

# Town of Skowhegan



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Celebrating 200 Years

*Bicentennial*  
*Est. February 5, 1823*

*July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022*  
*Annual Report*

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What is significant about the date February 5, 1823? In order to understand its significance, we must look further back in history and honor the Wabanaki who lived along the banks of the great Kennebec River and whose history predates ours by thousands of years. They didn't recognize borders, towns, nor the English concept of "incorporation". It was the British American Council of New England who, in 1629 and by charter of the British Crown, set the area's first boundaries. During the almost 200 years that followed various lines were drawn to subdivide a tract that ran from Woolwich to Cornville on both sides of the Kennebec River: Old Canaan was established and on February 6, 1814 divided in two to form Bloomfield and included Skowhegan Island and other downstream islands on the west side of the river; Milburn – now named Skowhegan – was separated from Canaan 200 years ago, on... February 5, 1823! The area comprising Milburn had always been referred to as "Skowhegan" by the Wabanaki and the settlers that came after so in 1836 the name changed from Milburn to Skowhegan. On February 19, 1861 the towns of Bloomfield and Skowhegan united. While there is disagreement over what "Skowhegan" means, it is a name descriptive of this place – "falls by the plain lands", or "spearing" for the Wabanaki method used to catch fish here, or perhaps "place to watch". Skowhegan is "a place watch" as it has changed over the years from Wabanaki fishing place to a small settlement of farmers, then loggers. As the town grew, mills sprung up to harness the power of the river. Today Skowhegan remains a place to watch. To watch as it grows and remains a wonderful place to live, work and play!

This years Annual Report is dedicated to Skowhegan celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> year.

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**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, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

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**IN MEMORIAM  
FOR THOSE LOST IN 2022**

**WARREN CUNNINGHAM SHAY  
1949 – 2022**

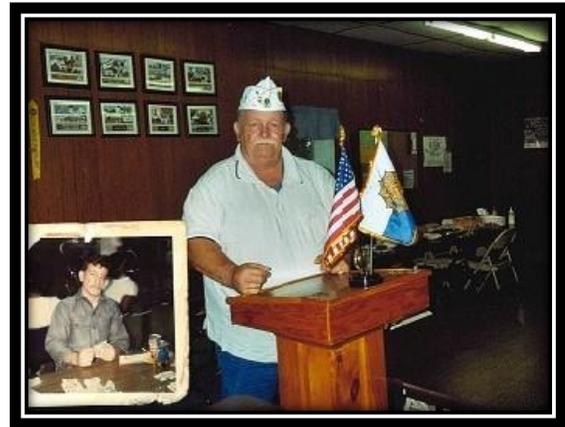


Warren Shay was elected as a Skowhegan Selectman in 1982 and served as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen from 1984 to 1994. Later, he served on the Board of Assessment Review and the Public Safety Building Committee. Throughout his life he served on boards and supported many community organizations including the following; Trustees of Bloomfield Academy/Skowhegan Free Public Library, Lake George Regional Park, Main Street Skowhegan, Skowhegan Rotary Club, Skowhegan Savings Bank, and Somerset Woods Trustees.

Warren was a pillar of this community, participating in many efforts to make Skowhegan a better place for everyone, while sharing his love of the outdoors. He was a family man that enjoyed travel and recreation. He was known for his infectious smile, his sense of humor, and his entertaining stories. Warren will be missed greatly by all who knew him. We thank Warren for his valuable contributions to this community.

**STEVEN “STEVE” L. SPAULDING  
1954 – 2022**

When I asked if I could write about Steve Spaulding for the Town Report, I thought it would be an easy task. But as I sit here thinking about how he made an impact on my life, I am here to tell you, it is more difficult than it sounds. I could just stick to the facts and say Steve was born and raised in the small town of Ayer, Massachusetts and that he married his wife, Ann Spaulding, in 1969, and they were together for 52 years. He joined the Marine Corps from 1972 to 1978 and a few years later moved to the Town of Skowhegan. I would go on to tell you how he got himself involved with the Town by joining different committees, like the Memorial Day Parade Committee, the Cemetery Committee, as well as the Veterans Park Renovations Committee, to name a few. He took a position of Selectman to help Skowhegan grow and became a District Deputy for the American Legion.



I met Steve when he was the Commander of American Legion Peter-Shortier Post #16. I had just been sworn in as the Chief of Police, and he showed up in my office to introduce himself and hand me an application for the American Legion. They say first impressions last a lifetime. Well, they are right. I filled out my application and handed it back to him before he left my office. Since that day, Steve was always there when I needed assistance, especially when it involved a Veteran. To Steve, it was always family, friends, veterans, and community before himself. Steve is well known in this community as he has most likely assisted you at some point. This is why it is so difficult to put words to paper. I will end by saying, Steve, I miss you. Rest in peace, my brother. We have the watch.

--- Chief Bucknam

**IN MEMORIAM**

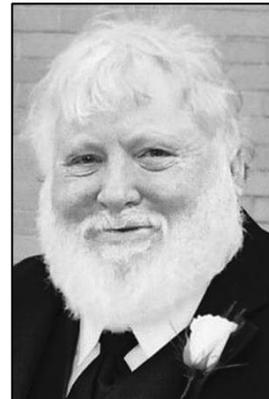


**JOAN A. FARNSWORTH**  
**1936 – 2022**

Served as Registrar of Voters for almost 40 years,  
never missing an election  
Somerset Humane Society founder and  
Skowhegan History House volunteer

**EDWARD “NED” R. GOFF, JR.**  
**1952 – 2022**

Served on the Skowhegan Planning Board and  
Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation  
Skowhegan youth sports coach and booster member  
Lifetime member of Skowhegan-Madison Elks Lodge,  
serving on the board of trustees



**JUDITH ANN MCCARTHY**  
**1937 – 2022**

Served on the Heritage Council and  
Skowhegan Community Action Group  
Active in the Lakewood Ladies Golf Association,  
Riverside Bell Ringers, Skowhegan History House,  
Skowhegan Women’s Club, and  
Somerset Retired Teachers Association

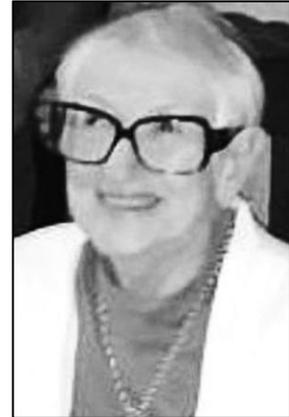


**IN MEMORIAM**

**KATHLEEN “KATIE” VALLIERE DENIS OILETTE**

**1930 – 2022**

Served on the Skowhegan Heritage Council  
Active in Somerset Community Television – Channel 11,  
appearing on the shows “Now You Know” and “Keeping Pace”



**JAMES N. PREBLE**

**1953 – 2022**

Served on the Skowhegan Opera House Committee  
Played trombone with the  
Skowhegan Community Band and Community Jazz Band

**SHIRLEY JEAN (STEDMAN) WHITTEMORE**

**1928 – 2022**

Served on the Charter Commission Committee, Skowhegan Sesquicentennial Committee, Benedict Arnold Committee, Citizen Review Board, Skowhegan Community Action Group, Wage Compensation Board, Traffic Committee, Second Bridge Committee, and Heritage Council  
Active in the Skowhegan Community Band/Chorus, Ken-a-Set Association, Skowhegan Woman’s Aid Society, Skowhegan Chamber of Commerce, Somerset County United Way, March of Dimes, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program, among many others



**The Skowhegan community thanks you for your contributions to make  
Skowhegan a better place to live, work, and visit.**

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

The 2023 Town of Skowhegan, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors MacKenzie Cayford for commendable community service.

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

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

Whereas, MacKenzie is part of the following Boards and Committees:

Main Street Skowhegan Skow-Whoville Committee (Chairman)  
Main Street Skowhegan Board of Directors  
Main Street Skowhegan Community Engagement Committee  
Skijor Skowhegan Committee  
Brew Fest Committee  
River Fest Committee  
#SKOW Committee

Whereas, MacKenzie is one of the first to offer a helping hand. She is kind, outgoing and puts her heart into everything that she does;

Whereas, MacKenzie came up with the idea for Skow-Whoville and drafted the Whoville Search for the Grinch;

Whereas, everything that MacKenzie does, from birdhouse building, greenspace design, crosswalk painting, sandwich boards, handing out candy, painting signs, etc., she always does it with a smile.

Whereas, MacKenzie was named the 2019 Main Street Skowhegan, Volunteer of the Year; and

Whereas, MacKenzie was named the 2020 Maine Downtown Center Hero.

Now therefore, be it Resolved by the Town of Skowhegan's Board of Selectmen that MacKenzie Cayford is hereby recognized for the outstanding achievements and honors they have brought upon this community with the 2023 Skowhegan Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.

Town Manager, Christine Almand

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# Town of Skowhegan

## Town Manager

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2022

The following pages include an excerpt of the 2022 Audit Report. Complete Audit Reports are available for public viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Manager's Office at the Municipal Building.

Sincerely,

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

Christine Almand  
Town Manager



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## Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Skowhegan, Maine

### Report on the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine, as of June 30, 2022 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of Skowhegan, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- x exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- x identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- x obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Skowhegan, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- x evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- x conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of Skowhegan, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and OPEB information on pages 7 through 14 and page 51 through 56 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Supplementary Information**

The other supplementary information on Schedules 1 and 2 are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, Schedules 1 and 2 are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 16, 2023, on our consideration of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Skowhegan, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Brantner Shibodeau & Associates*

May 16, 2023

**Town of Skowhegan, Maine**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds June**  
**30, 2022**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>Permanent Fund</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,832	\$ 359,526	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 361,358
Restricted cash			5,050,194		5,050,194
Investments	6,988,842	-	8,790,137	1,009,292	16,788,271
Taxes receivable, net	806,613	-	-	-	806,613
Accounts receivable	62,677	14,852	-	-	77,529
Due from other governmental agencies	257,462	6,277	-	-	263,739
Due from Maine Bond Bank	-	-	940,203	-	940,203
Interfund receivables	-	1,519,155	-	-	1,519,155
Prepaid expenses	-	-	3,032,034	-	3,032,034
Loans receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$33,568	-	430,656	-	-	430,656
Total assets	<u>\$ 8,117,426</u>	<u>\$ 2,330,466</u>	<u>\$ 17,812,568</u>	<u>\$ 1,009,292</u>	<u>\$ 29,269,752</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 325,012	\$ -	\$ 44,943	\$ -	\$ 369,955
Interfund payables	985,241	-	533,764	150	1,519,155
Payable to other governments	521	-	-	-	521
Due to pension plan	69,904	-	-	-	69,904
Unearned revenue	-	751	-	-	751
Other accrued expenses	23,618	-	-	-	23,618
Total liabilities	<u>1,404,296</u>	<u>751</u>	<u>578,707</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>1,983,904</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>					
Prepaid taxes	22,477	-	-	-	22,477
Unavailable property taxes	531,197	-	-	-	531,197
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>553,674</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>553,674</u>
<b>Fund balances</b>					
<b>Nonspendable for</b>					
Trust fund principal	-	-	-	682,573	682,573
Loans receivable	-	430,656	-	-	430,656
Prepaid expenses	-	-	3,032,034	-	3,032,034
<b>Restricted for</b>					
Trust fund income	-	-	-	326,569	326,569
Capital projects	-	-	5,888,336	-	5,888,336
Special revenue funds	-	1,899,059	-	-	1,899,059
<b>Committed for</b>					
Capital projects	-	-	8,313,491	-	8,313,491
Health reimbursement account	132,957	-	-	-	132,957
<b>Assigned for</b>					
Other purposes	2,980	-	-	-	2,980
Unassigned	6,023,519	-	-	-	6,023,519
Total fund balances	<u>6,159,456</u>	<u>2,329,715</u>	<u>17,233,861</u>	<u>1,009,142</u>	<u>26,732,174</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 8,117,426</u>	<u>\$ 2,330,466</u>	<u>\$ 17,812,568</u>	<u>\$ 1,009,292</u>	<u>\$ 29,269,752</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**Town of Skowhegan, Maine**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Permanent Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 15,796,577	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,796,577
Excise and miscellaneous taxes	1,749,707	-	-	-	1,749,707
Fees and fines	64,131	-	-	-	64,131
Licenses and permits	52,434	-	-	-	52,434
Intergovernmental	6,879,967	1,126,848	250,701	-	8,257,516
Charges for services	564,242	-	-	-	564,242
Investment and interest earnings (losses)	6,319	10,990	(195,979)	(28,107)	(206,777)
Contributions and reimbursements	30,304	-	-	15,013	45,317
Miscellaneous	231,119	-	-	-	231,119
	<u>25,374,800</u>	<u>1,137,838</u>	<u>54,722</u>	<u>(13,094)</u>	<u>26,554,266</u>
Total revenues					
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current					
General government	1,683,835	-	-	-	1,683,835
Protection	3,341,608	-	-	-	3,341,608
Public works	1,437,976	-	-	-	1,437,976
Waste water and pollution control	555,678	-	-	-	555,678
Solid waste management	906,376	-	-	-	906,376
Health and human services	120,694	-	-	-	120,694
Education	9,130,562	-	-	-	9,130,562
Parks and recreation	536,876	-	-	-	536,876
County tax	2,666,111	-	-	-	2,666,111
Cemeteries	111,666	-	-	5,121	116,787
Community services	320,000	-	-	-	320,000
Grant and other program expenses	-	455,384	-	-	455,384
Debt service					
Principal	1,433,758	-	-	-	1,433,758
Interest and loan fees	406,426	-	-	-	406,426
Capital outlay	-	-	2,412,561	-	2,412,561
	<u>22,651,566</u>	<u>455,384</u>	<u>2,412,561</u>	<u>5,121</u>	<u>25,524,632</u>
Total expenditures					
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>2,723,234</u>	<u>682,454</u>	<u>(2,357,839)</u>	<u>(18,215)</u>	<u>1,029,634</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	-	-	15,650	-	15,650
Transfers in	131,102	-	2,688,188	-	2,819,290
Transfers out	(2,688,188)	-	(111,526)	(19,576)	(2,819,290)
	<u>(2,557,086)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,592,312</u>	<u>(19,576)</u>	<u>15,650</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)					
Net change in fund balances	166,148	682,454	234,473	(37,791)	1,045,284
<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING</b>	6,046,252	1,647,261	16,999,388	1,046,933	25,739,834
<b>Restatement of prior year receivable (Note 18)</b>	<u>(52,944)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(52,944)</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING, RESTATED</b>	<u>5,993,308</u>	<u>1,647,261</u>	<u>16,999,388</u>	<u>1,046,933</u>	<u>25,686,890</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 6,159,456</u>	<u>\$ 2,329,715</u>	<u>\$ 17,233,861</u>	<u>\$ 1,009,142</u>	<u>\$ 26,732,174</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**Town of Skowhegan, Maine**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual Amounts, GAAP Basis	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Changes**	Final*		
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 15,909,972	\$ -	\$ 15,909,972	\$ 15,796,577	\$ (113,395)
Excise and miscellaneous taxes	1,505,000	-	1,505,000	1,749,707	244,707
Fees and fines	58,530	-	58,530	64,131	5,601
Licenses and permits	35,500	-	35,500	52,434	16,934
Intergovernmental	6,671,353	-	6,671,353	6,879,967	208,614
Charges for services	432,400	-	432,400	564,242	131,842
Investment and interest earnings	5,000	-	5,000	6,319	1,319
Contributions and reimbursements	37,872	-	37,872	30,304	(7,568)
Miscellaneous	146,261	-	146,261	231,119	84,858
	<u>24,801,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,801,888</u>	<u>25,374,800</u>	<u>572,912</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current					
General government	1,828,889	-	1,828,889	1,683,835	145,054
Protection	3,558,702	-	3,558,702	3,341,608	217,094
Public works	1,642,292	-	1,642,292	1,437,976	204,316
Waste water and pollution control	638,970	-	638,970	555,678	83,292
Solid waste management	896,281	-	896,281	906,376	(10,095)
Health and human services	216,779	-	216,779	120,694	96,085
Education	9,130,562	-	9,130,562	9,130,562	-
Parks and recreation	613,440	-	613,440	536,876	76,564
County tax	2,666,111	-	2,666,111	2,666,111	-
Cemeteries	111,905	-	111,905	111,666	239
Community services	320,000	-	320,000	320,000	-
Debt service					
Principal	1,453,758	-	1,453,758	1,433,758	20,000
Interest and other charges	406,455	-	406,455	406,426	29
	<u>23,484,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,484,144</u>	<u>22,651,566</u>	<u>832,578</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>1,317,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,317,744</u>	<u>2,723,234</u>	<u>1,405,490</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Use of carryover fund balances	1,399,526	-	1,399,526	-	(1,399,526)
Overlay	(57,138)	-	(57,138)	-	57,138
Transfers in	17,500	-	17,500	131,102	113,602
Transfers out	(2,677,632)	-	(2,677,632)	(2,688,188)	(10,556)
	<u>(1,317,744)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,317,744)</u>	<u>(2,557,086)</u>	<u>(1,239,342)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	166,148	<u>\$ 166,148</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING</b>				6,046,252	
Restatement of prior year receivable				<u>(52,944)</u>	
<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING, RESTATED</b>				<u>5,993,308</u>	
<b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING</b>				<u>\$ 6,159,456</u>	

# 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. You will find the June 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant located at the end of this Town Report.

Skowhegan has been gaining a lot of positive attention and interest from the region, the State, and beyond. We have many projects in progress, some in construction and others in planning phases. Recent estimates of this development are estimated at over \$650 million, including private and public investments for manufacturing, education, public safety, housing, energy and retail industries.

The most significant investment of \$418 million is the Sappi Somerset Mill capital project to convert Paper Machine No. 2 to increase capacity and grow their portfolio in packaging and specialties papers. This upgrade will allow them to remain profitable and competitive in the global marketplace, ensuring the future of good-paying jobs in the region and the continued benefits to our local taxpayers.

More exciting news for manufacturing in Skowhegan is the \$65 million expansion at New Balance. They will soon begin construction of a 120,000 square foot facility and renovate the current mill building. This project is expected to double their manufacturing output and create 200 new jobs.

Public investments include MSAD 54's new elementary school for 850 students from age zero through fifth grade on the same property of the Margaret Chase Smith School, with the State covering about 95% of the cost. The Town is well underway on the new Public Safety Building on East Madsion Road, anticipating occupation in the Summer of 2023.

Housing is expanding with KVCAP's soon to be completed 40-unit affordable housing project on Mary Street and the Spinning Mill redevelopment on the island, which will include about 40 apartments and 20 hotel rooms. There are multiple solar projects in different stages of development. Skowhegan will benefit from Maine Connectivity Authority's Connect the Ready's largest grant to expand fiber internet through a

partnership with Consolidated Communications. And we are in the permitting phase for the Skowhegan River Park, which has been awarded federal funding and will be an economic driver for our downtown, the community, and the greater region.

The Town has partnered with Maine Department of Transportation on the Village Partnership Initiative (VPI), conducting a once-in-a-generation traffic study as we work towards an application for federal funding for implementation of infrastructure improvements, taking into consideration the impacts of the current development. To learn more about the VPI Study, visit [www.buildskowhegan.org](http://www.buildskowhegan.org).

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; Ronald Rodriguez, Fire Chief; Jason Finley, 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,



Christine Almand  
Town Manager

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

# Town of Skowhegan

## Board of Selectmen

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



TELEPHONE: (207) 474-6907  
FAX: (207) 474-9413

Dear Skowhegan residents:

Thank you again for the opportunity to continue to serve Skowhegan as one of your Selectman. I appreciate the support you have given and will continue to work to make Skowhegan a place we want to call home.

This year started off better than 2022 with no COVID restrictions in place and more of a normal business as usual approach to our lives. A welcome change for sure. For the first time in a while, we have had the same Select Board for more than a year now. Steve Govoni turned his partial term into a full term with a re-election to the board, along with longtime Selectman, Paul York also winning re-election for another term.

One of the big challenges the Selectman faced this year was the rising costs due to inflation. We are all dealing with cost increases at most every level of our lives and the Town of Skowhegan is not exempt from these increases. Increases in payrolls from last year's union negotiations, increased insurance costs, and out of control energy costs have hit our budget hard. We are still dealing with supply chain issues, and openings in our municipal departments and on our committees.

Despite all that, Skowhegan is on the move. The Selectman, along with the Budget Committee, and Department heads have put forward a budget to set Skowhegan up to face the new, and exciting things happening in town taking a proactive vs. a reactive approach to planning. This was a total team effort, and many hours are put into this work with the result of making sure Skowhegan is prepared for the changes we are going through in 2023, and into the future.

A couple of big things happening this year are: The new Public Safety building is well underway, and our Police & Fire Departments will be moving in later this summer. Another bit of good news is that the long-standing project, we know as, the Skowhegan River Park has received \$4.89 million EDA grant which moves this project into the permitting phase. Our Sappi mill announced a \$418 Million upgrade, New Balance has announced a \$65 Million project bringing upwards of 200 new jobs along with a brand-new factory, and the most noticed project right now is the Spinning Mill on the Island. What a transformation that building is going through. The new school construction will be beginning this year, and there has been movement in the new multi-sport field complex at the Community Center. Our TIF dollars have been busy as well. We have invested in some facelifts for the new Brickyard Hollow Restaurant, Skillings Insurance, and the Goodwin Block building downtown. All this in a continued effort to draw people to our wonderful community and to help spur investment in our town. Skowhegan right now is truly "A place to watch".

The Town has continued momentum with the State of Maine and the Village Partnership Initiative. This is the process where we are taking a new look at how the projects now underway can work together for the best use of Skowhegan's infrastructure. This is a large committee, with representatives from so many committees, departments, business owners, and trades people to ensure we include a voice for everyone. Some of the projects to incorporate 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Todd Smith  
Chairman, Board of Selectman

# **TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN**

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Elected and Appointed Officials

Departments and Committees

By:

Gail R. Pelotte, Town Clerk

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**  
**July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

**SELECTMEN – 3 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2022

Steven Govoni (Elected 8/31/21)  
Paul York

Terms Expiring 2023

Charles Robbins III – Vice Chairman

Terms Expiring 2024

Harold Bigelow  
Todd Smith - Chairman

**ASSESSORS – 3 YEAR TERMS**

Harvey Austin Jr.- 2022  
Bonnie Baker, Vice Chairman-2023  
John Grohs – Chairman-2024

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

Vacant – 2022  
Vacant – 2023  
Vacant – 2024

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

Gail R. Pelotte – 2024

**ROAD COMMISSIONER –  
3 YEAR TERM**

Donald Kinney, Sr. – 2024  
Greg Dore – (Retired 6/8/21)

**PARK COMMISSIONERS –  
5 YEAR TERMS**

Davida Barter, Treasurer/Secretary – 2022  
Jeanne Shay – 2024  
Michael Lambke – 2025  
Robert Haynes – 2026  
Jennifer Olsen – 2026

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

Terms Expiring 2022

Michael Lambke  
Jennifer Poirier  
Karen Smith (Resigned 2/1/22)  
Timothy Williams (Appt. 3/8/22)

Terms Expiring 2023

Jeannie Conley  
Annmarie Dubois  
Derek Ellis (Resigned 8/17/21)  
Margaret Lovejoy  
Jacqueline Wolinski (Appt 8/25/21)

Terms Expiring 2024

Mark Bedard  
Alicia Boulette  
Lynda Quinn  
Amy Rouse

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS, COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS**  
**July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

**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**

Todd Smith, Finance Officer  
Charles Robbins III, 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  
Randall Gray, Alternate Plumbing Inspector/  
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer/  
Alternate Building Inspector

**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

Lisa Gallant, Collections Clerk (A 5/5/22)  
Chelsea Gardiner, Collections Clerk  
(Transferred to Police Dept. 4/11/22)

**PUBLIC ACCESS OFFICER**

Gail R. Pelotte

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE CASEWORKER**

Telephone: 474-6900

Chelsea Gardiner (To Police Dept 4/11/22)  
Lisa Gallant, (A 5/5/22)

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Telephone: 474-6911

Donald Kinney, Sr. (Elected 6/8/21)  
Gregory Dore, Road Commissioner  
(Retired 6/8/21)

Dena Rich, Administrative Assistant

Randy Bowden

Ernest George (A 4/11/21)

William George

Michael Gordon

Corey Johnson

Charles Lawler (A 7/12/21)

James Lawler (A 8/9/21)

William Marsh, Jr.

Walter Powell (Retired 6/30/22)

Matthew Quimby (Res. 7/2/21)

Timothy Small (A 10/26/21 – R 2/11/22)

Heath Whitney (A 2/14/22)

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Telephone: 474-6905

Jeffrey Hewett, Director  
Renee Belliveau, Administrative Assistant

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPT-**

Telephone: 474-6901

Denise LeBlanc, Director  
Michael Hoyt, Program Assistant  
Stephen McDaniel, Maintenance Supervisor  
Brent Cook, Staff Assistant  
Renee Libby, Staff Assistant (A 9/1/21)  
Connor Jarvais, Staff Assistant (A 2/28/22)

**TRANSFER STATION / RECYCLING CENTER**

Telephone: 474-6918

Bryan Belliveau, Supervisor  
Steven Foss, Attendant  
Mark Keene, Attendant  
James Travers, Attendant  
(Resigned 10/16/21)  
Furnie White, Attendant  
Duane Whittemore, Attendant

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Telephone: 474-6904

Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS – 5 YR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2022:

Jeff McCabe

Terms Expiring 2023:

Steve St. Pierre, Vice Chairman

Term Expiring 2024:

Harvey Austin, Jr.  
Matt Smith

Terms Expiring 2025

Steve Conley, Chairman

Terms Expiring 2026

Derek Chretien (A 7/27/21)  
Stephen Gould

Daniel Luce (A 10/12/21)

**Note:** Planning Board Members are also Comprehensive Planning members

**POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT**

Telephone: 474-6909

Brent Dickey, Superintendent  
Ricky Lessard, Operator  
Michael Nelson, Mechanic (Res. 4/8/22)  
Kelly Dore, Asst. Operator

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Telephone: 474-3400

Shawn Howard, Fire Chief  
Richard Caldwell, Captain  
Joseph Almand  
Paris Baxter  
Tyler Curtis (A 8/2/21)  
Colby Fowler (A 10/1/21)  
Jason Frost, Captain  
(Promoted Deputy Chief 9/13/21)  
(Res. 6/17/22)  
Scott Libby (Ret. 9/2/21)  
Matthew Quinn  
Ty Strout, Captain  
Daryl Wyman  
Spencer Wyman (A 7/12/21)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINE-1 YEAR**

Rev. Mark Tanner

**CALL FIREFIGHTERS**

Jimmy Bigelow  
Christopher Clarke  
Shawn Enright  
True-Lynn Kennedy (A 12/15/21)  
Jason Kirk  
Thomas Lyons, Jr  
David McAndrew (A 1/4/22 – R 3/24/22)  
Kristi Poland (A 1/5/22)  
Devin Provencal  
Scott Washburn  
Eric Witham  
Spencer Wyman (To Full-time 7/12/21)

**FIRE WARDEN**

Shawn Howard, Fire Chief

**DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS**

Joseph Almond  
Paris Baxter  
Richard Caldwell  
Tyler Curtis (A 8/2/21)  
Colby Fowler (A10/1/21)  
Jason Frost (Res. 6/17/22)  
Scott Libby (Ret. 9/2/21)  
Matthew Quinn  
Ty Strout  
Daryl Wyman  
Spencer Wyman (A 7/12/21)

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Telephone 474-3400

Christine Almand

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

Bill Finley, Chairman  
Kristina Cannon (R 3/22)  
Cole Clement  
Matt Dubois, Vice Chairman  
Jason Gayne  
Reid Gibson  
Steve Gray  
Donna Ferenc McGorty  
Patric Moore (A 4/12/22)

**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. Timothy Williams  
Sgt. Jacob Pierce  
Michael Bachelder, Detective

Kelly Hooper, Detective Sgt.  
Cpl. Katelyn Nichols  
Cpl. Joshua York  
Chelsea Gardiner (Trans to PD 4/11/22)  
Nancy Weis, Admin. Asst. (R 3/17/22)

**Police Officers**

Alex Burns  
Harald Christiansen (A 4/11/22)  
Joel Cummings  
David Daigneault, School Resource Officer  
Michael Grady (FT 7/7/21)  
Billie Hatfield (R 12/6/21)  
Tyler LaFreniere (A 4/11/22)  
Richard Pierce  
Tifani P.V. Warren  
Benaiah Willhoite

**Reserve Police Officers**

Jacob Boudreau (To Reserve 9/7/21)  
Garrett Buzzell  
Emily Fox  
Andrew Gooldrup (R 1/4/22)  
Stephanie Jones (R 5/24/22)  
Kris McKenna (From FT to Res. 10/4/21)

**Constables**

David Bucknam  
Brian Gardiner

**PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE TERMS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2022**

**(New committee formed 7/22/14)**

**Voting Members**

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

Road Commissioner: Greg Dore (Retired 6/8/21)

Donald Kinney  
(Elected 6/8/21)

Selectman: Steve Govoni and Paul York

Primary Citizens:

Steven Conley  
Beverly Fitzsimmons  
Stephen Gould  
Warren Shay (Passed Away 2/22)

Alternate Citizens:  
Newell Graf

**Non-voting Members**

Town Manager: Christine Almand

Fire Captains:

Vacant

Vacant

Deputy Police Chief: Brian Gardiner

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER –  
1 YEAR TERMS**

Cara Mason, ACO

Kassidee Pollis, ACO (A 5/2/22)

**FENCE VIEWERS – 1 YEAR TERMS**

Harold Bigelow

Charles Robbins

**SURVEYOR OF LUMBER –  
1 YEAR TERM**

Felix Quirion

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
1 YEAR TERMS**

Paris Baxter (A 12/28/21)

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, Chairman

Mary Lou Holden Mollerus

Gene Rouse, Vice Chairman

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**

Christopher Perkins – 2022

Bill Finley - 2023

Cara Mason, Secretary

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Bradley Corson - 2022

Howard Sevey, Secretary – 2025

**TOWN ATTORNEYS – 1 YEAR TERMS**

Kenneth Lexier

Warren Shay (Passed Away 2/22)

**HERITAGE COUNCIL – 5 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2023:

Gail Kay (R 11/9/21)

Katie Ouilette (Passed Away 1/22)

Barry Sites, Vice Chairman

Robert Washburn, Chairman

Shirley Whittemore (Passed Away 2/22)

Term Expiring 2024:

Evalyn Bowman

Term Expiring 2026

Bonnie Young (A 7/13/21)

Sharon Dunbar (A 11/9/21)

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION –  
5 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2023:

Corey Johnson

Terms Expiring 2024:

Kate Drummond

Dylan Engler

Kevin McFadden (R 11/9/21)

Barry Sites

Lawrence Taylor (A 12/14/21)

Term Expiring 2025:

Corey Hinkle

Tristen Hinkle

Matt Keister (A 5/11/21)

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

Term Expiring 2023:  
Bonnie Young

Term Expiring 2024  
T. Jeff Evans

**BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE  
3 YEAR TERMS**

Terms Expiring 2022:  
David James (R 11/29/21)  
Christian Savage

Terms Expiring 2023:  
Rebekah Shankar  
Judi York

Terms Expiring 2024  
Patrick Dore  
John Grohs  
E. Gene Rouse

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

Ganna Chugay  
Daniel Dickey  
J P Kennedy  
Warren Shay (Passed Away 2/22)  
Michael Spooner

**RUN OF RIVER COMMITTEE  
1 YEAR TERMS**

Kristina Cannon  
Clayton Cole  
Jason Cooke  
Gregory Dore  
Bill Finley  
Jason Gayne  
Karen Hart  
Jeff Hewett  
Shawn Howard  
Denise LeBlanc  
Jeff McCabe  
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  
Lyn Govoni (A 10/12/21)  
Zebulon Green (R 11/9/21)  
Jeff Hewett  
Jon Kimbell  
Fred Liebfried  
Kelly Merrill (R 11/9/21)  
Jim Preble (Passed Away 6/22)

**FACADE COMMITTEE  
1 YEAR TERMS**

Steve Gould  
Christopher Perkins  
Donna Russakoff

**SIDEWALK COMMITTEE  
1 YEAR TERMS**

Donald Kinney Sr.  
Harold Bigelow  
Steven Govoni  
Richard Irwin  
Denise LeBlanc  
Jennifer Olsen (A 4/26/22)  
Richard Smith (R 5/24/22)

**SECOND BRIDGE COMMITTEE  
1 YEAR TERMS**

Christine Almand  
Jason Gayne  
Steve Govoni  
Joel Greenwood  
Sam Hight  
Donald Kinney Sr.  
Christian Savage  
Rodney Whittemore  
Mark Wilson

## **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  
Gail McKenney  
Mary Lou Holden Mollerus  
Beverly Noonan  
Rebecca Poulin  
Mary Simonoff  
Ann Spaulding  
Cheryl Staples  
Jeannean Taylor

**Voter Registration Report**  
**July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022**

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

The following meetings and elections were held during this period:

Town of Skowhegan - Special Town Meeting, August 24, 2021

Skowhegan Municipal Election, August 31, 2021

State of Maine Referendum Election, November 2, 2021

Annual Town Meeting, June 13, 2022

State of Maine Primary Election, June 14, 2022

RSU#54/SAD#54 Budget Referendum, June 14, 2022

Skowhegan Municipal Election, June 14, 2022

The number of voters presently registered is:

Democrats 1970

Republicans 2135

Green Independents 213

Libertarian 1

Unenrolled 2165

Total 6484

Respectfully Submitted,

***Gail R. Pelotte***

Gail R. Pelotte

Registrar of Voters

## DIRECTORY OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Federal United States Senate

Senator Susan M. Collins  
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510  
(202) 224-2523

or

68 Sewall Street, Rm 507  
Augusta, Maine 04330  
(207) 622-8414

Senator Angus King  
133 Hart Building  
Washington DC 20510  
(202) 224-5344

or

E.S. Muskie Federal Bldg.  
40 Western Avenue, Room 412  
Augusta, Maine 04330  
(207) 622-8292

### U.S. Representatives to Congress

Congressman Jared Golden  
1222 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515  
(202)225-6306

or

6 State Street, Suite 101  
Bangor, Maine 04401  
(207) 249-7400

**State of Maine**  
**House of Representatives**  
Clerk's Office  
2 State House Station  
Augusta Maine 04333-0002

District 107  
Representative Jennifer Poirier  
78 Palmer Road  
Skowhegan ME 04976  
Cell: (207) 399-9784  
State House: (207) 287-1440  
State House Email: Rep [Jennifer.Poirier@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Poirier@legislature.maine.gov)

**State of Maine**  
**Senate**  
3 State House Station  
Augusta Maine 04333-0003

Senate District 3  
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## **Jennifer L. Poirier**

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January 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for re-electing me to serve as your State Representative. It has been a pleasure serving the residents of Skowhegan during the past two years and I look forward to continuing to be your voice in the Maine Legislature. Representing you is an honor and a privilege I take seriously. My focus has always been to keep you well informed of legislative matters and making myself available to address your questions and concerns. I look forward to the new challenges that await us in the current legislative session.

In order to represent you in the best way possible, I need to hear your thoughts on the issues that are important to you. Please, do not hesitate to call anytime if you feel you need my assistance. I encourage you to monitor all legislative proposals being worked on at the State House by visiting the Legislature's website at [www.legislature.maine.gov](http://www.legislature.maine.gov). From here, you can browse bill summaries, view our legislative session and public hearing schedules, listen to committee hearings or watch live streaming video of the House and Senate.

Again this session, I have been asked to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. On this committee, we will discuss many issues regarding the Committee's jurisdiction over new legislation pertaining to the judicial system organization and budget; the Maine Tort Claims Act; the Family Law Advisory Commission; the Maine Indigent Legal Services Commission; the Maine Human Rights Commission; the Uniform Commercial Code and the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission. These matters are crucial to our community and I hope to hear from you with any questions and concerns.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve the constituents of Skowhegan. I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. If you would like to be added to my email list to receive updates and important information on State programs and services, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request at [Jennifer.Poirier@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Poirier@legislature.maine.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer L. Poirier".

Jennifer L. Poirier  
State Representative

District 70 Skowhegan



Brad Farrin  
Senator, District 3

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Augusta, ME 04333

January 1, 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you, your family, and the communities of District 3 in the Maine Senate. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of our region.

This will be my third term in the Maine State Senate, previously serving the towns from Norridgewock to Seboomook Lake. While some of the towns in District 3 have changed as a result of redistricting, I know many of the important issues to those in rural Maine remain the same; I assure you that I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf to address these issues.

This session, I will be serving as the Republican Lead on the Transportation Committee, a position I have had the privilege of serving in before. With harsh winters, our roads and bridges continuously need repair and I am eager, once again, to work with my colleagues and the Maine Department of Transportation to develop and pass policies that support their improvement and long-term sustainability.

With a struggling economy and the cost of groceries, gas, home heating oil, and electricity increasing, Maine families, seniors, and small businesses need relief from the high costs breaking our budgets. Addressing the policies that have created some of these high costs is a priority of mine in the coming session.

There is one item the Legislature is required to pass according to the Constitution of Maine: a balanced, biennial budget. By June 30, 2023, the Governor must submit and the Legislature must enact a balanced budget. This will require careful review of current state spending and prioritizing our needs versus wants, just like you and I do with our own budgets. As your State Senator, I will be working to find ways to lower taxes and rein in state spending so that you can keep more of your hard-earned money.

Again, thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of representing your interests in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you or a member of your family is having difficulties navigating state bureaucracy. I can be reached by email at [brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov) or you can contact my office by phone at (207) 287-1505.

Sincerely,

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Brad Farrin  
State Senator

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan M. Collins".

Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

January 1, 2023

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

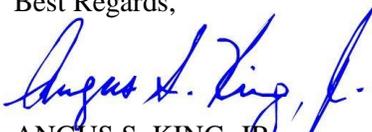
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
United States Senator



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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I've been working on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District.

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

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

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

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

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help answer questions about and navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2023. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress



STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0001

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

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

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

# Town of Skowhegan

## Town Manager

225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2022

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 15<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 2021 real estate taxes were paid in full on or before the foreclosure date. We sent out notices on 58 accounts, and this is the first year in my time as Tax Collector that we had zero foreclosures. The prior year, we did not sell any properties as the one property that we advertised for foreclosure sale was redeemed prior to the bid opening date. 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,

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Christine Almand  
Town Manager

## **TAXPAYER'S NOTICE**

### **REAL ESTATE:**

If you have constructed, altered or removed any buildings since April 1, 2022 and on or before April 1, 2023, 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, 2024, for the 2024-2025 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, 2024, any widow or minor children of veterans who would have been 62 years of age as of April 1, 2024 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, 2024. 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, 2024 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, 2024 can apply for a Homestead Exemption. The application needs to be received by April 1, 2024. This exemption from taxation went into effect in 1998. We are assuming that it will be available in 2024 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](http://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

2022 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes  
As of April 1, 2023

BAIKO, PAUL	\$	1,269.55
BAILEY, WANDA MARIE	\$	1,086.56
BEANE, STEVEN A SR	\$	753.70
BELANGER, DUSTIN	\$	2,582.52
BENETOS, NICOLAOS	\$	605.02
BENETOS, NICOLAOS	\$	1,330.49
BLANCHARD, MARIE E	\$	1,343.62
BOLDUC, DONALD	\$	1,000.88
BRAGDON, PETER	\$	3,282.62
BURNS, MICHELLE M	\$	1,825.35
BUSSELL, ERIC	\$	435.75
CASSIDY, DANA	\$	59.24
CASSIDY, DANA	\$	8.22
CASSIDY, DANA	\$	5.91
CASSIDY, DANA	\$	21.82
CASSIDY, DANA	\$	4.43
CEMEDO INC	\$	441.74
CHESLEY, GEORGE PAUL	\$	56.36
CIPRIANO, ANTHONY	\$	2,232.83
CLEMENTS, ANNE L - EST OF	\$	158.99
COOLEY, DEVIN S	\$	127.84
CORSON, CAROL (RAYESKI)	\$	797.13
CUTTEN, GEORGE	\$	578.16
DAUPHINEE, DESTINY E	\$	941.46
DAVIS, CELESTE A	\$	936.14
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	\$	1,056.09
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	\$	1,069.42
DERBYSHIRE, JAMES A	\$	1,250.51
DICKISON, DOUGLAS	\$	606.92
ENAIRE, CHAD	\$	827.59
EVERETT, RYAN	\$	1,436.91
EVERETT, RICKY	\$	1,221.95
EVERETT, RICKY B	\$	326.82
EVERETT, RICKY B & NANCY L	\$	3,341.23
FLETCHER, ALICIA L	\$	2,334.37
FOLSOM, CHRISTOPHER M	\$	2,473.72
GEHRKE, ANGELINA M	\$	342.25
GILBERT, BRIAN A	\$	2,946.88
GIROUX, VICTORIA	\$	479.26
GOLDSMITH, RICKY	\$	3,704.92
GRAF, ROBERT M	\$	3,061.54
GREGOR, KIMBERLEY	\$	118.80
HALL, LINDSEY EAVES	\$	408.68
HAND, BECKE	\$	172.57
HARTLEY, KEVIN T - PR	\$	1,002.41
HARTLEY, STACEY C	\$	1,002.77
HAWES, LEIGH M	\$	41.37
HILTON, KENNETH ARTHUR JR	\$	1,146.00
HORSIN' AROUND HOLDING COMPANY LLC	\$	2,130.62
HOVASSE, REAGAN	\$	1,619.91
HYDE, CYNTHIA	\$	548.10
JEWELL, DONNA	\$	302.05
JEWELL, GREGORY W	\$	1,198.91
JOHNSON, BRIAN L	\$	907.17

2022 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes  
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JOYCE, RAYMOND A - ESTATE OF	\$	2,375.65
KEITHAN, JAMES A - LIFE ESTATE	\$	898.06
KENNEDY, ROY H	\$	762.85
KING, ROXANN	\$	86.79
KINGSBURY, DAVID L	\$	2,829.03
KINNEY, DENNIS G	\$	1,347.58
KNIGHT, HEATHER L	\$	387.74
LACASSE, MARK J & KELLY M - 2/3 INT	\$	1,918.87
LACASSE, RICHARD	\$	1,227.46
LACASSE, RICHARD	\$	553.40
LACASSE, RICHARD	\$	962.99
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	589.79
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	2,017.67
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,665.61
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	2,503.22
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,086.56
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	2,217.80
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,250.31
LACASSE, RICHARD A	\$	1,042.76
LANDRY, ALISON L	\$	593.40
LASOTA, JOSEPH E	\$	1,703.69
LEMIEUX, DANA A	\$	532.46
LINTON, RILEY	\$	128.79
LOCKE, BRANDON E	\$	306.27
LOCKE, BRANDON E	\$	1,482.81
LOCKE, ROLAND H	\$	587.68
LUCE, SARAH JANE - PERS REP	\$	1,478.80
LUCE, SARAH JANE - PERS REP	\$	587.68
MARHEFKA, JASON	\$	475.84
MAYO, KELLY	\$	157.34
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE	\$	1,465.25
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	552.88
MCDANIEL, ASHLEY	\$	484.83
MCGOWAN, ROBERT W	\$	350.16
MESSER, CAROLYN - LIFE TENANT	\$	339.75
MOELLER, ALLEN M	\$	186.14
PAINE, TIMOTHY	\$	1,886.48
PATURZO, RONALD C	\$	2,031.20
PELLETIER, SUSAN M	\$	4,575.10
PERKINS, JARED M	\$	1,086.56
PICARDI, MIRA	\$	1,467.58
PICARDI, PETER J	\$	850.64
PICARDI, PETER J	\$	2,589.11
PIERCE, KIM D	\$	2,234.75
PRENTISS, GORDON	\$	1,545.45
PREVOST, JESSICA M	\$	1,145.59
PUGSLEY, LEE	\$	1,861.94
PUGSLEY, LEE	\$	1,146.00
RAYESKI, JAMIE	\$	2,416.05
ROLLINS, ARNOLD S	\$	1,717.23
SALISBURY, PETER A	\$	1,004.89
SANTY, BRADLEY R II	\$	407.00
SANTY, BRADLEY R II	\$	210.86
SANTY, BRADLEY R II	\$	159.45

2022 Uncollected Real Estate Taxes  
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SANTY, BRADLEY R II	\$	330.82
SAWYER, HERBERT - HEIRS OF	\$	500.08
SHAW, NORMAN	\$	532.46
SHAW, NORMAN	\$	1,579.73
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	2,406.12
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	749.53
SHAW, NORMAN R	\$	629.56
SINCYR, CHESTER W	\$	583.87
SMITH, KIMBERLY	\$	117.36
STARKEY, JOHN A JR - PR	\$	768.78
SULLIVAN, GERALD - ESTATE OF	\$	832.21
TANNER, MARK	\$	2,588.91
T-MOBILE LLC	\$	199.44
TRUE, JULIE A	\$	1,191.69
VERVILLE, AMY	\$	438.01
WASHBURN, TIMOTHY M - PR - ESTATE OF	\$	1,132.25
WATSON, JENNIFER L	\$	317.29
WEEKS, DANA	\$	75.47
WHEELER, JAMIE O	\$	549.60
WHITE, JOSHUA	\$	1,138.18
WYMAN RENTALS	\$	987.75
WYMAN RENTALS	\$	1,121.04
WYMAN RENTALS	\$	4,382.80
WYMAN RENTALS	\$	5,991.77
WYMAN, CECELIA M - EST OF	\$	249.50
WYMAN, JOE	\$	976.32
WYMAN, JOE	\$	347.76
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	2,590.81
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	2,459.63
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	3,061.33
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	1,044.86
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	2,107.78
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	2,491.80
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	2,075.61
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	1,168.44
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	2,505.74
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	503.89
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	4,342.80
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	246.84
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	1,513.48
WYMAN, JOSEPH	\$	1,157.01
WYMAN, JOSEPH J	\$	298.45
WYMAN, JOSEPH J	\$	989.86
WYMAN, JOSEPH J	\$	1,197.20
WYMAN, JOSEPH J	\$	784.21
WYMAN, JOSEPH J	\$	1,846.51
WYMAN, JOSEPH J	\$	75.47
WYMAN, JOSEPH J	\$	1,160.81
WYMAN, JOSEPH J	\$	265.89
WYMAN, JOSEPH J	\$	1,054.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>190,100.97</b>

2008 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

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	\$	<u>3,594.39</u>

2009 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

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	\$	<u>3,551.87</u>

2010 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

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	\$	<u>3,454.40</u>

2011 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

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	\$	<u>3,700.91</u>

2012 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

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	\$	<u>3,937.85</u>

2013 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

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	\$	<u>3,687.71</u>

2014 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

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	\$	<u>4,046.52</u>

2015 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

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	\$	<u>4,128.00</u>

2016 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

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
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	\$	<u>4,770.73</u>

2017 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

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

2017 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes (continued)

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	\$	<u>5,505.82</u>

2018 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

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	\$	4.73
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
ORA SALON	\$	14.00
RICK'S PIT STOP	\$	4.68
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	60.00
SPRING HOUSE GARDENS ASSOC.	\$	318.00
THE NEW LOOK SALON	\$	20.00
TROPICAL SUNSATIIONS -IND SUMMR	\$	12.00
TOTAL	\$	<u>4,545.41</u>

2019 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

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
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	\$	<u>5,312.58</u>

2020 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	65.51
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$	1,511.95
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,091.29
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
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
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	\$	<u>51.72</u>
TOTAL	\$	4,724.62

2021 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

A & A MANAGEMENT GROUP INC	\$	1,247.40
BEAUTY BY DESIGN LLC	\$	30.60
BREEZY ACRES MOTEL	\$	387.00
CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	68.40
DOMAREKI, GREGORY J	\$	36.00
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$	900.00
GARDEN ISLAND OF SKOWHEGAN	\$	1,139.40
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
NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS INC	\$	3.60
ORA SALON	\$	12.60
PARKING LOT & LAWN MAINTENANCE	\$	324.00
PAUL'S AUTO REPAIR	\$	145.80
RE/MAX AT HOME	\$	176.40
REJUVENATE SALON	\$	55.80
RENEW COUNSELING LLC	\$	7.20
RICK'S PIT STOP	\$	9.00
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	54.00
SMUCKER FOODSERVICE INC.	\$	20.43
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	\$	<u>15.53</u>
TOTAL	\$	6,300.08

2022 Uncollected Personal Property Taxes As of April 1, 2023

A & A MANAGEMENT GROUP INC	\$	1,231.29
ACV ENVIROMENTALC	\$	2,758.71
BEAUTY BY DESIGN LLC	\$	62.39
BREEZY ACRES MOTEL	\$	381.68
CENTRAL MAINE WREATH	\$	73.40
CROOKED FACE CREAMERY	\$	24.54
EATON MOUNTAIN INC	\$	233.05
ERIC COMMUNICATIONS	\$	42.21
GENPLEX INC	\$	1,813.62
GH POWEREITION	\$	55.05
H&R BLOCK	\$	203.69
HILL TOP ANTIQUES	\$	9.18
HORSIN' AROUND CHILDCARE	\$	82.58
ISLAND DAIRY TREAT	\$	216.53
JEN'S HAIR STUDIO	\$	56.89
LACASSE SHOE REPAIR	\$	227.54
LYNETTE'S GIFTS N CARDS	\$	18.35
MADLYN'S NEW & USED CLOTHING	\$	27.53
MAINLY MEALS	\$	55.05
MATT POWERS BUILDERS	\$	73.40
MCCARTHY, AMBROSE G JR	\$	264.24
NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS INC	\$	3.67
NORTHERN MATTRESS & FURNITURE	\$	73.02
ORA SALON	\$	14.68
PARKING LOT & LAWN MAINTENANCE	\$	344.98
PAUL'S AUTO REPAIR	\$	148.64
PINEWOOD MOTEL LLC	\$	1.74
RE/MAX AT HOME	\$	179.83
REJUVENATE SALON	\$	56.89
RICK'S PIT STOP	\$	9.18
SCOTT SIROIS CONSTRUCTION	\$	55.05
SKOW TOWN SLICE BAR	\$	183.50
SKOWHEGAN ELECTRIC MOTOR INC	\$	3.50
SMUCKER FOODSERVICE INC.	\$	23.86
SPRING HOUSE GARDENS ASSOC.	\$	328.47
SUZYS NAILS	\$	7.34
THE CHILDRENS CENTER	\$	27.53
TIMEPAYMENT CORP.	\$	183.50
WHISPERING PINES MOTEL	\$	47.71
WICKED MAINAH HAIR SALON	\$	55.05
WILLIAMSON POOLS	\$	91.75
TOTAL	\$	<u>9,750.81</u>

## SKOWHEGAN BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Skowhegan:

The tax rate for the fiscal year 2023, beginning 7/1/2022 and ending 6/30/2023, was \$17.48 per thousand.

Our official commitment of taxes was made on September 8, 2022.

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 2023 fiscal year the tax commitment in Skowhegan raised the following net amounts:

1. The Town of Skowhegan raised a net amount of \$10,435,561.21. Included in this town amount is a Downtown TIF appropriation. This was about 25 % of the tax.
2. SAD 54 raised a net amount of \$9,263,239.50 which comprises 58.2% of the total tax.
3. Somerset County raised a net amount of \$2,682,378.31 which comprises 16.8% of the total tax.

The growth in the Skowhegan tax base over the past year included 8 new homes valued at \$1,143,600 and 3 mobile homes valued at \$234,900, 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 stabilization program that is available to longer term homestead taxpayers over 65 years of age. Applications are due by each December 1. We received many application in the past year.

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

*Ron Blaisdell*

Ron Blaisdell

*Harvey Austin*

Harvey Austin, Jr.

**Town Clerk's Report  
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022**

	No. Issued	Paid to Town	Paid to State of Maine
<b>INLAND FISHERIES &amp; WILDLIFE</b>			
Boat/Snowmobile/ATV			\$ 61,142.00
Hunting/Fishing Licenses			\$ 17,382.25
Sales Tax			\$ 31,241.87
Town Fees		\$3,994.00	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$3,994.00</b>	<b>\$ 109,766.12</b>
<b>DOG LICENSES</b>			
Male & Female	310	\$310.00	\$ 3,100.00
Neutered & Spayed	1086	\$1,086.00	\$ 3,258.00
Kennel Licenses	6	\$12.00	\$ 180.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1402</b>	<b>\$1,408.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,538.00</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FUND</b>		<b>\$4,115.21</b>	
<b>MUNICIPAL LICENSES</b>			
Victualer Licenses	52	\$1,530.00	
Pool Table/Bowling/Licenses	4	\$120.00	
Innkeeper Licenses	0	0.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>\$1,650.00</b>	
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>			
Marriage Intentions Files	64	\$2,304.00	
Record Search	11	\$11.00	
Partnership	0	\$0.00	
Certified Copies	852	\$11,076.00	\$ 1,704.00
Add'l Certified Copies	829	\$4,642.40	\$ 331.60
Burial Permits	574	\$8,036.00	\$ 3,444.00
Business Names Recorded	8	\$80.00	
Non-resident Notary Fees	106	\$530.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>\$26,679.40</b>	<b>\$ 5,479.60</b>

<b>Local Deaths Recorded</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>Marriage Returns Recorded &amp; Reported to State</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Births Reported to State</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>Oaths Administered</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>660</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gail R. Pelotte*

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Town Clerk

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*Town of Skowhegan  
Department of Finance  
225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, ME 04976*

**TOWN CLERK/TREASURER REPORT  
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022**

**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 nine million one hundred thirty thousand five hundred sixty-two dollars (\$9,130,562.00). The town's appropriation to Somerset County was two million six hundred sixty-six thousand one hundred eleven dollars and two cents (\$2,666,111.02).**

**A Higgins educational loan totaling five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) was issued to one graduate of Skowhegan Area High School's Class of 2021. 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 am privileged to be writing to you about the progress and many accomplishments that the Skowhegan Fire Department achieved in the last year. I was appointed as Fire Chief beginning December 5, 2022 due to the retirement of Chief Shawn Howard.

The State of Maine is witnessing a significant shortage of First Responder, Fire, EMS, Police, and Dispatchers. This is not isolated to Maine, but is reflective of a national trend. Fortunately, the Town of Skowhegan with approving a favorable shift schedule and increased staffing has positioned itself well to weather the current situation.

One of the ways the shortage of first responders has had an impact on department operations is the addition of responding to certain classes of emergency medical calls. EMS agencies have seen an increase in calls, an increase in inter-facility transfers, along with a reduction of providers. The Skowhegan Fire Department is a licensed Non-Transport First Responder agency. The latest contract between the town and the Skowhegan Firefighters Local 4618, I.A.F.F., stipulates new employees have within one year of hire the Basic EMT license. Our agency has the belief that we exist to provide aid to those in need within our community. We demonstrate this by working cooperatively with EMS agencies by providing assistance as a first responder agency and by providing additional personnel for serious level calls. The position of firefighter isn't just for fighting fires. It has developed into an all-hazards position. Our department is called upon to perform all types of skilled hazard mitigations including but not limited to, technical rescue, vehicle extrication, confined space rescue, hazardous materials emergencies, swift water rescue, search, and ems emergencies.

The constant theme throughout emergency services is change. This demonstrated by our ems response. You can be confident knowing that your fire department is working diligently to train to meet the need of any request for help. The members of the department strive to be the best and are committed professionals working to set a standard of excellence.

Change is also coming to the town. There are many improvements to several key businesses that are on the horizon with additional investments scheduled for the town. These are exciting times and the changes will surely bring additional demands and request for services from the department. One of these demands is the need for building inspections. The Deputy Fire Chief is tasked with coordinating with the Code Enforcement Officer and performing life safety inspections to buildings and multi-family residences within the town. The Deputy Fire Chief will

also be involved with the Code Enforcement officer with the plans review process for all new construction.

These are exciting and challenging times for the town and I look forward to working with the men and women of the Skowhegan Fire department as we serve the citizens of Skowhegan.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Rodriguez". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ronald A. Rodriguez  
Fire Chief



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

As I pinned my badge on my dress uniform to attend a graduation for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy this year, I stopped to reflect on how proud I am to represent this town. How this Police Department has changed and continues to change to meet the needs of this amazing community. This badge is more than a shiny object on mine and my officer's chest. It is a reflection of our commitment to this community. The hard work to earn your trust and support as well as to signify our loyalty and allegiance to this amazing town.

One thing is certain in life and that is change will come. The question is are we ready for that change? I have to believe Skowhegan is not only ready for change but eager to see it happen. Part of that change comes with the Public Safety Building, which is under construction and we are in hopes of moving into by the end of summer. The downtown area of Skowhegan will have a new look over the next couple of years. This new look will see a new school, new businesses, and many different recreational opportunities. This change is due to the countless community members working together for our future and I for one am not only excited but extremely motivated to see it happen.



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*David A. Bucknam, Chief*

*Brian A. Gardiner, Deputy Chief*

As we move towards 2023, our mission and vision statement stand true, "Commitment to Community". Every day, Skowhegan Officers work alongside our citizens to assist them with complaints which are simple in nature as well as complex. Policing is not just a law enforcement job in this town. It is a team effort between our officers and citizens. You stopping by the office to speak with us provides information an officer might not be able to obtain. Your eyes and ears in our neighbors are essential to us responding to assist people in need. It is this team effort that brings all us together as an incredible community. I see it over and over again on our Facebook Page. People who do not live here wishing their community was more like ours. Amazing compliment!

We do have a couple of new additions to the Police Department but you will recognize most officers listed. Below are the men and woman who you see every day patrolling your streets and neighborhoods.

**Chief David Bucknam**

Deputy Chief Brain 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  
Officer Monique Dudley  
Reserve Officer Jacob Boudreau  
Reserve Officer Emily Fox  
Reserve Officer Kris Mckenna  
Admin Asst. Chelsea Gardiner  
ACO Samantha Hilton  
ACO David Patterson

Watching this town change in such a progressive manner, is a reminder of how we as law enforcement must change to continue to protect and serve. These changes will bring new ideas and actions to policing which we will use to keep Skowhegan a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Respectfully,

Chief David Bucknam

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## **School Resource Officer**

**2022-2023**

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 twenty years and has been with the Skowhegan Police Department for approximately 22 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.

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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, Skowpendous and community Trunk-a-Treat events in Skowhegan and Canaan.

I also serve as an Advisory Member for R.E.A.C.H.(Relationships, Education, Aspirations, Community, Health) After School Program. This program provides safe, structured, and supportive environments that promote learning, aspirations, opportunities, and growth for youth.

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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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. I was unable to attend camp this year due to a medical procedure, but I was able to send (13) youth from Skowhegan to camp in 2022, 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  
School Resource Officer



**Skowhegan Highway Department**  
Skowhegan, Maine 04976

*Jason Finley*  
*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:

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Jason Finley I moved to Skowhegan in 2020 from the China Vassalboro area. I have worked in the Public Works industry as well as a Building Contractor for over 20 years. I hope to bring some of my knowledge to Skowhegan and work hand in hand with the other Departments to keep enhancing our Town for the future.

Our paving program for the 2022 season included East Ridge Road, Eaton Mountain Road and Bigelow Hill Road .75” shim and 1.25” overlay. Mechanic, Free, South and Poplar Streets were milled 2” and then 2” overlaid. Pomelow Street had a full over haul of the street, Sandy Lane, Pratt Court and Kennebec Street received a shim and overlay as well.

We took possession of the 2023 International Dump Truck that was approved at the 2021 Town Meeting. We have also received the second sidewalk machine to help in clearing the sidewalks in Town in a timelier manor during a storm. This new sidewalk machine will also serve the Town during the other seasons by mowing along the side of the roads and removing small brush that may be obstructing the view at intersections.

In summary, we have had a very productive and exciting year maintaining the infrastructure for the citizens of Skowhegan. We continuously strive to diligently meet the needs and complaints of our Towns residents in a timely professional manner. If you have a question about your road or sewer line, please call the office at 207-474-6911. I would like to thank the many people who made cookies, baked cakes, phone calls and sent cards and letters of appreciation for the work we have done. These acknowledgements help to motivate the crew to strive to do even more for our Town.

Sincerely,

*Jason Finley*

Jason Finley  
Road Commissioner



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Code Enforcement Officer  
Building Inspector-Plumbing Inspector  
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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT  
July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

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

From July 2021 through the end of June 2022, the Code Enforcement Department issued One hundred and thirty-five (135) building permits, thirty-nine (39) interior plumbing permits, twenty-two (22) septic system permits, six (6) Shoreland Zone permits. We did not issue any Flood Hazard permits. The Town also issued four (4) sewer capacity reserve permits. We also investigated, acted on and closed out forty-five (45) Town ordinance violations. This year, all of these violations related to property maintenance. Please review the Town of Skowhegan Property Maintenance Ordinance that was amended in 2022.

The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) has been in effect for 11 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 summer of 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 continue to expand this program in 2023 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

Planning Office  
Town of Skowhegan  
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Planning Board  
Phone: (207) 474-6904

## Annual Report for 2023

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 maintain 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 meets twice a month, the second meeting being necessary for all the new projects taking place in town and the work on the comprehensive plan. We expect work on the new Comprehensive Plan to continue into 2024, 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 believe are in the best interest of the town.

Many 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.
- Many Solar Farm Projects
- The New Balance Expansion.
- The SAPPI Expansion
- The Spinning Mill project on the island.
- The new Elementary School.
- 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.

The Planning Board has seen some turnover in its members over the last year. Stephen Gould, Steve St. Pierre, and Matt Smith each stepped aside making room for some new members. We thank them for their years of service to the town as Planning Board Members. At present the Planning Board Members included: Steve Conley (Chairman), Derek Chretien (Vice Chairman), Jeff McCabe (Secretary), Dan Luce, Harvey Austin, Andrew Thorpe, and Randall Franck. We have also added Anjanette McFarlin and Adrian Sincyr as alternate Planning Board members to fill in as needed.

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](mailto:4pastorconley@gmail.com)

Respectfully Submitted,

***Steve Conley***

Steve Conley  
Skowhegan Planning Board Chairman

# 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 2021 - 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

To: The Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan

Completion of the Phase 3.6 combined sewer overflow abatement project was delayed again this year as we continue to see labor and material shortages and rapidly rising costs in nearly every sector of the economy. We anticipate putting Phase 3.6 back out to bid in 2023.

Concerns about the presence of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in wastewater sludge led to the passage of LD 1911 by the Maine Legislature in April, banning the land application of any sludge-derived product. This effectively ended the Town's composting program and forced us to start disposing of our sludge at the Crossroads Landfill in Norridgewock. The enactment of the ban just prior to when we would ordinarily be land-applying compost that had been produced over the winter left us with several hundred tons of raw sludge and finished compost that will have to be landfilled at considerable expense to the Town.

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*

Solid Waste Management Supervisor

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 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. 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 2023 and beyond. Increased recycling efforts will help to keep disposal costs down which in turn will help keep our local taxes down.

Starting this year, there will be a new Solid Waste/ Recycling Supervisor on site full-time. They will be available to answer any questions or concerns. They will also be offering recycling education instruction to area schools, groups, small businesses and individuals. Anyone interested in this recycling education program should contact Cynthia Kirk at 474-6918.

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 7,659.8 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 6,587.6 tons of MSW, 778.4 tons of construction debris and 293.8 tons of wood waste.

We are continuing to offset costs of disposal through our great recycling program. By June 2023 we will have processed over 548 tons of cardboard, 57 tons of mixed paper, 24 tons of newspaper, 188 tons of metal and over 15 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 26 tons of material. There are some areas of focus in our efforts for 2023 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 for 2024-2025 will be available for sale this coming October. They will be valid from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. The cost of a permit sticker is \$10 each and will be 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

**Director, Jeff Hewett**  
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**Secretary, Renee Belliveau**  
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**Office of Economic & Community Development**  
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**To the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan:**

2022 has been a very busy year for the office.

Some of the other projects that we have been working with range from continuing the local Façade Grant to improvements to the Northgate Industrial park building.

We continued working with the 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 have been working hard to find contractors and hope to be underway soon.

The office was also able to help one elderly household replace their roof 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 doing improvements to the building in Northgate Industrial building. SEDC has approved working with businesses in the building, and Efficiency Maine to install heat pumps in one of the spaces along with ramps and garage doors for another space. SEDC continues working to attract new businesses to Skowhegan, through space at Northgate, land at Southgate and other ways.

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](mailto: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. The office will continue working on needed improvements to the Municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jeff Hewett*

Director of Economic & Community Development

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



*Our mission is to provide quality programs, parks and a variety of enrichment opportunities with a professional standard of excellence that enhances the quality of life for all citizens and visitors in our community.*

### WHO WE ARE

The Parks & Recreation programs and facilities are the heart of our community. Through our programs and facilities, both youth and adults can connect with one another to enjoy safe and healthy activities and bond together to create a strong community. It is essential to personal health, key to balance human development, reduces self-destructive and anti-social behavior, builds strong families and communities, reduces health care, social service and police/justice costs, economic generator in the community and parks, open space and natural areas are essential to ecological survival.

Our department is extremely proud of all our facilities and the hundreds of 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, Renee, Mickey & Connor

### PARTICIPATION NUMBERS

In 2022 many of our programs started to really rebound from COVID as we saw a tremendous increase in participation. It is evident that we are making a difference –a significant difference- in the positioning of recreation as an essential component of the quality of life in our community.

2022 Total Community Center Youth & Adult Facility Usage 11,455; Which only includes Community Center Memberships (Walking, Exercise Room & Open Gym Usage). Offering of over 100 Seasonal Programs & Registered Program Participates 4,200.

### HIGHLIGHTS

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 of Maine Emergency Performance Grant recipient. (Generator for Community Center)
- \* Full Plate Full Potential Grant recipient. (Summer Food program incentive program for kids)
- \* State Land & Water Conservation Grant recipient. \$330,000 for future ballfield & amenity expansion.
- \* New Balance \$200,000 donation in support of future athletic complex development.
- \* Maine Municipal Snowmobile Grant to assist the Skowhegan Snow-Hawks for ITS 87 Trail maintenance
- \*Track & Field Program– 70 Youths which is the highest registrations.
- \*Hosted 4 Basketball Tournament-Gr. 3/4 , Gr. 5/6 Girls & Boys
- \*Successful Grade 7/8 Basketball Program & Scrimmages
- \*Hosted Tackle Football Tournament-15 Teams
- \*Summer Food Program Grant Served 7,500 youth meals
- \*Successful Youth Wrestling Programs with an increase in numbers and created a new girls wrestling program.
- \* Hosted a successful Pickleball Tournament
- \*New Infield Drag
- \*New Partnerships for increased facility and program development.
- \*Adventure Camp success and participation numbers.
- \*Indoor Soccer additional program due to a lot of interest.
- \*Successful Holiday Events & special events.
- \*Pickleball participation increase.
- \*Senior/Adult mystery lunches increase in participation.
- \*School Vacation Camps-high participation numbers.
- \* ...and much more!

# 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 that assist with trail maintenance (community individuals and school students & teachers)



# CAMPS

We offer fall, winter, spring and summer break camps and programs which are very popular and well attended. 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!



# VOLUNTEERS/PARTNERS

Our work over the past year also highlighted the importance of volunteerism – the back bone of recreation delivery system. The commitments of our volunteers will result in a stronger community that contributes to healthy sustainable place.

Thank you to our partners that made many of our improvements



# THINGS PLANNED FOR 2022

2023 is already shaping up to be a great year!

Our yearly programs, classes, sports and activities have begun and looking forward to a successful year for our community youths & adults.

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 hard on the future multi-purpose athletic complex expansion project.

# CONNECT WITH US!



Skowhegan Parks & Recreation Department



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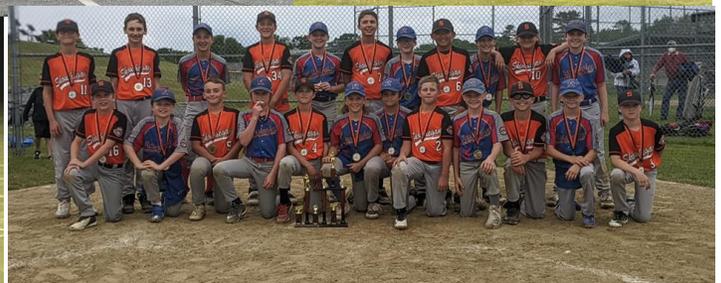


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# MAKING LIFETIME MEMORIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY



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# Town of Skowhegan Skowhegan Opera House

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Dear Skowhegan Residents;

The events that take place at the Opera House not only bring entertainment to the area, but also bring additional business for local merchants. The local restaurants, motels, bars and shops benefit when people from out of town come to see a show at the Opera House.

The Opera House is in need of upgrades in order to keep it operating. Some of these renovations include new stage lighting, backstage restrooms, more changing rooms and more public restrooms. These renovations are likely to cost several million dollars, and take several years to complete. The Opera House Committee and I have big plans to bring the Opera House up to par and draw in new, bigger and better shows.

The Friends of the Skowhegan Opera House, a Wes Arts Committee, has been working hard to raise funds. With grant funds that they obtained we were able to purchase new stage lighting. However, before the rigging for those lights can be installed, we must have some structural work done on this historic building.

I am committed to doing as much fundraising as possible to keep the impact on the taxpayers to a minimum. I want to thank all of you who have made contributions, and the many others who have come forward with fund-raising ideas. In these hard financial times, any and all donations are much appreciated. I look forward to continued success and many more shows at the Skowhegan Opera House.

Sincerely,

*Cara L. Mason*

Cara L. Mason  
Executive Secretary / Opera House Manager

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**Cemetery Report  
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022**

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

**The Cemetery Committee met six times: December 16, 2021, January 20, 2022, March 17, 2022, April 8, 2022, April 29, 2022 and June 2, 2022.**

**The Committee members during this period of time consisted of Melvin Burnham, Chairman; Gene Rouse; Mary Lou Holden-Mollerus; 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 2022**

<b>Water</b>	<b>\$ 671.84</b>
<b>Electricity</b>	<b>\$ 218.81</b>
<b>Sexton Salary</b>	<b>\$ 86,700.00</b>
<b>Tree Cutting</b>	<b>\$ 1,250.00</b>
<b>Repair &amp; Maint.</b>	<b>\$ 1,929.51</b>
<b>Catholic Cemetery</b>	<b>\$ 915.60</b>
<b>Cemetery Web Site</b>	<b>\$ 1,980.00</b>
<b>Monument Recons.</b>	<b>\$ 21,650.00</b>

**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, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022**

Receipts

Town of Skowhegan	91,557.50
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Expenditures

Wages paid	27,440.63
FICA, State, Federal, and Unemployment On Employees	5,519.15
Gas and oil	8,566.95
Supplies, parts and repairs	8,553.64
Insurance	6,438.07
Registration and Excise Tax on vehicles	951.54
Office supplies	4,023.05
Equipment (lawn mowers, trimmers, etc.)	6,315.52
Loam/Cement	<u>858.00</u>
	68,666.55

Total Receipts	91,557.50
Total Expenditures	<u>68,666.55</u>
	22,890.95

Mark D. Bossie







**To: Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Skowhegan**  
**From: Skowhegan River Park Committee (formerly Run of River)**  
**Re: Skowhegan River Park update, July 2021 – June 2022**

**River Park Committee**

The Skowhegan River Park (also known as Run of River) will redevelop an industrial downtown river corridor into an accessible outdoor recreation asset with an expanded trail network and enhanced whitewater. The river park will not only benefit community members through improved river access and free recreation opportunities, but it will also bolster the regional economy by attracting visitors, businesses, and new residents.

>>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

>>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 Wisner, whitewater paddler, Redington-Fairview General Hospital Physical Therapist

River revitalization projects and whitewater parks are proven tools for economic development, as evidenced by many other parks around the U.S. Documented annual economic impacts at other parks are as high as \$19.4 million. Learn more at [SkowheganRiverPark.com](http://SkowheganRiverPark.com).

From July 2021 to June 2022, we accomplished the following:

- RAISED \$2 MILLION for the riverfront promenade, viewing areas, and stairs from the downtown into the river—part of the greater vision for the river park that includes riverfront development and onshore improvements.
- Applied for a \$4.89 million Travel & Tourism Grant from the Economic Development Administration (spoiler alert – we were officially awarded this grant in August 2022!)
- Officially changed the name of the project from Run of River to Skowhegan River Park, which better represents the greater vision.
- Submitted the project's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) permit application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in June 2022.
- Continued to work 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 prepare for and coordinate permitting.
- Met with state and federal permitting agencies to coordinate permitting process.
- 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 funding for the river park via River Fest sponsorships.



Jason Finley  
Chairman  
207-474-6911

**Skowhegan Sidewalk Committee**  
*Established 1994*

**Committee Members:**

**Jason Finley**

Chairman

**Harold Bigelow**

Selectman

**Steve Govoni**

Selectman

**Denise LeBlanc**

Recreation Department

**Darryl White**

**Richard Irwin**

**Jen Olsen**

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 2023 paving year.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Length</b>
	Norridgewock Avenue	1,848'
	Cedar Street	660'
	Pine Street	400'
	Prospect Street	1,200'
	Fairview Avenue	1740'
	Dane Avenue	605'
	Jewett Street	1,350'
	Main Street	2,900'
	Water Street	2,310'

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 about the sidewalks, please feel free to contact me at 474-6911 or any committee member.

Sincerely,

*Jason Finley*

Jason Finley  
Chairman



## *Skowhegan Conservation Commission*

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

The Conservation Commission is happy to continue our goal of supporting our local students and our community. We have continued to work with Skowhegan MainStreet, Lake George Regional Park, and the Skowhegan Trail's Committee, and several projects are looking to re-commence this spring including more tree planting within the town and trail work.

Phase 2 of the Whitten Brook project is moving forward nicely with applying for the necessary grants as well as working with the Skowhegan Highway department and Jen Jespersen of Eco-Instincts. We will be planning an educational event soon to provide important information about Whitten Brook and how everyone can help to protect this precious area in our town.

The Conservation Commission collaborated with the Skowhegan Rotary Club and the Lion's Club to purchase 20+ trees and bushes and plant them throughout the town. We are also looking forward to purchasing more this coming year as well. If anyone notices a nice location within the town that could use a new tree or bush, please feel free to contact us.

The Conservation Commission is still looking for additional members and volunteers willing to help with tree planting, water monitoring and trail work. If you are interested in the natural spaces in our town, please come and join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact one of our members or Cynthia Kirk in the town office.

**Members serving on the Skowhegan Conservation Commission in 2022-2023 are listed below:**

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

Respectfully Submitted

*Tristen J. Hinkle*

Tristen J. Hinkle  
Chairman

# **SKOWHEGAN HERITAGE COUNCIL**



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

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan,

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Abner Coburn Day event was held on March 22, 2023 at the Skowhegan Free Public Library.

The Heritage Council revived the Boston Post Cane award in 2018, and we have awarded the cane twice since then. Irene Dumont, now 105 years old, continues to be our oldest citizen and holder of Skowhegan's Boston Post cane.

The Heritage Council has been holding 15–20-minute show and tell programs at our monthly meetings. 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 on Channel 11, 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**

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## 2022 Sheriff's Office Annual Report



Dale P. Lancaster  
Sheriff

On January 1, 2023, I began my third term as your Sheriff. I want to thank everyone for your continued support. It is an honor to serve the residents of Somerset County. The Office of 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 continue to serve as President of the Maine Sheriff's Association. I continue my appointment to the Board of Directors for the New England State Police Information Network. I also sit on the newly formed Statewide County Corrections Professional Standards Council.

The U.S. Government has declared that Covid-19 is no longer a pandemic. We continue to work through the residual effects of the pandemic on a daily basis. This has been a challenging year hiring and retaining men and women to work as Deputies and Corrections Officers. In 2023, the Sheriff's Office is expecting to become MLEAP accredited, a State of Maine accreditation program that certifies our Agency is working from recognized policies and procedures governing best practices in law enforcement.

### Law Enforcement

The Patrol division is comprised of 11 Patrol Deputies and 3 Sergeants. Through funding from the State of Maine, we have 2 Deputies dedicated to patrolling the unorganized townships. Presently, those positions are vacant, and we are searching for qualified candidates. The Patrol division is overseen by a Lieutenant. The Criminal 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 Criminal division. The Patrol division has 2 trained drug recognition experts. The Sheriff's Office has 2 canines, a canine assigned to each division.

The Sheriff's Office assigns 1 Deputy per shift to patrol the Town of Madison. We have a Secretary/Dispatcher assigned to Madison, and an SRO position that is currently not filled.

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office had 1 Deputy (Deputy Stacey Slate) graduate from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Throughout 2022, 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 a significant 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 2022, the Crimes Against Persons Detective investigated 27 sex crimes. 17 of those cases involved child sexual abuse where forensic interviewing was utilized. Detective Jeremy Leal is a Children's Advocacy Center forensic interviewer. As a result 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. 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 15 years old. With the use of funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, we anticipate that the Jail bond will be paid off within 2 years. 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 2022, the Somerset County Jail had 1,057 total



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## SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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bookings, a 26% increase from 2021. We are 1 of only a couple Jails in the United States that are part of a pilot program distributing Sublocade to inmates who identify with an opioid use disorder. We continue to partner with Redington-Fairview General Hospital and their Pathways to Recovery opioid response implementation grant consortium. The Jail continues implementation of a new inmate telephone system and Jail management system through Securus. Inmates are now issued individual tablets as part of the Securus contract.

Recruitment and hiring initiatives continue to be ongoing. Starting Corrections Officer wages were recently adjusted to \$20.23 per hour in an effort to be more competitive throughout the local economy. Presently, the Jail has 10 openings for Corrections Officers.

### Civil Process

In 2022, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 1,912 papers to process and serve. That is a 12% increase from 2021.

**To: Members of the Select Board and Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan**  
**From: Main Street Skowhegan; Kristina Cannon, Executive Director**  
**RE: 2021-22 Update (Reporting Period: 7/1/21 through 6/30/22)**

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 updates from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:



### **SUPPORTED BUSINESSES & ENTREPRENEURS** *SkowheganEntrepreneurship.com*

1. **Opened the Skowhegan Center for Entrepreneurship on April 11, 2022.** Business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs of all ages can seek resources and assistance with starting and growing a business. The Center also offers space for coworking, meetings, and community gatherings.
2. **Awarded \$3,875 in Technical Assistance Grant funding to five local businesses in June 2022;** total TA grant funding awarded to date is \$30,125 to 41 businesses.
3. **Hired a dedicated Business Relations Manager, Patric Moore,** to manage the Center for Entrepreneurship, facilitate Business Lab & Pitch Competitions, coordinate workshops, and connect entrepreneurs to resources.
4. **Coordinated the annual Skowhegan #ShopSmall Week,** a shop-local event at the end of November.



*Ribbon cutting at our new Skowhegan Center for Entrepreneurship!*

### **INVESTED IN OUR FUTURE** *SkowheganRiverPark.com / BuildSkowhegan.com*

1. **Awarded \$2 million for riverfront development, including a downtown promenade, viewing areas, and river access!** This is just one major grant the Skowhegan River Park was awarded in calendar year 2022—we drafted the grant for the Town’s successful application for **\$4.89 million from the Economic Development Administration (awarded Aug. 2022).** As match for the EDA grant, MSS committed \$200,000 to the project.
2. Continued to lead project management efforts for the Skowhegan River Park; worked with the project team to **submit the environmental permit application to the Army Corps of Engineers in June 2022.**
3. **Transformed the downtown riverside parking lot into a welcoming public gathering and event space;** this project showcases the potential for future riverfront development in downtown Skowhegan.
4. **Painted crosswalks in downtown Skowhegan to help draw attention to pedestrians** and slow traffic.



*Ben Koehler leads a whitewater kayak clinic in Skowhegan.*

## PRIORITIZED OUTDOOR RECREATION AS A TOOL FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

[SkowheganOutdoors.com](http://SkowheganOutdoors.com)

1. **Hosted more than 150 FREE outdoor recreation activities, workshops, and trainings** for local families as part of our Skowhegan Outdoors AmeriCorps Program. We annually invest \$200,000 in this community program.
2. **Added mountain bikes and inflatable kayaks to our growing gear library, now at 180+ items!** Stop by our new location at 65 Water Street to borrow FREE equipment for your next adventure!
3. **Hired Skowhegan Outdoors Program Coordinator, Ben Koehler,** to serve as the team lead for our great group of Outdoor Rec Facilitators.

## PROMOTED SKOWHEGAN & BOLSTERED COMMUNITY PRIDE [VisitSkowhegan.com](http://VisitSkowhegan.com)

1. **Hosted 2,000 attendees—including visitors from all over Maine and as far away as the Midwest—at Skijor Skowhegan** in February 2022 at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds.
2. Coordinated socially distanced outdoor **events and festivals** throughout the year, including Dinner in the Park, the Skowhegan Craft Brew Festival, and a SKOW-Whoville scavenger hunt.
3. **Welcomed 300 attendees of the Build Maine Conference to Skowhegan** in June 2022. MSS coordinated local logistics and worked with the conference planning committee to promote our local businesses.
4. **Continued to promote Skowhegan via VisitSkowhegan.com** and distribution of the printed Skowhegan Visitors' Guide and monthly emails.
5. **Helped fund MainStreetMaine.org, a tourist-focused website** that offers information about the state's historic Main Street communities, including Skowhegan.
6. **Maintained the Triangle Garden, adding to the beauty of downtown.** Many thanks to our steadfast group of garden volunteers!
7. **Finalized the Kennebec on Fire installation and hosted the first lighting ceremony.** Stay tuned for more of these!



*Spectators watch competitors race during Skijor Skowhegan '22.*

**Please visit [MainStreetSkowhegan.org](http://MainStreetSkowhegan.org) or any of the URLs above for more information or to get involved.**



# Skowhegan Free Public Library

The Skowhegan Free Public Library has finally seen a more “normal” year after the last couple of years of dealing with the COVID pandemic. We had 10,139 visitors inside the library--which is nearly a 65% increase over last year. We checked out a total of 25,274 items and had 2066 computer users. The library ran 120 in-person programs. These programs consisted of STEM projects, Coding Clubs, Storytimes, book clubs, summer reading challenges, puppet shows, author visits, guest speakers, craft workshops, and more. We were also fortunate this year to begin offering telehealth services thanks to a grant from the Maine State Library. We were one of 9 libraries in the state that were chosen to pilot this program. The equipment was installed in March of 2022, and the library had 31 telehealth visits in total that year.

This past year the library also had some staff celebrations. The Maine Library Association recognized our Director, Angie Herrick, as the 2022 Librarian of Year. The Technology Librarian, Josie Pease, graduated in May 2022 with her Masters in Library Science from Wayne State University, and Francoise Labonte retired after 42 years of service to the library. She was given a beautiful reception and a bench was placed in front of the library and dedicated in her honor.

Multiple projects were completed in 2022. A custom-built circulation desk was installed in the children’s library. Wi-Fi boosters were installed to extend the reach of our current Wi-Fi. This enables users outside the building to better utilize our open internet connection. The Skowhegan Fire Department came and did a walk through and the library was out of code on a few areas. We have since installed strobe lighting and pull stations on each floor, as well as emergency lights, and illuminated exit signs where they were missing. The staff was also able to complete an inventory and weeding of the entire library collection (approximately 26,000 items).

The library staff and volunteers completed a few different trainings. Angie Herrick completed an ALA accredited class, Public Library Director Crash Course and the entire staff and volunteer worked with Redington Fairview General Hospital to become certified in Mental Health First Aid.

A snapshot of our 2021 library statistics:

Library Visits	10,139	Reference Questions	188
Active Card Holders	2,272	Programs	120
Total Circulation	25,274	Telehealth Appointments	31
Computer Usage	2066	Visits to our Website and FB Page	22,018

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

# COBURN PARK COMMISSION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

December 21, 2022

Balance checking account as of 12/31/21 \$2,499.07

### Receipts

Town of Skowhegan	\$11,000.00	
Columbia account	11,000.00	
Concerts in the Park		
Skowhegan Grant	\$1,000.00	
Concert cancellations (rain)	200.00	
Concert donations - Wesserrunset Arts	<u>532.05</u>	1,732.05
SSB interest		1.48
Wm. Philbrick trust account		0.00
Gazebo rental		850.00
Donation	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>25,583.53</u>
Total receipts		28,082.60

### Expenditures

Care of grounds/Mowing/Spring Cleanup		5,000.00
Care of grounds/Caretaker		4,610.00
Concerts in the Park		1,150.00
Equipment rental		1,100.00
Insurance		968.00
Maintenance		
Tree cutting	2700.00	
Fountain	<u>638.96</u>	3,338.96
Materials		5,961.71
Miscellaneous		
Secretary of State	35.00	
Postage	23.60	
Refund Gazebo rentals	100.00	
Bank fees/checks	<u>43.69</u>	202.29
Utilities		<u>1,679.01</u>
		<u>24,009.97</u>

Balance checking account as of 12/21/22 \$4,072.63

David D. Barter, Treasurer

**HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM, Inc.**  
(DBA: Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center)

March 30, 2023

**To the Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan,**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center, thank you 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, activities, and exhibits. Seasonally, we offer guided House and Museum tours to local, regional, state-wide, national, and international visitors. We offer assistance to genealogists seeking family histories, town officials seeking historic photos and information, and academic researchers who are interested in our vast local history collections for information on early settlers and early 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 homestead 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 support** from Skowhegan citizens, dedicated funds from the Bloomfield Academy Trustees, revenues generated from our Society memberships, research fees, private donations, our Annual Appeal, and door receipts. With 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** lack of on-site space for appropriate archival box storage. HH Board members are working closely with Bloomfield Trustees and Bloomfield Academy committee members to establish a repository at the Bloomfield Academy building for a History House archival box storage space. This relocation will open up space in the museum and house to create new 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 and a student intern continue to increase, like those expenses of other institutions and businesses. Board members continually search for dedicated volunteers, partnerships, and grants, as well as additional memberships and donations to help fund staff wages, operational costs, collection protection measures, the Student Intern Program, and program development.

**2022 Projects & Events**

**New signage** for the wigwam exhibit and the 1880 Colburn Woolen Mill granite transom were installed this past spring.

**Two environmental upgrades** were made at History House thanks to funding from the Bloomfield Academy Trust. We installed heat pumps to provide cool air and lower humidity levels during hot summer weather; and during off-season, provide warmth for staff/volunteers working on museum cataloging projects and for visitors doing research.

**The second upgrade** related to lowering humidity levels, was applying spray foam to seal the heavy plastic sheet in the Museum crawl space to the interior granite walls. This satisfies recommendations made in both federal 2012 and 2018 CAP Grant building assessments.

**Mel Burnham**, well known former History House Curator, Director and community historic guide assumed the interim Curator position from June through August. He put the museum room back in order after the HVAC system installation, trained a new student intern, and provided a tutorial for volunteers to learn how to check archival box items cataloged in the Past Perfect digital program. He was responsible for tours and other day-to-day functions, created several new exhibits, and revised policy for incoming donations.

**The goal for a Davis Family Foundation** funded Native Voices Lecture Series was to offer our extended communities an opportunity to increase recognition and appreciation for Native Peoples who have lived throughout Maine for thousands of years. The once a month lectures launched on April, 2022 and concluded in October, 2022. Each Wabanaki presenter provided exposure to history not traditionally taught. Each explored some aspect of native heritage, culture, ancestral territory, language-connected-to place, oral histories, and much more - all from a Native point of view. A Google Survey outcome report rated presenters as 100% well informed with an overall satisfaction rating of 73.5 outstanding; 23.5 very satisfied, and 3% satisfied.

**We gratefully thank** the following businesses for their donated services: Randy Frank for plumbing services, Steve Dionne for carpentry work, S&K Heating for heating oil, and Rick Martell for electrical services. We thank Hight Chevrolet Buick and Ford dealerships, Franklin Savings Bank, Wentworth Partners & Associates, Inc., Pat & Norman Dickey, along with other private citizens and businesses who wish to remain anonymous for their continued partnerships and donations. These donors enable the Board to fund the Student Intern program and meet goals to renew and refresh the appeal of History House in this ever-changing world.

**We are thankful** for the loyal core of supporters who give their time and energy as volunteers at History House. Their invaluable help includes providing guided tours, collection protection measures, special project tasks, technology support, genealogical research, cataloguing, as well as landscape and garden maintenance. Thank you volunteers, we could not function without you.

**History House was open** in the 2022 season – with CDC restrictions in place (masking, social distance, and appointments for in-house and outdoor tours). We mailed out summer and winter History House Society newsletters, made plans to move archival boxes to the Bloomfield Academy Building repository, and offered a Wabanaki lecture series. We remain hopeful that the 2023 season will be less restrictive with interesting programs, new exhibits, and a new curator.

**We plan to search for a new Curator in** the spring and expect that he/she will be available in early June to give tours, assist researchers, oversee the collections, provide oversight for the Student Intern and volunteers, and perform other duties as defined by the Board of Trustees and its goals and objectives. We are pleased to report that the Student Intern will return for the 2023 season.

**As always, we invite** you to visit the History House when we reopen in early June'23. You will be able to research your family history in person, participate in our Oral History Program, enjoy new exhibits, a House/Museum tour, and/or attend a program or Speaker Event. Our spring Heirloom gardens will be in full bloom and two of our outdoor exhibits will be refurbished. The overlook view of the Kennebec River will be as beautiful as ever.

**We extend** an invitation to anyone who enjoys preserving history to explore the benefits of joining our team of committed volunteers.

Sincerely,

Patricia Horine, President  
House Board of Trustees



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**To: Members of the Select Board and Citizens of the Town of Skowhegan**

**From: Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce**

**RE: July 2023-June 2024 Funding Request**

### **The Mission**

The Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit entity serving surrounding business members, townspeople and community initiatives through collaboration with neighboring organizations and individuals who aspire to build our region. Our mission is to support, promote and attract business for the advancement of our region. With a focus on long-term sustainability and business growth, we focus on regional projects and objectives that help bring new businesses and additional people to our region. Attributing to our non-profitability, we acquire most of our income through membership dues, where the mass of these funds go directly back into programming for our members. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting \$35,000 from the Town of Skowhegan. We make this increased funding request to ensure the continued implementation of support that our business members require and expect from a Chamber of Commerce, including expanded programming, events, advocacy and education.

### **Leadership Team**

We currently possess an invigorated Board of Directors; Luke York (President), Dan Tilton (Vice President), Jennifer Hight (Treasurer), Bayley Hayden (Secretary), Kayla Bess, Bethany Shalit, Samuel Hight, Ryan Rutledge and Reid Gibson. The Chamber also employs a Membership and Events Coordinator, Julia Turner. With this team, we understand the importance of the Chamber's role, and we encourage positive business change to help support the ultimate goal - to better promote and support our regional business community.



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## **Forward Movement**

The Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce began 2023 with several exciting occasions, including welcoming Executive Director Hailey Howard. Since January, the Chamber has on-boarded nine new business members. In addition, the Chamber has held five successful events, including one recent business ribbon-cutting ceremony in the Skowhegan region. The Chamber will continue to host community events to promote our area, including:

- Small Business Meet-Up Series; Co-hosted with Skowhegan Center for Entrepreneurship
- Business After Hours
- Legislative Breakfast
- Moonlight Madness and Golf Tournament in conjunction with River Fest
- Annual Awards Banquet
- Projected return of Festival of Trees

With this, the Chamber is in a distinguished position to represent, support and help develop new and existing businesses in the Skowhegan region.

## **Community Involvement**

The Chamber thrives on the support of our community, our members and other economic development agencies. Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation, Somerset Economic Development Corporation, Main Street Skowhegan and the Town of Skowhegan are significant assets to the Chamber's continued success. The Chamber is confident that by continuing growth within our membership, committees, board of directors and initiatives, we can continue serving our entire region - businesses, members, neighbors, volunteers and the greater public.

We want to thank you for your continued support in providing a better place to live and work in the Skowhegan region.

## Consolidated Annual Summary Report (2022) and Goals (2023)



January 30, 2023

Dear Citizens of Skowhegan and Canaan,

The Park has maintained course with its plan for new and improved supporting facilities, goals for increasing year round use of the Park, addressing deferred maintenance on key assets and operational self sufficiency, the Park is now in the planning and permitting phase for major construction. LGRP also continues to prioritize maintaining and building strategic alliances with key community organizations and individuals.

Delays at the Federal level pushed approval of the LWCF project plan to November 2022. It is now anticipated that project planning and permitting will occur through the winter of 22-23 and into Spring 2023. Requests for proposals will follow the permitting process for the various construction projects in the Park's plan designated for "Phase I.

### Lake George Regional Park

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Manager

#### Board of Directors:

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##### Skowhegan-

JP Kennedy, President

Anna Chugay

Daniel Dickey

Michael Spooner

#### Plan of Operation

- Lake George Corporation (LGRP); 501C-3 #FEIN #01-0477896
- Board of Directors ; Director; Park Resource Manager; Staff, TD4 Workforce Volunteers
- 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 2022:

- Community Clean Up Weekend
- Ongoing trail & grounds maintenance
- New swim platform Lake George West
- New band stand/stage, Island - Lake George West
- Trail Addition: new "Forest Trail" for youth
- Purchase of paddle craft fleet for boat rentals
- Full park winter grooming and ice rink clearing
- Painted both bath-house exteriors on East and West sides of the Park

#### Interaction with Bureau of Parks and Lands

Annual meeting with BPL occurred in November 2022; BPL representative is assisting with the Social Hall construction committee; BPL was the sponsor and applicant on behalf of LGRP for the 2021 LWCF grant application.

#### Key Goals for 2023 (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 storyboard installation on 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
- Establish a certified swim lesson program and a program to develop local lifeguards
- Work with Somerset Public Health & Skowhegan Outdoors to bring health awareness and health activity opportunities to Park goers and campers
- Collaborate with local agencies such as Skowhegan Parks & Rec, KVCAP, REACH, SCTC and others
- 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)
- Facilitate selective forest harvesting of hazardous trees
- Facilitate Somerset Snowfest and Maine’s Garlic Festival
- Fill the open Board of Directors position with a Skowhegan resident

The Park remains committed to increased activity programming in an effort to help bring about positive change relative to the health and vibrancy of the regional community. At present time, the Park relies on collaboration with multiple local agencies in order to improve programming for the public benefit.

Despite various delays, the Park is still on course for the forthcoming renovation projects. Once permitting is complete it is fully anticipated that construction on the Social Hall will begin in 2023 and the other LWCF projects will follow in due course. For projects outside the realm of the LWCF award, the Park will continue to fundraise and will address in order based on fundraising success.

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.

In service,



Darryll White, Director



JP Kennedy, President, Board of Directors



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Many of you are aware Somerset Woods Trustees owns and manages a number of parcels in Skowhegan. They represent a lot of potential recreation value for our community. These lands also provide habitat for birds and wildlife and help to protect water quality. Most of our lands are open for hunting and fishing.

Somerset Woods is a land conservancy founded in 1927 by Louise Coburn of Skowhegan. We have a mission to conserve land and manage it for public good, which we do in a variety of ways. In Skowhegan, we provide the Cleaver Landing boat launch (leased to the state), the Kennebec Banks picnic area and the land along Route 2 between Cleaver Landing and Coburn Park. On the southside, we lease to the Town of Skowhegan the land for the ballfield and playground, Debe trail and the Philbrick trail system. Other Skowhegan properties include the Parsons Family Preserve, home of our pollinator habitat and native plants restoration project on the Malbons Mills Road, the Wesserunett Stream Preserve off Robin Court, and the extensive hiking and biking trail network at Coburn Woods and Taylor Field between Russell Road and Norridgewock Ave.



Our aim for all our properties in Skowhegan is for them to become ever more integrated into the community: for recreation, nature exploration and study, story walks, or simply going out for a stroll. Come out and explore. And, volunteer with us in developing the trails and programs you want to see.

As you go out to explore any of our properties, if you have ideas, let us know. The Somerset Woods office is at the Hilton law office in Madison just across Weston Ave. from the

Madison town office. But, we have a presence at Wright & Mills on Water St. in Skowhegan. Or call us at 696.3800 (Ernie); 679.7306 (Jennifer). We'd love to hear from you.

For trail maps, property and program information, and volunteer opportunities, visit our web site at [www.SomersetWoodsTrustees.org](http://www.SomersetWoodsTrustees.org). You will also find Somerset Woods Trustees on Facebook and Instagram.

Jack Gibson  
President

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Jennifer Brockway  
Executive Director



**TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN, MAINE**  
**ANNUAL**  
**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
June 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.  
*Municipal Building - Opera House*  
**AND**  
**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION**  
June 13, 2023 from 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
*Municipal Building - Council Room*

Somerset, ss.

To David Bucknam, Constable of the Town of Skowhegan, Maine in the County of Somerset:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Skowhegan in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the **Opera House in the Skowhegan Municipal Building**, in said Town on **Monday, the twelfth day of June, A.D., 2023 at seven o'clock in the evening**, to transact all business as herein enumerated in the articles of the Town Warrant.

And, to notify and warn said voters to meet in the **Council Room in the Skowhegan Municipal Building** in said Town, on **Tuesday, the thirteenth day of June, A.D., 2023**, then and there to act upon Article 2 by secret ballot as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from **7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2.** To choose, by ballot, the following Town Officials, namely, One Selectmen, for three-year term; One Assessor, for a three-year term; One Overseer of the Poor, for a three-year term; and Four Directors of RSU54/SAD54, for three-year terms.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,265,924.00 for General Government.

<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Committee</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Finance Department	\$723,506.00	7/0	\$723,506.00	5/0
Municipal Building Maintenance	\$155,766.00	7/0	\$155,766.00	5/0
Assessing	\$129,252.00	7/0	\$129,252.00	5/0
Town Manager	\$333,608.00	4/3	\$333,608.00	4/1
Planning & Ordinance Administration	\$34,626.00	7/0	\$34,626.00	5/0
Code Enforcement	\$192,741.00	7/0	\$192,741.00	5/0
Employee Benefits	\$266,480.00	7/0	\$266,480.00	5/0
Town Insurances	\$227,102.00	7/0	\$227,102.00	5/0
Economic & Community Development	\$202,843.00	7/0	\$202,843.00	5/0
<b>General Government Total</b>	<b>\$2,265,924.00</b>		<b>\$2,265,924.00</b>	

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,514,512.00 for Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommend passage of this article)

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,687,726.00 for Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,100.00 for Public Safety Building. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$598,975.00 for Other Protection. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,464.00 for Health and Human services.

<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Committee</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>Votes</b>
General Assistance	\$96,172.00	7/0	\$96,172.00	5/0
Health Department	\$1,292.00	7/0	\$1,292.00	5/0
<b>General Assistance/Health Dept. Total</b>	<b>\$97,464.00</b>		<b>\$97,464.00</b>	

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$832,469.00 for Waste Water and Pollution Control. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,146,081.00 for Solid Waste and Recycling. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$707,741.00 for Public Works – Summer Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$918,812.00 for Public Works – Winter Roads Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$332,000.00 for Public Works – Vehicle Maintenance. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,087.00 for the care of cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700,517.00 for Parks and Recreation. (The Selectmen with a 4/0/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,198,058.00 for Capital Expenditures/Debt Retirement. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$238,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Pollution Control Plant. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Recreation Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$137,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Municipal Building. (The Selectmen with a 4/0/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Opera House. (The Selectmen with a 4/0/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Solid Waste Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$167,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Police Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Equipment. (The Selectmen with a 4/0/1 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,355,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Roads and Sidewalks. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the town will vote to accept and carry forward, in a separate account, sums that may be received from the State Department of Transportation Local Road Assistance Program estimated at \$148,208.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend the amounts voted in Articles 24 and 25 from the Capital Improvement Program/Public Works Roads and Sidewalks account for the town's share of the following proposed projects: Paving/work planned for Rowe Road, Oak Pond Road, Bungalow Street, Cedar Street, Chamberlain Street, Dane Avenue, East Chandler Street, Mary Street, Parlin Street, Pine Street, Pooler Avenue, Prospect Street and St. Mark Street. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$279,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Fire Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Emergency Management. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Administration. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Assessing. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Economic & Community Development. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Cemeteries. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,500.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for the Planning Department. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Public Works Buildings. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 6/1 vote recommends passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Capital Expenditures/Capital Reserve Funds for Street Lights. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

*Note: Organizations were informed that although the Town of Skowhegan does not require that petitions be filed in order to request funds, it is the only way to make sure that the requested amount appears on the Warrant. The Selectmen voted on October 23, 2018 to change the signature requirement on petitions for funding requests from 10% to 5% of voters from the last gubernatorial election. 169 signatures were required for funding request petitions this year.*

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$198,000.00 for Skowhegan Free Public Library. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$198,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 4/1 vote recommend \$175,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 5/1/1 vote recommends \$198,000.00.)

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for Coburn Park Commission. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$12,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Skowhegan History House. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$10,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for Main Street Skowhegan. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$75,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$35,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote recommend \$35,000.00 and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommends \$0.00.)

**ARTICLE 41.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,225.00 for Lake George Regional Park. The Community Service Organization's request by petition is \$23,225.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend \$0.00.)

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for Family Violence Project. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$6,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend \$0.00.)

**ARTICLE 43.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,207.00 for Spectrum Generations. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$9,207.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 44.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 for Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$21,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 45.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,017.00 for Sexual Assault Crisis & Support. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$3,017.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend \$0.00.)

**ARTICLE 46.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000.00 for Skowhegan Community Food Cupboard. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$18,000.00. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,700.00 for KVCAP Transportation Services. The Human Service Agency's request by petition is \$3,700.00. The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 48.** To see if the Town will vote to apply FY 2024 operational revenues in the amount of \$2,795,351.00 to offset the FY 2024 appropriations. (The Selectmen with a 5/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 7/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 49.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount from undesignated fund balance, not to exceed \$1,407,895.92 to reduce the tax commitment. (The Selectmen with a 4/0 vote and the Budget Committee with a 8/0 vote recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$10,237,922.00 established for the Town of Skowhegan by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment greater than the property tax levy limit. If all articles are approved as written, the amount of the over-ride vote will be \$1,133,041.23. (The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 51.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer an amount not to exceed 1% of the total town budget between budget categories as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2024. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 52.** To see if the Town will vote to establish September 15, 2023, or 30-days after the commitment date of taxes, whichever is later, as the date when the first installment of taxes shall be due and payable and March 15, 2024 as the date when the second installment of taxes shall be due and payable and to see if the Town will fix the rate of 8% interest to be charged on all taxes unpaid after said dates. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 53.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A to fix the rate of 4% interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 54.** To see if the Town will vote to apply as much of the yearly overlay as may be necessary to fund property tax abatements and applicable interest granted during fiscal year 2024. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 55.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, to authorize the tax collector and treasurer to accept the prepayment of taxes not yet committed. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 56.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with year-round residential taxpayers establishing a “Tax Club” payment plan for property taxes, whereby: (1) the taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the Town based on his/her estimated and actual tax obligation for current year property taxes; (2) the Town agrees not to charge interest or penalties on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement; (3) the Town authorizes the Tax Collector to accept tax club payments for current taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes; (4) the agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due dates and interest dates and rates as other taxpayers who are not participating in a tax club; (5) only taxpayers who do not have any outstanding tax obligation for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and (6) taxpayers wishing to participate in a tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter into agreement with the Town by a publicly-advertised deadline determined by the Tax Collector. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 57.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, grant funds from state government agencies, federal government agencies, or private organizations for any purpose they deem in the best interest of the Town. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 58.** To see if the Town, as the Legislative body will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen approving, applying for and accepting all Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), and to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs with the understanding that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met, all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 59.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Skowhegan Sno-Hawks Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system or network of snowmobile trails, on the condition that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem advisable, for that purpose. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 60.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by the most prudent means possible, any equipment, vehicles, furniture or other non-real estate town property that is no longer necessary to town operations. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 61.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes due thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to issue quit-claim deeds for such property. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 62.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town Treasurer, after Board of Selectmen approval, to file a waiver of automatic foreclosure at the Registry of Deeds, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944, on real estate that may be burdensome for the Town. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 63.** To see if the town will vote to accept two gifts of land from abutters of the North Side Cemetery to include as cemetery property as follows:

- a) Gift of .42 acres on the northern and western bounds of the North Side Cemetery from Carol Clukey;
- b) Gift of .05 acres on the eastern bound of the North Side Cemetery from The Towne Motel, LLC.

(The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 64.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amended Cemetery Ordinance. Last amended at Town Meeting June 13, 2016. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 65.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amended Planning Board Ordinance. Last amended at Town Meeting August 24, 2021. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**ARTICLE 66.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amended Zoning Board of Appeals Ordinance. Adopted at Town Meeting March 8, 1999. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

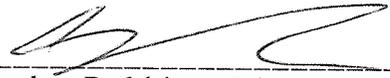
The Registrar will hold hours for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters on Thursday, June 8, 2023 and Friday, June 9, 2023 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Monday, June 12, 2023 from noon to 4:00 P.M. and from 6:00 P.M. to the close of the Town Meeting and Tuesday, June 13, 2023 from 7:00 A.M. to close of polls at 8:00 P.M.

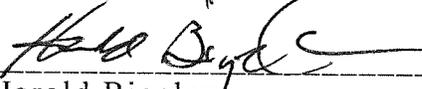
You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting in a public and conspicuous place at least seven (7) days before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and have this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place mentioned.

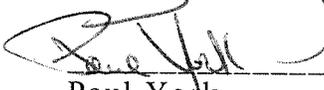
Given under our hands at Skowhegan, Maine the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

  
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Todd Smith, Chairman

  
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Charles Robbins, Vice Chairman

  
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Harold Bigelow

  
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Steven Govoni

  
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Paul York

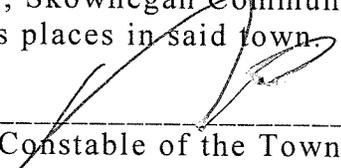
Selectmen of the Town of Skowhegan

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

Skowhegan, Maine

May 12, 2023

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at said time, place, and for the purpose therein named, by posting a copy of said warrant, attested by me at the Municipal Building, Skowhegan Community Center and Hannaford, being public and conspicuous places in said town.

  
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Constable of the Town of Skowhegan



## Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) – Dial 911

<u>If you want information</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>
Administration	Town Manager	474-6907 474-9413	<a href="mailto:calmand@skowhegan.org">calmand@skowhegan.org</a> Fax
Animal Control Officer	Samantha Hilton	474-6386	
Animal Shelter	Manager	474-6493	<a href="mailto:shsanimals.forever@yahoo.com">shsanimals.forever@yahoo.com</a>
Assessor's Department	Assessor	474-6903	<a href="mailto:lemery@skowhegan.org">lemery@skowhegan.org</a>
Bills and Accounts	Finance Officer	474-6900 858-0320	<a href="mailto:taustin@skowhegan.org">taustin@skowhegan.org</a> Fax
Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates	Town Clerk	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
Boat/Snowmobile/ATV Reg.	Town Clerk	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
Building Inspections	Inspector	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org">skowcode@skowhegan.org</a>
Chamber of Commerce	Director	474-3621	<a href="mailto:hailey@skowheganregion.com">hailey@skowheganregion.com</a>
Code Enforcement	Officer	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org">skowcode@skowhegan.org</a>
Community Center/Rec. Dept.	Director	474-6901	<a href="mailto:skowrec@skowhegan.org">skowrec@skowhegan.org</a>
Community & Economic Development	Director	474-6905	<a href="mailto:skowecon@skowhegan.org">skowecon@skowhegan.org</a>
District Court	District Court	474-9518	
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
Emergency Management	Town Manager	474-6900	<a href="mailto:calmand@skowhegan.org">calmand@skowhegan.org</a>
Fire Department	Fire Chief	474-3400	<a href="mailto:rrodrigues@skowhegan.org">rrodrigues@skowhegan.org</a>
Fire Permits	Fire Chief	474-3400	<a href="mailto:rrodrigues@skowhegan.org">rrodrigues@skowhegan.org</a>
General Assistance	Director	474-6900	<a href="mailto:rbelliveau@skowhegan.org">rbelliveau@skowhegan.org</a>
Health Officer	Tim Malyk	474-3320	
Highway Department	Road Commissioner	474-6911	<a href="mailto:skowpwd@skowhegan.org">skowpwd@skowhegan.org</a>
History House	Patricia Horine	474-6632	
Hospital	RFGH	474-5121	
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	Town Clerk	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
KVCAP	Office - Poulin Park	474-8487	
Lake George Regional Park	Park Ranger	474-1292	
Library	Angie Herrick	474-9072	
Margaret Chase Smith Library	Director	474-7133	
Main Street Skowhegan	Kristina Cannon	612-2571	
Opera House	Executive Secretary	474-6907	<a href="mailto:cmason@skowhegan.org">cmason@skowhegan.org</a>
Ordinance	Code Enforcement	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org">skowcode@skowhegan.org</a>
Passports	Executive Secretary	474-6907	<a href="mailto:cmason@skowhegan.org">cmason@skowhegan.org</a>
Planning Board	Town Planner	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowplan@skowhegan.org">skowplan@skowhegan.org</a>
Plumbing Information	Inspector	474-6904	<a href="mailto:skowcode@skowhegan.org">skowcode@skowhegan.org</a>
Police Department	Police Chief	474-6908	<a href="mailto:skowpd@skowhegan.org">skowpd@skowhegan.org</a>
Anonymous Tip Line	Detective	474-6915	<a href="mailto:skowdet@skowhegan.org">skowdet@skowhegan.org</a>
Pollution Control	Supervisor	474-6909	<a href="mailto:skowpoll@skowhegan.org">skowpoll@skowhegan.org</a>
Recreation	Director	474-6901	<a href="mailto:skowrec@skowhegan.org">skowrec@skowhegan.org</a>
Registry of Deeds	Registrar	474-3421	
Recycling Center	Supervisor	474-6918	<a href="mailto:skowrecycle@skowhegan.org">skowrecycle@skowhegan.org</a>
Selectmen/Meetings, etc.	Executive Secretary	474-6907	<a href="mailto:cmason@skowhegan.org">cmason@skowhegan.org</a>
Sewers	Road Commissioner	474-6911	<a href="mailto:skowpwd@skowhegan.org">skowpwd@skowhegan.org</a>
Schools	Superintendent	474-9508	
Sheriff Department	Sheriff	474-9591	
Solid Waste Management	Supervisor	474-6918	<a href="mailto:skowrecycle@skowhegan.org">skowrecycle@skowhegan.org</a>
State Police	State Police	474-3350	
Streets or Snow Removal	Road Commissioner	474-6911	<a href="mailto:skowpwd@skowhegan.org">skowpwd@skowhegan.org</a>
Superior Court	Superior Court	474-5161	
Taxes	Tax Collector	474-6900	<a href="mailto:calmand@skowhegan.org">calmand@skowhegan.org</a>
Town Treasurer/Town Clerk	Treasurer	474-6902	<a href="mailto:skowtreas@skowhegan.org">skowtreas@skowhegan.org</a>
Vehicle Registrations	Main Office	474-6900	
Voter Information	Registrar of Voters	474-6906	<a href="mailto:skowvoter@skowhegan.org">skowvoter@skowhegan.org</a>