.00**

Article 8: SELECT BOARD OFFICE COMPENSATION

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Office Compensation including the Select Board, Town Admin. Assistant, Animal Control Officer and Code Enforcement Officer, and the related Town share of FICA and Medicare.

FY24 Appropriation	\$102,000.00
FY24 Expenditure:	\$91,217.54

The Select Board recommends **\$120,000.00**

Article 9: EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 80% of the cost of health insurance for full time Town employees.

FY24 Appropriation	\$46,857.00
FY24 Expenditure:	\$37,094.98

(\$1044.29/month per employee in 2024)

(Est. \$1096.50/month per employee in 2025)

The Select Board recommends **\$58,500.00** (five employees).

Article 10: REVENUES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an estimated \$1,112,193.00 from the following non-property tax revenues to reduce the tax commitment.

Est. FY24 State Revenue Sharing: \$168,000.00
 Est. FY24 Homestead/BETE Reim. \$130,974.00

Est. FY24 Municipal Revenues:

- Building Permits \$20,000.00
- Plumbing Permits \$3,500.00
- Excise Tax \$340,000.00
- Agent Fees \$7,000.00
- Tree Growth \$25,000.00
- Solar Reimbursement \$41,919.00
- BAK Surplus \$5,000.00
- Tax Stabilization Reim. \$24,000.00

Total Municipal Revenues \$466,419.00

Undesignated Fund Balance \$346,800.00

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to instruct or authorize the Select Board to hire sums of money as necessary to pay the current expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year, these loans made in anticipation of FY25 taxes.

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Article 12: TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to require the municipal officers to provide the former owner(s) of tax-acquired property, or if deceased his/her/their heirs, personal representative or devisees six (6) months to repurchase the property on terms the board deems in the best interests of the Town; if the former owner does not repurchase the property the municipal officers may sell the property through the sale process in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, provided that if the former owner does not timely request that process or the board is unable to list or sell the property as required

by § 943-C(3), the board may sell the property in any manner it deems in the best interests of the Town. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Article 13: INTEREST CHARGED ON OVERDUE TAXES
 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge and collect interest at a rate of **7%** per annum on all unpaid taxes or part there-of and establish property tax due dates of 2 October 2024 and 1 April 2025 for two equal payments. Interest will begin accruing the day after these due dates.

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Article 14: INTEREST PAID ON OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES
 To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest paid on overpayment of taxes at **3%** per annum, (up to 4% below the per annum rate charged on unpaid taxes.) in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 506A.

The Select Board recommends passage of this article

Article 15: DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of town-owned personal property under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable. (Bid process to be used when deemed advisable.)

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Article 16: TAX PRE-PAYMENTS
 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payments of taxes not yet committed and pay no (0%) interest in accordance with 36 MRSA Section 506.

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Article 17: BACK TAXES
 To see if the Town will vote to direct the Tax Collector/Treasurer to apply any tax payment received for any real property tax to outstanding or delinquent taxes owed and in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill in accordance with 36 MSRA Section 906.

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Article 18: TAX ABATEMENTS
 To see if the Town will vote to pay for tax abatements and applicable interest granted during FY25 from Overlay. Any balance not spent on tax abatements to be credited to the Tax Stabilization Reserve Account. The Select Board, as Assessors, are authorized to raise Overlay under 36 MRSA Section 710. Overlay cannot be more than 5% of the Tax Commitment.

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Article 19: OVERDRAFTS
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$114,265.46 to cover overdrafts in the FY23 budget. The estimated overdrafts are as follows:

Art 5	Bldg. Operation and Expenses	\$24,035.35
Art 7	Town Office Compensation	\$3,418.62
Art 8	Select Board Compensation	\$8,845.74
Art 9	Employee Health Insurance	\$469.36
Art 21	Tri-Town Waste Operations	\$10,857.52
Art 24	Sand Pond Beach	\$2,225.87
Art 35	Firefighter Training	\$4,682.21
Art 37	New Radio Purchase and Repair	\$70.88
Art 43	Summer Roads	\$38,232.87

Art 44	Winter Roads	\$3,373.12
Art 45	Road Materials	\$16,191.00
Art 51	Town Garage	\$1,863.92

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Article 20: REVALUATION RESERVE ACCOUNT

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate towards the Revaluation Reserve Account.

FY24 Appropriation	\$10,000.00
Current Balance	\$36,210.19

The Select Board recommends **\$10,000.00**

HEALTH & SANITATION ARTICLES:

Article 21: TRI-TOWN WASTE OPERATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$148,400.00** towards Tri-town waste operations. Reports on pages 53-54.

FY24 Appropriation	\$147,000.00
FY24 Expenditure est	\$113,830.77

Estimate based on (($\$139,937 \times 0.5 + (\$139,937 \times 0.5 \times 1.12)$)).

The Select Board recommends passage of article.

Article 22: TRI-TOWN RESERVE ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** for the Tri-town Waste Reserve account and authorize the Select Board to withdraw funds from the reserve as needed for capital expenses at the Tri-Town Waste Disposal Facility.

FY24 Appropriation	\$15,000.00
Current Balance	\$21,508.00

The Select Board recommends passage of article.

RECREATION & CEMETERY ARTICLES:

Article 23: CEMETERIES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the mowing, restoration, and care of existing cemeteries in Town.

FY24 Appropriation	\$10,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$3,856.10

The Select Board recommends passage of this article.

Article 24: SAND POND BEACH

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9000.00** for the cost of patrolling, maintenance, and porta-potty rental for Sand Pond Beach during summer months. Any balance left over after June 30, 2023 will roll over into the Sand Pond Reserve account to be used for capital improvements. Sand Pond Beach report can be found on page 55.

FY24 Appropriation	\$9,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$6,298.34

The Select Board and Sand Pond Beach Committee recommend passage of article.

Article 25: FEE FOR SAND POND BEACH

To see if the Town will vote to charge \$10/year per vehicle for access to Sand Pond Beach.

Sand Pond Beach Committee recommends passage of article.

- Article 26: FEE DEDICATION FOR SAND POND BEACH
To see if the Town will vote to dedicate all the Sand Pond sticker fees to the Sand Pond Reserve account for capital improvements.

Sand Pond Beach Reserve Account

FY24 Collection from Tickets:	\$430.00
FY24 Balance	\$5,212.00

- Article 27: SACOPEE VALLEY RECREATION COUNCIL
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to support the Sacopee Valley Recreation Council. The Sacopee Valley Recreation Council is requesting **\$4000.00**. Report on page 56.

FY24 Appropriation	\$4,000.00
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The Select Board recommends passage of article.

- Article 28: BALDWIN BELT BURNERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB
To see if the Town will vote to dedicate all the snowmobile registration fees to the Baldwin Belt Burners Snowmobile Club.

The request is 100% of the fees be transferred to the Snowmobile Club.

PROTECTION ARTICLES:

- Article 29: STANDISH RESCUE UNIT
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Standish Rescue Unit for services. Standish Public Safety requests an amount of \$78,000.00 annual cost for a full-time staffed ambulance at Steep Falls station. See Standish Rescue Report on page 57.

FY24 Appropriation	\$59,261.00
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The Select Board and Fire Chief recommend **\$78,000.00**

- Article 30: FIRE DEPARTMENT
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department for expenses. Any unexpended balance to be transferred to the Fire Department's Operating Reserve account. Fire Department report can be found on page 58.

FY24 Appropriation	\$75,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$48,510.54

The Select Board and Fire Department recommend **\$120,000.00**

- Article 31: FIRE TRUCK PAYMENT
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Equipment Reserve Account for the future purchase of fire trucks.

FY24 Appropriation	\$85,000.00
FY23 Appropriation	\$85,000.00

The Select Board and Fire Department recommend **\$100,000.00**

- Article 32: FIRE TRUCK MAINTENANCE
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** for maintenance and repairs for the fire department vehicles. The unspent balance to be deposited in a Fire Truck Maintenance Reserve Account.

FY24 Appropriation	\$14,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$7,471.46

The Select Board and Fire Department recommend passage of this article.

Article 33: FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Chief compensation (including Town Fire Chief, and a Town Assistant Chief) for the ensuing year.

FY24 Appropriation	\$13,446.25
FY24 Expenditure	\$8,256.80
<i>FY25 Recommendation</i>	
<i>Fire Chief</i>	<i>\$15,000.00</i>
<i>Assistant Fire Chief</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>FICA/ Medicare:</i>	<i>\$1545.00</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$21,546.00</i>

The Select Board and Fire Chief recommend to raise and appropriate **\$21,546.00**

Article 34: FIRE STATION CAPTAINS

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for three Fire Station Captains.

FY24 Appropriation	\$1,615.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$2,136.85
Balance	\$-521.85

<i>FY25 Recommendation</i>	
<i>Fire Station Captains =</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>
<i>FICA/ Medicare =</i>	<i>\$231.90</i>
<i>Total =</i>	<i>\$3,231.90</i>

The Fire Chief recommends to raise and appropriate **\$3,231.90**

Article 35: FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town firefighters for their training hours and calls. The training is required by the Department of Labor.

FY24 Appropriation	\$30,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$8,424.67

The Select Board and Fire Chief recommend **\$55,000.00**

Article 36: CUMBERLAND COUNTY DISPATCH

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,950.00** for our contract for FY24 with Cumberland County Dispatch for dispatching emergency fire and rescue calls. This is the amount requested by Cumberland County.

FY24 Appropriation	\$12,570.00
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The Select Board and the Fire Chief recommend passage of this article.

Article 37: NEW RADIO PURCHASE AND REPAIR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the maintenance, repair and purchase of new radios as needed.

FY24 Appropriation	\$8,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$1,565.45

Select Board and Fire Chief recommends passage of this article.

Article 38: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Radio Repeater Reserve Account.

FY24 Appropriation	\$1500.00
Current Balance	\$10,385.00

The Select Board and Fire Chief recommend **\$30,000.00**, the first of four to replace the repeater.

Article 39: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management.

FY24 Appropriation	\$1500.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$0.00

The Select Board recommends **\$1,500.00**.

Article 40: FUEL
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a fuel account used only for the Municipal Road Crew and Fire Trucks.

FY24 Appropriation	\$16,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$17,033.71

*C.N. Brown contract Diesel contract: FY24 = \$3.019/gallon
FY25 Estimate of 6000 gallons at approx. \$3.10/gallon*

The Select Board recommends **\$18,600.00**.

Article 41: STREET LIGHTS
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for streetlights for the ensuing year.

FY24 Appropriation	\$8,000.00
FY23 Expenditure	\$6,449.76

Averaging \$588.00/month

The Select Board recommends **\$7,500.00**

Article 42: LIFE FLIGHT
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Life Flight services for the ensuing year. Life Flight has requested \$2000.00 this coming fiscal year. Report on pages 59-60.

FY24 Appropriation	\$800.00
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The Select Board recommends **\$800.00**.

ROAD ARTICLES:

Article 43: SUMMER ROADS
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of roads and bridges. Any balance left over after June 30, 2024 will roll over into the Emergency Road Repair Reserve Account.

FY24 Appropriation	\$125,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$82,985.55

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommend **\$150,000.00**

Article 44: WINTER ROADS
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for snow removal for FY25. Any balance left over after June 30, 2024, will roll over into the Emergency Road Repair Reserve Account.

FY24 Appropriation	\$200,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$216,814.76

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommend **\$275,000.00**

Article 45: ROAD MATERIALS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$30,000.00** for gravel.

FY24 Appropriation	\$20,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$32,489.00

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommend passage of this article.

Article 46: PLOW TRUCK LEASE PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the town to use **\$27,119.99** from the Capital Investment Plan's Town Vehicle Reserve Account to pay the last lease payment for the IH 2020 plow truck.

FY24 Appropriation	\$27,119.99
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The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommend passage of this article.

Note: The Town will need to pay approx. \$70,000.00 to buy-out and take ownership of the truck in FY26

Article 47: SECOND PLOW TRUCK LEASE PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to spend **\$42,446.92** from the Town Vehicle Reserve account for the second of 5 lease payments for the plow truck ordered in 2023 and delivered in February 2024. Anticipated final buyout payment of \$65,000.00 in FY29.

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommend passage of this article.

Article 48: LOCAL ROADS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LRAP)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies received from Maine Dept. of Transportation Local Road Assistance (LRAP) for capital improvements of Town ways. The amount received in FY24 was est. \$44,564.00.

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.

Article 49: MAINTENANCE OR IMPROVEMENTS OF TOWN WAYS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$125,000.00** to add to the monies received from the Maine Dept. of Transportation Local Road Assistance for the maintenance or improvements of Town ways.

FY24 Appropriation	\$100,000.00
FY23 and 24 Expenditure	\$723.80

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.

Article 50: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for deposit to the Vehicle/Equipment Reserve Account to support the Vehicle/Equipment CIP.

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommend **\$160,000.00**.

Article 51: TOWN GARAGE

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Garage Maintenance.

FY24 Appropriation	\$20,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$8,785.62

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommend **\$20,000.00**

Article 52: ROAD CLOSURES

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant 23 M.R.S.A. Section 2953.

Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.

Article 53: RIVER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$30,000.00** for River Road repair and improvements. This amount will be added to the River Road Reserve account. The Select Board anticipates replacement of the River Road Pigeon Brook crossing.

FY24 Appropriation	\$30,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$5,691.91

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommends passage of this article.

Article 54: ROAD EMERGENCY REPAIR ACCOUNT
To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Road Emergency Repair account.

FY24 Appropriation	\$65,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$0.00

The Select Board and the Road Commissioner Recommend **\$15,000.00**

Road Commissioner Report on page 61.

EDUCATION & PRESERVATION ARTICLES:

Article 55: BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Brown Memorial Library. Brown Memorial Library is requesting **\$17,000.00**. Report on page 62.

FY24 Appropriation	\$17,000.00
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Article 56: BALDWIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support the Baldwin Historical Society. Historical Society is requesting **\$10,000.00**. Report on page 63.

FY24 Appropriation	\$10,000.00
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Article 57: SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Saco River Corridor Commission for its continued water quality monitoring program. Saco River Corridor Commission is requesting **\$500.00**. Report on pages 64-74.

FY24 Appropriation	\$400.00
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Article 58: SACO RIVER FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Saco River Festival Association. The Saco River Festival Association is requesting **\$500.00**. Report on page 75.

FY24 Appropriation	\$300.00
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Article 59: SMOOTH FEATHER YOUTH
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Smooth Feather Youth. Smooth Feather Youth is requesting **\$600.00**. Report on page 76.

FY24 Appropriation	\$600.00
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Article 60: SACOPEE TV (TV2)
To see if the Town will vote to dedicate the franchise fees and any other grants received from Spectrum, Inc (formerly Time Warner, Inc.) to Sacopee Valley Media Tech (Sacopee TV- formerly TV-2) for the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and for operating costs. Report on pages 77-78. The request is 100 % of the fees be transferred to Sacopee TV (TV2).

SOCIAL SERVICES ARTICLES:

Article 61: SOUTHERN MAINE AGENCY ON AGING

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Southern Maine Agency on Aging. Southern Maine Agency on Aging is requesting **\$3,750.00**. Report on pages 79-81.

FY24 Appropriation	\$3,750.00
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Article 62: HOME HEALTH VISITING NURSE / MAINE HEALTHCARE AT HOME
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Home Health Visiting Nurse. Home Health Visiting Nurse is requesting **\$1400.00**. Report on pages 82-84.

FY24 Appropriation	\$900.00
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Article 63: OPPORTUNITY ALLIANCE
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Opportunity Alliance. Opportunity Alliance is requesting **\$3,500.00**. Report on pages 85-87.

FY24 Appropriation	\$3,500.00
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Article 64: GENERAL ASSISTANCE
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

FY24 Appropriation	\$20,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$7,622.52

The Select Board recommends **\$15,000.00**.

Article 65: NORTHERN LIGHT HOME CARE & HOSPICE
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Northern Light Home Care & Hospice. Northern Light is requesting **\$500.00**. Report on pages 88-92.

FY24 Appropriation	\$500.00
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Article 66: THROUGH THESE DOORS
To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Through These Doors, an organization providing support to victims and survivors of domestic violence. Through These Doors is requesting **\$1,000.00**. See page 93.

FY24 Appropriation			\$1,000.00
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Article 67: SWEETSER
To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Sweetser, an organization providing mental health support to children, families, and adults. Sweetser is requesting **\$1,000.00**. See page 94.

FY24 Appropriation	0.00
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ORGANIZATION ARTICLES:

Article 68: HARVEST HILLS ANIMAL SHELTER
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter for their services of handling of Baldwin stray animals. The Harvest Hills is requesting **\$1520.00**. See page 95.

FY24 Transition Appropriation	\$1520.00
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Article 69: SOUTHERN MAINE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (SMPDC)
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission for 2024 dues. Southern Maine Planning & Development is requesting **\$641.00**. Report on pages 96-97.

24 Appropriation	\$623.00
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Article 70: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Maine Public Radio, Television, and Online programing. MPR Requests **\$100.00**. See page 98.

FY24 Appropriation	\$100.00
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Article 71: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Grateful Undead for their efforts to make Baldwin an age friendly community. The Grateful Undead requests **\$500.00**. See page 99.

FY24 Appropriation	\$500.00
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PLANNING AND LAND-USE ARTICLES:

Article 72: PLANNING BOARD
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate towards Planning Board expenses. Report on page 51.

FY24 Appropriation	\$2,000.00
FY24 Expenditure	\$402.50

Select Board and the Planning Board recommends **\$2,000.00**

Article 73: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to add to the Comprehensive Plan Reserve Account. In FY25 the Planning Board will complete a two-year effort with the Southern Maine Regional Planning and Development Commission to revise/update the Baldwin Comprehensive Plan and related ordinances.

FY24 Appropriation	\$15,000.00
FY24 Expenditures	\$16,287.47
Reserve Account Balance	\$18,057.00

Select Board and the Planning Board recommends **\$5,000.00**

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES:

Article 74: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$30,000.00** for the materials, construction, and labor to install a generator for the Baldwin Community Center. The generator was donated to Baldwin by Cumberland County Emergency Management.

FY24 Appropriation	\$20,000.00
FY24 Expenditures	\$0.00

Select Board and the Planning Board recommends passage of this article

Article 75: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000.00** for the Town Buildings Reserve Account. Reserve account funds will be used to replace the southern roof and install vinyl siding on the T-11 painted portion of the building.

FY24 Appropriation	\$0.00
FY24 Expenditures	\$0.00
Current Reserve Acct Balance	\$81,171.00

Select Board and the Planning Board recommends passage of this article

Article 76: To see if the town will vote to approve combining the Town Vehicle and Town Equipment Reserve accounts into one account to simplify long term budgeting.

Select Board and the Road Commissioner recommend passage of this article

Article 77: To be voted on by Secret Ballot.
To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for Baldwin 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 this property tax levy limit.

Article 78: Motion to Adjourn

Town of Baldwin Select Board -
James Dolloff, Dale Miner, and Robert Flint

TOWN ROADS

Raised and Appropriated Art. 43 **107,000.00**

Labor

Christopher Harrington	36,029.75
Steven Thorne Jr.	34,725.50
George Davis	625.00
Seth Wescott	14,148.00
David Cline	645.00
Town Share of FICA and Medicare	<u>5,557.29</u>
Total	91,730.54

Maintenance & Supplies

Cold Mix & Hot Top	1,514.16
Mileage	382.15
Signs	2,061.33
Rentals	5,420.00
Towing/Trucking	75.00
Culverts	17,766.40
Classes	495.00
Road Help	212.50
Maintenance and Repairs	<u>25,575.79</u>
Total:	53,502.33
Overdraft	-38,232.87

SNOW REMOVAL

Raised and Appropriated Art. 44 **175,000.00**

Replaced Storm Damage **60,609.00**

Total **235,609.00**

Labor

Christopher Harrington	35,826.00
Steven Thorne Jr	31,762.51
George Davis	5,378.00
Peter Stacey	2,324.00
Seth Wescott	29,639.25
Town Share of FICA and Medicare	<u>7,225.02</u>
Total:	112,154.78

Maintenance & Supplies

Salt	55,709.16
Cold Mix	1,154.11
Street Signs	127.45
Mileage	195.80
CDL License for Road Commissioner	7,625.00
Screening Sand	19,360.00
Laptop	625.00

Pressure Washer/Hose Reel	5,280.00
Boot Reimbursement	237.38
Other Maintenance, Parts & Supplies	<u>36,513.44</u>
Total:	126,827.34
Overdraft	-3,373.12

FUEL ACCOUNT

Raised and Appropriated Art. 40	30,000.00
Paid Out	<u>28,846.95</u>
Balance Carried to Fund Balance	1,153.05

TOWN GARAGE EXPENSES

Raised and Appropriated Art. 51	15,000.00
Oil	6,209.67
Electricity	1,836.35
Internet	800.00
Alarm System	1,100.94
Cleaned Boiler	295.00
Replaced Lighting	5,213.98
Maintenance & Supplies	<u>1,407.98</u>
Overdraft	-1,863.92

GRAVEL

Raised and Appropriated Art. 45	15,000.00
Paid out	<u>31,191.00</u>
Overdraft	-16,191.00

LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE

Beginning Balance as of 01/01/22	149,948.97
Raised and Appropriated Art. 49	100,000.00
Received from State	44,320.00
Paved Farm Rd & Harris Rd	<u>56,220.00</u>
Balance Carried to Local Rd Assistance	238,048.97

CONTINGENT FUND

Raised and appropriated Art. 4	115,000.00
Insurance Reimbursement for Heater Repairs	<u>6,041.60</u>
Total	121,041.60
Insurances	
-Workmans Comp	11,766.75
-Auto	11,572.00
-Buildings & Equip	5,786.00
-Misc./Bonds	<u>4,630.00</u>
Total Insurance	33,754.75
Printing	
-Adds in local papers	3,842.10
-Town Report	<u>0.00</u>
Total Printing	3,842.10
Office	
-Postage	246.00
-Mailing Fees	3,737.80
-Recording Fees	4,185.00
-Service Contracts	15,633.49
-Office Equip/Computers	6,810.00
-Office Supplies	<u>8,963.01</u>
Total	39,575.30
Other	
-Flags/Grave Markers	1,995.26
-Auditing with RHR Smith	7,425.00
-Membership Dues/Workshops	3,588.32
-Legal Fees	3,010.00
-Mileage	1,372.61
-Cremation/Euthenization	745.95
-Welcome to Baldwin Signs	3,104.46
-Heater Repairs	6,375.46
-Contract with Cumb Cnty Assessing	<u>16,146.00</u>
Total:	43,763.06
Total Overall Expenses	<u>120,935.21</u>
Balance Carried to Fund Balance	106.39

COMMUNITY CENTER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Raised and Appropriated Art. 5 **45,000.00**

Labor:

-Randy Nelson	10,808.00
-Paul Thomas	190.00
-Town Share of FICA and Medicare	<u>841.38</u>
Total	11,839.38

Utilities

-Gas/Propane	1,479.79
-Electricity	6,320.84
-Heat Oil	25,490.17
-Cell Phones (4)	950.40
-Phone/Internet	<u>6,274.54</u>
Total Utilities	40,515.74

Maint/Repairs

-Porta Potty Rental for Ball Field	345.00
-Alarm Contract/Monitoring	7,846.75
-Hired Help	5,233.00
-Maintenance & Repairs	2,012.62
-Other Parts and Supplies	<u>1,242.86</u>
Total	16,680.23

Total Overall Expenses	<u>69,035.35</u>
Overdraft	-24,035.35

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Raised and Appropriated Art. 39	1,500.00
Paid Out to EMA Director	<u>269.18</u>
Balance Carried forward to Fund Balance	1,230.82

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Raised and Appropriated Art. 9	42,336.13
Paid to ME. Municipal Employees Health Trust	<u>42,805.49</u>
Overdraft	-469.36

SELECTMEN'S COMPENSATION

Raised and Appropriated Art. 8	91,000.00
PAID OUT:	
Selectmen's Office	
-Robert Flint-Selectman	7,774.00
-James Dolloff - Selectman	7,858.50
-Dwight Warren-Chairman Selectman	9,587.50
-Robyn Anderson-Selectmen's Assistant	<u>44,004.00</u>
Total Office	69,224.00
Other Officials	
-CEO, Donald Kent	15,019.00
-CEO, Wesley Sunderland	1,805.00
-ACO, Town of Standish-Ricky Guilbault	<u>7,488.00</u>
Total Other	24,312.00
Total All Payroll	93,536.00
Towns Share of FICA and Medicare	<u>6,309.74</u>
Total	99,845.74
Overdraft	-8,845.74

TOWN OFFICE COMPENSATION

Raised and Appropriated Art. 7	88,000.00
PAID OUT:	
Clerks Office	
-Deborah Wakefield-Clerk/Tax Col/Treas/Reg of Voters	48,883.42
-Sara Chase-Assistant Clerk	35,263.54
-Constance Warren-Ballot Clerk	506.25
-Loretta Letourneau-Ballot Clerk	506.25
Towns Share of FICA/Medicare	<u>6,259.16</u>
Total	91,418.62
Overdraft	-3,418.62

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised and Appropriated Art. 30	60,000.00
Electricity	1,206.93
Oil	3,921.16
Propane	1,437.94
Plowing Station	1,650.00
Dues/Fees	271.47
Printing	769.57
Hose Testing	2,874.78
Recording fees	23.00
Piping	1,221.88
Projector/Stand/Ink	667.50
Adaptors/Nozzles	2,541.00
Inspections	1,000.00
Work Apparel	10,176.08
Washer/Dryer	11,226.49
Gas Meter	236.14
Traffic Cones	1,033.95
Super Vac Fan	6,450.00
Jump Starter	435.00
Flow Test Kit	1,549.77
Truck Maintenance, Supplies and Services	<u>10,141.68</u>
Total	58,834.34
Balance Carried to 2023 Reserve Account	1,165.66

TOWN FIRE TRUCK MAINTENANCE

Raised and Appropriated Art. 32	12,000.00
Maintenance and Repairs	<u>0.00</u>
Balance Carried to Fund Balance	12,000.00

RADIO PURCHASES AND REPAIRS

Raised and Appropriated Art. 37	6,000.00
Paid Out	<u>6,070.88</u>
Overdraft	-70.88

RADIO RESERVE

Raised and Appropriated Art. 38	1,000.00
Paid Out	<u>210.00</u>
Balance Carried to Fund Balance	790.00

FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING

Raised and Appropriated Art. 35	22,000.00
Payroll	21,496.44
Town Share of FICA and Medicare	1,623.89
Training Classes	<u>3,561.88</u>
Total Spent	26,682.21
Overdraft	-4,682.21

TOWN FIRE CHIEF'S /ASSIST CHIEF'S PAY

Raised and Appropriated Art 33	13,466.25
Bruce Crawford	7,594.00
Steven Sanders	2,301.00
Towns Share of FICA & Medicare	<u>757.03</u>
Total Pay	10,652.03
Balance Carried to Fund Balance	2,814.22

FIRE DEPT. CAPTAINS PAY (3)

Raised and Appropriated Art. 34	1,650.00
Paid 3 Assistant Fire Chiefs	1,750.00
Town Share of FICA and Medicare	<u>121.77</u>
Overdraft	256.77

SOLID WASTE

Raised and Appropriated Art. 21	108,675.00
Paid to Solid Waste Board	<u>119,532.52</u>
Overdraft	-10,857.52

TRI TOWN EQUIPMENT

Raised and Appropriated Art. 22	15,000.00
Special Town Meeting	13,500.00
Replaced Tarp	<u>2,725.00</u>
Balance Carried to Tri Town Reserve Account	25,775.00

STREET LIGHTS

Raised and Appropriated Art. 41	8,000.00
Paid Central Maine Power	<u>7,056.06</u>
Balance Carried to Fund Balance	943.94

PLANNING BOARD

Raised and Appropriated Art. 67	2,000.00
Paid out	<u>105.00</u>
Balance Carried to Fund Balance	1,895.00

**RESTORATION OF OLD CEMETERIES
& CARE OF EXISTING ONES**

Raised and Appropriated Art. 23	9,000.00
PAID OUT:	
Allan Dolloff	384.00
George Horler	384.00
Sara Chase	100.00
David Cline	1,660.00
Dwayne Durgin	540.00
Supplies & Equipment	1,413.39
Towns Share of FICA & Medicare	<u>175.94</u>
Total:	4,657.33
Balance Carried to Fund Balance	4,342.67

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Raised and Appropriated Art. 63	18,000.00
PAID OUT:	
Case #01	340.89
Case #02	356.85
Case #13	362.81
Case #36	1,500.00
Case #40	1,046.50
Cost of Administrating General Assistance	<u>11,991.00</u>
Total:	15,598.05
Balance Carried to Fund Balance	2,401.95

HARVEST HILLS ANIMAL SHELTER

Raised and Appropriated Art. 65	<u>1,525.00</u>
Paid out to Harvest Hills Animal Shelter	1,525.00

STANDISH RESCUE UNIT

Raised and Appropriated Art. 29	56,439.05
Paid to Standish Rescue	<u>56,439.04</u>
Balance Carried to Fund Balance	.01

SAND POND BEACH PATROL

Raised and Appropriated Art. 24	7,000.00
Chad Nason	3,180.00
Caleb Bills	3,532.75
Portable Potty Rental	505.00
Trash Removal	412.50
Sand Pond Water Testing	0.00
Beach Signs	240.00
Printing	258.50
Beach Stickers	540.00
Supplies	43.59
Town Share FICA & Medicare	<u>513.53</u>
Total Expense	9,225.87

Overdraft -2,225.87

BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Raised and Appropriated Art. 54 17,000.00
Paid to B.M.L 17,000.00

BALDWIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Raised and Appropriated Art. 55 7,500.00
Paid to BHS 7,500.00

CUMBERLAND COUNTY DISPATCH

Raised and Appropriated Art. 36 18,328.60
Paid C.C.D. 12,205.60
Balance Carried to Fund Balance 6,123.00

OPPORTUNITY ALLIANCE

Raised and Appropriated Art. 62 3,500.00
Paid out to Opportunity Alliance. 3,500.00

SOUTHERN MAINE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Raised and Appropriated Art. 64 3,750.00
Paid out to S.M.A.A.O.A. 3,750.00

NORTHERN LIGHT HOME HEALTH HOSPICE

Raised and Appropriated Art. 64 500.00

Paid to VNA-Home Health Hospice 500.00

HOME HEALTH VISITING NURSE

Raised and Appropriated Art. 61 900.00
Paid to HHVN 900.00

LIFEFLIGHT

Raised and Appropriated Art. 42 800.00
Paid to Lifeflight 800.00

SACO RIVER CORRIDOR

Raised and Appropriated Art. 56 400.00
Paid Saco River Corridor 400.00

SACOPEE VALLEY RECREATION COUNCIL

Raised and Appropriated Art. 27 3,000.00
Paid out to S.V.R.C. 3,000.00

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL PLANNING

Raised and Appropriated Art. 66 605.00
Paid To Southern Maine Regional Planning 605.00

SMOOTH FEATHER YOUTH GROUP

Raised and Appropriated Art. 58 600.00
Paid to Smooth Feather Youth Group 600.00

M.S.A.D. #55

Amount Assessed	1,730,810.34
Paid to M.S.A.D #55	1,730,810.34

SACO RIVER FESTIVAL

Raised and Appropriated Art. 57	300.00
Paid to S.R.F.	300.00

MAINE PUBLIC RADIO

Raised and Appropriated Art. 79	100.00
Paid to Me. Public Radio	100.00

THROUGH THESE DOORS

Raised and Appropriated Art. 78	1,000.00
Paid to Through These Doors	1,000.00

TIF ENHANCEMENT

Raised and Appropriated Art. 77	30,000.00
Paid out	18,547.97

STATE REVENUE SHARING

Amount Received from State	245,304.14
Estimate Applied to Tax Base	<u>200,000.00</u>
Balance Carried to Fund Balance	45,304.14

CUMBERLAND COUNTY TAX

Amount Assessed	121,338.00
Paid Treasurer, Cumberland County	121,338.00

BALDWIN ACTIVE KIDS

Incoming Monies Received from Enrollments	59,020.88
Paid Out:	
Payroll	43,353.68
Town Share of FICA/Medicare	3,265.39
Food/Snacks	4,077.70
Supplies	3,303.80
Computer	400.89
Time Clock	268.27
Printing	174.00
CPR/First Aid Classes	410.00
Printer	225.59
Tshirts	<u>630.00</u>
Total	56,109.32
Balance Carried to Fund Balance	2,911.56

RESERVE ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

RESERVE ACCOUNT	START BALANCE	2021 APPROP & CARRY FORWARDS	2021 EXPENDITURES	6-MONTH APPROP & CARRY FORWARDS	6-MONTH EXPENDITURES	2022-23 APPROP & CARRY FORWARDS	2022-23 EXPENDITURES	CURRENT BALANCE
EAST BALDWIN FIRE RESERVE	\$9,937.15	\$6,888.83	\$4,693.34	\$3,136.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,166.00	\$0.00	\$13,817.00
NORTH BALDWIN FIRE RESERVE	\$11,042.01	\$12,379.24	\$4,693.34	\$6,544.00	\$2,618.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,654.00
WEST BALDWIN FIRE RESERVE	\$20,091.59	\$12,780.13	\$4,693.34	\$785.00	\$2,618.00	\$0.00	\$13,745.00	\$12,600.00
ARPA FUND RESERVE	\$0.00	\$85,654.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,656.00	\$85,754.00	\$41,103.00	\$127,649.00
COMP PLAN RESERVE	\$5,500.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$17,444.00	\$3,057.00
CONTINGENCY RESERVE	\$21,007.81	\$0.00	\$4,266.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,082.00	\$0.00	\$17,823.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$38,538.72	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$17,600.00	\$85,000.00	\$0.00	\$103,439.00
FIRE TRUCK MAINTENANCE RESERVE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
RADIO REPEATER RESERVE	\$8,095.40	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$210.00	\$10,385.00
REVALUATION RESERVE	\$6,210.19	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,210.00
RIVER ROAD RESERVE	\$31,300.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$52,500.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$53,800.00
ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE	\$99,212.49	\$54,700.38	\$5,850.00	\$17,705.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,609.00	\$105,159.00
SAND POND BEACH RESERVE	\$1,896.99	\$2,819.23	\$0.00	\$496.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,212.00
TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY RESERVE	\$48,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,050.00
TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
TOWN BUILDINGS RESERVE	\$73,671.07	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81,171.00
TOWN EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$67,233.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67,233.00
TOWN VEHICLE RESERVE	\$297,000.00	\$0.00	\$27,119.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,120.00	\$242,760.00
TRITOWN WASTE RESERVE	\$37,671.66	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$64,439.00	\$28,500.00	\$2,725.00	\$21,508.00
RESERVE TOTALS	\$876,459.47	\$208,722.23	\$53,816.90	\$44,166.00	\$132,549.00	\$254,502.00	\$162,956.00	\$1,034,527.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

DEPOSIT IN TRANSIT		\$ 00.00
REC. FROM TAX COL.		
2022/2023 Real Estate Taxes	\$2,591,330.11	
2022/2023 Personal Property Taxes	39,903.89	
2023/2024 Real Estate Taxes	10,462.30	
2023/2024 Personal Property Taxes	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 2,641,696.30
TAX LIENS		
2019	\$ 1,669.04	
2020	26,783.43	
2021	48,558.58	
2022	46,934.27	
Interests and Costs	<u>23,741.46</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 147,686.78
EXCISE TAXES		
Auto	\$385,454.02	
Boat	<u>1,880.81</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 387,334.83
REC. FROM STATE GOVERNMENT		
State Revenue Sharing	\$245,304.14	
Homestead/Bete	123,976.00	
DOT Local Road Assist.	44,320.00	
Tree Growth	26,585.52	
Veteran	2,153.00	
General Assistance	3,391.24	
Solar	22,765.00	
ARPA	85,754.00	
Online Burn Permits	25.00	
Snowmobile Refund	<u>1,535.84</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 1,327,595.74
MISCELLANEOUS TOWN RECEIPTS		
Insurance Reimbursements	\$ 1,569.00	
Dog License Fees	160.00	
Vital Record Fees	2,023.00	
Dog Fines	100.00	
Copier Fees	26.50	
Building Permit Fees	15,434.44	
Plumbing Permit Fees	4,781.25	
Franchise Fees	6,414.33	
Community Center Rental Fees	1,025.00	
Sale of Beach Stickers	1,130.00	
Heat Assistance	1,133.50	
Food Assistance	562.50	
Walking Path Grant	8,000.00	

Fencing Grant	7,800.00	
Cemetery Lots	3,700.00	
BAK After School Program	59,020.88	
Agent Fees from MVD & IF&W	<u>10,255.50</u>	
TOTAL		<u>\$ 121,723.80</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$4,626,037.45

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Bangor Savings Bank

North Baldwin Cemetery		
Acct. No. 4246643795	\$ 2,355.15	
Interest	<u>6.08</u>	
Balance		\$ 2,361.23

Sanborn Farm Cemetery		
Acct. No. 4246643794	\$ 590.43	
Interest	<u>1.54</u>	
Balance		\$ 591.97

Deacons Fountain Fund		
Acct. No. 4248643792	\$ 6,329.38	
Interest	<u>25.87</u>	
Balance		\$ 6,355.25

Cemetery Funds

Combined the following Trust Funds:

Acct. No. 4248643793		
Ethel Haines		
Mettie Stuart		
George Kennard		
Dyer Cemetery		
Bessie Wentworth		
Sylvannus Cemetery		
Total Cemetery Funds	\$13,108.59	
Interest	<u>53.59</u>	
Balance		\$13,162.18

CERTIFICATES & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Bangor Savings

Certificate No. 77897	\$15,564.55	
Interest	<u>101.54</u>	\$ 15,666.09
Town of Baldwin		
Acct. No#2500005422	\$ 6,369.87	
Interest	<u>10.69</u>	\$ 6,380.56
West Baldwin Cemetery		
Acct. No. 4248638313	\$ 525.44	
Interest	<u>2.15</u>	\$ 527.59

NEW ACCOUNTS

Bangor Savings

Fire Equipment Fund		
Account No# 4444772677	\$ 2,992.19	
Interest	<u>19.30</u>	
Total		\$ 3,011.49
Combined Funds		
Account No# 4209673748		
Re Valuation Funds (3)		
Rescue Fund (1)		
Equip Purch Funds (2)		
Fire Equip Fund (1)		
Total Funds	\$136,484.29	
Interest	<u>642.87</u>	
Total		\$137,127.16

2022 UNPAID TAX LIENS

As of: 06/30/2023

	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due	
X	BABBIDGE, TINA	2022	432.68	0.00	432.68
X	BATCHELDER, NICOLE D	2022	1,310.88	0.00	1,310.88
	BENNETT, MERRITT	2022	4,670.84	0.00	4,670.84
	BERNIER, ELLEN	2022	1,466.58	0.00	1,466.58
	BERRY JR, STEPHEN O	2022	3,324.55	0.00	3,324.55
	BERTHAIUME, KATIE	2022	195.10	0.00	195.10
	BLACK, RICHARD E ESTATE OF	2022	1,485.20	0.00	1,485.20
X	BLAIS, DAVID J	2022	518.89	0.00	518.89
X	BROWN, DONALD + ANNETTE	2022	552.75	0.00	552.75
X	BROWN, DONALD + ANNETTE	2022	1,044.52	0.00	1,044.52
X	BROWN, DONALD + ANNETTE	2022	71.19	0.00	71.19
	BUCCI, CATHIE A	2022	2,259.54	0.00	2,259.54
	CAKISTO, CRAIG	2022	149.10	0.00	149.10
	CALLAHAN, LAURIE	2022	54.59	0.00	54.59
	CARVER, DEAN	2022	218.08	0.00	218.08
X	CHRISTENSEN, ERIK D	2022	196.37	0.00	196.37
X	CLEMENTS, MARSHAL K	2022	375.25	0.00	375.25
	COLBY, MONICA	2022	169.55	0.00	169.55
	COTTLE, TAMMY	2022	1,217.23	0.00	1,217.23
X	CRAWFORD, CARLENE	2022	1,436.65	0.00	1,436.65
	DARLING, ALAN T	2022	1,068.78	89.00	979.78
X	DEVISEES OF LAUGHLIN, DONNA L	2022	2,301.40	0.00	2,301.40
	DOLE, MIKE	2022	161.88	0.00	161.88
X	ESTATE OF, URY, MARY	2022	1,203.94	0.00	1,203.94
	ESTATE OF, URY, MARY	2022	504.75	0.00	504.75
	FIELD, KRISTEN	2022	158.05	0.00	158.05
	FITZGERALD, CAROL	2022	161.88	0.00	161.88
X	FORD, DANNY	2022	190.26	0.00	190.26
	GOOGINS, ROBERT	2022	147.83	0.00	147.83
	GUPTILL, JOEL O JR	2022	2,927.52	0.00	2,927.52
	GUPTILL, ROYCE C.	2022	322.83	0.00	322.83
X	HARTFORD, DONNA	2022	786.49	0.00	786.49
	HEBERT, MARANDA	2022	117.17	0.00	117.17
	HORAK, DAWN	2022	166.99	0.00	166.99
	JOHNSON, RANDY E	2022	411.81	0.00	411.81
	KEENAN, TIM & DIANE	2022	253.85	0.00	253.85
	KEENE, MATTHEW R	2022	2,506.15	0.00	2,506.15
X	KNIGHT, FRANK	2022	744.64	0.00	744.64
X	KYLE R DYER, PAMELA THOMBS,	2022	1,011.82	0.00	1,011.82
X	LEE, GREGORY D	2022	2,103.52	0.00	2,103.52
	LEO, ROCCO	2022	1,716.39	0.00	1,716.39
	LEONA, JANET	2022	165.71	0.00	165.71
	LEVESQUE, SYLVIA G	2022	2,842.99	0.00	2,842.99
	LGJ GENERAL CONSTRUCTION INC	2022	1,598.87	109.09	1,489.78
	LIBBY, EDWIN	2022	1,017.69	0.00	1,017.69

X	MAGDA, DAVID	2022	186.07	0.00	186.07
	OBRIEN, KENNETH HEIRS	2022	273.01	0.00	273.01
X	PHILLIPS, CHRIS	2022	154.21	0.00	154.21
	POTVIN, BEN	2022	271.74	0.00	271.74
X	RANKIN, JOE & RITA	2022	2,284.80	0.00	2,284.80
	RHODES, LARRY	2022	144.00	0.00	144.00
X	ROBERTS, RICHARD N	2022	1,450.62	0.00	1,450.62
X	ROWE III, ARTHUR	2022	219.32	0.00	219.32
X	RUSSELL FRANKLIN JR	2022	670.26	0.00	670.26
	SANBORN, CLINTON	2022	630.66	0.00	630.66
	SANBORN, DENNIS L JR	2022	1,210.57	0.00	1,210.57
	SANBORN, DOREEN	2022	1,810.92	0.00	1,810.92
	SANBORN, GRACE	2022	1,919.19	1,000.00	919.19
	SMALL, HEATHER MARIE	2022	1,176.08	0.00	1,176.08
X	SMITH, AL J. & SHARON E	2022	1,649.96	0.00	1,649.96
X	SOW SOLAR INC	2022	1,942.47	0.00	1,942.47
	STACEY, JAMES	2022	2,227.32	0.00	2,227.32
	STERLING, ALLEN E & SHIRLEY J	2022	3,380.74	3,346.21	34.53
	SWASEY, EVERETT	2022	100.57	0.00	100.57
X	THERRIAULT, JOSHUA R	2022	744.83	0.00	744.83
	THERRIAULT, JOSHUA R	2022	2,296.30	0.00	2,296.30
X	THERRIAULT, JOSHUA R.	2022	375.20	0.00	375.20
X	THORNE , SAMANTHA	2022	362.67	0.00	362.67
X	TRACY 3RD, LEONARD A	2022	551.46	0.00	551.46
X	TRACY III, LEONARD A	2022	381.58	0.00	381.58
X	VIOLETTE, ESTATE OF, MICHAEL	2022	3,991.31	0.00	3,991.31
X	WATSON, CHRISTINE L	2022	852.65	0.00	852.65
X	WILLIAMS, MARY	2022	1,074.40	0.00	1,074.40
X	WILLIAMS, RHONDA	2022	160.50	0.00	160.50
X	WOOD, PATRICIA	2022	1,546.50	0.00	1,546.50
X	WOOD, PATRICIA	2022	1,116.05	0.00	1,116.05
	YATES, DANIEL	2022	204.03	0.00	204.03
X	YUE, ELLEN	2022	1,731.64	697.73	1,033.91
					77,592.35

X = Paid in full as of 04-10-2024

UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

Tax Year: 2020-1 To 2022-2

As of: 06/30/2023

Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
AAA MASONRY & PROPERTY SERVICE	2020	326.88	0.00	326.88
AAA MASONRY & PROPERTY SERVICE	2021	351.00	0.00	351.00
AAA MASONRY & PROPERTY SERVICE	2022	156.60	0.00	156.60
AAA MASONRY & PROPERTY SERVICE	2022	347.76	0.00	347.76
BELLWETHER PRODUCTS	2020	122.58	0.00	122.58
X CENTRAL MAINE POWER	2022	234.74	125.12	109.62
CIMENT QUEBEC	2022	260.82	0.00	260.82
FIN LLC	2020	272.40	0.00	272.40
FIN LLC	2021	197.60	0.00	197.60
FIN LLC	2022	201.20	0.00	201.20
GRANDPA JOES SUGAR SHACK	2020	115.77	0.00	115.77
GRANDPA JOES SUGAR SHACK	2021	123.50	0.00	123.50
GRANDPA JOES SUGAR SHACK	2022	55.10	0.00	55.10
GRANDPA JOES SUGAR SHACK	2022	130.41	0.00	130.41
X GRAYHAWK LEASING LLC	2022	9.94	4.72	5.22
GROWING OP	2020	681.00	0.00	681.00
KFM LOGGING	2020	2,724.00	0.00	2,724.00
X KICK THE MOON FARM	2022	48.44	24.50	23.94
KMF LOGGING	2021	521.30	0.00	521.30
KMF LOGGING	2022	232.58	0.00	232.58
KMF LOGGING	2022	460.78	0.00	460.78
NATURES WILDERNESS RESORT	2022	1,319.50	0.00	1,319.50
NATURES WILDERNESS RESORT	2022	2,476.55	0.00	2,476.55
NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS INC	2020	122.58	0.00	122.58
X RCS LLC	2022	142.83	140.89	1.94
SADDLEBACK SOFTWARE LLC	2020	74.91	0.00	74.91
SADDLEBACK SOFTWARE LLC	2021	84.50	0.00	84.50
SADDLEBACK SOFTWARE LLC	2022	37.70	0.00	37.70
SADDLEBACK SOFTWARE LLC	2022	93.15	0.00	93.15
SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS	2020	122.58	0.00	122.58
SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS	2021	130.00	0.00	130.00
SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS	2022	58.00	0.00	58.00
SANBORN CONSULTANTS LLC	2021	28.60	0.00	28.60
SANBORN CONSULTANTS LLC	2022	12.76	0.00	12.76
SANBORN CONSULTANTS LLC	2022	37.26	0.00	37.26
X SCIENTIFIC GAMES INTERNATIONAL	2022	14.90	0.00	14.90
SOUTHERN MAINE COMPUTING	2021	58.50	0.00	58.50
SOUTHERN MAINE COMPUTING	2022	26.10	0.00	26.10
SOUTHERN MAINE COMPUTING	2022	68.31	0.00	68.31
SPECTRUM NORTHEAST LLC	2020	5,381.26	4,814.94	566.32
SPECTRUM NORTHEAST LLC	2021	5,200.00	0.00	5,200.00
VIASAT INC	2022	3.73	0.00	3.73
WEBSTER, JOHN	2022	88.16	0.00	88.16
20 Accounts		23,156.28	5,110.17	18,046.11

X = Paid in full as of 04-10-2024

2022/2023 VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS	10
MARRIAGES	07
DEATHS	34

2022/2023 DOG TAX ACCOUNT

NOT SPAYED/NEUTERED	28
SPAYED/NEUTERED	75
KENNELS	<u>01</u>
TOTAL	104

REMEMBRANCE

Shirley Milliken

11-16-1925 – 09-14-2022

Shirley was born in Portland, Me on November 16, 1925, to Charlotte and Harold Estes. After



graduating from Standish High School in 1943, Shirley went to work for LL Bean in Freeport. During a raging snowstorm, on December 29, 1945, she married the love of her life, Gordon Milliken in the parlor of Uncle Allie's home. They were married for 67 years, and had two children Marilyn (Lynn) A. Dodd, and Peter W. Milliken. She worked for many years and retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a clerk. She served in West Baldwin and North Windham. Shirley was an incredible lady who never forgot anything, loved taking pictures (but not having her own taken), and thoroughly enjoyed sending and receiving cards for any occasion. She got her greatest joy from serving others and just loved being a good neighbor. Her family and community were very important to her.

Shirley joined the West Baldwin United Methodist Church with her sister Nancy, on March 25, 1956, where she served in many capacities over the years including Sunday School teacher, Youth Group Leader, children's choir co-director with Nancy, and Board Member.

She was proud to say she was a 60-year member of the Baldwin Extension Homemakers. She thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the Baldwin Historical Society, was a lifelong Republican and at one time served as the Chairperson of the Baldwin Republican Committee and was a part of the West Baldwin Vol. Fire Auxiliary for many years.

Walking was her middle name! Shirley could often be seen walking to Baldwin school and back, or in recent times, using her walking sticks to walk up the back road. For many years, she was a member of the Southern Maine Volkksport Assoc. with whom she made good friends and walked in many states from Maine to Hawaii and other countries including Canada and Panama.

Some things she really enjoyed through the years were John's homemade bread, camping with Gordon and the kids, serving at the fried clam dinners or eating baked bean suppers, making lemon meringue pie for a neighbor, taking day trips through the mountains or to the ocean or just to watch the planes take off from the Jetport, riding the Johnson snowmobile, hosting pool parties for neighborhood kids, going to see Brad White, having trick-or-treater's show up at her door, and going for a ride to pick up Adleigh from school and get an ice cream. She also loved it when friends would call or stop for a visit, especially the "grands". Many mornings she could be found reading the paper then doing her word search puzzles while watching the Price is Right, and in the evenings, she could be found doing her word search puzzles while watching the Red Sox. While she never made it to Fenway Park, perhaps they sometimes heard her there as she expressed her opinion about a strike or a home run.



REMEMBRANCES

Phyllis Schroeder

04-20-1929 - 02-02-2023

Born on April 20, 1929, in Westbrook Maine, she was the wife of Bernard W. Schroeder and the daughter of Wilbur Clark Sr. and Esmeralda Clark.

She graduated from Westbrook High School class of 1947, married Bernard on May 17th, 1948, and moved to West Baldwin to begin their married life raising their 3 children.

Phyllis spent many years working for the US Postal Service. She began her career delivering mail in West Baldwin and later became the Postmaster at East

Baldwin Post Office.

Phyllis was involved with many organizations in the community over the years including Grange, Baldwin Historical Society, 50+Club, Christmas Club & East Baldwin Library. She was especially proud of her time served in Standish as a Volunteer in Police Service and her 60+ years serving many positions in the West Baldwin United Methodist Church.



Susan Graffam

07-17-1963 – 10-24-2022

Susan was born in Portland on July 17th, 1963, to the late Agnes (Grover) and Orland Stuart.

Susan married Ronald Graffam Jr. on May 4th, 1985, and together they raised a son, Nathan. Nathan, partner Ashley, and two granddaughters brought her tremendous joy.

Susan was most recently employed at the Sacopee Valley Health Center and was an active member of the Baldwin Community Auxiliary, serving as Auxiliary President from 2017-2022.

She enjoyed the local racing scene and loved to travel to tropical destinations with family and friends. Susan was fond of all holidays, but Christmas was her favorite, and took care to make it special for everyone. She especially cherished time spent with her family and was a devoted friend to many. Susan always brightened the room with her beautiful smile and contagious laugh.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

July 1 2022 – June 30 2023

Permits

Building	Demolition	Driveway	Interior plumbing	Septic	Solar	Shed	Garage	Deck	Other
14	6	5	18	20	3	8	7	3	8

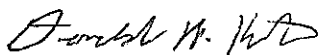
All 15 available permits were issued. Strong demand for housing continues. There remains a need for affordable housing both in terms of rental and home ownership. Soaring prices for both land and materials have made it very difficult to find rentals of any type or to purchase a home. This shortage has made it increasingly difficult for first time home buyers who wish to remain in Baldwin. The new state-imposed housing rules are an attempt to help correct this. Town ordinances are being rewritten to help implement these changes.

The Town is also seeing an increase in companies wanting to expand operations here or to relocate or start operations here. A challenge is to help the town grow while also maintaining the rural quality of life that makes Baldwin so special.

Some of the larger projects in the works include an expansion of the Robbins Mill, an expansion of Nature's Wilderness Campground, Long Beach Marina as well as a Disc Golf course and pub. Hiking trails at this facility as well as trails on town property will be open to the public at no charge. In total approximately 9 miles of groomed trails will be created. No motorized vehicles will be allowed. Hiking, biking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and the like will be allowed. Please take advantage of these new opportunities to get outside with your family.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have regarding any building projects that you might have in mind. I am always happy to assist you in any way that I can.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donald Kent CEO/LPI

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board business for the year looks much the same every year. Projects in town are getting larger though. The Robbins Lumber project and the Long Beach Marina project come to mind. Those are both professionally done and express business confidence in our town. Nature's Wilderness Resort and RV is another business that is investing money in our town and expanding their business here. They are working on Phase two of the campground adding 24 campsites. We look forward to seeing them expand again soon.

At this time last year, we anticipated some applications for dog kennel licenses. We got only one application. We dealt with a family subdivision. Two houses on a road tripped a land division over into subdivision territory. Another subdivision was amended so that neighbors in the subdivision could swap land around between them. A Conditional Use Permit was amended. And we extended the start date for construction on another project. For a number of meetings people came to talk with us about projects.

We are devoting a great deal of time to revising our Land Use Ordinances to comply with LD2003 and we are revising our Cannabis ordinance. Both these efforts will come before the town soon. Unfortunately, they will not be ready for the regular Town Meeting.

We meet at the Town Office on the First and Third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully,

Josiah Pierce

Chairman



In the fall of 1947, the state experienced the worst outbreak of wildfires in its history, burning 203,421 acres. The “Oxford Fire” started in Fryeburg and migrated south to Cornish burning 20,120 acres. On Jan. 13, 1948, officials held a statewide firefighting and prevention conference in Augusta. As a result, many Maine towns including Baldwin established volunteer firefighting departments . The three sections of the town, North, East, and West established their own departments. Shortly after that the wives of the firefighters of each section formed the Ladies Auxiliaries. Through bean suppers and bake sales the auxiliaries raised money to support the fire departments, they were able to purchase equipment. It remained this way until 2011 when the fire departments joined together and became town owned. Eventually the East and West Auxiliaries faded away leaving the North Baldwin Firemen’s Ladies Auxiliary to continue. In 2020 the name was changed to the Baldwin Community Auxiliary excepting both males and females of any age.

This past year was a busy year for the Auxiliary. We held our annual yard sale in August. We granted scholarships to six well deserving students who are planning to attend college, a benefit supper was organized to help Harvest Hills Animal Shelter and helped a family whose house was destroyed by fire. On Halloween we participated in the Trunk-or-Treat held at the Community Center.

This year we are looking into having a secondhand store that we can sell or donate items that have been donated to the Auxiliary.

TRI-TOWN WASTE FACILITY

Serving Towns of Baldwin, Hiram & Porter
208 So. Hiram Road
Hiram, ME 04041



Tri-Town Waste Report 2023

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

A special thank you to Terry Day for all the years that she has spent working with us and the facility and hope she has been enjoying retirement.

With all the rain storms we have had this year we were lucky enough to not sustain too much road damage other than a few yards of gravel by the recycling. We did however lose the Quasi-hut to the last wind storm and are looking at better long-term sustainable alternatives.

This last year seemed to hold a lot of trouble first with the truck breaking down and requiring major repairs and following with the compactor also experiencing a major problem. We would like to thank Mellon & Sons for assisting us when the truck was down in running our compactors into ECO Maine. And would like to thank Atlantic Recycling Equipment for coming out so soon after the Thanksgiving holiday to get us back up and running.

As you all know we try to run a tight ship and as a result have changed our budget around slightly so that we are able to absorb some of these unexpected truck and station expenses without having to go back to the towns people for more money. We have managed to maintain our budget this year to be the same as last year.

The Town of Parsonsfield made a capital contribution to Tri-Town which allowed Parsonsfield residents to bring in items that are required to go over the scales and metal items. We are excited to offer Parsonsfield the opportunity to come into the facility.

As a reminder to please recycle! All items that are put into the recycling bin we do not pay a tipping fee for. By not putting items in the household compactor the towns save \$101.20 per ton by recycling it all makes a difference.

Respectfully,

Tri-Town Board of Directors

As of 12/31/23	2023 Fee Income	2023 Budget	2023 Spent	2023 Surplus (Deficit)	2024 Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
* Equipment Purchase/Repairs		\$ 9,000	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 15,450	\$ 15,450
Equipment Purchase		\$ 10,000	\$ 17,333.39	\$ (7,333.39)	\$ -	\$ (9,000)
Equipment/Station Repairs		\$ 20,000	\$ 21,402.00	\$ (1,402.00)	\$ 22,000	\$ (10,000)
Insurance		\$ 500	\$ 1,181.44	\$ (681.44)	\$ 1,100	\$ 2,000
MISC						600
* Office						500
Supplies		\$ 500	\$ 454.13	\$ 45.87	\$ -	\$ (500)
Ads		\$ 600		\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ (600)
Payroll		\$ 91,800	\$ 87,757.75	\$ 4,042.25	\$ 96,390	\$ 4,590
Professional						
HHW		\$ 222,600	\$ 195,276.28	\$ 27,323.72	\$ 220,000	\$ (2,600)
Demo	\$ 27,070.00	\$ 16,000	\$ 21,155.50	\$ 21,914.50	\$ -	\$ (16,000)
Bulky	\$ 21,556.00	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,495.68	\$ 26,060.32	\$ -	\$ (25,000)
Audit		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,150.00	\$ (150.00)	\$ 3,150	\$ 150
Bookkeeper		\$ 6,000	\$ 3,164.89	\$ 2,835.11	\$ -	\$ (6,000)
* Admin					\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Truck/Backhoe						
Fuel		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,136.43	\$ (136.43)	\$ 18,000	\$ 3,000
* Backhoe - Repairs/Maintenance					\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
* Truck - Repairs/Maintenance					\$ 20,500	\$ 20,500
Repairs/Maintenance		\$ 22,645	\$ 34,311.94	\$ (11,666.94)	\$ -	\$ (22,645)
Fuel Decal		\$ 5	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5)
MMTA (AWS)		\$ 25	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (25)
Registration/Inspection		\$ 2,200	\$ 2,109.62	\$ 90.38	\$ 2,200	\$ -
* Dues/Fees/Books/Testing					\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Station						
Internet		\$ 1,000	\$ 977.78	\$ 22.22	\$ 1,200	\$ 200
CMP		\$ 4,500	\$ 3,350.61	\$ 1,149.39	\$ 4,500	\$ -
Telephone		\$ 650	\$ 656.70	\$ (6.70)	\$ 675	\$ 25
Water		\$ 500	\$ 475.35	\$ 24.65	\$ 500	\$ -
Supplies		\$ 500	\$ 566.81	\$ (66.81)	\$ 500	\$ -
Extinguishers		\$ 100	\$ 81.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 100	\$ -
* Repairs					\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 48,626	\$ 452,025	\$ 430,986	\$ 69,664.70	\$ 423,965	\$ (28,160)
BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) Paid with Reserve Accounts		\$ 82,328.77	\$ 82,328.77			

* New Budget Line Items Consolidating or Separating current Line Items
** All numbers are subject to change until Final Audit has been completed

SAND POND BEACH COMMITTEE REPORT

This past summer, Sand Pond Beach Committee helped to launch the first swimming lessons at Sand Pond for many years. Working with Sacopee Valley Recreation, we offered lessons to about 30 children ages 4-10. Feedback on the lessons was good, with many families requesting more opportunities for lessons in 2024. Many thanks to the town for opening the beach to lessons.

The beach continues to be a busy spot on hot and humid summer days. Thank you all for your cooperation with Town Beach policies. Beach stickers help us to ensure that the beach is reserved for Baldwin residents. They also bring in some revenue to help cover the costs of trash service and the portable toilet. The safety and comfort of our young swimmers is always our first priority. We are grateful to our residents for keeping boats and pets at the boat launch. We also know that there are several Baldwin residents who go the extra mile, picking up trash and raking out the beach during their summer visits. Many thanks for keeping our beach beautiful!

This summer, beachgoers will notice a new feature at the beach: a fence that divides the beach from the road. We hope that this will direct all foot traffic to one exit that is more visible to drivers passing by the beach and limit children from dashing into the roadway. Thanks for continuing to drive through carefully.

We will be collaborating with Sacopee Valley Recreation to host swimming lessons again this summer. As of this writing, we hope to hold weekly lessons Mondays 1:30-6:00pm. In order to provide enough space and to limit distractions for our swimmers, we will close the beach during that time. Thank you for understanding and cooperation.

Our goals as a committee are safety, supporting a welcoming atmosphere for all residents, and protecting the beach so that we may all continue to enjoy it for years to come. All residents are welcome to share thoughts and ideas for how we can make the most of this valuable town resource. Please consider joining our committee. To do so, please see Robyn in the Selectmen's Office. We look forward to hearing your ideas!

Sincerely,
Emily Graham

Sacopee Valley Recreation Council Annual Report for Baldwin

December 2023

Sacopee Valley Recreation Council has provided a wide variety of programs for members of the communities in this area since 1989. SVRC is a registered non-profit organization. The council conducts business through a board of directors who are volunteers and two part-time paid coordinators. Currently our paid coordinators are Lee Jones and Jocelyn Nielsen. The coordination of duties of the co-coordinators, along with their communication skills and great work ethic certainly contribute to making this small program work in big ways. Normally we plan and oversee engaging and diverse activities—including traditional sports programs for youth in grades K-6, imaginative summer camps and a low-cost learn to swim program, not to mention several free offerings, such as Dances, open gym, cross-country skiing and ice skating, women’s volleyball, pickleball, Friday night cribbage, and Easter egg hunts.

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

Summer camps resumed in 2023 with great attendance and interest. We were allowed to use school indoor facilities and the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds for two camps, we had track camp at the high schools, and softball, cheer and soccer camp was at the school fields as well as the Cornish fields. The Field Hockey camp and Flag Football camp were at the elementary school fields, and the basketball camps at the elementary school gym. Pickleball was held at the tennis courts. Theater camp was at Pike Hall and reading Camp was held at the Riverside Church. Swimming lessons were given at Sand Pond in Baldwin.

In the fall soccer and field hockey were both successful, as well as the continuation of the Cheer program that started back up the previous Spring. We were still using Cornish fields which worked out wonderfully. A high number of our youth signed up for basketball and this year we will be joining a new rec league as Fryeburg decided to join Conway and left us out this year. Jocelyn Nielsen has a meeting in December with Waterboro, Buxton, Limington, and Acton to begin coordinating game schedules, securing referees, and setting league rules for those games. She is also working on securing refs and having the middle and elementary school gyms set up for home games. Cheer Program is looking to be in competitions this Winter and their practices have started taken place at the Baldwin Community Center, but Seija, who runs the cheer program, is meeting with Pike Hall this month to see if they can use their space.

We continue to have expenses such as advertising, insurance, and equipment as well as coordinators pay. We hope to be able to add more activities as time goes on if we can do them safely and have a place to do them. We had a successful fundraiser for cheer that was to help with the major expenses that come with competition cheering, and we are doing what we can to keep the fees as low as possible. And lastly it is our mission to provide our programs to all children regardless of a family’s ability to pay. We offer coupon codes so families only must pay what they can, or if nothing at all, then we can still sign them up for free.

None of this would be possible without the help and support of the citizens of the five towns. We would like to thank everyone for this support, and we want everyone to know that we welcome more folks to join us in supporting recreation in the area. If you have a desire to help in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

SVRC Board of Directors

Participant numbers for Baldwin

Spring (Baseball, softball)—46 Summer Camps—37

Fall (soccer, field hockey, cheer) ---49 Winter (basketball, karate) ---4

The article for the warrant---

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the Sacopee Valley Recreation Council



Town of Standish

Public Safety

175 Northeast Rd.
Standish, ME 04084
Bus.207-642-4343
Fax 207-642-5671

Rob Caron Chief,

February 27th, 2024

Greetings,

I would like to start off thanking you all once again for all the support after another busy and trying year.

The call volume continues to rise with both EMS and fire calls, and manpower continues to decline. We continue to battle filling shifts or even getting our volunteers to respond as often anymore, unfortunately this is a nationwide problem that keeps getting blamed on post Covid-19 stuff.

Due to these issues, we are forced to increase the price for EMS coverage this year to \$78,800. This is still far below market value. Our agreement was for Baldwin to cover the cost of 1 Paramedic position, this price doesn't even do that. The medic position is costing Standish \$89,0689.50 this year, so I am just trying to close the gap a little at a time to pay for that position. Due to the call volume and the federal rates, we previously charged per call, Baldwin would actually be paying even more if we continued on that path. It is my understanding that Sacopee Vally Rescue had an increase on January 1st, 2024, to \$101,000. Per town they serve. I believe this is still the best option for the citizens of Baldwin.

With this increase, Standish will provide a written contract to help better serve our agreements and offer some protection from other unplanned or unforeseen increases. With the costing and changes of things in the world we live in, we are only going to contract in a maximum of 2-year increments. With a 2-year contract the cost for the following year will be a 13% increase over this year, that will put us in line with where we need to be.

I understand how this increase affects the citizens of Baldwin and your tax rates and it was a very tough decision, but it is the only affordable way to continue serving all the citizens of both towns. We will continue the subscription program with no increases, as a reminder, our subscription program only covers you if you are picked up in Baldwin or Standish.

I look forward to continuing this relationship for a long time to come and if anyone has any questions feel free to stop by or call me at any time. My direct line is (207)-642-5448.

Respectfully,

Chief Robert Caron



October 2023

Deborah Wakefield, Town Clerk
Town of Baldwin
534 Pequawket Trail
West Baldwin, ME 04091



Greetings,

Maine is a special place with hundreds of communities scattered along the coast and further inland, on small islands and tucked along mountain roads. It often feels like one small town, where people know one another, are committed to this place and to their neighbors, work hard, contribute what they can, and enjoy and take pride in the rugged landscape.

At LifeFlight of Maine, we are committed to being there for Maine, and for your community, when you need us. We have four teams standing by 24 hours a day, seven days a week, ready to bring ICU-level care to the point of need. Our teams are prepared to respond rapidly with a top speed of nearly 175 miles per hour. Our highly skilled clinicians and our state-of-the-art aircraft give patients their best chance on their worst day.

We are grateful for every single family that entrusts us with caring for their loved ones. We are grateful to the police and fire departments, emergency medical services, and hospitals who work alongside us in caring for patients. LifeFlight is one important link, among many, in the chain of survival for those who are critically ill or injured. That is as true today as it was when we began 25 years ago.

We are also grateful for each and every community in Maine and the incredible support we continue to receive for our life-saving mission. Since 1998, we have transported more than 37,000 patients, including residents of every single Maine city, town, plantation, and community. **Since 1998, we have transported 14 residents of Baldwin, with 1 in the last year. Additionally, we have landed in Baldwin for 3 scene calls since 1998.**

Each year, we reach out to all municipalities in the state to invite them to **support our Community Giving Campaign** to ensure that LifeFlight teams can continue to answer the call for help today and for years to come. Since 2006, 266 communities have contributed a total of \$840,000. Each one of these gifts is an acknowledgement from these Maine communities that they understand and appreciate the vitally important and unique role that LifeFlight plays as a connector in the state's increasingly fragile healthcare system. **This year, we hope Baldwin will help us reach our goal of having every municipality in Maine participate in our Community Giving Campaign. Please consider a gift of \$2000, which is based on a rate of \$0.25 per capita.**

LifeFlight is a nonprofit charitable organization that depends on logistical and philanthropic support across Maine. Communities like yours make our work possible. Together, we ensure people have access to the care they need when they need it, and we are grateful for your partnership and commitment.

Enclosed you'll find FAQs and supplemental information about LifeFlight, a map of Maine transport locations, and a map of Maine communities that have supported us. **Please contact Ashley MacMillan at The LifeFlight Foundation at amacmillan@lifeflightmaine.org or 207-357-5508 with any questions.** If you need additional information or a specific town application form is required with this request, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Joe Kellner
Chief Executive Officer
LifeFlight of Maine

Ashley MacMillan
Director of Annual Giving
The LifeFlight Foundation



Celebrating 25 years of safely caring for and transporting the people of Maine.

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Ten Facts and Frequently Asked Questions about LifeFlight

- 1. LifeFlight is a private non-profit charitable organization with a public mission serving all of Maine.** We care for all patients regardless of insurance status or ability to pay for care with helicopters based in Bangor, Lewiston, and Sanford, a fixed-wing airplane based in Bangor, rapid response vehicles, and specialized ground ambulances. In FY2023 LifeFlight provided \$1.7 million of care to patients without insurance or the means to cover the cost of care, as well as significant discounts for Medicare and MaineCare patients.
- 2. In FY23, 2,468 patients were transported from 124 Maine communities,** islands, and unorganized townships-- about 1 patient every 3.5 hours. LifeFlight has cared for more than 37,000 patients since September 1998.
- 3. What is the Community Giving Campaign?** Each year in the Fall, LifeFlight reaches out to every community in the state to ask for support. The request includes a suggested donation based on population; a \$1.00 per capita rate for towns that have up to 1,000 residents; a \$0.50 per capita rate for those with up to 2,000 residents; and a \$0.25 per capita rate for all others, with asks typically capped at \$2,000. The average gift size in 2023 was \$596, and some towns give generously beyond what they are asked.
- 4. How is LifeFlight funded?** LifeFlight operates much like a hospital emergency department, taking care of all patients and billing insurance companies. We contract with most major commercial insurance companies and participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Most of our operational expenses are covered by patient fees, but we rely on the LifeFlight Foundation to support the purchase of new aircraft, medical equipment, infrastructure improvements, and to provide clinical education around the state.
- 5. LifeFlight helicopters, the airplane, and specialty ground vehicles are equipped as fully functioning mobile intensive care units.** LifeFlight's critical care teams bring the trauma center intensive care unit level care-- skills, medical technology, pharmacy, blood, and more -- directly to a patient's side.
- 6. What types of patients do we transport?** Critically ill or injured patients of all ages needing specialized care beyond what can be provided by local hospitals - including premature infants, cardiac and stroke patients, complex traumatic injury, organ transplant, sepsis, burns, and serious obstetric complications. We use strict medical utilization criteria to make sure all flights are medically necessary. Emergency medical providers are guided by state-mandated protocols based on the latest research and best practice.
- 7. About 92% of patients are transported from community hospitals to major specialty centers, and 8% are transported directly from the scene of an emergency -** roadsides, woods, mountains, and islands. While most patients are transported to EMMC, MMC and CMMC, about 10% of patients are transported to Boston and beyond for specialized care not available in Maine.
- 8. LifeFlight is lean.** We are among the most efficient providers in the world, we pay close attention to costs, maintaining a very small administrative team that results in some of the lowest costs and charges in New England and the country. We balance this with our goal of being in the top decile internationally for quality of care.
- 9. LifeFlight's costs and charges are the lowest in New England and among the lowest in the country.** The average charge for a LifeFlight transport is around \$20,000. Other provider charges across New England and the northeast range from around \$27,000 for non-profits providers to \$60,000-\$80,000 from for-profit air medical companies. LifeFlight participates with most major commercial insurance companies as well as Medicare and MaineCare, with the goal of avoiding any "surprise bill" to patients.
- 10. What other benefits to our town and region does LifeFlight provide besides critical care and transport?** We provide local critical care training to medical providers in specialized areas such as traumatic brain injury and pediatric trauma, critical medical diagnosis, and treatment. We also support weather systems, hospital helipads, and advanced aviation navigation systems across the state.

Baldwin Road Commissioners Report

Dear Friends of Baldwin,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support over the last year. During which our town has suffered some major damages, but we have also taken great strides with improvements and projects.

As everyone knows, we have received large amounts of rain, it quickly became evident that drainage was a large concern within our town. Drainage became a high priority to help prevent further road damage. Our highway crew installed approximately 480' of culvert. This covered 16 different crossings within town. We also completed ditching on several roads as well as ditching problem areas on other roads. Flushing out culverts has also been a frequent task as they bind up frequently with natural debris. Drainage is such an important part of maintaining a good road.

The highway crew has attended three different courses this year; Roadway Fundamentals, Maintaining Gravel Roads, and Work Zone Traffic Control. These classes were hosted by the Local Roads Center, a division of the Maine Department of Transportation. These courses are packed full of information and educational resources for us to use and reference when it comes to maintaining Baldwin's roads.

The Town of Baldwin received two new dump trucks, which have been a huge benefit to ensuring all road work is completed in a timely manner. Safe and reliable equipment ensures that we can maximize our time spent during road construction and plowing snow. We are extremely grateful and would like to thank our taxpayers for the opportunity to purchase these trucks.

In early April we were hit with a major snowstorm. Snow accumulations at our town garage reached about 24" of very wet and heavy snow that fell over a 48 hour period. Baldwin experienced extensive damage with a lot of downed trees, broken power poles and impassable roads. The crew worked long hours to keep the roads plowed and open. Cleanup took a couple weeks to complete, while navigating our day- to-day operations.

Our crew has worked continuously to keep our roads safe. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and support in the past and moving forward.

Sincerely,

Chris Harrington
Town of Baldwin Road Commissioner

Brown Memorial Library 2024

Greetings Baldwin

Your Town Library is doing well but still needs your help. We are working on the inventory of the collection. There are quite a few books that are out on vacation. A few have been misshelved. The books may be on your shelves. Some of you may be getting gentle reminder letters (replacement costs or fines may come later). If so, please send them home so that others can read them. Thanks for you help.

We continue to receive donations of books and puzzles. You can drop in and take a break, work on a started puzzle or read a magazine. We have 3 computers and a copier you can use. If you are stuck or unsure and need help, we're here. The free WiFi reaches out to the parking lot. You can get books we do not have. We can request them from other libraries. A van picks up and delivers every Tuesday.

Activities - Crafters often meet on Saturdays. We have Story Time with Puppets at 10 on Monday. We had a Basic Sewing Class to understand the machine and learn basic stitching skills. We will repeat this soon. There was a Basic Quilting Class. We plan to do a Clothing Construction Class and a Fancy Stitches Class. We wondered about Intro to Tools. Anyone interested? We won't be offering How to Wrangle a Gator or Fly an Airplane. Check for flyers at Post Offices, the Shopping Guide, stores, Website and F.B. for dates and times. Want to teach something or give a lecture?

Every Year Events – We host a Candidates Night the Monday before Town Meeting (May 27 at 7 PM.) to allow us to ask questions about the Warrant issues and meet the Candidates running for Select Board and School Board. Our Book Sale and Raffles will be on August 10 from 8 to 3. Table Space for rent \$15. Santa and the Tree Lighting on Dec. 8. Come around 4 PM, refreshments and gifts for the children.

The Community Room is available to rent year around for reasonable rates.

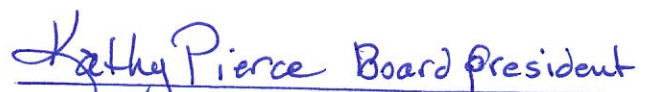
Summer Events - Summer Reading Program - Adventures Begin at Your Library and the Drummond Lodge Mason's Bikes for Books starts 6/17/24 – 8/ 16 /24 All ages can drop in and sign up. Win weekly prizes. A Grand Prize is chosen at the end of the program. For every book you read you can enter a ticket in the drawing for a bike and helmet. We hope to have a Pirate Band and a Wilderness Hiker presentation.

We want to extend a BIG Thank You to those who have donated time, books, money and ideas. The Library can't exist without you.

Phone: 207 787 3155 Address: 2 Norton Place at 107 & 11 on 113

Web: www.brown.lib.me.us email: brownmemoriallib@gmail.com

Phone or email us for Community Room rental scheduling or other questions.

 Kathy Pierce Board President



Dear Baldwin Residents,

Since its incorporation in 1991, the Baldwin Historical Society has collected and preserved historical and genealogical information relating to Baldwin and its residents. Settling into our new headquarters after moving from the Brown Memorial Library has been a huge challenge in every way. The progress on the renovations and repairs to the old building are nearly complete at this time with just a few repairs to the barn on the docket. Regular maintenance on an 1835 building will always be part of our responsibility, and we realize we must be prepared to handle that.

Our collections of photographs (9000) documents (4000) and items for exhibit have continued to grow. Most importantly, all of them have been scanned into our searchable digital system. As we noted in our letter last year one of our valuable volunteers had completed a new research program that would make it easier to gather vital information from the original handwritten records. Thanks to some of the stipend we received from the town of Baldwin last year we have been able to purchase the equipment necessary to support these new sources of information. Our ongoing project of scanning hundreds of very old historic documents continues as we mentioned last year. We always have numerous projects to keep up with even as we have 2 volunteers working 1 day a week besides our 2nd and 4th Saturdays when we have volunteers working and are open to the public.

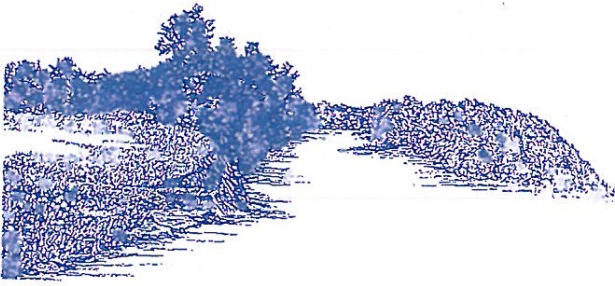
This year was especially exciting for BHS as we had completed setting up many exhibits in the Chadbourne Homestead and held our very first OPEN HOUSE in September. It was very gratifying to greet our many supporters and proudly present the many exhibits that occupy our 7 rooms and show off our very special art gallery with beautiful watercolors of many Baldwin landmarks. Although we do not have a schedule for tours yet this year we do have news that we have partnered with Sacopee Valley Adult ED. to host several museum tours this summer. Watch for the schedule dates. We will be working on new projects in our barn this year. Several of our volunteers cleaned out the sold Mt Etna Grange building and removed all objects to the Chadbourne barn. We will exhibit all the stations as well as other interesting grange pieces along with our beautiful horse drawn sleigh right there in the barn.

The Historical Society thanks the Baldwin community for its continued support, which is vital to our success. We would also thank the many residents who have donated historical documents, memorabilia and artifacts during the past year. Our deep appreciation to all the many volunteers that continue to support and work very hard to keep things moving forward. We look toward to 2024 and 2025 with the hope of seeing all of you at the Memorial service that we have sponsored since 2015, our open houses at Chadbourne Homestead and our annual picnic. If you would like to donate historical items, become a society member or volunteer on one of our projects, please email us at bhs1802@gmail.com, or call 207-625-8946. The Haines Library is open every 2nd and 4th Saturday throughout the year from 10 to 1 PM. Please drop in....

Requesting \$10,000

With gratitude for your support,

**Sharon Thomas
Collections Director**



Saco River Corridor Commission

“Communities Working Together To Protect Our Rivers”

December 12, 2023

Baldwin Budget Committee
534 Pequawket Trail
West Baldwin, ME 04091

Dear Committee Members:

The Saco River Corridor Commission (SRCC) is pleased to report another successful year of water quality monitoring along the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee Rivers. The testing areas most relevant to the Town of Baldwin are the bridge at Bridge Street on the Cornish-Hiram town line (O22), Cornish Station off Route 5 (OS9), below the Hiram Falls Dam on River Road (S23), and Sand Pond Beach (SP21). Attached you will find the SRCC’s WQM testing summary for 2023 with an analysis of the results, along with recommendations for water quality protection.

The water quality program was created to help understand the issues affecting water quality in the Corridor’s rivers, and to help discern how well the protective standards of the Saco River Corridor Act are helping to preserve this crucial resource. We also want residents to have access to information about water safety factors like the presence and abundance of *E. coli* bacteria. As development and building continue, the water quality monitoring program allows the town and the SRCC to monitor the success of standards put in place 50 years ago by the Saco River Corridor Act, and to react if we see sudden changes in local water quality. As we often hear in the water quality context, “you can’t protect what you do not measure”. Thanks to volunteers and support from towns along the Corridor, we have now successfully measured water quality for over 20 years, and in this past year, we monitored 43 sites!

Our program is growing to meet community needs and is keeping up with the latest science whenever possible. With assistance from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund (MOHF), and in partnership with the Green Mountain Conservation Group, the SRCC continues to explore applications of environmental DNA analysis – hoping to better track the source of bacterial contamination and identify potential threats to wildlife or public health. While this is a challenging area of research, this effort and a previous grant from MOHF have expanded the capabilities of the SRCC to test bacterial levels in-house. With this faster testing ability alongside our notifications to municipal officials, action can be taken to advise the public with less time elapsed since samples were taken. With 2023’s abundant rainfall and high river flows, we saw frequent high *E. coli* levels at some sites and were able to swiftly update municipalities and our online database with that information. The 2023 season additionally saw the launch of our online ‘bacteria monitoring dashboard’ which has made testing results more accessible to the public through an interactive site updated daily with bacteria results and warnings for locations with high levels of *E. coli*.

This year, the OS9 site saw one instance of elevated *E. coli* levels that temporarily exceeded state standards (in September). However, the combined measurement for the season saw a value in the “Good” category at OS9, and the “Fair” category for O22 and S23, which means that all of these sites are still within the state standards for Class B waters. In 2022, site O22 had exceeded the state standard for season-wide *E. coli* levels, and in this past season it improved somewhat, but S23 is now showing a rise in levels. The short-term trend from 2018 to 2023 begins to indicate that average *E. coli* levels are increasing, but the SRCC will continue to monitor to see if this is sustained. We often see higher *E. coli* in samples after large rainfall events due to runoff from land-based sources, and this year’s rains may have contributed to the higher values observed. Thankfully, the recreation testing site at Sand Pond saw very low *E. coli* readings.

As seen in previous years, the phosphorus levels at O22 (Bridge Street) are above the ideal threshold. High phosphorus levels are indicative of human influences (such as fertilizers and human or animal wastes) and can lead to the overgrowth of algae and cyanobacteria. The SRCC will continue to monitor levels of phosphorus at these sites to determine if the trend continues.

The SRCC's water quality monitoring program relies on dedicated volunteers at many of its sites, and the desire for rapid water quality monitoring is growing as communities encounter concerns like aquatic invasive plants, increasing recreation, and rapid shoreline development. To help keep this essential program running, we ask two things of each of the municipalities along the corridor: First, that you encourage those interested in volunteering with the Commission to contact us, and second that you consider the value of this testing to the Town and the importance of seeing this program stay robust and expand as needed in the future.

During the 2023 monitoring season, the Commission spent a total of \$19,632 on equipment, \$3799 on supplies and lab testing, and approximately \$15,000 in travel reimbursement and personnel costs over the monitoring season. Equipment costs were particularly high this year due to the need to replace several of the older meters and probes used to gather data on pH, turbidity, conductivity, and dissolved oxygen. The 43 sites tested this year include three adjacent to or in Baldwin and one just upstream on the Ossipee River in Cornish, and all sites were tested for *E. coli*. While SRCC is able to offset much of the testing and staff reporting costs with other funding, we do rely on town contributions to help fill the gap, particularly for *E. coli* monitoring. We cannot do this without municipal support, so we respectfully request that the following statement be included as an article in your town warrant:

“The town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 toward the support of the Saco River Corridor Commission for its continued water quality monitoring program.”

We thank the town of Baldwin for its continued support of the water quality program, and we look forward to providing many more years of valuable information, helping to track trends and keep the community informed. Our goal is to protect the many positive values of the Rivers and the Corridor, including the water quality we all depend on. We will continue to do our part, but we need municipal help to succeed. Thank you for considering our request for this important program.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with comments, questions, or suggestions about the water quality monitoring program or any of the work we do.

Sincerely,


Cheri Dunning
Executive Director

Enclosure: Water Quality Analysis Report—Baldwin 2023



Saco River Corridor Commission Water Quality Monitoring Report, 2023 Baldwin Sites

Contact SRCC at 207-625-8123 or srcc@srcc-maine.org for questions,
and see our website at www.srcc-maine.org

Water Quality Parameters: What are we testing for?

Dissolved Oxygen: The amount of oxygen contained in water is commonly expressed as a concentration in terms of milligrams per liter (mg/L), and/or as a percent (%) saturation. Accurate dissolved oxygen readings are dependent on temperature and atmospheric pressure. Gases, like oxygen, dissolve more easily in cooler water than in warmer water. Depletions in dissolved oxygen can cause major shifts in the kinds of aquatic organisms found in water bodies.

Turbidity: A measurement of the clarity of a fluid. The greater the turbidity, the murkier the water. High levels of suspended particles, which absorb heat from the sun, increase the water temperature. Suspended solids can clog fish gills, reduce growth rates, decrease resistance to disease and prevent egg and larval development of aquatic life.

Temperature: The metabolic rates of organisms increase with increasing water temperature. An increased metabolism increases the need for oxygen. Temperature also influences the amount of oxygen dissolved in water and the rate of photosynthesis by algae and larger aquatic plants.

Conductivity: A measure of the ability of water to pass an electrical current. Conductivity in water is determined by the presence of ions that carry a positive or negative charge. Conductivity in some areas, typically those near roads, may have higher than average levels due to manmade issues such as road salting during the winter months. Conductivity is also influenced by temperature (warmer water has higher conductivity) and by flow volume.

pH: Water contains both hydrogen ions and hydroxyl ions. At a pH of 7.0 (neutral) the concentration of both hydrogen ions and hydroxyl ions is equal. When the pH is less than 7.0 (acidic) there are more hydrogen ions than hydroxyl ions. When the pH is greater than 7.0 (alkaline or basic) there are more hydroxyl ions than hydrogen ions. Generally speaking, the ability of aquatic organisms to complete a life cycle greatly diminishes as pH falls below 5.0 or exceeds 9.0.

***Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*):** A bacterium found typically in the small intestines of warm-blooded animals. Most *E. coli* strains are harmless, but some serotypes can cause serious food poisoning in their hosts, and are occasionally responsible for product recalls. *E. coli* is expelled into the environment within fecal matter, and in high amounts can cause beach and swim area closures. Values are reported in geometric means.

Total Dissolved Nitrogen (TDN): Measurement of all the nitrogen that is available for use by phytoplankton, particularly cyanobacteria. Total dissolved nitrogen consists of dissolved organic nitrogen and dissolved inorganic nitrogen.

Total Phosphorus: Of the two nutrients most important to the growth of aquatic plants, nitrogen and phosphorus, it is generally observed that phosphorus is more limiting to plant growth in freshwater systems. Phosphorus is primarily associated with human related activities within the watershed and is therefore important to monitor and control. This parameter is new in 2022.

Nitrates/Nitrites (NO₃/NO₂): Both nitrate and nitrite are main constituents in fertilizers used for agriculture and residential purposes. As nitrite is relatively unstable in the environment, it quickly gets converted into nitrates. Nitrates can accelerate eutrophication of lakes.

Orthophosphate (PO₄): Also known as Reactive Phosphates, they are a main constituent in fertilizers used for agriculture and residential purposes. This is the form of phosphorus that is most readily utilized by biota.

Non-purgeable Organic Carbon (NPOC): Also known as dissolved organic carbon (DOC), it is a potential energy source for plants and animals in aquatic systems. This is an important component for stream metabolism; high levels can be a precursor to high levels of bacteria growth.

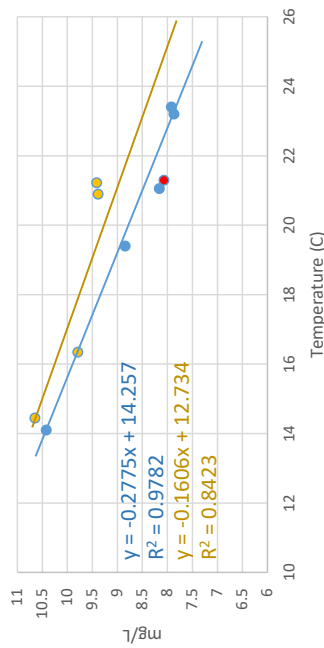
Water Quality Parameters Guideline

Parameter	Acceptable Limits
Dissolved Oxygen	Above 75% saturation; between 6-12mg/L
Temperature	No standard
Turbidity	10 NTUs or lower; preferably in the 1 NTU range
Conductivity	Below 500uS/cm in rural areas; 1500uS/cm in urban areas
<i>E. coli</i>	Below a geometric mean of 64 CFU for Class B, naturally occurring for Class A
Total Phosphorus	Below 30ug/L
pH	Between 6-8; usually around 6.5
Orthophosphate	Below 10ug/L
Nitrates/nitrites	Below 1mg/L
Total Dissolved Nitrogen	Below 0.5mg/L
Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC)	No standard; usually between 1-10mg/L

S23- Below Hiram Falls Dam, River Road, Hiram

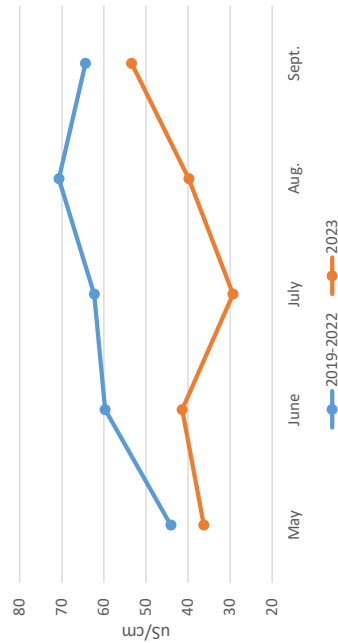
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Dissolved O₂ vs. Temperature



Dissolved Oxygen (DO) has an inverse relationship with temperature: as temperature increases DO decreases. The R² values from 2023 (orange) if show a similar value compared to 2018-2022 values (blue) when you remove the Sept. 2023 sample (red), which indicates not much change overall for DO levels. When Sept 2023 is added back in, the R² value drops to 0.66

Dissolved O₂ % Saturation



As water levels decrease over the summer, conductivity levels tend to increase. It is not because the salt level increases, but rather the water level decreases so the salt is more concentrated.

Year	CFU	Rating
2017	29.27	Good
2018	41.42	Fair
2019	16.6	Excellent
2020	19.9	Excellent
2021	31.3	Good
2022	19.81	Excellent
2023	43.95	Fair

Maine state *E.coli* standard for Class B waters is below 64 CFU.

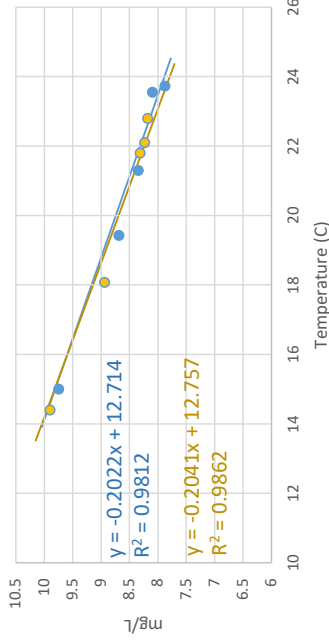
Parameter	Trend	Explanation
pH	Stable	No significant trends; data show low variability
Turbidity	Stable	No significant trends; data show low variability

Trends observed from 2018-2023 show levels within appropriate ranges.

O22 - Bridge at Bridge Street, Cornish- Hiram

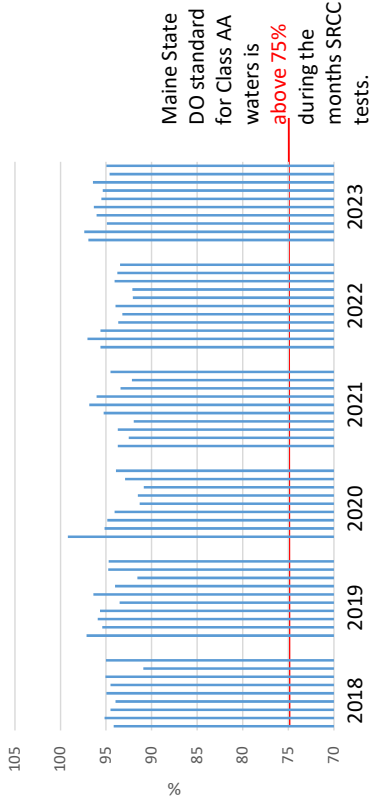
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Dissolved O₂ vs. Temperature



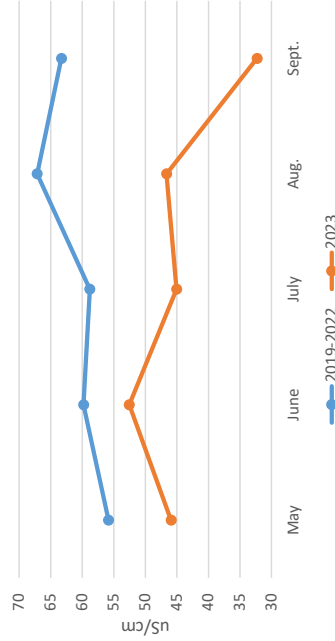
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Dissolved O₂ % Saturation



Maine State DO standard for Class AA waters is above 75% during the months SRCC tests.

Conductivity



As water levels decrease over the summer, conductivity levels tend to increase. It is not because the salt level increases, but rather the water level decreases so the salt is more concentrated. However this year with the high amount of rain, we didn't see that trend here.

Year	CFUs	Rating
2018	24.50	Good
2019	52.82	Fair
2020	52.40	Fair
2021	43.57	Fair
2022	73.48	Above limit
2023	50.23	Fair

Maine state *E. coli* standard for Class B waters is below 64 CFU.

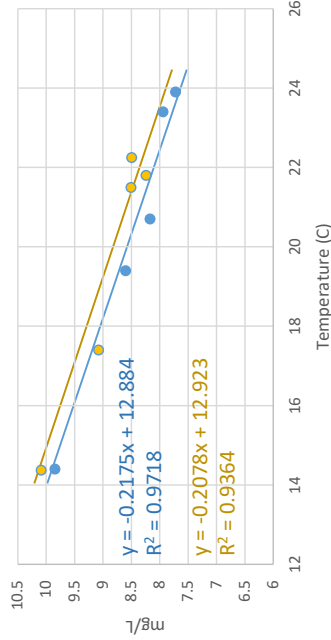
Parameter	Trend	Explanation
Turbidity	Stable	No significant trends; data show low variability
pH	Stable	No significant trends; data show low variability
PO ₄	Approaching nuisance levels	Past 3 years show levels near or over ideal levels
TDN	Within acceptable limits	3 rd year collecting this parameter
NO ₃ /NO ₂	Within acceptable limits	3 rd year collecting this parameter
Total Phosphorus	Above ideal levels	2 nd year collecting this parameter
Dissolved Organic Carbon	Within acceptable limits	2 nd year collecting this parameter

Trends observed from 2018-2023 show levels within appropriate ranges for all except for TP, which in 2023 was above ideal levels and PO₄, which is approaching nuisance levels.

OS9 - Cornish Station, off of Route 5, Cornish

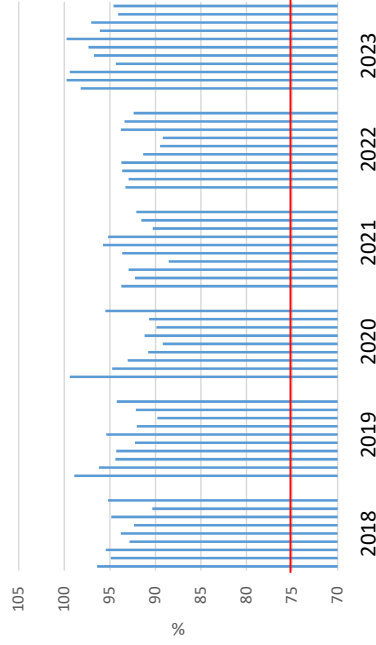
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Dissolved O₂ vs. Temperature



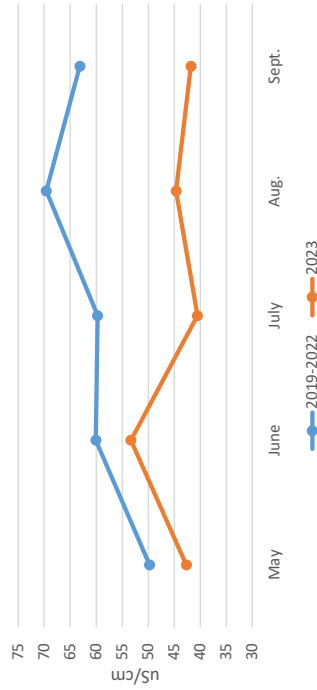
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Year	CFUs	Rating
2018	22.06	Good
2019	36.74	Good
2020	29.59	Good
2021	39.4	Good
2022	41.05	Fair
2023	39.71	Good

Maine state *E. coli* standard for Class B waters is below 64 CFU.

Parameter	Trend	Explanation
pH	Stable	No significant trend; data show low variability
Turbidity	Stable	No significant trend; data show low variability

Trends observed from 2018-2023 show levels within appropriate ranges.

SP21 - Sand Pond Beach, Baldwin
Monitoring began in 2022
E. coli only

Year	CFUs	Rating
2022	4.13	Excellent
2023	6.93	Excellent

Maine state *E. coli* standard for
Class B waters is below 64 CFU.

Overall comments on Baldwin's water quality

- Baldwin's water quality for the three sites tested in 2023 is good.
 - Phosphorus levels – both total and orthophosphate – are over or near nuisance levels at O22.
 - This can lead to overgrowth of algae and cyanobacteria.
 - *E. coli* levels at S23 were higher in 2023 than in previous testing years.
- **Ways to improve/protect water quality:**
 - Make sure there is a good buffer of riparian vegetation near running water.
 - Use Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent erosion.
 - Reduced/no salt areas around bodies of water:
 - Recalibrate trucks so salt stays on road.
 - Brining.
 - Have septic systems checked and maintained regularly.
 - In areas of high swim activity consider whether seasonal toilet facilities are feasible.

SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION
“Communities Working Together to Protect Our Rivers”

The Saco River Corridor Commission (SRCC) was created with one purpose in mind – to protect the rivers in the Saco Basin and all that these rivers represent to the people who live and work here. The Maine legislature provided the performance standards to initiate our program in 1973, and the current cleanliness of the river is a testament to that effort. The Commission’s role is one of partnership with our communities, and our standards apply to the first 500-1000ft of land around the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee (i.e. the Corridor). All twenty towns with lands in the Corridor can appoint one regular and one alternate Commissioner, and we are grateful to have Laurie Downey serving as Baldwin’s Commissioner at this time. Representation from Baldwin means that your community is weighing in on development patterns along the rivers, from Fryeburg to Saco and south to Acton/Shapleigh. Clean water is one of Maine’s greatest assets, and our volunteer Commissioners work hard to ensure the Saco and its major tributaries are protected from unsustainable or incompatible development.

Development in Maine has been booming in recent years. As areas are built up, inappropriate land-use planning can cause degradation to the shoreland area, along with water quality problems. The SRCC has kept up with the recent surge and continues to review each application for new development within the corridor for its compliance with the Saco River Corridor Act, and the best-practice standards that we know can protect our waterways. In FY23, the Commission carefully reviewed 119 applications for development within the Corridor. This year the Commission also transitioned to a new Executive Director, Cheri Dunning, who is a resident of Baldwin.

The SRCC has now completed its 22nd successful year of the Water Quality Monitoring Program. Staff and volunteers monitor for dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, turbidity, temperature, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, orthophosphates, alkalinity, nitrogen (NH₄, NO₃ + NO₂), total phosphorous/phosphates, ammonium, and either *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) or *Enterococci*. Our testing takes place bi-weekly along the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee Rivers at 43 different locations from May through mid-September, with weekly *E. coli* testing at certain recreational sites from June to September.

In 2022, SRCC purchased advanced bacteria monitoring equipment, which has expanded our capacity to analyze samples in-house and continued to serve us well in 2023. This means our reports are available faster, and towns can more quickly take action to advise the public when high levels of *E. coli* or *Enterococci* occur. With assistance from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund, the Commission is also exploring applications of environmental DNA (eDNA) analysis, in hopes of developing a new method to determine the source of bacterial contamination.

To help communicate water quality testing results to the public, the map available on our website highlights sites with recently elevated bacteria levels. The site also provides links to the most updated *E. coli* test results. While the monitoring program is currently at capacity for new sites, the SRCC is happy to discuss the possibility of expanding testing locations in future. We are especially grateful to our volunteer water quality monitors, who make our current set of testing locations possible. We encourage those interested in volunteering to contact us ahead of the April 2024 training dates, in hopes of expanding our monitoring capacity.

The SRCC’s mission is to work with the communities of the Corridor to help keep the rivers clean and preserve quality of life in southern Maine. If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions on any of our programs, please contact the Commission’s office. We are located at 81 Maple Street in Cornish, Maine, where we have staffed hours Monday-Thursday, 9am-5pm. You can reach us at 207-625-8123 or srcc@srcc-maine.org, and you can find much more information on our website at www.srcc-maine.org. We thank Baldwin for helping to protect the Saco River and its tributaries!

Saco River Festival Association



Enriching Maine's Culture
for Over 40 Years



Town of Baldwin
Budget Committee

November 28, 2023

Hello,

The Saco River Festival Association would like to request that the following article* be placed on the Baldwin Town Meeting agenda for 2024.

The Saco River Festival Association is a non-profit Corporation formed in 1976 in Parsonsfield for the purpose of promoting quality music and various arts programs in the Sacopee Valley area. The SRFA has been organizing the Cornish Bandstand Summer Concert Series for 15 years. In 2023 we scheduled four bands for the summer concerts, but we have had requests from the audiences to increase the schedule with more bands.

SRFA strives to provide a venue for Maine artists and to provide affordable entertainment for the community. Donations during the Bandstand concerts from the audience, sponsorships from local businesses, and funds from other SRFA projects help to defray the costs of the musical groups. The Association is committed to underwrite the Bandstand concerts with donations only, but the average fee from many musical groups has been increasing. We used to be able to hire groups for \$300 to 400, but many in the past few years have been in the \$500 to \$700 range, or more. For this reason we are increasing our requested amount from the Sacopee Valley towns to \$500.

We would appreciate your consideration in planning the next Town Meeting warrant to include this article. Thank you very much!

Sincerely, *Sharon*

Sharon Beever, SRFA President

For the SRFA Board of Directors

** To see if the Town will vote to contribute \$500 toward the costs of the Sacopee Summer Concert Series at the Cornish Bandstand organized by the Saco River Festival Association.

Smooth Feather

December 21st, 2023

To the town of Baldwin,

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

Our film from the summer of 2022, "[As We Are](#)," which was written and directed by seventeen-year-old Tyler Muise, is a great example of how filmmaking can empower youth and create a platform for community healing. Tyler wanted to make a film focused on the importance of de-escalating violence, especially in the face of drug use. The film was inspired by the intense drug issues in our rural community and his commitment to find humanity in all people regardless of their situation. Smooth Feather has screened "As We Are" in schools and communities throughout the state using the film as a catalyst for conversation around drug use, substance use disorder, and how to find humanity in others. [Journey Magazine](#) featured Smooth Feather on the front page of their winter 2023 issue, and "As We Are" was screened as part of a keynote presentation by Smooth Feather at the Maine Judicial Branch's annual Child Welfare Conference. Having our youth introduce our film about de-escalating violence in front of all the District Court judges in Maine was a major milestone for us in our mission to empower youth through filmmaking.

When our youth thrive, our communities thrive. We measure our success by the transformations in our young people who have participated in our programming. For example, one parent described their child's experience with Smooth Feather as follows:

"Smooth Feather has one thousand percent changed my family. Since [my child] was in, "As We Are," I have watched them change. I have watched them go from not wanting to be around a lot of people, to being on a big screen. I have watched them speak up for themselves more, be willing to do things that make them uncomfortable, and it's been the same for me. Pretty much everything I've done for Smooth Feather scared me very very much, to the point where I almost backed out seven thousand times. But I'm so glad I didn't because it does cause growth. It has brought [my child] and I closer together and it has given us multiple things now that are way outside of our comfort zone that we have been able to tackle together. And that couldn't have come from anywhere else. So I'm very grateful for Smooth Feather because it really has impacted my family in a big way."

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

Sincerely,



Silas Hagerty - Executive Director : Smooth Feather



Sacopee TV2 Annual Report 2023

As we do every year, we would like to first thank the towns for their ongoing support of Sacopee TV2. Without this continued support, this valuable program would not exist. Sacopee TV2 is a “win-win” because it provides an important service for the community by broadcasting both school and public events, while simultaneously providing our high school students with valuable skills in video production, post-production editing, video graphics, professional communications, and so much more. Students actively engage in learning valuable real life TV/video production experiences as they develop the skills necessary to manage the public access channel. Numerous Sacopee TV2 alumni have gone on to study broadcast communications in college and to pursue careers in multiple communications-related fields. With one of the seniors thinking about going into Sport Media after high school.

We continue to add updated programming for our viewers in the MSAD 55 community and around the globe through the use of streaming web media content. Thanks to the support we receive from the towns, we have been able to purchase Wirecast broadcast equipment which enables us to broadcast live from any location with WiFi. This capability has allowed us to significantly broaden both the number and the type of events that we can make available to our viewers. Wirecast has also enabled us to add more broadcast features, including a live running score for sports broadcasts and an information footer showing things like speakers’ names at meetings. These features have given our broadcasts a much more professional look and have significantly improved the viewer experience. We have been able to continue live streaming.

Our YouTube channel allows viewers who do not have access to Sacopee TV2 via Spectrum Channel 2 to view the same content online. By simply going to our YouTube page, anyone can view our most recent programming. All of the events on our YouTube channel can be watched at any time, anywhere in the world where there is an internet connection. We have viewers from all parts of the United States and beyond and our list of subscribers continues to grow. This time last year, for example, we had 632 subscribers. Currently Sacopee TV2 has 755 subscribers, and that number continues to increase each week.

Through the 2023-2024 school year, Sacopee TV2 has provided important events throughout the community that some may not be able to attend. With around 72 events so far this year. We have filmed 28 spring home interscholastic athletic events (Softball, Baseball, Duck Derby, Town Meetings, and School Board Meetings.) We have also filmed 23 fall events (Boys’ Soccer, Girls’ Soccer, Field Hockey, Football, annual Cornish Horse Race 9/10/23, National Honor Society 11/15/23, monthly School Board Meetings and Parsonsfield Town meeting.) In the winter we filmed 21 events (Boys’ Basketball, Girls’ Basketball, SVHS Winter Concert

12/10/22, Wreaths across America 12/14/23, Veterans Day Celebration 11/8/23, and Unified Basketball.) Coming up we will be filming the Teachers' Awards on February 29th. We will also be creating annual 3-4 minutes promotional videos for each of the towns that support Sacopee TV2 in the spring.

Thankfully, we have Mr. JR Stevenson who stepped up and became the TV2 coordinator. We finally got TV2 up and running again. With this being down for a few years it was a big relief to have this running. In addition to Mr. Stevenson, we would like to recognize and thank all of the Sacopee TV2 students, teachers and the principal for their help to keep this wonderful program alive. Mrs. Taylor has been there for many years and has been willing to step up to take on roles not designated to them, especially in the absence of a coordinator in years past. The current students for Sacopee TV2 are: Elise Hermance '24 (station manager), Brady Knudsen '25 (asst. station manager), Chloe Roy '24, and Marshall Frenette '26. Filmers James Ritter '24, Dylan Capano '24, and Jacob Beaulieu '25.

We encourage towns as well as community groups and organizations to contact us about important announcements or events they would like listed on our community bulletin board or broadcast on Sacopee TV2. We can be reached by emailing tv2@sad55.org or by calling Sacopee Valley High School at (207) 625-3208.

Please note that the Sacopee TV2 warrant article does not require the town to raise any revenue. The franchise fee is a fee paid by each Spectrum Cable subscriber which is returned to the towns. Most municipalities dedicate these franchise fees to their local public access station, which in your case is Sacopee TV2. It is our goal for Sacopee TV2 to be self-sufficient, so that we will not require MSAD 55 funds or donations from area businesses in order to maintain operations. All Sacopee TV2 funds are managed by the MSAD 55 finance office and are audited annually with records kept for at least seven years.

Once again we would like to thank the towns for their continued support of Sacopee TV2. Please contact us if you have any feedback to offer, or if you would like additional information on the program. Please check out Sacopee TV2, located on Spectrum Channel 2 and also on YouTube. You can find our YouTube channel by entering "Sacopee TV" in the search bar. Please subscribe!

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Hermanc '24
Sacopee TV Station Manager



FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO: Town of Baldwin

FROM: Southern Maine Agency on Aging

Date: 12/27/23

2023 REQUEST AMOUNT: \$3,750

The Southern Maine Agency on Aging – What do we do?

The Southern Maine Agency on Agency’s mission is to improve the quality of life for older adults, adults with disabilities and the people who care for them. For over 50 years, the Southern Maine Agency on Aging (SMAA) has provided residents of York and Cumberland counties of Maine with resources and assistance to address the issues and concerns of aging. The programs and services at SMAA are designed to foster independence, reduce the burden on families and caregivers and promote an active and healthy lifestyle for individuals as they age.

Our programs address basic human needs like nutrition, socialization, access to available benefits and services, and improving the health and wellbeing of thousands of Mainers. Our mission has never been more vital, and SMAA relies on the dedication of a 58-person staff and more than 400 active volunteers to provide its many services like Meals on Wheels, adult day programs at the Sam L. Cohen Center, family caregiver support, Agewell classes and support groups, and Medicare counseling.

How do we serve Town of Baldwin Residents?

Last year, **59** residents received the following support and assistance from SMAA valued at **\$23,510**

- **12** Baldwin residents received assistance through the SMAA’s Information and Resources program - staffed by Resources Specialists and Social Workers who work with seniors and their families by phone or in-person to provide information and support, and to increase access to available benefits. Those residents experienced **15** contacts with SMAA staff;

- **16** Baldwin residents received case management services from Resource Specialists and Social Workers. Staff assisted in connecting these residents to services such as coordinating transportation and appointments as well as application assistance. These meetings included direct assistance, a comprehensive needs assessment, and may include home visits. Staff provided **32** hours of support;

- **3** residents received Medicare and other insurance counseling. In addition to helping choose the best coverage for each individual, Agency volunteers assisted in saving participants hundreds and often thousands of dollars on yearly insurance and prescription costs;

- **5** residents participated in SMAA's Community Café and/or "As You Like It" congregate dining programs through which they received **11** affordable and nutritious meals, and socialized, helping to reduce their risk of isolation and loneliness.

- and **13** Baldwin residents, who are temporarily or permanently homebound and who cannot shop for or prepare meals on their own, received **1,669** home-delivered meals, safety checks, and vital socialization through the Meals on Wheels and Simply Delivered for ME programs.

Why is this work important?

SMAA continues to see a heightened need for services during this tumultuous time. Even as clients return to in-person activities, the impact of social isolation and loneliness will continue to fuel a demand for SMAA's services. Just like our local hospitals and other institutions have had to scale up their capacity to serve the increased medical and other needs in our communities, SMAA must remain poised and positioned to help vulnerable older adults stay safe and healthy at home.

We know that the needs of older adults are becoming more critical and complex. Our programs aim to increase access to knowledge, information, and resources for vulnerable senior populations in our region who are challenged by food insecurity, social isolation, financial strain, and physical and mental health decline.

Recently, SMAA connected with Deborah* through the Information & Referral hotline. Deborah has a host of medical issues, very limited resources, and whose only natural support is her husband, whose health is suffering. Deborah called us because she was struggling with hunger; she was completely out of food, had no food stamps, and was homebound with nobody to go to the store for her. SMAA's staff were able to connect Deborah with immediate food assistance that day. We delivered emergency meals to Deborah and did a full needs assessment at her home by a licensed SMAA social worker. She now receives regular nutrition support for both her and her partner, and is signed up for food stamps. Additionally, Deborah has been connected with additional resources like SMAA's Phone Pal program, which provides telephonic assurance. The full needs assessment SMAA completed allows us to monitor her health, progress, and well-being.

Sadly, Deborah’s case is one of thousands that our team encounters each year. As the needs of older adults become more complex and more urgent, SMAA relies on the generosity of friends like the Town of Baldwin to preserve and provide critical services for older and disabled Mainers and their caregivers who so desperately need our help.

*Name has been changed to protect client confidentiality.

Request for support:

SMAA will be relying on the continued support of partners like the Town of Baldwin to help respond to and meet these growing needs of our older friends, family, and neighbors. This year, we are asking the Town of Baldwin to consider a contribution of \$3,750 in unrestricted support to help SMAA meet the ever-evolving and increasing needs of older and disabled Baldwin residents and their caregivers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST.

PLEASE CONTACT

MEGAN WALTON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT

207-396-6500 WITH ANY QUESTIONS. mwalton@smaaa.org

MaineHealth

CARE AT HOME

November 2, 2023

Deborah Wakefield
Town of Baldwin
534 Pequawket Trl
West Baldwin Maine 04091

Dear Ms. Wakefield:

MaineHealth Care at Home appreciates this consideration for funding in fiscal year '24-'25. Last year, the Town provided \$900 to support its residents in need of home health and community care services. The funds were directly allocated to our Compassionate Care Program, which cares for those who lack or insurance or are otherwise unable to pay for services. We are grateful for this support and respectfully request that the Town consider a contribution of \$1,400 to help offset this year's charity and uncompensated care of 3,478, an over \$900 increase over last year.

History

On May 1, 2016 HomeHealth Visiting Nurses joined with Kno-Wal-Lin Home Care & Hospice and Waldo Home Health & Hospice. Our founding organizations have more than 100 years of experience in serving our local communities with commitment and excellence. Today, MaineHealth Care at Home maintains its commitment to strengthening home health and hospice care for patients throughout an expanded service area. MaineHealth Care at Home (MHCAH), is a licensed 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, and a leading provider of home health and hospice services in an expanded service area that includes Cumberland, York, southern Oxford, Lincoln, Waldo, and Knox Counties.

Program Services

Our home-based healthcare services which include skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies, home health aides, counseling, and palliative care allow patients and families to receive necessary and cost-effective health care in the comfort home. In addition, our presence in the home allows clinicians to identify and address needs such as fuel assistance or inadequate food and nutrition and potential abuse or neglect. In the MidCoast region, we offer hospice care for patients seeking comfort, relief and dignity at the end stages of life. These services are delivered in the home, assisted living centers, nursing homes, hospice facilities or hospitals. In addition, we operate the Sussman House, an in-patient hospice facility located in Rockport Maine, providing compassionate care and symptom management in a tranquil, home-like setting.

Our agency continues to see a bulk of the home health referrals from local MaineHealth system hospitals including Maine Medical Center, Southern Maine Health Care, Pen Bay Medical Center, and Waldo County General Hospital.

MHCAH is the lead provider of home based pediatric services. Our Skilled Pediatric Program provides a full range of home health services to medically fragile children, many of whom are facing the challenges of cancer or other serious diseases.

Agency Highlights- COVID-19

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, MaineHealth Care at Home has played an active and involved role in the health system with respect to home health care. With public health restrictions significantly limiting the availability of services within facilities, home health care has offered a safe and effective alternative for many patients in need of direct, skilled care. MaineHealth Care at Home has serviced a census of COVID-positive patients since May of 2020, ensuring an effective continuity of care for patients discharged from other sites and limiting the incidence of viral spread within hospitals and other congregate settings.

Funding Need

As a not-for-profit home health care organization, we have the privilege and responsibility of serving those patients who might otherwise not receive necessary health care. Our position within the MaineHealth family is unique, as we have retained our own Board of Directors and function under our own budget. As such, we are self-reliant financially, and depend on philanthropic gifts, municipal contributions, and other sources to deliver on our promise to care for our diverse set of patients across our service area.

Each year, town contributions allow us to provide free and reduced fee health care to residents who lack insurance or other resources to pay for care. Town funds help us leverage funding from other municipalities, community foundations and United Way organizations.

As the enclosed statistical summary indicates, we cared for 25 residents last year, for a total of 398 visits and tests. Our commitment to serving Baldwin remains strong. We continue to seek and receive referrals from area hospitals, assisted living facilities and physician offices. In delivering this care, we provided \$3,478 of charity/uncompensated government care to residents of Baldwin.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. On behalf of the patients in your town who will benefit, thank you for your consideration and generous support over the years.



Roy Garland
Marketing & Development Coordinator

MaineHealth Care at Home								
Request to the Town of Baldwin - '24-'25								
Baldwin								
Prior Year Appropriation	\$	900						
Proposed Appropriation - \$		3,478						
SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY								
	Residents Served	Number of Visits/Days/Tests	Total Program Cost	Community Charity Care	Uncompensated Mainecare Costs			
Home Health Care	25	398	\$ 89,923	\$ 338	\$ 3,140			
Maternal & Child Health (Includes Clinics)	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Community Health (Includes Clinics)	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
TOTALS	25	398	\$ 89,923	\$ 338	\$ 3,140			



December 19, 2023

Deborah Wakefield, Town Clerk
Town of Baldwin
534 Pequawket Trail
West Baldwin, ME 04091

Dear Ms. Wakefield,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for funding through the Town of Baldwin. As you prepare your fiscal year 2024 – 2025 municipal budget, The Opportunity Alliance (TOA) respectfully requests \$3,500 in support of the many programs and services we provide to the residents of Baldwin.

As you will note in this request, **over the last fiscal year we have served 136 residents of Baldwin at a total value of \$24,360.00.** Through programs such as Cumberland County Homeless Prevention, Housing and Energy Services, The Maine Crisis Line, and 2-1-1 Maine, Baldwin residents benefit every day from TOA, and gain access to resources to become happier and healthier families and individuals, working towards stronger communities.

In the face of new and complicated challenges, our clients, staff, and long-time partners all around the state are exercising daily acts of resilience, kindness, courage, and creativity. Our compassion is witnessed in our generous spirit and the hand we offer to a neighbor in their time of need. That is why I am so grateful to the town of Baldwin for your support of The Opportunity Alliance.

For over 50 years, TOA has been supporting Mainers during their toughest times. But the need is growing. Individuals and families who never thought they would turn to a community resource for support are seeking help. And for those already struggling with food and housing insecurity, or substance use and mental health challenges, the additional impacts of the pandemic are more than they can bear. With your support, TOA is ready to meet this need 24/7 with over 50 tightly connected programs and the experience, tools, and resources to help your residents navigate their own crises. Town funding is critical to this important work: providing food and heating assistance to families in need, building resilient communities with Neighborhood Resource Hubs, providing quality early childhood education and care, helping elders stay in their homes, and treating those living with mental illness or substance use disorders. Your contribution makes it possible.

I thank you for your many years of partnership, working with us to help Baldwin residents build better lives and a stronger community. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact Connor Archibald at 207-553-5985 or connor.archibald@opportunityalliance.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph R. Everett". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joseph Everett
President & CEO

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Town of Baldwin Funding Request The Opportunity Alliance – FY 2025

Programs and Services in Baldwin

As an agency, we served 136 residents of Baldwin in fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) at a total value of \$24,360.00. We are working to support Baldwin's citizens in becoming thriving members of their community, ultimately strengthening your community. We are committed to providing these programs and services in Baldwin and with your support will continue to help those we serve build better lives.

Among our many programs, we provide Housing and Energy Services (HES), including heating and home repairs, weatherization, and fuel assistance to keep your residents warm in the winter months. In fiscal year 2023, 45 Baldwin residents received HES services at a value of **\$29,500**.

2-1-1 Maine answered **76** calls from Baldwin residents in fiscal year 2023 at a value of **\$760**, offering crisis intervention, basic needs resources, and health referral information.

TOA administers The Maine Crisis Line (MCL), the state's crisis telephone response service for individuals or families experiencing a behavioral health crisis or having thoughts of suicide and/or self-harm. Trained Crisis Call Specialists answer the line and provide free and confidential telephone support and stabilization 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In fiscal year 2023, MCL answered **10** calls from Baldwin residents at a value of **\$100**.

We currently provide case management to **5** Baldwin residents at a value of **\$1,000** through Cumberland County Homeless Prevention (CCHP).

1 Baldwin resident received Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), clinical counseling, case management, nurse care management and peer support through our Opioid Health Home program in fiscal year 2023.

1 adolescent Baldwin resident received comprehensive, holistic, youth and family-driven intensive case management services through our High-Fidelity Wraparound program in fiscal year 2023.

The Opportunity Alliance

To build better lives and stronger communities across Maine, The Opportunity Alliance (TOA) supports people with the programs and resources they need to improve their health, safety, and stability. TOA envisions a community in which all people in Maine have access to high-quality childcare and early childhood education programs, safe and stable housing, effective and compassionate mental health and substance use treatment, and basic needs supports.

Across the United States and right here in Maine, the challenges impacting individuals and families in poverty and/or in marginalized communities are growing; there is a severe housing shortage and homelessness crisis sweeping towns and cities, mental health crises are impacting children and adults, a substance use epidemic is tearing apart families, and there is limited access to health care, especially in Maine's rural communities.

TOA is ready to meet this need with over 55 tightly connected programs that help families, children, and individuals overcome barriers to reaching a better life. And when they overcome these barriers, the community is stronger. While demand for our programs and resources continues to rise, if over 50 years of service have taught us one thing, it is that we can never underestimate the spirit that makes us Mainers.

The Opportunity Alliance provides critical support to your neighbors and community members. We count on your partnership to power our work.

Funding

Our largest funding sources as an agency are through federal and state grants and contracts, as well as direct billing of services through Mainecare. The demand for our services continues to rise while government and private funding remains tight. We are in need of additional support to bridge the gap between existing funding and the cost of running these community-strengthening programs.



Home Care & Hospice
Suite 200
225 Gorham Road
South Portland, ME 04106

Office 800.757.3326
Fax 207.400.8891

November 29, 2023

Selectpersons and Residents
Baldwin
534 Pequawket Trail
Baldwin, ME 04091

Dear Selectpersons and Residents,

Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of the work we do at Northern Light Home Care & Hospice. This past year we have continued to provide crucial community health services to help your residents remain in the comfort of their own home for as long as they possibly can. Our nurses, rehabilitation therapists, social workers, home health aides, volunteers, and spiritual counselors are dedicated to compassionate care. We provide unique patient-centered care when your residents are released from the hospital following illness or surgery, as well as when your residents elect end of life hospice services.

Although Northern Light Home Care & Hospice, like many others across the health care industry, has faced numerous challenges in recent years, we have not wavered in delivering high quality patient care and striving to improve the health of the people and communities we serve. In the last twelve months statewide, we have:

- Conducted 112,090 visits to 7,185 home care patients
- Conducted 35,229 visits to 1,255 hospice patients

In addition to our hallmark home health and hospice programs, we continued providing indispensable public health services in the community. Each year we host vaccination clinics at community locations including schools, low-income senior centers, workplaces, homeless shelters, nursing homes, island communities, and more to promote public health in the community more broadly. We also provide vaccines to homebound residents and caregivers regardless of whether they are receiving home care or hospice services. In the last twelve months, we have administered 13,602 flu clinic vaccinations, 4,000 Covid vaccines, and close to 1,000 homebound vaccinations. We have also already scheduled over 350 community clinics to offer Flu, Covid, Pneumonia, and RSV vaccines.

We are heartened by these visitation and community health numbers. Even more so, we are immensely proud of the impact we have on the lives of our patients and their families. Some are recovering from illness or surgery or may be managing one or more chronic illnesses, while others are experiencing their remaining days under hospice care. The stories of lonely and isolated patients who look forward to their clinician visits are many, and the words of gratitude from families whose loved ones were able to pass more gently under our care renew our passion for the work we do. As an example of the good work we do, I share with you a quote from a grateful family.



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“Dianna’s and my experience with hospice during her last seven weeks was totally positive. Hospice was very sensitive to our wanting minimum visits due to COVID worries, but the advice we received during the visits that did take place and over the telephone were invaluable. I would not want to go through such an end-of-life caregiving experience without hospice!”

While we get reimbursed from Medicare, MaineCare, and other insurers, this does not cover the full cost of care provided to those with, or without, insurance in your community. It also does not cover our efforts to assist members of your community with needs that go beyond clinical care such as shower benches, blood pressure cuffs, healthy meals, and more. Financial support from the Town of Baldwin is used to offset the shortage in reimbursements for insured individuals, and to ensure care for those without insurance.

We hope that we have inspired you to consider maintaining your support for our work with a FY24 gift in the amount of \$500. Please be reminded that our clinicians live in the communities they serve, and our board of directors includes a representative residing in each county we cover. Along with this request, I have included our board list, an overview of the care we provided statewide, and our FY24 budget. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

We are grateful for your past support and thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Colleen Hilton
President, Northern Light Home Care & Hospice
Senior Vice President, Northern Light Health



FY 2023 Statistics Ending September 30, 2023

Counties served include: Aroostook, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Oxford, Penobscot, Somerset, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington, York.

Home Health Patients	7185
Home Health Visits	112090
Hospice Patients	904
Hospice Visits	35229
Palliative Care Patients	351



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Northern Light Home Care & Hospice

Actual and Budget for Year(s) Ending 09/30	FY22 Actual	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budget
OPERATING REVENUES			
Inpatient Revenue	1,055,896	1,201,777	1,588,871
Outpatient Revenue	56,335,387	48,624,296	53,133,978
Professional Fees Revenue	0	0	0
Gross Patient Revenue	57,391,283	49,826,073	54,722,849
DEDUCTIONS FROM REVENUE			
Inpatient Contractual Allowances	342,980	378,986	16,861
Outpatient Contractual Allowances	13,472,204	9,839,910	9,507,191
Professional Fees Contractual Allowances	0	0	0
Total Contractual Allowances	13,815,184	10,218,896	9,524,052
Charity Care	10,825	29,404	29,201
Other Deductions	0	0	0
Net Patient Revenue	43,565,273	39,577,773	45,169,596
OTHER REVENUE			
Net Sales and Contract Revenue	534,650	576,794	603,360
Other Revenue	1,391,055	518,726	101,000
Net Assets Released from Restriction	165,946	395,766	370,000
Total Revenue	45,656,924	41,069,059	46,243,956
EXPENSES			
Salaries and Wages	27,817,078	30,428,588	32,761,169
Employee Benefits	7,767,849	8,179,924	8,785,074
Professional Fees	2,179,006	1,977,337	2,024,081
Cost of Goods Sold	-25,974	-12,571	-13,390
Supplies	2,337,048	2,311,622	3,551,860
Purchased Services	2,256,620	2,074,702	1,724,627
Leases and Rentals	904,043	814,855	694,989
Utilities	521,378	772,931	640,583
Insurance	362,548	301,003	305,971
Interest	812.66	1339	694
Depreciation and Amortization	121,074	120,050	95,442
Other Expense	2,104,066	2,461,559	-988,970
NLH Support Services	2,257,224	2,144,363	2,144,362
Total Expenses	48,602,775	51,575,702	51,726,492
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(2,945,850)	(10,506,643)	(5,482,536)



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Town of Baldwin
Attn: Town of Baldwin Selectman
534 Pequawket Trail
West Baldwin, ME 04092

Dear Friends,

Thank you for considering our request for funding from the Town of Baldwin.

Through These Doors provides comprehensive advocacy and support services for victims and survivors of domestic abuse residing in Cumberland County. In fiscal year 2023, TTD assisted 2,958 of your friends, family, and neighbors in our work supporting victims and survivors of domestic violence in Cumberland County. We responded to 8,192 helpline calls in which staff and volunteers provided critical support, resources, and safety planning to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We provided emergency shelter services to 134 people including 46 children. TTD advocates facilitated 5,164 face-to-face contacts with victims and survivors of domestic violence seeking advocacy and support. In addition to our direct support services, we worked in both the local schools and the community to provide education and awareness opportunities.

At the core of our services is safety and advocacy. We usually share quotes of thanks from those that we directly serve, however this year we are sharing notes of thanks from our community partners. Survivors of domestic abuse are best supported when they have a coordinated community response supporting their needs and holding perpetrators of abuse accountable. TTD is well regarded and respected amongst many partners that we work with.

A local attorney shared, *“The more I work with you and your colleagues, the more respect and admiration I have for you and your work. I greatly value our teamwork.”*

Another partner stated, *“Every time I need something, they (the advocates) are ready to pitch in and help with anything that is needed. I am truly grateful every day for their help and support”.*

Your neighbors and friends experiencing violence and abuse have access to our wide array of services including a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, support groups and prevention education all at no cost. We hope that you will support us by allocating \$1000 in funding to Through These Doors in your upcoming budget. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Jenny Stasio
Co-Executive Director

Through These Doors is supported by the Maine Department of Health & Human Services, MaineHousing, Cumberland County, local United Ways, and your generous donations.

March 27, 2024

Board of Selectmen
Town of Baldwin
534 Pequawket Trail
West Baldwin, ME 04091

Dear Baldwin Board of Selectmen:

On behalf of Baldwin residents we serve, Sweetser respectfully seeks your support in the amount of \$1,000. This past year, Sweetser provided mental health services to twenty-two Baldwin residents that included behavioral health home, crisis mobile intervention and stabilization unit, NEED (New England Eating Disorders) program, primary care integration and school-based services.

In 2023, Sweetser provided \$59,011.69 in services for Baldwin residents, but received only \$46,385.74 in payments for these services. The shortage is due to clients who received services on a sliding scale fee or at no cost because of affordability. Despite these challenging times, Sweetser absorbed the difference.

Sweetser's mission is to provide evidence-based treatment, support and hope through a statewide network of community-based mental health, recovery, and educational services. We continue to try and assist individuals in need of services, regardless of their ability to pay. We depend on the generosity of towns, private foundations and individuals to help. Your continued support will allow us to continue providing services to Baldwin residents regardless of their ability to pay.

We are grateful for your longtime support of Sweetser services. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 590-3266. Thank you for your consideration once again.

Sincerely,



Justin Chenette
Senior Director of Public Relations & Advancement

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A Non-Profit Corporation
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December 5, 2023

Budget Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

Harvest Hills Animal Shelter appreciates the continued support from your town as we continue almost 40 years of service to the surrounding communities. With funding over the past years, we have found loving homes for over 30,000 cats and dogs that were spayed, neutered, and inoculated. We continue to educate the community about the responsibilities of pet ownership and the benefits of adopting a Harvest Hills Animal Shelter.

So far this year we have taken in 405 cats and 123 dogs. Some of these animals have had serious medical conditions that have had a considerable impact our budget for veterinary and related expenses. Every animal is evaluated, given treatment for any medical problem they might have and is put through a socialization program. We also perform emergency treatments on more animals than we ever have with our local vet not doing emergency at night or weekends.

We were fortunate enough that the board allowed us to appropriate \$20,000 so we were able to spay and neuter cats and dogs from our contracted towns through vouchers at Rozzie May Animal Alliance.

We are requesting \$1.00 per capita fee from your town again for 2024 based on 2020 Census numbers, which for the Town of Baldwin would be \$1520.00

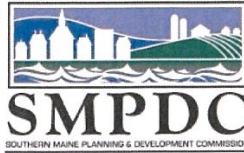
If you could, please include a discussion of the importance of funding for the shelter at your annual budget meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the Shelter Manager, Joan McBurnie at 207-935-4358

Thank you in the advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joan McBurnie".

Joan McBurnie Shelter Manager



Serving the Municipalities of Southern Maine for Over 50 years

December 27, 2023

Town of Baldwin

Dear Jim;

With 2024 upon us, I am pleased to report that it was an exciting year of new projects, staff, and growth for the organization. This growth is driven by the demand for our services, as well as new opportunities for the region, and we always strive to provide highly professional and timely services at an affordable cost to our communities.

As you know, SMPDC is a non-partisan nonprofit (Council of Governments) founded in 1964 to provide technical expertise and lead regional planning and economic development for land use, smart growth, resource management, affordable housing, environmental sustainability, and transportation planning. In short, we cultivate and strengthen thriving, sustainable communities and local governments for our 39 member towns in York County and southern Oxford and Cumberland Counties.

Our nonprofit continues to provide affordable, valuable services to you such as planning assistance, cooperative purchasing, access to federal and state grant programs, and collaboration on issues of regional concern. Our technical assistance covers land use, transit and economic development - from providing traffic counts, road service management, grant writing services, to demographic and Census information. Most of our towns benefit from our cooperative purchasing program which offers savings on road salt, paving, and other town purchasing. Last year, your community saved \$15,627.00 from purchasing through SMPDC.

Regional planning has never been more important to meet your needs and those of our region. Because we're seeing increased demands from towns for assistance, our programs and services continue to grow as well. This year, we created three new positions to address needs for land use planning, business recovery programs, and new sustainability projects. It's this responsiveness to your needs that sets SMPDC apart, something that will continue to grow as we build on our regional and cooperative approach to all we do.

As a result of our growth to meet your needs, we are requesting a modest increase in dues of 3%. Please keep in mind that our dues are below the rates for other regional planning agencies across the state and are based on a method that accounts for both valuation and population of your community. These annual membership dues are for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 2024. **Your dues amount for 2024-2025 will be \$641.00.** We are grateful for your continued support.

We have included a page entitled ***Benefits to All Communities*** that details the services provided by Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at pschumacher@smpdc.org or call our office at (207) 751-7065.

Best regards,

Paul Schumacher
Executive Director

SMPDC Member Services and Benefits

- A cooperative purchasing program for the region. SMPDC towns saved approximately \$608,916.00 through participation in the Copy Paper and Road Salt bids last year.
- Providing the needed match requirements for state, federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) and DOT programs. In effect, for every dollar of dues we can leverage an additional two dollars.
- Providing free workshops, newsletters, technical memorandum, census updates, legislative updates and other educational resources to all communities, as well as immediate technical assistance on municipal land use, transportation and economic development issues. We also have the ability to provide traffic counts upon request.
- Community Development Block Grant, EDA and other grant writing services to your community.
- Providing economic recovery and expansion funds to area businesses, including low cost loans and grants.
- Reduced hourly billing rate for any requested additional or larger community specific projects.
- The ability to work on county wide initiatives that may not be funded, developing regional climate change initiatives, new county transportation options, and developing regional grant proposals.
- Operating a Revolving Loan Fund Program which has provided over \$12 million dollars in environmental clean-up activities ultimately resulting in new housing, business development and stronger downtowns.
- Quarterly newsletter including updates on ongoing projects, funding opportunities and regional news relevant to towns and cities.

As a member municipality, our staff is also available *for contract* to your community at a reasonable hourly billing rate for additional or larger projects including, but not limited to:

- Interim land use planning expertise or substitute planner for development or subdivision review and ordinance development.
- Comprehensive Planning services such as data collection, survey development & implementation, and document preparation
- Greenhouse Gas inventories of community and/or municipal emissions
- Rural transportation planning and technical assistance such as 1) facilitating or aiding in grant writing and funding opportunities for trails, sidewalks, road work, or transit 2) providing assistance with safety audits, data collection, planning activities, or local project management and 3) coordinating between MaineDOT and municipalities
- GIS and mapping services for official zoning maps, planning purposes, and/or presentations.

SMPDC has also undertaken several standalone projects and studies which include parts of our region but have recommendations and resulting actions that will have broad regional benefits. These include, but are not limited to:

- The Regional Sustainability and Resilience Program produces resources and projects which can serve as model ordinances and methodologies for any community looking to create sustainable or climate resilience local policy.
- The Kittery and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS) Joint Land Use Study which aims to improve housing, transportation, and commuting issues throughout York County in collaboration with the PNS.
- Climate Action Cohort initiative that will result in resources for climate action planning any community can adopt and implement.
- The York County Broadband and Digital Equity Coalition brought together partners and service agencies to address internet access and create a Digital Equity Plan for the region, and work with the Maine Connectivity Authority to bring better broadband and increase access to the internet.
- The Economic Recovery Hub Program will bring technical assistance grants and financial assistance grants up to \$20,000 to region businesses who suffered losses from the pandemic, but were missed in original public grant rounds.



January 26, 2024

Town of Baldwin
534 Pequawket Trail
West Baldwin ME 04091

Dear Selectperson,

When Maine Public was established in 1961, the goal was to bring a new kind of broadcasting service to Maine — one that was as innovative as it was trustworthy, a service that would inform, inspire, and educate our communities. Now more than six decades later, Maine Public is still leading the charge to share Maine's stories in new and revitalized ways.

Last year with community support, Maine Public increased our reporting capacity to better cover important news stories by adding a Report For America reporter covering immigration and New Mainer communities and adding a new full-time climate reporter. Your support also helped us increase coverage of underrepresented areas of the state through several projects such as the Rural Reporting Project, highlighting the benefits, challenges, and opportunities of life in rural and western Maine. We shared the first State of the Tribes in more than 20 years live on Maine Public radio, television, and online as Wabanaki leaders addressed both chambers of the Legislature.

Every day, Maine Public connects the people of Maine and our region to each other and the world through the open exchange of information, ideas, and cultural content. This is essential work that we are proud to do. Currently, Maine Public has 14 radio signals emanating from towers across the state. Last year, we were awarded construction permits for seven new stations by the Federal Communications Commission. With donations from our community, we plan to expand Maine Public Radio to unserved areas in Millinocket, Greenville, and Bethel, and grow our existing Maine Public Classical network to Fort Kent, Mars Hill, Calais, and Greenville. Free and open access to accurate, balanced, and objective content is more important than ever, and Maine Public is committed to delivering it everywhere in Maine.

You should have received a request letter from us last September asking the Town of Baldwin to consider an appropriation this fiscal year of \$100 (previous donation amount), \$150 or the amount that works best for you. If you are in the middle of budget review and are considering Maine Public's request, our sincere thanks. If not, please know that with your funding, Maine Public, with our trusted partners, NPR and PBS, will continue to be Maine's storyteller, amplifying the voices of Maine.

Our listeners and viewers appreciate the support your community provides. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marvis Zou
Direct Marketing and Membership Fundraising Specialist
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The Grateful Undead

The Grateful Undead would like to thank the town of **Baldwin** for their commitment in becoming an AARP-recognized Age Friendly Community. We are asking the Town for \$500.00 to help us secure liability insurance for the organization. Please note that this amount is also being requested from the other five Age-Friendly towns in the Valley.

The Grateful Undead are volunteers from **Baldwin** and other towns in the Sacopee Valley who have been working together for several years on ways to help Seniors remain in their homes and support healthy well-being and socialization. The Grateful Undead offers a variety of services:

- Volunteer Transporters drive folks to medical appointments as far away as Portland
- Handy Helpers do needed home repairs for folks who do not have financial resources
- Phone Buddies address isolation by keeping our seniors in touch with others
- Seniors in Conversation allows for an exchange of ideas coming directly from the people in the area that we serve
- Senior Central, in collaboration with Sacopee Valley Adult Education, provides workshops and events offering socialization and enrichment
- And we provide a Resource Guide that connects folks with services and programs that are available to them.

The Grateful Undead started as a Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors program. We have grown over the years to try to meet the needs of our communities. We have become a 501(3c) which allows us to accept donations and apply for grants to develop future programs for our expanding Senior population.

Citizens of **Baldwin** have participated in our Senior Central offerings and our phone buddies. Transporters have made eighteen trips with **Baldwin** residents in 2022.

This is our hometown. These are our families, our friends, and our neighbors. We look forward to the support the Town of **Baldwin** can offer to help in identifying and addressing community needs.

Let's work together. We appreciate your support!

1. **The Emergency Road Repair Reserve Account:** This account is specifically for emergencies such as catastrophic failures of or damage to road related infrastructure by natural disaster or other causes. The target fund level is between \$125,000 and \$150,000. Expenditure up to the current balance of the account can be authorized by a vote of the Board of Selectmen.
2. **Tax Stabilization Reserve Account:** Purpose is to reduce the impact on the mil rate. Withdrawals must be recommend by the Board of Selectmen and approved by a Town Meeting vote. The full amount of the account is available. No target level.
3. **Tax Acquired Property Reserve Account:** A source of funding for the selectmen to cover expenses related to securing, maintaining, and disposing of tax acquired properties. The target fund level is \$10,000 with withdrawals approved by a vote of the Board of Selectmen, up to the full level of the account.
4. **Contingency Reserve Account:** The account is a source of funding for the selectmen to cover unexpected contingencies that cannot wait for a Special Town Meeting to be approved. It can only be used for unforeseen requirements which require immediate response to protect town equipment, facilities, or to protect the Town's legal or financial interests. Expenditures up to the full balance of the account require a vote of the Board of Selectmen. This is not to be used for purposes covered by other reserve accounts such as the purchase of capital equipment or repairs or upgrades to town facilities. Target fund level is \$50,000.00.
5. **Town Equipment Reserve Account:** Funding for purchasing, major overhaul, or repairs to town road related equipment in accordance with the town road equipment master plan. Requests for use of this fund by the Road Commissioner shall be in writing and in accordance with Baldwin Capital Investment Plan for the current budget year and must be approved by a vote of the Board of Selectmen. Target fund level is that which is needed to meet the projected 10-year projected requirements. This fund is recommended to be combined with the Town Vehicle Reserve Account to simplify managing Road Commissioner reserve funds.
6. **Town Building Reserve Account:** The account is for the long-term maintenance, repair, and modifications to the Baldwin Town Offices and Community Center, and any other town owned buildings identified in the Baldwin Capital Investment Plan. Withdrawals must be approved by a vote of the Board of Selectmen and be in accordance with work identified in the Baldwin Capital Investment Plan. Target fund level is that which is needed to meet the 10-year projected requirements.
7. **Re-evaluation Reserve Account:** Withdrawals must be approved by the Board of Selectmen in support of a planned re-evaluation. Target fund level is to support the estimated cost of a re-evaluation every 10 years.
8. **Fire Equipment Reserve Account:** Purchase or major repair of town fire trucks in accordance the Baldwin Capital Investment Plan. Expenditures from this account shall be requested in writing to the Board of Selectmen and be in support of the Baldwin Capital Investment Plan identified

requirements for the current budget year. Approval of expenditures requires a vote of the Board of Selectmen. Target fund level is that which is needed to meet the 10-year projected requirement.

9. **Town Vehicle Reserve Account:** Major repairs or purchase of town road related vehicles. Expenditures from this fund shall be requested in writing to the Board of Selectmen and be in support of the Baldwin Capital Investment Plan identified requirements for the current budget year. Approval of expenditures requires a vote of the Board of Selectmen. The target fund level is that which is needed to meet the 10-year projected requirement.
10. **River Road Reserve Account:** For upgrading the gravel portion of the River Road to pavement and associated preparatory work or other River Road maintenance or repair. Expenditures from the fund shall be requested in writing by the Road Commissioner and approved by a vote of the Select Board. The Target level will be set when identified in a Town Road Maintenance and Repair Plan.
11. **Tri-Town Reserve Account:** Provides capital purchases and improvements to the Tri-Town Waste Management Facility. Expenditures are approved by a majority vote of the Tri-Town Board of Directors. Target fund level to be determined by the Tri-Town Board of Directors.
12. **Fire Department Building Reserve Account:** Maintenance, repair, and modifications, long term planning, design, and construction of Fire Department facilities for the Town of Baldwin in accordance with the Baldwin Capital Investment Plan. Withdrawals must be approved by a vote of the Board of Selectmen in advance and be supported by the Baldwin Capital Investment Plan. Target fund level will be dependent on the goals spelled out in a long-term Baldwin Fire Department Facilities Plan.
13. **Radio Repeater Reserve Account:** Maintenance, repair, and modifications, long term planning, design, for the Baldwin radio repeater system supporting the Fire Department, the Road Commissioner, and EMA Responders. The repeater is mounted on the WMTW tower. Baldwin Board of Selectmen approve withdrawals which are limited to those items which have been approved as part of a planned maintenance, repair, or upgrade for the current year or for emergency repair or replacement of the repeater equipment. The target fund level should be that which is required to replace the current equipment in the event of a catastrophic failure of the existing equipment.
14. **Deacon's Fountain Fund:** Perpetual maintenance and repair of the Deacon's Fountain located at the junction of Chase Road and Depot Road. Expenditures must be approved by the Board of Selectmen. The fund is to be maintained until depleted.
15. **Comprehensive Plan Reserve Account:** Funding for a Comprehensive Plan review as requested by the Planning Board or the Board of Selectmen. The account is to hire outside technical expertise. Any withdrawals must be approved by a vote of the Board of Selectmen.

16. **Heating Assistance Reserve Account:** Privately donated funds to provide heating assistance to individuals and families who apply for but do not qualify for General Assistance for heating. Recipients are nominated by the Baldwin General Assistance Administrator. Requests for heating assistance are generally urgent in nature and therefore, disbursements by the Town Treasurer from this account do not require prior approval by the Board of Selectmen. There is no target or minimum fund level.
17. **Fire Department Insurance Reimbursement Reserve Account:** A place to deposit payments from insurance companies that reimburse the Town for response by the Fire Department so that the funds can be directed toward the future needs of the Fire Department. The Baldwin Board of Selectmen will review the fund's balance with the Fire Department annually and recommend the transfer or allocation of funds to be approved by the Annual Town Meeting. There is no target fund level.
18. **Sand Pond Capital Improvements Account:** Funding comes from all Sand Pond Sticker fees plus all operational and maintenance funds budgeted at town meeting that remain unexpended at the end of the fiscal year. The account is to pay for improvements to Sand Pond Beach and supporting equipment and infrastructure. Expenditures will be requested by the Sand Pond Committee and approved by the Board of Selectmen. There is no target or minimum fund level. The maximum fund level is \$10,000 after which excess funds will revert to the Town General Fund.
19. **ARPA Reserve Account:** Funding comes from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, the Federal Government American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) distributed to Baldwin via the Maine Local Fiscal Recovery Program. Use of the funds shall be identified and approved in accordance with State program guidance. Expenditures shall be recommended by the Board of Selectmen and approved by a vote of a Town Meeting. There is no target minimum or maximum reserve account level. Unexpended funds shall be returned to the State when the program expires, and the reserve account will be deleted. All ARPA funding has been expended as of 1 April 2024.
20. **Fire Department Operating Reserve Account:** Funding comes from the excess annual appropriations for Fire Department's operating expenses. Expenditures from the account are to be requested by the Fire Chief and approved by the Select Board. There is no minimum or maximum reserve fund level.
21. **Fire Truck Maintenance Reserve Account:** Funding comes from the excess annual appropriations for fire truck maintenance. Expenditures from the account are to be requested by the Fire Chief and approved by the Select Board. There is no minimum reserve fund level.

Capital Investment Plan

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33	FY34	FY35
TOWN BUILDINGS												
Assets												
Town Building Reserve Acct	\$81,171.07	\$15,671.07	\$15,671.07	\$15,671.07	\$15,671.07	\$15,671.07	\$15,671.07	\$15,671.07	\$15,671.07	\$15,671.07	\$15,671.07	\$15,671.07
Withdrawals (see Total Annual Misc Below)												
One time addition to reserve		\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Showers for Warming Center (Town Contribution)		\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vinyl Siding of T-11 21.3 squares		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Electrical System Pwr Panel Replacement		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Backup Generator		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
South Roof Replacement/ Roof Leaks		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Isolation Valves Select Board Office Unit Heater		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Heating System Main/Repair/Upgrade	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Annual Misc Expenditures	\$0.00	\$15,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FIRE DEPT.												
Assets												
Fire Equipment Reserve Acct	\$188,738.72	\$288,738.72	\$388,738.72	\$488,738.72	\$588,738.72	\$688,738.72	\$788,738.72	\$888,738.72	\$155,396.62	\$355,396.62	\$605,396.62	\$855,396.62
Withdrawal									\$883,342.10	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Fire equipment reserve account deposit	\$85,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
One time addition to reserve		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$85,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Fire Station Reserve Acct	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Withdrawal												
One time addition to reserve		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roads												
Assets												
Town Equipment Reserve Acct	\$10.47	\$10.47	\$10.47	\$10.47	\$10.47	\$10.47	\$10.47	\$10.47	\$10.47	\$10.47	\$10.47	\$10.47
Withdrawal	\$67,223.00											
One time addition to reserve		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Vehicle/Equipment Reserve Acct	\$78,153.16	\$168,586.25	\$96,139.33	\$57,692.41	\$10,245.49	\$125,245.49	\$240,245.49	\$420,245.49	\$600,245.49	\$350,245.49	\$330,245.49	(\$79,754.51)
Withdrawal (2021 truck)	\$27,119.99	\$27,119.99	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$42,446.92	\$65,000.00				\$430,000.00		
Withdrawal (2024 Truck)	\$42,446.92	\$42,446.92	\$42,446.92	\$42,446.92	\$42,446.92							
2023 Purchase new Truck	\$289,981.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Blue 2015 1 Ton		\$170,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$215,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$590,000.00
Black 2015 1 Ton		\$206,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JCB Backhoe		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Payloader		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1997 Claier		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Town Equipment Fund	\$67,223.00	\$160,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00
ARPA Funds	\$77,718.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$127,718.05	\$160,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00
Road Emergency Reserve Acct	\$ 96,479.38	\$ 111,479.38	\$ 111,479.38	\$ 111,479.38	\$ 111,479.38	\$ 111,479.38	\$ 111,479.38	\$ 111,479.38	\$ 111,479.38	\$ 111,479.38	\$ 111,479.38	\$ 111,479.38
Withdrawal												
One time addition to reserve	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33	FY34	FY35
River Road Reserve Acct	\$63,800.00	\$83,800.00	\$108,800.00	\$123,800.00	\$138,800.00	\$153,800.00	\$168,800.00	\$183,800.00	\$198,800.00	\$213,800.00	\$228,800.00	\$243,800.00
Pigeon Brook Crossing (\$360,000)												
River Road Design												
Withdrawal												
One time addition to reserve	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Other												
Long Term Road Maint/Repair Plan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Withdrawal												
One time addition to reserve												
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Works Facilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Withdrawal												
Salt Shed												
DPW Garage												
One time addition to reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Reserve Accounts												
Tax Stabilization Reserve	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Withdrawal												
addition to reserve												
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contingency Reserve	\$25,274.70	\$25,274.70	\$25,274.70	\$25,274.70	\$25,274.70	\$25,274.70	\$25,274.70	\$25,274.70	\$25,274.70	\$25,274.70	\$25,274.70	\$25,274.70
Withdrawal												
addition to reserve	\$12,470.00											
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$12,470.00											
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$12,470.00	\$12,470.00	\$12,470.00	\$12,470.00	\$12,470.00	\$12,470.00	\$12,470.00	\$12,470.00	\$12,470.00	\$12,470.00	\$12,470.00	\$12,470.00
Re-evaluation Reserve	\$36,210.19	\$46,210.19	\$56,210.19	\$66,210.19	\$76,210.19	\$86,210.19	\$1,210.19	\$11,210.19	\$21,210.19	\$31,210.19	\$41,210.19	\$51,210.19
Withdrawal												
addition to reserve	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Tri-Town Reserve	\$13,149.78	\$28,149.78	\$43,149.78	\$58,149.78	\$73,149.78	\$88,149.78	\$103,149.78	\$118,149.78	\$133,149.78	\$148,149.78	\$163,149.78	\$178,149.78
Withdrawal												
addition to reserve	\$27,563.33											
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$27,563.33											
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$27,563.33	\$27,563.33	\$27,563.33	\$27,563.33	\$27,563.33	\$27,563.33	\$27,563.33	\$27,563.33	\$27,563.33	\$27,563.33	\$27,563.33	\$27,563.33
Radio Repeater Reserve	\$14,726.40	\$44,726.40	\$74,726.40	\$104,726.40	\$134,726.40	\$164,726.40	\$194,726.40	\$224,726.40	\$254,726.40	\$284,726.40	\$314,726.40	\$344,726.40
Withdrawal												
addition to reserve	\$120,000.00											
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$120,000.00											
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
Comprehensive Plan Reserve	\$18,056.92	\$24,056.92	\$30,056.92	\$36,056.92	\$42,056.92	\$48,056.92	\$54,056.92	\$60,056.92	\$66,056.92	\$72,056.92	\$78,056.92	\$84,056.92
Withdrawal												
addition to reserve	\$17,444.00											
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$17,444.00											
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$17,444.00	\$17,444.00	\$17,444.00	\$17,444.00	\$17,444.00	\$17,444.00	\$17,444.00	\$17,444.00	\$17,444.00	\$17,444.00	\$17,444.00	\$17,444.00
Tax Acquired Properties	\$8,050.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Clean up 19 Dearborn Road												
addition to reserve												
Annual Addition to Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Annual Contribution to the Reserve Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



April 22, 2024

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We were engaged by the Town of Baldwin, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Baldwin, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2023 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

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

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TOWN OF BALDWIN, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 1,205,946	\$ 1,205,946	\$ 1,205,946	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	2,219,732	2,219,732	2,319,979	100,247
Excise taxes	371,764	371,764	390,730	18,966
Total taxes	<u>2,591,496</u>	<u>2,591,496</u>	<u>2,710,709</u>	<u>119,213</u>
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	200,000	200,000	245,304	45,304
Homestead exemption	105,039	105,039	123,976	18,937
Local road assistance	-	44,320	44,320	-
Veterans exemptions	-	-	2,153	2,153
General assistance	-	-	3,391	3,391
Other	46,970	47,758	23,553	(24,205)
Total intergovernmental revenues	<u>352,009</u>	<u>397,117</u>	<u>469,283</u>	<u>72,166</u>
Charges for services:				
Building permits	45,196	45,196	15,434	(29,762)
Plumbing permits	5,212	5,212	4,781	(431)
Clerk fees	10,418	10,418	12,417	1,999
Other	-	1,130	5,000	3,870
Total charges for services	<u>60,826</u>	<u>61,956</u>	<u>37,632</u>	<u>(24,324)</u>
Investment income	-	-	29,957	29,957
Miscellaneous revenues:				
Interest on taxes and lien	-	-	23,897	23,897
Cable franchise fees	-	6,414	6,414	-
Other	-	1,569	11,861	10,292
Total miscellaneous revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>7,983</u>	<u>42,172</u>	<u>34,189</u>
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>4,210,277</u>	<u>4,264,498</u>	<u>4,495,699</u>	<u>231,201</u>

SCHEDULE 1 (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF BALDWIN, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	339,836	341,405	362,850	(21,445)
Maintenance	45,000	45,000	45,534	(534)
Community services	10,955	10,955	10,955	-
Culture and recreation	81,000	81,000	105,370	(24,370)
Protection	199,374	199,374	182,323	17,051
Cemeteries	9,000	9,000	4,658	4,342
Highway and roads	297,000	295,750	347,606	(51,856)
Health and sanitation	141,675	126,675	135,524	(8,849)
Education	1,730,810	1,730,810	1,730,810	-
County tax	121,338	121,338	121,338	-
Unclassified	52,343	90,293	34,635	55,658
Transfers to other funds	226,000	301,200	301,200	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>3,254,331</u>	<u>3,352,800</u>	<u>3,382,803</u>	<u>(30,003)</u>
 Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	 <u>\$ 955,946</u>	 <u>\$ 911,698</u>	 <u>\$ 1,112,896</u>	 <u>\$ 201,198</u>
 Utilization of assigned fund balance	 \$ 250,000	 \$ 293,500	 \$ -	 \$ (293,500)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	-	748	-	(748)
	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 294,248</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (294,248)</u>

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TOWN OF BALDWIN, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,115,483	\$ 35,007	\$ 2,150,490
Investments	152,721	-	152,721
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	21,154	-	21,154
Liens	133,066	-	133,066
Other	6,047	-	6,047
Due from other funds	5,477	1,150,324	1,155,801
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,433,948</u>	<u>\$ 1,185,331</u>	<u>\$ 3,619,279</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 13,747	\$ -	\$ 13,747
Due to other governments	11,163	-	11,163
Due to other funds	1,150,324	5,477	1,155,801
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,175,234</u>	<u>5,477</u>	<u>1,180,711</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	7,133	-	7,133
Deferred taxes	138,684	-	138,684
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>145,817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,817</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	-	27,193	27,193
Restricted	-	154,672	154,672
Committed	-	994,648	994,648
Assigned	357,452	8,925	366,377
Unassigned	755,444	(5,584)	749,860
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,112,896</u>	<u>1,179,854</u>	<u>2,292,750</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 2,433,947</u>	<u>\$ 1,185,331</u>	<u>\$ 3,619,278</u>

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TOWN OF BALDWIN, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 2,319,979	\$ -	\$ 2,319,979
Excise taxes	390,730	-	390,730
Intergovernmental revenues	469,283	85,754	555,037
Charges for services	37,632	-	37,632
Miscellaneous revenues	72,129	84,179	156,308
TOTAL REVENUES	3,289,753	169,933	3,459,686
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	362,850	-	362,850
Maintenance	45,534	-	45,534
Community services	10,955	-	10,955
Culture and recreation	105,370	-	105,370
Protection	182,323	-	182,323
Cemeteries	4,658	-	4,658
Highway and roads	347,606	-	347,606
Health and sanitation	135,524	-	135,524
Education	1,730,810	-	1,730,810
Unclassified	34,635	123,235	157,870
Debt service:			
Principal	-	22,363	22,363
Interest	-	4,757	4,757
Capital outlay	-	144,073	144,073
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,081,603	294,428	3,376,031
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	208,150	(124,495)	83,655
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	310,098	310,098
Transfers (out)	(301,200)	(8,898)	(310,098)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(301,200)	301,200	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(93,050)	176,705	83,655
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	1,205,946	1,003,149	2,209,095
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 1,112,896	\$ 1,179,854	\$ 2,292,750

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF BALDWIN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Administrative and Selectboard	\$ 91,000	-	\$ 91,000	\$ 103,063	\$ (12,063)
Employee health	42,336	-	42,336	42,805	(469)
Management fund	1,500	-	1,500	269	1,231
Contingency account	115,000	1,569	116,569	124,655	(8,086)
Planning board	2,000	-	2,000	640	1,360
Town office compensation	88,000	-	88,000	91,418	(3,418)
	<u>339,836</u>	<u>1,569</u>	<u>341,405</u>	<u>362,850</u>	<u>(21,445)</u>
Maintenance -					
Town garage maintenance	15,000	-	15,000	16,775	(1,775)
Fuel for town trucks	30,000	-	30,000	28,759	1,241
	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,534</u>	<u>(534)</u>
Community Services -					
Opportunity Alliance	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	-
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	3,750	-	3,750	3,750	-
WNA Home, Health and Hospice	500	-	500	500	-
Home Health Visiting Nurse	900	-	900	900	-
Southern Maine Regional Planning	605	-	605	605	-
Through These Doors	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Saco River Festival	300	-	300	300	-
Saco River Corridor	400	-	400	400	-
	<u>10,955</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,955</u>	<u>10,955</u>	<u>-</u>
Culture and Recreation -					
Brown Memorial Library	17,000	-	17,000	17,000	-
Baldwin Historical Society	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-
Smooth Feather Youth Group	600	-	600	600	-
Sacoee Valley Recreation	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
Lifelight	800	-	800	800	-
Maine Public Radio	100	-	100	100	-
Community Center	45,000	-	45,000	67,257	(22,257)
Sands Pond Beach	7,000	-	7,000	9,113	(2,113)
	<u>81,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,000</u>	<u>105,370</u>	<u>(24,370)</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF BALDWIN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Protection -					
Fire district administration	15,081	-	15,081	12,524	2,557
Fire department	60,000	-	60,000	60,258	(258)
Street lights	8,000	-	8,000	6,617	1,383
Standish EMS	56,439	-	56,439	56,439	-
Fire truck repairs and maintenance	12,000	-	12,000	-	12,000
Animal shelter	1,525	-	1,525	1,525	-
Cumberland County Dispatch	18,329	-	18,329	12,206	6,123
Radio repairs and purchase	6,000	-	6,000	6,072	(72)
Fire department training	22,000	-	22,000	26,682	(4,682)
	<u>199,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>199,374</u>	<u>182,323</u>	<u>17,051</u>
Cemeteries -					
Care of cemeteries	9,000	-	9,000	4,658	4,342
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>4,658</u>	<u>4,342</u>
Highway and Roads -					
Summer roads	107,000	-	107,000	142,773	(35,773)
Winter roads	175,000	(1,250)	173,750	173,750	-
Crushed gravel	15,000	-	15,000	31,083	(16,083)
	<u>297,000</u>	<u>(1,250)</u>	<u>295,750</u>	<u>347,606</u>	<u>(51,856)</u>
Health and Sanitation -					
Solid waste account	123,675	(15,000)	108,675	119,533	(10,858)
General assistance	18,000	-	18,000	15,991	2,009
	<u>141,675</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>126,675</u>	<u>135,524</u>	<u>(8,849)</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF BALDWIN, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Tri-Town capital reserve	-	28,500	28,500	28,500	-
Fire equipment reserve	85,000	-	85,000	85,000	-
Radio repeater reserve	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Revaluation reserve	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Comprehensive plan reserve	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
River road reserve	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Road maintenance reserve	100,000	45,570	145,570	145,570	-
Sand pond beach reserve	-	1,130	1,130	1,130	-
	<u>226,000</u>	<u>75,200</u>	<u>301,200</u>	<u>301,200</u>	<u>-</u>
Education -					
RSU #55	1,730,810	-	1,730,810	1,730,810	-
	<u>1,730,810</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,730,810</u>	<u>1,730,810</u>	<u>-</u>
County Tax -					
Cumberland County	121,338	-	121,338	121,338	-
	<u>121,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,338</u>	<u>121,338</u>	<u>-</u>
Unclassified -					
Snowmobile	-	1,536	1,536	1,536	-
TIF/CEA-Legal fees	-	30,000	30,000	18,548	11,452
Sacopee Valley Media Tech (TV)	-	6,414	6,414	6,414	-
Overdrafts	274	-	274	-	274
Overlay	52,069	-	52,069	8,137	43,932
	<u>52,343</u>	<u>37,950</u>	<u>90,293</u>	<u>34,635</u>	<u>55,658</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 3,254,331	\$ 98,469	\$ 3,352,800	\$ 3,382,803	\$ (30,003)

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TOWN OF BALDWIN, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,007	\$ 35,007
Due from other funds	266,566	876,484	7,274	1,150,324
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 266,566	\$ 876,484	\$ 42,281	\$ 1,185,331
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,477	\$ 5,477
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	5,477	5,477
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	-	27,193	27,193
Restricted	139,477	-	15,195	154,672
Committed	118,164	876,484	-	994,648
Assigned	8,925	-	-	8,925
Unassigned	-	-	(5,584)	(5,584)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	266,566	876,484	36,804	1,179,854
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 266,566	\$ 876,484	\$ 42,281	\$ 1,185,331

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TOWN OF BALDWIN, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 85,754	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,754
Interest income	-	-	112	112
Other	84,067	-	-	84,067
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>169,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>169,933</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	-	144,073	-	144,073
Debt service:				
Principal	-	22,363	-	22,363
Interest	-	4,757	-	4,757
Program expenditures	119,431	2,935	869	123,235
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>119,431</u>	<u>174,128</u>	<u>869</u>	<u>294,428</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>50,390</u>	<u>(174,128)</u>	<u>(757)</u>	<u>(124,495)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	29,267	280,831	-	310,098
Transfers (out)	(4,631)	(4,267)	-	(8,898)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>24,636</u>	<u>276,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>301,200</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	75,026	102,436	(757)	176,705
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>191,540</u>	<u>774,048</u>	<u>37,561</u>	<u>1,003,149</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 266,566</u>	<u>\$ 876,484</u>	<u>\$ 36,804</u>	<u>\$ 1,179,854</u>

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