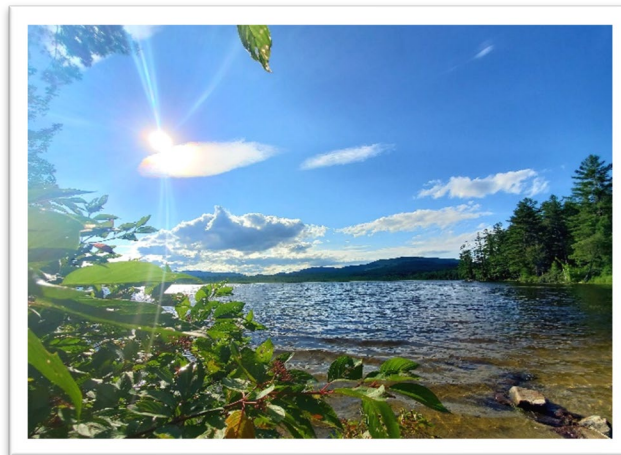


TOWN OF SUMNER

Maine, Established 1798

Annual Report Year Ending June 30, 2021



Annual Town Meeting
Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:00 am
Sumner Town Office

Annual Report of the Municipal Officers of the
Town of Sumner, Maine for the fiscal year
beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Proposed Annual Town Meeting Moderator:

Terry Hayes

ITEMS TO BRING TO TOWN MEETING:

- This Annual Report
- A Lawn Chair

The Town Meeting will be held *outside*,
weather permitting. Should inclement weather occur,
Town Meeting will be held in the Fire Barn.

633 Main Street, Sumner, Maine 04292

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Town of Sumner, Bisbee-Dyer Municipal Center

633 Main Street, Sumner, Maine 04292

Phone:	(207) 388 – 2866	Tuesday	8:30 AM – 6:30 PM
Fax:	(207) 388 – 2862	Wednesday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Email:	info@sumnerme.com	Thursday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Web:	www.townofsumner.me	Friday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Town Clerk, Registrar, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, GA Assistant

Sherry Sullivan

ssullivan@sumnerme.com

Municipal Officials

Board of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor

Edwin Hinshaw, *August 2022* (207) 388 – 2820

Mary Ann Haxton, *August 2023* (207) 212 – 4058

Kelly Stewart, *August 2021* (207) 357 – 2841

Animal Control Officer

Roni-Sue Vachon (207) 743 – 9554 ext. 2

Board of Appeals

Wesley McFarland, *August 2021*

Steven McGinty, *August 2021*

Code Enforcement Officer / Plumbing Inspector

Fred Collins (207) 890 – 6256

Health Officer

D. Lee Berry, *August 2022*

Planning Board

John Allen, *August 2022* (207) 388 – 2430

Eric Austin, *August 2021* (910) 322 – 7223

Don Berry, *August 2022* (207) 388 – 2181

James McCarthy, *August 2021* (207) 388 – 2727

Larry O'Rourke, *August 2022* (207) 388 – 2085

Road Commissioner

Andrew Wickson, *August 2021* (207) 515 – 1124

RSU #10 School Board Representative

Charles Maddaus, *August 2022*

Volunteer Fire Department – FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: DIAL 911

Robert Stewart, Chief & EMD (207) 357 – 5453

GENERAL INFORMATION

Municipal Committees & Clubs

Recreation Committee

Arlene Bedard
Michele Lowell
Erica Stevens
Sarah Herrick Richardson
Leigh Ridlon

Scholarship Committee

D. Lee Berry
Judith Gideonse
Elizabeth Maddaus
Mark Silber
Marcia Turcotte

Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Dee Ackley	Dorothy Hinshaw
Charlotte Blier	Pauline Kirschner
Lorraine Bonney	Linda Richardson
Brenda Bragg	Becky Smith
Kristin Chapman	Cindy Stanley
Addy Cox	Sandy Thibealt
Wilda Dunham	Jody Trenoweth
Gail Eastman	Betty Walder
Sandra Farrar	Staci Wallingford
Lucy Wilcox	

Budget Committee

Joseph Glass
Cynthia Norton
Susan Runes
Mark Silber
Thomas Standard

GENERAL INFORMATION

Public Meetings

The Select Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 PM.

The Planning Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, beginning at 6:30 PM.

Other meetings will be posted at the Town Office or on the Town website.

Annual Events

Saturday, August 28 th –	Annual Town Meeting, 9:00 AM at the Town Office
Saturday, September 11 th –	Annual Sumner Scholarship Bottle Drive
Friday, November 19 th –	Annual Taxes Due
Thursday, November 25 th –	Town Office CLOSED, Thanksgiving Observed
Friday, November 26 th –	Town Office CLOSED, Day after Thanksgiving Observed
Friday, December 24 th –	Town Office CLOSED, Christmas Observed
Friday, December 31 st –	Dog Licenses Expire
Friday, December 31 st –	Town Office CLOSING at 12:00 PM, New Year's Day Observed
Monday, January 31 st –	Interest begins accruing on unpaid taxes
Friday, April 1 st –	Exemption Application Submission Deadline
Friday, April 29 th –	Sumner Scholarship Application Submission Deadline

Please Note: The Sumner Town Office will host a Rabies Clinic in January; date and time to follow.

Twenty-seven years remain until the opening of the Time Capsule.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Kelly Stewart, Board of Selectmen

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Sumner Residents,

Well, 2020 was quite the year being filled with changes galore due to Covid-19. In addition to worldwide changes, we have also had large changes within our small town. Our long-standing Town Clerk retired, and then our Deputy clerk also desired to retire early. We wish them well and hope they enjoy much deserved time with family. Change can be hard, especially in a small town. Change brings about fear and trepidation, and those feelings are not lost on myself or the other two members of our Select Board. We are forced to look at how to manage all the aspects of the Town in an efficient manner. Thankfully, our new Town Clerk, Sherry Sullivan, is ready to set a new path for the Town of Sumner. Things may be different, and I encourage all of you to have patience as we may experience some growing pains.

Our number one issue remains the budget. I'm sure everyone has realized that costs have gone up in every aspect of our busy lives. Often salaries do not keep pace with rising costs, and that is what we consider when working with the town budget. Roads and schools remain our biggest cost for the town. School budget was relatively unchanged this year, and we were thankful for that flat budget. However, as I write this report, we still do not have a contract for our Winter Roads budget. To accept the one bid we received, would have raised our mil rate to an amount I felt was unacceptable. Due to this we placed the contract back out to bid and are still in this process. This brings me back to fear and trepidation. Do I have fear and trepidation regarding this, you bet! Soon we may be forced to look at different options to manage both winter/summer roads. Options such as having our own town crew or combining services with a neighboring town. Normally our Budget Committee meets around this time to help develop the budget and then they are done until the following year. I put them on notice at our last committee meeting, that we will need their input with increasingly more frequency given our fiscal situation.

There are many new people in town maybe due to the flexibility of working from home or maybe they are drawn to our quiet way of life away from the hustle and bustle of the city. I wish all of you a warm welcome and implore you to consider volunteering for any of our committees, the fire department, etc. Not only will you meet people, but you will help keep our town operating. Everywhere I turn, I see the same faces volunteering. I am grateful for this, but we are not getting any younger!

Finally, I am thankful for continuing to work with my fellow Select Board members, Ed, and Mary Ann. We make an excellent team. We will continue to lead in a thoughtful and pragmatic way.

Respectfully,



Kelly L. Stewart

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Ed Hinshaw, Board of Selectmen

During the past year, we have had a rare experience dealing with the Covid 19 virus. Grocery stores were depleted due to stock piling; prices rose; towns closed their doors; and people died. We are thankful for all the persons who served those who suffered C19.

We can also be thankful for two items: Zoom and vaccinations.

The Select Board Zoomed its way through the year on a fairly smooth path until we hit a very big bump in the road when considering the contract of winter roads. The first bid was rejected. Our budget would not hold. So as of July 1st, we have no bid or contract. A bond for winter roads and/or town ownership are to be considered.

Sumner Broadband Committee (see minutes of June 30): at our June committee meeting with GWI (Great Works Internet), it was reported that they have rescinded its request for USDQ funding. This allows towns to pursue alternative federal funding. Alternatives “are funded direct from the federal government to the State of Maine and on to the local government...” Four alternatives and actions required are found in the June minutes. Time is ticking.

Separate from the above, First Light has strung fiber optic broad band wire on 12 roads; connections to customers will follow.

As a member of the Historical Society, I report that no meetings were held last year. The year before we had only 2 officers and 5 in attendance. The Society has ample funds. If you wish to be a member, please call Steve Peters, President, at 388-2212 or Ed Hinshaw, Registered Agent, 388-2820. The yearly fee and requested forms have been paid and sent. Steps are being taken to dissolve the Society. If you wish this not be so, please call.

I am pleased that the Scholarship Fund continues to award scholarships.

Lessons to learn; thanks for teaching and helping.

Thanks to the other Selectboard members, Kelly Stewart and Mary Ann Haxton, and all committee members. Special thanks to our new town clerk, Sherry Sullivan.

Edwin Hinshaw

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Mary Ann Haxton, Board of Selectmen

As I complete the first year in my fourth term on the Select Board, I am clear that encouraging more citizens to serve on town committees and boards is so very important. So please attend meetings, become knowledgeable, volunteer to serve.

One of the greatest challenges we are currently facing is providing the important service of road maintenance during the winter months. We are researching the available options and hope that at Town Meeting this August there will be a reasonable solution for the short term for your consideration.

As a member of the Maine West Region working group, I continue to participate in efforts to bring community-wide high-speed fiber internet service to Sumner. In 2019, we initiated a collaboration with GWI (an internet service provider) and the communities of Hartford and Hebron in an application to USDA ReConnect Program.

In January 2020, USDA awarded GWI a \$3.5 million ReConnect Program grant and a \$3.5 million ReConnect loan to expand its gigabit Fiber-to-the Premises (FTTP) network to connect 1,594 residences and 276 businesses and other facilities in Hebron, Sumner, and Hartford plus outlying areas adjacent to these towns. We had hoped that this Loan/Grant would be the way we would have high speed broadband in Sumner.

Due to circumstances out of GWI's and our control at the USDA, that avenue is no longer an option. So, the next step for the towns of Sumner, Hartford, and Hebron is to pursue other federal fund sources and work with the state of Maine to research and develop a plan going forward. We will keep our website and Broadband page up to date with information as it is available. Stay tuned.

As the representative of our town on Maine Waste to Energy, I am pleased to report that this organization continues to provide a valuable service to our community as they manage our waste products. They continue to seek avenues to serve us more efficiently.

In 2019, our community drafted and adopted a Food Sovereignty Ordinance (wording is on the town website). I hope, as citizens of Sumner, we continue to become more aware of the importance of locally grown food; encourage the efforts of our farmers to increase production; and then buy their products. Last year I said the following: "There will come a time when the strength of our very local food system will make it possible for us to stay closer to home and still thrive." Who knew that by March 2020 we would be experiencing the reality of that statement in the form of the COVID global pandemic.

I thank you, the citizens of Sumner, for the opportunity to serve as a Selectperson in Sumner with Ed and Kelly. It is challenging and rewarding. We welcomed Sherry Sullivan as Town Clerk last July. Susan Runes (retired as having served our community for over 35 years) and Susan Strout (retired after over three years as Administrative Assistant to the Select Board) both fulfilled the daily responsibilities of our small community with commitment and professionalism. I do my job more effectively with their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Haxton

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Roni-Sue Vachon, Animal Control Officer

Dear Sumner Residents,

2020 was an interesting year especially during the State of Emergency here in Maine.

Complaints in 2020 consisted of:

- 1 – Animal Trespass/Loose Livestock
- 2 – Cases of Rabies, both involving a quilled raccoon, handled by the Maine Warden Service
- 1 – Stray Cat

Thank you for doing your part.

I have been getting a lot of complaints via social media and messenger. Also tagging me in posts. This is not the proper procedure to file a complaint for an animal related incident. I do utilize social media to find lost animals owners. Posting in the comments of your lost pet isn't considered a complaint. Please contact Oxford County Dispatch at 207-743-9554 Option 2. This is the non-emergency number, and they will contact me to reach out to you regarding your complaint. Anonymous complaints are also not acceptable according to our District Attorney. The DA requires this information if they need to call the person in as a witness. If I require a witness statement or more information, I am not able to contact the complainant back regarding the complaint made, ask for clarity, nor write summons if needed. So please make sure to give this information to the dispatcher when speaking with them regarding your complaint.

I will also be creating a website for residents to upload pictures and fill out a form regarding lost animals. As soon as this website is created, I will notify the town and post links for the website. I will also share to Maine Lost Dog/ Cat recovery and the local town pages on Facebook to help find the owner before taking them to the shelter.

We also have a new contracted shelter. Harvest Hills in Fryeburg is a great facility. Their staff is friendly and wonderful to work with. They truly are kind and look out for our beloved pets and strays while in their care. You can visit their website at Harvesthills.org or contact them by phone at (207) 935-4398.

It is important that we keep/get our pets vaccinated against rabies. Even if your pet is strictly indoors, it is beneficial if your pet gets out as it could encounter wildlife and can help with preventing to spread this disease. Rabies vaccinations are also required for licensing your animals. If you are a new resident, dogs must be licensed with the town within 10 days of residency. Licensing plays a vital role in returning a pet back to the owner. Microchipped animals with no tags and non-microchipped animals will be brought to the shelter where they will scan the dog. Fee's including the shelter stay will be the owner's responsibility.

In closing, it has been a pleasure to serve the residents of Sumner as your Animal Control Officer this past year, I look forward to many more. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Roni-Sue Vachon
Animal Control Officer

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Andrew Wickson, Road Commissioner

Hello, Sumner residents,

Our Summer Road projects started with replacing the bridge on Paris Hill Road with two 5ft x 20ft culverts. We went on to replace three cross culverts on Rosenberg Road and two on Redding Road. We also replaced bridge decking on the Andrews Road bridge.

We did ditching on Black Mountain Road, Lower Sumner Hill, Varney Road, Labrador Pond Road, and started our big ditching project on Bonney Road.

Going into the Fall we did our fall grading and patching. Over the Winter, Kyle Mann did extensive tree work cutting back the right of way on Valley Road. We also did routine maintenance of cutting back right of ways on Tuell Hill Road, Heath Hill Road, Decoster Road, Fields Hill Road, and Morrill Farm Road.

With the fairly mild Winter season we were able to stay under budget with salt and sand.

I want to thank Alfred and Julie of Lucas Enterprises for their years of dedication and service to the care of our roads during Maine's often tough Winter season. You will be missed and what you gave was appreciated.

Spring brought us a quick thaw in March which did extensive damage to some of our dirt roads. We had to add gravel to Heath Hill Road, Tuell Hill Road, Valley Road and River Road to make them passable. We did our Spring grading and started replacing cross culverts on our Bonney Road project.

Next year's projects include finishing the ditching on Lower Sumner Hill and starting ditching on Arthur Allen Road and Hadley Road. We will also be doing extensive tree work on Gammon Road in preparation of hopefully acquiring a bond to pave Gammon Road, Bonney Road, Tuell Hill Road, and Upper Sumner Hill Road. A bond is also hopeful to replace Andrews Road bridge, a multi-plate culvert on Barrows Road, and one of the two bridges on River Road.

I want to thank Sherry Sullivan and our selectmen for supporting me in trying to find ways to make road repair affordable for all our residents.

As always, you can contact me directly with any questions.

Andy Wickson
Road Commissioner
(207) 515-1124

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Robert Stewart, Volunteer Fire Department Chief

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Despite limitations due to Covid over the past year, we have increased our membership roster. We did not get to complete our “out of house” training due to Covid, but we did continue all of our in-house training. We continue to train and meet every 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month, and always welcome new members. If interested in joining the Fire Department just stop by the 2nd and 3rd Thursday at 6:00 PM and chat with us!

As usual a *GREAT, BIG SHOUT OUT* goes to our Fire Department Auxiliary as they continue in their fundraising endeavors for the Fire Department. They just recently held their annual yard sale, which raised \$3,100. The Auxiliary has provided us with new equipment, air packs, etc. over the years. Their volunteerism helps to offset the Town needing to raise taxes or go to bond for items the Fire Department needs.

The following is a breakdown of calls over the past year June-June:

- 13 – Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 12 – Downed Trees/Wires
- 13 – Structure Fires
- 1 – Death
- 6 – Mutual Aid responses to other Departments
- 2 – Carbon Monoxide Alarms
- 1 – Suspicious Package
- 1 – Assault
- 2 – Cancellations

In closing, I want to thank our members of the Fire Department and the Town of Sumner for allowing me to continue as Chief. Please remember the amount of time and effort that each member on our department sacrifices to help keep all of you safe.

Regards,

Robert Stewart, SVFD Chief

Volunteer Fire Department 2020-2021 Roster:

Robert Stewart, <i>Chief</i>	Kyle Litchfield
Walter Litchfield, Jr., <i>Warden</i>	Rob Lowe
John Guy, <i>Secretary</i>	Steve McGinty
Ralph Bennoch	Don Munroe
Brian Bullocks	Kelly Stewart
Doug Fournier	Chris Tripp
Jordan Fournier	Ricky Vining
Benjamin Hampton	Teresa Vining

Thank you for your dedication and service.

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Erica Stevens, Recreation Committee

The recreation committee is supporting one softball team this summer, with ages ranging from 13-18 years old. We started field maintenance early this year to accommodate Buckfield baseball teams using the Curtis rec field. These baseball teams included boys from Sumner.

The rec is planning some fundraisers for over the summer. We continue to receive donations and support from the businesses in the area. The recreation committee would like to thank the members of the community for their continued support.

This summer is also the 45th anniversary of the softball league. We would like to thank and recognize long term rec member, Arlene Bedard. Arlene started the softball league 45 years ago. She has coached many of Sumner's youth and we thank her for her years of service to the rec and to the softball program.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Stevens

Beth Maddaus, Scholarship Committee

The Sumner Scholarship Committee met on May 13, 2021 to review applications for scholarship awards. There were 4 awards granted to the following Sumner residents: Grace Chapman, Cheyanne Goroshin, Reilly Hicks, and Megan Turcotte.

A total of \$9000 was awarded.

The selection process was based on committee discussions after review of the applications and letters of reference. The awards were decided by a majority vote.

Tax deductible contributions to the Scholarship Fund are appreciated. Donations may be acknowledged in the Town Report.

A total of \$11,769.29 was collected through donation this year. This money goes directly to the cash awards each year.

The Annual Sumner Scholarship Bottle drive will be on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Please leave bagged returnable bottles by your mailbox or take them to the town office. Suggestions are welcome for other fundraisers to support the Sumner Scholarship Fund throughout the year.

Volunteers are needed for the bottle drive, please contact Lee Berry at lberry1107@gmail.com.

Applications are available at any time in the Sumner Town Office and are due April 30 of any given year. Applicants must be residents of Sumner for a full year before applying.

Beth Maddaus,
Secretary

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Lucy Wilcox, Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

We had four new members join the group. We have been busy this year trying to be creative in ways to earn money for the auxiliary. It has been challenging. Last fall, we had a small yard sale with food and raffles at the West Sumner Congregational Church that earned \$2,000.00. In December, we held a tree lighting and provided refreshments in the Fire Station, earning a total of \$3,695.00. The Spring yard, plant, and food sale raised \$3,131.00. A banner was generously donated to the Auxiliary by a member and her sister. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Fifteen gift cards were given for illness or surgery this year. We had one past fireman's spouse pass away, an auxiliary member lost her spouse, who was also a past fireman, and another spouse of an auxiliary member fell and fractured bones in his neck. All received checks from the Auxiliary. Food was also provided for a member's son's funeral, a fireman's father's funeral, and for one of our auxiliary members who passed away. Lastly, a donation was made to the West Sumner Congregational Church in the name of one of our older members who passed in the Spring, Jane Stevens. She was a very active and much-loved member. Jane is greatly missed by all.

Sweatshirts were purchased for the Auxiliary members, as well as the usual flags for the firemen's graves that were placed at Memorial. We were able to purchase and install a new windsock and repaint the Helipad. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Sincerely,

Lucy Wilcox
Secretary

Joseph Glass, Budget Committee

A year ago the Budget Committee and Selectboard sat down to prepare the budget for 2020-2021. At the time we were sensitive to the dislocations that were resulting from the pandemic and presented a budget to you that represented bare bones. At the time we were sufficiently concerned with that path to write a letter for the town report that explained the short-term action – hold expenses – and the longer-term consequences – that it was inevitable that expenses would increase. We are there now.

This year's recommended budget is bigger. Expenses are going up. The immediate catalyst was a near doubling of the winter roads bid, which, in itself, would drive a 20% increase in taxes. Sumner has been fortunate for several years to have had winter roads work performed under a multiyear contract that helped the contractor by providing a guarantee of work, but also helped the town by providing a relatively stable expenditure. Winter road work has evolved since then. Contractor costs have gone up for everything and the trend toward more ice and less snow has compounded the problem, since the now typical early season siege of ice requires more contractor effort. That said, the initial bid for winter roads far exceeded the local average and the Committee recommended to the Selectboard to reopen the bidding process.

The major tax drivers (in descending order) are schools, winter roads and summer roads. While we remain concerned about RSU10 financial planning we note that this year's school budget did not include dramatic

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(Continued) increases and seems to reflect more sensitivity on the part of the administration toward our collective concerns. Summer road expenses have been severely constrained for years. Apart from these 'big ticket' items, Sumner has had a complete changeover in town office staff. While we have seen our neighbors experience this with serious upheaval, Sumner's transition has been relatively smooth. That is a reflection of the dedication of Susan Runes, Susan Strout and Sherry Sullivan, our new town clerk. It also reflects a long-standing effort within the Selectboard to be collegial and professional in its approach to town governance. Nevertheless, town management is not free, and we have chosen, as a town, to seek competence rather than the lowest possible short-term cost. The bottom line is that we have chosen to fund our town office sufficiently to have competence. This best ensures that we receive the best possible service, both in person and also in the research and behind the scenes effort that comprise the greater part of the town office work.

Among the options regarding short term taxes is to raid the general fund. Historically, towns used to do this and regularly ended their years without sufficient funds on hand to continue functioning until the next year's taxes came in. As a result, there was a financial industry that provided loans to towns that would tide them over until revenues arrived – *tax anticipation notes*. Sumner ceased this practice years ago when those loans became prohibitively expensive. The rule of thumb is that we should maintain in our general fund an amount equal to 1/3 of the town budget, in essence allowing us to loan ourselves money while waiting for revenues to arrive. If we cut this too close, we either have to curtail town work or incur loan expenses. Curtailing town work has far reaching consequences that none of us want. It is also worth noting that what we might term non-essential budget items are exceptionally modest in cost and each directly impact some aspect of quality of life. For very small costs we are able to provide recreational opportunities for our youth. For a fraction of its value and very small cost we help support the Zadoc Long Free Library, which serves the towns of Buckfield, Sumner and Hartford. We pay in about 2% of its budget while our town represents about 20% of its patronage. This is a bargain. Our food bank has successfully sought alternative sources of funding and has been able to operate without town support through the pandemic and expects to do so for some period in the future. Even if we were to eliminate all such quality-of-life support, we would only save less than \$4,000. We have watched neighboring towns fight over these small items and have been hardnosed in ensuring that whatever is recommended to the town meeting as a direct payoff to the town. But, compared to the more than \$1.5 million that we spend on schools and roads, this is not where we reduce the tax rate.

To hold taxes to the lowest possible, increase this year we are recommending that the town move into the general fund several 'savings' accounts set up in the past. This will give us a onetime boost to the general fund that, in turn, allows us to 'raid' the general fund to reduce tax increases. This works only once and those 'savings' are eliminated forever. Nevertheless, we are recommending this to you. We are recommending a raid on the general fund that we feel will leave us just enough balance to be able to sustain operations while waiting for revenues.

We are finally faced with what we feared last year and, to be honest, for years preceding. The general increase in expenses is permanent and we can no longer deal with it by shorting the road maintenance budget - which is the third greatest expense we incur. We have sought to constrain those road expenses because they were the only place where immediate savings would be significant and not have immediate impact. We can no longer do so. We must invest in our roads infrastructure or face the prospect that some roads and culverts will simply fail. There has been discussion about bond issues to support such work. While we well understand that this is a conventional means of funding such long lasting projects, we approach bonds with concern and the awareness that they cannot fund current operations, such as ditching and grading of roads.

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(Concluded) Accordingly, the Selectboard has asked the Budget Committee to be the nucleus of a broader committee that will review town road requirements and how we deal with them. Options include continuing as we are, or a version of that where we include both summer and winter roads in the same contract to make it more appealing to a contractor. Another option is to invest in town equipment and then have a contractor operate them. This reduces the contractor's capital requirements, somewhat similar to our practice of having the town buy sand and salt that the contractor applies. Yet another option is to create a town public works department that would directly take on all of the summer and winter road work. We have not done this in the past since it was more efficient/cheaper to employ contractors. As contract costs increase, a theoretical advantage to running our own operation is that we would not be a for profit activity. Thus, if our costs were effectively the same as the contractor's, the cost to the taxpayer would be reduced by the factor of the profit currently being paid to the contractor.

To be sure, there are unknowns and dangers in creating our own town department and we need only look to Buckfield to see what can happen. If we set up a department, we must be willing to provide sufficient compensation to attract good quality personnel who are interested in more than a short-term job. If we undertake this option, we will need to bond enough expense to buy equipment and create some sort of a shop. We would also need to initiate cooperative efforts with neighboring towns to pool cost centers wherever possible – for example, in having a more regional maintenance and purchasing center to best leverage the combined budgets of multiple towns. We undertook this long ago with the transfer station and that has proven successful in providing a good service at relatively stable costs – far cheaper and better than if we went with a contract service.

What this means to you is this:

1. Taxes must increase and the only question is by how much. Each Budget Committee member and Selectperson is a taxpayer, and we are keenly aware of the hurt that property taxes inflict. If anything, our recommendations this year accept greater risk (regarding exhausting the general fund) as a tradeoff in capping the mil rate.
2. Pay taxes on time and help the town utilize more of the general fund.
3. Volunteer to be part of the working group that will study options for public works and, potentially, pooling office activities for mutual support with neighboring towns.
4. Carefully consider new revenue sources for the town. As long as we, the residents, fund virtually all of the town budget, our tax bills will increase rapidly. As the town is presented options that would expand the tax base beyond homeowners, consider them carefully. To be sure, any such industry changes some aspect of the town, but new revenue sources are the only alternative to increased property taxes. Effectively, when we turn down potential commercial revenue sources it is tantamount to embracing the need to write a bigger tax check in the future.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Hoisington & Bean, P.A.

A professional Association
Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Sumner, Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Town of Sumner, Maine as of and for the year end June 30, 2020, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the Town's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit proves a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Sumner, Maine, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America require that the management's discussion, budgetary comparison schedules, and analysis and schedule of changes in the Town's total health OPEB liability and related ratios, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part o the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historic text. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consist of inquires of management about the methods or preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquires, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion of provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Sumner, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Hoisington & Bean, P.A.

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Certified Public Accountants

Norway, Maine

October 10, 2020

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TOWN OF SUMNER, MAINE MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2020

As Management of the Town of Sumner, we offer readers of the Town of Sumner's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Sumner for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Town of Sumner exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$3,728,422 (Net Position). Of this amount, \$1,075,915 (Unrestricted Net Position) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Town's total net position increased by \$48,650.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Sumner's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$998,400, an increase of \$166,563 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 98 percent of this total amount, \$982,825 is available for spending at the Town's discretion (undesignated fund balance).

Overview of the Financial Statements.

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Sumner's basic financial statements. The Town of Sumner's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-Wide Financial Statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town of Sumner's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Town of Sumner's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town of Sumner is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Town of Sumner that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the Town of Sumner include general government, public safety, public works, culture and recreation, transportation and health, welfare and social services, and education. The Town does not currently report any business-type activities.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10 and 11 of this report.

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Fund Financial Statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Sumner, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town of Sumner consist only of governmental funds.

Governmental Funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Town's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Town of Sumner maintains three individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, which is considered to be a major fund. Data from the other two governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of *combining statements* elsewhere in this report.

The Town of Sumner adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12-14 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 15-29 of this report.

Other Information. The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with nonmajor governmental funds are presented immediately following the notes to the financial statements.

Combining and individual fund statements and schedules can be found on pages 33-34 of this report.

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town of Sumner, assets exceeded liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

Town of Sumner's Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2020	2019
Current and other assets	\$ 1,110,240	\$ 942,641
Capital assets	2,756,932	2,893,510
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,867,172</u>	<u>\$ 3,836,151</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	\$ 293	\$ 83
Liabilities	\$ 4,326	\$ 3,480
Long-term liabilities	\$ 134,717	\$ 150,799
Net Position:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 2,636,932	\$ 2,751,327
Restricted	15,575	15,575
Unrestricted	1,075,915	912,870
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 3,728,422</u>	<u>\$ 3,679,772</u>

By far the largest portion of the Town of Sumner's net position (75%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town of Sumner uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town of Sumner's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

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An additional portion of the Town of Sumner's net position (less than 1% or \$15,575) represent resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position (\$913,060) may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligation to citizens and creditors.

The Town's net position decreased by \$51,956 during the current fiscal year. This decrease is mainly attributable to expenses exceeding revenues with depreciation on capital assets totaling \$173,687. Budgeted decrease, or use of unrestricted funds, for the current year was \$145,000.

Town of Sumner's Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	2020	2019
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 14,405	\$ 11,399
Operating grants and contributions	154,399	15,964
General revenues:		
Property and other taxes	1,586,121	1,534,300
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	262,356	220,827
Other	38,143	24,249
Total revenues	<u>\$ 2,055,424</u>	<u>\$ 1,806,739</u>
Expenses:		
General government	\$ 197,191	\$ 196,459
Protection	80,044	97,683
Health and welfare	72,655	68,914
Highways and bridges	664,034	511,968
RSU #10	896,115	891,188
County taxes	73,459	69,082
Unclassified	23,276	23,401
Total expenses	<u>\$ 2,006,774</u>	<u>\$ 1,858,695</u>
(Increase) decrease in Net Position	\$ 48,650	\$ (51,956)
Net Position - beginning of year	3,679,772	3,731,728
	<u>\$ 3,728,422</u>	<u>\$ 3,679,772</u>

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Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town of Sumner uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The financial reporting focus of the Town of Sumner's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information may be useful in assessing the Town of Sumner's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year the Town of Sumner's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$998,400 an increase of \$166,563 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 48 percent of this total amount (\$486,080) constitutes unreserved fund balance, which is available to meet the future financial needs of the Town. The remainder of fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed for a variety of designated purposes (\$496,745).

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The difference between the original budget and the final amended budget was \$2,998. This was from the receipt of grant funds accepted after the budget was adopted.

Expenditures for the general fund totaled \$1,901,654 (on the budgetary basis of accounting) in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

In general expenditures were within budgetary guidelines.

Revenue for the general fund totaled \$1,892,620 (on the budgetary basis of accounting) in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

Revenues exceeded estimates by \$73,387. The revenue sources responsible for this surplus include the following:

- A tax surplus of \$34,179 which is largely attributable to excise tax collections.
- Investment income exceeding budgeted amount by \$17,738.
- Intergovernmental revenues of \$19,361. Primarily state revenue sharing of \$15,902.

General Fund Balance. Although the total general fund balance was budgeted to decrease in 2020 by \$145,000, the actual decrease was \$9,034. Current cash flow projections and the strength of the Town's general fund balance provide continued assurance that the likelihood of the Town's need to enter the short-term debt market to pay for current expenditures is unlikely.

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TOWN OF SUMNER, MAINE MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2020

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The Town of Sumner's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2020 amounts to \$2,756,932. (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and system, improvements, machinery and equipment, park facilities, roads, highways and dams. The total decrease in the Town of Sumner's investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was \$136,577.

Town of Sumner's Capital Assets (net of depreciation)

	Governmental Activities	
	2020	2019
Land and Land improvements	\$ 119,180	\$ 119,180
Buildings	114,386	124,433
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	29,652	34,502
Infrastructure	2,493,714	2,615,394
Total	<u>\$ 2,756,932</u>	<u>\$ 2,893,509</u>

Additional information on the Town of Sumner's capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements on page 21 of this report.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a municipality may issue to 15 percent of its total state assessed valuation. The current debt limitation for the Town of Sumner is \$10,702,276, which is significantly in excess of the Town of Sumner's outstanding general obligation debt of \$120,000.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

Sumner is a rural community without a strong business base, and it relies on the economic strength of its citizens to pay property taxes. The local economy of the Town remains stable.

In adopting the budget for the ensuing fiscal year 2020, the Town officials considered many factors in making judgments and estimates about the finances of the upcoming year. A primary objective was to continue to provide basic town services to the citizens while attempting to keep the property tax rate low.

During the upcoming fiscal year (2021) the Town's Management will continue to monitor and evaluate local economic conditions.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Sumner's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Town of Sumner, 633 Main Street, Sumner, Maine 04292. The telephone number is (207) 388-2866.

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TOWN OF SUMNER, MAINE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2020

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash, including time deposits	\$ 648,217
Investments	265,582
Taxes receivable	157,192
Tax acquired property	1,608
Tax liens	<u>37,641</u>
Total current assets	<u>\$ 1,110,240</u>
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets (net)	<u>\$ 2,756,932</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,867,172</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred OPEB costs	<u>\$ 293</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u><u>\$ 3,867,465</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Bonds payable within 1 year	\$ 20,000
Prepaid taxes	4,326
	<u>\$ 24,326</u>
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	
Bonds payable long-term	\$ 100,000
Net OPEB Liability	13,238
	<u>\$ 113,238</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred OPEB costs	<u>\$ 1,479</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 139,043</u>
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 2,636,932
Restricted for:	
Unexpendable principal	15,575
Unrestricted	<u>1,075,915</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 3,728,422</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 3,867,465</u></u>

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TOWN OF SUMNER, MAINE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES JUNE 30, 2020

		<u>PROGRAM REVENUES</u>		
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue</u>
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS				
General government	\$ 197,191	\$ 1,308		\$ (195,883)
Protection	80,044	1,197		(78,847)
Health and welfare	72,655			(72,655)
Highways and bridges	664,034			(664,034)
RSU #10	896,115			(896,115)
County taxes	73,459			(73,459)
Unclassified	23,276	11,900	\$ 154,399	143,023
NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE	<u>\$ 2,006,774</u>	<u>\$ 14,405</u>	<u>\$ 154,399</u>	<u>\$ (1,837,970)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES				
Taxes				\$ 1,586,121
Intergovernmental revenues				262,356
Investment income				38,143
TOTAL REVENUES				<u>\$ 1,886,620</u>
Change in net position				\$ 48,650
Net position - beginning				<u>3,679,772</u>
Net position - ending				<u><u>\$ 3,728,422</u></u>

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TOWN OF SUMNER, MAINE BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2020

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		
	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash, including time deposits	\$ 553,642	\$ 94,575	\$ 648,217
Investments		265,582	265,582
Uncollected taxes	157,192		157,192
Tax liens	37,641		37,641
Tax acquired property	1,608		1,608
Intercompany receivables	(27,258)	27,258	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 722,825	\$ 387,415	\$ 1,110,240
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Prepaid taxes	\$ 4,326	\$ -	\$ 4,326
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 4,326	\$ -	\$ 4,326
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred tax revenues	\$ 107,514	\$ -	\$ 107,514
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 107,514	\$ -	\$ 107,514
FUND BALANCES			
Reserved for:			
Unexpendable principal		\$ 15,575	\$ 15,575
Unreserved, reported in			
General fund - designated	\$ 124,905		124,905
General fund - undesignated	486,080		486,080
Capital projects fund		96,241	96,241
Permanent fund		275,599	275,599
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 610,985	\$ 387,415	\$ 998,400
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 722,825	\$ 387,415	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,466,555.	2,756,932
Deferred inflows of resources are not financial resources and therefore not reported in the funds.	(1,479)
Deferred outflows of resources are not financial resources and therefore not reported in the funds.	293
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Bonds Payable	(120,000)
Net OPEB liability	(13,238)
Deferred tax revenues are not recognized in the statement of net assets.	107,514
Net assets of government activities	\$ 3,728,422

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**TOWN OF SUMNER, MAINE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 1,586,121		\$ 1,586,121
Intergovernmental	262,356		262,356
Charges for services	3,104		3,104
Donations and Miscellaneous	11,301	\$ 154,399	165,700
Interest income	29,738	8,405	38,143
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,892,620	\$ 162,804	\$ 2,055,424
EXPENDITURES			
General government	\$ 186,589		\$ 186,589
Protection	75,794		75,794
Health and welfare	72,655		72,655
Highways and bridges	538,010		538,010
RSU #10	896,115		896,115
County taxes	73,459		73,459
Debt service:			
Principal		\$ 20,000	20,000
Interest		2,963	2,963
Unclassified	10,069	13,207	23,276
Capital outlay		-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,852,691	\$ 36,170	\$ 1,888,861
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Interfund transfers in		48,963	48,963
Interfund transfers out	(48,963)		(48,963)
Net change in fund balances	\$ (9,034)	\$ 175,597	\$ 166,563
Fund balances - beginning	620,019	211,818	831,837
Fund balances - ending	\$ 610,985	\$ 387,415	\$ 998,400

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TOWN OF SUMNER, MAINE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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Reconciliation of the change in fund balances - total governmental funds
to the change in net assets of governmental activities:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	<u>\$ 166,563</u>
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities
are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while
governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate
those expenditures over the life of the assets:

Capital asset purchases capitalized	\$ -
Depreciation expense	(136,577)
	<u>\$ (136,577)</u>

Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental
funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement
of Net Position.

	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and
therefore are not reported in the funds. More specifically, this
represents the change in net OPEB liability.

	<u>\$ (1,336)</u>
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Government funds report changes in deferred taxes as revenues
while government activities do not report changes in deferred taxes

	<u>\$ -</u>
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Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities

	<u><u>\$ 48,650</u></u>
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TOWN OF SUMNER, MAINE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
				<u>Positive (negative)</u>
Beginning Budgetary Fund Balance	\$ 620,019	\$ 620,019	\$ 620,019	\$ 162,149
RESOURCES:				
Taxes:				
Property	\$ 1,451,942	\$ 1,451,942	\$ 1,450,038	\$ (1,904)
Excise	100,000	100,000	136,083	36,083
	\$ 1,551,942	\$ 1,551,942	\$ 1,586,121	\$ 34,179
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 90,902	\$ 15,902
State highway assistance	40,000	40,000	40,876	876
State reimbursement of taxes:				
Homestead Reimbursement	76,793	76,793	76,117	(676)
Tree Growth	49,000	49,000	52,028	3,028
Veteran's Exemption	1,000	1,000	1,231	231
BETE Reimbursement				-
General assistance		1,202	1,202	-
	\$ 241,793	\$ 242,995	\$ 262,356	\$ 19,361
Charges for Services:				
General government fees			\$ 1,308	\$ 1,308
Animal control		\$ 1,197	1,197	-
Recreation		599	599	-
	\$ -	\$ 1,796	\$ 3,104	\$ 1,308
Other Fees and Reimbursements:				
Miscellaneous fees and reimbursements	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	\$ 11,301	\$ 801
	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	\$ 11,301	\$ 801
Interest Income	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 29,738	\$ 17,738
Amounts Available for Appropriation	\$ 1,816,235	\$ 1,819,233	\$ 1,892,620	\$ 73,387

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TOWN OF SUMNER, MAINE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
				<u>Positive (negative)</u>
CHARGES:				
General Government:				
Salaries and administration	\$ 137,870	\$ 137,870	\$ 134,969	\$ 2,901
Town complex	17,500	17,500	11,484	6,016
Planning	1,400	1,400	1,953	(553)
Office and other	8,100	8,100	8,064	36
Assessing and mapping	19,900	19,900	9,900	10,000
Professional services	5,700	5,700	5,197	503
Computer expenses	8,350	8,350	6,939	1,411
Dues	3,725	3,725	3,632	93
Liens	2,000	2,000	4,451	(2,451)
Other	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
	<u>\$ 214,545</u>	<u>\$ 214,545</u>	<u>\$ 186,589</u>	<u>\$ 27,956</u>
Protection:				
Fire department	\$ 43,950	\$ 43,950	\$ 42,129	\$ 1,821
Ambulance	15,024	15,024	15,024	-
Animal control	4,000	5,197	3,748	1,449
Insurance	13,650	13,650	12,835	815
Street lights	2,060	2,060	2,058	2
	<u>\$ 78,684</u>	<u>\$ 79,881</u>	<u>\$ 75,794</u>	<u>\$ 4,087</u>
Health and Welfare:				
Social services	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900	
General assistance		1,202	1,689	\$ (487)
Solid waste	67,066	67,066	67,066	-
	<u>\$ 70,966</u>	<u>\$ 72,168</u>	<u>\$ 72,655</u>	<u>\$ (487)</u>
Highways and Bridges:				
Roads and bridges	\$ 233,500	\$ 233,500	\$ 221,318	\$ 12,182
Winter roads	322,853	322,853	316,451	6,402
Street Signs		-	241	(241)
	<u>\$ 556,353</u>	<u>\$ 556,353</u>	<u>\$ 538,010</u>	<u>\$ 18,343</u>
Special Assessments:				
RSU #10	\$ 896,115	\$ 896,115	\$ 896,115	
County taxes	73,459	73,459	73,459	
Overlay	9,608	9,608	-	\$ 9,608
	<u>\$ 979,182</u>	<u>\$ 979,182</u>	<u>\$ 969,574</u>	<u>\$ 9,608</u>

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

TOWN OF SUMNER, MAINE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

(Concluded)

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
				<u>Positive (negative)</u>
Unclassified:				
Cemetery	\$ 7,200	\$ 7,200	\$ 7,200	\$ -
Discretionary	1,000	1,000	135	865
Recreation	2,250	2,849	2,032	817
Other	25,055	25,055	702	24,353
	<u>\$ 35,505</u>	<u>\$ 36,104</u>	<u>\$ 10,069</u>	<u>\$ 26,035</u>
Other:				
Interfund transfers out	<u>\$ 26,000</u>	<u>\$ 26,000</u>	<u>\$ 48,963</u>	<u>\$ (22,963)</u>
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>\$ 1,961,235</u>	<u>\$ 1,964,233</u>	<u>\$ 1,901,654</u>	<u>\$ 62,579</u>
Ending Budgetary Balances	<u>\$ 475,019</u>	<u>\$ 475,019</u>	<u>\$ 610,985</u>	<u>\$ 298,115</u>

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

TOWN OF SUMNER, MAINE COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Capital Projects			Permanent Funds					Total Nonmajor Funds
	Fire Equipment	Salt Shed	Roads	Total	Scholarship Fund	Cemetery Trust	Black Mtn Cemetery	Fields Cemetery	Total
ASSETS									
Cash	\$ 857	\$ 18,749	\$ 36,635	\$ 56,241	\$ 10,968	\$ 18,657	\$ 6,734	\$ 1,975	\$ 38,334
Investments					265,582				265,582
Due from General Fund			40,000	40,000	(9,567)	(3,175)			(12,742)
Total Assets	\$ 857	\$ 18,749	\$ 76,635	\$ 96,241	\$ 266,983	\$ 15,482	\$ 6,734	\$ 1,975	\$ 291,174
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES									
FUND BALANCES									
Reserved for:									
Unexpended principal						\$ 9,030	\$ 5,545	\$ 1,000	\$ 15,575
Unreserved	\$ 857	\$ 18,749	\$ 76,635	\$ 96,241	\$ 266,983	6,452	1,189	975	275,599
Total Fund Balances	\$ 857	\$ 18,749	\$ 76,635	\$ 96,241	\$ 266,983	\$ 15,482	\$ 6,734	\$ 1,975	\$ 291,174
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 857	\$ 18,749	\$ 76,635	\$ 96,241	\$ 266,983	\$ 15,482	\$ 6,734	\$ 1,975	\$ 291,174
									\$ 387,415

MUNICIPAL STATISTICS REPORT

Vital Records

The following is a breakdown of the Vital Record totals in the Town of Sumner for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Births –	13
Marriages –	12
Deaths –	11

In Memory Of...

NAME	AGE	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
Bradeen, Vernon W.	99	02/27/2021	Sumner
Campbell, Joan	81	12/22/2020	Lewiston
Chamberlain, Evelyn Elsie	99	07/09/2020	Norway
Eriksson, Ann Ingrid	77	07/23/2020	Sumner
Franklin, Yvonne Marsan	48	10/27/2020	Sumner
Glass, Marjorie Irene	89	10/30/2020	Lewiston
Kendall, Thelma Irene	95	03/11/2021	Sumner
McNeil, Joyce C.	81	12/08/2020	Auburn
Ramsey, Caroline W.	54	09/05/2020	Sumner
Sisson, Glenn S	65	10/01/2020	Sumner
Stevens, Jane E.	85	08/06/2020	Sumner

Due to a change in the ME DHHS processing of death records, towns no longer receive certificates for their residents. We apologize if we omitted anyone from our listing.

Animal Welfare

The following is a breakdown of the dog related license totals in the Town of Sumner for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Dog Licenses –	146
Kennel Licenses –	0

Recreational and Motor Vehicle Registrations

The following is a breakdown of registration totals in the Town of Sumner for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

ATV Snowmobile –	129	Cars & Trucks –	809
Boat –	42	Motorcycles –	59
		Trailers –	137

ASSESSORS' NOTICE

Municipality of Sumner

In accordance with Title 36, of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Section 706, as amended, the Assessors of the Municipality of Sumner hereby give notice to all persons that are liable for taxation in said municipality, that they will be in session at the Town Office in Sumner on the 2nd Tuesday of April 2022 from 7:00 PM. until 9:00 PM., for the purpose of revising the lists of taxable estates in said municipality.

All taxpayers of the Municipality of Sumner, Maine, and all administrators, executors, trustees, etc. of all estates that are taxable within the said municipality of such persons are hereby notified to make and bring unto the assessors the perfect lists of their estates, real and personal, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the first day of April 2022. They must be prepared to make an oath to the truth of the same and to answer all proper inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation and value of their property that is liable to be taxed.

And when estates of persons deceased have been distributed during the past year, or have changed hands from any cause, the executor, administrator, or other persons interested, are hereby warned to give notice of the change, and in default of such notice they will be held by law to pay the tax assessed, although the estate has been wholly distributed and paid over to someone else.

2020 – 2021 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations	
County Tax	\$ 74,740.00
Municipal Appropriations	\$ 952,899.03
Education Appropriations	\$ 885,095.00
Tax Increment Financing	\$ 0.00
Overlay	<u>\$ 10,104.59</u>
Total Spending	\$ 1,922,838.62
Less Deductions	<u>\$ -364,800.00</u>
Net to be Raised	<u>\$ 1,558,038.62</u>
Raised by Local Property Tax	\$ 1,440,367.17
Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 117,634.96
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 27.49
Total Raised	<u>\$ 1,558,038.62</u>

Real Estate Value	\$ 69,705,487.00
Personal Property Value	\$ 45,950.00
Homestead Reimbursable Value	\$ 5,697,044.00
BETE Reimbursable Value	<u>\$ 1,331.00</u>
Total Valuation Base	<u>\$ 75,449,812.00</u>
Taxable Valuation Base	\$ 75,449,812.00
Tax Rate	x .02065
Amount Committed to Tax Collector	<u>\$ 1,558,038.62</u>

TAX COLLECTION

2020 – 2021 Abatements

Butterfield Estates, LLC	193.64
Chappell, David	525.40
Dawicki, Elaine	330.40
Goldberg, Ellen	997.46
Litchfield, Allan Heirs	295.73
McCafferty, Dorson	219.26
Soncrant, David T	262.75
Starr, Cheryl	682.94

2020 – 2021 Supplements

Barker, Cody	1,327.85
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2020 – 2021 Outstanding Personal Property, Principal Only

Bulmer, Harold G III	20.65
Parker, Richard M	20.65
Stenger, Sue Anne	141.97

2020 – 2021 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Ackley, Larry P, Sr	15.55
Arris, Robert E	833.00
Bailey, Dennis W	1,497.41
Bean, Elinor Heirs of	1,836.16
Bellanger, Thomas A	896.00
Bennoch, Ralph	1,161.39
Biron, Dennis	2,124.43
Biron, Dennis	291.33
Biron, Dennis	291.23
Biron, Dennis	290.59
Biron, Dennis	290.03
Biron, Dennis	294.12
Biron, Dennis	297.36
Biron, Dennis	296.06
Biron, Dennis	315.95
Biron, Dennis	297.36
Biron, Dennis	296.35
Biron, Dennis	308.99
Biron, Dennis	308.43
Biron, Pauline	420.33
Bragg, Kellie L	598.85
Bragg, Thomas C, III	927.08
Broberg, Maura	15.34
Brower, Andrea	811.52
Buccheri, Corrado Trustee	4,064.00
Buck, Dennis H	2,186.15

TAX COLLECTION

2020 – 2021 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Bunce, Vernon C	1,460.66
Cagnone, Theresa	1,815.65
Clark, Pamela	629.82
Colangelo, Mary A	2,446.51
Colby, Mark S	285.35
Comeau, Robert	1,711.90
Corriveau, Linda L	869.06
Cote, Alan	1,251.27
Cote, Alan	207.74
Craw, Tammy A	645.68
Currier, Gregory	944.90
Dupuis, David G	252.26
Dyer, Thomas S Estate of	15.49
Eastman, Thaine A	2,421.15
Eastman, Thaine A	731.84
Edwards, Harold R Jr	371.70
Edwards, Heath W	714.47
Elsman, Steven	708.30
Emery, David	1,649.58
Emery, Mary B	1,893.17
Falconer, Laura B	4,112.72
Farrar, Richard	3.50
Farrar, Richard	609.17
Farrar, Richard	6.41
Frino, Richard	6.90
Gallin, S Ginger	977.22
Gammon, Craig C	1,263.64
Gammon, Sheila	455.33
Garrett, Timothy	6.63
Genest, Robert L	734.42
Gerow, Suzan M	698.38
Glass, Marjorie I	1,205.15
Hall, Edward A	2,061.41
Hancock, Mark	913.20
Hancock, Mark	1,313.81
Hand, Diane L	1,588.34
Hardy, Christopher H	961.09
Hart, Maurice F JR	1,843.43
Henderson, Steve	2,410.33
High Eagle Inc	364.10
High Eagle, Inc	1,184.30
Hinkley, Clyde	317.06
Holmes, William	18.00
Hood, Donna M	562.26
Hood, Jason	461.61
Jordan, Leslie J	658.22
Kangas, Brian	1,066.61
Keene, Peter V	568.43
Kendall, Scot L	276.24

TAX COLLECTION

2020 – 2021 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Lamprecht, Christine E	629.82
Langlais, Felix	751.87
LaPlante, Raymond R	2,618.19
LaPlante, Raymond R	939.58
Laughton, Daniel K	431.96
Laughton, Kathy	1,758.57
Litchfield, Allan Heirs	98.58
Litchfield, Walter, Jr	1,695.32
Lueck, Keith M	1,376.18
MacDonald, Leonard	272.68
Marrone, Dennis John	418.16
Martin, Janet L Chesley	501.18
MG Forest Assets, LLC	5,370.03
MG Forest Assets, LLC	856.97
MG Forest Assets, LLC	1,919.00
MG Forest Assets, LLC	380.99
MG Forest Assets, LLC	4,399.48
Miles, Michael D	1,182.83
Moore, Harold C II	1,440.98
Moxcey, Michelle L	2,044.91
Newell, Doris	1,305.12
Obear, Thomas	1,238.46
O'Brien, David M	908.60
O'Brien, David M	2,213.18
Ouellette, Robert N	1,091.33
Pelletier, Scott L	1,362.34
Pickering, Daniel	2,088.54
Pietila, Patricia A	864.99
Pietila, Patricia A	1,294.80
Poland, Lloyd	1,100.50
Pothier, RA Realty Trust	318.42
Pothier, RA Realty Trust	1,203.74
Robertson, Timothy T	400.54
Roderick, Brian	78.47
Rudd, David W	1,386.01
Rudd, David W	56.50
Sanborn, Olive Estate of	387.19
Spear, Michael Clifford	290.13
Starbird, Darryl	411.37
Stenger, Sue Anne	621.48
Stevens, Erica	1,620.74
Verrill, Barbara Jean	546.56
Wass, Gregory M	1,939.63
Webber, Gary W	50.18
Webber, Heather	0.11
Williams, Andy J	552.88
Zak, Christopher P	2,291.34
Zak, Christopher P	1,132.78

TAX COLLECTION

2019 – 2020 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Arris, Robert E	774.47
Bailey, Dennis W	1,719.28
Biron, Dennis	84.05
Buck, Dennis H	2,011.65
Cagnone, Theresa	2,055.73
Corriveau, Linda L	393.68
Craw, Tammy A	828.34
Currier, Gregory	303.59
Eastman, Thaine A	2,568.82
Eastman, Thaine A	1,970.63
Eastman, Thaine A	819.69
Edwards, Heath W	915.57
Emery, David	1,822.36
Gammon, Craig C	1,370.32
Gammon, Sheila	533.41
Haigh, Lori	1,007.49
Haigh, Lori	1,422.28
Hand, Diane L	207.14
Henderson, Steve	1,971.52
Kangas, Brian	1,273.23
Laughton, Daniel K	616.10
Laughton, Kathy	1,996.64
Litchfield, Allan Heirs	470.22
MacDonald, Leonard	451.19
Moore, Harold C II	1,567.84
Moxcey, Michelle L	307.23
Pelletier, Scott L	1,385.85
Roderick, Brian	142.13
Starbird, Darryl	594.79
Stevens, Erica	2,339.84
Verrill, Barbara Jean	1,162.39
Williams, Andy J	634.41

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Cash on Hand July 1, 2020		532,596.35
Revenues		
State of ME Revenue	329,273.16	
Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Collection	1,456,829.59	
Recreational & Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	189,739.41	
Election Grant	5,000.00	
Operational Revenue		
State Agent Registration, Licensing & Rapid Renewal	126,419.75	
State Agent Municipal Fees	8,005.50	
Planning & Code Enforcement	4,953.44	
Fire Department Donation	550.00	
Liens & Paper Fees	5,489.12	
Fiduciary & Reserves		
Scholarship	20,304.04	
Recreation	225.00	
From Fiduciary	3,319.59	
Total Cash Receipts	2,150,108.60	
Interest Earned on Account	3,340.27	
Total Revenue	2,153,448.87	2,153,448.87
Total Operating Funds - Gross		2,686,045.22
Expenditures		
County Tax	74,740.00	
RSU #10	885,093.55	
Salaries & Insurance	175,481.03	
Transfer Station	67,122.76	
Operational Revenue		
State Agent Registration & Licensing	97,008.18	
Public Safety	19,809.57	
Planning & Code Enforcement	12,815.20	
Fire Department	34,905.52	
Highways & Bridges	517,648.25	
Liens & Office Operations	50,889.80	
Building & Grounds Maintenance	19,982.53	
Fiduciary & Reserves		
Scholarship	8,787.99	
Recreation	2,687.02	
Total Expenditures	1,966,971.40	(1,966,971.40)
Total Operating Funds - Net		719,073.82
Cash Management Accounts		
Petty Cash		550.00
Balance Year Ending June 30, 2021		719,623.82
Less Designated Funds		(127,094.21)
Fund Balance Year Ending June 30, 2021		592,529.61

TREASURER'S REPORT

FIDUCIARY AND RESERVE FUNDS YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Fund	Year End Balance
A.J. Dunn Relief Fund	1,540.35
Black Mountain Cemetery	920.23
Cemetery Trust Fund	5,546.93
Fire Truck Account	857.77
Morrill Fund	112.83
Sumner Recreation	1,715.37
Robinson Cemetery	1,511.70
Sand & Salt Site	18,775.37

WINTER ROADS YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Fund	Usage	Year End Balance
Winter Road Plowing	47.94 Miles	200,853.01
Winter Road Sand	3,500 Yards	36,750.00
Winter Road Salt	1,070.98 Tons	66,004.52
Total		303,607.53

TREASURER'S REPORT

COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

	2019 – 2020 EXPENDED	2020 – 2021 APPROVED	2020 – 2021 EXPENDED	Carry Forward PROPOSED	2021 – 2022 PROPOSED	PRIOR YEAR DIFFERENCE
County Tax	74,459.00	74,740.00	74,740.00		74,460.00	(280.00)
RSU #10	896,115.43	885,095.00	885,093.55		866,690.00	(18,405.00)
Solid Waste & Transfer Station	67,065.00	68,000.00	67,122.76		70,000.00	2,000.00
Community Enrichment						
Broadband Exploration			435.20	9,564.80		
Youth Recreation	2,032.03	1,740.00	2,687.02	847.18	2,750.00	1,010.00
General Government						
Building & Grounds Maint.	11,737.78	17,500.00	12,144.73		15,000.00	(2,500.00)
Computer Maint. & Updates	6,939.21	16,500.00	17,900.00		8,500.00	(8,000.00)
Discretionary & Unanticipated	135.00	1,000.00	701.08		3,000.00	500.00
Dues & Memberships	3,631.82	3,725.00	3,725.00		3,500.00	(225.00)
Election	1,077.01	3,050.00	6,043.97		3,500.00	450.00
General Office Operation	8,064.10	8,600.00	7,942.23		8,500.00	(100.00)
Interest on Abatement		100.00	89.34		150.00	50.00
Highways & Bridges						
Capital Improvement Bond	23,052.00	20,000.00	22,677.00	9,231.00	20,000.00	
Equipment Repair	3,415.19	3,500.00	2,967.23		2,500.00	(1,000.00)
Road Equipment Account		5,000.00	4,916.27	36,718.54		(5,000.00)
Road Project Account		10,000.00		50,000.00		(10,000.00)
Sand/Salt Storage				18,749.55		
Street Signs	241.31	350.00	129.20		350.00	
Summer Roads	217,903.35	210,000.00	183,480.22		210,000.00	
Winter Roads						
Plowing	200,853.01	200,854.00	200,853.01		335,650.00	134,796.00
Salt	73,597.90	80,000.00	66,004.52		80,000.00	
Sand	41,999.92	36,750.00	36,750.00		45,500.00	8,750.00
Protection						
Ambulance Services	15,024.00	15,494.00	15,493.00		16,000.00	506.00
Animal Control	3,748.26	4,300.00	3,122.00	1,183.67	3,350.00	(950.00)
Fire Department						
Equipment	27,177.40	11,000.00	11,235.12	1,305.15	15,000.00	4,000.00
General Operation	9,446.19	10,000.00	10,970.40		11,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance	450.00	450.00	450.00		550.00	100.00
Stipend	5,538.00	5,500.00	5,500.00		10,500.00	5,000.00
Training	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Gen. Liability & Work Comp.	12,986.70	13,750.00	12,894.55		14,250.00	500.00
Plumbing Permit	2,082.06		3,093.17	1,366.83		
Streetslights	2,057.89	2,100.00	1,487.37		1,750.00	(350.00)
Salaries						
Selectmen	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,499.99		10,500.00	
Clerk	50,369.80	28,162.00	28,162.00		68,640.00	(3,202.00)
Clerk - New Hire		43,680.00	43,680.00			
Clerk Benefits & Insurance	27,883.17	24,970.00	24,021.26		23,500.00	(1,470.00)
Deputy Office Assistant	25,160.00	30,100.00	28,498.84		24,960.00	(5,140.00)
Deputy Benefits & Insurance		4,200.00	3,360.00			(4,200.00)
Road Commissioner	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Fire Department Chief	2,995.29	3,000.00	2,995.30		3,000.00	
Fire Department Warden	500.00	500.00	500.00		550.00	50.00
Fire Department Secretary	550.00	550.00	549.99		500.00	(50.00)
Health Officer	200.00	200.00	200.00		200.00	
Code Enforcement Officer	4,582.84	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00	
Employee Training & Development		1,000.00	977.91			(1,000.00)
FICA/Med Tax Withholding	8,161.56	10,200.00	10,141.21		10,400.00	200.00
Services						
Assessing Services	9,000.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	90,000.00	10,500.00	
Tax Maps	900.00	900.00	900.00		1,200.00	300.00
Auditor's Services	4,800.00	8,000.00	7,500.00		6,000.00	(2,000.00)
Cemetery & Lawn Maint.	7,200.00	7,720.00	7,520.00		7,720.00	
Stone Repair	3,175.00			4,250.00		
Memorial Flags	466.56	470.00	316.80		400.00	(70.00)
Filing & Lien Services	4,450.95	2,000.00	3,779.00		2,000.00	
General Assistance	1,688.99	1,000.00	319.70		500.00	(500.00)
Legal Services	396.60	900.00	900.00		1,000.00	100.00
Planning	1,952.62	1,400.00	980.00		1,400.00	
Scholarship (ME Community Foundation)	9,500.00	100.00	8,787.99		100.00	
Social Services	3,900.00	2,700.00	2,700.00		1,750.00	(950.00)
Overdrafts		884.03	884.03			(884.03)
Total	1,889,580.10	1,912,734.03	1,869,321.96	495,287.89	2,007,270.00	94,535.97

2021 – 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Anticipated Expenditures

County Tax	74,460.00	
RSU #10	866,690.00	
Solid Waste & Transfer Station	70,000.00	
Community Enrichment	2,750.00	
General Government	42,150.00	
Highways & Bridges	694,200.00	
Protection	74,400.00	
Salaries	150,250.00	
Services	32,570.00	
Total Anticipated Expenditures	2,007,270.00	
*Anticipated Overlay	12,176.05	
	2,034,446.05	2,019,446.05

Less Anticipated Revenues

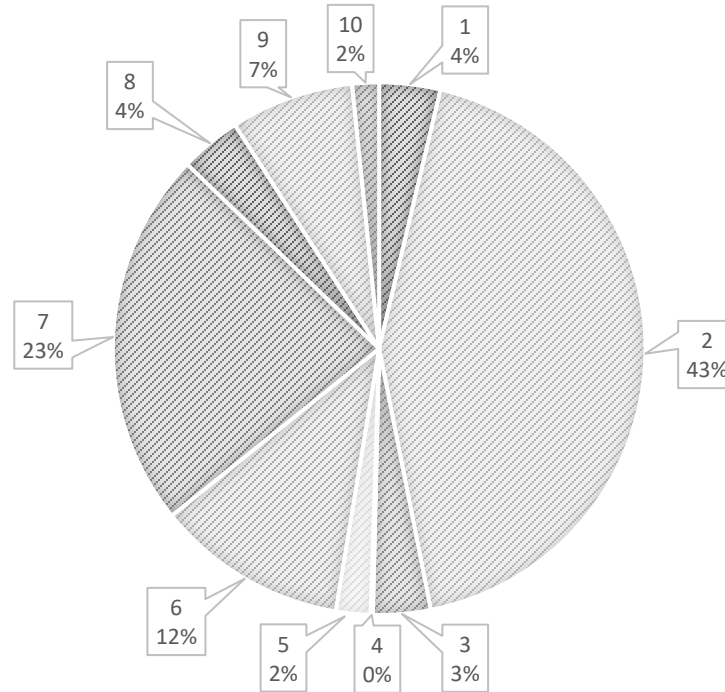
DOT Local Road Assistance	37,000.00	
Excise Taxes	125,000.00	
Interest Income	10,000.00	
Liens & Paper Fees	6,500.00	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	120,000.00	
State Agent Municipal Fees	5,500.00	
Tree Growth Reimbursement	50,000.00	
Veteran's Reimbursement	1,000.00	
*Total Anticipated Revenues	355,000.00	
*Anticipated From General Fund	80,000.00	
	(435,000.00)	(435,000.00)
*Net to be Raised		1,584,446.05

*Anticipated Net to be Raised by Local Property Tax	1,464,780.18
*Anticipated Homestead Reimbursement	119,637.92
*BETE Reimbursement	27.95
*Total Raised	1,584,446.05

*Real Estate Value	\$ 69,705,487.00
*Personal Property Value	\$ 45,950.00
*Homestead Reimbursable Value	\$ 5,697,044.00
*BETE Reimbursable Value	\$ 1,331.00
*Total Valuation Base	\$ 75,449,812.00
*Taxable Valuation Base	\$ 75,449,812.00
*Tax Rate	x .02100
*Amount Committed to Tax Collector	\$ 1,584,446.05

*Calculations are based on previous year taxable valuation base and are subject to change at the Municipal Assessors' discretion. This calculation models the anticipated budget.

2021 – 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY



1	County Tax	74,460.00
2	RSU 10	866,690.00
3	Solid Waste	70,000.00
4	Community Enrichment	2,750.00
5	General Government	42,150.00
6	Summer Roads	232,850.00
7	Winter Roads	461,150.00
8	Protection	74,400.00
9	Salaries	150,250.00
10	Services	32,570.00
		2,007,270.00

General Government	Protection	Salaries	Services
Building & Grounds Maint.	Ambulance Services	Selectmen	Assessing & Tax Maps
Computer Maint. & Updates	Animal Control	Clerk	Auditor
Discretionary & Unanticipated	Fire Department	Deputy Clerk	Cemetery & Grounds
Dues & Memberships	Gen. Liability & Work Comp.	Road Commissioner	Filing & Lien
Election	Plumbing Permit	Fire Department & Health Officer	General Assistance & Social Services
General Office Operation	Streetlights	Code Enforcement Officer	Legal
Interest on Abatement		FICA/Med Tax Withholding	Planning
			Scholarship

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TOWN OF SUMNER AUGUST 28, 2021

To Sherry Sullivan, Clerk of the Town of Sumner, in the county of Oxford, Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sumner, in said county, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Sumner Town Office on Saturday, August 28 at 9:00 in the morning, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1 To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to set the tax due date, with interest of 8% yearly to be charged on unpaid taxes beginning Monday, January 31, 2022

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4% for the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

(ARTICLE 3 NOTE: 36 MRSA, Sec. 505(4A) calls for interest not to exceed the rate set for delinquent taxes or be less than that rate reduced by 4%.)

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$435,000.00 from anticipated revenues and the General Fund to decrease the 2020/2021 tax commitment

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

Anticipated Revenue	\$355,000.00
General Fund	<u>\$ 80,000.00</u>
	\$435,000.00

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to exceed the Property Tax Levy Limit established for Sumner by State law under LD 1

(ARTICLE 5 NOTE: State law requires a written ballot on this article.)

ARTICLE 6 To elect all necessary officers as are required to be elected by written ballot (MRSA Title 30A, Sect. 2525, et. seq.)

(ARTICLE 6 NOTE: Anticipated vacancies:

One Selectperson/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a term of 3 years
One Road Commissioner for a term of 3 years)

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to commitment

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to appoint a Maintenance Supervisor, a Budget Committee, a Planning Board, an Appeals Board, a Fire Chief and Assistants, a Registrar of Voters, a Recreation Committee, a Scholarship Committee, an Emergency Management Director, and any other necessary appointees

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- ARTICLE 9** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category during the period from July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

(ARTICLE 9 EXPLANATION: This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends but before the annual town meeting.)

- ARTICLE 10** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to dispose of Town owned personal property with a dollar value of up to \$1,000 under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

(ARTICLE 10 EXPLANATION: This article avoids the necessity of calling a special town meeting whenever the Town has personal property of little value which it should sell or dispose of.)

- ARTICLE 11** To see if the Town will vote to accept State funds from Tree Growth reimbursement, Veterans Exemption, Municipal Revenue Sharing, Snowmobile Registration reimbursement, EMA (FEMA and SEMA), State Aid to Education, General Assistance reimbursement, Local Road Assistance Program, DEP grants, Forest Fire suppression reimbursement, and any other State or Federal funds appropriated by the Legislature for municipal purposes, including the recent stimulus through the ARP.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTPERSONS

- ARTICLE 12** To see if the Town will vote to apply revenues from excise taxes, interest, state reimbursement, state agent fees, sale of photocopies (and other revenues not required to be applied elsewhere by statute or town vote) to the General Fund

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

- ARTICLE 13** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all monies received from the State from the registration of snowmobiles to the Mt. Tom Snowmobile Club for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open for use by the public at all times, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

(ARTICLE 13 EXPLANATION: Snowmobile registration money received from the State must be appropriated annually by the town for whatever purpose it desires. If all or part of it is appropriated to a snowmobile club, one of the conditions of that appropriation must be that the club's trails are open to the public. Otherwise, it would be an illegal appropriation of public funds for a private group.)

- ARTICLE 14** To fix the wages or salary for the Road Commissioner for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$3,000.00

- ARTICLE 15** To fix the salaries or wages of the Selectpersons, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$10,500.00 (\$3,500.00 PER SELECTPERSON)

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ARTICLE 16 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to raise and appropriate as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$3,000.00

(ARTICLE 17 EXPLANATION: Having a contingency account can help avoid the necessity of calling a number of special town meetings during the year when relatively minor issues can be resolved with the expenditure of minor sums but no money has been appropriated for those purposes.)

ARTICLE 17 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$210,100.00

A. Assessment Update/Revaluation	10,500.00
B. Audit	6,000.00
C. Building/Grounds Maintenance	15,000.00
D. Computer software update	8,500.00
E. Dues	3,500.00
F. Elections	3,500.00
G. Office Management	8,500.00
H. Interest on Abatements	150.00
I. Legal Fees	1,000.00
J. Liens (with receipts into lien account)	2,000.00
K. Tax Map Update	1,200.00
L. Salaries	150,250.00
TOTAL	\$210,100.00

ARTICLE 18 NOTE: Salaries Breakdown: Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Coll./Registrar 68,640; Medical Ins 23,500 (est.); Office Assistant 24,960; Road Commissioner 3,000; Fire Chief 3,000; Fire Dept. Secretary 500; Fire Warden 550; Health Officer 200; CEO 5,000; Selectpersons 10,500; Soc. Sec. & Medicare & Unemployment 10,400)

ARTICLE 18 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Protection for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$71,400.00

A. Insurance	14,250.00
B. Fire Department Operations	11,000.00
C. Fire Fighter Insurance	550.00
D. Fire Department Education/Training	2,000.00
E. Fire Fighter Compensation	10,500.00
F. Fire Department Equipment	15,000.00
G. Streetlights	1,750.00
H. Ambulance	16,000.00
I. Street Name Signs	350.00
TOTAL	\$71,400.00

(ARTICLE 19 Carryover: FD Equipment \$1,305.15)

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ARTICLE 19 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$500.00

ARTICLE 20 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Social Services for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$1,750.00

A. Cancer Resources	100.00
B. Community Concepts	100.00
C. LifeFlight	950.00
D. Rural Community Action	100.00
E. Safe Voices	300.00
F. Sexual Assault Prevention	100.00
G. Zadoc Long Free Library	100.00

ARTICLE 21 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Roads for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$416,150.00

A. Winter Roads Plowing	335,650.00
B. Winter Roads Sand	45,500.00
C. Winter Roads Salt	80,000.00

ARTICLE 22 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Roads, Bridges and Maintenance for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$210,000.00

ARTICLE 23 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for road equipment and repair for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$2,500.00

ARTICLE 24 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Operations for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$70,000.00

ARTICLE 25 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation for the ensuing year.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$2,750.00

ARTICLE 26 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$1,400.00

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ARTICLE 27 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control for the ensuing year.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$3,350.00

ARTICLE 28 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of Cemeteries and Memorial Flags, Cemetery Stones, the Town Beach, and the Town signs and lawns, for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$8,120.00

ARTICLE 29 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for veterans' memorial flags for the ensuing year

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$400.00

ARTICLE 30 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tuell Hill Road replacement bond payment.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$29,231.00

Appropriate from bond interest carry forward	9,231.00
Raise and Appropriate	20,000.00

ARTICLE 31 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sumner Scholarship fund

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$100.00

ARTICLE 32 To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer to make payments from the General Fund for abatements approved by the SelectBoard

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTPERSONS

ARTICLE 33 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to sell and dispose of tax acquired properties held by the Town by means of the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s) and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such properties.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

ARTICLE 34 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectpersons to enter into 3-year contracts for services such as winter roads maintenance, cemetery, and Town lot mowing, and municipal office plowing

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

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ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Town of Sumner Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance

(ARTICLE 34 NOTES: See below the official proposed ordinance for the Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance.)

“PROPOSED ORDINANCE TOWN OF SUMNER ADULT USE MARIJUANA CULTIVATION ORDINANCE

Commercial Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance for Sumner, Maine.

Article I, Title:

This ordinance shall be known as the “Town of Sumner Marijuana Ordinance” and will be referred to herein as “this ordinance”. This ordinance limits all Adult Use Marijuana business cultivation as defined in this ordinance and in 28-B M.R.S. §102. This ordinance does not apply to Testing Facilities, Manufacturing Facilities, and Marijuana Stores which are all prohibited.

This Ordinance makes many references to Maine Revised Statutes. The text of these statutes is available at www.legislature.maine.gov/statutes/.

Article II, Authority:

WHEREAS, implementing a system for the regulation of the establishments for the cultivation of Adult Use of Marijuana, a controlled substance, is a complex function with significant administrative demands on the Town of Sumner.

NOW THEREFORE, this ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Marijuana Legalization Act, Title 28-B M.R.S. c. 1; Article VIII Part 2, Section 1 of the Maine Constitution: the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Authority (30-A M.R.S. §3001 et seq.); and the provisions of the Planning and Land use Regulation Act, 30-A M.R.S. §4312 et seq.

Article III, Purpose:

It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation in order to support agriculture, promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Sumner, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations for the cultivation of Adult Use Marijuana in Sumner.

Persons or entities wishing to establish an Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation business within the Town of Sumner shall first obtain a conditional license from the State of Maine then apply for a permit from the Sumner Select Board. Permittees shall be subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

This ordinance may not be constructed to limit any privileges or right of a qualifying patient, caregiver, or registered caregiver under Maine’s Medical Marijuana laws and regulations, including but not limited to 22 M.R.S. c. 558-C.

Article IV, Conflict with Other Ordinances:

Whenever a provision of this ordinance conflicts with or is inconsistent with other provisions of this ordinance, or of any other ordinance, regulation or standard, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

Article V, Effective Dated:

The effective date of this ordinance, and the permitting of the establishment or operation of any Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facility, shall be the date of adoption by the voters at Town Meeting.

Article VI, Severability:

Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared by any court to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision of this ordinance.

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Article VII, Definitions:

The terms of this ordinance shall have the same definitions as that contained in the state statutes regulating Adult Use Marijuana (18-A M.R.S. §102) with the exception of Resident which adds an additional condition. These definitions include but are not limited to:

Cultivation. "Cultivation" or "cultivate" means the planting, propagation growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, trimming or other "cultivation" processing of marijuana for use or sale. "Cultivate" does not include manufacturing, testing or marijuana extraction.

Cultivation Facility. "Cultivation facility" means a facility licensed under this chapter to purchase marijuana plants and seeds from other cultivation facilities; to cultivate, prepare and package adult use marijuana; to sell adult use marijuana to products manufacturing facilities, to marijuana stores and to other cultivation facilities; and to sell marijuana plants and seeds to other cultivation facilities and immature marijuana plants and seedlings to marijuana stores.

Nursery Cultivation. "Nursery Cultivation" means a facility with not more than 1000 square feet of plant canopy occupied by immature plants and seedlings.

Plant canopy. "Plant canopy" means the total surface area within the licensed premises of a cultivation facility that is authorized by the department for use at any time by the cultivation facility licensee to cultivate mature marijuana plants. The surface area of the plant canopy must be calculated in square feet and measured using the outside boundaries of the area and must include all the area within the boundaries. If the surface area of the plant canopy consists of noncontiguous areas, each component area must be separated by identifiable boundaries. If a tiered or shelving system is used by the cultivation facility licensee, the surface area of each tier or shelf must be included in calculating the area of the plant canopy. Calculation of the area of the plant canopy may not include the areas within the licensed premises of a cultivation facility that are used by the licensee to cultivate immature plants and seedlings that are not used by the licensee at any time to cultivate mature marijuana plants.

Article VIII, Permit for Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation:

- 1) A permit is valid for 1 year from date of issuance, a renewal is to be applied for 60 days prior to the expiration of current permit/ license for the purpose of avoiding a possible lapse in permit/ license.
- 2) Cultivation permits are limited to Nursery Cultivation, Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3.
- 3) An individual, partnership, corporation, or LLC may apply for two permits if one permit is for Nursery Cultivation.
- 4) No person may establish, operate or maintain a Marijuana Cultivation Facility without first obtaining a permit from the Select Board of the Town of Sumner. The Select Board may refer an application to the Planning Board if such approval is necessary.
- 5) In the event of the proposed sale of a Marijuana Cultivation Facility the tentative purchaser and/ or occupant shall be given preference to obtain a new permit within 60 days prior to the date of sale.
 - a) The tentative purchaser and/or occupant must fill out an application with fee and provide all information required by the town and comply with all permit requirements. The Select Board shall specify that the permit for sale is contingent on the sale being completed and receipt of permit/fees by the town have been paid.

Article IX, Application Procedure:

An application for permit must be made on a form provided by the town office. All applicants must be qualified according to the provisions of this ordinance.

The completed application for a marijuana cultivation permit shall contain the following documents:

- 1) A conditional license from the State.
- 2) If the applicant is a single individual, this person must sign the application for a permit. If the applicant is more than one individual, each person who has an interest in the business must sign the application for a permit as applicant. Each applicant must be qualified under the following section and each applicant shall be considered a permittee if a permit is granted.

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- 3) The completed application for a Town of Sumner Marijuana Cultivation Business permit shall contain the following information and shall be accompanied by the following documents:
 - a) If the applicant is an individual: The individual shall state their legal name and any aliases and submit proof that they are at least twenty-one (21) of age.
 - b) If the applicant is a partnership: The partnership shall state its complete name, and the names of all partners, whether the partnership is general or limited, submit a copy of the partnership agreement, if any, and submit proof that all partners are at least twenty- one (21) years of age.
 - c) If the applicant is a corporation: The corporation shall state its complete name, and the date of its establishment, evidence that the corporation is in good standing under State law, the names and capacity of all officers, directors, and principal stockholders, the name of the registered corporate agent, the address of the registered office for service or process, and submit proof that all officers, and directors, and principal stockholders are at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
 - d) If the applicant is a limited liability company (LLC): The LLC shall state it complete name, the date of its establishment, evidence that the LLC is in good standing under State law, the names and capacity of all members, a copy of its operating agreement, if any, the address of its registered office for service of process and submit proof that all members are at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- 4) If applicant intends to operate the marijuana business under a name other than that of applicant, they must state the marijuana business name and submit the required registration documents.
- 5) The tier for which the applicant is filing for a permit.
- 6) The location of the proposed marijuana business, including the description of the property, street address and telephone number, including either lease agreement or deed.
- 7) The applicant's mailing address and residential address.
- 8) Recent passport-style photograph(s) of the applicant(s).
- 9) The applicant's driver's license or State Identification number.
- 10) A sketch showing the configuration of the subject premises, including building footprint and open-air cultivation area layout including fenced perimeter. The sketch should be drawn to scale with marked dimensions and setbacks.
- 11) If the applicant is a person, the applicant must be a resident as that term is defined in this ordinance. If the applicant is a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, every officer, director, and managing partner must be a person who is a resident, and a majority of shares, partnership interests and membership interests, or other equity interests, must be held or owned by persons who are residents.

Article X, Fees:

Application must be submitted with a non-refundable \$100.00 fee. If application is approved, the following permit fees must be paid in full before the town will issue a permit.

- 1) Permit Fees
 - a) **Nursery Cultivation:** Cultivation of not more than 1000 square feet of plant canopy
Annual permit fee: \$500.00
 - b) **Marijuana Cultivation:**
 - (i) Tier 1: Up to 500 square feet of mature plant canopy.
 1. Outdoor Cultivation: \$500
 2. Indoor/Outdoor Cultivation: \$750
 - (ii) Tier 2: 501-2000sqft of mature plant canopy.
 1. Outdoor Cultivation: \$750
 2. Indoor/Outdoor Cultivation: \$1125
 - (iii) Tier 3: 2001-7000sqft of mature plant canopy.
 1. Outdoor Cultivation: \$1000
 2. Indoor/Outdoor Cultivation: \$1500

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- 2) Renewal applicants for marijuana cultivation permit may seek increase to a higher tier if they comply with requirements in this section.
- 3) An individual, partnership, corporation, or limited liability corporation may seek a nursery license in addition to a Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 license but must pay a separate application fee and permit for each application.

Article XI, Standards for Permit:

- 1) General
 - a) A permit will only be issued for Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation and Adult Use Nursery Cultivation. The Town of Sumner does not allow Adult Use Retail, Testing or Manufacturing/Extraction.
 - b) The town will finalize approval on a completed application within 30 days.
- 2) Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facilities
 - a) Shall not be operated within 50 feet of the property line of an abutting property or body or water. Shoreline zoning regulations shall apply as identified in Title 38 of Maine Revised Statutes.
 - b) Lights for the Security System outlined below cannot penetrate beyond the property line of the property to which the permit applies.
 - c) Shall not be operated on a property located 500ft from the property line a public school, pre-existing private school (K-12) per 28-A M.R.S. §402.2.A.
 - d) Required setbacks shall be measured as the most direct, level, shortest, straight-line distance between property lines.
- 3) Security
 - a) The premises of a marijuana cultivation establishment must comply with all requirements in the rules the Maine Adult Use Marijuana Program ("the rules), including but not limited to fencing, alarms, video surveillance, doors and windows, lighting and other security measures required by the rules.
 - b) Wherever allowed by the rules, lighting should be a motion detection lighting system.
 - c) The permittee shall direct the lighting on to the area required to be illuminated and shall take precautions to ensure that the light is as contained as possible to that area. Bare bulbs should be shielded from abutter's view.
 - d) All electrical equipment, including but not limited to growing lights, cultivation equipment and packaging equipment, must be agency approved including UL, ETL, and CSA.

Article XII, Rights of Access:

Every Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facility shall allow the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) to enter the premises at reasonable times for the purpose of checking compliance with all applicable State laws and this ordinance. The Code Enforcement Officer shall conduct an inspection annually and at other times upon request of the Select Board. Due to security concerns by the holder(s) of the permit, at the discretion of the CEO, advance notice will be provided if possible.

Article XIII, Indemnification:

By accepting a permit issued pursuant to this ordinance, the permittee waives and releases the Town, its officers, elected officials, employees, attorneys, and agents from any liability for injuries, damages, or liabilities of any kind that result from any arrest or prosecution of any Adult Use Cultivation Facility owners, operators, employees, clients, or customers for a violation of local, State or Federal laws, rules, or regulations.

Article XIV, State Law:

In the event the State of Maine adopts any additional or stricter law or regulation governing the cultivation of Adult Use marijuana, the additional or stricter regulation shall control the establishment of operation of any Adult Use Cultivation Facility.

Compliance with 28-B M.R.S. c. 1 State laws and regulations pertaining to medical marijuana, and any other applicable State laws or regulations shall be deemed an additional requirement for issuance or denial of any permit under this ordinance, and noncompliance with 28-B M.R.S. c. 1 and any other applicable State law or regulation shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of any permit issued hereunder.

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Article XV, Enforcement:

- 1) Violations
 - a) Any violation of this ordinance, including failure to comply with any condition shall be deemed to be a violation of 30-A M.R.S. §4452. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.
 - b) Commencement of any Adult Use Marijuana business without a Town permit for same shall be a violation of this ordinance. Any party committing such a violation shall immediately cease operations, whether of a construction, renovation, or business nature, upon notification by the CEO. Upon such CEO notification, the Town may pursue fines and/or penalties under 30-A M.R.S. §4452.
- 2) Code Enforcement Officer (CEO)
 - a) If the CEO finds that any provision of this ordinance is being violated, they shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violation, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it, including but not limited to, discontinuance of illegal use of land, buildings, or structures, or work being done, removal or illegal buildings or structures, and abatement or mitigation of violations. A copy of such notices shall be submitted to the Select Board and be maintained as a permanent record.
 - b) The CEO Shall keep a complete record of all essential transactions of the CEO, including Adult Use permit applications, permits granted or denied, revocation actions, revocation permits, appeals, court actions, violations investigated, violations found and fees collected. These reports shall be submitted to the Select Board on a quarterly basis.
- 3) Appeals
 - a) Any aggrieved permittee may appeal the decision of the CEO or the Select Board to the Board of Appeals for the Town of Sumner.
 - b) Appeals shall be filed within 45 days after written notice of the Code Enforcement Officer or Select Board's finding. A filing fee shall accompany the appeal, which shall be submitted on forms approved by the Board of Appeals.
- 4) Legal Actions
 - a) When the above notification and/or inspection actions do not result in the voluntary correction or abatement of the violation by the subject Adult Use Marijuana business, the Select Board, upon receiving written notification from the CEO, shall institute any and all actions and proceedings, either legal or equitable, including injunctions of violations and the impositions of penalties and/or fines in order to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.
 - b) The Select Board, or their authorized agent, are hereby authorized to enter into administrative consent agreements for the purpose of eliminating violations of this ordinance and recovering or adjusting fines without court action.
- 5) Penalties/Fines
 - a) Any person including but not limited to, an Adult Use Cultivation Facility owner, a property owner where such business is located, or any agent or contractor for same, who orders or conducts any activity in violation of this ordinance, or fails to comply with any of its requirements, shall be penalized in accordance with 30-A M.R.S. §4452

Article XVI, Amendments:

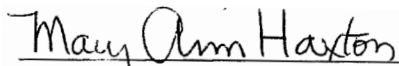
- 1) An amendment to this ordinance may be initiated by the Select Board or by written petition of a number of voters equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the number of votes cast in the municipality at the last gubernatorial election.
- 2) After submission of a draft of the amended ordinance, the Select Board shall hold a Public Hearing on the proposed amended ordinance. Notification of the hearing shall be posted and advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.
- 3) An amended ordinance shall be adopted by a majority vote at a Town Meeting within 30 days, if possible.

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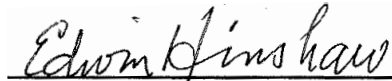
Given Under our hands this 6th day of August, 2021



Kelly L. Stewart



Mary Ann Haxton



Edwin E. Hinshaw

The Registrar of Voters gives notice that she will be in session at the
Sumner Town Office at 9:00 am on the 28th day of August, 2021.

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Return

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the voters of Sumner, Maine, qualified to vote in Town affairs by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at:

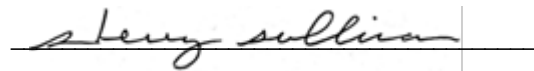
Sumner Town Office August 15, 2021

Sumner Post Office August 15, 2021

www.townofsumner.me August 15, 2021

being conspicuous public places within Sumner and at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Annual Town Meeting.

Dated at Sumner, Maine this 6th day of August, 2021

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "sherry sullivan", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is contained within a rectangular box that has a vertical line on its right side.

Sherry K. Sullivan, Town Clerk of the Town of Sumner

SAMPLE BALLOT

TOWN OF SUMNER COUNTY OF OXFORD STATE OF MAINE	TOWN OF SUMNER COUNTY OF OXFORD STATE OF MAINE	Municipal Election Saturday, August 28, 2021
Municipal Election Saturday, August 28, 2021 Official Ballot	Municipal Election Saturday, August 28, 2021 Instructions for Voters To Vote for any Candidate, make a cross (x) or a check (✓) in the square to the right of the name. Vote for <u>only one</u> candidate in each category.	Candidates Selectperson / Assessor / Overseer of the Poor Three (3) Year Term Stewart, Kelly <input type="checkbox"/> Sumner, ME Sumner, ME <input type="checkbox"/> Road Commissioner Three (3) Year Term Wickson, Andrew <input type="checkbox"/> Sumner, ME Sumner, ME <input type="checkbox"/>

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

General Information

FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (Ambulance, Fire, Sheriff, Police) *911*****

For non-emergency calls

Animal Control Officer, Game Warden,
and/or Oxford County Sheriff's Department (800) 733 – 1421
(ext. #2 for Animal Control)
(207) 743 – 9554
(ext. #2 for Animal Control)

Sumner Fire Station Dispatch (207) 388 – 2301

Sumner Post Office (207) 388 – 2066
643 Main Street
Sumner, ME 04292

Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM & 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM; Lobby opens at 7:00 AM

Animal Shelter

Harvest Hills Animal Shelter (207) 935 – 4358
1389 Bridgton Road
Fryeburg, ME 04037

Burn Permits

Robert Stewart, *Chief* (207) 388 – 2222
Walter Litchfield, Jr., *Warden* (207) 388 – 2402

Burn permits are available online at www.maineburnpermit.com.

Emergency Management Director

Robert Stewart

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Education

RSU 10 Western Foothills

799 Hancock St 1
Rumford, ME 04276

Ph: (207) 369 – 5560
Fx: (207) 562 – 7059

Hartford-Sumner Elementary School

145 Main St
Sumner, ME 04292

Ph: (207) 388 – 2681
Fx: (207) 399 – 2882

Buckfield Junior-Senior High School

160 Morrill St
Buckfield, ME 04220

Ph: (207) 336 – 2151
Fx: (207) 336 – 2460

Libraries

Increase Robinson Library and Neighborhood House

help@IncreaseRobinsonLibrary.org

For those who are new to the area and are not familiar with our library (the red building which sits at the intersection of routes 219 & 140), was left to the ‘citizens’ of Hartford and Sumner by Dr. Lucien Robinson in 1931. Lucien’s ancestor, Increase Robinson, was one of the first settlers in what was known as Butterfield Plantation (Sumner and Hartford area). He established a sawmill in the river across from his original home and built this house with the first lumber from his mill. A group of 5 Trustees oversee the care and use of the building at 15 Main St., Sumner. Both towns have equal interest and representation on the board.

Dr. Robinson traveled the world and purchased books his entire life. He built a library across from his home on Town Farm Rd. Hartford. Then in 1931, he transferred his collection to the Robinson ancestral home with the intention of providing a complete college education for residents who were unable to attend college. He established a board of 5 Trustees to administer a grant and to care for the library and house.

The Trustees met on May 4 to consider the current year’s operation. The decision has been made to remain closed to the public this year but will accept appointments for visits or for research. A list of improvements was adopted to include information on a water source, organization of the front rooms of the house to offer a museum containing donations and artifacts left by Lucien.

A group of volunteers will meet in May and be familiarized with this jewel of our community, and it is our hope to continue the work of use and care of this property. If there are cars parked out front, a knock on the door may be an opportunity for more information, schedule an appointment or answer a question.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Zadoc Long Free Library

(207) 336 – 2171

5 Turner St
Buckfield, ME 04220

The Zadoc Long Free Library (ZLFL) serves the towns of Buckfield, Sumner and Hartford. All residents of these three Towns are eligible for a free ZLFL card, which not only gives you access to the ZLFL collection, it also allows you complete access to the Maine State Library (MSL) collection and a statewide interlibrary loan system, including public and university Libraries.

The ZLFL facility currently hosts a collection of approx. 10,299 books/audio books/DVDs/periodicals. This number represents additions and culling to reflect patron preferences, book condition and space available. During 2019 approximately 424 volumes were added or replaced.

The ZLFL strives to serve all of the Buckfield, Sumner and Hartford communities; children, teens, adults and senior citizens, offering a wide array of fiction and non-fiction titles to choose from. The ZLFL holdings are diverse, but if the title you want to read is not in the collection, the Librarians can help you get it. There is no charge for this service. Be sure to check with the Library to see if your Library Card is up-to-date.

While ZLFL is a department of the Buckfield municipal government, it is free to use for residents of all three towns. During 2019 a total of 884 residents actively belonged to the ZLFL, a growth of about 8% beyond 2018. There were 6096 patron visits to the library, nearly double the visits in 2018. These included 882 for use of the public access computers. 438 people attended one of the 54 programs conducted during the year. Patron residence is as follows:

- 61.1% are residents of the Town of Buckfield
- 19.6% are residents of the Town of Sumner
- 15.9% are residents of the Town of Hartford
- 3.4% are from other towns (these patrons pay an annual fee for use)

Study is ongoing of how the basement could be used to expand the library's usable space. A project is underway to move non-fiction and local history holdings to the basement as a closed stack (customers will request these books from librarian) in order to allow more fiction and youth holdings, as well as expanding non-fiction.

In addition to all of the above, ZLFL offers the following on site:

- Public Access Computers (PAC) for your research, business, and personal use. The Library received a grant that allowed it to replace all of these computers and upgrade software and printers. Free Wi-Fi is available on site.
- Programs and groups for adults, including a book club, fiber arts group, and special events. Public events are scheduled at least once per quarter. During the past year the events have included a presentation from Maine author Roger Guay, with more such events are planned for the coming year. For the 2nd year the Library hosted a 5-month adult reading group with leadership from UMaine Farmington staff.
- For the 5th year, ZLFL sponsored a dress rehearsal for the BJSBS students participating in National History Day. This provided the students an opportunity to practice their presentations and refine them for the competition at Orono. This rehearsal has been successful and is considered to be an important feature in how well the students have performed in state competition.
- A Children's Story time is offered year round
- An annual, active, and vibrant children's Summer Reading Program (continued)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

(concluded) A collaborative relationship with other local libraries. The interlibrary loan program is significant and allows our patrons to access library holdings throughout the state. Patrons used 821 ILL items in 2019, more than double that of 2018. *Remember: You can access any book, audio book, e-book, or video you want through interlibrary loan. If it is in the State of Maine, you can get it using your ZLFL card.*

The ZLFL is always exploring new opportunities to serve the community through programs and traditional library resources (books/audios/videos).

Support in the amount of \$1,000 is respectfully requested from each Town Meeting to allow the ZLFL to continue its services to the community. The total budget for 2019 was \$42,465. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Buckfield Town Office at 336- 2521 or bucktm@megalink.net or the ZLFL at 336-2171/zadoc.zadoc.lib.me.us.

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to reflect on 2020, an incredibly challenging year for Maine families, small businesses, and communities.

When the pandemic struck, our country faced the specter of an overwhelmed health care system and devastation to our small businesses and the millions of people they employ. I immediately worked with Republicans and Democrats to pass multiple laws allocating approximately \$3 trillion to respond to this public health and economic crisis, including more than \$8 billion directed to Maine to support testing, schools, the economy, and other purposes — that is nearly double Maine’s annual state budget.

I am especially proud of the bipartisan Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) I co-authored. This program has provided three out of four Maine small businesses with nearly \$2.3 billion in forgivable loans, which has helped sustain more than 250,000 Maine jobs. I have met thousands of Maine small employers and employees in all 16 counties who are surviving because of the PPP. As one small business owner told me, the PPP provided “exactly what we needed at exactly the right time.” The PPP also allowed employers to maintain benefits, such as health care, during this challenging time. Another round of PPP is needed to sustain small businesses and their employees.

While the pandemic continues across Maine, our nation, and the world, I thank the first responders, health care professionals, teachers, grocery store employees, factory workers, farmers, truck drivers, postal employees, and so many others who continue to stay on the job during this difficult time. With the deployment of the first vaccines, better tests, and the incredible speed with which these life-saving responses were developed, I am hopeful we can emerge from this crisis in the next few months.

While providing relief to American families was my focus throughout 2020, other accomplishments include the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provides full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and addresses the maintenance backlog at our national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. As Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, in 2020 alone, I secured \$132 million to improve Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, buses, rail, ferries, and seaports. Finally, as Chairman of the Aging Committee, I led the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which funds programs that improve the well-being, independence, and health of our nation’s seniors and their caregivers, and I authored laws to reduce the cost of prescription drugs and protect individuals with Alzheimer’s disease.

As the end of 2020 is approaching, I have cast more than 7,535 votes, never having missed one. In the New Year, my focus remains to work with colleagues to find common ground on policies to help support the health and safety of Mainers and the safe, responsible opening of our communities. If ever I or my staff can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact one of my state offices. May the coming year be a successful one for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
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January 1, 2021

Dear Friends,

2020 was a year unlike any in our lifetimes. Our state and nation dealt with unprecedented challenges--the coronavirus pandemic, ensuing economic fallout, and a prolonged, heavily divisive campaign season each took a significant toll on all of us. The worst part? In order to protect each other, we had to face these challenges in isolation. But a new year represents new possibilities; a chance to take stock of what we're grateful for and focus on the opportunities in front of us. As we reflect back on 2020, we will remember heartbreak and loss -- but we cannot forget the shining rays of hope that broke through the darkness, reminding us all that better days are ahead.

Throughout the pandemic, my top focus has been on bridging the partisan divide in Washington in order to deliver desperately-needed relief for Maine people. Joined by colleagues last March, we pushed for bipartisan negotiations to produce a strong bill that helped fellow Mainers, businesses, and institutions weather this storm. In the weeks and months after the *CARES Act* passed, our team stayed in close contact with people throughout the state to determine how we should adjust our response to best support our citizens. Unfortunately, the aid provided by the *CARES Act* lapsed without Congressional action, leaving too many families and businesses in limbo. I never stopped pushing for a bipartisan relief bill and, after extensive negotiations, we ended the year on a good note by breaking the gridlock and passing new relief legislation. This new bill isn't perfect; in fact, it should just be the start our renewed response. As we enter 2021 with a new administration and new Congress, we must fight for additional legislation to help restore stability to our working families and rebuild our economy and public health infrastructure.

In the midst of this crisis, Congress did manage to accomplish a few successes that will outlast this awful pandemic. Among these was the *Great American Outdoors Act*, a bipartisan bill which was enacted into law in August 2020 and will help address a \$12 billion backlog at our national parks so future generations of Americans can enjoy these beautiful lands and create lifelong memories. Also, as we learn more about the recent hacks of our nation's networks, there is help on the way: 27 of the cybersecurity recommendations made by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission -- which I co-chair with Republican Congressman Mike Gallagher-- made it into this year's defense bill. While there is no guarantee that these provisions would have prevented the massive hack, they will certainly improve our cyber defenses.

Despite the challenges, I'm hopeful for the future. Vaccines are being distributed across our state -- starting with our healthcare heroes, who have sacrificed so much throughout this unprecedented catastrophe and deserve our eternal gratitude. If there can be a silver lining from these challenges of 2020, maybe it will be this: I hope that, in the not-so distant future, we will be able to come together physically and we will be reminded of our love for each other. We have differences, without a doubt. But as Maine people stepped up to support each other, we saw again and again that our differences pale in comparison to the values we share. We are one state, and one community -- and there is nothing we cannot or will not do for each other. Mary and I wish you a happy and healthy 2021. We can't wait to see you soon.

Best Regards,


Angus S. King, Jr.
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Jared Golden
Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. I know that this year has been challenging for many of our communities. In the midst of these challenges, it remains a privilege to represent you, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on in Congress for the people of the Second Congressional District.

The coronavirus pandemic has continued to make this year an especially difficult one. We've seen the struggles of small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, and states and towns. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. While we are not yet out of the woods, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We have several effective vaccines in circulation, and we are vaccinating more Americans each day. Many state budgets, like ours in Maine, are beginning to show signs of resilience and recovery. I know there are many Mainers who will continue to need assistance getting through the final stages of this pandemic. I am committed to making sure our communities' most urgent needs are met to get our economy back on track. I am looking forward to working with my colleagues in Congress and the Biden Administration to achieve important priorities, like rebuilding our nation's infrastructure and fixing our broken and unaffordable healthcare system.

One of my priorities in Congress is protecting Maine jobs. For one, shipbuilders at Bath Iron Works are a vital part of our economy, and the ships they build are critical to our national security. I and the rest of the Maine delegation pushed back against the administration's proposed budget request, which recommends decreasing DDG-51 shipbuilding. This proposal could have serious consequences for the shipbuilding workforce at BIW, one of the two shipyards that produces these destroyers, and American naval capabilities around the world. We fought successfully to reinstate an additional DDG-51 into the House appropriations bills and the National Defense Authorization Act. I will continue to work hard with my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee to ensure that we protect our national security and shipbuilding jobs in Maine.

I've also been working to improve mental health services for veterans for years, and I led the Maine delegation's effort to address the need for long-term mental health substance abuse treatment for veterans in our state. This past fall the Veterans Administration announced we were successful: a new, 24-bed facility will be built at Togus to ensure Maine veterans won't be sent out of state to receive residential care for substance use disorder and associated mental health issues. This is one result that I am especially proud to deliver for my fellow Maine veterans.

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

It is an honor to be your representative in Congress. Please reach out to me for assistance with federal agencies, help for your small business, or to share your thoughts about the issues that matter to you.

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden Member of Congress



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am grateful that you have put your trust in me and I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

The 1st session of the 130th Legislature has been different than any previous session of the Maine Legislature. Zoom meetings replaced in person committee hearings and work sessions and it was certainly a learning process for everyone. As COVID-10 restrictions lifted, the Legislature met in person starting in June. It was high time we returned to the State House so that Legislators could speak in person to one another. The lack of human connection, so essential to accomplishing meaningful work for our constituents, made itself felt in the partisan nature of this session. The 130th Legislature has a great deal of work still to do in the 2nd Regular session; I believe that working together, we can affect positive change.

Before our adjournment on July 19th, the Legislature passed a supplemental budget as well as legislation directing how the American Rescue Plan funds will be spent. I strongly opposed increasing taxes and was pleased no new taxes will be placed on the Maine people as a result of those two initiatives. Barring another any special session, the Legislature will not meet again until January.

Now that summer is in full swing, it is apparent that vacationers have once again flocked to Maine! Some sectors of our economy is still struggling, more so now from lack of employees and supply chain issues, and many small businesses are working to regain lost ground. The influx of business will be a boon to many.

Here in western Maine, we are blessed to have an outdoor playground that provides ample opportunity to escape and refresh. As we return to normalcy, I hope you continue to enjoy the natural resources so readily available.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please contact me if you have comments, questions or would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Social Service Agencies

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross responds to more than 62,000 disasters each year, and the clear majority of those are home fires. We work in communities across Maine to prepare for, prevent, and respond to natural and man-made disasters and help families to recover. The Red Cross is committed to meet the emergency needs of each and every family in Sumner. For more information or assistance, please contact the American Red Cross.

*475 Pleasant Street
Lewiston, ME 04240
(207) 795 – 4004*

Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice

Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice provides residents of Maine with high-quality home health, hospice, and supportive care.

*15 Strawberry Avenue
Lewiston, ME 04240
(207) 777 - 7740*

Community Concepts

Community Concepts provides Sumner Residents with services to meet some of their immediate basic needs, as well as assist many toward becoming independent members of the community.

*17 Market Square
South Paris, ME 04281
(207) 743 - 7716*

LifeFlight Foundation

LifeFlight is an important piece of the emergency medical services network in every town in the state. Our teams of nurses and paramedics bring the skills, technology, and the equipment found in major trauma centers directly to the patient, no matter where they are. More than just a fast ambulance, LifeFlight is a flying hospital that plays an essential role in caring for the critically ill and injured patients all over Maine.

*13 Main Street
Camden, ME 04843
(207) 230 - 7092*

Rural Community Action Ministry (RCAM)

Rural Community Action Ministry is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to eradicating rural homelessness and hunger. We have worked to provide services to vulnerable rural families since 1970. Our purpose is to work with people to meet their needs for safe, adequate shelter, clothing, food and basic well-being in a manner that maintains or improves their self-worth and dignity.

*81 Church Hill Road
Leeds, ME 04263
(207) 524 - 5095*

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Social Service Agencies

Safe Voices

The Mission of Safe Voices is to support and empower those affected by Domestic Violence and engage the community in creating social change in Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin counties.

Helpline 1-800-559-2927

*160 Main Street
South Paris, ME 04281
(207) 743 - 5806*

Seniors Plus

SeniorsPlus is here to help adults make informed choices about aging well and living independently and safely at home. Our services include nutrition, education, counseling, and homecare coordination. The mission of SeniorsPlus is to enrich the lives of older people and adults with disabilities, their families, and communities, and to support them to make informed choices. SeniorsPlus envisions a future where all older adults and individuals with disabilities are engaged and respected while living quality, independent lives in the communities of their choice.

*8 Falcon Road
Lewiston, ME 04240
(800) 427 - 1241*

Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services works to prevent and eliminate sexual violence and promote healing and empowerment for people of all genders and ages who are affected by rape, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, stalking and sexual harassment.

Helpline 1-800-871-7741

*1 E Main Street
South Paris, ME 04281
(207) 743 - 9777*

Tri-County Mental Health Services

Tri-County Mental Health Services offers hope to the people of Maine by providing trauma-informed, integrated services that promote whole health and wellness. TCMHS provides significant benefits to the health, well-being, and economic strength of an entire community, often making it possible for people to maintain employment and independence and helping to keep families together and strong.

Helpline 1-888-568-1112

*143 Pottle Road
Oxford, ME 04270
(207) 743 - 7911*

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Social Service Agencies

Sumner Food Bank

(207) 388 – 2610 ; 50 Main Street, Sumner, ME 04292

The Sumner Food Bank continues to be hosted at the Congregational Church of East Sumner. The pandemic changed how the food bank operates and significantly increased the number of families using the service. During the April 2020 through April 2021 period 120 separate families used the food bank for a total of 845 visits. These 120 families represented 275 individuals.

Monthly averages of households have held steady after the initial jump in April 2020, but the specific households have varied. Some households are constant, some have used the food bank for a period and then stopped. For each household that has stopped another tends to sign up or return for service. The peak number of households helped on a distribution day was 43 on February 15, 2021.

Since the pandemic began there has been an outpouring of financial support from the public. The Food Bank has also submitted and received grants from various sources, including the Federal Government (via the Emergency Food and Shelter Program administered by the United Way and CARES funds administered by Catholic Charities as the agent for the State of Maine) and Good Shepherd Food Bank (GSFB). During the period April 2020 through April 2021 \$9,048 was spent for food. Of this, \$100 from the Town of Sumner, with the balance divided evenly between grants and private donations. In addition, for approx. 4 months provided food free of charge.

During the first year of the pandemic the Food Bank used most of the ground floor of the Congregational Church. To allow for the return of the church to these areas the Food Bank applied for and received grants from Good Shepherd Food Bank and Hannaford in order to expand the food bank capacity. This addition is expected to commence in late May 2021. Other CARES grants funded new shelving for the addition, two new refrigerators and two portable emergency generators.

Prior to COVID19 almost all food was obtained through Good Shepherd Food Bank (GSFB), as USDA provided food) *The Emergency Food Assistance Program* (TEFAP), supermarket chain donated food or GSFB procured food. TEFAP food is free, supermarket donated food is low cost and GSFB procured food tends to be 10-20% less expensive than retail. After a period of relying primarily on retail stores for food, the Food Bank is again sourcing most of its needs through GSFB, with food not available there being purchased at retail stores.

The Sumner Food Bank has sustained operations during COVID19 because of the dedication of a core of volunteers and a change in distribution protocols that, while maintaining an individual food basket approach, has made the Food Bank porch the distribution venue and required customer submission of orders in advance to allow tailored boxes to be prepared in advance and supplemented with produce and frozen items.

The Food Bank continues to be the area distribution point for the free USDA Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)(aka senior citizen box), with 34 local residents enrolled in this program. 14 other residents are enrolled but have stopped coming to the Food Bank and have been moved to inactive. TEFAP eligibility guidelines range from \$23,107 for a single person to \$47,638 for a family of four. Waivers are also available for households above the TEFAP guidelines when household circumstances have extraordinary expenses, such as high heating, relocation, medical and transportation costs.

Due to the robust funding received from grants and the private citizens, ***the Food Bank requests that the Town constrain its support to only \$100 for this year. Outyear requests may return to the more historic \$1,000 level, depending on whether grants continue to be available, as well as donations from the general public.***

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Buckfield-Sumner Solid Waste Transfer Station

The Buckfield-Sumner Solid Waste Transfer Station is available for use by Sumner Residents. A valid Transfer Station Permit Sticker is required for use of the facility.

Household trash (solid waste), recyclable materials, and bulky waste items may all be brought to the Solid Waste Transfer Station.

Recyclables the Transfer Station accepts: (disposal areas for these items are identified by signage)

Aluminum	Cans should be clean with no labels; foil.
Antifreeze	Cannot be mixed with oil.
Brush	Clean; must be 2" or less in diameter; cannot contain wire, nails, etc. limit of 1 pickup or small utility trailer per day.
Cardboard	Corrugated only; clean & dry; broken down & flattened.
Glass	Clean without labels; clear, green, or brown in color; no porcelain.
Iron/Metal	All types of iron or metal; must be a size that can easily be disposed into the bin.
Magazines	Any bound document (stapled or glued) excluding hardcover books.
Newspaper	Clean & dry; may include newspaper inserts (glossy & colored flyers)
O.B.W	Oversized bulky waste such as furniture, mattresses, carpet, etc.
Office Paper	Envelopes, computer/laser paper, photocopy paper, etc.
Plastics	Containers should be clean. Types are milk, laundry/dish soap, etc.
Sheetrock	Accepted with paint, wallpaper, nails, screws.
Shingles	Roofing shingles. Accepted with tar, backing, nails. Not accepted with wood or metal flashing.
Tin	Can should be clean without labels.
Tires	Rims must be removed. Limit of 6 tires per year, per household.
Universal Waste	Fluorescent lights, mercury switches, rechargeable batteries, computers, monitors, printers, televisions, stereos.
Waste Oil	Motor Oil, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, peanut oil.
White Goods	Stoves, refrigerators, dish washers, trash compactors, washers/dryers, air conditioners, microwave ovens. If you suspect an item to contain freon, please tell one of the attendants so they may instruct you for proper placement on the site.
Wood	Accepted with paint, stain, varnish, lacquer, nails, screws. May be pressure treated.

Transfer Station Permit Stickers

Transfer Station Permit Stickers may be obtained at the Sumner Town Office during normal business hours. You must have a permit to dispose waste.

Swap Shop

The goal of the Buckfield-Sumner Swap Shop is to (a) reduce the amount of material being sent for disposal at the regional station and to (b) offer residents a place to recycle through reuse items which still have utility. The shop is operated entirely by volunteers and its expenses defrayed by cash donations, ranging from pennies to a few dollars, from users. Items accepted are Clothing, Books, DVDs, Dishes, Glassware, Toys, Appliances, Tools, Pictures, Small Furniture, Electronics.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

How Do I...

Register to Vote?

The State of Maine allows residents to register to vote anytime, including the day of the election. Sumner residents may register to vote in person at the Sumner Town Office anytime.

Eligibility to Register and Vote in Maine

To be eligible to register to vote in Maine, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be at least 17 years of age (you must be at least 18 years of age to vote, except that in primary elections you may vote if you are 17 but will be 18 by the general election);
- Have established and maintain a voting residence in the municipality (i.e. city, town, plantation or unorganized township) where you seek to register.

Registering to Vote

Residents can visit the Sumner Town Office during business hours to register. You must provide:

- Proof of Identity (Included, but not limited to, a driver's license, state ID, passport, social security number, or any other government issued identification.
- Proof of Residency if your Sumner address is not listed on your form of ID. (Included, but not limited to, a vehicle registration, hunting/fishing license, utility bill, etc.)

License a Dog(s)...?

All dog licenses expire December 31st. All dogs at the age of 6 months or more, by law need to be licensed, on or before January 1st of each year. Dogs can be licensed in person at the Sumner Town Office or online. *Please note: If you have received a court summons regarding an unlicensed dog(s), you may not license online at this time.*

Annual Fees (as of 7/1/2021):

The fee for a male or female dog is \$11

The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$6

****a \$25.00 per dog late fee will be charged beginning February 1st**

License Requirements

To license a dog, the owner must provide:

- A current rabies certificate
- Proof and/or a certificate if spayed or neutered
- If moving from another town/city in Maine, bring in current license and a new license will be issued.
- Licenses are available for renewals and new for the next year on or around October 15th. All dogs must be registered by January 31st of each year.

1st Time Licensing

If you are licensing your dog for the 1st time in Maine:

- You must have a current rabies vaccination certification issued by a Maine licensed veterinarian.
- You must have an accurate description of your dog, including your dog's name, breed, sex, and color
- You must have a written statement from your veterinarian that clearly states your dog is altered and or / sterile to qualify for the low cost altered license fee.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Purchase a Hunting/Fishing License(s)?

Any Resident, Non-Resident or “Alien” Sports person looking to hunt or fish in the State of Maine needs to have a hunting or fishing license and may purchase one online or by visiting the Sumner Town Office. You will need to provide your name, date of birth, and contact information. Also, proof of Hunter Safety or Previous Hunting license number for those purchasing a hunting license.

Fishing Licenses

A valid Maine fishing license is required for anyone 16 years of age or older, to fish in inland waters or transport fish taken from inland waters.

A person is required to keep their fishing license with them at all times while fishing or transporting fish and must exhibit their license for inspection by any warden, department employee, guide, or landowner upon request. An electronic license or permit can now be displayed in lieu of a physical paper license or permit.

Hunting Licenses

Anyone who hunts wild birds or animals in Maine needs a hunting license. The type of license you need depends upon your age, resident status, and other factors, and there are some exceptions.

Register a Recreational Vehicle(s)?

Any Resident, Non-Resident or “Alien” Sports person looking to operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), snowmobile, or boat may renew the registration online. **Any new registration must be completed at the Sumner Town Office.**

ATV and snowmobile registrations are valid from July 1st through June 30th. ATV registrations submitted on or before April 30th will expire on June 30th of the current year. ATV registrations submitted on or after May 1st will expire on June 30th of the following year. Snowmobile registrations submitted on or before May 31st will expire on June 30th of the current year. Snowmobile registrations submitted on or after June 1st will expire on June 30th of the following year.

ATV Registration Fees (as of 7/1/2021)

*Plus agent fee.

- Resident season registration: \$45.00*
- Nonresident 7-day registration: \$75.00*
- Nonresident season registration: \$90.00*

Snowmobile Registrations Fees (as of 7/1/2021)

*Plus agent fee.

- Resident season registration: \$46.00*
- Nonresident 3-day registration: \$50.00*
- Nonresident 10-day registration: \$76.00*
- Nonresident season registration: \$100.00*

Boat Registration Fees

Boat registration fees vary and are calculated upon the length, motor size, and year of the watercraft. Watercraft registrations are issued for a specific calendar year and are valid through December 31st of the year issued.

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Register a Vehicle(s)?

Passenger vehicles are registered annually on a staggered basis. Generally, registrations expire one year from the month issued. The registrant must be a resident in the Town of Sumner to complete a motor vehicle registration at the Sumner Town Office. Registrations can be completed online or in person at the Sumner Town Office.

Please note online registration is not available for new registrations.

Registration Renewals:

The following information is needed at the time of your registration renewal:

- Proof of insurance
- Previous registration
- Vehicle's current mileage

New Registrations

The Town of Sumner is authorized to issue new registrations for passenger & combination vehicles, motorcycles, trailers, mopeds, motor homes, antique autos, farm vehicles, special equipment, and commercial trucks to be registered for no more than 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight. As of January 1, 2010, 1995 and newer vehicles need a Maine title. A vehicle 1994 and older does not need a Maine title.

Private Sale

To register a vehicle purchased through a private sale, the new owner must provide the following items at the time of registration:

- A bill of sale that includes the make, serial (VIN) number, the date of the sale, and amount paid. This must be signed by the seller & the new owner(s).
- If the vehicle is 1995 or newer, the title from the previous owner is required. The back of the title must be filled out to the new owner(s) and signed by the previous owner(s).
- Proof of Insurance Coverage for the vehicle, as required by the State of Maine.
- Current Mileage

Dealer Sale

To register a vehicle purchased through a Maine dealer, the new owner must provide the following items at the time of registration:

- Application for Maine Title from the dealer.
- A receipt or bill of sale from the dealer, indicating sales tax was paid.
- Proof of Insurance Coverage for the vehicle, as required by the State of Maine.
- Current Mileage
- If the vehicle is brand new, you must also provide the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price window sticker or a copy of the sticker

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Obtain a Vital Record(s)?

The cost for a certified copy of a vital record is \$15.00 and \$6.00 for each additional copy of the same record. To obtain a copy of vital records, please contact the Sumner Town Office.

Birth Certificates:

Birth certificates may be obtained from the Sumner Town Office if the birth parents resided in the Town of Sumner at the time of the birth. A vital records request form does need to be completed to obtain a birth certificate.

Marriage Certificates:

Marriage certificates may be obtained from the Sumner Town Office if the individuals either applied for their license in Sumner and/or were married in Sumner. (If you are not certain of the Place of Marriage, you may call the Office of Vital Statistics for the State of Maine in Augusta at (207) 287-3184). A vital records request form does need to be completed to obtain a marriage certificate.

Marriage Licenses:

Persons wishing to be married in the State of Maine must apply for a marriage license. Maine residents may apply for a marriage license in the town in which one of them resides. Non-residents may file in any town/city in the State of Maine.

Death Certificates:

Death Certificates can be obtained from the Sumner Town Office if the person resided in Sumner at the time of death or passed away in Sumner. Confidential information on the death certificate, including the cause of death, is available only to persons who have a direct legitimate interest in the matter recorded. A vital record request form does need to be completed to obtain a death certificate.

Request Assistance?

The General Assistance Program provides Sumner residents with assistance for basic needs such as rent, food, non-food, medication, fuel, utilities, and other essential services. The program is funded by local property taxes with a fifty percent reimbursement from the state.

Persons who wish to apply for General Assistance may do so at the Sumner Town Office. In an emergency, applicants may contact the General Assistance Administrator directly. *All consultations and applications are confidential.*

Ed Hinshaw

General Assistance Administrator

(207) 388 – 2820

The municipality's General Assistance administrator must issue a written decision regarding eligibility to all applicants within 24 hours of receiving an application. The Department of Health & Human Services toll-free telephone number, to call with a question regarding the General Assistance Program, is 1-800-442-6003.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Pay my Real Estate Property Tax?

The tax year for the Town of Sumner is July 1 through June 30 (fiscal year.) Tax bills are typically mailed out in September and are to be paid the first Saturday **after** Thanksgiving in November. Bills are due to be paid before January 31 to avoid interest. We do encourage property owners to pay on their bills throughout the year at any amount that is convenient to them. For inquiries regarding current tax amount due please contact the Sumner Town Office.

Apply for a Real Estate Property Tax Exemption?

All exemptions require completion of an application to the Sumner Town Office. Exemption claims may require additional information to support the claim for exemption and must be delivered to the office no later than April

If you are not sure if you qualify or if you are not sure if you are already receiving an exemption, please contact the Sumner Town Office for further information.

Apply for a Real Estate Property Tax Abatement?

Property owners may file for a property tax abatement if they can prove any illegality, error, or irregularity in their assessment. A person seeking an abatement based on an error in valuation has the burden of proving the assessed value is manifestly wrong. The taxpayer must be able to prove one of three things:

1. The judgment of the Assessor was irrational or unreasonable in light of the circumstances that the property is substantially overvalued and an injustice results;
2. There was unjust discrimination; or
3. The assessment was fraudulent, dishonest, or illegal.

If you have questions regarding how your assessment was determined, we recommend that you contact the assessing office. The Assessor's Agent should be prepared to demonstrate that the property is assessed similarly to comparable properties and that the assessment is appropriate in relation to the market value established by similar qualified arm's length sale transactions. If, after reviewing your valuation in this light, you feel you are entitled to relief, then you should follow the procedure in seeking an abatement. Abatement applications are provided at the Sumner Town Office.

Maine State Statutes provide that a property owner who believes his local property valuation is excessive must seek relief through a written request to the Assessor within 185 days of the date the value was committed to the Tax Collector. (Commitment date is just prior to the mailing of the tax bills.) This written request simply states that you are requesting an abatement and lists your reasons why you feel you are entitled to one. If you are dissatisfied with the decision of the Assessor, you may appeal to the Board of Assessment Review within sixty (60) days after receiving notice of the Assessor's decision. If the Assessor fails to give written notice of the decision within sixty (60) days, your abatement request is deemed denied. Either party may appeal the decision of the Board of Assessment Review directly to the Superior Court. With regard to non-residential property with a valuation of \$1,000,000 or greater appeals are made to the State Board of Property Tax Review.

Paul Binette
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New Gloucester, ME 04260
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PLEASE KEEP THIS REPORT

We have printed enough copies of this Town Report
to mail one out to each household for which we
have an address and to those who have an
interest in Sumner's affairs.

We also keep a supply in the Town Office
for those we somehow missed,
and for visitors and newcomers.

Please help us keep costs down by
bringing this report to the Annual Town Meeting
on Saturday, August 28th at 9 AM
at the Sumner Town Office.

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