

Town of Pittston
Kennebec County

Maine 04345

Incorporated 1779



2023 Annual Town Report

January – December 2023

Selectboard

Jane H. Hubert, Chair

M. Jean Ambrose

Joseph A. Caputo

TOWN OFFICE SERVICES DIRECTORY

**38 Whitefield Rd
Pittston ME 04345**

FIRE-RESCUE-AMBULANCE 9-1-1

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State Police	207-624-7076
Animal Control	207-458-8361

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS:
Every Wednesday at the Town Office (6 pm)**

**Meeting schedules are posted at the Town Office, the Village Store, & Online Calendar
www.pittstonmaine.org.**

-----**CLOSED ON ALL STATE HOLIDAYS**-----

TOWN OFFICE & SERVICES HOURS

MONDAY: 2–5 pm

TUESDAY: Closed

WEDNESDAY: 1:30–6 pm (Code Enforcement 4–7 pm)

THURSDAY: 9 am–5 pm

FRIDAY: 1–4 pm

SATURDAY: Recycling Open 8 am–1 pm

Resident taxpayers should be at the business meeting (Annual Town Meeting) on Saturday, March 16, 2024, 9:45 am, at the Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School, 1023 Pittston School St. Taxes will be voted for twelve (12) months, January 1–December 31, 2024.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

By appointment only. Applicants should bring proof of income for all employed household members and proof of how the income was spent by having receipts for rent, electric, grocery bills, etc.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF PITTSTON, MAINE 04345

Saturday, 9:45 AM

March 16, 2024

Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School

1023 Pittston School St

Pittston ME 04345

LAST AUDITING PERIOD: January 1 – December 31, 2022

FISCAL PERIOD REPORTING: January 1 – December 31, 2023

BUDGETING PERIOD: January 1 – December 31, 2024

MODERATOR: To Be Decided

SELECTBOARD (ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR)⁺

JANE H. HUBERT, CHAIR

TERM TO EXPIRE MAR 2025

M. JEAN AMROSE

TERM TO EXPIRE MAR 2024

JOSEPH A. CAPUTO

TERM TO EXPIRE MAR 2026

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

ROAD COMMISSIONER⁺ (TERM TO EXPIRE MAR 2026)

SAM SNOW

FIRE CHIEF

JOSHUA JOHNSON

TREASURER, TAX COLLECTOR, OFFICE SUPERVISOR

CHRISTIAN JENSEN

TOWN CLERK, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

VALERIE HANSON

ANIMAL CONTROL

GRETCHEN PATRICK

CODE ENFORCEMENT

BRUCE ENGERT

HARBORMASTER

ROBERT PEKINS, JR

HEALTH OFFICER

ALICIA COLLINS

ASSESSORS' AGENT

ELLERY BANE (RJD APPRAISAL)

MSAD 11 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS⁺

JAMES LOTHRIDGE

TERM TO EXPIRE MAR 2024

JEFF HANLEY

TERM TO EXPIRE MAR 2026

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

EAST PITTSTON WATER TRUSTEES†

OLEKSEY KAKSENKO
LARRY IRELAND
LEROY USHER

PLANNING BOARD†

MARLENE COLVIN
RODNEY HEMBREE
JAMES LOTH RIDGE
DANIEL TAGGART
TERRY SHEPERD
PETER KELLEY
DANIEL HAISS

BOARD OF APPEALS

PAULA WORK
AUTUMN DEVERIES
LISA VEREGGE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE†

SARAH PERKINS
CATHY THOMAS
LINDA CAPUTO
SHARON GLEASON
JASON FARRIS

BUDGET COMMITTEE†

SAM SNOW
PAULA WORK
HOPE RICKER
TIMOTHY LAWRENCE
STEVE COSTELLO
LYNNETTE EASTMAN
CODY KELLEY
RODNEY HEMBREE

†Elected positions. All other officials and positions are appointed by the Selectboard.

BOSTON POST CANE

Isabelle H. Kelsey



Isabelle H. Kelsey was presented the Boston Post Cane on July 19, 2023, by Town Clerk Deborah Barry and Select Board members Jean Ambrose and Jane Hubert.

Born in Newcastle Maine on Oct 28, 1927, Isabelle moved to Pittston in January 1957. She was married to Kenneth E. Kelsey until he passed away on March 30, 2015.

She worked for various State agencies, and also served for 20 years at the VA Center in Togus. In her early years, she worked with the PTA. She enjoyed helping with the dances with Marsha Troop once a month at the Old Town Hall for the little ones. She also worked with the Gardiner preschool groups as a volunteer.

She has been a member of the Pittston Community Daughters for many years and the Riverside Cemetery Association in Pittston.

Isabelle says her most memorable moment in life was the birth of her 3 beautiful daughters, Brenda Griffin, Darlene Parker, and Carolyn Belanger. Other treasured memories are of an anniversary trip to Bermuda, a trip to Germany to witness her niece's baptism, and a trip to Austria. She also traveled to California.

Isabelle has two grandchildren, Jennifer Belanger Bailey, and Shawn Belanger, and four great-grandchildren: Sierra Bailey, Dylan Bailey, Aurora Belanger, and Alexis Belanger. Her siblings are Randall, Lucy, Burton, and Harry Jr., all deceased.

Her favorite things to do are reading, eating, and raising and tending her flower and vegetable gardens. She loves having her family's youngsters around. She also enjoyed golf, swimming, skiing, shopping, and attending church.

SPRIT OF AMERICA

2023 RECIPIENT
ANN PISTELL



Each year, since 2002, the Town of Pittston has honored citizens for their volunteer efforts in their service to our Town and make it a better place to live. The Spirit of America award is presented under the umbrella of the Spirit of America Foundation. Last year's recipient has been quietly working behind the scenes...but in the open air.

For over 20 years, Ann Pistell has been a big force in our recycling program. Beginning our program with grant writing efforts, then organizing and working the stations, she has kept the program active and growing. She's always "talking trash".

Besides the recycling program itself, Ann has provided the State of Maine with required figures of the recycling citizens' efforts, worked alongside the Select Board to answer questions about recycling, attended workshops on new legislation, and advised groups with recycling knowledge.

Ann, we thank you for your efforts, time, and volunteer spirit!

DATES TO REMEMBER

JAN 1	Fiscal year begins
FEB 1	\$25.00 late fee for dog licenses applies after this date
MAR 5	Presidential Primary Election
MAR 16	Town Meeting (9:45 am), Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School
MAR 18	Town Election (12 pm to 7 pm), Pittston Town Office, 38 Whitefield Rd
APR 1	One-time applications for exemptions (e.g. Homestead, Veterans', and Veterans' Widows) are due. (Tree Growth & Farmland exemptions must be filed every five years.)
JUN 11	State Primary Election
NOV 5	General Election
NOV 29	Second half of taxes due (expected)
DEC 31	Dog licenses expire; fiscal year ends

*****IMPORTANT INFORMATION*****

When registering a vehicle, the **law** requires that the registrant show proof of insurance. Your insurance card must show the correct VIN and a *beginning* and *ending* date for the insurance coverage which must include the day you are registering. When registering a "new" vehicle, you must have the **Monroney Label** (window sticker). Car dealers should include with your paperwork this label, a **blue** application for title and a sales agreement showing Maine sales tax paid. Please bring all these forms to the town office when registering. This does **not** apply to private sales which require an original title and bill of sale. Remember, you must **always** start at your Town Office when registering a motor vehicle. We will collect excise tax and send you to BMV in Augusta if we are unable to complete the transaction. If you are re-registering with no changes, you can do this online through our website.

Pittston Town Office 2024 Holiday & Election Schedule

Town Office Closed (or Modified Hours as Noted)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date Observed</u>	<u>Holiday/Election</u>
Monday	January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday	February 19, 2024	Washington's Birthday
Tuesday	March 5, 2024	Presidential Primary Election
Monday	March 18, 2024	Town Election
Monday	April 15, 2024	Patriot's Day
Monday	May 27, 2024	Memorial Day
Tuesday	June 11, 2024	State Primary Election
Wednesday	June 19, 2024	Juneteenth
Thursday	July 4, 2024	Independence Day
Monday	September 2, 2024	Labor Day
Monday	October 14, 2024	Indigenous Peoples Day
Tuesday	November 5, 2024	General Election
Monday	November 11, 2024	Veterans Day
Wednesday	November 27, 2024	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm
Thu & Fri	November 28-29, 2024	Thanksgiving
Wednesday	December 25, 2024	Christmas
Wednesday	January 1, 2025	New Year's Day



Dear Residents,

The past year has been marked by significant transition. Some of the Town's practices and ordinances have changed, along with all of the Town Office Administrative staff.

The most visible change has been to the personnel that our residents interact with for routine business at the Town Office. Late in 2022, our then Treasurer and Tax Collector, Colleen Pilsbury, was offered and accepted a position at MSAD 11 (a win for the school and a loss for the Town). The Town then saw the return of Sarah Perkins to the position of Treasurer and Tax Collector, adding the responsibility of Office Supervisor to that role. Only months after her arrival, Sarah received an offer for a position with the Town of Alna, which she accepted—another loss for our Town. So, beginning in early 2023, the then Town Clerk, Deb Barry, served as the interim Treasurer and Tax Collector for three months. Then in April, the Select Board hired Pittston resident Christian Jensen as Office Supervisor, Treasurer, and Tax Collector. His ability to organize and bring in new ideas to both the administration and operations of the Town have helped us move forward in a very positive direction.

Unfortunately, the changes continued for Town Office personnel. At the conclusion of 2023, our two long-serving clerks, Town Clerk Deb Barry and Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant Debbie MacInnes, resigned effective on the last day of the year. All of these changes were in the midst of a changing board, with Joe Caputo being elected to the seat formerly held by Select Board Chair Kerri Farris.

Happily, we hired Pittston resident Valerie Hanson as the Town Clerk in February (who formerly held that position in Manchester) and Samantha Cameron as the Deputy Town Clerk in March (who currently works part time in the same position in Alna). Additionally, we welcomed volunteer Marie-Anne Flowers to fill in for the Administrative Assistant and Planning Board Secretary duties during this transitional time.

If you're tuned in to Zoom for the Select Board meetings (or attend in person), then you are probably aware of how allowing live viewing of the meetings has increased resident participation. This participation is welcome as new ideas and discussion emerges.

Also, the Town completed its property revaluation (required by the State every ten years). The "reval" brought the Town to 100% of its real estate value. Additionally, the Property Tax Stabilization Act, in effect for only one year, was ended, with the State considering other programs for tax relief.

Realizing that change will continue to be in our Town's future, I hope that citizens will be part of the process showing both new ideas and follow-through, participating in committee and board work, and keeping sound, positive attitudes and action in all our striving.

I look to these changes as a way of moving forward within our Town, and with your help, I too will be able to embrace change with optimism toward the future.

Sincerely,

Jane H. Hubert
Select Board Chair
Town of Pittston



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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AUGUSTA, MAINE
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Dear Maine Resident:

In January, I was privileged to take the Oath of Office to begin my second term as your Governor. I am deeply humbled by the trust the people of Maine have placed in me, and I look forward to continuing to work hard over the next four years to improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

Over the past four years, we have made real progress. We have expanded health care, leading to the largest decline in the uninsured rate of any state in the nation. We fully funded the State's share of public education. We delivered two-years of free community college. We fully restored municipal revenue sharing to five percent. We delivered substantial tax relief, nation-leading inflation relief, and emergency energy relief to help Maine people through difficult times.

Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we are strengthening and diversifying our economy. In 2022, our state's gross domestic product – a key measure of economic growth – grew at the 9th fastest rate in the United States. People are moving to Maine at a rate higher than any other New England state, and at one of the highest rates in the nation. We have enacted balanced budgets, and we have built up Maine's "Rainy Day" fund to a record high, preparing our state to continue meeting its commitments in the event of an economic downturn.

While I am proud of the progress we have made, there is more to do, like addressing the housing crisis, the workforce shortage, and the opioid epidemic and strengthening health care, education, and the economy. I know that by working together to tackle these issues head-on, we can improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people and make Maine the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you again for the honor to serve you as Governor.

Thank you,

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Janet T. Mills.

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

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

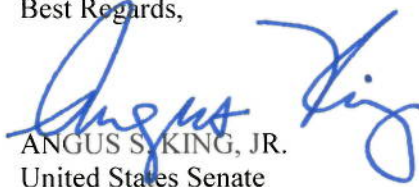
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senate

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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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Craig V. Hickman
Senator, District 14

THE MAINE SENATE
131st Legislature

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Dear Neighbor,

I trust that you and your family are safe and healthy. I deeply appreciate the opportunity to continue serving as your State Senator. It remains the highest honor of my life to represent you in the Maine Legislature and I remain committed to working hard for you every single day.

I am proud to report I will maintain my position as the Senate Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. This committee oversees campaign finance, elections, and the Office of the Secretary of State. As a staunch defender of voting rights and our democracy, I take this role very seriously. I will continue to support the women and men who have served in uniform and the small business owners in the industries that bring in the most revenue for our state.

I will remain Senate Chair of the Committee on Government Oversight. Evaluating agencies and programs and keeping government accountable to the people remains most essential to legislative oversight. Most notably this year, the committee has been evaluating DHHS and how to address the issues facing so many children and families across this state. I'm ensuring our committee maintains our promise to hold government organizations accountable and create substantial change.

I am also returning to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry where I have previously served four terms, two as House Chair. As an organic farmer and author of the Maine Food Sovereignty Act, the Right to Food Constitutional Amendment, and legislation to End Hunger in Maine by 2030, improving Maine agriculture and strengthening our local and regional food systems will always be a priority.

Looking ahead, it's clear that we need to build on our work and continue to address the safety and security of all Maine's children, develop creative solutions to ensure that all Mainers have access to safe, affordable and permanent housing, and advance food rights, civil rights, and human rights for all.

Public service remains my purpose and my duty, not only during session, but also year-round. If you need to contact a state agency or department, want to share comments or concerns, or know a youngster who wants to serve as an Honorary Page or sing the National Anthem in the Senate, please don't hesitate to send me an email to Craig.Hickman@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at 287-1515.

Wishing you peace and prosperity in 2024.

Take care of your blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Hickman".

Craig V. Hickman
State Senator

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January 2024

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

It is my hope that you and your family enjoy a healthy and prosperous New Year! With lawmakers gathering once again in Augusta for their Second Regular Session on January 3, I am continually grateful for the opportunity to serve my constituents. If you are ever in need of assistance with respect to State Government, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In addition to the hundreds of bills carried over for further consideration from the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature, 100 more have been accepted by the Legislative Council for deliberation over the coming months leading up to the statutory adjournment date of April 17. Amongst these various bill titles are, "**An Act to Exempt Motor Vehicles of Active Duty Service Members Stationed Out-of-state from Excise Tax**," "**An Act to Utilize Career and Technical Education Centers in the Development of the Electrician Workforce**," and "**Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Alleviate the Crisis in the Offices of Regional Child Protective Services**." After deadline bill requests to be further assessed by legislative leaders are sure to ensue. Some of these will no doubt relate to the tragic events that unfolded in Lewiston last October.

State finances will, of course, be a major topic of discussion as well. A \$265 million surplus will prompt debate on whether to spend more on additional programs, or return this excess to its source – you the taxpayers. Rest assured, with goods and services still costing extensively more, I am committed to providing meaningful tax relief to help fellow Mainers make ends meet.

Once more, I wish to thank you for allowing me to be your voice at the State House. Be sure to follow legislative proceedings as they unfold online via the Legislature's Web site, <https://legislature.maine.gov/>. By staying informed, you will be empowered with the ability to make good decisions and respond effectively.

Best regards,

Michael H. Lemelin
State Representative

"First to Serve ~ 1799"



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Kennebec County, Maine**

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Alfred G. Morin, Chief Deputy

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January 31, 2024

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2023. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Correctional Services, Civil Process, Administrative and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including K-9 Teams, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, Accident Reconstruction and Drug and a School Resource Officer for MSAD 49 and RSU#38.

In 2023, Law Enforcement Deputies again logged thousands of calls for service. Our calls for service have increased since 2021. Our geographic patrol responsibilities within the County have increased, as the state police have opted to reduce their rural patrol coverage.

Overdoses of illicit substances continue to plague our county. My staff responded to 18 overdoses in 2023, we were able to save 11 of those lives. This number does not include the saves by jail staff in 2022. As the disorder continues to increase, I wish to make it clear that we at the Sheriff's Office will always support our citizens with substance dependency disorders by providing avenues that can assist with their recovery.

The patrol division welcomes Scott Dumas, Riley Boivin and Simon Yorks to our patrol team. This is the only law enforcement agency Deputy Boivin has ever worked for and is doing an excellent job. He will be attending the full-time academy in the spring of 2024. Deputies Dumas and Yorks came to us from other agencies and they both have many years of experience. Great additions to our team of professionals.

My agency continues to receive federal funds to conduct patrol details specifically related to motor vehicle violations throughout our county. Kennebec County Deputies continue to excel statistically for the number of interdictions for drug related criminal activities. In 2023 the deputies seized over 6 pounds of fentanyl in several different contacts with individuals distributing this poison. There we also seizures of methamphetamines as well as cocaine.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2023, the three civil deputies received over 5,111 requests for service in Kennebec County. This is a decrease from 2022 of documents received. Some of the services include civil summons & complaints, foreclosures, evictions, small claims, child support notices from the State and enforcement of court orders and writs to name a few.

We welcome any questions regarding civil service to be made to the office. Kennebec is very lucky to have Chief Civil Deputy Harry McKenney, who just happens to be the go-to guy on civil service matters statewide.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 2206 inmate intakes. This is an increase from 2022. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from Trespass to Homicide. Our staffing at the correctional facility is robust and we are doing well. I will add that the staff have enormous responsibilities and work hard every day.

Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility. We have improved our medical and mental health services at Kennebec to help manage the needs of those incarcerated. Medical Assisted Treatment for Opiate dependencies continues in our facility, as it is now required by law.

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised on outside projects. During the winter months, the outside trustees shovel several driveways in the Augusta area for those who are aging and unable to do it themselves. One may think that this only benefits the county, or our local municipalities, but it does not. It also benefits the inmate population as well. It allows them to be productive in our communities.

We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims, and to provide enhanced public safety. We acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem nationwide and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education, treatment, and recovery for those afflicted with this horrible addiction.

In May of 2023 we moved into our new office located at 73 Winthrop Street in Augusta. What a breath of fresh air for the staff. Please feel free to stop in and see our new Sheriff's Office.

As your Sheriff, and moving forward into 2024, I remain committed to serving the hard-working taxpayers of this county, their families, and our visitors, honorably, professionally, and by using good common sense and judgement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Mason, Sheriff

Town of Pittston

Valerie Hanson – Town Clerk

This is going to be a very busy year with elections. In addition to the Municipal election on March 18, there will be a State Primary Election in June and the Presidential Election in November. Please make sure your voter registration cards are up to date before these elections.

The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th at 9:45 am at the Pittston Randolph Consolidated School to vote on budget articles. Remember, your vote counts on how the Town's money is spent.

There are several vacancies on our municipal boards. We have one opening on the Selectboard, one opening on the School Board, one opening on the Personnel Committee, and three on the Budget Committee. If you choose to write in a name, please **mark the box** next to the name or it cannot be counted. Please only write in the name of someone interested or available to serve.

Just a reminder, if you have not licensed your dog there is now a \$25.00 late fee. Dog licenses are due December 31st, you have a one-month grace period before the late fee goes on February 1st. The late fee is in addition to the dog license fee. Be sure to have the current rabies certificate and a spay/neuter certificate (if applicable). Please check our website to stay informed with the latest information.

We congratulate 37 couples that were married in 2023 and welcome 28 new bundles of joy. Sadly, we will miss and remember the 27 loved ones that are no longer with us.

Thank you for the warm welcome to the Town Office. I look forward to working with each of you.

November 17, 2023

**To the Selectboard
Town of Pittston, Maine**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Pittston, Maine for the year ended December 31, 2022. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 12, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Town of Pittston, Maine are described in Note A to the financial statements. The Town implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 87, *Leases* during the year ended December 31, 2022. We noted no transactions entered into by the Town during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Town's financial statements were:

Management's estimate of depreciation is based on general knowledge and rules of thumb for equipment, vehicles, buildings and infrastructure estimated useful lives. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the useful lives in calculating depreciation while determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the unavailable property tax revenue (deferred inflow) is based upon historical 60 day property tax collections in January and February for the previous year. The timing for issuance of the current year financial statements is such that actual collections are not yet determined. Current year collections could be significantly different than the prior year.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

- The disclosure of capital asset transactions shown in Note C to the financial statements;
- The disclosure of assigned fund balances in Note G to the financial statements; and
- The disclosure of commitments in Note H to the financial statements.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The attached schedule summarizes uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements. Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. The uncorrected misstatements or the matters underlying them could potentially cause future period financial statements to be materially misstated, even though, in our judgment, such uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements under audit. The following material misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were corrected by management:

- An adjustment was made to adjust the opening balance of the general fund.
- An adjustment was made to record transfers out of the general fund
- An adjustment was made to adjust fund balances to actual
- An adjustment was made to adjust reserve account balances to actual

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 17, 2023.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Town’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Town’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

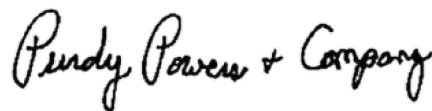
We applied certain limited procedures to the Management’s Discussion and Analysis, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the Combining and Individual Fund Statements and Other Schedules, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We have issued a separate communication on internal control dated November 17, 2023.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Selectboard and management of Town of Pittston, Maine and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Professional Association

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Town of Pittston, Maine

As management of the Town of Pittston, Maine, we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. The Town's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Financial Highlights

- The Town's assets exceeded liabilities by \$3,954,543 as of December 31, 2022, compared to \$3,887,723 as of December 31, 2021.
- The Town's governmental funds General Fund Balance on a budgetary basis was \$1,702,067 as of December 31, 2022, compared to \$1,813,962 as of December 31, 2021.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the Town's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. The Town also includes in this report supplemental information to the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements provide information about the activities of the Town as a whole and present both a long-term and short-term view of the Town's finances. Financial reporting at this level is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies.

The Statement of Net Position includes all assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of overall economic health requires review of other non-financial factors, such as changes in the Town's property tax base and the condition of the Town's roads. While this review includes some financial elements important to an assessment of the municipality's overall economic health, this analysis is not exhaustive and intended to be used as one component of such an evaluation.

The Statement of Activities reports the current year change in net position. This statement includes all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities is presented for:

- Governmental activities: most of the Town's basic services are reported here, including the police, fire, general administration, streets, and ambulance. Sales taxes, franchise fees, fines, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Management's Discussion and Analysis – Continued

Town of Pittston, Maine

Fund Financial Statements

For governmental activities, these statements focus on how services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Town's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Town's most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the Town acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside of the government.

Financial Analysis of the Town as a Whole - Government-wide Financial Statements

The following schedule is a summary of net position for the years ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 2,561,863	\$ 2,443,819	\$ 118,044
Capital assets	<u>1,558,723</u>	<u>1,640,738</u>	<u>(82,015)</u>
Total Assets	4,120,586	4,084,557	36,029
Long-term liabilities	140,204	166,678	(26,474)
Other liabilities	<u>25,839</u>	<u>30,156</u>	<u>(4,317)</u>
Total Liabilities	166,043	196,834	(30,791)
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	1,438,234	1,490,249	(52,015)
Unrestricted	<u>2,516,309</u>	<u>2,397,474</u>	<u>118,835</u>
	<u><u>\$ 3,954,543</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,887,723</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 66,820</u></u>

Management's Discussion and Analysis – Continued

Town of Pittston, Maine

The following schedule is a summary of the statement of activities for the years ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 64,556	\$ 37,932	\$ 26,624
Operating grants and contributions	38,960	39,172	(212)
General revenues:			
Property taxes	2,906,865	2,841,403	65,462
Excise taxes	593,342	614,104	(20,762)
Intergovernmental	523,802	453,188	70,614
Interest	10,668	9,481	1,187
Miscellaneous	39,593	345,916	(306,323)
Total Revenues	4,177,786	4,341,196	(163,410)
Expenses:			
General			
General government	482,584	418,879	63,705
Public safety	223,031	221,162	1,869
Public works	621,612	505,310	116,302
Leisure services	34,769	34,671	98
Education	2,344,064	2,228,118	115,946
Social services	38,410	34,057	4,353
Unclassified	362,736	411,253	(48,517)
Interest on short-term debt	3,760	4,504	(744)
Total Expenses	4,110,966	3,857,954	253,012
Change in Net Position	\$ 66,820	\$ 483,242	\$ (416,422)

Management's Discussion and Analysis – Continued

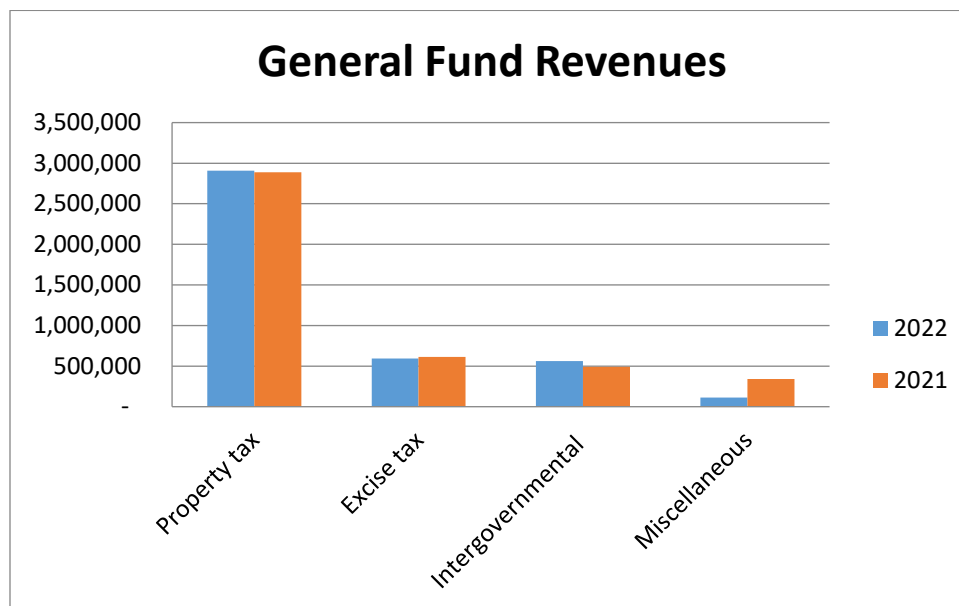
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Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds - Fund Financial Statements

Our analysis of the Town's major funds begins with the fund financial statements and provides detailed information about the most significant funds-not the Town as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law. However, many other funds are established to help control and manage money for particular purposes or to show the Town is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money.

- **Governmental funds** - All of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs. We describe the relationship, or differences, between governmental activities, reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, and governmental funds in reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.

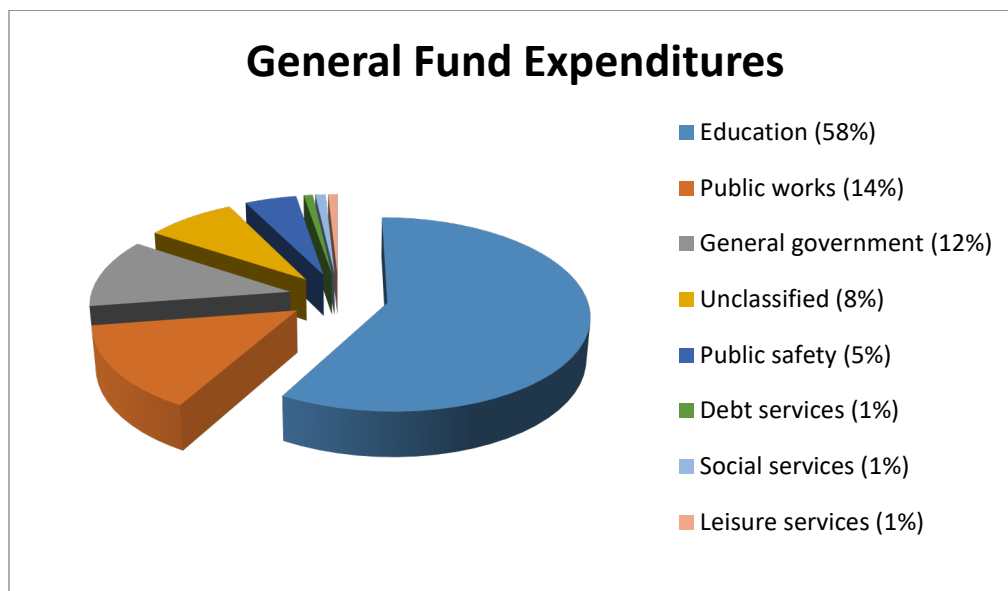
Comparative annual revenues in the general fund on a budgetary basis were as follows:



Management's Discussion and Analysis – Continued

Town of Pittston, Maine

The Town's general fund operating fund expenditures on a budgetary basis were as follows:



Capital Assets

As of December 31, 2022, the Town of Pittston's investment in net capital assets for its governmental activities amounted to \$1,558,723 compared to \$1,640,738 last year.

Long Term Liabilities

At year-end, the Town had \$120,489 compared to \$150,489 last year, in outstanding bonds. The outstanding bond is for the construction of the Village Fire Station.

CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, visit the Town Office on Route 126 in Pittston or call 582-4438.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF 2023 REVENUES

ACCOUNT	NET REVENUE
400 - General Administrative Services	
001 - RE Commitment	3,176,469.45
002 - PP Commitment	84,409.03
003 – Supplemental	237.73
004 - Abatements	(5,171.88)
005 - RE Discount	(15.98)
101 - BMV AGENT	15,379.00
102 - IF&W Agent Fee	1,018.75
103 - Birth/Death/Marriage	1,535.60
105 - Dog License-Town	943.00
106 - Dog Late Fee	1,175.00
111 - Fax/Copies	191.33
115 - Refunds/Returns	5,937.99
116 - Ins. Refund	1,307.00
120 - Bank Interest	4,951.95
121 - RE Interest	5,230.64
122 - Lien Costs	2,989.48
150 - Plumbing Permits	4,500.00
151 - Building Permits	58,985.86
152 - Town Permits	60.00
155 - Planning Board	11,553.00
165 - Town Prop Sale	392.40
170 - Restitution	38.03
300 - Tree Growth	6,524.07
301 - Revenue Sharing	336,480.61
302 - Veteran's Reimbursement	-
303 - Homestead Reimbursement	137,714.18
304 - Snowmobile Reimbursement	-
307 - BETE	43.00
308 - Renewable Energy	800.00
SUBTOTAL	3,853,679.24
420 - General Assistance	
100 - General Assistance Reimbursement	5,370.89
SUBTOTAL	5,370.89
425 - Highway and Roads	
100 - Auto Excise	605,725.26
125 - Boat Excise	4,312.40
200 – MDOT	44,928.00
SUBTOTAL	654,965.66
499 - Other Expenses CONT'D	
999 – Misc	5,594.83
SUBTOTAL	5,594.83
GRAND TOTAL	4,519,610.62

TREASURER'S REPORT OF 2023 EXPENSES

Account	Approved 2023 Budget	Net Expended	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
400 – GEN ADMIN SERVICES	537,450.00	495,306.75	42,143.25	92.16
01 - Gen Admin	165,998.00	149,242.50	16,755.50	89.91
06 - Employer Payroll Expenses	67,700.00	55,181.83	12,518.17	81.51
11 - Protection	57,000.00	54,187.34	2,812.66	95.07
40 - Contractual	39,198.00	39,197.48	0.52	100.00
90 - Other Exp	2,100.00	675.85	1,424.15	32.18
05 - Administrative Secretary	41,392.00	51,305.53	-9,913.53	123.95
06 - Assessor's Agent	17,500.00	14,410.00	3,090.00	82.34
07 - Ballot Clerk	5,000.00	3,875.52	1,124.48	77.51
09 - Code Enforcement Officer	16,000.00	16,087.78	-87.78	100.55
10 - FD Chief	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	100.00
11 - Health Officer	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.00
12 - Moderator	500.00	545.00	-45.00	109.00
13 - Office Help	7,200.00	6,151.31	1,048.69	85.43
14 - Recycle Attendant	5,000.00	5,953.35	-953.35	119.07
15 - Select Board	15,500.00	15,500.00	0.00	100.00
16 - Tax Collector/Treasurer/Sprvsr	57,080.00	44,483.81	12,596.19	77.93
17 - Town Clerk	54,080.00	58,271.01	-4,191.01	107.75
18 - Harbor Master	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.00
20 - Town Office Maintenance	27,500.00	31,166.29	-3,666.29	113.33
10 - Utilities		10,280.86	-10,280.86	
15 - Supplies		343.99	-343.99	
20 - Maintenance		4,162.00	-4,162.00	
40 - Contractual		16,379.44	-16,379.44	
21 - Technology Update	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	0.00
22 - Contingency	20,000.00	3,209.00	16,791.00	16.05
25 - Administrative Office Expense	50,000.00	49,223.39	776.61	98.45
26 - Insurance	25,000.00	23,369.50	1,630.50	93.48
27 - Planning Board	2,000.00	2,579.76	-579.76	128.99
28 – Appeals Brd/Personnel Cmte	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
30 - Employee Training	5,000.00	2,933.00	2,067.00	58.66
405 – GENERAL GOVERNMENT	391,202.32	369,592.36	21,609.96	94.48
01 - General Gov.	352,452.32	330,439.86	22,012.46	93.75
11 - Protection	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	100.00
40 - Contractual	6,000.00	6,015.86	-15.86	100.26
90 - Other Exp	306,452.32	284,424.00	22,028.32	92.81
10 - Animal Control	2,500.00	2,902.50	-402.50	116.10
20 - Revaluation Acct - Savings	36,250.00	36,250.00	0.00	100.00

TREASURER'S REPORT OF 2023 EXPENSES (CONT.)

Account	Approved 2023 Budget	Net Expended	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
410 – FIRE DEPARTMENT	174,982.00	162,166.92	12,815.08	92.68
01 - Fire Department Operations	68,250.00	56,993.24	11,256.76	83.51
01 - BUDGET		1,987.07	66,262.93	
10 - Utilities		15,566.85	-15,566.85	
15 - Supplies		21,888.83	-21,888.83	
20 - Maintenance		16,950.49	-16,950.49	
50 - Service/Fees		600.00	-600.00	
05 - Salaries	45,720.00	44,718.36	1,001.64	97.81
10 - Communications	8,000.00	7,088.06	911.94	88.60
20 - Central FD Repair & Addition	0.00	353.00	-353.00	
35 - FD Reserve Savings	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.00
36 - Village Station Annual Ln Pymt	33,012.00	33,014.26	-2.26	100.01
420 – GENERAL ASSISTANCE	8,000.00	2,314.70	5,685.30	28.93
01 - General Assistance	8,000.00	2,314.70	5,685.30	28.93
10 - Utilities		1,879.70	-1,879.70	
90 - Other Exp		435.00	-435.00	
425 – HIGHWAY AND ROADS	821,100.00	884,891.91	-63,791.91	107.77
01 - Highway and Roads	771,100.00	834,891.91	-63,791.91	108.27
20 - Maintenance	4,100.00	1,177.22	2,922.78	28.71
30 - Highway	278,000.00	345,559.18	-67,559.18	124.30
35 - Highway Summer Maintenance	93,000.00	82,102.28	10,897.72	88.28
40 - Contractual	396,000.00	406,053.23	-10,053.23	102.54
35 - Culvert Savings Reserve	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	100.00
440 – MUNI AFFIL/CHARITIES	2,657,324.00	2,657,270.86	53.14	100.00
01 - Charities	19,094.00	19,094.00	0.00	100.00
02 - Municipal Affiliation	2,638,230.00	2,638,176.86	53.14	100.00
FINAL TOTALS	4,590,058.32	4,571,543.50	18,514.82	99.60



TO SERVE AND PROTECT

PITTSTON FIRE DEPT.

38 Whitefield, Rd.
Pittston, ME 04345

Happy New Year from the Pittston Fire Department!

2024

What a whirlwind year! Hard to believe another one has passed. This year we used federal funding to upgrade central fire station - the heating system, insulation, and exhaust filtration system have all been completed. The heating system along with the new insulation has made a remarkable improvement to the efficiency of the station. The exhaust system that filters the air whenever the firetrucks are started, has made the station air much healthier. The water system and finish work are ongoing projects we hope to have completely wrapped up this spring. We are working towards better public access and signage for the potable water located at our central fire station.

Fire Prevention was a success again this year. Working with the staff and children of the Pittston Randolph Consolidated School is always a blessing and highlight of our year.

Pittston Fire Department responded on 110 emergencies and attended 64 individual trainings. The department had another year with no reportable injuries. We are grateful to serve such a wonderful community.

This year I want to give a special thanks to Jason Farris for his many years of service to the community as Jason has decided to fully retire from the Pittston Fire Department this year. Pittston is so blessed to have had Jason and his expertise over the years. While Chief, Jason made great improvements to the department and the profession. As a firefighter, Jason was always an asset and motivator of others. No chief made a more positive impact than Jason and we are proud to have had him on our department. I encourage all to thank Jason for his services to the community.

Joshua Johnson

Fire Chief, Pittston Fire Dept.

Planning Board Annual Report 2023

The Planning Board enjoyed another busy year with the following applications presented to the board:

Solar Farm Modifications on the Pete Kelley property on the Kelley Rd, Ali Zamat's Used Car Dealership on the Wiscasset Rd, Shyanne Moody daycare expansion at Lil Bucks n Doe's on School St, Jen Dearborn Dog Kennel on Crosswind Lane, Pete Kelley Subdivision on Old County Rd, Anastacia Boudreau Food Truck at Chadwick's Craft Spirits Distillery on Chadwick Lane, Hembree Solar Farm Extension of Phase I on the Wiscasset Rd, Karl Pedersen Auto Repair Shop on the Whitefield Rd, and Bunny Hill Farm subdivision expansion.

Our CEOs, Bruce Engert and Tom Freeman, are available and very knowledgeable regarding the many questions that arise during the application reviews. They also advise us on any new laws that take effect, for example, this year LD2003, new housing legislation was passed. Both spent much time discussing the changes this law will have on our town and our subdivision ordinances.

We also consulted with the Maine Municipal Association on a variety of topics, for example, when updating the Planning Board by-laws this year.

The board is fully staffed with seven members: Terry Shepherd is Vice-Chair, Jim Lothridge, Dan Taggart, Dan Haiss, Rodney Hembree and Pete Kelley.

A sincere thank you to Debbie MacInnnes, our administrative secretary, for keeping us organized and ready for each meeting. She attends every meeting and workshop, records the minutes, posts the agendas, places the necessary legal ads in the newspaper, mails out the proper communication with the property abutters, assists the applicants to ensure the correct forms are filled out along with the needed supporting documents, types up the applicant decision letters, manages the mail, communicates with other town boards, files board documents and tracks the budget. We are able to keep the board meetings running smoothly only because of her consistent organization skills and attention to detail!

The Planning Board Minutes are posted on the town website and the meetings are held the SECOND Thursday of every month. We welcome everyone to attend and look forward to another productive year in 2024!

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlene Colvin, Chairperson

2023 Board of Appeals

The Town of Pittston Board of Appeals consists of the following town residents: Lisa Veregge, Autumn DeVries, Tony Garvan and Sarah Hubert. During the September 12th meeting, Lisa was elected Chairwoman and Autumn was elected Secretary.

Autumn DeVries has continued to take the lead on creating a “User’s Guide” for the appeals process. The board is also working on bylaws.

The board met to consider an appeal brought by Sheri French and Brad Stuart to improve, but not replace an existing garage located at 928 Wiscasset Road. The board carefully reviewed the Town of Pittston Building Ordinance, as well as material from the Maine Municipal Association. The board concluded that the enlargement/expansion of a non-conforming accessory building as a result of an improvement is not expressly prohibited by the town ordinance and requested the code enforcement officer issue a building permit. For additional information on this Appeal, detailed meeting minutes have been filed with the town office.

The Board of Appeals has one vacancy on the committee. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to the select board.

Sincerely,

Lisa L. Veregge

Town of Pittston
38 Whitefield Road
Pittston, Maine 04345
207-582-4438



January 2024

Dear Pittston Residents,

We are encouraged to see the involvement of so many new members on the Personnel Committee this year and appreciate the diverse backgrounds and professional experiences they each bring to the discussion.

The Personnel Committee was responsible for developing interview questions and participating in the hiring process for the new Treasurer/Tax Collector/Supervisor position. We're grateful for Christian Jensen's depth of knowledge and the skilled leadership with which he manages his many responsibilities at the Town Office. He is an asset to our town.

The committee was asked to review and revise the town's 2014 Personnel Policy. To accomplish this involved and detailed task, committee members met every other week for nine months. The committee's successful work on this lengthy and complicated project is due to the respectful and mutual professionalism members practiced during the process.

Most sincerely,

Linda Caputo

Jason Farris

Sharon Gleason

Sarah Perkins

Cathy Thomas, Chair

Budget Committee Report 2023

Our first meeting after the 2022 Town Meeting was on 27 June 2023, we voted on the Chairman and Secretary positions; Steven Costello was elected Chairman and Tim Lawrence as Secretary. We also met with the Personnel Committee to discuss the salary and benefits for town personnel.

Our first gathering for the 2024 budget was on 30 November 2023 where the first reading and discussion of a draft warrant for the 2024 Town Meeting. We then met on the 7th, 14th and the 28th of December 2023, again to discuss the articles for the town warrant. We then scheduled our next meetings for the 18th of January 2024 and our final reading and vote on the 6th of February 2024.

I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the Budget Committee: Sam Snow, Hope Ricker, Tim Lawrence, Lynette Eastman, Sarah Perkins, Cody Kelley, Rodney Humbree and Paula Work. I would also like to thank the Select Board and the office personnel for their support. This will be my final committee report as I have decided not to seek another term on the Budget Committee. Again, thanks to all for their support during my tenure on the Budget Committee.

PITTSTON LITERARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The historical society has had two very active volunteers who spend their time creating educational and historical exhibits at the Pittston Fair. Last years exhibit focused on textiles. Last year we were given the task of overseeing the Historical Museum as well. Both exhibits were a tremendous success.

Membership in the historical society generally has included no more than 5 members. This year we have added a couple more volunteers. More members would be our goal this year.

We have survived on a very small budget for quite some time. It's become apparent that our Colburn School House could benefit from increased maintenance. Built between 1814-1816 it is largely unchanged. Members are now working to establish a 501 (C) 3 account so that we can seek charitable donations as we have not had any fund raising activity for at least a decade.

Technology is not one of our strengths but we do have members who are active with facebook. One of our members has volunteered to create our own email account and a web site.

See you at the fair,

Respectfully submitted by Dan Warren, Jr,
President

207-458-7179
dwarren1775@gmail.com

Greetings from the Pittston Fair Association

The 2023 Pittston Fair was held on July 13th through 16th, last year, which was held a week earlier than prior years.

The first 3 days of our events were extremely hot and humid and unfortunately Sunday was a complete wash out with heavy rain, canceling most events for Children's Day except the bike giveaway and Strawberry Coronation. With the extreme temperatures, it didn't seem to affect our attendance all that much. As the afternoons brought heat, the evenings were a bit more tolerable for fairgoers.

Some of our evening entertainment included Motor Booty Affair which did not disappoint, they had the crowd moving and grooving. The one and only Walter Weymouth on stage Friday night, he always brings a crowd of family, friends and townspeople. Maine Cabin Masters made an appearance again this year. The fireworks display which many look forward to seeing. Thank you Central Maine Pyrotechnics!

Oxen pulls, horse pulls and the truck pull are events that bring so many folks from near and far every year to show their majestic animals, cheer on their competitors and show such great sportsmanship.

We had a record pull of 12,400 lbs. on Saturday July 15th. The class was the 3400 and Over 12ft Elimination. The team was R & R Windows Team Chip and Curtis and went 11 ft 5 inches.

2023 Pittston Fair Strawberry winners are:

Queen: Lily Belanger 17, of Pittston Runner-up Ashley Kalloch 16, of Whitefield

Princess: Kiley Hutchinson 13, of Pittston Runner-up Zoie Elliott 12, of Windsor

Blossom: Nova Leeman 6, of Winslow Runner-up Evie Downs 7, of Randolph

The pageant is held on Sunday @ 4:30 pm, we had 20 fabulous young ladies participating this year who volunteered and helped out through the entire weekend.

2023 didn't bring much in the way of upgrades, but we are always looking at replacing and fixing whatever needs to be done. Thank you to a great group of volunteers that makes this happen when the need arises.

Each year I say the same thing but I will say it again. Thank you!! Our members and volunteers are what makes this fair what it is. These folks take time off, whether from their busy lives or use their vacation time to prepare for this fair. There is so much prep and time that goes into this little country fair, so many have been doing this for many years and look forward to the hustle and bustle of it all.

The reason I love this fair so much is that while walking around our grounds, you see many locals as well as so many new faces year after year. There is always lots of smiling, chatting and family and friends getting together to enjoy their time at the fair.

Also a huge thank you to all the Sponsor's that give to our fair. We couldn't do it without you.

Rentals at the Pittston Fairgrounds for 2023 included weddings, baby showers, and graduation parties. You can start renting our facilities in April that runs through December. We will be planning our first 2024 fair meeting to take place in March.

This year's fair will be taking place in June, yet another change of dates, so please mark your calendars.

2024 dates are June 20th thru the 23rd

Respectfully

Kimberly Alley-Pelletier

PFA Secretary

Riverside Cemetery Association

The Riverside Cemetery Association sold fourteen graves and had three burials; two at the Arnold Road Cemetery and one at the Annex.

The members of the Association donated the money to purchase eight Garden Stones of all the military branches which are placed around the base of the monuments.

Duane Tobey built a storage shed located at the Annex to put all of the supplies for the cemetery in.

Don Jewett put gravel in for the pad of the shed and moved the building on in August. Don also brought a load of gravel to put in the road that was damaged in the fall by a vault truck getting stuck.

The association donated a grave at the Arnold Road Cemetery to bury the ashes of Ivy Norton.

In October when our cemetery custodian emptied the trash bins, he found over a hundred bags of dog waste in them. We have locked the bins down for now and put signs up explaining why; hopefully, this will stop.

We had to replace the light that shines on the flag at the Annex.

We had wind damage to the flag pole.

We have forty-three more names to add to the Veterans Monument.

Sandra Tobey, Secretary

RiverWalk Committee

2023 was a busy year for the RiverWalk committee. A group of volunteers donated their time and equipment to start the scrap metal cleanup process which netted \$2,800 to be used for future RiverWalk projects. Thank-you Cheryl and Wayne Peaslee, Todd Linstrom, Jim Lothridge, Sam Snow, Don Jewett, Mark Krawec, Cody Kelly, Tony Garvin and Ansel Bryant for all your hard work.

Sarah Hubert spearheaded the Brownfield grant application process, which the Town was awarded, to do MEDEP soil and water testing at the RiverWalk. If any contaminants are found, we may be awarded a grant to pay for the cleanup process. The MEDEP is trying to get this project completed by the spring of 2024. As soon as this process is finished, the RiverWalk will be open to the public. Check the town's website: www.pittstonmaine.org for updates.

Jean

Local Health Officer – Alicia Collins

There are many resources for helping our community to be healthy and safe in 2024. A question that comes up often is well water. Your water looks, smells, and tastes fine, but it may not be safe to drink. Many Maine wells have too much arsenic, uranium, radon, or other harmful chemicals. The only way to know if your water is safe to drink is to test it.

1 in 10 wells in Maine has too much arsenic, uranium, radon, or other harmful chemicals. The only way to know if your water is safe to drink is to test it.

Want to talk to a well water expert?

They can help you figure out what to test for, and what your test results mean.

Call 866-292-3474 toll-free in Maine, or 207-287-4311, TTY: Call Maine Relay 711. Email: ehu@maine.gov

More information and links can be found at:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/eohp/wells/mewellwater.htm#fixingproblems>

Annual report from the Pittston Prowlers Snowmobile Club

January 30, 2024, for Club year 2023

As always, a big thank you to the local Landowners who allow the Club to have sections of the trail network on their property. Your support and cooperation are appreciated!

In that spirit, please assure that you are respecting all property while out riding the trails in our beautiful town.

Continuing as elected President is Adam Whitehouse. Vice President & Secretary is Josh Savard. Trail master is Jeff Minchin Sr. Thank you, officers, for all you do.

We have been waiting for frozen ground and snow amounts that can be groomed longer than usual this season. Work is needed on brush and trail trimming. We are always up for additional hands, so if you are interested, please contact an officer, or stop in at a meeting for more information. Assisting the Club with these needs can be used towards community service hours that are needed for graduation.

Club membership is down again this year. Please, if you, a family member, or friend are interested in joining please let one of us know. Club meetings are held at the Pittston Fire Station. All are welcome to attend. Feel free to bring a friend. The Club meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month @7PM.

Be sure to list Pittston as your legal residence when registering your sleds. State support of snowmobiling activities depends on the number of sleds registered in each town.

Town trail maps are available for free at the town office.

When out riding please remember to Ride Right & Ride Safe.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Adam Whitehouse, President PPSC @ 240-8576 or to Jeff Minchin Sr, Trail master @ 592-9191

Respectfully,

Jeff Minchin Sr.



152 WATER ST GARDINER ME

Dear Selectboard and Pittston Residents –

Gardiner Public Library is proud to serve the Town of Pittston. We appreciate your support and do our best, each and every year, to provide the valued service every citizen expects and deserves from our regional library.

This past year we have welcomed more and more people to the library and offered many more ways that all our patrons can take advantage of the resources we offer. The library is open 6 days a week, including every Tuesday night until 7:30PM and, every week, we offer programming for everyone, from weekly story times and monthly craft bags for children, to reader groups and Lego clubs for families who homeschool, after-school events for teens, evening book clubs for adults, board game nights, our Small Craft Advisory craft time, weekly and seasonal movies for all ages, and more. We even served dozens of free lunches for children multiple times a week last summer and provide a variety of annual and seasonal passes for cultural and recreational family outings.

Even if you can't make it into the library in person, our digital offerings can bring endless entertainment and information right to you! Your library card can unlock e-books, audio books, and even movies and TV via our subscriptions to CloudLibrary, Hoopla, and more.

And, as ever, we can still supply you with the latest and greatest books, DVDs, audio recordings – and even a growing supply of THINGS – from pole pruners (to tackle Brown tail moths or undo last winter's damage) to a metal detector (to seek treasure or find your missing keys or wedding ring...) AND, we're still a part of the Minerva library system (providing you access to the collections of over 70 libraries and over 6 million items across Maine), as well as participation in a daily delivery system that drops whatever items you request right at your home library's door. If we don't have what you're looking for ourselves, we will go out of our way to find it for you somewhere!

Please, never hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, requests, ideas for service offerings, etc. And follow us on Facebook or Instagram for current updates on events, services, and more.

From myself and all our truly wonderful staff at Gardiner Public Library, thank you to everyone in Pittston and thank you to the Selectboard for your continued support and interest in all we do. We are proud and thankful to have you as part of our library family.

We are eager to share all we currently offer - and to learn how we can keep delivering the best and most relevant service to you.

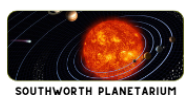
We are proud to be your public library and appreciate your support!

Please do not hesitate to contact us:

ph: 207-582-3312

e: dthistle@gardinermaine.com

fb: <https://www.facebook.com/GardinerPublicLibrary/>



ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: UNPAID TAX LIENS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

YEAR	NAME	TOTAL DUE
2014	TILLEY, DALE	\$88.13
2015	TILLEY, DALE	\$91.04
2017	CHOBANIAN, DANIEL -PIP	\$339.33
2018	MAGEE, JOHN T JR	\$656.56
2019	MAGEE, JOHN T JR	\$357.86
2020	MAGEE, JOHN T JR	\$319.00
2020	MCKECHNIE, CINDY L	\$1,207.64
	2020 SUBTOTAL: \$1,5226.64	
2021	HINKLEY, AMISHIA	\$335.58
2021	JOHNSON, DONNA M	\$838.31
2021	MAGEE, JOHN T JR	\$327.04
2021	MCKECHNIE, CINDY L	\$1,190.92
2021	MOODY, RONALD	\$1,442.20
	2021 SUBTOTAL: \$4,134.05	
2022	AYER, CHERYL	\$105.97
2022	BLAIS, RHONDA (HEIRS OF)	\$855.39
2022	CUNNINGHAM, THOMAS (HEIRS OF)	\$1,631.06
2022	DAVENPORT, CURT A.	\$507.12
2022	DINEEN, DAVID F Jr	\$824.18
2022	DINEEN, DAVID F Jr	\$1,638.03
2022	DINEEN, DAVID F Jr	\$1,505.02
2022	FYFE, CHRISTOPHER M	\$634.10
2022	HINCKLEY, ALEX M	\$555.26
2022	HINKLEY, AMISHIA	\$398.87
2022	JOHNSON, DONNA M	\$830.37
2022	KIMBALL, JASON R	\$2,004.90
2022	LASSELLE, MICHAEL	\$609.72
2022	LEGENDRE, PETER A	\$427.50
2022	LEON, BONNIE J	\$260.20
2022	MAGEE, JOHN T JR	\$344.39
2022	MANSIR, RANDALL J.	\$834.44
2022	MCAULEY, LARRY O (HEIRS OF)	\$2,423.75
2022	MCGEE, JAIME L	\$226.83
2022	MCKECHNIE, CINDY L	\$1,169.66
2022	MCKENZIE, TINA-TRUSTEE	\$1,545.74

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: UNPAID TAX LIENS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 (cont.)

YEAR	NAME	TOTAL DUE
2022	MOODY, AMANDA	\$1,277.59
2022	MOODY, RONALD	\$1,419.01
2022	MOODY, THOMAS	\$878.17
2022	MURPHY, JOHN H (TRUSTEE)	\$1,451.63
2022	RANKS, RICHARD A	\$1,528.36
2022	ROEHRIG, GLENN R	\$554.13
2022	SIROIS, LINDSEY M	\$367.41
2022	TAYLOR, JODIE	\$71.26
2022	THOMPSON, LYNELLE	\$1,018.64
	2022 SUBTOTAL:	\$27,898.70

2023 TAXES RECEIVABLE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

NAME	TAX DUE	NAME	TAX DUE
ABBOTT, MEAGAN M	333.00	CHADWICK, TANYA	698.38
ADAMS, LAURIE M AKA	310.80	CHAPUT, ARDEAN-LE	622.53
ALBERT (HEIRS OF), VELMA	408.85	CHARLOTTE, WARREN	284.90
ALBERT, THOMAS M (TRUSTEE)	1,061.90	CHOBANIAN, DANIEL -PIP	44.40
ALLENBRAND, HEATHER	597.55	CHRISTIAN, VALERIE J	1,519.78
ALLEY, ARLENE	54.58	CONLIN, LIAM J	2,315.28
ANDERSON, HEIDI J	2,829.58	COSAND, AARON W	425.50
ANNENKO, LUBA	2,014.65	COSLET, DARRIN L	401.45
ARMSTRONG, EVERETT A	590.15	COSLET, DARRIN L	691.90
ARMSTRONG, MARIA	811.22	COUVERETTE, PATTI L	1,526.25
ARNOLD, ZACHARY S	2,080.32	CROCKER, DAVID P	1,593.78
ASHLINE, DEBORAH	2,345.80	CUNNINGHAM, THOMAS	1,567.88
AUGUSTA CORP.	1,605.80	(HEIRS OF)	
AYER, CHERYL	30.53	CURRAN, NANCY (LIFE ESTATE)	2,084.03
BAKER, MATTHEW D	678.95	CURTIS, BROOKE V	1,428.20
BANGS, KATHIE L	4,684.20	DAVENPORT, CURT A.	432.44
BARR, PAMELA S.	1,061.90	DINEEN, DAVID F Jr	962.00
BERNIER, MICHAEL R	37.92	DINEEN, DAVID F Jr	933.33
BIBBER, BRANDON G	2,966.48	DINEEN, DAVID F Jr	914.83
BICKFORD, HALENE M	453.25	DIXON, CLIFFORD	81.40
BICKFORD, JEFFREY C	2,405.92	DORE, BRYAN D	775.15
BICKFORD, NATALIE	2,407.78	DORE, BRYAN D	53.65
BLAIS (HEIRS OF), RHONDA	1,149.77	DORE, DAVID C	395.90
BLODGETT, CHRISTOPHER S	547.60	DOUGLAS, JUDITH A	752.03
BLODGETT, MATTHEW H	852.85	DUBE, PETER	3,020.19
BLOOM, JOSEPH P	2,691.75	ELLIS, NATHAN M	1,279.27
BORGESE, ROBERT S	973.10	FELLOWS, LORRAINE A	316.35
BORGESE, ROBERT S	218.30	FIELD, HOWARD S.	504.13
BOUCHER, CHERYL L	1,811.15	FITZGERALD, JOHN	869.50
BOWIE, JASON E	3,051.58	FLEMING, JAMES	1,493.88
BRETON, LORI	90.65	FLEMING, JAMES	70.30
BRETON, MITCHELL R	1,304.19	FOGGY LANDING PROPERTIES,	2,613.13
BRETON, RICKIE L	1,442.07	LLC.	
BRINZOW, JOHN C	370.00	FOLEY, MAUREEN	228.48
BROOKSIDE MHP, LLC.	1,702.00	FOSS, JESSICA LYNN ANN	1,277.43
BUCK, MICHAEL J	2,824.02	FOSS, TRAVIS M	629.00
CAPUTO, JENNIFER	935.69	FREEMAN, THOMAS F JR	4,059.83
CARTER, MICHAEL N	1,210.83	FRIBERG, ERIC J.	2,867.50
CHADWICK ROBERT E	273.80	FYFE, CHRISTOPHER M	1,356.05
CHADWICK, LYNN ANN	3,177.38	GHIGLIO, CHRISTOPHER J	2,295.85
CHADWICK, PATRICK J	1,259.85	GIFFEN, MATTHEW SCOT	397.75

2023 TAXES RECEIVABLE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 (cont.)

NAME	TAX DUE	NAME	TAX DUE
GILBERT, DARREN E	644.73	LAWRENCE, DARLENE	2,035.93
GILBERT, DARREN E	328.38	LEGENDRE, PETER A	576.28
GONCHAR, JOHN	663.23	LEWIS, LISA A	1,379.13
GOSSELIN, SHAWN D	18.50	LINTON, ROGER T	3,028.45
GOULD, THOMAS	1,730.68	LUIZ, TYLER & STEPHANIE (50%)	1,295.00
GRIATZKY, GREGORY	2,430.90	LUIZ, TYLER S	567.03
GUERRETTE JR., WILLIAM G	5,185.55	LUND, JON MICHAEL	2,332.85
GUERRETTE, WILLIAM G JR	3,730.52	MACMASTER, SAMANTHA L	1,794.50
HALLOWELL, BETH MARIE	3,551.08	MACMASTER, SAMANTHA L	970.33
HAMBLIN, ANDREW W	942.58	MAGEE, JOHN T JR	405.15
HANSCOMB, LUKE E	314.50	MAINEVIEW PROPERTIES LLC	35.15
HANSCOMB, LUKE E	1,024.90	MALINOWSKI, RICHARD	196.10
HANSCOMB, LUKE E	357.05	MALINOWSKI, RICHARD	257.15
HANSCOMB, LUKE E	321.90	MANSIR, RANDALL J.	627.15
HANSCOMB, LUKE E	316.35	MANTER, LLEWELLYN	388.50
HARDAV, LLC	2,993.30	MARINO, MARK A	1,548.45
HARRIS, DAVID K.	389.42	MARLOWE, RICHARD E	382.95
HARRIS, DAVID K.	36.07	MARLOWE, RICHARD E	1,458.73
HINCKLEY, ALEX M	1,446.70	MARROW, GREGORY JAMES	1,872.20
HINCKLEY, PATRICK	671.69	MARSH (HEIRS OF), LINDA L	981.43
HINKLEY, AMISHIA	325.60	MATHEWS, KNOWELL A	27.75
HOLMS, LORIANN	1,428.20	MATHEWS, KNOWELL A	68.45
HOOD, GARY L, HEIRS OF	2,009.10	MAURO, SUSAN A	14.80
HOWARD, JEFFERY A	950.90	MCAULEY, LARRY O (HEIRS OF)	2,098.82
HUBBELL, JOCELYN W	1,294.08	MCDONALD, STEVEN L JR	769.60
JACKSON, JASMINE M	1,099.83	MCEVOY, PAUL	493.03
JOHNSON, DONNA M	1,467.05	MC GEE, JAIME L	321.90
KASIOLA, BARBARA J	603.10	MC GEE, STEVEN (2/3 INT)	314.50
KELLEY, DANA P	648.42	MC GEE, STEVEN (2/3 INT)	314.50
KELLEY, LEONARD C	1,891.63	MC GEE, STEVEN (2/3 INT)	314.50
KELLEY, MARIE B	1,424.50	MCINTIRE, KAREN E	1,526.25
KIMBALL, JASON R	2,368.00	MCKECHNIE (HEIRS OF),	1,177.52
KOZMA, STEPHANIE	1,192.33	BARBARA	
KRUK, JENNIFER W	1,634.48	MCKECHNIE, CINDY L	934.25
KRUK, LUKE A	457.88	MCKENZIE, TINA-TRUSTEE	1,720.50
LAROCHELLE, DORIS C	1,465.06	MCKEON, LAURIE	1,307.95
LASSELLE, MICHAEL	424.58	MCLAUGHLIN, BRIAN F	387.58
LATHROP, ZACHARIAH A	1,414.32	MCLAUGHLIN, RYAN	333.00
LAVERDIERE, THOMAS	1,083.18	MEADER, RYAN	1,478.15
LAVERDIERE, THOMAS	1,192.33	MICHAUD, AMBER	158.17
LAVOIE, JONATHAN T	328.38	MICHAUD, ROBERT -PIP	132.28
LAWRENCE, CHARLES W	2,600.17	MILLER, FAMILY TRUST THE	1,067.45
LAWRENCE, CHRISTOPHER W	1,358.83	MILLER, FAMILY TRUST THE	193.33

2023 TAXES RECEIVABLE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 (cont.)

NAME	TAX DUE	NAME	TAX DUE
MILLER, FAMILY TRUST, THE	2,062.75	REEVES, BRUCE	2,842.52
MILLER, FAMILY TRUST, THE	809.38	RIDEOUT, DENNIS E	2,731.53
MILLIKENS, JILL	148.00	ROBBINS, RALPH W 2nd	69.38
MINCHIN, JEFFREY S	1,443.93	ROBBINS, RALPH W 3rd	915.75
MINZY, SARAH E	2,220.92	ROBBINS, VIRGINIA P &	2,690.83
MITCHELL, GEORGINA A	2,805.52	GLEASON, SHARON	
MIVILLE, CYNTHIA J	259.93	ROEHRIG, GLENN R	407.00
MJJ HOLDINGS, LLC.	5,505.60	RY, KHOM	414.40
MJJ HOLDINGS, LLC.	396.83	S & M FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC.	3,402.15
MOODY, AMANDA	1,800.98	SHERWOOD, KURT	818.63
MOODY, RONALD	1,302.81	SINCLAIR, JOCELYN	2,662.15
MOODY, THOMAS	923.15	SIROIS, LINDSEY M	2,277.35
MOONEY, EDWIN C	198.88	SMITH, RICKY A	449.55
MOULTON, HEATHER M	1,392.13	SPURLING, CLARENCE H	2,317.13
MOULTON, LINWOOD	1,064.68	STORTZ, LINDA	449.55
MOULTON, MATHEW H	3,012.73	STUART, BRADLEY E	671.55
MOULTON, TINA	592.00	SVEUM, PAUL C	3,397.52
MOULTON, TINA	366.30	TARBUCK, R HEYWOOD	2,592.78
MOULTON, TINA M	1,443.00	TAYLOR, TIMOTHY	180.38
MOULTON, TYLER	98.98	THE HADA TRUST	408.85
MYSHRALL, JEAN	1,938.80	THE HADA TRUST	379.25
NASER, AUDAI	2,529.88	THE HADA TRUST	1,096.13
NEWCOMB, FRED	674.33	THOMAS, CATHERINE J	2,773.15
NEWMAN, FRANK DOUGLAS	243.27	THOMAS, CATHERINE J	704.85
NEWMAN, FRANK DOUGLAS	11,442.25	THOMAS, JAMES	595.70
NICHOLS, SHARON	707.63	THOMPSON, LYNELLE	1,508.68
PARLIN, GERALD A	4,033.93	THORNTON, ARLA M	1,559.55
PARLIN, JERRY J	2,378.17	TILLEY, DALE	27.75
PARTRIDGE, JUSTIN D	789.03	TRAFTON, TIMOTHY L	1,508.68
PELLETIER, AARON B	425.50	TRASK, GARY A.	2,159.88
PERKINS, SARAH L.	377.40	TRUSSELL, CHESTER W SR	499.50
PERREAULT, LEON D SR	647.50	TWADELLE, JAY S	396.83
PERRY, AMBER	30.53	WALLACE, BETSY E	38.85
PERRY, AMBER LYNN	921.30	WEBB, RONALD G	461.58
PERRY, RANDY J	420.88	WERBER, RALPH A 3rd	1,196.95
PETERS, BENJAMIN G	17.58	WHITCOMB, JANIE LYNN	764.97
POULIN, CHRISTINE H(TRUSTEE)	4,022.83	WILD CHILD FARM, INC.	3,956.23
ANDRUS, JOHN D.		YORK, JENNIFER J	1,488.32
(TRUSTEE)			
RANKINS, CLIFFORD JR & LINDA	2,055.35	2023 SUBTOTAL:	\$307,386.55
- LIFE ESTATE		2022 & PRIOR:	\$35,092.31
RANKINS, STARANNA L	888.93	TOTAL ALL YEARS:	\$343,184.62
RANKS, RICHARD A	1,689.05		



**Town of Pittston
Warrant Articles
March 16, 2024**



**State of Maine
Town of Pittston
County of Kennebec, ss.**

To: Marie-Anne Flowers, Resident of the Town of Pittston, County of Kennebec

Greetings,

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Pittston qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at the Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School on Saturday March 16, 2024, at 9:45 a.m. and act on the following Articles:

Note: The following articles follow the order of Departments as shown below:

Chart of Accounts – Departments

400 General Administration
405 General Government
410 Fire Department
420 General Assistance
440 Municipal Affiliations

Account charts for warrant articles, when provided, are for informational purposes only. They indicate how the respective accounts are generally budgeted and allocated; however, adjustments may be necessary to meet the needs of the Town.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting and then to act on Articles 2 through 19.

400 General Administration Articles

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,660 for solid waste disposal with unspent monies going into Surplus. [Expense Account E 400-01-40-06.]
Amount approved in 2023 was \$26,660.

This service is currently provided by Hatch Hill in Augusta. Hatch Hill charges the town \$10 per person based on the 2020 census. A \$15 sticker, obtainable annually at Hatch Hill and paid by the individual user, is also required.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	1	2	0
Budget Committee	5	1	0

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$547,414 for General Administrative, with unspent monies going into Surplus.

Amount approved in 2023 was \$513,290 (\$100,000 from surplus, \$413,290 from taxes).

Employee(s)	Expense Account	Approved 2023	Requested 2024
Assessors' Agent	E 405-01-40-05	17,500.00	17,500.00
Code Enforcement Officer	E 400-09-05-01	16,000.00	17,000.00
Animal Control Officer	E 400-19-05-01	2,500.00	6,000.00
Health Officer	E 400-11-05-05	2,500.00	2,500.00
Moderators	E 400-12-05-05	500.00	500.00
Recycling Attendant	E 400-14-05-01	5,000.00	6,000.00
Elections, Ballot Clerks	E 405-10-01-01	5,000.00	5,000.00
Harbor Master	E 400-18-05-07	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fire Chief	E 400-10-05-01	12,000.00	15,000.00
Select Board	E 400-15-05-01	15,500.00	26,000.00
Treasurer, Tax Collector, Office Supervisor	E 400-16-05-01	57,080.00	57,080.00
Town Clerk	E 400-17-05-01	54,080.00	54,080.00
Deputy Clerk, Administrative Assistant	E 400-05-05-01	41,392.00	41,392.00
Internal Controls/Audit Prep	E 400-13-01-01	7,200.00	7,200.00
Planning Board Sec'y.	E 400-27-01-01	2,000.00	1,000.00
Cleaning Worker	E 400-08-05-01	n/a	7,000.00
Maintenance Worker	E 400-20-05-01	n/a	3,000.00
Sub-Total		240,752.00	251,752.00

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General Administrative	Expense Account	Requested 2023	Requested 2024
Payroll Taxes	E 400-01-06-01	19,500.00	20,500.00
Health Insurance	E 400-01-06-05	41,000.00	28,000.00
FTE IRA Contribution	E 400-01-06-06	7,200.00	5,200.00
Ambulance	E 400-01-11-01	57,000.00	81,607.00
TRIO Maintenance Fees	E 400-01-40-08	12,538.00	13,605.00
Memorial Day Flags	E 400-01-90-04	350.00	350.00
Tax Map Updates	E 400-01-90-07	1,300.00	1,300.00
Spirit of America/Boston Post Cane	E 400-01-90-08	450.00	450.00
Town Office Maintenance	E 400-20-01-01	27,500.00	38,500.00
IT & Tech Hardware and Updates	E 400-21-90-16	5,500.00	5,000.00
Contingency Fund for Unforeseen Expenses	E 400-22-01-17	20,000.00	20,000.00
Office Admin. Expenses	E 400-25-01-01	50,000.00	50,000.00
Insurance	E 400-26-11-05	25,000.00	27,000.00
Employee Training	E 400-30-01-01	5,000.00	5,000.00
Appeals Board	E 400-28-01-01	100.00	N/A
Personnel Cmte.	E 400-28-01-01	100.00	N/A
Recycling Expenses	E 405-01-40-10	N/A	150.00
Sub-Total		272,538.00	296,512.00
Total		513,290.00	547,414.00

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	4	1	1

405 General Government Articles

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,770 for disposing of Town recyclables with unspent monies to go to Surplus. [Expense Account E 405-01-40-10.] Amount approved in 2023 was \$6,000.

This service is currently provided by Lincoln County Recycling Program

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	1	0
Budget Committee	4	2	0

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 for emergency dispatching services with unspent monies to go into Surplus. [Expense Account E 405-01-11-02.]
Amount approved in 2023 was \$40,000.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	0

410 Fire Department Articles

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,271 to satisfy the 2024 Village Station Debt Service payment. [Expense Account E 410-36-01-20.]
Amount approved in 2023 was \$33,012.

Principle balance as of 12/31/23 was \$90,488.71. There are 2 more annual payments remaining on this loan after 2024.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	5	0	1

Article 7. To See if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$147,500 for fire protection services with unspent monies going into the Fire Department Reserve Savings Account.

Budget Item	Expense Account	Approved 2023	Requested 2024
Operations	E 410-01-01-01	57,750.00	58,000.00
Resource Management (SCBA/Air, Turnout Gear)	E 410-01-15-63/65/66	10,500.00	10,500.00
Payroll	E 410-05-01-01	37,400.00	40,000.00
*Per Diem	E 410-05-01-01	8,320.00	9,000.00
Communication Maintenance	E 410-10-20-18	8,000.00	10,000.00
Fire Dept. Reserve Savings Account	E 410-35-90-17	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		141,970.00	147,500.00

**Per-diem is \$20/hr for 8 hours per week.
Proposal to pay based on department's pay scale vs flat rate*

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	0

420 General Assistance Articles

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 to assist residents in need of general assistance with unspent monies to go to Surplus. [Expense Account E 420-01-01-01.] Amount approved in 2023 was \$8,000.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	0

425 Highway Department Articles

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to release up to \$64,000 from Highway Excise Tax Reserve for the unanticipated expenses and budget overruns that occurred during fiscal year 2023 for Highway Department Expenses.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	1	0
Budget Committee	2	4	0

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and release \$747,350 from Excise Tax and/or Highway Excise Tax Reserve for the Town's highway accounts and budget, with unspent monies and the year-end balance of the Highway Excise Tax Reserve going to Surplus. Also, to allow monies to be released from highway excise tax reserve and/or the local roads savings account for any emergency work on town roads as deemed advisable by the select board and the road commissioner. Amount approved in 2023 was \$771,100.

Budget Items	Expense Account	Approved 2023	Requested 2024
Tractor Maintenance	E 425-01-20-06	500.00	500.00
Salt Shed	E 425-01-20-10	3,600.00	3,600.00
Road Commissioner Salary	E 425-01-30-01	12,000.00	12,000.00
Hot Topping/Paving	E 425-01-30-03	250,000.00	190,000.00
Highway/Bridges	E 425-01-30-06	16,000.00	15,000.00
Summer Maintenance	E 425-01-35-01	93,000.00	60,000.00
Gravel Crushing	E 425-01-35-01	N/A	30,000.00
Snow Removal	E 425-01-40-01	396,000.00	436,250.00
Total		771,100.00	747,350.00

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	1	0
Budget Committee	4	1	1

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300,000 to be placed in the Culvert Replacement Savings Account to assist in completing major culvert projects, as well as assisting in obtaining grant funding for major culvert projects. [Expense Account E 425-35-90-19.] Amount approved in 2023 was \$50,000.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	5	1	0

440 Municipal Affiliation Articles

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$21,375 toward the upkeep and maintenance of cemeteries within the Town's boundaries with unspent monies to go into Surplus. [Expense Account E 440-02-25-02.] Amount approved in 2023 was \$14,4475.

Cemetery	Approved 2023	Requested 2024
Blair	50.00	50.00
Blodgett	75.00	75.00
Cooper	0.00	50.00
Cooper Harris	100.00	100.00
Coss Hill	2,000.00	5,000.00
Day	50.00	50.00
Fuller	75.00	75.00
Goodspeed	450.00	450.00
Gould Tomb	50.00	50.00
Hunt	50.00	50.00
King	75.00	75.00
Knights Tomb	50.00	50.00
Lapham	100.00	100.00
LaPlain	100.00	100.00
Maple Grove	1,000.00	1,000.00
Moody	400.00	400.00
Moores	50.00	50.00
North Pittston	750.00	750.00
Oakman	175.00	175.00
Old East Pittston	500.00	500.00
Palmer	175.00	175.00
Riverside & Riverside Annex	7,750.00	7,750.00
Stevens	100.00	100.00
Veteran's Memorial	350.00	4,200.00
Total	14,475.00	21,375.00

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	0

Article 13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,798 for charitable affiliations with unspent monies to go into Surplus.
Amount approved in 2023 was \$19,094.

Charitable Affiliation	Expense Account	Approved 2023	Requested 2024
Chrysalis Place	E 440-01-25-03	2,000.00	3,500.00
Kennebec Behavioral Health	E 440-01-25-05	3,400.00	3,400.00
Spectrum Generations	E 440-01-25-08	2,639.00	2,771.00
Sexual Assault & Crisis	E 440-01-25-09	934.00	1,006.00
Family Violence Project	E 440-01-25-10	2,850.00	2,850.00
Faith Christian Food Pantry	E 440-01-25-13	1,500.00	1,500.00
Life Flight Foundation	E 440-01-25-14	719.00	719.00
Children's Center	E 440-01-25-15	1,302.00	1,302.00
American Red Cross	E 440-01-25-16	250.00	250.00
MaineGeneral Hospice	E 440-01-25-17	500.00	500.00
Tiger Food Pantry	E 440-01-25-18	3000.00	3,000.00
Total		19,094.00	20,798.00

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	4	2	0

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$49,844 for municipal affiliations with unspent monies to go into Surplus.
Amount approved in 2023 was \$47,535.

Municipal Affiliation	Expense Account	Approved 2023	Requested 2024
Boys and Girls Club	E 440-02-25-01	14,875.00	14,875.00
Gardiner Public Library	E 440-02-25-06	26,600.00	29,469.00
Pittston Fair	E 440-02-90-06	4,500.00	4,000.00
Riverwalk*	E 440-02-90-23	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total		47,535.00	49,844.00

*Town-owned property

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	2	1	0
Budget Committee	4	2	0

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,773 for Kennebec Valley Humane Society with unspent monies to go into Surplus. [Expense Account E 440-02-25-04.] Amount approved in 2023 was \$4,773.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	6	0	0

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and the Treasurer to do the following:

1. Secure temporary loans in anticipation of taxes for the ensuing year if necessary and release funds from the contingency fund for interest charges for this loan.
2. To release from contingency fund monies to cover the net result of abatements and supplemental taxes for taxes previously assessed.
3. To release funds from designated savings accounts for the intended purposes of those accounts.
4. To release monies received through grants and reimbursements to the Town's operating accounts and expenses.
5. To dispose of surplus town-owned personal property with a value of \$10,000 or less under such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems advisable.
6. To spend an amount not to exceed 1/3 of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2024 annual budget during the period January 1, 2025 to the March 2025 Annual Town Meeting.
7. To appropriate 100% of the money received from the State of Maine for the registration of snowmobiles to be released to the Pittston Prowlers Snowmobile Club, Inc., for the purpose of maintaining its trail system. [Expense Account E 440-02-90-05.]
8. To see if the Town will fix 30 days after Commitment and November 30, 2024 for dates when first- and second-half taxes shall be due and payable, respectively, with an annual interest rate of 4% to be charged on unpaid taxes after said dates, and to allow the Tax Collector to collect prepayment of taxes prior to commitment pursuant to Title 35 M.R.S.A. Section 36 (prepayment of taxes), and to fix the rate of interest at 3% to be paid on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. 505 (436 M.R.S.A.)

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	5	0	1

Article 17. To see if the Town will assume ownership of the Colburn School House, located at 82 Arnold Road, Pittston, and to assign to the Pittston Literary and Historical Society responsibility to ensure the preservation of the property. (Note: The Colburn School House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is a significant, tangible artifact of the Town's history.)

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	5	1	0

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit of \$420,248 established for the Town of Pittston by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to change the vote for the Town's election from the first Monday after the Annual Town Meeting to the first Tuesday after the Annual Town Meeting, effective beginning in March 2025.

Polls will be open on Monday, March 18, 2024 at the Pittston Town Office from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Municipal Elections.

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any errors in, or changes in name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote, and to accept new enrollments. A person who is not a registered voter may not vote in any election.

Given under our hands this sixth day of March, 2024.

Jane H. Hubert, Selectperson

M. Jean Ambrose, Selectperson

Joseph Caputo, Selectperson

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: _____

Valerie Hanson
Clerk of Pittston

RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Pittston, Maine

March 7, 2024

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant on the Town's website (www.pittstonmaine.org) and at the Pittston Town Office and the Village Store in said Town, being public and conspicuous places in said Town, on the seventh day of March, 2023, being at least seven days before the meeting.

Marie-Anne Flowers, Resident of Pittston

In Memoriam

Alley, Arlene T	02/03/2023	84
Barron, Matthew P	09/14/2023	42
Blouin, Robert J	09/11/2023	84
Buckley, John H	05/03/2023	77
Carleton, Bradley A	10/06/2023	33
Davenport, Michael E	03/02/2023	73
Elmer, Raymond H III	09/10/2023	54
Elmer, Rhena M	09/04/2023	52
Fyfe, Evelyn P	06/13/2023	90
Glidden, Gordon M	06/27/2023	86
Guilmette, William G	07/01/2023	94
Kasiola, Barbara J	11/10/2023	80
Kersey, Sandra E	07/18/2023	85
Marston, Russell F Jr.	05/04/2023	83
McDonald, Betty J	04/25/2023	69
McLaughlin, Barbara	08/12/2023	84
Moore, Barry S Sr.	01/12/2023	66
Moulton, Clifford E Sr.	03/20/2023	83
Nealley, Donald D	08/07/2023	71
Peaslee, Lucas J	10/19/2023	<1
Peterson, Benjamin M	10/06/2023	38
Raymond, Helen	03/23/2023	75
Rowe, Roger E	01/24/2023	69
Salonen, June M	08/14/2023	64
Storer, Harry E	09/03/2023	95
Work, David M	08/04/2023	69
Yeaton, Patricia M	11/03/2023	78

