

# Town of Mercer

## Annual Report 2022



For Calendar Year ending  
12/31/2022

# Dedication

The 2022 Annual Report is dedicated to the late **Wilmer E. Redlevske, Sr.**

Wilmer was born and raised in Mercer. (His family's farmhouse was actually moved to Mercer from New Sharon). They had cows and he would milk them with his father. His father would sing to the cows claiming that they produced more milk. He so loved working with their horses too harvesting trees. Perhaps that is why later in life he enjoyed woodworking so much.

He was a student at the little school house on Main Street here in town then walked to New Sharon to attend school. Wilmer was a machinist by trade, working for Maine Dowel for 30 years. His hobby though was woodworking.

Wilmer was a life-long member of the Masonic Lodge in New Sharon. He helped them build the new Masonic Hall, using wood that he had milled from his land.

A Boy Scout Troop Leader in the mid 1950's, Wilmer would go on camping trips, feeding the boys their favorite - dynamites. This is where his delicious recipe for dynamites was born, which is a favorite for his family and potluck suppers. Wilmer volunteered at many public suppers, cooking, serving and clean up crew.

Once retired, both he and his lovely wife, Marlene, began volunteering their time to the Mercer community. They mowed the East Mercer Cemetery for years. Wilmer was a member of the Sandy River Grange, Mercer Historical Society, Mercer Old Home Days Association, and Mercer United Methodist Church, where he was fondly known as the "Church Grandfather". He'd do repairs to both the Mercer Meeting House and the Vestry as necessary.

Wilmer loved the outdoors-camping, fishing, hunting, bowling, golf, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and his 4-wheeler. One time Wilmer and Ralph True went snowshoeing on the Bog and they both fell in, took a winter swim! Had quite a time to get out of the water with those snowshoes on. They came back wet and frozen. Poor Wilmer was grounded and not to be trusted again.

He would travel to go fishing...just loved it, both the adventure and the fish. But there was plenty of enjoyment on Mercer Bog too. Ever been hornpout fishing at night? Wilmer would build a fire just for this sport, said it brought them to the surface.



He loved his family, history, survival and he loved this town....

We celebrate the kind, caring, "whenever you need him, he would be there" kind of guy that Wilmer was.



**The New England Town Meeting is probably the purest form of democracy in existence today. Please help to preserve it by attending Town Meeting. Read this report carefully and bring it with you.**

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# What To Bring...

## WHEN REGISTERING A VEHICLE

**Re-registration:** Old registration, proof of current insurance and current mileage.

**New registration (Dealer Sale):** Blue title application form (or title in your name if already received), MSRP, bill of sale, proof of current insurance and current mileage.

**New registration (Private Sale):** Bill of sale, proof of current insurance, title (release of lien form if applicable), and current mileage.

**New registration with transfer of plates:** Bill of sale, proof of current insurance, current mileage, title (lien holder name and address or release of lien form if applicable), and the registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

**New to town (1<sup>st</sup> time registering):** Old registration, proof of residency in Mercer (driver's license, piece of mail, etc. that shows current address), proof of current insurance, title (lien holder name and address or release of lien form if applicable), and current mileage.

**New to town, coming from out of state (1<sup>st</sup> time registering):** Old registration, proof of residency in Mercer (driver's license, piece of mail, etc. that shows current address), proof of current insurance, title (lien holder name and address or release of lien form if applicable), and current mileage.

**\*Title is NOT required for vehicles older than 1995 (meaning, year 1994 and older, title IS still required for vehicle year 1995).\***

## WHEN REGISTERING SNOWMOBILE, ATV, OR BOAT

**Re-registration:** Old registration.

**New registration:** Bill of sale, ME assigned number (if previously registered), serial number. For boats, will also need the length of the boat and the horsepower of the motor.

**\*New stickers available: ATV – May; Snowmobile – October; Boat – December\***

## WHEN REGISTERING A DOG

**New registration:** Current rabies certificate, spay/neuter certificate (if applicable), date of birth, breed, color/markings, and veterinarian.

**Re-registration:** Current rabies certificate (if previous has expired) and spay/neuter certificate (if done after 1<sup>st</sup> registration).

**\*Everyone must register their dog(s) over the age of 6 months or have been with the family for 10 days. Dog licenses expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> every year. A \$25 late fee will be added after January 31<sup>st</sup>. This fee is per dog and is non-negotiable (per Maine State Law).\***

## WHEN REQUESTING VITALS (MARRIAGE, BIRTH, DEATH)

**Marriage:** Proof of identity, copy of divorce (if applicable)

**Birth:** Proof of identity or lineage.

**Death:** Proof of lineage

**\*All re-registrations may be done online (initial registrations must be done in the office).\***

## **\*\*\* Mercer Town Office Hours \*\*\***

Monday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Phone #: 207-587-2911

Fax #: 207-587-2912

Email: [mercerclerk@outlook.com](mailto:mercerclerk@outlook.com)

Website: [www.mercermaine.com](http://www.mercermaine.com)

### **Mailing/Physical Address**

Town of Mercer  
1015 Beech Hill Road, Suite A  
Mercer, Maine 04957

## **Mercer Town Office 2023 Holiday Schedule**

<b>Holidays</b>	<b>Day/Date To Be Observed</b>
New Year's Day	January 2, 2023
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 16, 2023
Washington's Birthday/Presidents' Day	February 20, 2023
Patriots Day	April 17, 2023
Memorial Day	May 29, 2023
Independence Day	July 4, 2023
Labor Day	September 4, 2023
Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day	October 9, 2023
Veterans' Day	November 10, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	November 23, 2023
Thanksgiving Friday	November 24, 2023
Christmas Day	December 25, 2023

## **Mercer Transfer Station 2023 Holiday Schedule**

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> OPEN / Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (Easter) CLOSED

## **Municipal Election Schedule 2023**

Municipal Election will be held on **Friday, March 3, 2023**

- 8:00 a.m. Election of Moderator  
at Mercer Town Office/  
Community Center
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Polls Open for Election of  
Municipal Officials and Referendum  
questions at Mercer Town Office  
Gymnasium  
\* See Sample Ballot on Page 75 & 76  
Registrar of Voters on Duty

## **Town Meeting Schedule 2023**

Town Meeting will be held on **Saturday, March 4, 2023**

Sample Town Meeting Warrant begins on page 77.

- 5:30 p.m. Business Meeting begins  
at Mercer Community Center in  
Gymnasium

**Remember to bring your Annual Report  
with you to Town Meeting**

## **Officials of Town of Mercer 2022**

### **Select Board, Assessors & Overseers of the Poor - Elected 1 yr. terms**

1<sup>st</sup> Ricky J. Parlin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gary D. Mosher  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mary E. Burr

### **Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer - Appointed**

Nancy J. Gove

### **Deputy Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector - Appointed**

Tammy H. Lamphere  
Christine D. Parent

### **Deputy Treasurer - Appointed**

Christine D. Parent

### **Planning Board - Elected 3 yr. terms**

Joan Nunnally - Term Expires '23  
Chris Dutill - Term Expires '24  
Geoffrey Nosach - Term Expires '24  
Jason Juskewitch - Term Expires '25  
Hillel Weisel - Term Expires '25  
Denis Culley - Alternate  
Harriet "Fran" Varney - Secretary

### **Appeals Board - Appointed 3 yr. terms**

Charles Tibbetts - Term Expires '23  
Joel Hooper - Term Expires '24  
Jason Tibbetts - Term Expires '25

### **Budget Committee - Elected 1 yr. term**

Alan Gove  
Tammy Lamphere  
Jason Juskewitch  
Joel Hooper  
Muriel Armstrong

### **Librarian - Appointed**

Mary Chouinard  
Emma Gierczak - Volunteer Librarian

### **Directors of SAD #54 - Elected 3 yr. terms**

Sarah Bunker-Geyer - Term Expires '24  
Bruce Hurley - Term Expires '25



## **Officials of Town of Mercer 2022 continued**

### **Trustees of Shaw Library - Elected 5 yr. terms**

Cherie Sadler - Term Expires '25

Wanda Fortin - Term Expires '26

Jane Wallace - Term Expires '27

Christy Vasvary - Term Expires '23

Chris "John" Beeuwkes - Term Expires '24

### **Animal Control Officer - Appointed**

Robert Crosby- January to August

Tammy Lamphere - September to December

### **Assessor's Agent - Appointed**

Everett "Zeb" Pike

### **CEO - Code Enforcement Officer - Appointed**

Geoffrey Nosach

### **LPI - Local Plumbing Inspector - Appointed**

Andrew Marble

### **Addressing Officer - Appointed**

Bruce Hurley

### **Transfer Station Attendant - Appointed**

Derek Tracy, Sr.

### **Mercer Rescue - Appointed**

Brian Breton - Director

Danielle Beauchemin - EMT

### **Cemetery Sexton - Appointed**

Brian Breton

### **Health Officer - Appointed**

Heidi Dubois

### **Fire Warden - Appointed**

Josh Corson - Resigned

David Savage - 2023

### **Deputy Fire Warden - Appointed**

Chris Holt - 2022

Todd Pineo - 2023

Andrew Dexter - 2023

## Select Board Report 2022

2022 has been a year of transition. We slowly started to transition back from pandemic with a bucket full of tasks that needed to be addressed. Some of the tasks included our current assessor retiring, a community center with a leaking roof and 30 miles of roads that need to be maintained. Our goal was to get as much done as we could with what funds we had available.

The first and probably most important item was to establish a budget that will move Mercer forward but not break the bank. With the help of the budget committee, we were able to do just that, and kept the mil rate at 17.6% for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running.

As spring approached it was time to get the road work started, with plenty of bad spots that needed to be repaired.

- Pike Industries reclaimed 650 ft of Main Street and installed a pipe system under the road to take care of excess water.

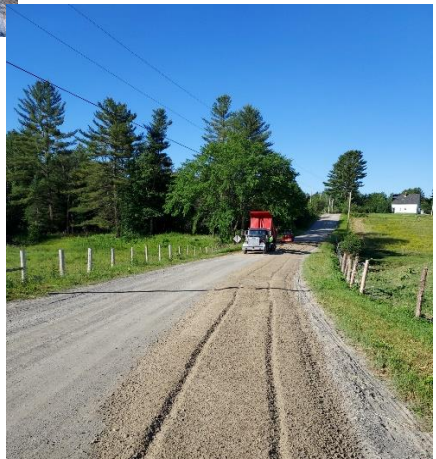


(Photo to left shows Pike covering the french drain system)

- Repaired 3 bad sections on Elm Street and 1 bad section on the West Sandy River Road.
- Resurfaced approximately 2500 ft on Elm Street, and approximately

2100 ft on Rome Road Extension.  
(Elm Street photo shown at right)

- With the help of Seven Lakes Alliance matching grant, we were able to ditch and resurface just over a mile on Bacon Road and approximately 220 ft on the Pond Road.
- Replaced 3 bad culverts, 1 on the Corson Road, 1 on the Decker Road, and 1 on Elm Street.





- Ditched a good portion of Beech Hill Road and Corson Road.
- A year-end storm caused multiple washouts which had to be repaired ASAP. That list includes Decker Road, West Sandy River Road, Tibbetts Road, Ladd Road, and Beech Hill Road, just to name a few. We are currently applying for FEMA money in hopes to get some of

our money back. (Above photo of Decker Road washout, which was approximately 5' deep!)

We were able to have a new roof installed on the lower section of the Community Center.



This year we also had over \$1,000 worth of street signs and posts stolen. If you saw anything happen or know who might have done this, please contact us or the Somerset Sheriff's Department.

We have been able to establish a new Mercer Rescue thanks to Brian Breton and Dani Beauchemin. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer, please reach out to us.



We also held our Second Annual Free Chicken BBQ, with live music this year. It was a chance for people from town to get together and meet new people or chat with people they haven't seen in a while. We are looking forward to doing this again this year. Watch the calendar for a date later this summer.

(Brian Breton sponsored the two-man band that played this sunny August day. The weather was perfect, the food was plentiful and the attendance was great. Thank you to those that volunteered your services for this event. Oh, and thanks for the bottle donations; it wouldn't be possible without them!)



We would like to take this time to thank the Planning Board for their many hours of work on the new Solar Ordinance, and the Budget Committee for looking into the many issues that confronted the town this year. Also, Joe Lewandowski for keeping up with the plowing and sanding of our winter roads.

And finally, a special Thank You to all the volunteers that helped this year. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Just some of the things they do include; spring clean-up, cutting brush, office



work, donating bottles, turkey pies, gift cards, the food pantry and many more. If it wasn't for all our volunteer help this would not be possible. In a small town like Mercer, it really takes a village. We are glad to say we are part of that village.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Parlin – 1<sup>st</sup> MO  
Gary Mosher – 2<sup>nd</sup> MO  
Mary Burr – 3<sup>rd</sup> MO

Left to right: Mary Burr, Gary Mosher and Ricky Parlin



## 2022 Selectboard's Financial Report

	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Unexpended Balance
<b>Salaries &amp; Payroll Taxes - ART 5</b>			
1st Selectperson	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
2nd Selectperson	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
3rd Selectperson	\$4,000.00	\$3,999.97	
Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, ROV, Secy	\$36,795.00	\$36,791.59	
Deputy Clerk, TC, Treasurer, ROV	\$18,444.00	\$18,316.50	
Deputy Clerk, Tax Collector, ROV	\$6,216.00	\$5,505.50	
Addressing Officer	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Animal Control Officer	\$1,600.00	\$1,214.90	
Code Enforcement Officer	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	
Planning Board	\$500.00	\$235.54	
Cemetery Sexton	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Transfer Station Attendent	\$7,488.00	\$7,458.00	
SS & Medicare	\$6,800.00	\$6,629.58	
Health Insurance	<u>\$13,700.00</u>	<u>\$13,691.04</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$107,143.00</b>	<b>\$105,442.62</b>	<b>\$1,700.38</b>
<b>Administration-Town Office, MCC - ART 6</b>			
	Appropriated	Expended	
Audit	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00	
Dues/Subscription	\$2,140.00	\$2,036.00	
Operating Costs	\$35,400.00	\$31,694.30	
Trio new modules	\$3,120.00	\$4,068.51	
Trio renewal	\$9,700.00	\$11,189.90	
Insurance-Gen Liab,PC,PO,Bond,WC/Unempl	\$19,180.00	\$16,791.80	
Utilities	<u>\$14,500.00</u>	<u>\$17,520.35</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$89,290.00</b>	<b>\$88,550.86</b>	<b>\$739.14 *</b>
Balance to go into MCC Maintenance Fund with Revenues			
<b>Contingency - ART 7</b>			
	Appropriated	Expended	
Appropriation - undesignated	<u>\$8,000.00</u>	\$0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>Assessing - ART 8</b>			
	Appropriated	Expended	
RJD Appraisal Contract Services	<u>\$17,500.00</u>	\$10,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,500.00 *</b>
Balance to be moved to Revaluation Fund			
<b>Assessing Revaluation - ART 9</b>			
	Appropriated	Expended	
Revaluation Fund Contribution	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	\$20,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Animal Shelter and ACO expenses-ART 10</b>			
	Appropriated	Expended	
Animal Shelter	\$1,250.00	\$1,241.68	
Training - ACO	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,750.00</b>	<b>\$1,291.68</b>	<b>\$458.32</b>
<b>Training for HO, CEO, LPI - ART 11</b>			
	Appropriated	Expended	
Training/Workshops	<u>\$500.00</u>	\$0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>

<b>Cemetery Maintenance - ART 12</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Flags	\$ 500.00	\$ 511.02	
Mowing	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	
<b>Total</b>	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,711.02	\$ 788.98
<b>Hampshire Hill Legal Fund - ART 13</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Legal Reserve	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
<b>Legal Expense Reserve Fund - ART 14</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Legal Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$2,562.00	\$438.00
<b>Town Scholarships - ART 15</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
True Scholarship	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Pressey Schoranship	\$25.00	\$25.00	
Springer Scholarship	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	
<b>Total</b>	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$0.00
<b>Mercer Rescue - ART 18</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Rescue	\$0.00	\$1,034.25	(\$1,034.25) *
Net Expended from Mercer Rescue Fund (revs less exp)			
<b>Public Safety (Fire, Traffice &amp; St Lights) - ART 19</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Fire Coverage	\$51,600.00	\$51,814.83	
Street Lights	\$600.00	\$315.88	
Traffic Light	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$441.02</u>	
<b>Total</b>	\$52,800.00	\$52,571.73	\$228.27
<b>Public Works, Summer Roads - ART 20</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Culverts	\$2,000.00	\$9,676.00	
Road Material	\$39,000.00	\$48,127.50	
Ditching	\$0.00	\$2,851.26	
Grading	\$20,000.00	\$8,760.00	
Labor	\$11,000.00	\$1,146.96	
Mowing, Bruchcutting	\$3,000.00	\$2,550.00	
Road Signs	\$1,000.00	\$1,799.28	
Miscellaneous	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,089.00</u>	
<b>Total</b>	\$78,000.00	\$78,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Public Works- Winter Roads - ART 21</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Sand/Salt Shed Electric	\$500.00	\$487.86	
Sand Purchase	\$23,000.00	\$22,491.00	
Salt Purchases	\$28,000.00	\$26,425.06	
Plowing Contract	\$156,000.00	\$156,000.00	
Misc	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,014.37</u>	
<b>Total</b>	\$210,000.00	\$207,418.29	\$2,581.71
<b>Youth Leagues - ART 22</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Recreation Participation	<u>\$750.00</u>	\$620.00	\$130.00
<b>Sanitation &amp; Recycling - ART 23</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Recycling	\$7,500.00	\$5,265.72	
Transfer Station Licenses	\$500.00	\$833.64	
Supplies (bags)	\$3,000.00	\$2,994.16	
Wood	\$0.00	\$100.00	

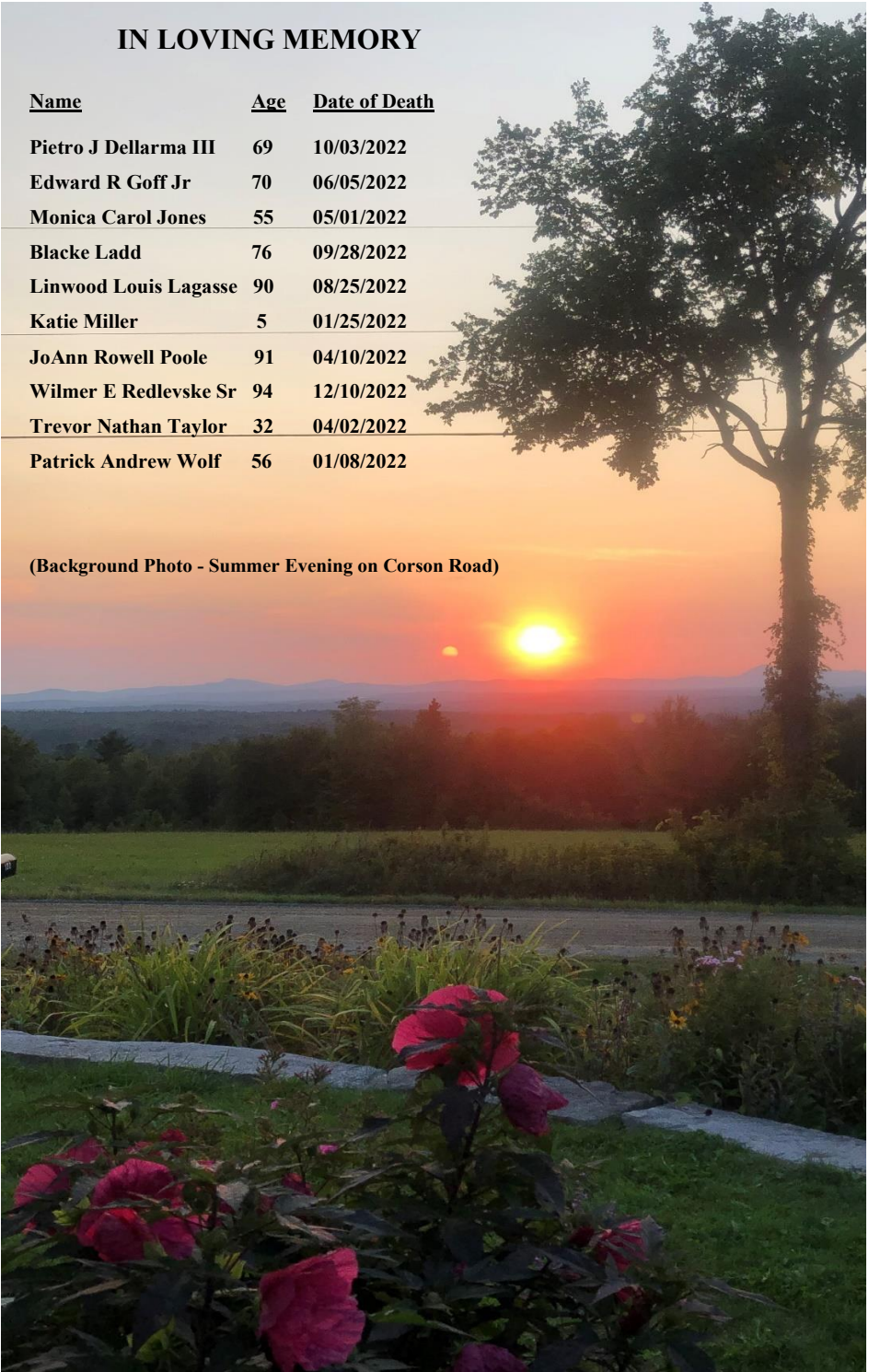
Portable Toilet	\$1,320.00	\$1,480.00	
Solid Waste Disposal	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$22,142.50</u>	
Totals	\$37,320.00	\$32,816.02	\$4,503.98
<b>Charity - ART 24</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
General Charity	\$700.00	\$200.00	
Hospice	\$300.00	\$800.00	
Total	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<b>General Assistance - ART 25</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
General Assistance	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Mercer Historical Society - ART 26</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Donation	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>Mercer Meeting House - ART 27</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Donation	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>North Pond Association - ART 28</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Donation	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
<b>Shaw Library - ART 29</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Library	\$9,325.00	\$9,325.00	\$0.00
<b>Capital: Road Maintenance Fund - ART 30</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Road Capital Reserve	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Capital: Ditching - ART 31</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Ditching	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Capital: Main Street - ART 32</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Road Improvement	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Capital: Pond, Bacon Roads - ART 33</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Road Repair with match from 7 Lakes Alliance	\$45,000.00	\$44,902.50	\$97.50
<b>Capital: Pattie Brook Engineering - ART 34</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Engineering with match from 7 Lakes Alliance	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
<b>Capital: Rome Road Extension - ART 35</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Road Maintenance	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
<b>MCC Roof Repair - ART 36</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
ARPA Grant Allocation to MCC Roof	\$67,316.00	\$82,419.57	(\$15,103.57) *
*MCC Maintenance Fund used for difference			
<b>CERT Fund closeout - ART - 38</b>	Appropriated	Expended	
Close out CERT Fund	\$0.00	\$3,157.48	(\$3,157.48) *
*Turn funds over to CERT Sponsor			



## IN LOVING MEMORY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Pietro J Dellarma III	69	10/03/2022
Edward R Goff Jr	70	06/05/2022
Monica Carol Jones	55	05/01/2022
Blacke Ladd	76	09/28/2022
Linwood Louis Lagasse	90	08/25/2022
Katie Miller	5	01/25/2022
JoAnn Rowell Poole	91	04/10/2022
Wilmer E Redlevske Sr	94	12/10/2022
Trevor Nathan Taylor	32	04/02/2022
Patrick Andrew Wolf	56	01/08/2022

(Background Photo - Summer Evening on Corson Road)



## TOWN CLERK REPORT

To the Citizens of Mercer,

It seems as though each year gets busier and certainly not any easier at the Town Office. Here's a recap of projects and accomplishments for 2022.

New hires and appointments made: Last January, the town hired RJD Appraisal to do our assessing work and a complete revaluation of the town. This will equalize the property values for each of us and should lower the mil rate. We appointed Tammy Lamphere as our Animal Control Officer – thank you Tammy for stepping up to take on this responsibility. Bruce Hurley agreed to take on the responsibility for the town's addressing needs. As Addressing Officer, Bruce makes sure Enhanced 911 has all new addresses assigned and plotted on GPS. Brian Breton was appointed as Mercer Rescue Director. Brian came on board after just about every member of the rescue resigned. He immediately brought on board Danielle "Dani" Beauchemin, who is our EMT responder. Together they are successfully operating the Rescue service. Thank you both!

We held a special town meeting in July where we reaffirmed the Appeals Board, set the number of members and set their terms of office. We also enacted a Solar Moratorium from coming into Mercer until the Town had an opportunity to develop an ordinance to regulate solar farms. The Planning Board, Appeals Board, Select Board and administration have all been working diligently on its' creation and will be presenting it to you all in March.

Repairs to the Mercer Community Center building and heating system were accomplished this year. The roof on the main portion of the center was replaced thanks to a federal grant which covered the majority of the cost. The circulator pump for the heating system was also replaced. Many thanks to Gerry Gilman, Joel Hooper, Ricky Parlin and others who helped get this done.

The town rented out two spaces at the community center: Todd Martin rents a room here and Walton Wray rented the commercial kitchen to open a take-out restaurant. The restaurant has not opened yet but we look forward to trying his Jamaican cuisine.

Administratively, we adopted several policies in 2022 at the recommendation of our auditor: Asset Capitalization, Fund Balance, Purchasing and Cyber Security policies were adopted.

MDOT informed the town that we are responsible for maintaining the traffic light on US Route 2. We learned this after a logging truck (we think) broke most of the blinking lights. The cost to repair was estimated to be \$12,000. Long story short, MDOT agreed to replace them this time and we asked that they be strung high enough as not to be in harms' way of vehicle damage.

Taking over Hampshire Hill Cemetery is still a work in progress. We hired Ernest Hilton, Esq to research the deed and we are currently negotiating a boundary line agreement with the abutting landowners. The association has not turned over any cemetery funds to the town yet.

Broadband is coming to Mercer. Exactly when is the million-dollar question. We were told they would start this past fall. Perhaps this spring we'll see some progress.

Mercer Shaw Library has been a part of this town for centuries. Sometime in the past, they began taking care of their finances out of necessity to operate. This deviation in their path has caused several concerns, being insured and a department of the town are the two biggest. We are working to remedy this. You'll see an article on this year's town meeting warrant to formally bring it under the umbrella of the town, to take over their finances and to reestablish the Board of Library Trustees and Bylaws of the library.

Vital records recorded in 2022 for Mercer were as follows: Births – 4; Marriages – 6; Deaths – 10.

Dog licenses issued in 2022 were as follows: 29 male/female; 122 spayed/neutered, with 33 dogs licensed online. (Follow the link from our website [mercermaine.com](http://mercermaine.com)). Dog licenses expire December 31<sup>st</sup> annually. Bring proof of rabies. Fees remain the same: \$11/dog if capable of reproducing or \$6 if spayed or neutered. Late fee of \$25/dog goes into effect for any unlicensed dogs on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife sporting license and registration activity in 2022 was as follows: snowmobiles registrations 69; ATV registrations 100; boat registrations 87 and Hunting/Fishing licenses, etc. 95.

Thank you both Christine and Tammy for all your hard work. Together we were able to accomplish all the work that came into the office.

Thanks to the citizens of Mercer for your continued support. It's truly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Gove  
Town Clerk

Left to right:

Tammy Lamphere,  
Christine Parent and  
Nancy Gove



## Report of the Registrar of Voters

To the Citizens of Mercer:

At year end, registered and enrolled voters of Mercer are as follows:

Democrats – 141

Green Independent – 26

Republican – 233

Unenrolled – 204

The Secretary of State's office reported that three qualifying parties have filed their intent to form a political party by Party Enrollment. They are Forward, No Labels and People's. Anyone wishing to enroll in one of these parties may do so by completing a new Maine Voter Registration Application and must check the box next to Other qualifying party and write in the name of the party in which they want to enroll.

Maine State Law requires a 15-day waiting period if you are changing parties before the new party enrollment becomes effective, i.e., before you are able to participate in that party's primary, caucus or convention. If you are unenrolled (no political party choice), you may enroll in a party effective immediately upon completing a voter registration application.

The following Citizen Initiative Petitions were submitted to the Registrar for certification:

An act to enact the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act;

An act Regarding Automotive Right to Repair;

An act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the US Constitution;

An Act to Create the Pine Tree Power Company; and

An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding that Borrowing.

Respectively submitted,

Nancy J. Gove

Registrar of Voters

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Mercer,

### 2022 Tax Commitment

2022 Real Estate and Personal Property Commitment	\$1,132,742.64
Plus Supplemental taxes	\$ 7,161.09
Less Abatements Granted	<u>\$ 7,333.67</u>
Total to be Collected	\$1,132,570.06

Uncollected 2022 tax balances as of 12/31/2022 are reported on the following pages.

2022 Tax bills went out the first week of July. The Board of Assessor's held to the same mil rate as last year, \$17.60 per \$1,000 of value. For the first time in many years, the discount was no longer offered.

The value of the homestead exemption benefit decreased again this year to \$22,750 since our Local Valuation deviates from Mercer's State Valuation. Veteran exemptions decreased to \$5,460. With a town-wide revaluation scheduled for 2023/2024, our exemptions will all go back to 100% reimbursement. Our property values will reflect the current market values.

Newly enacted in 2022 is the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens. This program stabilizes your property taxes at the amount of your bill in the year you applied for the program. To qualify, you must be 65 years old, have owned a homestead in Maine for at least ten years and apply on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUALLY. The State will reimburse the municipality for the loss of taxes this stabilized value will create.

Tax liens for delinquent 2021 taxes were recorded on May 19, 2022. Lien fees plus the accumulated interest were added to the original tax to become the liened taxes now due. We accept partial payments on taxes-whatever you can afford as often as you can afford it. It all helps in the long run.

As a reminder, you can renew your vehicle registration online. Visit the town's website: [mercermaine.com](http://mercermaine.com) and click on the online registration link. Excise taxes collected in 2022 were \$168,023.

Thank you all for your continued support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Gove  
Tax Collector

Acct	Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due	
34	R Anderson, Lawrence B Jr	2022	697.66	0.00	697.66	
554	R Ayer, Bryant	2022	658.52	0.00	658.52	
139	R Bacon, James F	2022	902.93	0.00	902.93	
412	R Bender, Rick R	2022	631.91	0.00	631.91	
409	R Bennett, Craig S	2022	1,174.18	0.00	1,174.18	
535	R Berube, Ray	2022	773.85	0.00	773.85	
500	R Blodeau, Michael H	2022	1,038.56	0.00	1,038.56	
663	R Bishop, Alan L	2022	920.76	0.00	920.76	
599	R Brenner, Michael P	2022	3,232.26	3,137.45	94.81	
460	R Bunker, Eric R	2022	390.37	0.00	390.37	
196	R Cahill, John B	2022	1,543.33	0.00	1,543.33	
695	R Cahill, John B	2022	306.24	0.00	306.24	
177	R Chamberlain, Eric	2022	368.47	0.00	368.47	
277	R Chamberlain-Merry, Bonny	2022	1,425.44	0.00	1,425.44	
101	R Chantry, Allen B	2022	92.80	0.00	92.80	
435	R Corson, Charles W	2022	1,788.67	433.64	1,355.03	
52	R Cousineau Lumber, Inc	2022	363.35	0.00	363.35	
53	R Cousineau Lumber, Inc	2022	88.70	0.00	88.70	
85	R CZARNECKI, BRAD	2022	140.96	0.00	140.96	
166	R Davis, Paula	2022	1,235.57	24.19	1,211.38	
151	R Doane, John E	2022	641.56	0.00	641.56	
272	R Doane, Kenneth L IV	2022	1,057.41	0.00	1,057.41	
302	R Dubay, Wayne E	2022	1,029.27	0.00	1,029.27	
764	R Dutil, Christopher P	2022	2,061.24	0.00	2,061.24	
575	R Everett, Ricky B	2022	3,188.13	0.00	3,188.13	
352	R Ferrara, Courtney Lynn	2022	795.10	0.00	795.10	
666	R Foster, Chrystal J	2022	1,190.83	0.00	1,190.83	
656	R FRENCH JR, RONALD E	2022	448.91	0.00	448.91	
418	R Gaidel, Lance W	2022	28.51	0.00	28.51	
354	R Gilmore, Michael J	2022	647.28	505.82	141.46	
100	R HINKEL, GARY B	2022	292.62	843.83	-551.21	
146	R Jarosz, Kenneth W	2022	350.70	0.01	350.69	
171	R Kennedv, Lance	2022	581.54	0.00	581.54	
639	R Keyser, Dennis N	2022	2,174.96	2,107.57	67.39	
417	R Knoernschild, Nadine	2022	348.48	0.00	348.48	
365	R Krajewski, Jerzy H	2022	254.76	0.00	254.76	
445	R LAMARRE, BRENTON F	2022	2,460.62	0.00	2,460.62	
372	R Landrv, Mary E, Est	2022	1,734.15	0.00	1,734.15	
741	R LeBlanc, Scott	2022	877.01	0.00	877.01	
638	R Leighton,Larry C , Couture,Lance, Hooper,Don	2022	393.18	0.00	393.18	
600	R Levis, James Jr	2022	2,721.28	0.00	2,721.28	
517	R Malo, Glenn F, Thomas R & Ronald J	2022	603.24	6.92	596.32	
286	R Manter, Lura Ann	2022	950.51	0.00	950.51	
287	R Manter, LuraAnn	2022	316.80	0.00	316.80	
9	R Marcue,Bryan C & Grant,Heidi J	2022	1,285.77	291.87	993.90	
221	R Martelli, Gina	2022	684.99	26.90	658.09	
207	R MCDERMOTT, CYNTHIA D	2022	804.13	0.00	804.13	
596	R MCDERMOTT, CYNTHIA D	2022	3,389.64	0.00	3,389.64	
201	R Merry, Frederick W	2022	2,236.87	250.24	1,986.63	
677	R Merry, Frederick W	2022	1,931.64	0.00	1,931.64	
79	R Murch, Richard C	2022	46.11	21.91	24.20	
755	R Northrup, Dean Jr	2022	2,348.79	0.00	2,348.79	
307	R OSGOOD, CHRISTOPHER A.	2022	2,189.21	0.00	2,189.21	
570	R Paradise Inc	2022	2,323.97	0.00	2,323.97	
774	R Parent, Doreen J	2022	2,619.67	545.38	2,074.29	
309	R Parlin, Kerry O PR, Estate of Richard K Parlin	2022	1,532.34	0.00	1,532.34	
43	R Perotti, Christopher	2022	5,877.17	5,872.60	4.57	
448	R Ramsey, Edward A Jr	2022	638.51	0.00	638.51	
293	R Redlevske, Casaundra B	2022	527.67	0.00	527.67	
733	R Redlevske, Casaundra B	2022	237.28	0.00	237.28	
145	R Rina, Christopher	2022	703.96	0.00	703.96	
413	R Rosado, Ruthann	2022	225.28	0.00	225.28	
571	R Rosado, Ruthann	2022	4,771.43	0.00	4,771.43	
773	R Saif, Esse	2022	1,537.78	0.00	1,537.78	
744	R SCHUYLER, WILLIAM C	2022	191.54	0.00	191.54	
751	R Short, Gerald L	2022	242.86	0.00	242.86	
362	R Smith, Sandra J W	2022	313.28	0.00	313.28	
86	R Storms, Pamela E, Trustee & , Storms, Mark Lewis	2022	2,380.36	0.00	2,380.36	
591	R Sullivan, Michael F	2022	2,681.47	1,385.28	1,296.19	
697	R Tardy (Cherkasskv), Amy	2022	294.80	0.00	294.80	
88	R Taylor, Paul H, Heirs of	2022	247.91	0.00	247.91	
420	R Thacher, Laura A	2022	2,266.04	0.00	2,266.04	
198	R Toth, Gladys P & William H, Co-Trustee	2022	454.08	0.00	454.08	
681	R Vasvary, Kennv	2022	1,142.40	0.00	1,142.40	
495	R Warren, Charles C Jr	2022	785.03	0.00	785.03	
636	R Warren, Charles C Jr	2022	1,452.07	0.00	1,452.07	
127	R Wellington, Patricia A	2022	1,958.99	1,293.91	665.08	
281	R WESLEY BRANN & JOYCE BRANN	2022	2,190.65	0.00	2,190.65	
477	R Whipple, Cara	2022	1,790.99	0.00	1,790.99	
522	R WOLF, CODY	2022	1,679.64	0.00	1,679.64	
583	R Wood, Douilas	2022	2,670.06	2,662.94	7.12	
407	R Worthen, Vernon E II	2022	270.69	0.00	270.69	
429	R Worthen, Vernon E II	2022	7,532.50	0.00	7,532.50	
440	R Worthen, Vernon E II	2022	1,739.94	0.00	1,739.94	
<b>Total for 84 Bills:</b>			84 Accounts	111,120.13	19,410.46	91,709.67

**Payment Summary**

Type	Principal	Interest	Costs	Total
C - Correction	-142.56	0.00	0.00	-142.56
P - Payment	16,475.26	0.00	0.00	16,475.26
Y - Prepayment	3,077.76	0.00	0.00	3,077.76
Total	19,410.46	0.00	0.00	19,410.46

**Non Lien Summary**

2022-1	84	91,709.67
Total	84	91,709.67

**Non Zero Balance on Non Lien Accounts**

Tax Year: 2022-1 To 2022-2

As of: 12/31/2022

Acct	Name ----	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
380	P Belanger, Cole A	2022	0.00	0.28	-0.28
85	P BLUE SKY, LLC	2022	7,161.09	0.00	7,161.09
1771	P NORTHWOODS WELLNESS LLC	2022	2,028.05	0.00	2,028.05
1351	P The Wood Mill of Maine (Salt&Gun)	2022	594.44	0.00	594.44
1100	P ViaSat Inc - Folashade Ajiboye	2022	32.17	0.00	32.17
<b>Total for 5 Bills:</b>		5 Accounts	9,815.75	0.28	9,815.47

**Payment Summary**

Type	Principal	Interest	Costs	Total
Y - Prepayment	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.28
<b>Total</b>	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.28

**Non Lien Summary**

2022-1	4	2,654.38
2022-2	1	7,161.09
<b>Total</b>	5	9,815.47

## Report of the Treasurer

To the Citizens of Mercer:

This was a year for cleaning up the finances of the town. We wrote off old real estate and personal property taxes that were uncollectible. We adopted several financial policies to protect the town at the recommendation of the auditor. I'm happy to report that we now have in undesignated fund balance, in excess of three months of operating costs. Our Fund balance policy requires this as a standard operating practice.

We had a favorable audit report for 2021 which allowed us to reach out to MMA for insurance coverage in 2023. This change alone will save the town \$6,000 this coming year.

We were able to invest excess funds in 30-day Certificate of Deposits beginning this fall. We chose to invest 30 days at a time because interest rates were increasing on a regular basis. In three months, we earned \$3,300 of interest income.

In other matters, I closed the Mercer CERT fund. We were able to replace the main roof of the MCC building using the ARPA grant funds. The roof over the gym and kitchen still need to be replaced.

We continue to work on improving our roads. The December 23, 2022 rain storm did considerable damage to several of our dirt roads. Estimated damage was \$68,000. We reached out to FEMA, MEMA and Somerset County EMA for disaster relief. We will have to dip into our Road Maintenance Fund to cover the emergency repairs which will leave a balance of \$10,000 in this fund. It is my recommendation that we start building this fund with an annual appropriation of \$10,000 (historically we've been setting aside \$2,000).

With large solar farms going up around the state, we are developing a Solar Ordinance (with legal guidance from the town attorney) that will, to the greatest extent possible, protect the financial interests of the taxpayers of Mercer. We will need to budget additional legal fees in 2023 for this purpose.

Mercer Shaw Library needs to be transitioned back to a department of the town. The library never should have had to operate as a non-profit organization but it did so out of necessity to function. Now that it has come to our attention, we need to remedy it. We will be discussing this at town meeting.

The following pages report the financial status of the town. As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions. I will do my best to answer them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Gove  
Treasurer



# Treasurer's Financial Report for FY2022

## Bank Balances:

### General Fund (Checking):

	<b>Balance</b>
Beginning Balance	\$630,947.25
Plus Deposits	\$1,691,125.07
Less Payroll/Accts Payable	(\$1,642,977.24)
Less Jumbo CD Investment	(\$500,000.00)
Plus Transfers In:	
CERT Fund (close out fund)	\$3,157.47
MCC Maintenance Fund - Roof	\$15,103.57
Mercer Rescue Fund 2022	\$1,034.25
Less Transfers Out:	
Mercer Rescue Fund 2021	(\$3,008.29)
MCC Maintenance Fund 2021	(\$6,658.14)
Assessing Reval Fund 2021	(\$39.14)
Cemetery Fund Revenue 2022	(\$750.00)
MCC Maintenance 2022 (\$739.14 transferred after 12/31/22)	(\$7,581.14)
Road Maintenance 2022 approp	(\$2,000.00)
Assessing Reval Fund 2022	(\$20,000.00)
Assessing Reval Fund 2022 (transferred after 12/31/22)	<u>(\$7,500.00)</u>
Checkbook Ending Balance	\$150,853.66

### Investments:

30-Day Certificate of Deposit	\$500,000.00
Interest Earned as of 12/31/22	<u>\$3,367.92</u>
Total Investments	\$503,367.92

<b>Special Revenue/Permanent Funds:</b>	<b>Begin Balance</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Transfers In/(out)</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>Assessing Revaluation Fund</b>	\$21,457.96	\$82.16	\$27,539.14	\$49,079.26
<b>CERT Program (Closed out checking Acct)</b>	\$3,457.42		(\$3,457.42)	\$0.00
<b>Mercer Community Center Fund</b>	\$54,620.30	\$200.51	(\$1,603.43)	\$53,217.38
Transfers In			\$13,500.14	
Transfers Out			(\$15,103.57)	
<b>Mercer Rescue Fund</b>	\$240.36	\$11.39	\$1,974.04	\$2,225.79
Transfers In (Balance from 2020 and 2021)			\$3,008.29	
Transfers Out - operating expenses in 2022			(\$1,034.25)	
<b>Road Maintenance Fund</b>	\$23,207.98	\$82.80	\$2,000.00	\$25,290.78
<b>Summer Rd Improvement Fund</b>	\$408.86	\$1.45		\$410.31
<b>Town Forest Fund</b>	\$6.27	\$0.02		\$6.29
<b>Winter Contract Bond Fund</b>	\$25,039.76	\$88.68		\$25,128.44

<b>Special Revenue/Permanent Funds:</b>	<b>Balance 1/1/22</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Transfers In/(ou</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/22</b>
<b>Charles A Pressey Prize</b>	\$1,971.61	\$6.99		\$1,978.60
<b>Ethel SpringerTrust Fund</b>	\$6,079.57	\$21.53		\$6,101.10
<b>Helen &amp; William True Fund</b>	\$1,766.81	\$6.26		\$1,773.07
<b>Village Cemetery</b>	\$13,216.51	\$46.81	\$750.00	\$14,013.32
<b>New Village Cemetery (SSB)</b>	\$1,237.72	\$0.49		\$1,238.21

<b>Special Revenue/Other Funds:</b>	<b>Balance 1/1/22</b>	<b>Deposits (Due from GF)</b>	<b>Withdrawals (Due to GF)</b>	<b>12/31/22 Balance</b>
<b>ARPA Grant</b>	\$33,638.63	\$33,716.80	(\$67,355.43)	\$0.00
<b>Heating Assistance Fund</b>	\$662.42	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,162.42
<b>Community Fundraising Fund</b>	\$553.55	\$189.05	\$0.00	\$742.60
<b>Legal Expense Reserve Fund</b>	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	(\$2,562.00)	\$438.00
<b>Hampshire Hill Cemetery Legal Fund</b>	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00

## Treasurer's Financial Report for FY2022

General Fund Expense Detail	2022 ATM	Amt Approved	Expended Balance
<b>Salaries, Wages, Stipends and Benefits:</b>	Art 5	\$107,143	
1st Selectperson			\$4,000.00
2nd Selectperson			\$4,000.00
3rd Selectperson			\$3,999.97
Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, ROV, MO Secy			\$36,791.59
Deputy Clerk, TC, Treasurer			\$18,316.50
Deputy Clerk, Tax Collector			\$5,505.50
Transfer Station Attendant			\$7,458.00
Animal Control Officer			\$1,735.16
Addressing Officer			\$500.00
Code Enforcement Officer			\$2,600.00
Cemetery Sexton			\$500.00
Planning Board			\$500.00
FICA/Medicare			<u>\$6,629.58</u>
Health Insurance			<u>\$13,691.04</u>
Sub-total		\$106,227.34	
<b>Administration:</b>			
Municipal Building -	Art 6	\$89,290	\$739.14 to Community Center Fund
Audit			\$5,250.00
Affiliate Dues/Subscriptions			\$190.00
MMA Dues			\$1,846.00
Elections			\$2,324.15
Licenses & Permits			\$50.00
Postage			\$1,206.31
Registry of deeds			\$1,607.00
Security Locks, Safe, Fire Ext			\$1,208.00
Town Report			\$1,766.00
Travel/Mileage Reimbursement			\$366.93
Training Workshops			\$710.00
Supplies			\$2,441.46
Software, Equipment, Furniture			\$15,327.41
Repairs & Maintenance			\$17,077.45
Utilities			\$17,520.35
Insurance			\$16,791.80
Janitor			\$1,368.00
Mowing			\$1,500.00
Sub-total		\$88,550.86	
<b>Contingency</b>	Art 7	\$8,000	\$0.00
<b>Assessing</b>	Art 8	\$17,500	\$7,500 to Assessing Reval Fund
Sub-total		\$7,500.00	
<b>Assessing Reval</b>	Art 9	\$20,000	\$20,000.00
<b>Animal Shelter &amp; ACO Expenses:</b>	Art 10	\$1,750	
Animal Shelter			\$1,241.68
Training			\$50.00
<b>Training, HO, CEO, LPI</b>	Art 11	\$500	\$0.00
<b>Cemetery Maintenance:</b>	Art 12	\$3,500	\$0.00
Flags			\$511.02
Mowing			\$2,200.00
<b>Somerset County Assessment</b>			\$172,571.65
<b>Public Education:</b>			\$0.00
MSAD #54			\$571,280.24
Scholarships - True	Art 15	\$425	\$200.00
Scholarships-Pressey			\$25.00
Scholarships-Springer			<u>\$200.00</u>
Sub-total		\$425.00	
<b>Overlay/Abatements</b>			\$5,250.00
Write-offs			\$2,164.08
Abatements			\$7,333.67
<b>Public Safety:</b>	Art 19	\$52,800	
Fire Coverage			\$51,814.83
Traffic Light			\$441.02
Street Light			<u>\$315.88</u>
Sub-total		\$52,571.73	
<b>Mercer Rescue</b>	Art 1818	\$0	Operated from Rescue Fund
<b>Public Works - Summer Roads:</b>	Art 20	\$78,000	
Culverts			\$9,676.00
Gravel, Road Material			\$48,127.50
Ditching			\$2,851.26
Grading			\$8,760.00

Labor				\$1,146.96
Mowing/Brushcutting				\$2,550.00
Road Signs/Posts				\$1,799.28
Miscellaneous				\$3,089.00
Sub-total			\$78,000.00	
<b><u>Public Works - Winter Roads:</u></b>	<b>Art 21</b>	<b>\$210,000</b>		
Salt Shed Electric				\$487.86
Sand Purchase				\$22,491.00
Salt Purchase				\$26,425.06
Winter Plow Contract				\$156,000.00
Miscellaneous				<u>\$2,014.37</u>
Sub-total			\$206,930.43	
<b><u>Recreation</u></b>	<b>Art 22</b>	<b>\$750</b>		<b>\$620.00</b>
<b><u>Transfer Station:</u></b>	<b>Art 23</b>	<b>\$37,320</b>		
Recycling				\$5,265.72
Licenses				\$833.64
Supplies - Blue Bags				\$2,994.16
Utilities				\$1,580.00
Solid Waste Disposal				<u>\$22,142.50</u>
Sub-total			\$32,816.02	
<b><u>Charity</u></b>	<b>Art 24</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>		<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b><u>General Assistance</u></b>	<b>Art 25</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b><u>Community Programs:</u></b>				
Historical Society	Art 26	\$500		\$500.00
Meeting House Association	Art 27	\$500		\$500.00
North Pond Association	Art 28	\$3,500		\$3,500.00
Shaw Library	Art 29	\$9,325		\$9,325.00
<b><u>Legal Expense Reserve Fund</u></b>	<b>Art 14</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$438 back to legal reserve</b>	<b>\$2,562.00</b>
<b><u>Hampshire Hill Cemetery Legal Fund</u></b>	<b>Art 13</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000 remains in reserve fund</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b><u>Capital Projects:</u></b>				
Road Maintenance Fund	Art 30	\$2,000		\$2,000.00
Ditching	Art 31	\$10,000		\$10,000.00
Paving & LRAP Projects-Main Street	Art 32	\$40,000	used 2021 LRAP \$29,928	\$40,000.00
7 Lakes Alliance Projects - Pond/Bacon	Art 33	\$45,000		\$44,902.50
7 Lakes Project-Pattie Brook Engineering	Art 34	\$3,000		\$1,500.00
Rome Road Extension	Art 35	\$18,000		\$18,000.00
ARPA Grant	Art 36	\$67,316	\$15,103.57 from MCC Fund	\$82,459.00

## Treasurer's Financial Report for FY2022

### General Ledger Detail:

### Balances as of 12/31/22

Checking	\$150,853.66
Savings/Money Market	\$503,367.92
Petty Cash	\$300.00
Taxes Receivable 2022	\$91,709.67
Taxes Receivable 2023	(\$956.72)
Personal Property Tax Receivable 2022	\$9,815.47
RE Tax Liens 2020 (Tax Acquired)	\$712.15
RE Tax Lien 2021	\$35,197.79
Prepaid Expenses	\$9,347.61
Inventory	\$9,790.00
Deferred Revenue	(\$94,133.38)
Deferred LRAP	(\$14,964.00)
CERT Grants	\$8,207.18 *
Due to/from MCC Maintenance	(\$0.50)
Due to/from Heating Assistance Fund	(\$1,162.42)
Due to/from Community Fund Raising	(\$742.60)
Due to/from Legal Exp Reserve	<u>\$2,562.00</u>
Fund Balance before Audit adjustments	\$709,903.83

\*CERT Grants needs auditor adjusting entry to remove

### General Fund Revenues:

RE Tax Revenue	\$1,121,447.89
PP Tax Revenue	\$11,294.58
Interest on Taxes	\$4,627.39
Interest/Lien Costs	\$4,598.25
Excise Tax - BMV	\$168,022.82
Excise Tax - IFW	\$1,816.60
Bank Interest	\$3,367.92
Copies/Faxes	\$64.50
Misc	\$577.62
Vital Records	\$614.60
Agent Fees	\$5,054.00
Maine Revenue Sharing	\$110,949.14
MCC Rentals	\$6,842.50
Cash Over/Short	\$20.05
BETE Reimbursement	\$3,905.00
Homestead Reimbursement	\$77,669.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$19,268.65
Veteran Exemption Reimbursement	\$1,053.00
Planning Board Fees	\$2,775.00
ACO Fees	\$870.00
LRAP Revenues	\$29,764.00
Transfer Station Fees	\$13,931.00
General Assistance Reimbursements	<u>\$709.40</u>
Total Revenues	\$1,589,242.91

**Lien Breakdown**  
Tax Year: 2021-1 To 2021-2  
As Of: 12/31/2022

Account	Year	Name	Principal	Principal Due	Pre Lien Int	Costs	Interest	Total
34	2021-1	Anderson, Lawrence B Jr	723.25	723.25	0.00	19.39	2.29	744.93
409	2021-1	Bennett, Craig S	1,174.18	1,174.18	49.51	55.76	0.00	1,279.45
535	2021-1	Berube, Rav	742.45	503.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	503.94
281	2021-1	Brann, Letha W, Clayton D & Wesley	2,190.65	2,190.65	92.37	48.38	82.51	2,413.91
196	2021-1	Cahill, John B	1,516.93	1,516.93	63.96	48.38	57.14	1,686.41
151	2021-1	Doane, John E	641.56	641.56	18.29	48.38	24.17	732.40
744	2021-1	Easler, Chris	287.34	287.34	12.12	48.38	10.82	358.66
365	2021-1	Krajewski, Jerzy H	108.80	108.80	0.62	38.00	4.10	151.52
372	2021-1	Landry, Marv E, Est	1,707.75	1,707.75	72.01	48.38	64.33	1,892.47
201	2021-1	Merry, Frederick W	2,051.29	2,051.29	11.62	38.00	77.27	2,178.18
677	2021-1	Merry, Frederick W	1,931.64	1,931.64	81.45	48.38	72.76	2,134.23
755	2021-1	Northrup, Dean Jr	2,348.79	2,348.79	99.04	55.76	88.47	2,592.06
570	2021-1	Paradise Inc	2,323.97	2,323.97	97.99	48.38	87.54	2,557.88
309	2021-1	Parlin, Kerry O PR, Estate of Richard K Parlin	1,532.34	1,532.34	64.61	48.38	57.72	1,703.05
293	2021-1	Redlevske, Casaundra B	527.67	527.67	22.25	55.76	19.88	625.56
733	2021-1	Redlevske, Casaundra B	237.28	237.28	10.01	48.38	8.94	304.61
413	2021-1	Rosado, Ruthann	225.28	225.28	9.50	48.38	8.49	291.65
571	2021-1	Rosado, Ruthann	4,771.43	4,771.43	201.20	55.76	179.72	5,208.11
88	2021-1	Taylor, Paul H, Heirs of	248.12	248.12	10.46	48.38	9.35	316.31
198	2021-1	Toth, Gladys P & William H, Co-Trustee	628.85	628.85	26.52	48.38	23.69	727.44
407	2021-1	Worthen, Vernon E II	270.69	270.69	11.41	48.38	10.20	340.68
429	2021-1	Worthen, Vernon E II	7,506.10	7,506.10	316.51	55.76	218.38	8,096.75
440	2021-1	Worthen, Vernon E II	1,739.94	1,739.94	73.37	48.38	65.54	1,927.23
<b>Total for 23 Bills:</b>			35,436.30	35,197.79	1,344.82	1,051.51	1,173.31	38,767.43
23 Accounts								

**Lien Summary**

2021-1	23	35,436.30	35,197.79	1,344.82	1,051.51	1,173.31	38,767.43
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**Lien Breakdown**  
Tax Year: 2021-1 To 2021-2  
As Of: 12/31/2022

Account	Year	Name	Principal	Principal Due	Pre Lien Int	Costs	Interest	Total
Total:	23		35,436.30	35,197.79	1,344.82	1,051.51	1,173.31	38,767.43

**Lien Breakdown**  
Tax Year: 2020-1 To 2020-2  
As Of: 12/31/2022

Account	Year	Name	Principal	Principal Due	Pre Lien Int	Costs	Interest	Total
293	2020-1	Redlevske, Casaundra B	501.27	501.27	28.74	66.55	61.26	657.82
733	2020-1	Redlevske, Casaundra B	210.88	210.88	12.09	58.70	25.78	307.45
<b>Total for 2 Bills:</b>			712.15	712.15	40.83	125.25	87.04	965.27
2 Accounts			<b>Lien Summary</b>					
2020-1	2		712.15	712.15	40.83	125.25	87.04	965.27
Total:	2		712.15	712.15	40.83	125.25	87.04	965.27

## Board of Assessors' Report

The goal of the tax assessment this coming year is to identify and assess property within the Town of Mercer and ensure the fairness and equity of all real and personal property values, thoughtfully interpret and comply with statutory laws as mandated by the State of Maine, update and maintain accurate maps used to provide geographic data analysis, process all recorded legal documents in a timely manner to reflect accurate records of property ownership and to efficiently provide the public with quality products and services. To accomplish this goal, the assessors have hired an assessor's agent to assist the Board.

Every year new construction and additions to existing structures are visited and assessed, as well as properties which are reported or known to have had structural damage or structure removal. In addition, approximately one quarter of the 465 residential and seasonal properties in Mercer are visited each year. The purpose of the visits of previously assessed properties is to verify the accuracy of property records against the physical facts. Photos and sketches of the structures were recorded (this did not involve entering the buildings) as the primary focus is on the size and number of structures and secondarily, the existence of utilities such as electricity, wells and septic systems.

Some properties were found to have additional structures or notable improvement, some structures were found to have degraded, a few had deteriorated seriously. This verification process should continue annually, with approximately 25% of Mercer properties being visited each year, to satisfy the State Law requiring all properties to be visited every 4 years. A town-wide reval is scheduled for the 23-24 tax year which will update the property values to market value and will adjust the mil rate.

All property is assessed based on its condition on April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you purchase or sell property after April 1<sup>st</sup>, the owner of the property on April 1<sup>st</sup> will receive the tax bill per state law.

All non-exempt personal property located on your land (including travel trailers not registered (excised) on April 1<sup>st</sup> are taxed to the landowner unless claimed by another Mercer resident. Everyone is required by state law to list their personal property with the assessors by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Personal Property forms are available at the town office. If you have paid excise tax on a piece of equipment, please mark your list accordingly so it isn't taxed twice.

The Board of Assessors received an annual visit from the State. Their preliminary State Valuation for Mercer is as follows:

2022 State Valuation for Mercer: \$76,900,000

2023 State Valuation for Mercer: \$86,150,000

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors, Ricky Parlin, Gary Mosher, Mary Burr and Agent Zeb Pike

# Notices

**(NEW) Property Tax Stabilization for Seniors:** To qualify for this stabilization you must be a permanent resident of Maine, be over the age of 65 as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of the upcoming year and have had a homestead consecutively for a minimum of 10 years as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of the upcoming year. At this time, the application must be filled out by December 1<sup>st</sup> **every** year by the property owner(s), in order to continue to get the stabilization. If you miss a year, you will lose your current stabilized amount and your taxes will revert back to the current valuation. You can pick up an application at the Town Office.

**Real Estate Tax:** All property tax is assessed to the owner of the property on April 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. If you sell your property after April 1<sup>st</sup>, you will still receive the tax bill and it is up to you to make sure it is paid/forwarded to new owner.

**Business Personal Property Tax:** By law, a list of all business equipment and its value **must** be filed with the Assessors by April 1<sup>st</sup> **every** year. If you have started a new business, you need to notify the Assessors to obtain forms for filing a list of your business equipment. If this business equipment qualifies for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption (**BETE**), the business is not taxed for the personal property (the **BETTE** application **must** be filled out **every** year and is the responsibility of the owner to do so).

**Homestead Exemption:** To qualify for this exemption, the home must be your primary residence, you must have owned your home for a period of at least 1 year before April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current tax year. All notifications and applications for exemption **must** be made no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current tax year. This is a one-time application.

**Veterans Exemption:** All Veterans who will be 62 years of age on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>, any totally disabled Veteran or any widow, widower or minor child(ren) of Veterans who would have been 62 years of age on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>, should contact the Assessors to see if they are eligible for a tax exemption. Applications for Veterans exemptions must be received in this office on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a one-time application.

**Tree Growth Classification:** All new owners of land that is in tree growth have **one** year from the date of purchase of the property to file a certified tree growth plan. All tree growth plans need to be recertified every **ten** years. Failure to have your certified plan submitted to the Assessors by the appropriate date will result in removal of the land from the tree growth classification and the assessment of a removal penalty.



## From the Municipal Valuation Return for Mercer Maine for 2022:

<b>Valuations:</b>	Local taxable Real Estate Valuation	\$ 63,718,639	
	Local taxable Personal Property Valuation	\$ 641,738	
	½ of Homestead Valuation	\$ 5,330,744	
	Total Valuation base		\$ 69,691,121
<b>Appropriation:</b>	Somerset County	\$172,571.65	
	Town of Mercer	\$ 835,119	
	MSAD #54	\$ 571,280.24	
	Total Appropriations		\$ 1,578,970.89
<b>Allowable deductions:</b>	State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 85,000	
	Other Revenues	\$ 342,316	
	Total deductions		\$ 427,316
<b>Net to be raised by local property tax rate</b>			\$ 1,151,654.89
<b>Overlay</b>			\$50,665.14*
<b>Minus ½ Homestead</b>			\$ 69,577.39*
<b>Tax to be Collected</b>			\$ 1,132,742.64

\*Amount taken from 2022 tax commitment not MVR

2022 Tax Rate:      \$17.60 per \$1,000 of valuation

## 2022 Real Estate Valuation Report

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Exemption</u>	<u>Total</u>
410 POND ROAD, LLC	15-20-0	120,442	114,228	0	234,670
Abbott, Sharon L & Lafontaine, Robert	06-03-01	27,100	56,956	22,750	61,306
Adams, Cody R	07-27-0	40,612	59,806	0	100,418
Ames, Casey L & Whalen, Peter D	05-29-03	23,800	209,480	0	233,280
Anderson, Lawrence B Jr	10-18-06	29,443	10,197	0	39,640
Angell, Frank S & Angell, Donna Marie	07-14-03	25,995	104,835	0	130,830
Angell, Frank S & Angell, Donna Marie	07-14-04	15,255	0	0	15,255
Angell, Frank S & Angell, Donna Marie	07-14-07	17,075	0	0	17,075
Anthos, James H	07-42-02	37,080	115,743	0	152,823
Armstrong, Muriel J & Whitney, Bruce L	10-09-0	37,674	86,155	22,750	101,079
Axelman, David S, Dorney, Ann E, Culley, Denis T & Betty D	01-02-0	75,611	0	0	75,611
Bacon, James F	02-01-10	42,800	31,253	22,750	51,303
Baker, Alexander K & Harding, Lacey	14-03-0	114,700	37,656	0	152,356
Baker, Barbara H (L.Estate), Baker, Dale & Dean, Merry, Rowena & Lenfest, Regina	14-20-0	70,524	0	0	70,524
Baker, Dean A & Baker, Deborah D	14-01-0	161,474	41,481	0	202,955
Balگووین, Warren P & Helen W, & Warren P Balگووین Revocable Trust	06-35-0	3,196	0	0	3,196
Barber, Dustin S	03-17-01	22,900	60,972	0	83,872
Bartholf, Mychael F & Bartholf, Susan Ann	04-03-0	50,029	209,887	22,750	237,166
Baxter, Scott R & Baxter, Paris M	07-14-B	25,800	104,184	0	129,984
Beaulier, Richard H & Beaulier, Frances G	07-25-0	21,468	80,320	28,210	73,578
Bedford, Raymond & Bedford, Stacy R	04-08-B	30,320	165,324	22,750	172,894
Bedford, Raymond & Bedford, Stacy R	04-12-01	22,950	96,046	0	118,996
Bedford, Raymond P & Bedford, Stacy R	04-07-03	23,100	0	0	23,100
Beeuwkes, Christiaan J & Beeuwkes, Dorothea M	11-31-0	30,486	120,671	22,750	128,407
Beeuwkes, Christiaan J & Beeuwkes, Dorothea M	06-20-0	25,040	0	0	25,040
Beeuwkes, Christiaan J & Beeuwkes, Dorothea M	07-28-04	14,800	0	0	14,800
Belanger, Cole A	03-30-01	22,825	5,684	0	28,509
Belanger, Cole A	04-04-B	60,760	77,264	22,750	115,274
Bender, Rick R	08-03-01-?	24,968	33,686	22,750	35,904
Bennett, Craig S	08-07-09	24,003	42,712	0	66,715
Benway, Christopher J & Benway, Carolyn J	03-02-01	18,924	51,253	0	70,177
Benway, Christopher J & Benway, Carolyn J	03-02-0	21,260	0	0	21,260
Berube, Ray & Berube (Andrews), Tara	11-11-0	20,857	45,862	22,750	43,969
Bessy Development Company	06-36-0	34,493	0	0	34,493
Bilodeau, Michael H & Bilodeau, Eleanor L	10-06-02	23,800	57,959	22,750	59,009
Bishop, Alan L & Bishop, Helmi J	09-32-0	20,901	31,415	0	52,316
Blair, Paul	08-23-0	32,820	0	0	32,820
Bliss, Norman I & Bliss, Melodie A	03-30-0	26,550	48,693	22,750	52,493
Blood Timberlands LLC	01-01-0	1,355	0	0	1,355
Bolduc, Cindy G & Bolduc, Daniel R	01-12-01	53,764	136,110	22,750	167,124
Bolduc, Robert & Jeannette & Gagne, Christopher S	01-12-02	19,000	67,188	22,750	63,438
Bolster, Brian L & Bolster, Lu Ann	01-17-0	29,572	38,201	22,750	45,023
Borman Family Irrevocable Trust, The & Borman, Robert G & Adam K, Co-Trustees	15-15-0	128,226	58,341	0	186,567
Borman Family Irrevocable Trust, The & Borman, Robert G & Adam K, Co-Trustees	15-17-0	181,307	153,720	0	335,027
Borman, Robert Glenn	15-16-0	110,399	0	0	110,399
Bottrill, Judith E & Bottrill, Adam J, Finelli, Beth K & Robin J	10-11-03	26,694	288,996	22,750	292,940
Bouchard, Joseph E & Bouchard, Kristin Ann	10-18-08	40,640	12,862	0	53,502
Bowker, Brian J	10-22-0	22,340	0	0	22,340
Boyker, Alan J & Boyker, Ashley	11-20-0	20,982	51,525	0	72,507
Brann, Letha W & Davis, Eudine & Cory	06-34-0	30,600	38,301	22,750	46,151
Brann, Wesley & Brann, Joyce & Davis, Cory	06-30-0	124,469	0	0	124,469
Brenner, Michael P & Benner, Pamela J	14-11-0	135,444	48,207	0	183,651
Breton, Brian D	03-16-01	31,200	55,752	22,750	64,202
Bronson, Ethan	07-42-02-A	23,800	82,904	0	106,704
Brown, Dana C	07-42-05	42,065	48,169	22,750	67,484
Brown, Michael R & Brown, Dawn L	01-03-0	2,820	0	0	2,820
Bunker, Eric R	09-06-B	22,180	0	0	22,180
Bunker-Geyer, Philip A	09-22-0	39,780	149,150	22,750	166,180
Burk, Claudia & Burk, Adam	01-16-04-01	16,940	6,683	0	23,623
Burr, Robert A & Burr, Mary E	06-23-0	30,632	0	0	30,632
Burr, Robert A & Burr, Mary E	06-16-0	55,409	519,351	22,750	552,010

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<b>Name(s)</b>	<b>Map/Lot</b>	<b>Land</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Exemption</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bushnell, Charles R & Robert	1-15-0	24,163	0	0	24,163
Bushnell, Charles R & Robert	02-09-0	14,600	0	0	14,600
Bushnell, David H, Trustee & S & B Living Trust	06-06-0	41,485	0	0	41,485
Bushnell, David H, Trustee & S & B Living Trust	06-25-A	0	9,649	0	9,649
Bushnell, David H, Trustee & S & B Living Trust	06-25-0	60,840	0	0	60,840
Bushnell, William	06-06-01	37,672	0	0	37,672
Bussell, Eric	09-36-A	0	0	0	0
Cahill, John B	04-05-04	22,300	88,139	22,750	87,689
Cahill, John B	04-07-02	17,400	0	0	17,400
Cameron, Andrea D	03-02-02	18,020	0	0	18,020
Campbell, Jeffrey	06-13-0	25,800	106,348	22,750	109,398
Carroll, Chad R	06-30-01	22,664	110,134	0	132,798
Catabia, Barbara & Catabia, Leonard	06-11-0	26,307	83,674	0	109,981
Central Maine Power Company	01-999-0	1,406,000	0	0	1,406,000
Chamberlain, Eric	03-23-0	20,936	0	0	20,936
Chamberlain, Everett B II & Beverly & Chamberlain	03-24-0	35,317	0	0	35,317
Chamberlain, John R	03-21-0	12,779	0	0	12,779
Chamberlain, John R	06-26-01	81,624	135,964	22,750	194,838
Chamberlain, John R	03-25-0	30,456	0	0	30,456
Chamberlain-Merry, Bonny	06-26-02	22,300	58,691	0	80,991
Chantry, Allen B & Chantry, Dolores L	10-18-01	5,273	0	0	5,273
Charles, Raymond F & Charles, Maryellen	07-42-01	26,872	102,837	22,750	106,959
Chouinard, James & Chouinard, Mary	07-20-06	31,410	86,596	22,750	95,256
Churchill, Jody & Churchill, Jennifer	14-07-0	153,937	61,353	0	215,290
Civitella, Donna E & Civitella, Donald	10-11-0	52,760	362,865	22,750	392,875
Clark, Bruce W & Clark, Mary J	09-10-01	27,580	0	0	27,580
Clavet, Randy R & Clavet, Kay L	14-22-0	109,286	79,609	0	188,895
Clavet, Randy R & Clavet, Kay L	02-11-03	15,442	4,096	0	19,538
Clement, Laurie A	06-03-0	31,535	76,530	22,750	85,315
Colson, Alden & Colson, Laura	11-13-0	24,353	66,265	22,750	67,868
Colson, Hunter A & Spencer, Jessica Lee	10-27-0	59,100	31,605	0	90,705
Conant, Dwayne, John & Gregory	02-08-0	38,588	18,027	0	56,615
Cooke-Johnson, Elaine P & Johnson, William R	04-07-0	28,440	165,149	0	193,589
Cooper, Carly A	07-03-01	28,440	33,928	0	62,368
Copeland, Jean C. & Skinner, Brian J	05-01-01	23,300	23,096	0	46,396
Cormier (Bartlett), Lacey B	06-04-0	25,800	133,122	22,750	136,172
Corson, Charles W & Corson, Lori Ann	08-34-0	49,323	75,056	22,750	101,629
Corson, Kathleen A	08-34-03	20,952	23,553	22,750	21,755
Corson, Scott M	12-04-0	27,360	161,919	22,750	166,529
Coulstring, Matthew & Coulstring, Kimberly	02-08-04	27,223	61,073	0	88,296
Coulstring, Robert N Jr & Coulstring, Susan A	02-01-08	29,840	26,783	0	56,623
Coulstring, Robert N Jr & Coulstring, Susan A	02-01-11	68,240	0	0	68,240
Cousineau Lumber, Inc	06-28-0	20,645	0	0	20,645
Cousineau Lumber, Inc	06-41-0	5,040	0	0	5,040
Cowing, Wayne B	04-06-0	11,630	0	0	11,630
Cowing, Wayne B	04-06-05	11,449	0	0	11,449
Crandall, Charles R	08-01-01-A	37,500	217,056	0	254,556
Crandall, Jesse J & Crandall, Debra J	08-01-0	88,720	75,478	22,750	141,448
Crandall, Michael	12-03-0	25,957	34,209	22,750	37,416
Cromwell, Gary R	08-34-01	25,150	70,601	22,750	73,001
Crowley, Brian J	10-21-02	20,102	22,788	0	42,890
Crowley, Brian J	10-21-0	3,320	0	0	3,320
Crowley, Elizabeth	10-10-0	30,298	121,508	22,750	129,056
Crowley, Elizabeth	10-14-0	5,915	0	0	5,915
Culley, Denis T & Culley, Betty D	04-09-0	35,011	78,736	22,750	90,997
Cunningham, Debra E & Powell, Laurie A	13-04-0	45,141	18,438	0	63,579
Cunningham, Debra E & Powell, Laurie A	13-05-0	79,938	25,686	0	105,624
Cunningham, Nathan	04-13-05	15,346	0	0	15,346
Currier, Blynn & Oldfield, Irene M	08-20-0	6,516	0	0	6,516
Currier, Nathan W	02-08-06	17,134	9,806	0	26,940
Currier, Nathan W	02-08-10	25,531	25,032	22,750	27,813
Czarnecki, Brad & Smithers, William Ralph Jr	10-28-0	8,009	0	0	8,009
DaCosta, Albert	09-21-0	18,940	13,885	0	32,825
Davies, Phyllis C & Judkins, Jessie E	03-21-01	19,751	4,922	0	24,673
Davis, George S Jr	09-31-0	38,000	63,524	28,210	73,314
Davis, Morgan J	07-36-01	21,000	70,940	22,750	69,190
Davis, Paula	03-09-0	26,440	66,513	22,750	70,203

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Davis, William G	07-12-0	39,154	161,972	22,750	178,376
DeGregory, Anthony Jr	08-34-02	23,600	27,741	22,750	28,591
Dellarma, Alexander E	07-21-0	39,840	0	0	39,840
Dellarma, Edward J Jr	09-35-01	23,977	47,790	0	71,767
Dellarma, Edward J Jr	09-35-0	29,369	0	0	29,369
Dellarma, Kimberly A & Dellarma, Thomas N	09-05-01-A	31,673	130,897	22,750	139,820
Dellarma, Sherry	11-17-0	30,326	28,044	22,750	35,620
Dellarma, Terry M	07-16-0	21,000	41,397	22,750	39,647
Demond, Christopher & VonKrebs-Cintorino, Danielli	05-16-C	24,778	88,097	22,750	90,125
Deveau, Miriah & Deveau Michael	13-36-0	37,986	0	0	37,986
Dewdney, Peter G & Dewdney, Betsy J A	02-05-0	65,372	89,510	22,750	132,132
Dickey, Dylan J & Dickey, Molly B	08-42-0	32,920	138,621	22,750	148,791
Doane, Deborah J	08-03-01	25,410	46,253	22,750	48,913
Doane, Jane A & Doane, Richard L	06-21-0	45,146	17,120	22,750	39,516
Doane, John E	02-08-07	29,085	7,367	0	36,452
Doane, Kenneth L IV	06-22-02	18,982	63,848	22,750	60,080
Doane, W Russell	06-22-03	18,982	5,552	24,534	0
Dodge, Randy A	02-01-05	20,300	21,612	0	41,912
Doore, Stephen C	02-08-03	20,574	0	0	20,574
Dorey, Duane	07-24-0	55,862	163,428	22,750	196,540
Doucette, Renee L	09-05-03	20,938	80,766	22,750	78,954
Dow, Deborah J & Whalen, Glenn R	14-23-0	145,548	79,822	22,750	202,620
Downing, Toby A & Downing, Amy C	15-22-0	109,442	0	0	109,442
Doyle, James A, Estate of & Doyle, James A Jr & Richard P, Per Reps	10-04-0	21,600	39,907	22,750	38,757
Doyle, Michael & Doyle, Aileen V	04-13-0	160,934	0	0	160,934
Doyle, Michael M & Doyle, Aileen V	13-02-0	84,076	68,995	0	153,071
Dubay, Evelyn M, Trustee & Evelyn M Dubay Revocable Trust	05-26-0	35,952	0	0	35,952
Dubay, Wayne E	07-04-01	26,364	60,327	28,210	58,481
Dubois, Heidi	06-07-02-03	21,650	133,904	22,750	132,804
Duperry, Roland L & Duperry, Philip L & Margaret A	10-15-0	15,867	6,480	0	22,347
Duquette, Larry J & Duquette, Mary P	08-26-0	39,780	66,734	28,210	78,304
Dutill, Christopher P	01-06-01	26,281	113,585	22,750	117,116
Dutill, Paul & Dutill, Dale	01-06-0	22,729	68,966	22,750	68,945
East Mercer Cemetery	08-09-0	16,100	0	16,100	0
Eliassen, Kent & Eliassen, Mary Lou	11-23-0	25,740	94,031	0	119,771
Ellis, David	11-27-0	20,675	16,989	0	37,664
Emery, Robbie & Emery, Sherry A	13-15-0	110,243	33,275	0	143,518
Emery, Sherry A	13-17-0	81,524	58,660	0	140,184
Enos, Steven & Enos, Sarah C	04-05-03	23,600	86,346	22,750	87,196
Erickson, Lucas D & Erickson, Sophie J	08-07-05	27,000	189,911	0	216,911
Everett, Eric C & Amy L & Lepage, Denise E & Timothy S	13-22-0	159,499	83,254	0	242,753
Everett, Eric C & Amy L & Lepage, Denise E & Timothy S	13-24-01	2,792	0	0	2,792
Everett, Ricky B & Everett, Nancy L	13-24-0	138,944	42,200	0	181,144
Facingeast LLC	02-11-0	4,781	0	0	4,781
Facingeast LLC	14-14-0	146,600	93,699	0	240,299
Farley (Gordon), Deborah F	05-03-01	9,500	0	0	9,500
Ferrara, Brian & c/o Donald Ferrara	07-30-03	21,000	15,608	0	36,608
Ferrara, Brian & c/o Donald Ferrara	09-28-0	40,600	77,516	0	118,116
Ferrara, Brian S	11-15-0	20,965	56,329	22,750	54,544
Ferrara, Courtney Lynn	07-39-01	28,400	16,776	0	45,176
Fisher, Frederick O	04-04-0	30,278	73,996	0	104,274
Fleming, Haley	08-38-02	23,800	138,331	0	162,131
Folsom, Sarah	10-19-0	37,356	160,912	22,750	175,518
Forber Living Trustee, Rosalind A & Pratt Living Trust, Lawrence A	13-08-0	86,076	127,161	0	213,237
Forber, Living Trust for Rosalind A. & Pratt Living Trust, Lawrence A	04-13-03	13,462	0	0	13,462
Fortin, Michael L & Fortin, Wanda L	05-17-0	28,870	139,886	22,750	146,006
Fortunato, Matthew J	07-48-01-B	16,243	0	0	16,243
Foster, Caleb & Lizzotte, Katelynn	13-31-0	81,524	63,569	22,750	122,343
Foster, Chrystal J	07-02-0	27,300	63,111	22,750	67,661
Foster, Stephen A & Day, Robin L	03-04-0	26,660	0	0	26,660
Foster, Stephen A	05-01-0	43,416	0	0	43,416

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Foster, Stephen A	05-07-01	21,640	16,001	0	37,641
Fox, Jason & Fox, Lauren B	03-18-0	56,815	70,081	0	126,896
French, Ronald E & French, Barbara D	09-03-0	51,920	209,532	22,750	238,702
French, Ronald E, Jr	09-27-01	25,506	0	0	25,506
Fulkerson, Alan S	01-10-0	19,000	94,969	22,750	91,219
Gagnon, Eric S & Gagnon, Suzanne M	05-29-01	5,240	0	0	5,240
Gagnon, Ronald A & Gagnon, Cynthia L	05-29-04	28,869	195,324	22,750	201,443
Gardner, Robert E & Gardner, Deborah P	03-28-0	20,615	22,154	0	42,769
Gardner, Robert E & Gardner, Deborah P	02-01-02	35,516	84,388	22,750	97,154
Gardner, Tina M & Gardner, Robert J	06-07-02-01	24,500	162,597	22,750	164,347
Garland, Brittany J & McGraw, Joseph E	08-04-0	26,190	81,786	0	107,976
Geidel, Lance W & Geidel, Shelly	08-17-0	1,620	0	0	1,620
Geisser, Nathan A & Geisser, Molly	08-48-01	68,033	123,995	0	192,028
Genness, Fayelyne	10-18-01-02	21,903	6,640	28,210	333
Genness, Patrick J & Genness, Mary L	08-03-01-03	29,702	11,064	22,750	18,016
George, Carol et al	13-14-0	146,600	52,040	0	198,640
Gerrie, Steven A & Gerrie, Jean G	10-11-02	26,946	203,116	22,750	207,312
Gevecker, Karl, Trustee & Karl Gevecker Trust, The	15-23-0	119,485	68,226	0	187,711
Ghapco Inc	13-13-0	99,269	42,862	0	142,131
Ghaphery, Dr A.D. Maine Haven LLC	13-12-0	161,441	793,520	0	954,961
Ghaphery, Dr A.D. Maine Haven LLC	13-16-0	11,903	0	0	11,903
Gibson, James A & Gibson, Cynthia J	04-02-0	38,104	48,146	28,210	58,040
Gierczak, John M & Gierczak, Emma E	08-46-04	37,102	239,129	28,210	248,021
Gilbert Family Revocable Trust & Gilbert, A J & Carol A Trustees	09-20-0	49,229	87,325	0	136,554
Gilbert, A J & Carol A, Trustees & Gilbert Family Revocable Trust, The	09-07-0	27,857	156,675	0	184,532
Gilbert, Donald G & Gilbert, Lois L	13-21-0	103,216	25,479	0	128,695
Gilbert, Marc & Gilbert, Corina	09-19-05	48,257	18,058	0	66,315
Gilbert, Michele A & Gilbert, Steven C	08-29-01-01	29,000	173,341	22,750	179,591
Gilman, Gerald W & Gilmore, Michael J	07-10-0	45,170	132,960	28,210	149,920
Goff, Nathan L & Davis, Jill	15-03-0	107,182	39,236	0	146,418
Goff, Nathan L & Davis, Jill	15-04-0	5,626	0	0	5,626
Goff, Nathan L & Davis, Jill	15-05-0	69,248	0	0	69,248
Goff, Nathan L & Davis, Jill	15-06-0	5,556	0	0	5,556
Goff, Nathan L	2-11-02	19,195	120,285	0	139,480
Goodwin, Robert E & Goodwin, Roberta	07-03-A	42,859	182,802	22,750	202,911
Gould, Richard B Jr	10-18-07	5,285	0	0	5,285
Gould, Richard B Jr	10-18-05	10,561	0	0	10,561
Gove, Jesse A, Trustee & Gove Family Irrevocable Trust, The	11-14-0	20,952	90,961	22,750	89,163
Grant, Janice L	07-32-03-01	25,930	130,421	22,750	133,601
Greaney, Scott R	09-01-0	57,200	144,439	22,750	178,889
Greenblatt & Lurkin Enterprises	15-26-0	162,550	31,974	0	194,524
Greer, Donald & Greer, Lillian	01-16-02	17,210	0	0	17,210
Gunnarsson, Bjarki	09-06-0	28,752	51,787	0	80,539
Hagar, Bradford H & Hagar, Patricia C	09-12-01	11,500	0	0	11,500
Hager, Bradford H & Hager, Patricia C	09-17-0	42,554	0	0	42,554
Hager, Bradford H & Hager, Patricia C	09-18-0	29,100	202,441	0	231,541
Hallee, Jean	06-05-0	14,800	0	0	14,800
Hampshire Hill Cemetary Asoc	03-11-0	9,443	0	9,443	0
Hampton, Jennifer L	08-30-01	24,500	78,567	22,750	80,317
Harris, Nina & Harris, Robert	07-44-01	22,300	88,641	28,210	82,731
Harvey, Charles & Harvey, Kathleen	06-17-05	16,000	0	0	16,000
Harvey, Charles G & Harvey, Kathleen F S	06-19-0	39,240	118,191	22,750	134,681
Harvey, Charles G & Harvey, Kathleen F S	06-17-04	16,996	0	0	16,996
Hasenkopf, Harald & Hasenkopf, Maren	13-35-0	78,334	56,440	0	134,774
Hassenkopf, Harald J & Hassenkopf, Maren	13-37-02	1,611	0	0	1,611
Hayden, Wanda M	01-09-01	32,920	104,805	22,750	114,975
Hayes, Elizabeth T & Nossach, Geoffrey M	07-20-01-A	16,900	0	0	16,900
Hayes, Elizabeth T	07-58-0	20,911	28,766	22,750	26,927
Haynes, Jerry D & Haynes, Barbara A	14-19-0	140,548	33,782	0	174,330
Healy, Matthew J	08-03-03	37,890	522,850	0	560,740
Healy, Stephen L. & Healy, Laura A., & The Healy Family Revocable Trust	2-01-04	14,300	1,188	0	15,488
Hebert, Jennifer Zweig	05-04-0	231	0	0	231
Henderson, Bonita L	11-21-0	13,423	0	0	13,423

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Hendrix, Ralph W & Hendrix, Melanie A	06-32-0	45,720	106,328	22,750	129,298
Herbert, Joshua L & Herbert, Michelle L	09-05-0	21,325	63,517	0	84,842
Herbert, Joshua L & Herbert, Michelle L	09-05-04	21,000	19,732	22,750	17,982
Heywood, William H., Jr.	06-03-02	23,600	18,484	0	42,084
Hilton, Alan & Hilton, Elaine	10-06-01	19,000	43,853	28,210	34,643
Hilton, Elaine	10-06-01				
Hilton, Elaine T	10-18-02	5,106	0	0	5,106
Hilton, Elaine T & True, Earl R	05-11-0	4,089	0	0	4,089
Hilton, Kristy L & Hilton, Jason A	10-20-0	61,908	0	0	61,908
Hinkel, Gary B & Hinkel, Gellie Anne C	03-08-0	13,840	2,786	0	16,626
Hinkley, Clyde L & Hinkley, Mary F	02-12-0	338,040	47,986	0	386,026
Hinkley, Nadine G & Hinkley, Adam L	02-13-01	231,144	24,165	0	255,309
Hobbs, Tracey & Hobbs, Alan	03-29-0	27,000	68,280	0	95,280
Holt, Christopher & Chapin, Sally L	06-01-0	41,892	154,796	22,750	173,938
Hooper, Joel R	02-04-0	786	0	0	786
Hooper, Joel R	03-27-0	42,655	189,048	22,750	208,953
Howard, Martha E & Howard, Scott D II	09-05-01	58,372	0	0	58,372
Howard, Martha E & Howard, Scott D II	09-26-0	98,153	0	0	98,153
Howard, Martha E & Howard, Scott D II	08-50-0	30,285	0	0	30,285
Howard, Martha E & Howard, Scott D II	07-30-01	22,755	34,811	0	57,566
Howard, Martha E & Turk, Emily L	07-52-0	62,680	0	0	62,680
Howard, Martha E & Howard, Scott D II	08-35-0	17,400	0	0	17,400
Howard, Samuel J & Howard, Lorri L	05-18-0	27,000	44,757	0	71,757
Howard, Scott D & Howard, Martha E	07-31-0	22,430	79,964	0	102,394
Howard, Scott D II & Howard, Julia E	03-17-0	52,900	85,389	0	138,289
Howard, Scott D II & Howard, Scott D III	05-18-01	37,888	0	0	37,888
Howard, Scott D II & Howard, Julia E	07-32-06	37,318	180,206	0	217,524
Howard, Scott D II & Howard, Julia E	07-48-02	29,714	75,905	0	105,619
Howard, Scott D III	05-18-02	38,860	29,946	22,750	46,056
Howard, Scott D III	07-14-10	17,544	0	0	17,544
Howard, Scott D Sr & Howard, Martha E	12-02-0	25,800	75,883	28,210	73,473
Howard, Scott D Sr & Martha E	03-03-0	38,540	0	0	38,540
Howard, Scott D Sr & Martha E	03-06-0	31,844	0	0	31,844
Howard, Scott D Sr & Martha E	05-12-0	19,640	0	0	19,640
Howard, Scott D Sr & Martha E	07-32-01	37,510	29,844	0	67,354
Huang, Sushan	01-05-0	25,920	59,346	0	85,266
Hubach, Frederick W & Hubach, Wilma	15-10-0	354,078	223,029	0	577,107
Hunter, Virginia C	04-05-0	52,688	0	0	52,688
Hurley, Bruce E & Hurley, Dari D	07-44-0	34,920	209,522	22,750	221,692
Hurley, Dari D	07-45-0	22,560	0	0	22,560
Hurley, Dari D & Hurley, Bruce E	07-46-0	23,730	0	0	23,730
Jackson, Jeffrey A	07-42-04-A	3,157	0	0	3,157
Jalbert, Henry & Jalbert, Myrna	10-20-B-02	23,614	122,239	28,210	117,643
Jones, Caleb M	06-03-05-01	26,812	5,528	0	32,340
Jones, Fe B	06-03-04	29,239	87,338	28,210	88,367
Jones, Suzanne V & Jones, Russell K	10-11-03-A	22,493	114,982	22,750	114,725
Juskewitch, Jason	02-10-04	24,206	69,121	22,750	70,577
Juskewitch, Sherwood & Juskewitch, Dawn	15-12-0	145,556	69,482	22,750	192,288
Keay, Patricia A	01-21-0	18,170	20,971	0	39,141
Kennedy, Lance	03-16-0	25,882	29,910	22,750	33,042
Kevett, Harry F III, Trustee & Harry Kevett III Living Trust, The	13-28-0	148,732	34,460	0	183,192
Keyser, Dennis N & Myrick, Rosalie E	10-05-02	36,460	109,867	22,750	123,577
Kimball, Deane A, Trustee & Kimball Revocable Trust, The	01-16-01	27,880	0	0	27,880
King, Robin L & Gondela, John C	02-18-0	202,229	55,300	0	257,529
Kitchen, Stephen & Kitchen, Martha	10-09-01	31,516	151,934	22,750	160,700
Kitchen, Stephen & Kitchen, Martha	10-15-02	11,500	340	0	11,840
Knauf, Donald J & Juliette P & Donald J Knauf Revocable Living Trust	13-30-0	155,635	80,286	0	235,921
Knight, Bradford S & Knight, Zachary L	04-05-03-A	15,346	0	0	15,346
Knoernschild, Nadine	08-16-0	19,800	0	0	19,800
Konoff, Abraham D & Konoff, Rhoda F	10-12-0	21,498	0	0	21,498
Krajewski, Jerzy H	07-42-05-A	14,475	0	0	14,475
Ladd Cemetary Association	01-18-01	11,994	0	11,994	0
Ladd, Bert D	09-36-0	21,000	0	0	21,000
Ladd, Blacke D	10-27-01	22,900	19,895	22,750	20,045

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Ladd, Earle J	01-18-0	30,820	0	0	30,820
Lafaiailij, Siuleo F & Lafaiailij, Rebecca I	08-38-01	23,800	135,376	22,750	136,426
Lafrance, Denise A & Rancourt, Gerard & Rancourt Family Living Trust, The	13-10-0	132,637	57,789	0	190,426
Lagasse, Irwin D	06-12-0	28,440	100,758	22,750	106,448
Lagasse, Linwood & Lagasse, Shirley	06-11-01	52,368	0	0	52,368
Lagasse, Linwood & Lagasse, Shirley	06-14-0	34,000	90,833	22,750	102,083
Lakeman, Dean F & Bouchard, Jennifer K	10-21-01	22,340	0	0	22,340
Lamarre, Brenton F	08-45-0	51,120	88,688	0	139,808
LaMarre, Edward & LaMarre, Sandra	06-17-03	23,932	45,887	22,750	47,069
Lambert, Dennis & Lambert Sharon	05-03-0	12,750	0	0	12,750
Lambert, Dennis & Lambert, Sharon	07-34-0	36,918	126,078	28,210	134,786
Lambert, Dillon J & Labbe, Ciera B	09-06-02	18,160	2,047	0	20,207
Lambert, Guinevere S & Corson, Janice D	11-26-0	29,898	99,334	28,210	101,022
Lambert, Sharon R & Farley, Deborah	07-05-0	56,520	46,686	0	103,206
Lambert, Sharon R & Farley, Deborah	07-19-0	41,460	0	0	41,460
Lamphere, Joel	09-10-0	40,431	102,426	22,750	120,107
Lamphere, Joel T	09-15-01	48,048	155,867	0	203,915
Lancaster (Poirier), Deborah Rae	05-13-0	20,300	84,057	22,750	81,607
Landry, Evan Michael	07-48-01B-01	15,580	0	0	15,580
Landry, Mary E, Est & Alexson, Shane & Doane, David A, Per Rep	07-48-01	40,611	80,670	22,750	98,531
Langlais, Bernard T & Langlais, Beth E	02-07-0	15,800	2,852	0	18,652
Langlais, Dale H & Langlais, Kathleen L	02-10-03	2,961	0	0	2,961
Langlais, Dale H & Langlais, Kathleen L	04-05-01	34,019	130,300	22,750	141,569
Langlais, Paul & Langlais, Lynne M	15-14-0	183,885	121,733	0	305,618
LaPlante, Frederick & LaPlante, Beatrice	02-03-0	32,100	198,310	28,210	202,200
LaPointe, Daryl & LaPointe, Denise	07-03-05	17,020	0	0	17,020
Lapointe, Laura T	04-12-0	41,460	0	0	41,460
Lapointe, Ronald	04-08-01	30,620	90,911	22,750	98,781
Lapointe, Ronald	04-12-02	36,060	0	0	36,060
Lavoie, George A & Lavoie, Michelle	02-08-09	25,218	31,965	0	57,183
Lawrence, Richard & Lawrence, Sandra	02-19-0	197,048	76,218	0	273,266
LeBlanc, Scott	04-08-0	23,340	135,896	0	159,236
LeBlanc, Scott	04-08-C	49,830	0	0	49,830
LeClair, Leo R	08-01-01-B	0	35,946	22,750	13,196
LeClerc, Robert J	01-21-01	12,020	0	0	12,020
Leib, Donald T	15-01-0	105,458	7,909	0	113,367
Leib, Donald T	15-02-0	4,750	0	0	4,750
Leighton, Larry C , Couture, Lance, & Draper, Tina	02-08-01-02	22,340	0	0	22,340
Leo, Christopher & Leo, Heather M	01-13-01	28,812	0	0	28,812
Leo, Christopher & Leo, Heather M	01-08-0	42,740	97,571	22,750	117,561
Leonard, Jared & Pucillo, Eva	07-20-02	17,200	3,808	0	21,008
Levesque, Maurice R	06-22-01	29,140	28,921	22,750	35,311
Levis, James Jr	14-13-0	111,984	42,634	0	154,618
Lindeman, Joshua M & Lindeman, Robin M	08-34-05	31,810	64,875	0	96,685
Little, Heidi J & Picard, Gary	05-16-C-1	22,601	58,343	0	80,944
Loabe, Richard L II	01-18-02	27,948	100,954	0	128,902
Loadwick, Richard E & Loadwick, Annie M	11-01-0	22,417	27,275	22,750	26,942
Lovejoy, Frank E & Rita G, Trustees & Lovejoy Family Revocable Trust, The	13-39-0	77,514	10,800	0	88,314
Luke, Carter J, & Schiller, Darlene D, & Luke-Schiller Living Trust	15-08-0	557,107	138,369	0	695,476
Lynds (Beauregard), Julie J	07-17-01	39,680	105,694	0	145,374
Lynds, Julie B	07-18-0	70,280	21,299	0	91,579
Magnani, Gino, Heirs of	08-28-0	16,100	0	0	16,100
Maine Dept of Transportation	06-31-0	29,000	0	29,000	0
Maine, State of	05-18-04	43,360	0	43,360	0
Mallette, Robert	02-01-07	30,490	9,956	22,750	17,696
Malo, Glenn F, Thomas R & Ronald J	10-18-09	33,275	1,000	0	34,275
Mannett, Andrew J	09-12-0	10,336	0	0	10,336
Mannett, Andrew J	09-17-01	12,800	0	0	12,800
Mannett, Thomas W Jr & Nancy A,	09-16-0	24,340	0	0	24,340
Manter, Lura Ann	06-38-0	26,700	50,056	22,750	54,006
Manter, LuraAnn	06-39-0	18,000	0	0	18,000
Marcue, Bryan C & Grant, Heidi J & Marcue, Louise	08-14-0	30,060	65,745	22,750	73,055
Marquis, Scott	02-13-0	261,790	44,139	0	305,929

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Martelli, Gina	05-15-0	38,920	0	0	38,920
Martin, Karen & Martin, Todd	07-57-0	31,720	36,998	0	68,718
Martin, Sharon A	04-02-03	23,500	50,378	22,750	51,128
Maynard, Nathanael G	07-20-01-01	17,850	0	0	17,850
Mayo, Wayne M & Mayo, Pamela S	04-02-02	25,668	153,521	22,750	156,439
Mayou, Terry A	06-03-B-01	26,294	39,841	22,750	43,385
Mcbeay, Kelly A	01-16-04	36,374	75,637	0	112,011
McCartney, Douglas F & McCartney, Kimberlee S	15-21-0	120,442	209,550	0	329,992
McDermott, Cynthia D & Wass, Loren W	04-14-0	19,650	26,039	0	45,689
McDermott, Cynthia D & Wass, Loren W	14-08-0	130,340	62,253	0	192,593
McDermott, Robert & McDermott, Cynthia D	08-46-0	52,583	156,764	0	209,347
McGlashing, James & McGlashing, Theresa	09-33-0	21,000	48,239	22,750	46,489
McKechnie, Suzan C & McKechnie, Aime V	13-20-0	148,735	78,517	22,750	204,502
McNair, Wesley & McNair, Diane	11-24-0	23,600	75,494	22,750	76,344
Medeiros, Victor & Medeiros, Vidalia	07-28-03	14,696	0	0	14,696
Medeiros, Victor & Medeiros, Vidalia	07-14-08	19,962	0	0	19,962
Medeiros, Victor & Medeiros, Vidalia	07-14-11	2,358	0	0	2,358
Mehrhoff, Nora L & Mehrhoff, Charles W	10-11-02-A	22,373	165,543	22,750	165,166
Mendoza, Andres D & Mendoza, Sandra J	07-32-07	20,040	76,964	0	97,004
Meola, Earl F & Meola, Nancy L	07-55-0	42,653	7,883	0	50,536
Meola, Earle F & Meola, Nancy L	05-05-0	26,326	35,402	0	61,728
Meola, Earle F & Meola, Nancy L	01-09-0	54,740	795	0	55,535
Meola, Earle F & Meola, Nancy L	05-08-0	11,695	0	0	11,695
Mercer Historical Society	11-04-0	9,529	0	9,529	0
Mercer Historical Society	11-30-01	13,232	0	13,232	0
Mercer Historical Society	11-08-0	24,185	59,178	83,363	0
Merrrow, R Loring & Liss, Joanna C, & R Loring Merrrow Trust, The	01-16-0	41,510	605	0	42,115
Merry, Frederick W & Merry, Bonny	04-10-0	34,748	115,097	22,750	127,095
Merry, Frederick W & Merry, Bonny	04-11-0	108,420	1,332	0	109,752
Meunier, Adam W	07-29-B	21,000	84,606	22,750	82,856
Meunier, Linda & Meunier, Wayne D	10-05-01	22,500	71,863	0	94,363
Meunier, Wayne D & Meunier, Linda T	10-05-B	19,000	121,762	22,750	118,012
Meyer, Bruce & Meyer, Carol	04-01-B-01	25,920	114,550	22,750	117,720
Meyer, Bruce E & Meyer, Carol	04-01-B	33,462	32,033	0	65,495
Miller, Chriss L & Miller, Sarah	10-01-0	26,980	98,951	0	125,931
Miller, Chriss L & Miller, Sarah	10-26-0	48,704	49,536	0	98,240
Miller, Eli J & Miller, Mattie M	09-37-0	53,440	169,931	0	223,371
Miller, John E & Miller, Frances M	09-27-0	47,848	42,216	0	90,064
Mills, Scott A & Lora E, Trustees & Scott A Mills Living Trust, The	10-07-0	26,500	0	0	26,500
Moore, Steven W	07-20-03	31,100	91,779	22,750	100,129
Moore, Steven W	07-20-04	26,700	41,811	0	68,511
Morabito, Daniel G	01-09-02	21,640	0	0	21,640
Morey, Allen & Morey, Lenore	04-05-02	23,579	73,119	22,750	73,948
Morey, Allen R & Morey, Lenore M	13-37-01	1,611	0	0	1,611
Morin, Bradley J	10-14-01	30,048	173,594	22,750	180,892
Mosher, Chad E & Gagnon-Mosher, Elizabeth E	01-13-0	24,357	16,920	0	41,277
Mukai Revocable Living Trust, Kenneth	07-50-0	29,221	96,937	22,750	103,408
Mullens, Shawn & Mullens, Lee Ann	08-01-03-A	14,254	0	0	14,254
Mullens, Shawn & Mullens, Lee Ann	08-01-03	38,826	215,640	0	254,466
Mumma, Jeffrey & Mumma, Sarah	02-01-03-01	14,202	0	0	14,202
Murch, Richard C	10-18-01-01	2,620	0	0	2,620
Murray, Reginald T & Barbara A, & Murray Revocable Trust	13-25-0	109,286	62,831	22,750	149,367
Murray, Reginald T & Barbara A, & Murray Revocable Trust	13-39-01	11,452	0	0	11,452
Murray, Reginald T & Barbara A, & Murray Revocable Trust	04-06-01	11,630	30,643	0	42,273
Muse, Deborah	06-21-01	18,722	0	0	18,722
Nadeau, Gerald P Nadeau, Richard A	13-26-0	158,255	29,728	0	187,983
Neal, Dennis C	09-19-03	25,938	229,795	0	255,733
Neubauer, Jon C & Jay S & Neubauer, Jeffrey S	06-03-B	23,951	27,887	0	51,838
Nichols, Thomas & Nichols, Amanda	08-21-0	21,000	115,666	22,750	113,916
Nicolson, Tyler	09-13-0	28,060	54,219	0	82,279
Noel, Joseph R & Lilley, Nene	07-42-01-A	26,278	52,011	28,210	50,079
Norberto, Mark & Norberto, Shelly	09-05-02	28,700	114,693	22,750	120,643



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Northrup, Dean Jr	07-14-09	30,482	102,972	0	133,454
Northwoods Holding Company	07-20-07	42,682	551,323	0	594,005
Nunnally, Jesse & Joan & Hadley,	13-27-0	143,142	76,228	28,210	191,160
Oakes, Adam W	08-07-08	22,508	16,167	0	38,675
Obert, Dennis A & Obert, Joanne M	12-01-0	23,418	70,915	22,750	71,583
O'Brien, Linda & O'Brien, Walter	05-21-0	45,386	97,877	22,750	120,513
O'Brien, Onneke S & O'Brien, Michael T	06-28-01	421	0	0	421
O'Brien, Walter P & O'Brien, Linda	05-23-0	32,440	0	0	32,440
O'Brien, Walter P & O'Brien, Linda	05-24	20,092	139,259	22,750	136,601
Oliver, Holly & Foster, Chrystal J	07-02-A	0	10,920	10,920	0
Olson, Daniel A., Olson Family & Olson, Scott D	15-13-0	156,936	151,334	0	308,270
Osgood, Christopher A	07-09-0	40,579	106,558	22,750	124,387
Padham, Donald & Padham, Elizabeth	01-13-02-01	29,612	99,103	22,750	105,965
Page, Donald R & Page, Sharon J	14-04-0	114,700	51,758	0	166,458
Paradis, James & Paradis, Carla Olson	11-19-0	20,993	1,589	0	22,582
Paradis, James & Carla & Stratton, Paradise Inc	07-13-0 13-18-0	34,520 131,616	46,989 428	22,750	58,759 132,044
Parent, Doreen J & Parent, Randall Sr & Randall J II	02-01-09-02	39,305	132,290	22,750	148,845
Parent, Randell J. II	02-01-09-01	13,400	0	0	13,400
Parent, Randell J. II	02-01-09	22,340	0	0	22,340
Parker, Todd M & Parker, Laura A	08-40-01	23,800	222,666	22,750	223,716
Parlin, Kerry O PR, Estate of Richard K	07-11-0	62,730	24,335	0	87,065
Parlin, Ricky & Parlin, Donna	06-07-0	45,969	0	0	45,969
Parlin, Ricky & Parlin, Donna L	08-07-0	40,653	0	0	40,653
Parlin, Ricky J & Parlin, Donna	08-47-0	25,116	72,503	28,210	69,409
Parlin, Roger	07-47-0	13,353	0	0	13,353
Parlin, Roger J	06-17-01	33,574	102,307	0	135,881
Parlin, Terry G & Parlin, Linda	06-15-0	25,960	0	0	25,960
Parlin, Verna	07-08-0	50,580	76,418	28,210	98,788
Parlin, Verna	07-15-0	28,500	0	0	28,500
Partridge, Barry D & Partridge, Adina L	02-11-01	27,380	0	0	27,380
Partridge, Barry D & Partridge, Adina L	14-14-01	77,670	0	0	77,670
Patten, Jason A & Michelle B & Zeif,	07-14-01	31,238	221,294	22,750	229,782
Peace, Rebecca A & Charles, Daniel L	11-07-0	29,124	49,030	22,750	55,404
Peniuk, Sherri-Lea	06-08-0	20,326	34,292	22,750	31,868
Perotti, Christopher	08-46-01	46,520	287,410	0	333,930
Perrault, Roxanne C & Perrault, James P	14-06-0	109,286	56,812	0	166,098
Perrault, Steven & Perrault, Janet	07-43-0	24,500	50,596	22,750	52,346
Perry, Jesse E & Cynthia J, Trustees & Perry Family Trust, The	07-06-0	34,980	0	0	34,980
Phelps, Zachary A	07-03-06	23,044	0	0	23,044
Pierce, Donald I & Margaret S, & Pierce Family Living Trust, The	06-42-0	28,440	105,878	22,750	111,568
Pierce, Donald I & Margaret S, & Pierce Family Living Trust, The	07-52-02	15,850	0	0	15,850
Pierce, Douglas	06-42-02	26,440	52,391	22,750	56,081
Pinkham, Katherine T	06-03-03-01	26,400	36,614	22,750	40,264
Pitcher, Cheryl D & Pitcher, Terry E	05-31-0	19,318	0	0	19,318
Pitcher, Cheryl D & Pitcher, Terry E	07-40-0	45,708	175,303	28,210	192,801
Poirier, Frank III	05-16-B	19,750	0	0	19,750
Poirier, Michael C & Worthen, Valerie J	05-30-0	16,600	6,260	0	22,860
Poirier, Michael Cecil & Lancaster (Poirier), Deborah Rae	05-16-0	31,084	4,373	0	35,457
Poole, JoAnn R, Trustee & JoAnn R Poole Revocable Trust, The	14-15-0	168,620	55,291	0	223,911
Potratz, Charles A	08-13-0	30,564	8,827	0	39,391
Poudrier, Albert D & Poudrier, Bethany A	04-02-01	31,840	42,102	28,210	45,732
Poulin, Dwayne H & Poulin, Sandra D	05-30-01	15,400	0	0	15,400
Poulin, Robert B	07-20-08	39,354	0	0	39,354
Powser, David A Jr & Powser, Gina N	09-25-0	19,000	112,632	22,750	108,882
Pratt, John B & Jane A, Co-Trustees & The John and Jane Pratt Living Trust	08-37-0	70,240	0	0	70,240
Price, Justin	08-01-01-B-01	20,861	0	0	20,861
Proulx, David D & Laura Doughty & Lesley Snyder	13-06-0	119,217	90,590	0	209,807
Proulx, David D & Laura Doughty & Lesley Snyder	04-13-04	13,491	0	0	13,491
Provost, Tara	08-07-03	27,636	95,172	22,750	100,058
Puccio, Carmen & Puccio, Norma	04-01-0	32,380	87,218	22,750	96,848

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Quimby, Joan M	09-11-0	11,428	0	0	11,428
Ramsey, Edward A Jr & Ramsey, Doris F	08-48-0	28,440	7,839	0	36,279
Rancourt, Gerard R & Lafrance, Denise & Rancourt Family Living Trust, The	04-13-02	13,452	0	0	13,452
Ray, Nicole L	07-29-01	27,000	110,658	22,750	114,908
Ray, Nicole L	07-29-02	14,726	0	0	14,726
Redlevske, Casaundra B	07-01-0	39,283	87,648	22,750	104,181
Redlevske, Casaundra B & Redlevske, Brent L	07-1-01	20,982	8,999	0	29,981
Redlevske, Casaundra B	07-01-02	13,482	0	0	13,482
Redlevske, Norman G	07-23-0	42,753	132,594	22,750	152,597
Redlevske, William J & Redlevske, Monica E	03-01-0	20,180	0	0	20,180
Redlevske, Wilmer E & Redlevske, Marlene J	07-56-0	35,200	169,164	22,750	181,614
Reed, Stephen Alan Trustee & The Stephen Reed Revocable Trust	02-01-12	33,518	0	0	33,518
Reed, Stephen Alan Trustee & The Stephen Reed Revocable Trust	02-02-0	52,040	0	0	52,040
Reed, Stephen Alan Trustee & The Stephen Reed Revocable Trust	03-32-0	130,682	14,946	0	145,628
Reed, Stephen Alan Trustee & The Stephen Reed Revocable Trust	15-24-0	182,731	82,316	0	265,047
Reed, Stephen Alan Trustee & The Stephen Reed Revocable Trust	15-28-0	13,099	15,623	0	28,722
Reed, Trustee, Stephen Alan & The Stephen Reed Revocable Trust	02-10-0	49,776	0	0	49,776
Reynolds, Frederick C Jr	10-20-B-01	16,000	0	0	16,000
Reynolds, Renee E	11-04-02	27,750	117,319	0	145,069
Richard, Jordan M & Richard, Tracy L	09-19-02	27,264	43,224	22,750	47,738
Ring, Christopher	02-08-01	39,998	0	0	39,998
Roach, Walter III & Roach, Pamela	10-18-04	16,270	0	0	16,270
Robinson, Jill A Lufkin & Robinsin, William J	15-25-0	187,156	299,983	28,210	458,929
Rogercol Properties LLC	07-20-01	38,215	154,526	0	192,741
Rollins, Sherrill M	11-30-0	20,853	67,679	22,750	65,782
Rosado, Ruthann	04-06-04	12,800	0	0	12,800
Rosado, Ruthann	13-19-0	189,920	81,184	0	271,104
Ross, Doreen	08-03-0	57,923	253,939	22,750	289,112
Ross, Nancy A	07-26-0	28,440	118,422	22,750	124,112
Roy, Arthur D	08-07-01	20,280	0	0	20,280
Ryder, Jeffrey L & Houllahan, Lisa	11-03-0	22,664	120,630	22,750	120,544
Sadler, Lyndon & Sadler, Cherie L	07-48-02-01	21,273	80,390	22,750	78,913
Saltmarsh & Gunnarsson LLC	08-49-0	43,962	297,906	0	341,868
Sanagorski, Thomas	08-43-0	28,114	59,382	0	87,496
Schilling, Brian & Schilling, Traci B	08-31-0	36,540	13,504	0	50,044
Schilling, Brian J & Schilling, Traci B	08-33-0	36,940	180,757	22,750	194,947
Schmidt, Eric A & Akerberg, Maile Bilke	14-17-0	146,600	49,636	0	196,236
Schutte, Peter & Schutte, Pamela T	08-46-03	6,862	2,370	0	9,232
Schuyler, William C	09-28-A	0	10,883	0	10,883
Shields, Merrill K & Shields, Violet L	11-18-0	24,591	49,597	28,210	45,978
Short, Gerald L & Macarthur, Ashley A	07-14-05	13,799	0	0	13,799
Shute, Cole D	08-07-02	26,266	22,521	0	48,787
Sigersmith, John J & Sigersmith, Lucy A	09-09-0	31,484	119,162	28,210	122,436
Sigersmith, John J & Sigersmith, Lucy A	09-19-04	17,920	0	0	17,920
Slongwhite, Glenn P & Luce, Eric P &	04-48-01-A	38,830	0	0	38,830
Smart, Andrew D & Smart (Smith), Holly A	10-15-01	20,020	0	0	20,020
Smith, Jean Marie	06-29-0	70,700	175,102	22,750	223,052
Smith, Roger	15-27-0	150,115	0	0	150,115
Smith, Roger P	10-13-0	64,840	0	0	64,840
Smith, Sandra J W	07-42-03	17,800	0	0	17,800
Smith, Vincent P	03-16-02	29,400	41,873	0	71,273
Somerset Telephone Property Tax	11-05-0	33,701	3,895	0	37,596
Spiller, Brian R Jr	05-20-0	20,275	4,844	0	25,119
Stanford Family Trust & C/O William Stanford	05-02-0	54,470	0	0	54,470
State of Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	07-37-0	30,071	0	30,071	0
Steuber, Chad & Steuber, Rebecca	02-08-02	19,926	0	0	19,926
Stevens, Roger E Jr & Stevens, Stacy L	14-21-0	78,024	35,056	0	113,080
Stevens, Roger E Jr	01-14-0	21,640	0	0	21,640
Steward, James A & Steward, Secha Eileen	06-17-02	25,300	150,626	22,750	153,176

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Storms, Pamela E & Storms, Mark Lewis	08-03-02	31,994	77,988	0	109,982
Storms, Pamela E, Trustee & , Storms, & M Carlton Storms Trust, The	06-18-0	33,011	124,987	22,750	135,248
Storro, Ryan R & Storro, Carole L, & The November Revocable Trust	13-32-0	173,059	46,116	0	219,175
Storro, Ryan R & Storro, Carole L, & The November Revocable Trust	13-37-0	12,436	0	0	12,436
Storro, Ryan R & Storro, Carole L, & The November Revocable Trust	13-38-0	11,500	0	0	11,500
Strom Family Trust, The	04-13-01-01	87,374	0	0	87,374
Stroman, Jeffrey D & Stroman, Kathryn Pierce	07-52-02-01	25,568	118,855	22,750	121,673
Sullivan, Michael F & Ashton, Karen J	14-05-0	167,682	92,349	22,750	237,281
Surette, Ralph H & Surette, John H	09-19-07	19,496	0	0	19,496
Sweeney, Michael S Jr	11-12-0	21,000	47,793	0	68,793
Tagle, Betina Jae & Edwards, Steven W	07-03-02	32,901	165,439	0	198,340
Tardy (Cherkassky), Amy	08-01-02	16,750	0	0	16,750
Tardy (Cherkassky), Amy	08-01-01-B	28,348	77,258	0	105,606
Taylor, Paul H, Heirs of	02-10-02	14,086	0	0	14,086
Taylor, Richard L	05-10-0	15,200	0	0	15,200
Telecky, Barbara	08-07-06	27,414	37,590	22,750	42,254
Tetreault, Mary	08-03-01-01	23,520	65,031	0	88,551
Thacher, Laura A	08-22-0	35,000	93,752	0	128,752
Thomas, Arthur S & Mary A &	08-29-0	36,594	60,177	22,750	74,021
Thomas, Lowell W & Thomas, M Patricia	08-29-01	50,786	197,781	22,750	225,817
Thomas, Maurice E	05-25-0	51,064	95,717	28,210	118,571
Thomas, Maurice E	05-27-0	3,850	0	0	3,850
Thompson, Zachary T & Thompson, Amanda J	07-42-04	28,170	152,296	22,750	157,716
Tibbetts, Charles E & Tibbetts, Earla F	03-12-0	26,440	100,948	22,750	104,638
Tibbetts, Heather M	08-34-04	13,446	0	0	13,446
Tibbetts, James A & Tibbetts, Sheila C	06-24-0	22,500	81,335	22,750	81,085
Tibbetts, Jason	09-24-0	3,275	0	0	3,275
Tibbetts, Jason & Tibbetts, Danielle	06-07-02-02	23,500	201,010	22,750	201,760
Tibbetts, Jason	09-34-0	20,940	0	0	20,940
Tibbetts, Robert B Jr & Tibbetts, Amy A	07-38-0	21,624	89,749	22,750	88,623
Tibbetts, Robert Blaine Jr & Tibbetts, Amy A	07-39-0	35,088	0	0	35,088
Tibbetts-Krupa, Debra L	05-06-0	55,600	37,746	0	93,346
Tibbetts-Krupa, Debra L	05-07-0	86,440	0	0	86,440
Tobin, Gerald D & Tobin, Kristine F	09-08-0	24,340	0	0	24,340
Toth, Gladys P & William H, & Gladys P Toth Revocable Trust, The	04-07-01	25,800	0	0	25,800
Toth, Vance A & Toth, Heather A	06-02-0	34,546	39,849	0	74,395
Toupin, Paul R	01-22-0	50,960	0	0	50,960
Town of Mercer	01-19-0	9,353	0	9,353	0
Town of Mercer	08-44-0	17,850	146,316	164,166	0
Town of Mercer	09-04-0	17,940	0	17,940	0
Town of Mercer	09-14-0	62,680	6,804	69,484	0
Town of Mercer	10-08-0	27,787	0	27,787	0
Town of Mercer	10-16-0	116,520	0	116,520	0
Town of Mercer	10-18-03	14,090	0	14,090	0
Town of Mercer	07-33-0	30,698	1,119,743	1,150,441	0
Town of Mercer	10-17-0	14,477	0	14,477	0
Town of Mercer	11-25-0	20,857	67,950	88,807	0
Town of Mercer	11-23-01	11,459	0	11,459	0
Tracy, David w	11-02-01	29,198	96,260	22,750	102,708
Tracy, Deborah L	01-05-01	26,424	92,034	22,750	95,708
Tracy, Derek C	07-13-01	21,000	12,939	0	33,939
Tracy, Derek C	11-22-0	18,782	24,610	22,750	20,642
Tracy, Derek Cecil Sr	11-16-0	21,780	17,057	0	38,837
Tracy, Spencer R	13-03-0	136,876	14,474	0	151,350
Tremblay, Eugene & Tremblay, Sherri	02-10-01	24,129	26,741	0	50,870
Trepanier, Roland & Trepanier, Michael	13-07-0	80,576	16,402	0	96,978
True, Derek Michael & Shoemaker, & True Irrevocable Trust, The William	10-05-0	30,000	165,552	22,750	172,802
True, Earl R & Hilton, Jason A	10-23-0	9,115	0	0	9,115
True, Earl R, Hilton, Elaine & Hilton,	14-16-0	111,200	8,528	0	119,728
True, Norris A & Brown, Margaret F T	06-33-0	8,946	0	0	8,946
Turk, Emily	07-53-0	20,300	56,588	0	76,888

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<b>Name(s)</b>	<b>Map/Lot</b>	<b>Land</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Exemption</b>	<b>Total</b>
Turk, Emily	07-30-04	34,650	59,832	0	94,482
Turk, Emily L	07-52-03	19,000	145,229	22,750	141,479
Turk, William & Turk, Nancy	10-11-01	17,380	0	0	17,380
Turner, Daren	08-18-0	45,102	25,536	0	70,638
Tuttle, Claire A & Tuttle, Michael L	09-30-0	28,400	88,749	22,750	94,399
United Methodist Church	11-28-0	20,758	89,744	110,502	0
Van Burgel, Barbara J	05-14-0	41,560	116,292	22,750	135,102
Van Burgel, David P & Scott, Kathy J	03-10-0	41,425	112,368	22,750	131,043
VanSoest, Nathan J & VanSoest, Stephanie	06-42-01	26,440	72,849	22,750	76,539
Varney (Hunt), Harriett	06-32-B	50,740	42,412	22,750	70,402
Vasvary, Kenny & Vasvary, Christy	06-10-0	24,900	62,759	22,750	64,909
Veilleux, Dustin & Veilleux (Gagne), Samantha	07-17-03	33,189	105,876	22,750	116,315
Veilleux, Jeffrey S	07-17-04	29,599	118,076	22,750	124,925
Village Cemetery Assoc.	12-05-0	14,982	0	14,982	0
Violette, John P & Violette, Yolanda C R	06-40-0	18,000	0	0	18,000
Violette, John P & Violette, Yolanda C R	08-07-04	28,170	125,572	22,750	130,992
Violette, John P & Violette, Yolanda C R	08-41-0	21,640	0	0	21,640
Violette, John P & Violette, Yolanda C R	08-35-A	18,000	0	0	18,000
Voelkel, William	05-19-0	36,382	0	0	36,382
Vogt, Thomas E	03-08-01	29,080	67,400	22,750	73,730
Waggoner, Robert	07-04-0	34,478	166,180	22,750	177,908
Wallace, Kenneth & Wallace, Iva Jane	14-18-0	114,700	102,190	22,750	194,140
Warren Brothers Construction	11-10-0	20,907	115,600	0	136,507
Warren, Charles C Jr	10-02-0	22,575	22,029	0	44,604
Warren, Charles C Jr	10-03-0	18,975	86,279	22,750	82,504
Warren, Charlie C & Warren, Jaunetta M	09-02-0	31,140	132,957	22,750	141,347
Warren, Terry W & Warren, Melody	01-07-0	38,106	148,039	22,750	163,395
Waterman, Alan H & Waterman, Maudine M	01-13-02	26,886	59,708	22,750	63,844
Watson, Russell W III	05-31-01	40,480	112,803	22,750	130,533
Watson, Russell W Jr & Watson, Joanne P	02-01-03	33,438	61,907	22,750	72,595
Waycome, Kaylee M & MacDonald, Lawrence W Jr	08-15-0	32,220	119,952	22,750	129,422
Weaver, Timothy J & Brunjes, Carol J & Weaver/Brunjes Revocable Living	14-10-0	146,600	96,834	0	243,434
Weisel, Hillel Y & Weisel, Audra L	13-11-0	97,857	122,883	0	220,740
Weisher, Kara M	07-54-0	21,480	0	0	21,480
Welch, David A & Welch, Debra P	07-49-0	21,000	70,403	22,750	68,653
Wellington, Patricia A	01-18-02-01	23,904	110,152	22,750	111,306
Wells, Cheryl L & Wells, Patrick V	14-09-0	142,772	84,525	22,750	204,547
Wenniger Revocable Trust of 2013 & Wenninger, Ray M	15-18-0	110,399	0	0	110,399
Wenninger Family Revocable Trust of	15-19-0	109,442	0	0	109,442
West, Dolores	02-08-05	24,710	26,732	0	51,442
Whipple, Cara	09-19-01	27,192	74,569	0	101,761
White, Bryan K, Pray, Sidne & Dunphy,	04-03-01	25,334	138,228	22,750	140,812
White, Rachel E	09-28-02	22,300	86,860	22,750	86,410
Whitney, Mark & Whitney, Donice	09-23-0	41,560	135,715	28,210	149,065
Whitney, Stephen	03-31-0	31,718	91,768	28,210	95,276
Whittier, Scott M & Whittier, Matthew Scott	02-01-0	23,690	0	0	23,690
Wilde, Richard A	03-13-0	19,000	34,478	22,750	30,728
Williams, Gaylene M	07-56-01	13,500	0	0	13,500
Williamson, Jay Jr & Williamson, Kathryn E	07-36-0	22,290	0	0	22,290
Wilson, James A & Wilson, Diane A	06-09-0	22,900	22,732	28,210	17,422
Witham, Daniel M & Witham, Daniel M Jr	07-58-01	13,411	0	0	13,411
Witham, Leslie L III	06-17-0	19,272	0	0	19,272
Wolf, Cody	10-25-0	34,540	60,894	0	95,434
Wood, Douglas & Wood, Kristina	13-34-0	70,834	80,874	0	151,708
Worthen, Valerie J	08-05-01	23,795	130,712	22,750	131,757
Worthen, Vernon E II & Worthen, Cindy A	08-05-0	73,098	85,637	0	158,735
Worthen, Vernon E II	08-07-07	15,380	0	0	15,380
Worthen, Vernon E II & Worthen, Cindy A	08-30-0	42,740	407,993	22,750	427,983
Worthen, Vernon E II & Worthen, Cindy A	08-38-0	98,860	0	0	98,860
Worthen-Redlevske (Worthen), Mellori	08-11-0	64,080	41,278	0	105,358
Worthen-Redlevske (Worthen), Mellori	08-10-0	45,240	0	0	45,240
Worthen-Redlevske (Worthen), Mellori	08-08-0	21,000	68,317	22,750	66,567
Worthen-Redlevske (Worthen), Mellori	08-13-01	31,194	114,096	0	145,290
Worthen-Redlevske (Worthen), Mellori	08-24-0	51,720	12,852	0	64,572
Worthen-Redlevske (Worthen), Mellori	08-25-0	46,320	0	0	46,320

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<b>Name(s)</b>	<b>Map/Lot</b>	<b>Land</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Exemption</b>	<b>Total</b>
Worthen-Redlevske (Worthen), Mellori	08-27-0	70,620	3,841	0	74,461
Wu, Yong Yuan	07-04-01-01	29,012	236,849	0	265,861
Yale, Henry I & Yale, Winifred M	13-09-0	80,576	47,893	0	128,469
Yates, Margaret B	07-21-01	41,460	0	0	41,460
Yoder, Eli D & Yoder, Mattie M	10-06-0	36,251	63,636	0	99,887
Yoder, Eli D & Yoder, Mattie M	10-18-0	27,507	22,981	0	50,488
Young Kidd, Maureen E	07-40-02	26,446	0	0	26,446
Zajkowski, Jill & Zywica, Richard	07-07-0	25,500	118,190	22,750	120,940
Zambelli, Stephen	07-42-0	30,280	47,966	0	78,246
Zimmer Stout, Cynthia E, Zimmer,	06-29-B	33,300	124,097	0	157,397
		<b>30.321.864</b>	<b>40.947.419</b>	<b>7.550.644</b>	<b>63.718.639</b>

## Mercer Shaw Public Library Annual Report 2022

The Mercer Shaw Library had a great year returning to a vibrant, active post-pandemic (for the most part) department of the Town of Mercer. Many of us understand that public libraries are *not just books!* But for those unfamiliar, your library also welcomes residents of Mercer and surrounding communities with several programs, services, and resources that meet a variety of the community's needs *in addition* to a book collection of over 8,000 books for all ages, interests, and tastes.

Between signing out books, playing pickleball, attending meetings and social gatherings, constructing jigsaw puzzles, playing the piano, crafting and other social activities, **visits** to the library increased to **1,721** from last year's 1,411. **Five-hundred twenty-eight items** were circulated; mostly adult, young adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books, but also periodicals and puzzles. Patrons and others accessed the high-speed Wi-Fi free of charge using library or personal devices in the comfort of the **cozy sitting room**, their cars or other areas throughout the Community Center. Library computers and printer were used to file taxes or submit documents for work when home Internet connections failed or were unavailable. Podcasts, small Zoom meetings and job interviews were also attended within the library.

**Collections:** Our dynamic **print collection** offers an ever expanding and updated list of titles. Categories include general fiction, classic literature, crime, romance, historical fiction, science fiction, fantasy, westerns, non-fiction, poetry, reference materials, and periodicals available to sign out for all ages. Our **audiobook collection** numbers over 80 titles, and several jigsaw puzzles are available to borrow. The collection is replenished with monthly purchases, as well as generous donations from our patrons.

**The Children's Section:** The Library welcomes Mercer's "littles" and their "bigs" with rugs and comfy chairs. Children browse the book baskets and shelves, listen to a story, or watch our **Virtual Storytime** with Kim Dawes of the Belgrade Public Library. This section is organized by age, reading ability and grade level. A "maker's table" offers a place for patrons of any age to add a piece to an ongoing jigsaw puzzle, draw, or construct a simple craft.

**Programs:** **Mug Up Social Gatherings** recommenced in March, 2022. Meetings occur the second Wednesday of each month from 1-3pm in the Solarium of the Community Center. Silver (and not quite silver) Citizens share homemade appetizers and desserts, freshly brewed coffee, tea and other beverages, play games, construct puzzles, share interests, recipes, and activities with neighbors and friends. The library also hosts a **Saturday Shaw Social** welcome to anyone; Saturdays, Noon to 1pm. Light refreshments are often shared and lively, light-hearted discussions ensue! Join us!!

The **Pickleball** court is available for games in the Community Center gym where a regulation size court has been delineated. Advance booking and registration is required and must be done through the Library. It is free for Mercer residents and a nominal fee for non-residents. Rackets, balls, and net are available and tutorials offered for newcomers when requested. Please inquire at the library if interested in learning about what, by some accounts, is the fastest growing sport in the country.

**Programs in development** are book groups/talks, music, and Virtual Storytime. Ideas for **new programs** include Quilting Crew, Puzzle People, and Bored Games. If you have any thoughts about or interest in starting or joining a program, be sure to let us know!

The library is open Tuesday and Thursday 12:30-4:30pm, and Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm. Please also visit the library's website <http://mercershawlibrary.weebly.com/> for further details, updates and announcements.

The Trustees and Librarians truly appreciate the continuing support shown to our town's Shaw Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Chouinard, Library Director  
Emma Gierczak, Assistant Librarian  
Shaw Library Trustees

**Mercer Shaw Library**  
**2022 Treasurer's Report**

Income:

Town of Mercer	\$ 9,325.00
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Expenses:

Wages	\$ 9,033.75
SS and Medicare	691.08
Cushman Acct.	280.00
Phone	78.26
Supplies	93.10
Postage	4.83
Misc. Office	<u>50.00</u>
Total Operating Costs	\$10,231.02

Balance	\$ -906.02
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Respectfully Submitted

Cherie Sadler  
Shaw Library Treasurer

## **Annual Planning Board Letter for 2022**

This year the Town of Mercer had tasked the Mercer Planning Board with the drafting a Solar Ordinance. The Planning Board work tirelessly on this project on behalf of the town. This included multiple meetings and public hearings which included involvement from the Select Board, Planning Board and Appeals Board. There were also multiple attorneys involved in the project. A draft was submitted to the Select Board and revised. We should make the deadline which was bestowed on behalf of the town.

Another Project has been submitted on behalf of KVCOG with the intent to help the watersheds of the Town of Mercer in the upcoming year. Community involvement will be requested for this project and possible changes to the shoreland zoning ordinance, as well as all other ordinances. It is the belief of the Planning Board that all fee structures should be updated in the near future. That might be another project the Planning Board will be looking to also.

I would like to thank the Mercer Planning Board members for their hard-work and showing that they can unify into projects even though they may seem difficult at times. I would also like to thank Fran; she has does more than we expect from her. She has been helping this board longer than any member has served on the board. Geoffrey Nosach has also worked many hours on behalf of the Planning Board as CEO and he is also a member of the Planning Board. He has made many site evaluations and follow-ups on past permits to make sure to seek compliance of the ordinances and permits of this town.

To the residents of Mercer, I would like to thank you for your community involvement, that hasn't been as seen in recent years. We have welcomed your feedback on all projects and permits. You are more than welcome to come anytime to our meetings and are encouraged to do so in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Juskewitch  
Chairman of the Mercer Planning Board.



## Plumbing Inspectors Report

Dear Mercer Residents

As could be expected from the increasing interest rates, dwindling “Covid Money”, and overall cooling housing market, plumbing permits were down slightly in 2022 compared to 2021. In total, 13 plumbing permits were issued in 2022, which break down as follows: 5 Internal Plumbing Permits, 8 Subsurface Wastewater Permits

As the more astute have probably already figured out (based on the permits listed above), “plumbing” is a broad term which includes “internal plumbing” and “subsurface wastewater plumbing” (septic systems).

The distinction between the two types is fairly straight forward, being that “internal plumbing” includes all plumbing within the building itself (as well as within a two-foot perimeter around the building), while “subsurface” plumbing is everything more than 2’ away from the building.

While simple enough, this distinction is important because each type of plumbing has its own set of regulations which govern it. Internal plumbing is regulated under the “Uniform Plumbing Code” (a nationwide code last updated in 2021), while subsurface plumbing is regulated under the “Maine Subsurface Wastewater Regulations” (a Maine-specific code which was last updated in 2015). While the two codes have some overlap between them (such as piping materials allowed, pipe pitch, etc.), the vast majority of the “Subsurface Wastewater Regulations” focuses its attention on the rules around designing septic systems.

For anyone who has ever built a new home, or those who have been unfortunate enough to deal with a malfunctioning septic system, you probably know that before you can install a new septic field, you first need to hire an “expert” to design you one.

But who are these mysterious “experts” who possess ancient knowledge in the “dark art” of subsurface wastewater design? You guessed it, Site Evaluators.

Site Evaluators are professionals who get licensed by the State after proving that they have a firm understanding of soil analysis, design practices, and septic regulation, and do so by passing both a written test and field examination. Since Site Evaluators are one of the only professionals legally allowed in Maine to design septic, if you’re in need of a new septic system, a Site Evaluator should probably be your first call.

In a nutshell, a Site Evaluator is the resulting love child from a hot and steamy night between a soil scientist and a civil engineer. As you can probably guess, hot and steamy nights between these two professions are extraordinarily rare, and thus, so are Site Evaluators....

Luckily for me, one such steamy night must have occurred in the fall of 2022, as I was able to become licensed as a Site Evaluator (SE #436)!

While I’d love to tell you that after 12 years of being a plumbing inspector, passing the exam was a piece of cake, this unfortunately was not the case! As it turns out, while septic regulations themselves might be second nature to me, accurately interpreting “soil classifications”, “parent materials”, and “redoximorphic features” is a bit trickier if you’ve never been formally trained in soil science! Fortunately, we have some extraordinary Site Evaluators in the area who took pity on me and allowed me to tag along and ask annoying, redundant and irrelevant questions. Thanks to their patience and mentoring, I was able to squeak past the State exam, and didn’t even need to resort to bribing or blackmailing anyone! A first for State Government!

While I still plan to be a Plumbing Inspector for numerous Towns in the area, now that I’m a licensed Site Evaluator, I hope to start branching out and begin designing septic systems instead of just inspecting them. In fact, since every good business needs a slogan for advertising, I’ve been working on a new catch phrase for the septic design business, and think I might have a winner:

“Marble’s Septic Design: I’ll give a crap, so you can take one”. It’s a work in progress.....

As always, don’t forget to pump your septic tank once every three or four years, and clean your outlet filter (if you have one) yearly. Alternatively, you can just be lazy and not pump your septic tank, and then just call me to design you a new septic field after yours fails....That’s what I call job security for me!!!

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew Marble  
Licensed Plumbing Inspector #1135  
Licensed Site Evaluator #436

## MERCER ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER 2022 Annual Report

Dear Mercer Residents:

I became the Mercer Animal Control Officer in September of 2022, when Robert Crosby stepped down.

I was hoping that my background as an ACO for five years, in Rhode Island, along with my degree in Animal Science and a lifetime of caring for animals, made me the perfect choice for the vacancy! But, I think, it came down to the fact that I happened to be the only person on the list!

I've had a few interesting calls since I "put on the badge!" We have rounded up some runaways and I met some amazing folks who went out of their way to help a dog in trouble. My husband Joel and I have set up a kennel at our farm as an annex to the Waterville Animal Shelter. This means that if I pick up a lost pet, it comes to our farm on West Sandy River Road. This way, instead of the owner driving to Waterville to claim their pet, you can come to the farm. This will save the pet from the stress of being in a shelter and save the owner a trip to Waterville.

The most important message I can get out there to the residents of Mercer is to:

**A: Microchip your pet:** If I find a lost pet, I take it to Farmington Falls Vet Clinic and they scan the pet. A microchip helped me reunited a lost cat to its owner 8 miles away!! The cat had lost its ID collar but it can't lose a chip!

**B: Register your dog with the town:** Your registration fee is more than just another tax.

### **Your dog licensing fees support:**

- Local Animal Control Officers and State Humane Agents
- Investigation of Animal Cruelty Complaints and Enforcement of Animal Welfare Laws
  - Compliance with rabies vaccination of dogs
  - Care for sick and injured stray animals
  - Return of lost dogs to their owners

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Lamphere  
Animal Control Officer

## **Mercer Rescue Annual Report 2022**

In May 2022 our town was left in a situation where Mercer Rescue suddenly had no staff. The options were few. It looked like we might have to dissolve the service and then wait for EMTs from Skowhegan or Farmington to get here. Having past experience in EMS, I spoke with the licensing agency in Augusta to determine if the director needed to be an EMT, or can strictly be an administrator. She confirmed that no current EMS license was needed so I offered to look more into it. Maine EMS then attended a selectboard meeting 5/26 and answered all of the questions everyone had, and I later officially said I would take the position and was voted in by the Selectboard.

I can't speak for anything before May, but here are some statistics from 5/26 to 12/31

Total number of dispatch calls in 2022: 57

Number of dispatch calls for Mercer Rescue since May 26: 34

Number of calls responded to since May 26: 13

Number of EMSs: 1

Number of Admins: 1

In 2022 we signed up a very competent local EMT, gave a free class for CPR/AEDs/First Aid to any Mercer resident/taxpayer, did a complete inventory of all equipment, supplies, pharmaceuticals, and consumables, and set up an new redundant dispatch system to prevent the loss of calls for service.

We also worked with the Mercer Meetinghouse group to ring the bell on Veteran's Day, submitted a detailed Safety Policy to Maine EMS to get our license renewed (every agency did this), and renewed a federal lab license allowing us to draw blood for glucose testing.

For 2023 we hope to add 2 more EMTs and can offer assistance in education to obtain the license now that more classes are opening, resolve remaining communication issues with the dispatch center, and provide more community training classes.

If anyone is interested in joining Mercer Rescue, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

Brian Breton  
Mercer Rescue - EMS Director

# Transfer Station Report

To the Citizens of Mercer,

The Transfer Station continues to serve the needs of the Town at our East Sandy River Road location. However, it does have its share of growing issues. The retaining wall that the roll offs abut up to needs to be replaced and the roof over the roll-offs needs to be reset. The culverts (or bridge) we use to get to the transfer station is on DOT's watch list. The costs to the Town to remedy these issues is quite significant. The Select Board reached out to the Budget Committee to look at other options.

The Budget Committee looked at: 1) using Waste Management's Landfill; 2) moving the transfer station to another piece of town-owned property; or 3) using curbside pickup services. Of course, there are pros and cons to each scenario.

The Town has an opportunity to move our current operation to Waste Management's Landfill in neighboring Norridgewock as they are in the process of expanding their facility. If the Town decides to use them, which is the most feasible and economical, it won't be an option to us until 2024. Coincidentally, this is when our contract with Waste Management expires as well. You will see an article on the 2023 town meeting warrant to discuss this further.

In recycling news, we were able to get rid of most of our growing collection of old tires this year. Metals are being disposed of by a private individual. We do have a recycling roll-off so please recycle. It's good for the environment and our wallets. Unacceptable recyclables include food soiled paper, clothing, cords and wires, food, electronics and batteries, household hazardous waste, needles, garden hoses, diapers, broken cups and dishes, plastic bags, snack bags and wrappers.

Blue bags became orange bags this year! The quality wasn't as good as the old blue ones but the price remained the same for the end user. Bags may be purchased at the transfer station or at the town office.

Transfer Station revenues were close to \$14,000 this past year. The Town will use this revenue to offset the 2023 solid waste budget.

Transfer Station hours are Sundays from 8 am to 4 pm year-round and on Wednesdays from 4 pm – 6 pm beginning in May and going through the end of October. We will be CLOSED on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (Easter).

We appreciate the support of our community as we move forward. Thank you.

Mercer Transfer Station

# Transfer Station Report 2022

**Hours of operation:**

(All Year) Sundays: 8:00am – 4:00pm

(May 5<sup>th</sup> – October 25<sup>th</sup>) Wednesdays: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

CLOSED April 9, 2023 (Easter)

**Attendant:** Derek Tracy, Sr.

## Transfer Station Fees

**Appliances (White Goods) \$15 Each**

- Dishwashers
- Hot Water Tanks
- Stove
- Washer/Dryer
- Microwave
- Refrigerator/Freezer (Chest or Upright)

**Electronics (Brown Goods) \$15 Each**

- Monitor (Any Size)
- Television (Non-Console & Console)
- Copier, Printer, Scanner (Any Size)
- CPU, UPS, Laptop

**Furniture \$10 Each**

- Stuffed Chair
- Other Chair
- Couch (Sofa, Loveseat, Sleeper)
- Mattress Any Size (Crib - King)
- Box Spring

**Tires Each**

- Tire (Car and P/U with NO rim) \$5
- Tire (All other) \$20

**Building/Demolition Debris**

Address checked by attendant

**Mercer Residents/Homes ONLY**

**Price is per load**

Side x Side	\$5
½ Pickup load or less	\$15
Over ½ load, up to and including ¾ ton pickup	\$25
Trailer up to 8ft	\$30
1 Ton w/ Short Bed, Trailer up to 12ft, or Dump Truck	\$50
One with Rack Body or Trailer over 12ft	\$80
Truck 4-y yard body (6 wheeler)	\$160
Truck 12-16 yard body (10 wheeler)	\$200

**\*\*\*Regular household trash must go in “Blue Bags”. You can purchase “Blue Bags” at the Mercer Town Office and the Transfer Station for \$1 each\*\*\***

## **Mercer Cemetery Sexton Annual Report 2022**

This year was a rather busy one. We did more clean-up, worked on more detailed mapping, and moved forward with acquiring Hampshire Hill Cemetery.

The Hampshire Hill project is going slowly due to its age and location. The town has an attorney who is addressing the early 1800's deed and other legal matters. We anticipate the transfer to be completed during 2023.

Plans for 2023 include minor maintenance, official signs at entrances, finishing the single lot cremation area, professional tree trimming at the Village Cemetery, updating the rules of the cemeteries.

The select board also approved 2 major changes this year at the request of our residents. We now will allow the addition of a cremated pet to a plot already holding the pet's owner like some of Maine's larger burial grounds. There was also a decision to write a rule on "green burials". Green burials are becoming more common, and are a way to return to the earth in a very short time. I know death can be an uncomfortable subject, but our collective goal is to honor wishes, provide a nice safe location, and keep it maintained for eternity.

BURIALS: 0

CREMATIONS: 6

VETERANS: 0

SALES: Burial Lots 3, Cremation Section 0

Lots are 10 feet by 20 feet (6 grave spaces) for \$500 including perpetual care, or 10 feet by 10 feet (3 grave spaces) for \$250 including perpetual care.

Single 3-foot by 3-foot cremations lots are now available for \$100 including perpetual care.

Please contact the Town Clerk's Office for a full list of rules and requirements or pricing.

Brian Breton

Mercer Cemetery Sexton

## **Mercer Meeting House Association**



To Our Supportive Community,

We'd like to humbly thank all of you for your continued support of our beloved Mercer Meeting House. Your support ensures that the Meeting House stands for generations to come and that it may remain a pillar of history for all those who visit Mercer.

2022 was a challenging year for our small committee. We made great progress on the tin ceiling repairs and are happy to report that the damaged tiles are secure and the structural integrity is restored. We have appraised the exterior of the building and will focus our attention to the areas surrounding the bell tower, spires, and clapboard repair in the spring/summer of 2023. The bell tower project is top priority as it seems bats and weather have left the enclosure vulnerable to further water damage. Over the winter months, we hope Mother Nature will be kind. In the spring we can evaluate the damage and make the necessary repairs. Our "work day" will be listed on our facebook page, we hope the community will join us, as many hands make light work.

In an effort to maintain our mission of the Mercer Meeting House Association, we have taken a step back from organizing and executing the annual Mercer Old Home Days weekend activities. In a January meeting with town selectboard and community members, we offered the leadership role back to the town and asked that the town respect and continue its historically recognized date(s) as being held on/around the first Sunday in August. In this collaboration and transfer of participation, rest assured, we will continue to host our traditional Sunday events at the Mercer Meeting House, as we have since 1936. Please join us for a meal and the annual program on Sunday, August 6th, 2023.

As always, we welcome any and all to join us in our plight to save Mercer's history. We hold meetings throughout the year, we'd love to have you join us. We can be reached via facebook at [facebook.com/mercermeetinghouse](https://facebook.com/mercermeetinghouse), or by calling Linda at 207-634-2332 or Amy at 207-587-2225. Again, our continued gratitude and thanks for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Tibbetts  
Vice President  
Mercer Meeting House Association

## **Greetings from the Mercer Historical Society:**

**This year has been another exciting one for our society, with new members with great enthusiasm, new acquisitions, and renewal of our meetings. A musical concert, featuring our newly acquired antique violin made by Henry Harris in Mercer, took place at this year's Old Home Day. The donor prefers to remain anonymous and we are very grateful. Two sections of wall space were replaced with new sheetrock through the efforts of society volunteers. On one wall, we now proudly display an antique quilt made by Mercer ladies nearly one hundred years ago. Other items may be viewed in our refurbished museum, all through the tireless efforts of our fantastic volunteers. We appreciate all your hard work!**

**We have much planned for the coming year, such as guest speakers, and will try to set up small scale demonstrations of life in the olden days. One such event may include reenactors and one about Native Americans of our region. Our growing collection includes more memorabilia of the Sandy River Grange, and several noteworthy items of Mercer history.**

**Documenting, cataloging and display arrangements are ongoing projects. I have created dozens of new binders, filling them with copies of old photos and documents for viewing. Harold O. Smith's research records are now being arranged for research. Donations are most welcome.**

**Our society building needs a new coat of paint, more insulation, and window repairs. New steps and a re-planked ramp were completed by Chriss Miller. Dorothy tends our lovely garden in front, and her husband Chis ensures good maintenance. We also did well at this year's Craft Fair. Special thanks also to Elaine, Gaylene, Marlene, Donna, Judy, Peter, Alan and Ricky. All this requires much appreciated financial assistance. This year we are very grateful for so many generous donors!**

**We are always very grateful to the town for its generous annual support for our society. Donations are always appreciated, as well as a helping hand with painting and various other chores to maintain and improve the building. If interested in membership or with the latter, please email me at [btracy51@yahoo.com](mailto:btracy51@yahoo.com).**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Barry "Butch" Tracy**

**President of the Mercer Historical Society**



# Mercer Budget Committee Report

The Budget Committee had an organizational meeting with the Select Board on May 12, 2022 to elect a chair and discuss how the Budget Committee could assist the Town and the Select Board in the coming year.

Based on conversations from that meeting, research was done concerning borrowing money from the Maine Bond Bank for major capital improvements to town roads. Bond information and a proposal was presented to the town at the Special Town Meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>, to see if the voters would like to pursue applying for a bond. The voters ultimately decided not to apply for a bond.

Later in the year the Budget Committee was asked to evaluate the financial impact on the town should the transfer station be closed as a result of the failing culverts leading to the facility. That information was gathered and presented to the Select Board for further consideration.

Finally, in January the Budget Committee met with the Select Board to review the year end and finances, and to discuss articles for the annual town meeting. The committee discussed each article and expenditure and offered their recommendations to the Mercer voters.

The town has operated in a fiscally responsible manner and our finances are in excellent shape.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Burr, Chair  
Muriel Armstrong  
Alan Gove  
Joel Hooper  
Tammy Lamphere

## **2022 NPA Annual Report- North Pond Association**

The North Pond Association (NPA) is grateful to partner with Mercer residents and town officials to help protect the watershed which in turn helps protect the water quality in North and Little Ponds. As many of you are aware, the North Pond Association is an all-volunteer organization that includes 150 plus members. It is run by a board of 12 volunteers from Mercer, Rome and Smithfield. The NPA is very thankful to the town of Mercer for your continued support. The monetary funding, we receive each year is earmarked to help pay for the annual cost of the Courtesy Boat Inspector (CBI) Program.

In 2022 the town of Smithfield voted to support the CBI program for \$3,500. This is the same amount that the NPA is requesting for 2023.

### **CBI Program & Statistics:**

Paid employees are hired and trained by 7 Lakes Alliance as the first line of defense in our quest to keep aquatic invasives from entering our lake. Additionally, they help educate boaters on the importance of always checking their watercraft when entering and exiting a body of water. If an aquatic invasive gets into our lake, North Pond's ecosystem would be forever altered because of the rapidly growing plants' impact on our native aquatic plants, fish and animals. The cost of eradication is exponentially more than the cost of prevention, so thank you again for your continued support!

The CBI program sponsored by the 7 Lakes Alliance is paid for by the NPA to provide coverage 7 days a week at a fully-funded cost of \$14,700 in 2022. In the past, each town has donated funds to help reduce the cost and NPA makes up the difference with our bottle redemption monies and donor support. The NPA funded just over \$3,700 for Courtesy Boat Inspector coverage through dues, member donations, and bottle redemption. The Courtesy Boat Inspections at our boat landing run from Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. During the 2022 season, there were 837 boats inspected with 57 plant fragments found. Thankfully, none of those fragments that were caught and removed were invasive!

### **Curly Leaf Pondweed Update:**

There was a plant paddle in 2022 that surveyed the entire shore of North and Little Ponds and thankfully no additional infestations of Curly Leaf Pondweed were found. This spring 17 volunteers signed up for the Adopt-a-Shoreline program, which will mean that those areas that are assigned will be surveyed by canoe, kayak, paddleboard, etc. at least once a season to look for invasives. We have a few areas that are in need of volunteers, so if you are interested, please contact Sharon Mann, 7 Lakes Invasive Aquatics Manager, as [Sharon.mann@7lakesalliance.org](mailto:Sharon.mann@7lakesalliance.org).

The previously identified infestations between the junction in East Pond's Serpentine and the foot bridge in North Pond's Old Mill Stream, that passes through Sunset Camps, had divers from 7 Lakes Alliance working almost 5 days a week over the summer. Over the summer, the amount of curly-leaf pondweed removed during each dive decreased, meaning the regrowth slowed. As of October, the survey teams had found no invasive curly-leaf pondweed outside of the known infestation area.

NPA, East Pond Association (EPA), DEP and 7 Lakes Alliance all worked together to get the word out to local property owners by installing education signage in the streams, at local businesses, and developing informational pamphlets. Together we also put a call out for donations to help support the increased cost of the CLP removal over the summer. We are so grateful for the many donations that came in to both of our associations to support this crucial work.

### **Water Quality:**

This year, North Pond experienced a sustained algal bloom which kicked up in earnest by mid-July 2022. The bloom continued into the fall months, with our last *Secchi Depth Transparency* reading at only 6.1 feet (1.9 meters) on December 2nd. Typically, the algae on North Pond clears up by the end of September, but this year it persisted well beyond that. While deep lakes often have algae at this time of year due to lake turnover, this is not the reason that North Pond remains green, as it is too shallow. One of the main drivers of algal productivity is the amount of phosphorus available in the water column.

Water samples were collected between April – October 2022 by 7 Lakes Alliance to assess in-lake conditions over the course of the season. This included weekly water clarity,

dissolved oxygen, temperature, chlorophyll-a and turbidity measurements and bi-weekly plankton samples. Late summer and fall lab results are still pending. This data will be an integral part in the creation of the Water Based Management Plan (WBMP).

### **LakeSmart Program:**

Phosphorus is one of the major contributors to algae blooms on the lake. Phosphorus is everywhere. It's on our lawns and in our fertilizers, it's on our roads and gets directly into the lake due to runoff from our properties and roads. Taking steps to help prevent erosion on your property is an integral part of trying to keep phosphorus out of the lake.

We have 3 evaluators on the lake who can come and look for opportunities to improve your property and reduce phosphorus runoff into the lake. We look for drip lines around your buildings and structures. We look at how the water can flow from your property by looking at the topography of your property. We look at your shoreline and ways to improve the buffer to get the water into the ground before it reaches the lake. Contact Ed Galsheen at [edglshe@yahoo.com](mailto:edglshe@yahoo.com) if you are interested in a LakeSmart evaluation.

The LakeSmart program will be a focus for NPA as only 7% of the shore front residences are considered to be LakeSmart out of an estimated 350 residential properties on the lake. 90% of those homes are within 100 feet of the lake. More LakeSmart properties will result in less phosphorus entering the lake and will allow us to acquire more funding assistance for whatever remediation is recommended to help improve water quality.

### **319 Grant Projects:**

These grants are administered in Maine by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the program funds projects in watersheds that have a US EPA-approved management or protection plan.

Since 2018, 7 Lakes Alliance has received three Clean Water Act 319 grants totaling \$304,114 in funding for North Pond erosion control projects. With the required landowner match of \$384,964, this funding has generated a total of \$689,078 for erosion control projects.

If you are interested in having your driveway or road inspected to see if it qualifies for a 319 grant to help prevent erosion, please email Charlie Baeder at [Charlie.baeder@7lakesalliance.org](mailto:Charlie.baeder@7lakesalliance.org) or call (207) 495-6039.

### **Watershed Based Management Plan (WBMP):**

2022 was a busy first year for the two-year Planning Project to develop a North Pond Watershed Based Management Plan (WBMP). The first year focused on collecting scientific data that will be used for the watershed model and water quality analysis, and ultimately the recommendations for restoring the water quality in North Pond over the next 10 years. 2023 is the final year of the project and will involve putting all of the pieces of information together that were collected in 2022 to develop scientifically-sound recommendations for the North Pond WBMP. A public meeting to present the results of this work is expected in August 2023.

Major project accomplishments include: Bathymetric Mapping, Lake Sediments, Water Quality Analysis, Septic Database, Septic Survey, Land Cover Update & Watershed Modeling, Watershed NPS Assessment, Watershed Ag & Forestry Survey, Municipal Ordinance Review, and Outreach.

We are most grateful for all of the support we have received from the residents of Mercer. Your continued support through using LakeSmart practices on your property, placing bottles in the bottle boat at Tri-pond Variety, making donations for CLP removal, participating in the Adopt-a-Shoreline program and other activities do make a difference. All residents of Mercer can play an important role in the restoration efforts of North Pond. For more information, please see our website at [northpondmaine.org](http://northpondmaine.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Marshall  
NPA President

## 2022 REPORT OF THE NORRIDGEWOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT



2022 was an active year for the fire department, responding to 65 more calls than last year. Along with more calls than ever, we have seen a change in staff. Congratulations and thank you to our long-time Fire Chief, David Jones, who retired after serving the Towns of Mercer and Norridgewock for over 50 years. Firefighter Jim Gordon also retired last year after over 36 years of service to our communities. In late December, Lieutenant Joshua Corson, who began as a call member in 2009 and was one of the first full-time firefighters, stepped back into a call role. We are thankful to each of these firefighting professionals for their dedication, sacrifice, and service to protect the people and property of Norridgewock and Mercer.

Firefighters were dispatched to 266 calls in 2022, *an increase of over 32% versus 2021*. A handful of dedicated department members answered most of those calls. I would like to recognize those members: Deputy Chief Todd Pineo, Captain Steve Ireland, Lieutenant Jeffrey Jones, Firefighter Alan Obert, Firefighter Andrew Dexter, and Firefighter Kyle Mullin.

To help reduce costs to taxpayers, we have applied for numerous grants. Maine Forestry has approved funding for forest fire equipment. Through a grant application process, we were also the beneficiaries of a pallet of drinking water from Poland Spring, with is intended to be for fire personnel at emergency scenes. In addition, we still have pending grants for equipment and personal protective equipment through the Maine Municipal Association, Firehouse Subs, and FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. These grants are competitive but worth the time and effort to apply.

This last year, we were fortunate to receive funding support to make some essential purchases and contribute to the Department reserve accounts. The late Alice Emery, long-time Norridgewock resident and supporter of the NFD, among other great local causes, bequeathed \$50,000 to the Department. At this time, that money is being held in reserve so it can be allocated to a defined need for which we may not be able to achieve grant support and also something that will broadly support the community and its growing economy. In addition to her core moral values, community support and economic growth were two important considerations Ms. Emery held through the years. We intend to honor that in allocating the gift.

The Department is also appreciative of Norridgewock's municipal appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase turnout gear for every active member of the NFD. Later in the year, the Norridgewock TIF Committee supported funding an upgrade to our antiquated repeater equipment. Finally, I am thankful for the broad support that the Mercer community has shown for its partnership with Norridgewock Fire, its firefighters, and their safety.

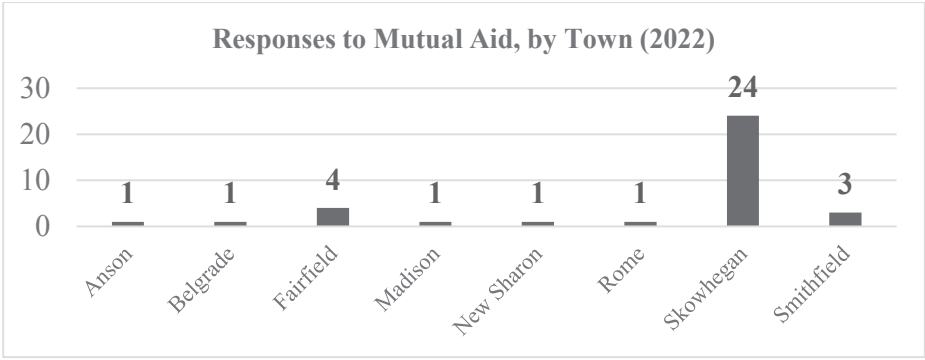
As always, we want to remind you of the importance of having multiple working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. If you do not have a CO detector, please consider purchasing one. If you have one that is more than ten years old, it is recommended for replacement. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the Fire Department (stop by 22 Upper Main Street in Norridgewock or call 634-2208).

We continue to issue burn permits at the fire station free of charge. Permits may be issued at approximately 8:30 a.m., five days a week. Property owners can obtain permits online from Maine Forest Service.

**As a friendly reminder, be sure that when you have an emergency, dial 9-1-1.**

Respectfully submitted,

David Savage  
Fire Chief



**RESPONSES FOR NORRIDGEWOCK FIRE IN 2022**

<b>Norridgewock:</b>		<b>Mercer:</b>	
Aircraft Incident	1	Aircraft Incident	0
Assist EMS	44	Assist EMS	5
Carbon Monoxide	0	Carbon Monoxide	0
Chimney Fires	2	Chimney Fires	2
Fire Alarms	11	Fire Alarms	4
Fuel / Oil Spill	3	Fuel / Oil Spill	0
LifeFlight	0	LifeFlight	0
Miscellaneous	7	Miscellaneous	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	55	Motor Vehicle Accidents	11
Motor Vehicle Fires	7	Motor Vehicle Fires	3
Mutual Aid	36	Mutual Aid	N/A
Power Lines Down	0	Power Lines Down	0
Propane Leak	0	Propane Leak	0
Rescues	0	Rescues	0
Smoke / Odor Investigations	5	Smoke / Odor Investigations	0
Snowmobile/ATV Crash or Fire	0	Snowmobile/ATV Crash or Fire	0
Structure Fires	9	Structure Fires	4
Trees in Roadway	0	Trees in Roadway	0
Trees on Wires	39	Trees on Wires	5
Woods/Brush/Grass Fires	10	Woods/Brush/Grass Fires	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>37</b>



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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



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## SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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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 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

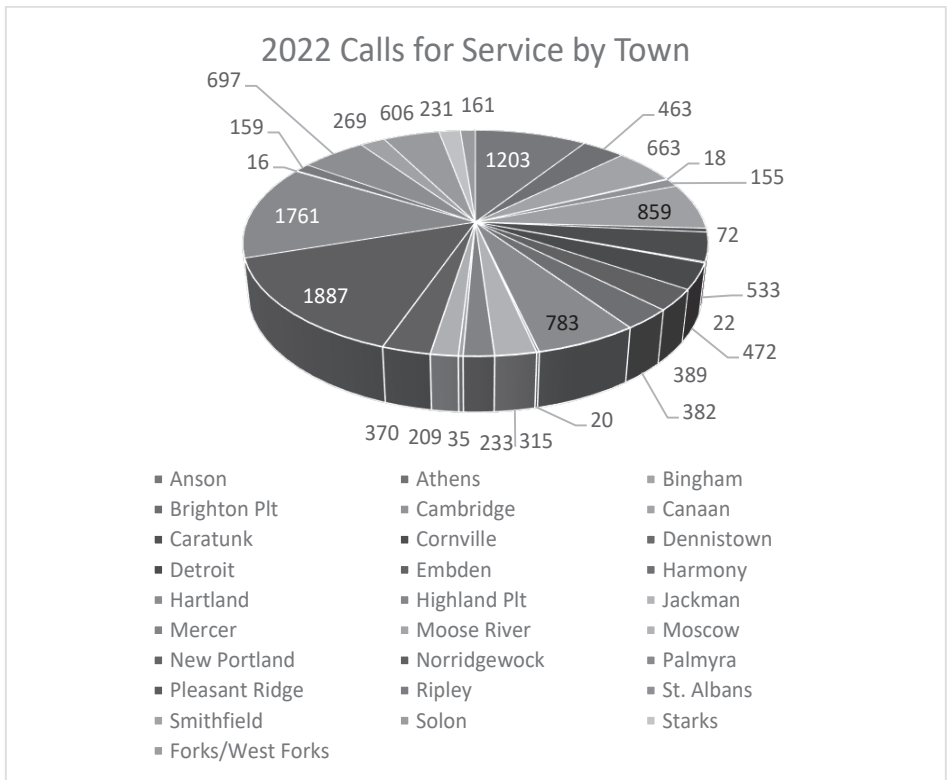
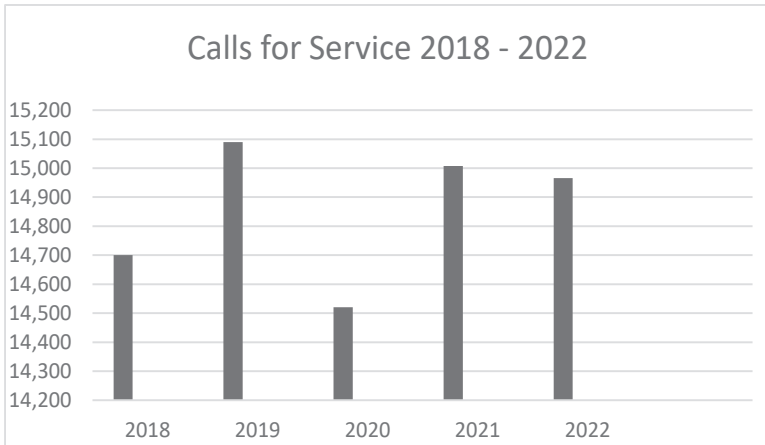
In 2022, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Civil Deputies received 1,912 papers to process and serve. That is a 12% increase from 2021.

### Calls for Service

- In 2022, the Sheriff's Office received 14,966 calls for service from our residents. This represents a 0.27% decrease from 2021.
- During 2022, the Sheriff's Office responded to 233 calls for service from the Town of Mercer, which is a 3.5% increase from 2021. These calls included 41 motor vehicle accidents, 6 motor vehicle stops, 3 calls for domestic disturbances, 8 calls requesting citizen assistance, as well as calls for burglary, theft, criminal threatening, welfare checks and other requests for police services.
- The Somerset County Sheriff Office remains committed to our core values: INTEGRITY-RESPECT-FAIRNESS-DEDICATION.



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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. In the last year, more than a million Maine people have gotten fully vaccinated from COVID-19. It is thanks to them that our state has one of the 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Janet T. Mills'.

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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It'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

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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.

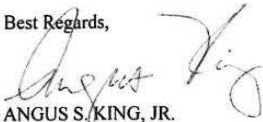
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed 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,



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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.

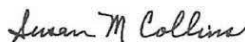
Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations 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,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

**131st Legislature**  
**Senate of**  
**Maine**  
**Senate District 5**

**Senator Russell Black**  
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you, your family, and the communities of District 5 in the Maine Senate. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of our region and I can assure you that I will work tirelessly on your behalf.

This will be my third term in the Maine State Senate, previously serving all of Franklin County and some towns in Kennebec County. While my district has changed, as a result of redistricting, I know many of the important issues to those in rural Maine remain the same.

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. In addition to addressing these costs, the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature is tasked with passing a balanced budget by June 30, 2023. This will require careful review of current state spending and prioritizing our needs versus wants, just like Mainers do with their 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.

I hope during these difficult times we all come together as a community, and reach out to our neighbors in need. Check in with each other and reach out if you or someone you know is struggling. As always, I am eager to help with state-related issues.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature certainly has a great deal of work to do; but I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or [Russell.Black@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Russell.Black@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,



Russell Black  
State Senator

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January 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your State Representative. Representing you is an honor and a privilege I take seriously. My focus has always been to keep constituents well informed of legislative matters and making myself available to address questions and concerns. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to make a difference in the community and I am looking forward to the new challenges that await in the 2023 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.

For the next two years, I will be serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. On this committee, we will discuss many issues regarding the Committee's jurisdiction over new legislation pertaining to Maine Criminal Codes; the Criminal Law Advisory Commission; the Department of Public Safety; Criminal Justice Academy; the Department of Corrections and the Maine Emergency Management Agency.

I will also be serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. On this committee, we will discuss many issues regarding the Committee's jurisdiction over new legislation pertaining to Banking; Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection; Office of Securities; Bureau of Insurance; Maine Health Data Organization; Affordable Care Act; State Employee Health Commission and the Maine Employers Mutual Insurance Company. These matters are crucial to our community and I hope to hear from you to discuss ways to improve our community.

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 [Robert.Nutting@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Robert.Nutting@legislature.maine.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Nutting".

Robert W. Nutting  
State Representative

District 66 Oakland, Mercer, Smithfield, Starks & Sidney



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February 8, 2023

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We were engaged by the Town of Mercer, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Mercer, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2022 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

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## STATEMENT C

## TOWN OF MERCER, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 662,762	\$ 172,962	\$ 835,724
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	101,523	-	101,523
Liens	35,910	-	35,910
Prepaid items	9,348	-	9,348
Inventory	42,450	-	42,450
Due from other funds	2,562	19,736	22,298
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 854,555</u>	<u>\$ 192,698</u>	<u>\$ 1,047,253</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 20
Due to other funds	19,736	2,562	22,298
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>19,736</u>	<u>2,582</u>	<u>22,318</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Prepaid taxes	957	-	957
Advance payment of LRAP funding	14,964	-	14,964
Deferred tax revenues	106,811	-	106,811
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>122,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,732</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	51,798	11,992	63,790
Restricted	-	13,113	13,113
Committed	-	166,830	166,830
Assigned	-	743	743
Unassigned	660,289	(2,562)	657,727
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>712,087</u>	<u>190,116</u>	<u>902,203</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 854,555</u>	<u>\$ 192,698</u>	<u>\$ 1,047,253</u>

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## TOWN OF MERCER, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 1,139,904	\$ -	\$ 1,139,904
Excise taxes	169,839	-	169,839
Intergovernmental revenues	242,609	33,717	276,326
Charges for services	24,018	-	24,018
Miscellaneous revenues	12,665	19,687	32,352
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,589,035</u>	<u>53,404</u>	<u>1,642,439</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	211,604	-	211,604
Public safety	55,079	-	55,079
Health and sanitation	32,816	-	32,816
Education	571,280	-	571,280
Public works	252,757	-	252,757
County tax	172,572	-	172,572
Cemeteries	3,211	-	3,211
Unclassified	22,982	89,563	112,545
Capital projects	114,403	-	114,403
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,436,704</u>	<u>89,563</u>	<u>1,526,267</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>152,331</u>	<u>(36,159)</u>	<u>116,172</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	30,125	30,125
Transfers (out)	(30,125)	-	(30,125)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(30,125)</u>	<u>30,125</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	122,206	(6,034)	116,172
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED	<u>589,881</u>	<u>196,150</u>	<u>786,031</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 712,087</u>	<u>\$ 190,116</u>	<u>\$ 902,203</u>

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TOWN OF MERCER, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund				Certain Special Revenue Funds				Total							
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts		Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts		Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts		Variance			
	Original	Final	Original	Final	Original	Final	Original	Final	Original	Final	Original	Final	Positive	(Negative)		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 598,881	\$ 598,881	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 598,881	\$ 598,881	\$ -	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):																
Taxes:																
Property taxes	1,207,815	1,207,815	1,139,904	1,139,904	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,207,815	1,207,815	1,139,904	(67,911)
Excise taxes	155,000	155,000	168,839	14,839	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	155,000	155,000	168,839	14,839
Intergovernmental revenues:																
State revenue sharing	85,000	85,000	110,949	25,949	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85,000	85,000	110,949	25,949
Homestead exemption	65,675	65,675	77,669	11,994	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,675	65,675	77,669	11,994
Local road assistance	29,628	29,628	29,764	(136)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,628	29,628	29,764	(136)
Other income	3,903	3,903	24,227	20,324	67,316	67,316	33,717	(33,599)	-	-	-	-	71,219	71,219	57,944	(13,275)
Charges for services	-	-	24,018	24,018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,018	24,018
Interest income	-	-	3,368	3,368	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,368	3,368
Interest fees on taxes	-	-	8,858	8,858	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,858	8,858
Miscellaneous revenues	15,000	15,000	439	(14,561)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	439	(14,561)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	2,152,202	2,152,202	2,178,916	26,714	67,316	67,316	33,717	(33,599)	-	-	-	-	2,209,518	2,219,518	2,212,633	(6,885)
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):																
General government	231,658	231,658	211,604	20,054	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	231,658	231,658	211,604	20,054
Public safety	56,150	56,150	55,079	1,071	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,150	56,150	55,079	1,071
Health and sanitation	37,320	37,320	32,816	4,504	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,320	37,320	32,816	4,504
Education	571,280	571,280	571,280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	571,280	571,280	571,280	-
Public works	288,000	288,000	252,757	35,243	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	288,000	288,000	252,757	35,243
County tax	172,572	172,572	172,572	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	172,572	172,572	172,572	-
Cemeteries	4,000	4,000	3,211	789	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000	3,211	789
Program expenditures	-	-	-	-	67,316	67,316	67,356	(40)	-	-	-	-	67,316	67,316	67,356	(40)
Unclassified	57,340	57,340	22,982	34,358	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,340	57,340	22,982	34,358
Capital projects	118,000	118,000	114,403	3,597	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118,000	118,000	114,403	3,597
Transfers to other funds	26,000	26,000	30,125	(4,125)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,000	26,000	30,125	(4,125)
Total Charges to Appropriations	1,922,220	1,922,220	1,466,629	95,491	67,316	67,316	67,356	(40)	-	-	-	-	1,929,636	1,929,636	1,534,185	95,451
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 598,882	\$ 598,882	\$ 712,087	\$ 122,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (33,639)	\$ (33,639)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 598,882	\$ 598,882	\$ 678,448	\$ 89,566

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF MERCER, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Town officers	\$ 81,443	-	\$ 81,443	\$ 81,066	\$ 377
FICA/Medicare	6,800	-	6,800	6,630	170
Selectpersons contigency	8,000	-	8,000	-	8,000
Annual dues	2,140	-	2,140	1,846	294
Insurance	15,985	-	15,985	14,815	1,170
Selectboard liability insurance	1,145	-	1,145	1,145	-
Workers comp and unemployment	2,050	-	2,050	832	1,218
Health insurance	13,700	-	13,700	13,692	8
Town office	49,900	-	49,900	48,130	1,770
TRIO	12,820	-	12,820	15,327	(2,507)
Assessing	17,500	-	17,500	10,000	7,500
Planning Board	500	-	500	236	264
Town audit	5,250	-	5,250	5,250	-
Training CEO and LPI	500	-	500	710	(210)
Code Enforcement Officer	2,600	-	2,600	2,600	-
General assistance	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000
Shaw Library	9,325	-	9,325	9,325	-
	<u>231,658</u>	-	<u>231,658</u>	<u>211,604</u>	<u>20,054</u>
Health and Sanitation -					
Solid waste disposal	37,320	-	37,320	32,816	4,504
	<u>37,320</u>	-	<u>37,320</u>	<u>32,816</u>	<u>4,504</u>
Public Works -					
Summer road maintenance	78,000	-	78,000	78,000	-
Winter roads maintenance	209,500	-	209,500	174,270	35,230
Sand/salt shed	500	-	500	487	13
	<u>288,000</u>	-	<u>288,000</u>	<u>252,757</u>	<u>35,243</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF MERCER, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Public Safety -					
Public safety	52,800	-	52,800	52,572	228
Animal control	3,350	-	3,350	2,507	843
	<u>56,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,150</u>	<u>55,079</u>	<u>1,071</u>
County Tax	172,572	-	172,572	172,572	-
Cemeteries	4,000	-	4,000	3,211	789
Education	571,280	-	571,280	571,280	-
Unclassified -					
Charity	1,000	-	1,000	200	800
Hospice	-	-	-	(800)	800
Mercer Meeting House Assoc	500	-	500	500	-
Mercer Historical Society	500	-	500	500	-
Youth leagues	750	-	750	620	130
Town scholarships	425	-	425	425	-
North Pond Association	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	-
Prior year adjustment	-	-	-	6,939	(6,939)
Overlay	50,665	-	50,665	9,498	41,167
	<u>57,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,340</u>	<u>22,982</u>	<u>34,358</u>
Capital Projects -					
Rome Road and extension	18,000	-	18,000	18,000	-
Mercer Road maintenance fund	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000
Ditching - road maintenance	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Paving and LARP projects	40,000	-	40,000	40,000	-
7 lakes alliance projects - engineering	3,000	-	3,000	1,500	1,500
7 lakes alliance projects - roads	45,000	-	45,000	44,903	97
	<u>118,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,000</u>	<u>114,403</u>	<u>3,597</u>
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Special revenue	26,000	-	26,000	30,125	(4,125)
	<u>26,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>30,125</u>	<u>(4,125)</u>
<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 1,562,320</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,562,320</b>	<b>\$ 1,466,829</b>	<b>\$ 95,491</b>

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TOWN OF MERCER, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 147,857	\$ 25,105	\$ 172,962
Due from other funds	19,736	-	19,736
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 167,593</u>	<u>\$ 25,105</u>	<u>\$ 192,698</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20
Due to other funds	2,562	-	2,562
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>2,582</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,582</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	-	11,992	11,992
Restricted	-	13,113	13,113
Committed	166,830	-	166,830
Assigned	743	-	743
Unassigned	(2,562)	-	(2,562)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>165,011</u>	<u>25,105</u>	<u>190,116</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 167,593</u>	<u>\$ 25,105</u>	<u>\$ 192,698</u>

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TOWN OF MERCER, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	\$ 33,717	\$ -	\$ 33,717
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	-	81	81
Interest income	506	-	506
Other	18,350	750	19,100
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>52,573</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>53,404</b>
EXPENDITURES			
Other	89,563	-	89,563
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>89,563</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,563</b>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(36,990)	831	(36,159)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	30,125	-	30,125
Transfers (out)	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>30,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,125</b>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(6,865)	831	(6,034)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED	171,876	24,274	196,150
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 165,011</u>	<u>\$ 25,105</u>	<u>\$ 190,116</u>

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**State of Maine**  
Municipal Election for the Town of Mercer  
March 3, 2023  
**Official Ballot**  
**Nancy J. Gove, Town Clerk**

**To Vote for Candidate**, Check the box to the left of the name.

**For a Write In**, write the Last name, First name  
and Check the box to the left of the name.

**First Selectperson, Assessor  
and Overseer of the Poor - 1 Year**  
(Vote for one)

	Parlin, Ricky J

**Trustee of Shaw Library - 5 Year**  
(Vote for one)

	Williams, Gaylene M

**Second Selectperson, Assessor  
and Overseer of the Poor - 1 Year**  
(Vote for one)

	Mosher, Gary D

**Planning Board - 3 Year**  
(Vote for One)

	Nunnally, Joan C

**Third Selectperson, Assessor  
and Overseer of the Poor - 1 Year**  
(Vote for One)

	Burr, Mary E
	Loabe, Richard L

**Budget Committee**  
(Vote for One)

	Breton, Brian D

Thank You ~~~~ You have now finished voting!

**State of Maine**  
Municipal Election for the Town of Mercer  
March 3, 2023

**Official Ballot**  
**Nancy J. Gove, Town Clerk**

Place a **✓** or an **X** in the appropriate **YES** or **NO** box to the left

**YES**

**NO**

**Question 1:** Shall an ordinance entitled "Town of Mercer, Maine Solar Energy Systems Ordinance" be enacted?

Thank You ~~~~ You have now finished voting!



## 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

To Tammy Lamphere, a resident of the Town of Mercer, in the County of Somerset, State of Maine,

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Mercer in said county and state, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Mercer Community Center** in said Town on **Friday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2023**, at eight o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 and 3 as set out below, the polling hours therefor to be from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and to reconvene on **Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023**, at five thirty o'clock in the afternoon (**5:30 p.m.**) then and there to act upon Articles 4 through 41, said articles being the following:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect three (3) Selectpersons, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor all for one-year terms, one (1) Trustee of Shaw Library for a five-year term, one (1) Budget Committee member for a three-year term and one (1) Planning Board member for a three-year term.

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of Mercer, Maine Solar Energy Systems Ordinance" be enacted?

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall an Ordinance entitled "Town of Mercer Appeals Board Ordinance" be enacted?

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote (by secret Australian ballot) to increase the property tax levy limit established for Mercer by state law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles results in a tax commitment greater than that limit.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend any amount not to exceed 3/12<sup>th</sup> of the current annual budget during the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year to the date of that year's annual town meeting.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to charge and collect interest of 8% on all taxes assessed in 2023 that are unpaid 30 days after the date of commitment. Select Board recommends the maximum allowed by state law, 8%  
Budget Committee recommends 8%

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$123,738 for wages and benefits of all Town Officers.**

		<b>Requested</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Selectperson	6,000	Addressing Officer	500	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Selectperson	6,000	Code Enforcement	3,000	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Selectperson	6,000	Cemetery Sexton	<u>500</u>	
Clerk, TC, Treasurer	39,600	Sub-total	101,531	
Deputy Ck,TC,TR	22,329	SS & Medicare	7,899	
Deputy Ck,TC	7,548	Health Insurance	<u>14,308</u>	
Trans Sta Attendant	8,054	Total	123,738	
Animal Control Officer	2,000			

Select Board recommends \$123,738 from Taxes  
 Budget Committee recommends \$123,738, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$89,343 for Administration - Town Office, Mercer Community Center** plus expend any revenues and donations generated by the community center; any unexpended balances in the Administration budget and the Community Center revenue accounts to be placed in the Community Center Reserve Fund.

Audit	\$ 6,000
Dues/Subscription	\$ 2,206
Operating Costs	\$24,600
Trio new modules	\$ 2,475
Trio software renewal	\$12,309
Contract Services	\$ 4,500
Insurance-Gen Liability, P&C, Pub Officials, WC/Unemployment	\$12,553
Utilities	<u>\$24,700</u>
Total	\$89,343

NOTE: Insurance savings is \$6,627 this year.  
 Select Board recommends \$89,343 from Taxes  
 Budget Committee recommends \$89,343, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus **\$8,000 for Contingency**. All use of funds to be reported in the 2023 annual report.

Note: No expenditures in 2022  
 Select Board recommends \$8,000 from Surplus  
 Budget Committee recommends \$8,000, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$9,170 for Assessing**; any remaining balance to be placed in the Assessing Revaluation Fund.

Select Board recommends \$9,170 from Taxes  
 Budget Committee recommends \$9,170, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500 for the Planning Board.**

Select Board recommends \$500 from Taxes

Budget Committee recommends \$500, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,830 for the Animal Shelter and ACO expenses.**

Select Board recommends \$1,830 from Taxes

Budget Committee recommends \$1,830, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus **\$500 for Health Officer, Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector training.**

Select Board recommends \$500 from Surplus

Budget Committee recommends \$500, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus **\$3,600 for Cemetery Maintenance.**

Select Board recommends \$3,600 from Surplus

Budget Committee recommends \$3,600, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$425 to supplement the three town scholarship awards.**

Select Board recommends \$425 from Taxes (\$200/high school; \$25/elementary award)

Budget Committee recommends \$425, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$70,650 for Public Safety – Fire (year 3 of our 3-year contract), Traffic and Street lights.**

Select Board recommends \$70,650 from Taxes

Budget Committee recommends \$70,650, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,500 for Public Safety - Mercer Rescue;** any unexpended balance to be placed in the Mercer Rescue Fund.

Select Board recommends \$4,500 from Taxes

Budget Committee recommends \$4,500, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$119,250 for Public Works - Summer Roads.**

Select Board recommends \$119,250 from Taxes

Budget Committee recommends \$119,250, vote 4-1

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$223,750 for Public Works - Winter Road Maintenance (year 1 of 2-year contract extension) and Sand/Salt Shed (\$58,750 from Taxes, \$165,000 from Excise Taxes).**

Select Board recommends \$223,750 (\$58,750 from Taxes; \$165,000 from Excise)

Budget Committee recommends \$223,750, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus **\$750 for various Youth Leagues.**

Select Board recommends \$750 from Surplus

Budget Committee recommends \$750, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$39,835 for Solid Waste Disposal, Recycling and Blue Bag purchase (\$25,835 from Taxes, \$14,000 from Transfer Station revenues).**

Select Board recommends \$39,835 (\$25,835 from Taxes; \$14,000 from TS revenues)

Budget Committee recommends \$39,835, Vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a long-term contract with Waste Management Disposal Service of Maine, Inc to allow residents of the Town of Mercer to use the newly expanded disposal facility in Norridgewock when it becomes operational, to discontinue use of the Mercer Transfer Station on East Sandy River Road and to apply to DEP to close said Transfer Station.

Select Board recommends Yes

Budget Committee recommends Yes

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to re-establish **Mercer Shaw Library** as a department of the town and to acquire any property, assets, outstanding debts or other financial obligations from the library.

Select Board recommends Yes

Budget Committee recommends Yes

**ARTICLE 25:** Shall an Ordinance entitled "Ordinance Establishing the Board of Trustees of the Shaw Library, Mercer, Maine" be enacted?

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,997 for Mercer Shaw Library (1,672 from Taxes, \$9,325 from Shaw Library Funds).**

Select Board recommends \$10,997 (\$1,672 from Taxes, \$9,325 from Library)

Budget Committee recommends \$10,997, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus **\$1,000 for Charity, 50% of this budget to be spent in the Town of Mercer.**

Select Board recommends \$1,000 from Surplus

Budget Committee recommends \$1,000, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus **\$2,000 for General Assistance.**

Select Board recommends \$2,000 from Surplus

Budget Committee recommends \$2,000, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,500 for Mercer Historical Society.**

Select Board recommends \$2,500 from Taxes

Budget Committee recommends \$2,500, vote 3-1-1

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,500 for Mercer Meeting House.**

Select Board recommends \$2,500 from Taxes

Budget Committee recommends \$2,500, vote 3-1-1

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,500 for North Pond Association.**

Select Board recommends \$3,500 from Taxes

Budget Committee recommends \$3,500, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,000 for 7 Lakes Youth Conservation Corp.**

Select Board recommends \$2,000 from Taxes

Budget Committee recommends \$2,000, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000 for Legal Expense Reserve Fund.**

Select Board recommends \$10,000 from Taxes

Budget Committee recommends \$10,000, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$34,000 to fund the 2023-2024 Revaluation contract with RJD Appraisal (\$24,000 from Surplus, \$10,000 from Revaluation Fund).**

NOTE: Total contract amount is \$85,000 to be paid in 5 equal installments.

Select Board recommends \$34,000 (\$24,000 from Surplus; \$10,000 from Reval Fund)

Budget Committee recommends \$34,000, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus **\$6,000 for digitizing the Tax Maps.**

Select Board recommends \$6,000 from Surplus

Budget Committee recommends \$6,000, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Capital Improvement Projects \$2,000 for the Mercer Road Maintenance Fund.**

Select Board recommends \$2,000 from Taxes

Budget Committee recommends \$2,000, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$20,000 from Surplus for Capital Improvement Projects to replace the culvert over Indian Stream on Elm Street.**

Select Board recommends \$20,000 from Surplus  
Budget Committee recommends \$20,000, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Capital Improvement Projects \$20,000 for Ditching and Berm Removal.**

Select Board recommends \$20,000 from Taxes  
Budget Committee recommends \$20,000, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 39:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate for **Capital Improvement Projects \$76,000 to complete a section of Beech Hill Road (\$46,236 from Surplus; \$29,764 from LRAP).**

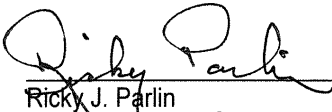
Select Board recommends \$76,000 (\$46,236 from Surplus, \$29,764 from 2022 LRAP)  
Budget Committee recommends \$76,000, vote 4-0-1


**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Capital Improvement Projects \$55,000 (\$15,000 from Taxes; \$40,000 from the MCC Maintenance Fund) to repair/replace the roof over the gym and kitchen areas of the Mercer Community Center.**

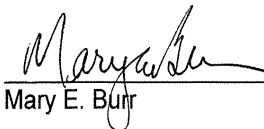
Select Board recommends \$55,000 (\$15,000 from taxes; \$40,000 from the MCC Maintenance Fund)  
Budget Committee recommends \$55,000, vote 4-0-1

**ARTICLE 41:** To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any or all donations received from the public, any state, federal, or other governmental agency funds not explicitly allowable by state law, and all grants received in accordance with the intended purpose of the donation, grant or other funds as they are received.

Given under our hands this 6th day of February, 2023.

  
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Ricky J. Parlin

  
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Gary D. Mosher

  
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Mary E. Burr

## List of Continuing Articles

At past town meetings, voters have approved the following "continuing articles". [*printed for information purposes*]

### **1991 Annual Town Meeting**

ARTICLE 22: Voted 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 thereon by sealed bid following public notice of sale of such real estate, and to issue quit claim deeds for same. The Selectmen shall first offer to sell to the previous owner for full payment of all delinquent taxes, fees, plus interests and costs. This authorization to continue from year to year until amended or revoked by Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 39: Voted to authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts on behalf of the town. This authorization to continue in effect from year to year until amended or revoked by Town Meeting.

### **1992 Annual Town Meeting**

ARTICLE 12: Voted to authorize the selectmen to fill vacancies on non-elected boards and committees by appointment. This authorization to continue in effect from year to year until amended or revoked by Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 36: Voted to allow the Selectmen to authorize cutting in the Town Forest in accordance with the Town Forest Management Plan. This authorization to continue in effect from year to year until amended or revoked by Town Meeting.

### **2008 Annual Town Meeting**

ARTICLE 35: The town voted to authorize the Municipal Officers to close East Sandy River Road for the winter from the transfer Station entrance to the snow plow turn around. This authorization to continue in effect from year to year until amended or revoked by Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 44: The Town voted to authorize the Municipal Officers to temporarily borrow money as needed to cover the Town's expenses until this year's tax revenues are received. Any such loan to be repaid in full within the year. This authorization to continue in effect from year to year until amended or revoked by Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 45: The Town voted to appropriate \$1,000.00 from surplus to pay the interest on the tax anticipation loan, if needed. This authorization to continue in effect from year to year until amended or revoked by Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 48: The Town voted to apply for a Maine State Archives Grant to assist with the preservation of the town's historical records, and to accept and appropriate such funds if received. This authorization to continue in effect from year to year until amended or revoked by Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 50: The Town voted to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept donations to be added to the principal of the scholarship funds. This authorization to continue in effect from year to year until amended or revoked by Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 51: The Town voted to appropriate all State refunds of registrations fees for the Mercer Bog Riders. This authorization to continue in effect from year to year until amended or revoked by Town Meeting.

**2011 Annual Town Meeting**

ARTICLE 35: The Town voted to authorize the selectmen to appoint one individual from the Town of Mercer to represent the town on the Skowhegan Cal Ripken Baseball Board of Directors. This to be a continuing article unless amended at a future town meeting.

**2020 Annual Town Meeting**

ARTICLE 48: The Town voted to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 MRSA § 506, the amount collected not to exceed the previous year's taxes. Interest on any prepayment will be zero percent.

ARTICLE 49: The Town voted to allow the Town Treasurer, after Municipal Officers approval, to file a waiver of automatic foreclosure at the Registry of Deeds, pursuant to 36 MRSA section 944, on real estate that may be burdensome on the town.

ARTICLE 50: The Town voted to prohibit a Municipal Officer from being an employee or an independent contractor for the Town of Mercer.

ARTICLE 51: The Town voted to ensure that work conducted on behalf of the Town of Mercer in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500) must have a written contract.

**2021 Annual Town Meeting**

ARTICLE 43: The Town voted to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to take whatever actions are necessary for the Town to become a member of the Maine Municipal Association Property and Casualty Pool Program, including but not limited to the execution of any contract required for such membership and the payment of any required fees or charges. The authority granted herein shall be continued until revoked.

ARTICLE 44: The Town voted to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to join with other participating municipal and quasi-municipal employers to group self-insure for the provision of workers' compensation benefits, as authorized by 39-A MRSA sec 03, said group to be known as the "Maine Municipal Association Workers' compensation Fund" (Fund); and for that purpose and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements among participating employers, to authorize the Select Board to enter into a Fund Indemnity Agreement on behalf of the Town and take whatever other actions may be necessary. The authority granted herein shall continue until revoked.

ARTICLE 46: The Town voted to implement a policy that any vendor, service provider, contractor or individual shall be accountable by an itemized invoice(s) or receipt of purchase prior to approval by the Municipal Officers and payment. The authority granted herein shall continue until amended or revoked.

**2022 Annual Town Meeting**

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will establish a non-lapsing "Legal Expenses Reserve Fund" to be used to pay for legal expenses incurred by the town; to raise and appropriate \$3000 to be deposited into the fund; and to provide the selectboard with continuing authority to spend from the account for the purposes stated above without further vote to the town meeting, this authority to remain in force from year to year until rescinded by the town meeting.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward funds that have been obligated by the contract into a new fiscal year. The authority granted herein shall continue until amended or revoked.







## About the Cover

In an effort to beautify the Town, a small group of individuals got together and transformed the triangle at the intersection of Pond Road and Beech Hill Road into a community flower garden. Spearheaded by Dari Hurley who came up with the idea, residents volunteered their time and resources to put Dari's vision into action. Joel and Tammy Lamphere donated the loam. Myke and Sue Bartholf donated the wood chips and the farm equipment feature shown on the cover. Residents donated their equipment to haul, spread and install it all, including the pieces of granite. Finally, we were ready for planting! We got many perennials from Donice Whitney's "Botanical Gardens of Mercer". Many volunteers (from Mercer and Smithfield) came to the garden on planting day with beautiful plants in hand and began the process of planting and labeling the flowers that were donated. Maintaining the garden was a chore. Initially we were taking turns hauling water. People would stop and comment on the garden and then they too began to help with the watering. The neighbors let us use their garden hose (and well water) during the really hot and dry spell we had, like the whole month of August! During a weeding session, the neighbors even brought us ice cold bottled water! As fall approached, mums were donated to the garden for us to enjoy. We are pleased with our garden's first year and thankful for all the community spirit! Thank you all...



Now let's give her a name! Yes, we'll call it a "her" for now because of "her" beauty, colors and sweet smells that we all enjoyed. It has been referred to as the Community Garden, the Triangle Garden and the Pond Road Garden. Put your thinking caps on and submit your nominations to the Town Office by March 20<sup>th</sup>, the first day of Spring. We will put it to a vote and announce her name in April, on Earth Day.

**Town of Mercer**

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**Town Office Hours**

Monday 8am-3pm; Tuesday 12pm-6pm; Wednesday 8 am-7 pm

Animal Control Officer.....	314-8722 Tammy Lamphere
Code Enforcement Officer.....	313-4108 Geoff Nosach
Court, District .....	474-9518
Court, Superior .....	474-5161
District Attorney's Office.....	474-7404
Fire Warden.....	634-2208 or 474-6386
Burning Permits.....	www.maine.gov/burnpermit
Health Officer .....	314-8336 Heidi Dubois
Hospitals: Redington Fairview Gen Hosp.....	474-5121
Hospitals: ME Gen Medical Center-Wtvl.....	872-1000
Hospitals: ME Gen Med Center-Augusta.....	626-1000
Hospitals: Franklin Memorial Hospital.....	778-6031
Local Plumbing Inspector.....	779-4858 Andrew Marble
Maine CDC .....	287-8016
MSAD #54 Superintendent's Office.....	474-9508
MSAD #54 Mill Stream Elementary .....	634-3121
MSAD #54 Skowhegan Area Middle.....	474-3339
MSAD #54 Skowhegan Area High.....	474-5511
Norridgewock Fire.....	<b>911</b> or 634-2208
Norridgewock Post Office .....	634-4201
Shaw Library.....	779-3977
Somerset County Commissioners Office.....	474-9861
Somerset Registry of Deeds.....	474-3421
Somerset Registry of Probate.....	474-3322
Somerset Sherriff Dept.....	<b>911</b> or 474-9591
State Police.....	<b>911</b> or 474-3350

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, DIAL 9-1-1**