

Town of Skowhegan



Kennebec on Fire

Photo credit: Matthew Quinn

*July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
Annual Report*

DARLA L. PICKETT
1945 – 2021



The Town of Skowhegan dedicates this year's annual report to Darla L. Pickett, a well-respected member of the community who had a lasting impact on so many. Her ability as a journalist was only surpassed by her honesty, integrity and class as a human being. In her 34 years of reporting, she became known as an example of leadership within the Skowhegan community and throughout the field of journalism.

Darla graduated from Anson Academy as class Valedictorian in 1963. Following graduation, she began working as a reporter and editor for the Somerset Reporter, where she was voted as Somerset Presswoman of the Year in 1975. In 1984, following a short stint of work for the Bangor Daily News, she returned to the community she loved by transitioning into her role as a reporter, Bureau Chief of the Skowhegan Bureau, and editor of special sections at the Morning Sentinel.

As a reporter for the Sentinel, she developed her reputation as a fair and trusted journalist, listening to each side of the story without judgment or prejudice as she searched for the truth. She often commented on her need to represent the profession with integrity, which took countless extra hours of phone calls, house visits, and outside research. Many local leaders went directly to Darla due to her reputation as an extremely trustworthy person and reporter. They trusted her to convey the information they gave her in a just and non-biased manner. She took pride in her career and was careful to avoid presenting her own opinion in her stories, instead ensuring that her readers had the opportunity to develop their own opinions based off of facts and data.

Her hard work and integrity allowed her to interview some very important people, inside and outside of the greater Skowhegan community. She had the opportunity to interview former President George H. W. Bush at Walker's Point Estate, something she often mentioned as one of the highlights and honors of her life. In addition, she was able to interview the late great boxer Smokin' Joe Frazier during a visit to Skowhegan in 1992. She commented frequently about how much she enjoyed the interview due to his kind nature and gentle smile, qualities she respected in a fiercely competitive man who went toe-to-toe with some of the greatest boxers in human history.



She worked for the Morning Sentinel as a full-time reporter up until 2018, when she decided to retire and continue only part-time. She continued to help edit the Morning Sentinel until the day of her passing. Her love and passion for journalism never waned in her 38 years of reporting and editing the paper. For her, her proudest accomplishment within her career as a journalist was always being trusted by the people of the community, as individuals felt that they could share their deepest thoughts and secrets without fear that Darla would divulge them to anyone if asked not to.

Donna Finley, a dear friend of Darla's, spoke of her character and her trustworthiness at length. "She had such integrity. She would never, ever break your confidence. She was a very model person. She was proud of who she was and proud of her accomplishments. I trusted her completely. I could say anything to her. We shared our inner most secrets. I just loved her a lot. She was a very close friend."

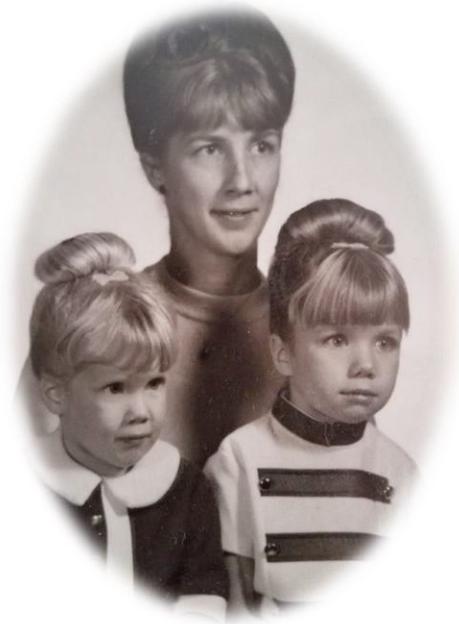


Darla's contribution to the community did not stop with reporting; she was an active member in the economic and politic activities in the Town of Skowhegan as well. She was President of Somerset Business and Communications and was a valued member of the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation Board. Her desire to see Skowhegan at its best pushed her to run for Selectwoman, a title she held for four years. In addition, she was Secretary and Vice Chairwoman of the Cable Access Television Channel 11, acting as co-host of the Channel 11 talk show "Keeping Pace".

Darla's passions also affected her influence on town and local community activities. She was an avid reader, devouring books and newspaper articles as often as she could. In turn, she was President of the Friends of the Library for six years, and a member of the club for many more. She believed knowledge was power and that every young child should have access to books and learning resources. She also believed in bettering the positioning of women, acting as a member of the Skowhegan Woman's Club for many years. In addition to her love for reading and journalism, she loved theater and acting, supporting the Lakewood Theater in whatever form she could, whether it be acting in a play or cheering on her friends as they acted.



Betty Austin, a former member of the Maine House of Representatives, was another dear friend of Darla's who served alongside her on the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Skowhegan. She spoke to Darla's friendship, intelligence and desire to continually grow as a person. "Darla was a wonderful friend who was a friend whether we agreed or not," Austin said. "That is what a true friend is supposed to be. I enjoyed our friendship because of her intelligence and the wonderful conversations we could have together. And she always wanted to see people grow emotionally and spiritually in their lives."



Although Darla's actions and lists of accomplishments as a member of the community within the Town of Skowhegan and the County of Somerset will leave a lasting impression, she would have told you her most treasured accomplishment was that of her family. Darla raised two beautiful, hard-working and intelligent daughters, Trisha L. Austin and Lori J. Hayden, that she cherished above all else. She was also an incredibly loving grandmother of three and a great-grandmother of two. Her house was always open, her hugs were always warm and her love was never-ending.

Trisha L. Austin, the Finance and Human Resource Director for the Town of Skowhegan, as well as Darla's daughter reflected fondly on the memory and strength of her mother. "She was one of the most loyal, classy and hard-working people that you could ever meet. She always said what was on her mind and took pride in being trustworthy. From the time my sister and I were little and lost our dad she was just always there. Even though we didn't have much, we had everything. I loved her from the bottom of my heart."

Compiled by: Kirby L. Austin



**Spirit of America Foundation
Honoring Volunteerism
Resolve of the Town of Skowhegan
Board of Selectmen**

The 2022 Town of Skowhegan, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors David Bucknam for commendable community service.

Be it resolved, by the Town of Skowhegan Board of Selectmen as follows:

Whereas, David Bucknam exemplifies the meaning of volunteerism as presented by the Spirit of America.

Whereas, David Bucknam changed the Skowhegan Police Department mission and vision statement to focus on community.

Whereas, David Bucknam works alongside many groups in Skowhegan. He is a board member of Kennebec Behavioral Health, Somerset Public Health, Skowhegan Rotary, American Legion, Maine Chiefs of Police Association, and Somerset/Kennebec District Chiefs of Police Association.

Whereas, David Bucknam has worked to build his relationship with the community through Facebook and other platforms. This has provided a much need communication venue for Skowhegan residents. His rhymes and riddles have garnered community interaction and recognition from all over the United States.

Whereas, David Bucknam is a member of the Messalonskee Masonic Lodge, Vassalboro Masonic Lodge, the Rural Masonic Lodge in Sidney, Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite, York Rite and Lora Shrine in Lewiston. All of these masonic organizations focus on assisting their communities. Fundraising to support Bikes for Books, Project Graduation and the Shrine Children's Hospitals.

Whereas, David Bucknam sat on the Alford Youth Center Board for the Unified Sports, which is a program that focuses on adults with intellectual disabilities.

Whereas, David Bucknam started a non-profit organization called "Canteen 19", where members of the Unified Sports Program respond to extended emergency calls to provide food, water and warm clothing for first responders and displaced families.

Whereas, David Bucknam received the Patriotic Award from the U.S. Military for his support of active National Guard, Reserves and veterans of the armed forces.

Whereas, David Bucknam received the Community Impact Award from the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce, nominated by local businesses.

Whereas, David Bucknam received the Citizenship Award from the Skowhegan/Madison Elks Lodge.

Be it Resolved by the Town of Skowhegan's Board of Selectmen that David Bucknam is hereby recognized for the outstanding achievements and honors he has brought upon this community with the 2022 Skowhegan Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.

In Testimony Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Skowhegan in the State of Maine this 13th day of June in the year of 2022.

Annual Report
of the
Municipal Departments

Skowhegan, Maine

Shire town of Somerset County. One hundred two miles from Portland, on the Kennebec River. Originally part of Canaan. Separated in 1823, and incorporated under the name of Milburn. The name was changed on March 25, 1863, to the Indian name of Skowhegan, which signifies, “a place to watch”. “Skowhegan Falls” was an ancient name, having been a noted locality for the Indians to “watch” for and catch salmon. Bloomfield annexed in 1861. Population in 1940 was 7,097. Population in 2020 was 8,620.

Covering July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

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May 18, 2022

Board of Selectmen
Town of Skowhegan

Dear Board members:

I am writing to you all regarding the audit report for the year ended June 30, 2021. As a result of timing of the audit, the report on the basic financial statements of the Town is not available for the Town report. The report on the basic financial statements for June 30, 2021 will be available at a later time at the Town office.

Yours truly,

Brantner Thibodeau & Associates

Brantner, Thibodeau & Associates

Town Manager, Christine Almand

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Town of Skowhegan

Town Manager

225 Water Street
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



To: Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan

As your Town Manager, it is my pleasure and privilege to submit a report of the municipal activities by the various department heads, committees and organizations. The Town Report is a valuable resource of information and insight as to what is taking place in our community. The June 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant is available as an insert to this Town Report or can be obtained at the Town Office.

Throughout 2021 and remaining in 2022, we are still finding ways to manage through the Coronavirus pandemic and the effects that it has on finances, workforce, supply chain and disruptions to economic, social, and mental well-being. Our community continues to show its resiliency and cooperative nature despite these challenges.

We have also been presented with new opportunities that we can take advantage of in order to put us in the best position possible for both short term and long term needs of our community. The American Rescue Plan brings over \$871,000 of federal funds to the Town, and easing of restrictions for its use give us the ability to fund projects that would otherwise need to be raised from local taxation.

With the support of Senators Susan Collins and Angus King, Main Street Skowhegan was successful in receiving \$2 million in Congressionally Directed Spending that will be used to enhance riverfront access to support the Skowhegan River Park, also known as Run of River. The Town of Skowhegan and Main Street Skowhegan have teamed up on an application for a \$5 million federal grant to build the river park features, utilizing our beautiful river gorge to transform and revitalize our downtown.

The Town is also partnering with Maine Department of Transportation on their new program called the Village Partnership Initiative (VPI). There are several major development projects that will have impacts to traffic flow within the town and the region, including a new school and the new Public Safety Building, among others. Several traffic projects are in various planning stages, including Jewett Street improvements, Norridgewock Avenue sidewalk, Commercial Street traffic signal, and of greatest potential impact, the second bridge feasibility study. Previously, these projects would be looked at individually. With the VPI, we will look at these in a comprehensive manner while conducting a once-in-a-generation traffic study as we work towards an application for federal funding for implementation.

I hope that you share my appreciation for this community and vision of a bright future, working to become a thriving economic, cultural, and recreational destination where residents enjoy a high quality of life. Town of Skowhegan is definitely a "Place to Watch".

Last but not least, I must thank our leadership team. *Board of Selectmen:* Todd Smith, Chairman; Charles Robbins, Vice Chairman; Harold Bigelow, Steven Govoni, and Paul York. *Department Heads:* Trisha Austin, Finance/Human Resource Director; Bryan Belliveau, Code Enforcement Officer/Transfer Station Supervisor; David Bucknam, Police Chief; Brent Dickey, Pollution Control Plant Superintendent; Jeffrey Hewett, Economic and Community Development Director; Shawn Howard, Fire Chief; Don Kinney, Road Commissioner; Denise LeBlanc, Parks and Recreation Director; Gail Pelotte, Town Clerk/Treasurer and William Van Tuinen, Contracted Assessor. *My assistant:* Cara Mason, Executive Secretary/Opera House Manager and *all of the staff in each of our departments.* It's your dedication that contributes to our success. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Almand".

Christine Almand
Town Manager

Todd Smith, Chairman
Charles Robbins, Vice Chairman
Harold Bigelow
Steven Govoni
Paul York

Town of Skowhegan Board of Selectmen

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Dear Skowhegan residents:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Skowhegan as one of your Selectman. I appreciate the support you gave on Election Day and will continue to work to make Skowhegan a place where we want to call home.

This year continued much like last year with many of the COVID restrictions still in place. This certainly has affected us all, but we continue to move forward in getting things back to a more recognizable normal. Right after the June election, our longtime Selectman, Betty Austin, announced she was stepping down and moving out of town. In her absence, the Board of Selectman, was only four members until we held a special election in August of 2021 where Steve Govoni was elected to fill the remaining months of the Betty's term. I would like to thank Betty for her many years of service to the Town of Skowhegan.

One of the challenges the Selectman faced this year was union negotiations. All four of the town's unions had contract negotiations all at the same time. This is a total team effort from not only the Board, but all Department Heads, employees and of course the Town Manager. Many hours are put into this with the end result making sure Skowhegan has the valued employees we need to keep our town running smoothly and safely.

Despite the struggles with COVID, inflation, and out of control energy costs, there were a couple big happenings this year. After a long process, we agreed to terms with a firm to begin construction on the new Public Safety Building and that construction should be happening by the time you are reading this letter. Another bit of good news is that the long-standing project, we know as, the Skowhegan River Park has received \$2 Million dollars in federal funding to construct riverside seating, paved walkways and access trails, a riverfront promenade, and other improvements. These are both items we have spent a lot of time working on and it's nice to see the work paying off.

The Town has entered into an agreement with the State of Maine to conduct a comprehensive overview of all the projects happening in Skowhegan known as the Village Planning Initiative. This will take a new look at how the projects, now underway, can work together for the best use of Skowhegan's infrastructure. These projects include the Jewett Street intersection, Commercial Street/Madison Avenue intersection, the new school construction on Heselton Street with a bus garage on Jewett Street, a new sidewalk on Norridgewock Avenue and of course the possibility of a second bridge in Skowhegan.

There are a lot of exciting things happening in Skowhegan right now and there is room for you to share your input. I encourage you to get involved with the town. Of course, you are always welcome to speak at Selectman Meetings, but we have boards and committees in town that are always looking for folks to join and contribute to what's going on in town. These are all public meetings, so even if you choose not to have a seat, you are still welcome to attend to hear what is happening.

I would like to thank all the members of our Boards and Committees for the endless hours you give to the town, my fellow members on the Board of Selectman for what we all do daily, and of course the employees of the Town of Skowhegan. We are all in it together.

Sincerely,

Todd Smith

Todd Smith

Chairman, Board of Selectman

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Elected and Appointed Officials

Departments and Committees

By:

Gail R. Pelotte, Town Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIALS
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

SELECTMEN – 3 YEAR TERMS

Terms Expiring 2021

Todd Smith (Elected 11/3/2020)
Roger Staples
Dennis Willette (Resigned 7/14/2020)

Terms Expiring 2022

Betty Austin, Vice Chairman
(Resigned 6/8/2021)
Paul York, Chairman

Terms Expiring 2023

Charles Robbins III

ASSESSORS – 3 YEAR TERMS

John Grohs, Chairman - 2021
Harvey Austin Jr.- 2022
Bonnie Baker, Vice Chairman-2023

**OVERSEERS OF THE POOR –
3 YEAR TERMS**

Jennifer Olsen - 2021
Vacant – 2022
Vacant – 2023

**TOWN CLERK & TREASURER –
3 YEAR TERMS**

Gail R. Pelotte – 2021

**ROAD COMMISSIONER –
3 YEAR TERM**

Gregory Dore – 202

**PARK COMMISSIONERS –
5 YEAR TERMS**

Peter Foxwell – 2021
Robert Haynes - 2021
Davida Barter, Treasurer/Secretary – 2022
Jeanne Shay – 2024
Michael Lambke - 2025

**DIRECTORS OF SAD #54 –
3 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2021:

Harold Bigelow
Lynda Quinn
Amy Rouse
Todd Smith

Terms Expiring 2022

Michael Lambke
Jennifer Poirier
Karen Smith

Terms Expiring 2023

Jeannie Conley
Annmarie Dubois
Derek Ellis
Margaret Lovejoy

APPOINTED OFFICIALS, COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

Telephone: 474-6907

Christine Almand- Town Manager /
Tax Collector / Emergency Mgmt
Director / Safety Commissioner /
Purchasing Agent / Agent to
Overseer of the Poor / General
Assistance Director

Cara Mason, Executive Secretary /
Opera House Manager

SELECTMEN – FINANCE OFFICERS

Paul York, Finance Officer
Betty Austin, Deputy Finance Officer

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Telephone: 474-6903

William VanTuinen, Contract Assessor
Leisa Emery-Burns, Assistant Assessor

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SUPERINTENDENT**

Dayson Davis

**CODE ENFORCEMENT / PLUMBING
INSPECTOR / BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Telephone: 474-6904

Bryan Belliveau
Cynthia Kirk, Administrative Assistant
Leo Mayo, Alternate Plumbing Inspector /
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer /
Alternate Building Inspector
(L 6/30/20)

Randall Gray, Alternate Plumbing Inspector/
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer/
Alternate Building Inspector
(A 6/30/20)

TREE WARDEN-1 YEAR TERM

Christine Almand

FINANCE OFFICER / HUMAN RESOURCE

Telephone: 474-6900

Trisha Austin

TOWN CLERK / TREASURER

Telephone: 474-6900 or 474-6902

Gail R. Pelotte, Town Clerk / Treasurer
Deputy Tax Collector, Municipal
Agent

Tonja Lary, Collections Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy
Treasurer

Larry Bonneau, Collections Clerk
Jennifer Tenan, Collections Clerk,
Deputy Tax Collector
Chelsea Gardiner, Collections Clerk

PUBLIC ACCESS OFFICER

Gail R. Pelotte

GENERAL ASSISTANCE CASEWORKER

Telephone: 474-6900

Chelsea Gardiner (3/25/19)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Telephone: 474-6911

Gregory Dore, Road Commissioner
Dena Rich, Administrative Assistant
(A 11/2/20)

Charles Bess III (Retired 9/23/20)
Randy Bowden
Jason Finley (L 6/25/21)
William George
Michael Gordon
Corey Johnson
Robert Lawson (L 3/12/21)
William Marsh, Jr.
Walter Powell
Matthew Quimby

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Telephone: 474-6905

Jeffrey Hewett, Director
Renee Belliveau, Administrative Assistant (A 1/4/21)
Dena Rich, Administrative Assistant (T to Hwy 11/2/20)

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT-

Telephone: 474-6901

Denise LeBlanc, Director
Michael Hoyt, Program Assistant
Stephen McDaniel, Maintenance Supervisor
Brent Cook, Staff Assistant
Paris Baxter Staff Assistant (R 11/6/19) (A 6/15/20)
(Trnsf to Fire Dept 10/19/20)

TRANSFER STATION / RECYCLING CENTER

Telephone: 474-6918

Bryan Belliveau, Supervisor
Steven Foss, Attendant
Mark Keene, Attendant (A 11/24/20)
James Travers, Attendant
Furnie White, Attendant
Duane Whittemore, Attendant

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Telephone: 474-6904

Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS – 5 YR TERMS

Terms Expiring 2021:

Stephen Gould
Brady Chapman (R 6/17/21)

Terms Expiring 2022:

Kris Laney (L 4/13/21)
Jeff McCabe (A 5/25/21)

Terms Expiring 2023:

Steve St. Pierre, Vice Chairman (2021)

Term Expiring 2024:

Harvey Austin, Jr.
Todd Smith, Vice Chairman (R 11/4/20)
Matt Smith (A1/19/21)

Terms Expiring 2025

Steve Conley, Chairman

Note: Planning Board Members are also Comprehensive Planning members

POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT

Telephone: 474-6909

Brent Dickey, Superintendent
Gary Cowan II, Operator (L 11/16/20)
Ricky Lessard, Operator (A 2/8/21)
Michael Nelson, Mechnic
Kelly Dore, Asst. Operator

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Telephone: 474-3400

Shawn Howard, Fire Chief
Richard Caldwell, Captain
Joseph Almand
Paris Baxter (A 10/19/20)
Jason Frost, Captain
Scott Libby
Matthew Quinn
Michael S. Savage, Captain (R 10/10/20)
Ty Strout, Captain (Prom 10/12/20)
Daryl Wyman

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINE-1 YEAR

Rev. Mark Tanner

CALL FIREFIGHTERS

Jimmy Bigelow
Kristi Billington (R 12/7/20)
Bradley Bosworth (R 10/15/21)
Danny Bosworth (R 10/15/21)
Jordan Burdet (R 10/15/21)
Christopher Clarke (A 2/9/21)
Shawn Enright
Ashley Higgins (R 3/8/21)
Ryan Johnston (R 12/7/20)
Jason Kirk
Bryan LaPointe (R 10/27/21)
Thomas Lyons, Jr
Timothy Pomelow (R 12/7/20)
Devin Provencal
Nicholas Quimby (R 6/14/21)
Tyler Savage (R 10/15/21)
Josh Stewart (R 11/16/20)
Scott Washburn

Eric Witham
Spencer Wyman (A 12/1/20)

FIRE WARDEN

Shawn Howard, Fire Chief

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Joseph Almond
Paris Baxter
Richard Caldwell
Jason Frost
Scott Libby
Matthew Quinn
Michael S. Savage
Ty Strout
Daryl Wyman

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Telephone 474-3400

Christine Almand

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
BOARD MEMBERS – 1 YEAR TERMS**

Karol Youney, Chairman
Joy Mase, Vice Chairman
Evalyn Bowman
Randall Gray
June Lowe

**SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD
MEMBERS – 1 YEAR TERMS**

Bill Finley, Chairman
Kristina Cannon
Cole Clement
Matt Dubois, Vice Chairman
Sally Dwyer (Term Exp 6/30/21)
Jason Gayne
Reid Gibson
Steve Gray (A 8/25/20)
Kurt Maynard (Term Exp 6/30/21)
Donna Ferenc McGoty (A6/22/21)
Todd Smith (R 4/5/21)

HEALTH OFFICER – 5 YR TERM

Telephone: 474-6201

Timothy Malyk- 2024

**2015 FAÇADE COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERMS**

Steve Gould
Christopher Perkins
Donna Russakoff

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Telephone: 474-6908

David Bucknam, Chief
Brian Gardiner, Dep. Chief
Sgt. Kris McKenna
Sgt. Timothy Williams
Michael Bachelder, Detective
Kelly Hooper, Detective Sgt.
Katelyn Nichols, Detective
Nancy Weis, Admin. Asst.

Police Officers

Jacob Boudreau (A 1/18/21)
Andrew Bowman (R 4/29/21)
Alex Burns
Joel Cummings
David Daigneault, School Resource Officer
Michael Grady (A 1/18/21) (R 5/21/21)
Billie Hatfield (A 1/14/20)
Stephanie Jones (FT 1/18/21)
Jacob Pierce
Richard Pierce (A 1/18/21)
Tifani P.V. Warren
Benaiah Willhoite (A 5/10/21)
Joshua York

Reserve Police Officers

Garrett Buzzell
Emily Fox (A 7/13/20)
Andrew Gooldrup (A 6/14/21)
Michael Grady (A 12/3/20) (R 1/17/21)
(A 5/22/21)
Stephanie Jones (A 12/18/20)
Ashley Smith (R 1/3/21)

Constables

David Bucknam
Brian Gardiner

**PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE
TERMS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2021
(New committee formed 7/22/14)**

Voting Members

Fire Chief: Shawn Howard
Police Chief: David Bucknam
CEO: Bryan Belliveau

Road Commissioner: Greg Dore
Selectman: Roger Staples and Paul York
Primary Citizens:

Steven Conley
Beverly Fitzsimmons
Stephen Gould
Warren Shay

Alternate Citizens:
Todd Smith
Newell Graf

Non-voting Members

Town Manager: Christine Almand
Fire Captains:
Michael Savage (R 10/10/20)
Vacant
Deputy Police Chief: Brian Gardiner

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER –
1 YEAR TERMS**

Sharon Kinney, (R 6/30/21)
Cara Mason

FENCE VIEWERS – 1 YEAR TERMS

Charles Robbins
Roger Staples

**SURVEYOR OF LUMBER –
1 YEAR TERM**

Felix Quirion

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERMS**

Paula Doughty
Beverly Fitzsimmons
Shawn Howard
Colin Quinn
Carlene Sirois
Soren Siren

CEMETERY SEXTON – 1 YEAR TERM

Telephone: 474-9316

Mark Bossie

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mark Bossie, Sexton
Melvin Burnham, Vice Chairman
David James, Chairman
Mary Lou Holden Mollerus
Gene Rouse
Paul York, Selectmen's Rep
Donald Young
Carl McKenney, Honorary Member
Felix Quirion, Honorary Member
Gail R. Pelotte, Secretary

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW-
3 YEAR TERMS**

Warren Shay – 2021, Chairman
Christopher Perkins – 2022
Bill Finley - 2023
Cara Mason, Secretary

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mayron Corson - 2021
Bradley Corson - 2022
Howard Sevey, Secretary – 2025

TOWN ATTORNEYS – 1 YEAR TERMS

Kenneth Lexier
Warren Shay

HERITAGE COUNCIL – 5 YEAR TERMS

Terms Expiring 2023:

Gail Kay
Katie Ouilette
Barry Sites, Vice Chairman
Robert Washburn, Chairman
Shirley Whittemore

Term Expiring 2024:

Evalyn Bowman

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION –
5 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2023:
Corey Johnson

Terms Expiring 2024:
Kate Drummond
Dylan Engler
Kevin McFadden
Barry Sites

Term Expiring 2025:
Corey Hinkle
Tristen Hinkle
Matt Keister (A 5/11/21)

**CHANNEL 11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(Staggered expiration dates
implemented)**

Term Expiring 2021:
Jeff Evans

Term Expiring 2023:
Bonnie Young

**BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE
3 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2021:
Michelle Cummings
Patrick Dore
Ida Earle
John Grohs
E. Gene Rouse (A 9/22/20)

Terms Expiring 2022:
David James
Christian Savage

Terms Expiring 2023:
Rebekah Shankar
Judi York

**LAKE GEORGE COMMITTEE –
3 YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 2024**

Ganna Chugay
Daniel Dickey
J P Kennedy
Warren Shay
Michael Spooner

**RUN OF RIVER COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERMS**

Betty Austin
Kristina Cannon
Clayton Cole
Jason Cooke
Gregory Dore
Bill Finley
Jason Gayne
Karen Hart
Jeff Hewett
Shawn Howard
Denise LeBlanc
Jeff McCabe
Craig Taylor
Taylor Walker
Anna Staehli Wiser

**DOWNTOWN TIF OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE – 1 YEAR TERM**

Vicki Alward
Billy Finley
Sam Hight
Christine Almand
Amber Lambke
Travis Works

**OPERA HOUSE COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERMS**

Cara Mason
Jeff Hewett
Jon Kimbell
Fred Liebfried
Jim Preble

**FACADE COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERMS**

Steve Gould
Christopher Perkins
Donna Russakoff

**SIDEWALK COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERMS**

Donald Kinney Sr.
Gregory Dore
Steven Govoni
Richard Irwin
Denise LeBlanc
Richard Smith

**SECOND BRIDGE COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERMS**

Christine Almand
Betty Austin (Resigned 6/8/2021)
Greg Dore
Jason Gayne
Steve Govoni
Joel Greenwood
Sam Hight
Donald Kinney Sr.
Christian Savage
Rodney Whittemore
Mark Wilson

**AGE FRIENDLY STEERING COMMITTEE
1 YEAR TERMS (New Committee
8/13/2019)**

Deb Casey
Jeff Hewett
Bill Laney
Jennifer Olsen
Roger Renfrew
Dena Rich
Elaine Wallace
Gary Wallace

ELECTION OFFICIALS

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TWO YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 1/1/2023

Gail Pelotte, Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters
Tonja Lary, Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Registrar of Voters
Jennifer Tenan, Deputy Registrar of Voters
Larry Bonneau, Deputy Registrar of Voters
Chelsea Gardiner, Deputy Registrar of Voters

VOTER REGISTRATION APPEALS BOARD

Laurie Greenleaf, Chair-Term Expiring 3/10/2024 – 4 Year Term
Linda Smith, Democrat – Term Expiring 3/27/2024 – 3 Year Term
Christopher Perkins, Republican – Term Expiring 3/27/2024 – 3 Year Term

ELECTION/BALLOT CLERKS TERMS EXPIRING May 1, 2022 2 YEAR TERMS

Democrats

Jane Arthur
Melvin Burnham
Kathleen Corcoran
Kathryn Evans
Edythe Gervais
Jason Giacomazzo
Olivia Gray
Rose Gray
Laurie Greenleaf
Bertha Irwin
Richard Irwin, Sr.
Janet McGowan
Theresa Norman
Sharon Provost
Margaret Reid
Michelle Robbins
Linda Smith
Richard Smith

Republicans

Shirley Aube
Sheila Beauford
Judy Clark
Angela Demo
Barbara Demo
Violet Ferland
June Lowe
Patricia Maynard
Gail McKenney
Mary Lou Holden Mollerus
Beverly Noonan
Rebecca Poulin
Frances Savage
Mary Simonoff
Ann Spaulding
Cheryl Staples
Jeannean Taylor

Voter Registration Report

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Skowhegan

The following meetings and elections were held during this period:

State of Maine Primary & Special Referendum, July 14, 2020

RSU#54/SAD#54 Budget Referendum, July 14, 2020

Skowhegan Municipal Election, July 14, 2020

State of Maine General Election, November 3, 2020

Municipal Election – Elected to Appointed Referendum, November 3, 2020

Town of Skowhegan, Public Safety Building Vote, November 3, 2020

Annual Town Meeting, June 5, 2021

RSU#54/SAD#54 Budget Referendum, June 8, 2021

Skowhegan Municipal Election, June 8, 2021

The number of voters presently registered is:

Democrats 2012

Republicans 2112

Green Independents 208

Unenrolled 2186

Total 6518

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail R. Pelotte

Gail R. Pelotte

Registrar of Voters

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January 2022

Town of Skowhegan
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am honored that you entrusted me with the responsibility of being your State Representative for House District 107 in the Maine Legislature.

The first session of the 130th Legislature convened in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, which meant we met in the Augusta Civic Center every few weeks through May 19 to preserve social distancing for safety. This enabled us to begin voting on over two thousand bills that were before us. Committee meetings and hearings were and continue to be streamed on “Zoom”. We did finally return to our chamber in the State House and finished business on July 19. We met again briefly this fall to vote on redistricting.

This was my first session serving on the Joint Standing Committee for Judiciary. Here, I had the opportunity to show my support for law enforcement officers by voting in opposition to LD 214 "An Act To Eliminate Qualified Immunity for Police Officers." The bill was defeated in both the House and the Senate. Additionally, I delivered a speech before the Committee in support of legislation that would increase penalties for child sex offenders, which became Public Law. I am proud of my work to retain the rights of choice for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always welcome, however, due to the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are even more accessible. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: **Legislature.Maine.Gov**, you will find access to Zoom meetings and YouTube videos. I also send a weekly email with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at Jennifer.Poirier@legislature.maine.gov and I will gladly add you to the list. I also make frequent live posts on my Facebook page at *Representative Jennifer Poirier*.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you at the State House and may you all have a safe and healthy 2022.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Poirier
State Representative



Brad Farrin
Senator, District 3

130th MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

December 2021

Dear Neighbors and Friends:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to be a voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta.

The 130th Legislature began unlike any other. Public hearings and work sessions, traditionally held in filled committee rooms at the State House, took place virtually via Zoom. And the Legislature did not convene in person at the State House until June. Given the unusual nature of how the Legislature met to accommodate safety considerations required by the pandemic, I was adamant that the balance in state government between the Executive and Legislative branches be restored – and that the public continues to play a critical role in the Legislative process.

Prior to adjourning on July 19, we passed a supplemental budget and determined how the federal American Rescue Plan funds should be appropriated. We also passed Republican-led legislation to give nearly \$150 million in surplus revenue back to hard-working taxpayers as a one-time payment of \$285 that was distributed between November and December.

The 2nd Session will begin in January, and I am eager to get back to work supporting bills that help Mainers and small businesses alike who have struggled as a result of the pandemic. I will continue to serve as Chair of the Veterans Caucus and as the ranking Republican on two legislative committees – Transportation as well as Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please feel free to contact me by phone at 287-1505 or at brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or need assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. If you would like to receive regular legislative updates, you may sign up to do so at www.mesenategop.com. Finally, I encourage you to get involved and contact your local, state and federal representatives to let them know how you feel on various matters. Many things have changed during the pandemic that will have a lasting impact, and it is imperative your representatives know how you feel on these critically important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Farrin'.

Brad Farrin
State Senator

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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

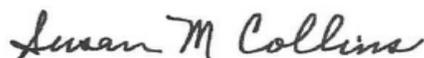
Soaring inflation is another crisis, particularly when it comes to the cost of heating oil. I have strongly supported federal programs that help Maine families stay warm. In November, Maine was awarded \$35 million to help low-income Mainers pay their energy bills. And the bipartisan infrastructure bill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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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January 3, 2022

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Dear Friends,

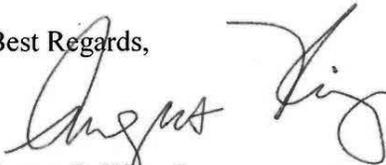
On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator

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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

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

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Town Manager, Christine Almand

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Town of Skowhegan

Town Manager

225 Water Street
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2021

As Tax Collector, I am responsible for the collection and administration of property taxes for the Town of Skowhegan. Property tax is defined as any tax, fee, charge, or assessment imposed by any government entity upon property or a property owner as a direct consequence of being owner of that property. There are three types of property subject to taxes: real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle. All real estate within Maine, not exempted from taxation by Maine law, and most business personal property of Maine, is subject to taxation according to its status on the first day of April.

I would like to remind all tax payers that real estate and personal property taxes are paid twice a year, typically due on September 15th and March 15th. The installment dates for taxes to be due and the interest rate for delinquent taxes are determined by the voters at annual town meeting. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to ensure that payment is made on time. Late payments will result in interest penalties.

The tax lien process for delinquent taxes must be commenced no later than one year from the date of commitment. A 30-day notice commences the tax lien mortgage process. The notice must be served after the expiration of eight months and within one year of the date of commitment. The tax lien could ultimately result in foreclosure if the taxes are not paid before the lien matures.

I am proud to report that all 2020 real estate taxes were paid in full, resulting in zero tax foreclosure sales. We sent out 71 notices this year, and this is the first year in my time as Tax Collector that we did not sell any properties. There is a lot of communication that occurs after the foreclosure notices are mailed to ensure that properties are retained by the owners. Thank you to the staff and to the taxpayers for this huge accomplishment.

The Town of Skowhegan continues to offer a "Tax Club", and we hope that more people will take advantage of the club each year. The Tax Club allows several monthly, interest-free payments for a taxpayer's primary and legal residence. All previous years' taxes must be paid in full before enrolling. Please note that late payments will cancel enrollment, and interest will be applied to the unpaid balance. The enrollment period begins after tax commitment which is typically in August or early September and ends a month later. Please contact the Clerk's Office located at 225 Water Street or by calling 474-6900 to enroll or for more information.

In closing, I'd like to thank all of the staff in the Clerk's Office for the often-thankless work that they do to collect taxes. Special thanks and recognition go to the Town Clerk/Treasurer, Gail Pelotte for going above and beyond to work with taxpayers to get their accounts current.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Almand".

Christine Almand
Town Manager

Office of Assessors
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TAXPAYER'S NOTICE

REAL ESTATE:

If you have constructed, altered or removed any buildings since April 1, 2021 and on or before April 1, 2022, please notify the Assessors' Office at 474-6903.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY:

If you have started a new business, you need to notify the Assessors' Office to obtain forms for filing a list of your business furniture and equipment.

In accordance with Title 36, Section 706A of the Maine Revised Statutes, failure to furnish lists of taxable property or any of the aforementioned changes on or before the dates requested will bar one's right of an abatement of taxes.

EXEMPTIONS:

Taxation is the rule and exemption is the exception. If you think your property should have an exemption, and you are not already receiving it, you have an obligation to make the Assessors aware of the legal category of exemption the property may qualify for. All notifications and applications for exemption shall be made no later than April 1, 2023, for the 2023-2024 tax year. In the case of property owned by individuals, possible exemptions are for certain veterans, blind persons, and homestead owners as described below.

VETERANS:

All veterans who will be 62 years of age on or before April 1, 2023, any widow or minor children of veterans who would have been 62 years of age as of April 1, 2023 should contact the Assessors' office to see if they are eligible for a tax exemption. Any veteran who is receiving a 100% disability pension from the Veterans Administration should call to see if they are eligible for an exemption. Applications for veteran's exemption must be made with this office on or before April 1, 2023. If you are currently receiving a veteran's exemption, you do not need to reapply.

BLIND:

Any person who is declared blind by a Licensed Doctor should notify the Assessors' Office on or before April 1, 2023 to see if he or she is eligible for a tax exemption. If you are already receiving such an exemption, you do not need to reapply.

HOMESTEAD:

A person who owns his or her own home and has owned a home in Maine for at least 12 months prior to April 1, 2023 can apply for a Homestead Exemption. The application needs to be received by April 1, 2023. This exemption from taxation went into effect in 1998. We are assuming that it will be available in 2023 as well. One can only receive this exemption on the home that is his or her residence. If you are currently receiving this exemption, and you still reside in the same home, you do not need to reapply.

PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL:

The State Property Tax Deferral Program is a program that allows certain individuals to defer (postpone) payment of the property taxes on their homesteads until they pass away, move, or sell their property. During the period when the taxes are being deferred, the State reimburses the municipality for the deferred taxes. The deferred tax, plus interest, is then required to be repaid to the State by the individual or their estate when they pass away, move, sell the property, or move the property (if mobile or floating home) out of Maine.

To be eligible for the program, you must be at least 65 years old or unable to work due to a disability. In addition, you must have income of less than \$40,000 and liquid assets of less than \$50,000 (or \$75,000 if filing a joint application).

In addition to the requirements above, to be eligible for the program you must own and occupy the property as your principal residence, and you must be receiving a homestead exemption on the property.

Property eligible for deferral includes both your principal residence plus up to 10 contiguous acres.

You must file an application with your local municipal assessor between January 1 and April 1. The application is available on the Maine Revenue Service (MRS) website at www.maine.gov/revenue/tax-return-forms/property-tax. The municipal assessor will verify certain information, then forward the application to MRS for review. MRS will review your application and may request additional information from you to confirm your eligibility for the program. Once your application is approved you do not need to reapply.

Respectfully submitted,

William Van Tuinen, Agent to the Board of Assessors

Leisa D. Emery-Burns, Assistant Assessor

2021 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes
As of April 1, 2022

BAIKO, PAUL	⌘	1,251.05
BAILEY, WANDA MARIE	⌘	1,010.68
BEANE, STEVEN	⌘	74.43
BEANE, STEVEN A SR	⌘	794.20
BECKWITH, REBECCA	⌘	470.26
BECKWITH, REBECCA	⌘	642.98
BELANGER, DUSTIN	⌘	2,527.91
BISOL, ANDREW	⌘	78.39
BRAGDON, PETER	⌘	3,015.55
BROWNE, KRYSTAL	⌘	135.36
BURNS, TIMOTHY J - LIFE ESTATE	⌘	1,207.63
BUSSELL, ERIC	⌘	397.77
CASSIDY, DANA	⌘	19,864.76
CASSIDY, DANA	⌘	3,480.54
CASSIDY, DANA	⌘	1,473.22
CASSIDY, DANA	⌘	2,037.67
CHESLEY, GEORGE PAUL	⌘	59.36
CIPRIANO, ANTHONY	⌘	2,213.83
COLEMAN, BELINDA	⌘	208.99
COOLEY, DEVIN S	⌘	141.08
DAUPHINEE, TY E	⌘	588.91
DAVIS, CELESTE A	⌘	843.29
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	⌘	1,047.17
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	⌘	1,060.39
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	⌘	1,074.89
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	⌘	1,176.84
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	⌘	882.33
DICKISON, DOUGLAS	⌘	503.04
DORE, CONSTANCE J	⌘	152.73
DUMAS, BOBBI-JO A	⌘	827.59
EAST COAST MERCHANT SERVICES INC	⌘	1,409.03
FLETCHER, ALICIA L	⌘	2,146.57
FOLSOM, CHRISTOPHER M	⌘	2,298.15
GEHRKE, ANGELINA M	⌘	310.92
GILBERT, BRIAN A	⌘	2,921.76
GORDON, HARRIETT C	⌘	26.81
GRAF, ROBERT M	⌘	3,033.83
GREGOR, KIMBERLEY	⌘	286.38
HARTLEY, STACEY C	⌘	955.10
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	⌘	1,902.34
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	⌘	694.15
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	⌘	858.39
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	⌘	1,022.62
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	⌘	1,411.52
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	⌘	1,235.95
HARVILLE, THOMAS W	⌘	945.22

2021 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes
(continued)

HARVILLE, THOMAS W	\$	971.65
HAYDEN, HEIDI	\$	441.52
HILTON, KENNETH ARTHUR JR	\$	1,050.35
HORSIN' AROUND HOLDING COMPANY LLC	\$	1,933.04
HOVASSE, REAGAN	\$	1,486.44
HYDE, CYNTHIA	\$	501.01
JEWELL, GREGORY W	\$	1,092.47
JOHNSON, BRIAN L	\$	899.92
JOHNSON, JACOBY R	\$	473.01
JOYCE, RAYMOND A - ESTATE OF	\$	2,259.14
KEITHAN, JAMES A - LIFE ESTATE	\$	875.37
KENNEDY, ROY H	\$	728.13
KINGSBURY, DAVID L	\$	2,570.03
KINNEY, DENNIS G	\$	630.10
KINNEY, DENNIS G	\$	509.15
KNIGHT, HEATHER L	\$	384.55
LACASSE, KAREN J	\$	998.08
LACASSE, RICHARD	\$	1,141.56
LACASSE, RICHARD	\$	548.79
LACASSE, RICHARD	\$	889.89
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,037.14
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	2,079.21
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,544.95
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	2,872.67
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,037.72
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	2,198.14
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,194.42
LAM, TRAVIS	\$	215.82
LAM, TRAVIS C	\$	388.54
LASOTA, JOSEPH E	\$	1,688.43
LEMIEUX, DANA A	\$	321.00
LINTON, RILEY	\$	124.04
LOCKE, ROLAND H	\$	562.01
LORD, CAROLYN	\$	920.80
LUCE, SARAH JANE - PERS REP	\$	1,386.97
LUCE, SARAH JANE - PERS REP	\$	571.44
MALLARD, ROBERT	\$	27.41
MALLARD, ROBERT JR	\$	1,701.59
MARHEFKA, JASON	\$	466.43
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE	\$	3,826.72
MCGOWAN, ROBERT W	\$	301.27
MERRILL, BRITTANIE	\$	154.24
MERROW, TIMOTHY J	\$	1,197.60
NICKERSON, MARK E	\$	1,207.57
O'BRIEN, SCOTT f	\$	749.30
PATURZO, RONALD	\$	765.01

2021 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes
(continued)

PELLETIER, SUSAN M	\$	4,535.23
PERKINS, BRUCE A JR	\$	546.90
PERKINS, BRUCE L	\$	322.25
PERKINS, JARED M	\$	962.47
PETERS, JAMES J	\$	1,777.74
PICARDI, MIRA	\$	1,454.34
PICARDI, PETER J	\$	842.69
PICARDI, PETER J	\$	2,566.25
PIERCE, KIM D	\$	2,018.99
PONTBRIAND, AMANDA	\$	124.82
PRENTISS, GORDON	\$	1,532.34
PREVOST, DENNIS A - LIFE ESTATE	\$	590.32
PROCACCINI REALTY TRUST	\$	390.35
PUGSLEY, LEE	\$	1,746.95
PUGSLEY, LEE	\$	1,021.45
ROLLINS, ARNOLD S	\$	1,694.09
ROONEY, ANNABELLE - LIFE EST	\$	1,300.13
ROTHWELL, DAVID	\$	131.59
SALISBURY, PETER A	\$	967.29
SAWYER, HERBERT - HEIRS OF	\$	495.93
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	\$	1,154.78
SHAW, NORMAN	\$	528.02
SHAW, NORMAN	\$	1,449.27
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	2,276.12
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	733.79
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	1,222.74
SINCYR, CHESTER W	\$	567.66
SIROIS, SCOTT L	\$	1,581.41
SMITH, KIMBERLY	\$	114.60
STAPLES, DONNA L	\$	237.77
STARKEY, JOHN A JR - PR	\$	753.97
SULLIVAN, GERALD - ESTATE OF	\$	1,017.58
TESSIER, ANTHONY L	\$	837.52
TRACY, MARY ANNE	\$	1,030.88
TROTTIER, STEVEN & KAREN - LE	\$	480.83
TURNER, MICHAEL	\$	645.06
WARREN, DANNY & KATHRYN M 1/2	\$	2,092.42
WASHBURN, TIMOTHY M - PR - ESTATE OF	\$	1,043.39
WHITE, JOSHUA	\$	1,014.49
WILLIAMSON, SONYA M	\$	3,900.98
WILLIAMSON, SONYA M	\$	151.43
WITHAM, JENNIE	\$	186.33
WYMAN, CECELIA M - EST OF	\$	609.13
TOTAL	\$	168,278.51

**2008 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022**

FRENCHYS DINER	\$	162.39
JAMES DERBYSHIRE LLC	\$	2,401.60
M & D LP GAS SERVICE	\$	80.00
MISNER, DANIEL	\$	707.20
NORTH AVE CAR WASH	\$	83.20
SKOWHEGAN VILLAGE PIZZA	\$	160.00
TOTAL	\$	3,594.39

**2009 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022**

FRENCHYS DINER	\$	192.60
JAMES DERBYSHIRE LLC	\$	2,409.11
M & D LP GAS SERVICE	\$	80.25
MISNER, DANIEL	\$	709.41
SKOWHEGAN VILLAGE PIZZA	\$	160.50
TOTAL	\$	3,551.87

**2010 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022**

EMPIRE GRILL	\$	105.67
FRENCHYS DINER	\$	186.48
JAMES DERBYSHIRE LLC	\$	2,332.55
M & D LP GAS SERVICE	\$	83.45
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	4.50
MISNER, DANIEL	\$	686.87
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	46.62
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$	8.26
TOTAL	\$	3,454.40

**2011 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022**

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	1.15
CHARRIERS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE	\$	627.75
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,718.95
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	62.00
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	621.46
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$	499.10
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	46.50
WASHBURN & CO, LLC CONSTRUCTION	\$	62.00
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$	62.00
TOTAL	\$	3,700.91

**2012 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022**

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	153.84
CIT GROUP INC	\$	545.40
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,582.83
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	63.44
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	951.60
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$	466.28
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	47.58
WASHBURN & CO, LLC CONSTRUCTION	\$	63.44
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$	63.44
TOTAL	\$	3,937.85

2013 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	163.62
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,411.02
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$	162.59
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	64.80
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	972.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$	429.30
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	48.60
SUN RAYZ	\$	306.18
WASHBURN & CO, LLC CONSTRUCTION	\$	64.80
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$	64.80
TOTAL	\$	3,687.71

2014 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	167.28
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,193.92
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$	628.12
K & S GARAGE	\$	130.20
KID FRIENDLY	\$	8.20
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	65.60
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	984.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$	375.56
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	49.20
SUN RAYZ	\$	313.24
WASHBURN & CO, LLC CONSTRUCTION	\$	65.60
WILL FOSTER BUILDERS	\$	65.60
TOTAL	\$	4,046.52

2015 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	174.93
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	977.55
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$	51.45
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$	186.93
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	68.60
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	1,029.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$	327.57
O.S.K. ALL IN ONE CONSIGNMENT	\$	15.43
ORA SALON	\$	15.43
SANDY & DAUGHTER, INC.	\$	730.59
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	51.45
SPENCER AUTO BODY	\$	85.75
SUN RAYZ	\$	329.28
TADPOLE ACADEMY - DAYCARE FACILITY	\$	5.15
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$	10.29
WASHBURN & CO, LLC CONSTRUCTION	\$	68.60
TOTAL	\$	4,128.00

2016 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	190.32
COMMUNITY DRIVING SCHOOL	\$	14.64
CRAZY CUZIN'S QUALITY THRIFT SHOP	\$	18.30
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,072.38
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$	54.90
KAREN'S KLOSET	\$	5.49
KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$	60.39
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$	203.13

2016 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
(continued)

M & D LP GAS SERVICE	\$	36.60
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	73.20
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	1,098.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$	301.95
MISS KELLY'S LEARNING LOFT	\$	69.54
O.S.K. ALL IN ONE CONSIGNMENT	\$	16.47
ORA SALON	\$	12.81
SANDY & DAUGHTER, INC.	\$	786.90
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	54.90
SENTRY FINANCIAL CORP	\$	9.15
SKOWHEGAN CHIROPRACTIC	\$	431.80
SPENCER AUTO BODY	\$	91.50
SPICE OF LIFE	\$	151.89
TADPOLE ACADEMY - DAYCARE FACILITY	\$	5.49
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$	10.98
TOTAL	\$	4,770.73

2017 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	152.32
COMMUNITY DRIVING SCHOOL	\$	13.33
CRAZY CUZIN'S QUALITY THRIFT SHOP	\$	19.04
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$	772.07
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,085.28
GILBLAIR & SON TRUCKING	\$	57.12
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$	67.05
KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$	55.22
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$	207.54
M & D LP GAS SERVICE	\$	38.08
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	76.16
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	476.00
MISNER LAWN CARE	\$	310.35
MISS KELLY'S LEARNING LOFT	\$	57.12
O.S.K. ALL IN ONE CONSIGNMENT	\$	17.14
ORA SALON	\$	13.33
PERKINS,TOWNSEND,SHAY & TALBOT	\$	479.81
REJUVENATE SALON	\$	59.02
SANDY & DAUGHTER, INC.	\$	811.10
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	57.12
SKOWHEGAN CHIROPRACTIC	\$	190.40
SPICE OF LIFE	\$	158.03
SPRING HOUSE GARDENS ASSOC.	\$	297.02
TADPOLE ACADEMY - DAYCARE FACILITY	\$	5.71
THE NEW LOOK SALON	\$	19.04
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$	11.42
TOTAL	\$	5,505.82

2018 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022

AKEENI RECOVERY AN D SERVICES	\$	150.00
CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	164.00
COMMUNITY DRIVING SCHOOL	\$	16.00
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$	1650.00
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,172.00
HILL TOP ANTIQUES	\$	10.00
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$	90.00
KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$	50.00
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$	222.00
LYNETTE'S GIFTS N CARDS	\$	18.00
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	80.00
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	500.00

2018 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
(continued)

NEW IMAGE HAIR & NAIL SALON	\$	28.00
ORA SALON	\$	14.00
RICK'S PIT STOP	\$	10.00
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	60.00
SPRING HOUSE GARDENS ASSOC.	\$	318.00
THE NEW LOOK SALON	\$	20.00
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$	12.00
TOTAL	\$	4,584.00

2019 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022

AKEENI RECOVERY AN D SERVICES	\$	136.50
BLACKMAN'S KENNELS	\$	3.64
BLOOM, LAWRENCE P , ATTORNEY	\$	30.94
CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	152.88
COMMUNITY DRIVING SCHOOL	\$	14.56
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$	1539.72
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,095.64
HILL TOP ANTIQUES	\$	9.10
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$	81.90
ISLAND DAIRY TREAT	\$	209.30
KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$	38.22
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$	207.48
LYNETTE'S GIFTS N CARDS	\$	16.38
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	72.80
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	455.00
NEW IMAGE HAIR & NAIL SALON	\$	25.48
PAUL'S AUTO REPAIR	\$	74.62
REJUVENATE SALON	\$	56.42
RICK'S PIT STOP	\$	9.10
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	54.60
SPRING HOUSE GARDENS ASSOC.	\$	296.66
STONY BROOK MARKET	\$	728.00
THE NEW LOOK SALON	\$	18.20
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$	10.92
TOTAL	\$	5,338.06

2020 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	65.51
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$	1,511.95
FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION	\$	0.80
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,091.29
GENPLEX INC.	\$	15.88
GROHEGAN HYDROPONICS	\$	34.48
HILL TOP ANTIQUES	\$	10.34
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$	77.58
ISLAND DAIRY TREAT	\$	194.81
KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$	29.31
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$	203.43
LYNETTE'S GIFTS N CARDS	\$	17.24
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	68.96
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	236.19
MTM ACQUISITION INC.	\$	5.76
NEW IMAGE HAIR & NAIL SALON	\$	24.14
NUGGIES, LLC	\$	17.24
PARKING LOT & LAWN MAINTENANCE	\$	305.15
PAUL'S AUTO REPAIR	\$	143.09
REJUVENATE SALON	\$	53.44
RENEW COUNSELING LLC	\$	3.45
RICK'S PIT STOP	\$	8.62

2020 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
(continued)

SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	51.72
SPRING HOUSE GARDENS ASSOC.	\$	293.08
THE CHILDRENS CENTER	\$	25.86
TOYOTA INDUSTRIES COMM. FINANCE INC	\$	145.10
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$	10.34
WHITE'S AUTO BODY	\$	86.20
WICKED MAINAH HAIR SALON	\$	51.72
TOTAL	\$	4,782.68

2021 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes
As of April 1, 2022

A & A MANAGEMENT GROUP INC	\$	1,247.40
BEAUTY BY DESIGN LLC	\$	30.60
BREEZY ACRES MOTEL	\$	387.00
CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	68.40
CONSOLIDATED COMM OF NNE CO LLC	\$	16.77
DOMAREKI, GREGORY J	\$	36.00
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$	900.00
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,139.40
GENPLEX INC.	\$	8,901.00
GH POWEREITION	\$	54.00
GROHEGAN HYDROPONICS	\$	36.00
HILL TOP ANTIQUES	\$	9.00
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$	81.00
ISLAND DAIRY TREAT	\$	205.20
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$	214.20
LYNETTE'S GIFTS N CARDS	\$	18.00
MADLYN'S NEW & USED CLOTHING	\$	30.60
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	72.00
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	248.40
NEW IMAGE HAIR & NAIL SALON	\$	25.20
NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS INC	\$	3.60
NUGGIES, LLC	\$	18.00
ORA SALON	\$	12.60
PARKING LOT & LAWN MAINTENANCE	\$	324.00
PAUL'S AUTO REPAIR	\$	145.80
RE/MAX AT HOME	\$	176.40
REISNER, ROBERT A JR.	\$	360.00
REJUVENATE SALON	\$	55.80
RENEW COUNSELING LLC	\$	7.20
RICK'S PIT STOP	\$	9.00
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	54.00
SMUCKER FOODSERVICE INC.	\$	27.00
SPRING HOUSE GARDENS ASSOC.	\$	307.80
THE CHILDRENS CENTER	\$	27.00
TIMEPAYMENT CORP.	\$	19.92
TOYOTA INDUSTRIES COMM. FINANCE INC	\$	289.80
WICKED MAINAH HAIR SALON	\$	54.00
WILLIAMSON POOLS	\$	90.00
TOTAL	\$	15,702.09

SKOWHEGAN BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Skowhegan:

The tax rate for the fiscal year 2022, beginning 7/1/2021 and ending 6/30/2022, was \$18.35 per thousand.

Our official commitment of taxes was made on September 22, 2021.

Skowhegan has a considerable industrial tax base. Major industrial accounts include the SAPPI paper mill, the Weston Hydroelectric plant in the center of the Town, and the Imerys precipitated calcium carbonate plant located at the paper mill.

As we stated in previous reports the graphic paper industry, the segment of the paper industry making paper for publishing, has experienced less demand for its paper products.

A great deal of new manufacturing equipment is exempt from taxation under the Business Equipment Taxation Exemption. That exemption involves substantial reimbursement from the State of Maine to the Town for the loss in value of this exemption. So, increases in this exempt valuation does still contribute to the tax base of the Town.

It was a pleasure to serve the Town of Skowhegan and we wish to thank the community for its cooperation and support.

As you are aware, your Skowhegan tax bill raises revenue for three levels of government. In the 2022 fiscal year the tax commitment in Skowhegan raised the following net amounts:

1. The Town of Skowhegan raised a net amount of \$4,010,312.65. Included in this town amount is a Downtown TIF appropriation. This was about 25.4 % of the tax.
2. SAD 54 raised a net amount of \$9,130,562 which comprises 57.8% of the total tax.
3. Somerset County raised a net amount of \$2,666,111.02 which comprises 16.9% of the total tax.

The growth in the Skowhegan tax base over the past year included 6 new homes valued at \$750,800 and four mobile homes valued at \$238,100, plus numerous other changes.

Real estate values have been increasing. Accordingly, we had to increase our assessed valuations to reflect those changes. That trend is continuing and we may have to make revisions in the next fiscal year as well.

Qualifying taxpayers who reside in a home as their primary residence and who have an application on record with this office continued to receive a homestead exemption from their taxable valuation. This exemption value was increased to \$25,000. If our ratio of assessed values to sales prices dropped significantly, we would need to

drop that exemption to the same assessment ratio. New property owners who reside in homes in Skowhegan need to file a homestead exemption by April 1 in general. The application process is very simple and only takes a few minutes. If you move from one home in Skowhegan to another, please call our office at 474-6903 to ensure that we transfer your exemption to the new home.

This year the State of Maine has instituted a new tax deferral program. It is available to homestead taxpayers over 65 years of age or fully disabled who financially qualify. Overall, the program is administered by the State. But, applications, due by April 1, are initially received at the Assessor's Office.

Taxpayers are reminded that they have 185 days from the date of commitment of taxes to request an abatement of taxes in writing, if they believe that the valuation of their property is too high or disproportionate to similar property.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grohs

John Grohs, Chairman

Bonnie A. Baker

Bonnie A. Baker

Harvey Austin

Harvey Austin, Jr.

**Town Clerk's Report
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**

	No. Issued	Paid to Town	Paid to State of Maine
INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE			
Boat/Snowmobile/ATV			\$ 49,750.00
Hunting/Fishing Licenses			\$ 18,421.00
Sales Tax			\$ 26,699.60
Town Fees		\$4,017.75	
Totals		\$4,017.75	\$ 94,870.60
DOG LICENSES			
Male & Female	324	\$324.00	\$ 3,240.00
Neutered & Spayed	1107	\$1,107.00	\$ 3,321.00
Kennel Licenses	6	\$12.00	\$ 180.00
Totals	1437	\$1,443.00	\$ 6,741.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FUND		\$2,424.00	
MUNICIPAL LICENSES			
Victualer Licenses	50	\$1,470.00	
Pool Table/Bowling/Licenses	4	\$120.00	
Innkeeper Licenses	2	60.00	
Totals	56	\$1,650.00	
OTHER SERVICES			
Marriage Intentions Files	63	\$2,268.00	
Record Search	0	\$0.00	
Partnership	1	\$10.00	
Certified Copies	794	\$10,322.00	\$ 1,588.00
Add'l Certified Copies	638	\$3,572.80	\$ 255.20
Burial Permits	492	\$6,888.00	\$ 2,952.00
Business Names Recorded	9	\$90.00	
Non-resident Notary Fees	74	\$370.00	
Totals	2,071	\$23,520.80	\$ 4,795.20

Local Deaths Recorded	190
Marriage Returns Recorded & Reported to State	87
Births Reported to State	189
Oaths Administered	184
Totals	650

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail R. Pelotte

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Town Clerk

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**TOWN CLERK/TREASURER REPORT
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

I would like to thank the citizens of Skowhegan for electing me to serve as Town Clerk and Treasurer.

The town's appropriation to S.A.D. #54 was eight million eight hundred ninety-two thousand seven hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$8,892,737.00). The town's appropriation to Somerset County was two million five hundred fifty-six thousand nine hundred forty-seven dollars and twelve cents (\$2,556,947.12).

Higgins educational loans totaling ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) were issued to two graduates of Skowhegan Area High School's Class of 2020. Before making payments on their interest-free loans, recipients receive a one-year grace period upon completion of their education. Each year high school seniors have the opportunity to apply for a loan. A senior must contact the high school guidance office for an application between January and April 30 of their senior year. The application deadline is May 1.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask recipients of Higgins Loans that have not been making payments towards their loans to please begin making monthly payments. I have sent out several letters regarding repayment of these loans and several go unanswered. Please make payments so that future students can have the same opportunity as you and receive an interest free loan.

I would like to thank the individuals that continue to make monthly payments and also those who have paid their Higgins Loans in full within this past year. Through your efforts this great program can continue.

Thank you, the citizens of Skowhegan for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail R. Pelotte

**Gail R. Pelotte
Town Clerk/Treasurer**

Skowhegan Fire Department
16 Island Avenue
Skowhegan, ME 04976
Annual Report

To: Christine Almand, Town Manager
Board of Selectman
Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan

I have seen many changes in the fire service during my career. This past year was certainly no different. Emergency services, like most businesses, are experiencing a shortage of workers. At the same time, every community has seen a drastic increase in medical calls. This has taxed ambulances greatly and has forced many departments to dive further into the realm of medical first responders.

The Skowhegan Fire Department is a licensed non-transport first responder agency. This means that we have firefighters trained and able to respond to medical emergencies to provide life saving aid but we do not transport patients to the hospital. Currently, we do not automatically respond to all medical calls in the town. We respond if the patient is not breathing, unconscious, or if the local ambulance is not available to respond. This resulted in 150 medical calls for the department last year.

Our citizens should not have to wait for help to come from an ambulance service that may be 15 to 20 minutes away. We have trained people who are available and we will respond in your time of need. We work together with Redington Fairview EMS to ensure that our responders are providing the highest level of care to you, the citizens of Skowhegan.

The business of firefighting has become an all hazards approach. We have identified a need for more trained responders and we are answering that need. This means that you may see a firetruck responding to a medical call. We do this to ensure that we can respond to all types of emergencies. A firetruck is a rolling toolbox and carries a variety of equipment that the firefighter may use. Of course it carries the standard firefighting equipment, axes, saws, fire extinguishers, airpaks, and hoses. But it also carries medical oxygen, Automatic External Defibrillators, ropes and pulleys, extrication equipment, water rescue equipment, and hazardous material response suits. Today, firefighters are expected to answer the citizen's call for help no matter what the need is.

While we expand our training to meet the needs of the community, one thing will always remain the same. The men and women of the Skowhegan Fire Department are here to serve you, the citizens of Skowhegan, and it is our privilege to do so.

In closing, I would like to thank the Town Manager, the Select Board and fellow department heads for their support. To the citizens of Skowhegan; thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Fire Chief. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 474-3400.

Respectfully,
Shaun P. Howard
Fire Chief

Skowhegan Police Department
225 Water Street
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David A. Bucknam, Chief

Brian A. Gardiner, Deputy Chief

**To: Town Manager Christine Almand
Board of Selectman
Residents of Skowhegan**

It's hard for me to imagine that I am heading into my fifth year as your Police Chief. Five years? Wow! Time has gone by so fast and yet every day when I come into work, I feel like it's an all-new adventure. It's easy to love and enjoy coming to work when you surround yourself with an amazing group of Police Officers and a community that goes above and beyond to support you.

As we move forward into the year 2022, I am grateful for many things in my life. I am grateful for the men and woman under my command who come to work every day with a smile on their face and assist the citizens of this amazing town. I am grateful for a community who stops into the Police Department just to say good morning or talk about what's happening in their lives. I am grateful to the citizens who go out of their way to assist another member of this community when they need help, even when they do not ask for it. I grateful for many things, and the list gets bigger day by day.

This community has seen some difficult times over the past two years, but it has never stopped moving forward. The pandemic has changed a lot of ways we conduct ourselves, but it has not taken any of the fire or spirit from our community. There will always be new and difficult challenges we will encounter collectively, but I have no doubt we will meet them head on with the resilience and courage which defines who we are.

This year is going to be an amazing year with growth of this town. Construction for the new Public Safety Building is underway. Run of River Park is moving ahead. Empty buildings in downtown are starting to see new life as local businesses seek to expand and build upon the nostalgia of Skowhegan. Overall, this town is booming and preparing to grow.

We've had a few changes to the Police Department over the last year, and I must say these changes have boosted our ability to better serve this community. These Officers are here for the right reasons and have the resilience to handle any challenges thrown our way. Below are the names of the men and women who have made the Town of Skowhegan and the Police Department their home.

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Chief David Bucknam

**Deputy Chief Brian Gardiner
Sgt. Timothy Williams
Sgt. Jacob Pierce
Det. Sgt. Kelly Hooper
Cpl. Katelyn Nichols
Cpl. Joshua York
Det. Michael Bachelder
Officer Joel Cummings
Officer David Daigneault
Officer Tifani Warren
Officer Alex Burns
Officer Richard Pierce**

**Officer Benaiah Willhoite
Officer Michael Grady
Officer Scott Christiansen
Officer Tyler Lafreniere
Reserve Officer Jacob Boudreau
Reserve Officer Garrett Buzzell
Reserve Officer Emily Fox
Reserve Officer Kris McKenna
Admin Asst. Chelsea Gardiner
ACO Cara Mason
ACO Kassidee Pollis**

As your Chief, I look forward to working with this community for many years to come. We will strive to provide the best support possible by using person to person communications, technology and community outreach events. It is by working as a team we will keep Skowhegan a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.A. Bucknam".

**Chief David Bucknam
Skowhegan Police Department**

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David A. Bucknam, Chief

Brian Gardiner, Deputy Chief

School Resource Officer

2021-2022

To: Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan

The School Resource Officer (SRO) position is filled by Officer David Daigneault. Officer Daigneault has held this position for nineteen years and has been with the Skowhegan Police Department for approximately 21 years.

The goal of the School Resource Officer is to establish a positive relationship with the students and the school administration of MSAD#54. Furthermore, building trust and respect between the community, youth and law enforcement, as well as helping parents and students resolve conflict. The program also strives to reduce the potential for criminal behavior in school while promoting a safe learning and teaching environment.

The officer provides a visible police presence in the high school, middle school and Marti Stevens Learning Center.

I concentrate my efforts in three primary roles:

1. Law Enforcement: promote and maintain a safe and drug free environment.
2. Education: the officer frequently involved in school curriculum focusing on such topics as the effects of drugs on the body, search and seizure and current events.
3. Counseling: the school resource officer is at the school to answer student's questions and to help them with some of their concerns.

SRO's serve as a role model, mentor, and positive image of law enforcement in our community.

In addition to my primary roles, I attend many events outside of the school day. This year, I attended all homecoming events, prom, sports events, and most school board meetings. I further participated in the R.E.A.C.H. After School Program at Bloomfield Elementary.

In the Education role, I have done instruction in the Health Class revolving around drug impairment utilizing the Fatal vision Goggles. This correlates with the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety driving simulator and Seatbelt Convincer. Most 9th graders participated in this program.

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Throughout the year, I participated in several community events. They consisted of the following: Ring Farm Make-a-Wish, Jingle Fest and community Trunk-a-Treat events in Skowhegan, Canaan and Fairfield.

I am currently a member of the Peters-Shortier American Legion Post#16 and hold an office as the Americanism Officer. This seems to go hand and hand as being an Eagle Scout as a youth and a former Scoutmaster/Cubmaster for 15 years.

I also participate in Camp POSTCARD (**P**olice **O**fficers **S**triving **T**o **C**reate **A**nd **R**einforce **D**reams). Camp POSTCARD is an amazing partnership with law enforcement agencies throughout Maine to provide a free summer camp experience to deserving 5th and 6th graders from every county in the state.

This camp has proven to be an important opportunity to build strong relationships and valuable life skills that stay with the campers their entire life. This was my sixteenth year as a camp leader. Three youths from Skowhegan had the pleasure of attending camp in 2021 free of charge.

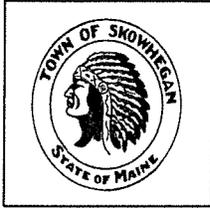
I truly believe our community benefits from having a School Resource Officer in the schools to forge a positive relationship with your children.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

David H. Daigneault

David H. Daigneault
School Resource Officer



Skowhegan Highway Department
Skowhegan, Maine 04976

Don Kinney, Sr.
Road Commissioner
474-6911

“Public Works providing prompt courteous service at the lowest possible cost”

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

Our paving program for the 2021 season included shim and overlay on the Notch Road, Eaton Mountain Road, Bigelow Hill Road, Parkman Hill Road, Burrill Hill Road, the Riverside Parking Lot, Crescent Street. A milling and overlay on Lambert Road, Mitchell Street, Kennebec Street, plus we did shoulders on Notch Road, Parkman Hill Road, Mitchell Street, Lambert Road, Eaton Mountain Road and Bigelow Hill Road.

We will be getting a new Sewer Jetter for your sewer needs coming this year. The new 2022 International Truck that was order last year in 2021 will be made August 29, 2022 for this years plowing season, we will be installing a new plow and wing on this truck as well.

I, Don Kinney, would like to thank all the people in Skowhegan for electing me in office on June 8, 2021 as your new Road Commissioner. I will be working for the people of Skowhegan if you have any questions, please call the office at 207-474-6911.

Sincerely,

Don Kinney Sr.
Don Kinney, Sr.
Road Commissioner

Town of Skowhegan
Municipal Building
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Email: belliveau@skowhegan.org



Bryan Belliveau
Code Enforcement Officer
Building Inspector-Plumbing Inspector
Telephone: (207) 474-6904
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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT
July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

To: The Board of Selectman and the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan

From July 2020 through the end of June 2021, the Code Enforcement Department issued One hundred and forty-two (142) building permits, sixty-three (63) interior plumbing permits, twenty-seven (27) septic system permits, twenty-seven (27) Central Maine Power electrical forms, seventeen (17) Shoreland Zone permits and five (5) Floodplain permits. The Town also issued five (5) sewer capacity reserve permits.

The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) has been in effect for 10 years now. We saw some changes over the summer and fall of 2021. We have now adopted the 2021 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code, 2015 edition of the Energy Conservation Code and the newly adopted 2015 edition of the International Mechanical Code. We are expecting the State to move to the 2021 edition of all MUBEC codes in the fall of 2022 or early 2023. **Keep an eye on our Facebook page, Skowhegan Code Enforcement, for education and updates of the code and for other information regarding development in our community.** Make sure that if you are planning any new construction, renovations, additions or plumbing you contact the Code Enforcement Office before you start any work.

Our current Codes consists of a compilation of the following editions of the following codes:

2015 International Building Code (IBC); 2015 International Existing Building Code (IEBC); 2015 International Residential Code (IRC); 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC); 2015 International Mechanical Code; ASHRAE 62.1-2016 (Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality); ASHRAE 62.2-2016 (Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings); and ASHRAE 90.1-2016 (Energy Standard for Buildings except Low-Rise Residential Buildings).

Every year the Code Enforcement Office works with Department of Environmental Protection on land use violations. In some cases when violations are found, fines will need to be paid and consent agreements completed. Please remember to contact our office prior to the start of any land use construction and we will be glad to assist you with any and all permits needed for your project. I also want to remind everyone that if you are going to move any earth within 250 feet of any water body you are required to use an individual who is certified in erosion and sedimentation control.

The Fire Department and Code Enforcement Department continue to work together to inspect existing apartment buildings and businesses. We will be looking to expand this program in 2022 to ensure that our structures and residents are safe.

The Code Enforcement Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC), State of Maine Plumbing Code, Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Standards, Floodplain Management Ordinance, Building Safety Ordinance, Site Plan Review Ordinance, Property Maintenance Ordinance, Victualers Ordinance, Controlled Substance Facilities Ordinance, Holding Tank Ordinance, Road and Entrance Ordinance, Sludge Ordinance, Street Naming Ordinance, Sign Ordinance, Fire Prevention and Protection, Sewerage Ordinance, Solar Ordinance, Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs and all State codes pertaining to unsafe buildings, building construction, and the Automobile Junkyard/Graveyard law.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryan Belliveau

Bryan Belliveau
Code Enforcement Officer
Building – Plumbing Inspector

Town of Skowhegan

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Water Pollution Control Plant
53 Joyce Street
TEL (207) 474-6909



Brent Dickey
Superintendent
e-mail skowpoll@skowhegan.org

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
2020 - 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

To: The Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan

The Covid-19 pandemic has been challenging for all of us this year, both personally and professionally. Besides the obvious strain of dealing with a health emergency we have seen labor and material shortages and rapidly rising costs in nearly every sector of the economy.

Completion of the Phase 3.5 combined sewer overflow abatement project was delayed until next year after bids for the final phase came in nearly fifty percent over our engineer's estimate.

On a positive note the volume of CSO discharges has continued to decline from an average of 4.3 million gallons per year between 2010 and 2019 to just over one million gallons in 2020. The total cost of the Town's CSO reduction efforts since 1990 has exceeded 20 million dollars.

I would like to thank all the municipal departments for their assistance and support this year.

Any interested groups or individuals are encouraged to call us to arrange a tour of the wastewater treatment facility on Joyce Street.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent Dickey".

Brent Dickey
Superintendent

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Bryan Belliveau

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CEO / Building-Plumbing Inspector

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Skowhegan Solid Waste Management Facility & Recycling Center Report
July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

To: The Board of Selectman and the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan

Our existing composting and food scraps program is continuing to grow and be a success. We have now partnered with MSAD54 and the Cornville Charter Schools here in Skowhegan. They are collecting their food scraps which we in turn add to our compost. The food scraps have made a big improvement to our already impressive composting program. We also encourage all residents to sign up for the food scrap program. We will even provide you with a bucket for your food scraps collecting. By continuing to grow this program it has the potential to save the taxpayers even more **thousands** of dollars per year. Since we have continued to be able to produce such a large amount of compost over the years, we are going to be able to sell around 1,000 cubic yards of compost to contractors this coming year and still have plenty of free compost for our residents!

With the rising costs of trash disposal and the **increase** in revenues being paid for recyclables, it is imperative now more than ever that the Town of Skowhegan increases its efforts to recycle in 2022 and beyond. Increased recycling efforts will help to keep disposal costs down which in turn will help keep our local taxes down. The Town continues to work with all the local schools to increase their recycling efforts. We also offer and conduct recycling education instruction to area schools, groups and small businesses as well as at our annual Open House. Anyone interested in this recycling education program should contact Cynthia Kirk at 474-6904. The Solid Waste Management Facility is open daily Tuesday through Saturday from 7am to 3:45 pm, with extended summer hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4:45pm.

From July 2021 to June 2022, the Transfer Station handled over 7,404.71 tons of municipal solid waste (MSW), construction demolition debris and other materials disposed of through our transfer station and by commercial haulers. Of that total tonnage was 6,282.40 tons of MSW, 763.75 tons of construction debris and 280.24 tons of wood waste.

We are continuing to offset costs of disposal through our great recycling program. By June 2022 we processed over 560 tons of cardboard, 58 tons of mixed paper, 26 tons of newspaper, 186 tons of metal and over 14 tons of plastics. We have the ability to improve our recycling program and generate more revenues but it is going to take more dedication to our existing programs and continued efforts to recognize, eliminate or reduce other recyclables in our waste stream. As part of this effort we are researching and investigating ways to remove more textiles and other recyclables from our waste stream. We are happy to report that, through our textile recycling program, we have removed 13 tons of material. There are some areas of focus in our efforts for 2022 and beyond. Businesses and apartment buildings are where we could really make a difference in what we pay to dispose of household trash and increase our revenues through recycling and composting.

It is extremely important for all households to recycle more to help do their part to reduce the cost of trash disposal landfill tipping fees.

Our department is now on Facebook. Check us out at Skowhegan Transfer Station & Recycling Center.

Our newest permit stickers are available for sale. They are valid from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. The cost of a permit sticker is \$10 each and are available at the Town Office and the Solid Waste Facility. Please refer to our Solid Waste Ordinance or give us a call with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Belliveau

Bryan Belliveau,
Solid Waste Management Supervisor/Code Enforcement Officer

Planning Office
Town of Skowhegan
225 Water Street
Skowhegan, ME 04976



Planning Board
Phone: (207) 474-6904

Annual Report for 2022

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan:

We, as a Planning Board, continue to be committed to the Economic Growth of our Town, and to that end we are trying to facilitate a friendly business environment. We welcome new business, but at the same time seek to safeguard the Town and its residents from interests which are contrary to the prosperity and general welfare of our community. We continually strive to provide wise guidance to the Selectmen, concerning needed ordinances and policies, while at the same time recognizing the various rights and freedoms, especially the property rights, of the Town's residents. We recognize the great responsibility we hold and thank you for your trust in us.

The Planning Board has been meeting twice a month, the second meeting being necessary for the work on the comprehensive plan. We expect work on the new Comprehensive Plan to continue into 2023, requiring at least the same level of funding that we have at present.

The Planning Board has continued to work hard in putting together recommendations to the Selectmen, concerning policy, new ordinances, changes in ordinances, and updates to ordinances. These are advisements, proposed policies, ordinances, changes, and updates that we believed are in the best interest of the town. Among these were:

- Updating the Site Plan Ordinance
- Repeal and replace the Property Maintenance Ordinance
- Updating the Sign Ordinance
- Updating the Animal & Fowl Ordinance

A few projects have come before the Planning Board over this past year, including, but not limited to:

- Various Flood Hazard and Shoreland Zoning Permits.
- Working through the various sections of the new Comprehensive plan.
- Construction of the KVCAP Mary Street Project.
- SAD #54 Middle School addition review.
- Review of the new Skowhegan Public Safety Building.

This year, as in the past, the Planning Board worked closely with Code Enforcement Officer Bryan Belliveau, Joel Greenwood, the contracted Town Planner from KVCOG, and Cynthia Kirk, Administrative Assistant, all of whom provide vital service to the people of Skowhegan and provide logistics for the Planning Board. We want to thank them for their dedication and service to the Town of Skowhegan.

Planning Board Members included: Steve Conley (Chairman), Steve St. Pierre (Vice Chairman), Stephen Gould (Secretary), Harvey Austin, Matt Smith, Jeff McCabe and Derek Chretien. We have also added Dan Luce as an alternate Planning Board member to fill in as needed. There is still one alternate position open. If you are interested, please contact the Planning Office.

Skowhegan continues to face both challenges and opportunities; however, working together we can provide a bright future for Skowhegan. Please feel free to contact me to share your thoughts on Planning Board issues. I can be reached at (cell) 1-937-205-1860 or email 4pastorconley@gmail.com

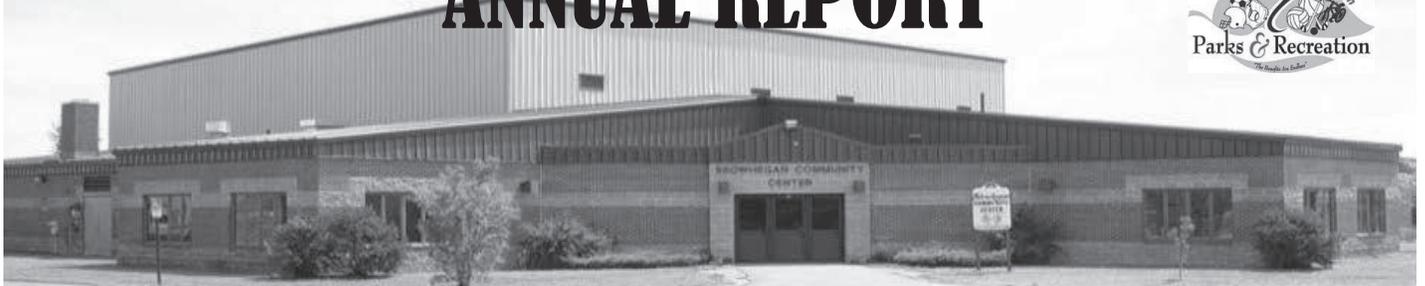
Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Conley

Steve Conley
Skowhegan Planning Board Chairman

SKOWHEGAN COMMUNITY CENTER AND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT



WHO WE ARE

The Skowhegan Parks & Recreation continues to offer a variety of programs and events throughout the year consistent with the goal of satisfying the diverse desires of the community. The parks & recreation department is extremely proud of our 25 park facilities and over 100 acres of parkland, gardens and trails. We are even more proud of the role we play in the quality of life for the citizens of Skowhegan. From parks and playgrounds to classes and sports we aim to have something for everyone. Whether your wanting to try a new sport, learn a new skill or just play outside, we have a spot for you! Our department is made up of 6 full-time staff that live and work in our community and are committed to keeping Skowhegan fun!

Denise, Stephen, Brent, Stephen, Mickey & Connor

VOLUNTEERS/PARTNERS

Our department would not be so successful without the dedication, support and shared committed of our community partnerships and the hundreds of volunteers to be able to offer facilities, equipment, apparel & programs throughout the year. Thank you to our partners that made many of our improvements possible this year thru grants, donations and time.

PARTICIPATION NUMBERS

We are happy to report that participation in our sport leagues, programs and activities have bounced back to pre-COVID numbers and in several sports and tournaments the enrolment numbers have surpassed 2019 numbers including tournaments!

2021 Total registered Users: 9,813 Which includes Community Center Memberships; Walking, Exercise & Open Gym) and structured seasonal program. Attendance at our yearly community events & summer food program have been record breaking as well! We look forward to another successful year as one of the top resources in our community.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

We were so happy to be open and to welcome back all programs along with new ones after the last two year of the ever changing circumstances of the pandemic.

In additions to offering the many programs and events we surpassed our numbers from previous years. Here are some highlights that we are proud to share.

- * State Land & Water Conservation Grant recipient \$330,000 for future ballfield & amenity expansion.
- * Walmart Grant Recipient \$3,000 gym bench chairs
- * Maine Municipal Snowmobile Grant to assist the Skowhegan Snowhawks for ITS 87 Trail maintenance
- * Hosted Basketball Tournament-30 Teams
- * Hosted Tackle Football Tournament-15 Teams
- * Summer Food Program Grant & Record Breaking 7,900 Meals served to youths.
- * Live Streamed all Basketball Games
- * Community Center Security Camera Purchase: Inside and Outside Installation
- * Hosted Pickleball Tournament with 25 participants.
- * New Scoreboard for Football Field
- * New Utility Trailer
- * New Exercise Room Equipment
- * New Partnerships for increased facility and program development.
- * Successful Christmas Craft Fair
- * School Vacation Camps were full.
- * ...and much more!

JOIN US!

Skowhegan Parks & Recreation Department is always hiring! If you are interested in being an instructor for a class, we want to hear from you! We are always looking for class instructors, referees, dance teachers and volunteer coaches.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

We know sports aren't everyone's thing, but not to worry, the Recreation Department also hosts community events, activities and classes.

We offer family time in the gym, senior mystery lunch trips and scenic trips, outdoor programs, camps, teddy bear picnic, community gardens, bingo, board games/cards, exercise programs, pickleball, disc golf, mt. bikes to ride around or just come dribble and shoot around during open gym times.

Our annual events include but not limited to: Summer Food Kick-Off Day, Craft fairs/flea market, holiday events; family dance events, bunny bonanza, haunted house, riverfest bed races and activities, rockwall, trails day event, event partnerships and much more.....



SPORTS

Joining a team and participating in a group sport can help adults and children practice teamwork, sportsmanship, stay active & healthy and grow confidence. We hope that everyone participating in our programs focuses on what is most important-having fun and learning! We facilitate 100's of program and leagues and have increased participation every season!

YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS

Fall & Winter: 1,822 Participants

Spring/Summer: 1,235 Participants

Walking, Adult Pickleball & Men's Basketball continue to be popular and increase in participation. Youth Sports are in much demand and have increased tremendously and we will continue to offer these opportunities.

COMMUNITY CENTER MEMBERSHIP USERS 6756

(consist of walking, exercise room, game room & open gym @ the Community Center)

THINGS PLANNED FOR 2022

2022 is already shaping up to be our best years yet!

We've started scheduling all of our regular classes, sports and activities and are excited to add a few new things to the list.

We look forward to expanding at the Community Center; parking lot expansion, replace the dugouts at the Carl Wright Baseball Complex, constructing a concession stand facility at the football complex, new maintenance garage and continue to work with the town, SAD#54 and the engineer firm on the future ballfield expansion project.

CAMPS

No School, no problem. We offer fall, winter, spring and summer break camps and programs. Join our energetic staff for activities, games, snacks, art & crafts, day trips, adventure and so much more. Our camps have been completely full the last year and are well received!

PARK FACILITIES

If you haven't visited one of our parks lately, you should! With over 25 outdoor facilities from parks, trails, outdoor basketball courts, community gardens, skatepark, tennis courts, playgrounds, mt. bike park to athletic fields and green spaces there's something for everyone!

If you don't have any equipment, that's not a problem....you can sign out a ball or bat, a mt. bike, tennis rackets, disc golf equipment to use at the center or a ball or bat.

Summer is coming so get outside and enjoy with family & friends.

Thank to many volunteers and donations we are able to provide and maintain outdoor facilities. The skatepark gets maintained and painted by a local concrete company to New Balance assisting with community gardens and bench construction.



CONNECT WITH US!



Skowhegan Parks & Recreation Department



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Secretary, Renee Belliveau
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To the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan:

2021 has been a very busy year for the office. We continued expanding the Community Economic Resource Council (CERC) with new partners such as KVCOG, small business advisors, from CEI and the Women's Business Center. Normally, we meet once a month reviewing activities in the area to see if there is any way to improve outreach to local businesses.

Some of the other projects that we have been working with range from continuing the local Façade Grant to helping two local families replace their furnaces.

We continued to work the 2020 Town-wide local Façade Grant Program; which the Selectmen dedicated \$100,000 from the Tif account. We finished with the seven more projects that helped local businesses improve their building facades. For every dollar that was granted to the business, the business had to match at a minimum of one dollar. To continue helping local businesses, we applied and were successful in obtaining a 2021 State Façade grant. For round one of the funding, we had 14 businesses express interest in the program. Out of the 14 that expressed interest, 3 had received approval to move forward, 3 others are working to finalize their full applications.

The office was also able to help two elderly households replace their furnaces through the local community development program. This program is available to assist low and moderate households to care for their homes, ranging in help to replace furnaces, new roofs, upgrading windows and other needs.

The Skowhegan Economic Development Corp (SEDC) has continued working with Land & Furrow, LLC on the future development in the downtown area. SEDC was glad to welcome Maine Cedar Hot Tubs to the Northgate Industrial park. SEDC continues working to attract new businesses to Skowhegan, through space at Northgate, land at Southgate and other ways.

SEDC did one RLF Business loan and 2 pandemic loans to local businesses last year. These loans helped one business to start new and helped two other businesses weather the pandemic times. All three businesses are stable and growing.

If any business would like information regarding one of our loan programs, please contact the office at (207) 474-6905 or by email to jhewett@skowhegan.org.

The Economic and Community Development office also taken over the handling of the Municipal Building maintenance. Some of the projects last year consisted of some major repairs to the brick façade of the municipal building and removing some of the older shrubs on the north side of the building to be replaced with new, smaller plants. The office will continue working on needed improvements to the Municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Hewett

Director of Economic & Community Development

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**Cemetery Report
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

The Cemetery Committee met three times: January 21, 2021; February 18, 2021 and April 15, 2021.

The Committee members during this period of time consisted of David James, Chairman; Gene Rouse; Mary Lou Holden-Mollerus; Melvin Burnham; Donald Young; Paul York, Selectmen's Representative; Gail Pelotte and Mark Bossie, Cemetery Sexton. Carl McKenney became an Honorary Member of the committee in June 2019. Felix Quirion has been an Honorary Member of the committee since September 1995.

Cemetery Expenditures 2021

Water	\$	615.63
Electricity	\$	196.00
Sexton Salary	\$	85,000.00
Tree Cutting	\$	900.00
Repair & Maint.	\$	2,077.15
Catholic Cemetery	\$	946.56
Cemetery Web Site	\$	1,980.00
Record Maintenance	\$	515.00
Monument Recons.	\$	15,000.00

Cemetery record books, burial cards and maps of the cemeteries are available on the Town's Website for research.

Respectfully,

Gail R. Pelotte

**Gail R. Pelotte
Town Clerk/Treasurer
Cemetery Committee Secretary**

JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

Receipts

Town of Skowhegan 88,600.00

Expenditures

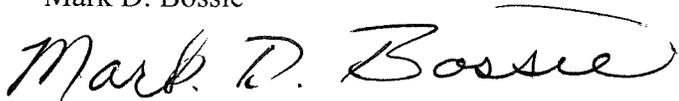
Wages paid	17,855.39
FICA, State, Federal, and Unemployment On Employees	2,132.72
Gas and oil	4,960.99
Supplies, parts and repairs	10,272.23
Insurance	5,301.19
Registration and Excise Tax on vehicles	2,219.78
Office supplies	5,649.22
Equipment (lawn mowers, trimmers, etc.)	15,698.40
Loam/Cement	<u>642.18</u>
	64,732.10

Total Receipts 88,600.00

Total Expenditures 64,732.10

23,867.90

Mark D. Bossie



Town of Skowhegan
Wellness Works Program

Walter Powell, Highway Department
Leisa Emery- Burns, Municipal Building
Paris Baxter, Fire Department
David Bucknam, Police Department
Denise Leblanc, Recreation Department
Brent Dickey, Pollution Control
Al White, Solid Waste Management Facility

To the Skowhegan Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

The Wellness Program is funded by the Maine Municipal Association Employees Health Trust. The program is available to any full-time employee who wishes to participate.

The Wellness Program offered the following activities in 2020-2021

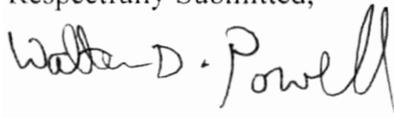
January Workshop – Laughter Is The Best Medicine
February Workshop – How Full Is Your Bucket
March Workshop – Alzheimer’s 101
April Workshop – Be Summer Smart
May Workshop – Wellness Breakfast/Employee of the Year Award
June Workshop – Summer Smart
July Workshop – No Class
August Workshop – No Class
September Workshop – No Class
October Workshop- What Are You Grateful For Today
November Workshop – Recipe Roundup
December Workshop – Skip the Salt

Classes suspended due to COVID 19

I would like to welcome Dena Rich to the Wellness Committee. I would like to thank Walter Powell for many years of service to the Committee.

Congratulations to Tonja Lary who was chosen as Wellness Employee of the Year. I would like to thank the Committee Members for their dedication and support. This program wouldn't be possible without them. We have a full schedule for 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,



Walter Powell, Chairman

Town of Skowhegan, Wellness Committee



To: Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan

From: Run of River Committee

Re: Run of River update, July 2020 – June 2021

The development of Skowhegan's river park will enhance the gorge, providing access to the river; recreation opportunities for paddling, surfing, and tubing; a riverfront promenade; and an expanded trail network.

River parks are proven tools for community development, as evidenced by dozens of river parks around the country. River revitalization projects in downtowns and urban corridors have positively impacted communities by improving river health, connecting people to nature through outdoor recreation, and creating economic prosperity by attracting tourists, businesses, and new residents. Learn more at SkowheganRiverPark.com.

From July 2020 to June 2021, we accomplished the following:

- Signed contracts to update the river park design and to prepare environmental permit applications—with all funding in-hand (\$363,090)—thanks to several major donations and grants, including funding from Somerset County.
- Worked with McLaughlin Whitewater Design Group, the premier surf wave designers in the country, and VHB, the engineering firm that led the permitting process for Franklin, New Hampshire's whitewater park in 2019-20, to update the preliminary design and prepare permit applications for regulatory agencies.
- Met with Maine state department commissioners and deputy commissioners to review the project; held several meetings with state and federal agency contacts and gathered feedback on design elements and modeling to ensure we submit permitting applications correctly the first time (all meetings have been very positive!).
- Added elements to the preliminary design, including the adjustable surf wave, the north river bank access stairs, and an ADA river-access ramp on the south bank.
- Continued to cultivate relationships with donors, met with state leaders, and gave several presentations around Maine to raise awareness for the project.
- In collaboration with partner Main Street Skowhegan, submitted several grant applications for project funding.
- Raised more than \$5,000 for the river park via River Fest sponsorships (even though we couldn't host the event in person due to the pandemic).
- Submitted a \$2 million earmark request that both Senator Collins and Senator King supported and submitted as a project for the 2022 appropriations bill [spoiler alert - we were awarded the \$2 million!].

Run of River Committee

>>Greg Dore, Skowhegan Road Commissioner (Chair)

>>Kristina Cannon, Main Street Skowhegan Executive Director (Fundraising Director)

>>Clayton Cole, ACA-New England President, Solartech Contractors Owner

>>Jason Cooke, business owner

>>William Wallace Finley, business owner

>>Jason Gayne, Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

>>Karen Hart, community member

>>Jeff Hewett, Skowhegan Economic and Community Development Director

>>Shawn Howard, Skowhegan Fire Department Chief

>>Denise LeBlanc, Skowhegan Parks and Recreation Department Director

>>Jeff McCabe, Maine State Employees Association Director of Politics and Legislation

>>Todd Smith, Town of Skowhegan Select Board

>>Taylor Walker, whitewater paddler, freelance filmmaker

>>Anna Staehli Wiser, whitewater paddler, Redington-Fairview General Hospital Physical Therapist



Don Kinney
 Chairman
 207-474-6911

Skowhegan Sidewalk Committee
Established 1994

Committee Members:

Don Kinney

Chairman

Harold Bigelow

Selectman

Steve Govoni

Selectman

Denise LeBlanc

Recreation Department

Richard Smith

Richard Irwin

Public Members

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan:

"Our mission is to provide the citizens of Skowhegan with safe, reliable paved pathways to schools, parks, and other important points of interest"

The list of Sidewalks below are planned in be reconstructed in the 2022 Paving year.

Priority	Name	Length	Paving year
3	Free Street	700	2022
3	Mechanic St	1000	2022
1	Jewett Street	1350	2022
3	Poplar Street	700	2022
3	South Street	700	2022
1	Main Street	2,900	2023
1	Madison Ave	13,230	2023
3	Jones Street	963	2023
1	Water Street	2,310	2023
3	Bridge Street	370	2024
2	Fairview Ave	3,130	2024

The committee has identified the following streets as needing sidewalks – Norridgewock Avenue from Elm Street to the Margaret Chase Smith Library, Joyce Street from Milburn Street to Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Heselton Street from Cardinal Street to Malbon’s Mills Road, Cardinal Street, McClellan Street from Willow Street to West Front Street, South Factory Street from Jones Street to Fairview Avenue and Russell Road from Spring Street to Beech Street.

On behalf of the committee, I want to thank the taxpayers for their input. Your assistance makes it possible for us to better serve you and meet the needs of the people of the Town of Skowhegan. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 474-6911 or any committee member.

Sincerely,

Don Kinney
 Chairman



Skowhegan Conservation Commission

Annual report to the selectmen and citizens of the town of Skowhegan:

This past year has been quite busy for the Conservation Commission. We have begun the process of implementing Phase 2 of the Whitten Brook Restoration project. This project has involved water quality monitoring over the summer and work toward renewing the original restoration plan.

Whitten Brook is a hidden gem in Skowhegan, running through downtown parallel to Madison Avenue. This brook is vital to our community because it contains wild naturally self-reproducing brook trout. This is fantastic as populations have been declining across the entire eastern United States. To maintain this population, we will need to ensure that we improve the water quality of this urban impaired stream. Throughout this year we have met on-site and virtually with representatives of the State of Maine's Department of Transportation (D.O.T), Environmental Protection Agency and Bureau of Water Quality, a stormwater engineer, an ecological lawyer and the towns D.O.T to begin the process of revising our water quality plan and to raise funding. Please be on the lookout for our informational letter about Whitten Brook in your mailbox!

We have also continued to work with several Skowhegan community partners including The Lions and Rotary Club to purchase several Maple trees that will be planted throughout Skowhegan in the near future. We are very excited as many projects are coming to fruition this spring and summer.

The Conservation commission has continued to meet monthly. We have been fortunate to see our commission continue to grow with one member resigning and gaining two new members, Matt Keister and Larry Taylor. Tristen Hinkle, has remained as Chairman and Kate Drummond continues as Vice-Chairman.

If you are interested in pursuing any additional conservation topics around town or have any questions or concerns for us, please contact one of our members or Cynthia Kirk in the town office.

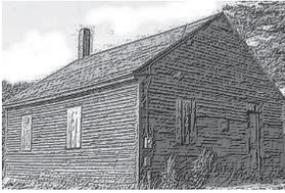
Members serving on the Skowhegan Conservation Commission in 2021-2022 are listed below:

Tristen Hinkle (*Chairman*), Kate Drummond (*Vice-Chairman*), Corey Hinkle, Barry Sites, Corey Johnson, Dylan Engler, Matt Keister, and Larry Taylor.

Respectfully Submitted

Tristen J. Hinkle
Tristen J. Hinkle
Chairman

SKOWHEGAN HERITAGE COUNCIL



Meetings: 5 p.m. – 1st Tuesday of Month
SKOWHEGAN HERITAGE COUNCIL
Skowhegan, Maine

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan,

Our 7th Annual Abner Coburn Day event was finally able to be held on March 22, 2022 at the Margaret Chase Smith Library and the event highlighted the Abner Coburn Mansion. We greatly appreciate the new information about the mansion that was provided by the owner.

The Heritage Council revived the Boston Post Cane award in 2018, and we have awarded the cane twice since then. Irene Dumont, now 104 years old, continues to be our oldest citizen and holder of Skowhegan's Boston Post cane.

Sadly, we recently lost two of our amazing Heritage Council members. Katie Ouillette and Shirley Whittemore will be very missed by everyone. Both of these amazing ladies were a wealth of knowledge and memories for the Town of Skowhegan.

The Heritage Council will be starting to hold 15-minute show and tell programs at our monthly meetings this summer. Anyone with interesting items or collections of Skowhegan collectibles, artifacts and memorabilia should contact us for presentation at an upcoming meeting. We will be publicizing the events, and all are welcomed.

The Heritage Council is always looking for new members to help us preserve and celebrate Skowhegan's history and heritage. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 5:00 pm in the Municipal Building Council Room. Feel free to join us anytime.

Sincerely,

Rob Washburn

Rob Washburn, Chairman



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SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2021 Sheriff's Office Annual Report



Dale P. Lancaster
Sheriff

It is my continued honor and privilege to serve as your Sheriff. The Office of the Sheriff oversees the operations of the County Jail, law enforcement, court security, and civil process. Somerset County is approximately 4,000 square miles. The County is comprised of 27 towns, 6 plantations, and 83 unorganized townships. This year, I was unanimously voted by the Maine Sheriff's Association Executive Board to serve as the next President of the MSA. I continue my appointments to the Board of Directors for the New England State Police Information Network and Maine's Drug Enforcement Agency.

As we continue into our second year of the Covid-19 pandemic, it has continued to impact our law enforcement, Courts, civil processing, and Jail. Considerable time and resources has been spent purchasing PPE gear and developing and implementing Covid-19 safety measures to protect Deputies and Corrections Officers. We resumed service of civil paperwork and have seen a significant increase in receipts. We stopped in-person visits at the Jail, except that Attorneys are now allowed to meet with their clients in the no-contact areas of the Jail. We continue to evaluate and modify our safety measures as the pandemic continues to affect our daily operations.

Law Enforcement

The patrol division is comprised of 11 rural patrol Deputies. Through funding from the State of Maine, we have one Deputy dedicated to patrolling the unorganized townships. The patrol division is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Detective division is comprised of three Detectives and is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Sheriff's Office continues to partner with MDEA (Maine Drug Enforcement Agency) to have an agent assigned to the Detective division. The patrol division has 2 trained drug recognition experts and 1 forensic mapper.

The Sheriff's Office has 4 Deputies assigned to Madison along with a Secretary/Dispatcher.

In 2021, the Sheriff's Office had 2 Deputies graduate from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Deputy Kyle Haseltine and Deputy Ashley Smith. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a portion of Deputy Haseltine's training was done remotely. Throughout 2021, The Sheriff's Office Criminal Division investigated a large volume of illicit drug trafficking activities. The Sheriff's Office obtained and executed numerous drug search warrants, which subsequently led to the arrest and conviction of numerous people from Maine and out of State on various Federal and State level drug trafficking charges. Illegal drugs, in particular Fentanyl, continue to be an issue in Somerset County. The Criminal Division dedicates a large amount of time and resources to combat this problem. The Criminal Division investigated numerous serious felony level cases to include robberies, burglaries, thefts, scams, aggravated assaults, unattended deaths and sexual abuse cases. In 2021, the Crimes Against Persons Detective investigated 30 sex crimes. 18 of those cases involved child sexual abuse where forensic interviewing was utilized. Detective Jeremy Leal is a Children's Advocacy Center forensic interviewer. Because of these investigations, and working with the District Attorney's Office prosecuting these cases, we were able to get substantial sentences in a number of child abuse cases. The Sheriff's Office Criminal Division tracks individuals who are required by law to register as sex offenders. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our in-person check-ins for registered sex offenders were limited. 3 individuals were charged with Sex Offender Registration Notification Act violations.

Jail

The Somerset County Jail, when operating at full capacity, operates with 36 budgeted Correctional Officers, 8 Shift Supervisors, 2 cooks, 12 program and support staff, and 9 administrative staff to include Major Cory Swope, who is the Jail Administrator. The County Jail is now 14 years old. We are projecting the Jail bond will be paid off in 2028. The County Jail is nationally accredited through the American Correctional Association and is operating under nationally accepted best practice standards. The County Jail is also PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) certified. In 2021, the Somerset County Jail processed 831 bookings, a 30% decrease from 2020. Bookings decreased because I asked State



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SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

and local law enforcement agencies to utilize alternative means of enforcement rather than arrest, unless it was a life safety issue, in an effort to keep Covid-19 out of the Jail. State and local law enforcement leaders in Somerset County were a great help in this effort. We continue to partner with Redington-Fairview General Hospital and their Pathways to Recovery opioid response implementation grant consortium.

- In 2021, a significant amount of time and resources have been dedicated to extensive modification of operations related to the Covid-19 pandemic. After almost 18 months of no Covid-19 outbreaks, we entered an outbreak beginning October 23, 2021 that was cleared by the CDC within 30 days. Due to the physical design of the facility and the diligent efforts of staff, positive inmates were isolated and the outbreak was contained from spreading throughout the Jail.
- The triennial PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) Audit was completed on December 30-31, 2021. PREA Certification reflects adherence to the highest Federal standards in ensuring a safe environment for staff and inmates of the facility.
- The triennial ACA (American Correctional Association) Audit is scheduled for May 9-11, 2022. ACA Accreditation solidifies that the Jail is operating under nationally accepted best practice standards.
- In 2021, we were able to find grant money to procure a Doctor of Nursing Practice to work with those inmates that are on the medical assisted treatment program.
- The Jail is undertaking the project of a new inmate telephone system and Jail management system.
- Recruitment and hiring initiatives continue to be ongoing. Starting Corrections Officer wages was recently adjusted to \$18.23 per hour in an effort to be more competitive throughout the local economy.

Civil Process

In 2021, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 1,707 papers to process and serve. That is a 43% increase from 2020.



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To: Members of the Select Board and Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan
From: Main Street Skowhegan; Kristina Cannon, Executive Director
RE: 2020-21 Annual Report (Reporting Period: July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021)

Main Street Skowhegan (MSS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on the ongoing revitalization of Skowhegan. In 2015 we expanded our purview to include the entire town—not just the downtown—enabling us to serve all Skowhegan businesses and implement town-wide projects derived from the Skowhegan Strategic Plan for Community Transformation, which was adopted by residents at the Skowhegan town meeting in June 2016.

Our mission is to celebrate Skowhegan's rich heritage while achieving our brightest future as a thriving economic, cultural, and recreational community where residents enjoy a high quality of life.

We are proud to share success stories and updates from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

Supported Skowhegan Businesses with Technical Assistance Grant Funding

Our Business Enhancement Committee awarded \$6,250 in varying amounts to 13 Skowhegan businesses through our Technical Assistance Grant Program in June 2021. Many thanks to our donors for making this grant opportunity possible. Applications for the upcoming round of funding will open in May 2022! Visit MainStreetSkowhegan.org/TA for more.

Continued Efforts to Strengthen Skowhegan's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem

In the fall of 2020, we conducted surveys and focus groups to assess Skowhegan's business ecosystem, and we kicked off 2021 by drafting an action plan for addressing ecosystem gaps. The plan includes projects and initiatives that will bolster support for new entrepreneurs and existing businesses and encourage new investment in Skowhegan. In the spring, we began reaching out to Skowhegan business owners and entrepreneurs to determine their specific needs and wants. We also hired Levine Planning Associates to conduct a Skowhegan Housing Assessment & River Park Case Study to learn more about Skowhegan's current and projected housing market and how we can support and encourage redevelopment of historic downtown properties.

Coordinated a Week-long Shop Local Event

We planned and executed the sixth annual Passport to Savings Program from November 28 to December 5, 2020—a full week of shopping that kicked off on Small Business Saturday. Incentivized by merchant discounts and giveaways, shoppers made hundreds of purchases at four dozen participating businesses located all over Skowhegan. Several merchants regularly claim this is their best sales day of the year.

Led Project Management and Fundraising Efforts for Run of River

In partnership with the Town of Skowhegan, we are working behind the scenes to make Run of River (the Skowhegan River Park) a reality. In 2020-21 we worked with McLaughlin Whitewater Design Group (project architect) and VHB (project engineer) to update the preliminary design and prepare permit applications for submission to environmental regulatory agencies. In addition, we submitted several applications for funding, including a \$2 million earmark request that both Senator Collins and Senator King supported and submitted as a project for the appropriations bill [spoiler alert – we were awarded the \$2 million!]. We continue to cultivate donors and seek funding to cover remaining costs. For more details, check out RunofRiver.org.

Led FREE Outdoor Programming through the Skowhegan Outdoors Initiative

Three AmeriCorps members, serving as Outdoor Rec Facilitators, led free outdoor programs, clinics, and activities each week, including guided hikes, cross-country ski clinics, forest scavenger hunts, and more. We also expanded our growing gear library for residents to borrow the equipment they need to get out and enjoy this beautiful region we call home. Each year, we regularly invest more than \$70,000 into the community through this program. For more information or to participate in activities, check out SkowheganOutdoors.com.



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Commissioned Four Additional Kennebec on Fire Sculptures

After testing a prototype sculpture the summer of 2020, we commissioned four additional sculptures to be created by Maine artists and paid Skowhegan business Maine Wood Heat to fabricate four bases. All five sculptures will be installed in the Big Eddy seasonally each year. Through this project, we've funneled more than \$80,000 in Maine Arts Commission grant funding and donations directly into our local economy. Many thanks to all volunteers who have made this project possible!

Hosted Somerset SnowFest 2021 (Safely) during the Pandemic

We collaborated with Lake George Regional Park to host the third annual SnowFest event. We expanded the festival to eight days (from three) to spread out crowds and offer numerous outdoor activities to get residents and visitors outside and active during the COVID-19 pandemic. The festival featured New England's only and Maine's first equestrian skijoring competition at the Skowhegan fairgrounds, an ice fishing derby, winter triathlon, campfire cooking clinics, cross-country ski outings, and more.

Promoted Skowhegan and Bolstered Community Pride

- Reached more than 8,000 viewers with a live stream of Skijor Skowhegan, the equestrian skijoring competition we host annually at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds. Though we couldn't invite spectators in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we showcased the event to people across the U.S. and Canada via a Facebook live video feed.
- Launched #SKOW – Someplace Kind of Wonderful – community pride campaign to promote our town as a great place to live, work, and play. Launch included new downtown street pole banners and bird houses hung around the commercial district (painted by Skowhegan youths!).
- Continued to manage and update VisitSkowhegan.com, a website promoting visits to Skowhegan.
- Collaborated with the Maine Downtown Center and others to fund MainStreetMaine.org, a tourist-focused website that offers information about the state's historic Main Street communities, including Skowhegan.
- Maintained the Triangle Garden, adding to the beauty of downtown. Many thanks to our steadfast group of garden volunteers!

Please visit MainStreetSkowhegan.org for more information or to get involved.



Skowhegan Free Public Library

The Skowhegan Free Public Library had another tumultuous year in dealing with COVID and all the precautions and protocols. We have been through multiple stages of re-opening but as of March 2022 we have basically returned to pre-COVID operating and have slowly started reintroducing in-person programming.

In the past year, we have completed multiple projects. We were able to complete all the library flooring on the main floor as well as the children’s library (all fully funded by grants and private donations) replace and update all the public access computers, add 3-D printing to our services, install a drive-through book return, and significantly bolster our downloadable library collection. We are currently installing a children’s floor circulation desk and boosting our free Wi-Fi to reach further outside the building where new benches will be installed.

The library has also seen some staffing changes. I (Angie) have taken over the Director’s position and have stepped down from the Youth Services position. Françoise Labonte has retired after 42 years of service to the library. We have hired two new janitors/maintenance workers and also hired a part-time library aide. Once the Youth Services position is refilled, we will be fully staffed, and will be able to return to having Saturdays hours again.

In addition to new hires at the library, the Bloomfield Academy Trustee Board has also hired a part-time Project Consultant to help the library with fundraising, grant writing, PR, marketing and other much needed projects. We are hoping this position will aid the library in being more self-sufficient while continuing its trajectory of growth and community utilization.

A snapshot of our 2021 library statistics:

Library Visits	6,264	Reference Questions	324
Active Card Holders	1907	Programs	16
Total Circulation	17,028	Curbside Deliveries	357
Computer Usage	1,060	Visits to our Website and FB Page	12,729

Respectfully Submitted,
Angie Herrick
Library Director, Skowhegan Free Public Library

COBURN PARK COMMISSION

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 29, 2021

Balance checking account as of 12/31/20 **			\$3,032.83
Receipts			
Town of Skowhegan		\$10,000.00	
Columbia account		6,000.00	
Skowhegan Savings Bank CD w/d		0.00	
SSB interest		1.32	
Wm. Philbrick trust account		1,100.00	
Gazebo rental		<u>1,050.00</u>	<u>18,151.32</u>
Total receipts			21,184.15
Expenditures			
Care of grounds/Mowing/Spring Cleanup		6,000.00	
Care of grounds/Caretaker		4,500.00	
Concerts in the Park		950.00	
Equipment rental		680.00	
Insurance		942.00	
Maintenance			
Fountain	85.00		
Tree cutting	3,300.00		
Gazebo repair	<u>375.00</u>	3,760.00	
Materials		135.48	
Miscellaneous			
Secretary of State	35.00		
Postage	11.00		
Refund Gazebo rentals	100.00		
Town of Skowhegan, permit	100.00		
Wesserunsett Arts Council	<u>110.00</u>	356.00	
Utilities		<u>1,361.69</u>	<u>18,685.17</u>
Balance checking account as of 12/29/21			\$2,498.98

David D. Barter, Treasurer

**No concerts in 2020 due to Covid -
\$1,000 be used for 2021

History House Association, Inc.

(dba: Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center)

History House Association, Inc., Board of Trustees

66 Elm Street, Skowhegan, Maine 04976

Tel. 207-474-6632

skowheganhistoryhouse.org

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Patti Baldwin, Co-Secretary

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Margo Reid, Receipts Clerk

Kay Marsh, Volunteer Coordinator

Ron Butler, Technology Coordinator

Jeff Hewitt

Lynn Perry

Friends of the Board: Melvin Burnham, Educator & Historic Guide;
Pat Burdick, Colby College Special Collections Director: Archival advisor for History House collections/programs

To the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center, thank town officials and Skowhegan citizens for your financial support for the work we do.

History House staff, volunteers, Board members, and guest presenters strive to highlight our community's cultural heritage. We showcase an historic House with an attached Museum and outdoor historic exhibits. We offer on-site and community-based programs and activities. Seasonally, we offer guided House, Museum, and Garden tours for local, regional, state-wide, national, and international visitors. We offer assistance to genealogists seeking family histories as well as to town and academic researchers who are interested in our vast local history collections of information on early settlers and 1800's industrial development. Our technology enhances both on-site exhibits and guided walking tours of designated Skowhegan Historic areas.

The Historic Home Registry Program issues plaques for Skowhegan homes and buildings which are at least one hundred years old. Of those issued plaques, three are for homes over 200 years old! For more information about this program, please call us (474-6632).

We are grateful for financial support from the town as well as revenues generated from our Society memberships, private donations, an Annual Appeal, and door receipts. Because of these financial supports we have made significant repairs to the historic 1839 building and on-going progress with protecting and cataloging our collections.

We continue to be concerned about the lack of on and off-site space for appropriate archival storage and collection displays. The History House continues to support the Bloomfield Academy Trustee plan to hire a Director of Development who will work with us to expand off-site archival storage so that we have the physical space needed on-site to create more exhibits that further explore our cultural heritage.

The expenses for operating History House May - October (four days a week, Tuesday – Friday) with a part time curatorial staff member, a student intern, and an accountant continue to increase, like those expenses of other institutions and businesses. The Board continually searches for

2021 Projects & Events

A well attended wigwam opening ceremony was held June 23rd. The program featured Native speaker Barry Dana and two local high school students, Miles Lambke and Carly McCabe.

A town Façade Grant funded a project to repair and repoint sections of brick on the History House and its three chimneys, plus clean grime and mold from granite trim/steps, and power wash both the House and museum buildings.

New signage for the wigwam exhibit and the 1880 Colburn Woolen Mill granite transom was created. The signage will be installed next spring.

A Children's Wabanaki program was held on August 12th. It was led by Janice Malek, the SAD 54 Native Peoples Curriculum Coordinator. She shared stories about early Native Peoples' life ways. Activities included singing, drumming, playing native games and a birch bark craft project.

Mel Burnham, former History House director and Educator presented *Lives Well-Lived on Record at the North Cemetery* on August 24th. His program theme was that cemeteries such as Skowhegan's North Cemetery serve as an outdoor museum full of history, art, religious representations all telling stories of lives well-lived, times of disease, war, and trying conditions within a community.

History House maintained its partnership with the Maine State library to continue digitizing a collection of Skowhegan newspapers spanning from 1872 to 1965. These newspapers will be searchable online through the Digital Maine Repository and linked through to the History House website.

We spent time planning for a Davis Family Foundation funded monthly Native Lecture series slated for late April, 2022 through late summer. (

Last fall we researched options for installing heat pumps so that staff and volunteers can comfortably work at History House during the early spring and late fall. We anticipate having the heat pumps installed by the *Dave's World* company during March, 2022.

dedicated volunteers, partnerships, and grants, as well as additional memberships and donations to fund its Student Intern position and program development.

We especially thank Skowhegan businesses and individuals for donating plumbing services, building materials, carpentry work, heating oil, and electrical services. We thank Hight Chevrolet Buick and Ford dealerships, Bangor Savings Bank, Franklin Savings Bank, Pat & Norman Dickey, along with other private citizens and businesses who wish to remain anonymous for their continued partnerships and donations. These donors financial support enable the Board to offer new programming, fund the Student Intern position, and meet goals to renew and refresh the appeal of History House in this ever-changing world.

We are appreciative of the loyal core of supporters who give their time and energy as volunteers at History House. Their invaluable help includes collection protection measures, research assistance, special project tasks, technology support, cataloguing, as well as landscape and garden maintenance. In 2021 volunteers provided hundreds of hours working in the gardens and in the History House/Museum. Thank you volunteers, we could not function without you.

This upcoming season we will host a free monthly Native Lecture series program beginning in late April. Our first presenter is James Francis, the Penobscot Nation's Tribal Historian. The series will continue with twice a month lectures until the end of September. Each Native presenter will offer a program relating to their culture, language, arts and history. These free presentations will be held at the Federated Church's Tewksbury Hall and well be available on zoom.

Another program in the planning stage is a presentation by Geoarchaeologist Nathan Scholl, a Principal Investigator for a Rhode Island based consulting firm for cultural resource management and preservation. He will report on his unearthed discovery of late 1700's Philbrick pottery shards found at the Shawmut dig.

History House was open for the 2021 season – with CDC restrictions in place (masking, social distancing, and appointments needed for in-house tours and research). We hope to be able to resume our normal schedule (Tuesday – Friday, 10 am to 4 pm) during 2022).

As always, we invite you to visit the History House where you can research your family history in person, participate in our Oral History Program, enjoy a House/Museum tour, view our new Wabanaki indoor exhibit, attend a program or Speaker Event, and enjoy our lovely gardens and landscape. Outdoor Exhibits include the Kennebec River overlook with signage depicting Skowhegan's 1880's industrial development, a 13' model bateau with historic signage depicting both Benedict Arnold's failed Kennebec River journey during the revolutionary war and bateau usage during log drives, and our most recent outdoor exhibit, a native built Wigwam. A curator or staff member will be available to give tours and assist researchers when we reopen at the end of May.

We extend an invitation to anyone who enjoys preserving history to explore the benefits of membership or join our team of committed volunteers.

Sincerely,

Patrica Horine, President
History House Board of Trustees

Consolidated Annual Summary Report (2021) and Goals (2022)



January 24, 2022

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan and Canaan,

Maintaining course per the Park's Strategic Plan, its vision of Progressional Programming with new and improved supporting facilities, goals for increasing year round use of the Park, and addressing deferred maintenance and operational self sufficiency, the Park continued its capital campaigns, fundraising events and planning in 2021, while furthering its strategic alliances with key community organizations and individuals.

Per a significant Federal LWCF Grant award to match funds raised by the Park; in 2022 it is anticipated that requests for proposals will be issued for the various construction projects in the Park's plan designated for "Phase I."

Lake George Regional Park

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Plan of Operation

- Lake George Corporation (LGRP); 501C-3 #FEIN #01-0477896
- Board of Directors ; Director; Park Resource Manager; Staff
- Insurance: Maine Municipal Association Certif# P01150PC2017

Utilization of the property

- Group use picnics and gatherings, scenic natural areas, swimming, boating, hiking, mountain biking, skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, building rental (west social hall), weddings (west island)
- Somerset Snowfest; Box Sled/Kayak & Ice Fishing Derbys, Winter Triathlon, Chili Cookoff, Ice Hole, Pinnacle Dog Walk
- Children's day camps -
 - Camp Podooc; (2 two-week sessions); Canaan residents: paid for by town; Skowhegan area residents: \$185; Non-residents \$215
 - Rec Camp (1 week), 6th - 8th grade, \$150 per camper
- Maine's Garlic Festival; live music, food vendors, garlic education, activities for adults and children
- Concession "East Side Eats", Campground Store, Permit #2-33268
- Paddle equipment rentals
- Public Access to Boat Launch
- 35,000 visitors/year

Fees

- Grounds "reserved" rental: Lake George West Is: \$2,500
- Group Use \$5/person (if over 20 people); School groups \$1 per person
- Seasonal Park passes (Jan 1-Dec. 31): Indiv. Resident \$60; Indiv. Non-resident \$70; Resident Family \$90; Non-Res Family \$100
- Day Use Gate fees:
- Adults \$8/day; Children (5-11) \$4/day; Children (under 5) FREE; Senior Citizens, (65+) FREE; Disabled Veterans FREE

Key Projects/Maintenance Completed in 2021:

- Master Recreation Concept Plan
- LWCF grant submission - May 2021
- Trail Improvements, Modin machine work on recent trail expansion
- Further website revisions and upgrades
- Full park winter grooming and ice rink clearing
- Regular park operation with Covid Protocols

Please Note: The Margaret Chase Smith Social Hall construction was delayed in 2020 and 2021 in order that the Park pursue matching funds via the 2021 LWCF grant.

Interaction with Bureau of Parks and Lands

Annual meeting with BPL occurred in October 2021; BPL representative is assisting with Social Hall construction committee; BPL was the sponsor and applicant on behalf of LGRP for the 2021 LWCF grant application

Key Goals for 2022 (and beyond)

- LWCF projects
 - Permitting
 - RFP's
 - Design
 - Begin Construction
- Facilitate projects relative to LWCF plan, Phase 1
 - Social Hall Renovation

- Social Hall Addition
- Sitework Social Hall drive, grounds, drainage
- Upper Field drainage
- New courts - pickleball, basketball, sand volleyball
- Knotweed eradication
- Renovate lakeside cabins
- Instal ADA access lakeside cabins
- Improve Park entrance areas
- Improve wayfinding and information signs
- Resolve drainage in picnic area field
- Resolve failing erosion barrier on north side of East Beach
- Additional Projects:
 - Trail Improvements and additions
 - Nautical playground and Forest Trail
 - Renovate the Octagon Building - repurpose as playhouse for new playground
 - Add 5 miles to the Modin mt bike trail and complete Mt Bike Park
 - East Beach Pavilion
 - Upgrade bath house exteriors East & West
- Main Street Skowhegan - Skowhegan Outdoors to supply full time Skowhegan Outdoors coordinator to Park
 - Implement new activity programming as a part of the Park's Progressional Programming plan.
 - Build in-house recreation activity programs
- Work with Somerset Public Health to bring health awareness and health activity opportunities to Park goers and campers
- Expansion of Rec Camp for 6th, 7th and 8th graders featuring introduction to various outdoor recreation activities
- Continue aggressive policing with assistance from local law enforcement, of the "Park's East Entrance": (parking, littering, substance abuse issues)
- Increase milfoil monitoring and public awareness campaign at boat launch and water access points.
- Continue boat rental program (non-motorized) via Down River Expeditions
- Facilitate selective forest harvesting of hazardous trees
- Facilitate Somerset Snowfest and Maine's Garlic Festival
- 2022 Triathlon in partnership with Somerset Sports and Fitness and Skowhegan Outdoors

Through its Progressional Programming plan the Park has committed to increased activity programming as a part of it's alliance with Main Street Skowhegan - Skowhegan Outdoors; in an effort to help bring about positive change relative to the health and vibrancy of the regional community. The Park is also collaborating with Somerset Public Health, Parks & Rec, KVCAP, REACH, SCTC and other organizations in order to improve programming for the public benefit. A great deal of time has been allocated to the planning of new and renovated facilities. All of these efforts are geared towards new strategic programming of outdoor recreation activity, enhancing community collaboration, improving revenue potential for the Park and optimizing the park experience for users.

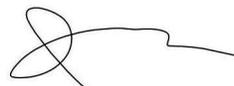
We are open to your feedback about how we can improve, and look forward to continually strengthening the community collaborations that preserve Lake George as an exceptional natural resource for all to enjoy.

For a more detailed report please contact the town offices of Canaan and Skowhegan.

In service,



Darryll White, Director



JP Kennedy, President, Board of Directors



Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce growing board, committees, and membership

The Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce its positive growth through the recent transition period. By bolstering its Board of Directors, adding committees, and growing its membership base, the Chamber is in an even better position to represent, support, and help develop new and existing businesses in the Skowhegan region.

In light of the recent Executive Director's resignation, the Board has focused on not only maintaining the effectiveness of the Chamber, but its growth. Understanding the importance of the Chamber's role in the community, previous Board Members, Jeff Peterson, owner of KOA in Canaan, Derek Rossignol, Bio Medical Technician at Dialysis Clinic Inc., and Luke York, operations manager at 201 Service, along with Julia Turner, the membership and events coordinator, understanding the importance of the chamber's role in the community, have maintained continuity within the Chamber and welcomed change to help support their ultimate goal – to better promote and support the regional business community.

In the spirit of collaboration, the economic revitalization of the area, and the constantly evolving global business climate, the current Chamber celebrates its openness, transparency, and willingness to work with all stakeholders in the region.

The Chamber's first goal was to grow the Board – finding new board members with specific skills and backgrounds while growing the Chamber network within our diverse business community.

New Board Members include: Bayley Hayden, manager of York Signs in Skowhegan. Sam Hight, part-owner of the Hight Family of Dealerships in central and western Maine. Ryan Rutledge, lawyer at Mills, Shay, Lexier, and Talbot in Skowhegan. Dan Tilton, SVP at Skowhegan Savings Bank in Skowhegan. Reid Gibson, owner, Animal Medical Clinic in Skowhegan. Kayla Bess, sales and marketing director, Maine Grains in Skowhegan. Jennifer Hight, CPA, OneRiver in Oakland. And Bethany Shalit, educational director at Redington Fairview General Hospital.

The current officers are as follows: Luke York, Chair of the Board, Derek Rossignol, Vice Chair of the Board, Jeff Peterson, Treasurer, and Bayley Haden, Secretary.

Each board member will have new roles on committees that will recruit outside members and volunteers to help steer the Chamber. These committees include, By Laws, Marketing and Membership, Events, Finance, and Legislative and Policy. With the expansion of these committees, the Chamber will be more representative of the business community along with meeting its needs.

The Chamber is also capitalizing on the efforts of Julia Turner in growing its membership base. The Chamber has recently welcomed The Bankery and Skowhegan Fleuriest, Bigelow Brewing Company, Curb Appeal Handyman Services, Lovejoy & Associates, Damon's Beverage Mart,



Wentworth Partners & Associates, Bait, Bolts & Bullets, Hight Chrysler Dodge Jeep, New Dimensions Federal Credit Union, Crooked Face Creamery, and Rolling Thunder Express.

The Chamber will continue to host community events to promote our area, including the nationally recognized Central Maine BBQ Cookoff, Moonlight madness, Riverfest, the Chamber Golf Classic, the Festival of Trees, and the Chamber Annual Awards banquet. For more information on dates and ways to participate, please visit us at <https://www.skowheganregion.com/calendar/>.

The transition period within the Chamber is not going to come without challenges. We appreciate the support of the community, our members, and other economic development agencies. Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation, Somerset Economic Development Corporation, Main Street Skowhegan, the Mid-Maine Chamber and the Town of Skowhegan have all offered to help collaborate and support the Chamber and our initiatives.

As the Chamber highlights its transparency and willingness to work with all of the champions of positive growth in the area, we look forward to input from not only its members, but all of our neighbors.

The Chamber is confident that by growing our board, our committees and initiatives, and our members, we will be able to better serve the entire region – businesses, members, neighbors, volunteers, and greater public.

The Chamber also looks forward to finding a new Executive Director. Once the foundation has been built through this transition period, the Chamber will begin a search for the right candidate. We will look forward to input from our members and the greater community to find the right person for the job that will represent the Chamber’s mission – working together to make the Skowhegan Area the best place for businesses and people to thrive.

We thank everyone for your support and we look forward to working with you all towards the common good – to support and provide a better place to live and work in the Skowhegan Region.

Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce - With a focus on long term sustainability and business growth, the Chamber focuses on regional projects and objectives that help bring new businesses and more people to our region. We work together to make the Skowhegan Area the best place for businesses and people to thrive.

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