

TOWN OF SUMNER

Maine, Established 1798

Annual Report

Year Ending June 30, 2023

Annual Town Meeting: Part II

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 6:00 pm

Hartford-Sumner Elementary School

Annual Report of the Municipal Officers of the
Town of Sumner, Maine for the fiscal year
beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Annual Town Meeting Moderator:

Terry Hayes

GENERAL INFORMATION

Town of Sumner, Bisbee-Dyer Municipal Center

633 Main Street, Sumner, Maine 04292

Phone:	(207) 388 – 2866	Tuesday	8:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Fax:	(207) 388 – 2862	Wednesday	8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Email:	info@sumnerme.com	Thursday	8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Web:	www.townofsumner.me	Friday	8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

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

Municipal Officials

Board of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor

Bill Savage, *September 2026*
Jesse Wallingford, *September 2025*
Joel Chapman, *September 2024*

Animal Control Officer

Shawn Corson (207) 890-7394

Board of Appeals

Steven McGinty
Vacant
Vacant

Code Enforcement Officer / Plumbing Inspector

Fred Collins (207) 890 – 6256

Health Officer

D. Lee Berry

Planning Board

Eric Austin
Don Berry
Marcia Turcotte
Jeff Coombe
Vacant

Road Commissioner

Shawn Corson (207) 890 – 7394

RSU #10 School Board Representative

Vacant

Volunteer Fire Department – FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: DIAL 911

Doug Fournier

GENERAL INFORMATION

Municipal Committees & Clubs

Recreation Committee

Arlene Bedard
Michele Lowell
Erica Stevens
Sarah Herrick Richardson
Leigh Ridlon

Scholarship Committee

D. Lee Berry
Deb Litchfield
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
Susan Runes
Mark Silber
Mark Giannelli

GENERAL INFORMATION

Public Meetings

The Select Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, beginning at 6:00 PM.

The Planning Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, beginning at 6:00 PM.

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

Annual Events

- Tuesday, September 26th – PART II: Annual Town Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Hartford-Summer Elementary School
- TBD - Annual Summer Scholarship Bottle Drive
- Friday, December 1st – Annual Taxes Due
- Thursday, November 23rd – Town Office CLOSED, Thanksgiving Observed
- Friday, November 24th – Town Office CLOSED, Day after Thanksgiving Observed
- Tuesday, December 26th – Town Office CLOSED
- Friday, December 29th – Dog Licenses Expire
- Wednesday, January 31st – Interest begins accruing on unpaid taxes
- Friday, March 29th – Exemption Application Submission Deadline
- Tuesday, April 30th – Summer Scholarship Application Submission Deadline
- Friday, June 28th – Town Office CLOSED – Year End

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

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

General Information

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

For non-emergency calls

Game Warden, and/or
Oxford County Sheriff's Department (800) 733 – 1421

(207) 743 – 9554

Sumner Fire Station Dispatch (207) 388 – 2301

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

Animal Shelter

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

Burn Permits

Walter Litchfield, Jr., *Warden* (207) 388 – 2402

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

Emergency Management Director

Vacant

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Education

RSU 10 Western Foothills

799 Hancock St 1
Rumford, ME 04276

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

Hartford-Summer Elementary School

145 Main St
Summer, 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

Zadoc Long Free Library

(207) 336 – 2171

5 Turner St
Buckfield, ME 04220

2022 has been a time of change for our library. Kathy Hladik became Director in June, after being Deputy Director for 5 years. Hannah Abbott, of Summer, was hired as the new Deputy Director. On call substitutes were hired to help cover hours, as needed. They are Everett Tilton and Donna Sieron, from Buckfield, Larry Jordan and Colleen Fournier from Hartford.

These changes were made within the current budget. The Library continues to implement efficiencies to best utilize resources. With the Library Committee, the Staff is presently improving the schedule and services, including opening the library for one additional day each week effective February 6, 2022. Changes have been made to some other policies, such as making it less costly to make copies, eliminating overdue fines, and extending the checkout time for borrowed materials to three weeks.

At the library, regular programs have been resumed and the Staff is seeking new ways to reach out to the members of our communities. The goal is to increase each family's awareness of the many advantages and opportunities the library presents, as well as to meet needs and provide enjoyment for patrons of all ages.

FY22 Services and Programming

Number of Patrons- – Hartford – 157 (16%) ; Summer -190 (20%) ; Buckfield – 625 (64%) .
About 1% of patrons are from other towns.

Patron Library Visits – 3,586

Hours open – 1,456 (28 hours/week) – Library will now be open 30 hours per week,
on Monday/ Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Saturday.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Size of books and other media in the ZLFL collection – 10,147 (Note that the Library is space limited for the Collection and has an ongoing process of determining which items should be retained on the shelves and which should be removed and replaced with new items. In general, patronage use of an item is a major determinant of what is retained. If books have not been checked out over a long period of time they are considered for removal. Recently the Library has been adding both new releases and several new-to-the-library series that have proven popular).

Circulation of Materials

- Total Circulation of Physical materials- 4,024 (388 new books added)
- Total Circulation of Electronic materials - 615
- Park Passes (Maine State Parks, and Maine Wildlife Park) Total uses – 61
- Children and Youth Take and Make Kits – 52
- Children’s Reading contest – 54 entries

Programs

- In-Person Programs- 10 - Includes Maine Humanities, Storytime, 2 Author visits, Kids Read for Prizes, and Christmas Program
- Total In-Person Program Attendance – 154 Services
- Reference/ Technology Assistance – 1602
- Interlibrary Loans – 503
- Use of Electronic Material (e-books..) – 615
- Public Computers and Printing and copying

Our Library also has access to over 26,000 items through the Digital Maine Library. In particular, the Digital Maine Library provides access to 82 online resources that include a collection of full text articles and abstracts from magazines, newspapers, journals, and reference. It also provides students, business people, public library patrons, and higher education students and educators the ability to use online resources and learning tools on topics such as: Ancestry, Gardening, Learning Express, Maine News, National Geographic Kids, Hobbies & Crafts, Gale LegalForms, Peterson’s Career Prep, Chilton’s Automotive, Religion & Philosophy, and more! The Interlibrary Loan program offers access to a nearly infinite collection of materials from throughout the state’s libraries.

The 2022-2023 fiscal year budget was funded 84+% by Buckfield, 1.9+% each by Sumner and Hartford, 5+% by ZLFL trust funds, 1.1+% by private donations and 5+% by Federal ARPA funds (one time funds for one time capital expenses). The proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$50,751. This is a flat budget, with the exception of projected increases in utilities costs. Income from private donations and trust funds are expected to decrease due to economic conditions and the requested increase in funds from the Town of Hartford will be applied to offset these expected market related decreases and allow for the projected increase in utilities.

It is respectfully requested that the Town of Sumner contribute \$1,200 for the next year’s budget, to help with the anticipated increases in costs.

We plan to continue our programs, and improve our ability to communicate to each of our communities, the news and opportunities that are available through Zadoc Long Free Library. We would love to hear what needs and interests you, our community members (of all ages) have, and how we can help!

Planned Programs for 2023-2024 include Summer Reading Program, Author visits, Book Club, Preschool Storytime, Fiber Arts, Book Sales, National Library Week event, and Nature Kit Workshops. The Friends of ZLF Library Group is open to new members, at no cost. This group supports the Library with donations of time, talent, and fundraising to add to programs.

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 food bank operates as a joint effort with Hartford volunteers. About half of the volunteers come from Hartford.

During 2022, 33 Sumner households, representing 69 residents, used the food bank for a total of 324 household visits. Hartford utilization of the food bank reflects that of Sumner.

It is estimated that monthly costs are abt \$600, with Hartford sharing expenses.

Through our partnership with Good Shepherd Food Bank we received dairy and produce items for free. The Food Bank continues to be the area distribution point for the free USDA Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)(aka senior citizen box), with an average of 25-30 local residents receiving food through this program monthly. A total of 43 local residents (both towns) are enrolled actively in the program.

Another USDA provided program, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) remains an important source of free food. It is noted that both the Sumner and Hartford Food Banks receive this allocation, which is helpful in meeting the combined needs at a lower cost. TEFAP eligibility guidelines range from \$26,973 (annual income) for a single person to \$55,500 for a family of four, with larger families provided proportionally higher guidelines. 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.

GSFB has provided purchased food at 50% of its cost during 2022. Effective February 2023 that subsidy was reduced to 25%.

The food bank is run entirely by volunteers from the two towns. The twice monthly food pickups at GSFB are conducted by volunteers using their own vehicles at no cost to the food bank.

Due to the increased cost of purchased food via GSFB (over 50% of what the food bank stocks) and decreased grant availability we request that the town return to its pre-pandemic support level of \$1,000 per year. The actual cost of food provided is abt \$7.25 per household per visit.

It is anticipated that a modest grant, in the form of grocery store credits, will be made available by Rural Community Action Ministry (RCAM). Federal grant opportunities have been reduced substantially for 2023 and the food bank expects, at best, to be awarded a grant at about 25% of the level of that received in 2022. This decline in grant availability is what creates the need for additional town funding to sustain the current level of service. In addition, the Federal registration process was changed without notification to food bank agencies and it is uncertain whether this change will negatively impact our grant request.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Buckfield-Summer Solid Waste Transfer Station

The Buckfield-Summer Solid Waste Transfer Station is available for use by Summer 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 Summer Town Office during normal business hours. You must have a permit to dispose waste.

Swap Shop

The goal of the Buckfield-Summer 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 7/1/2023):

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” Sportsperson 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 always keep their fishing license with them 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” Sportsperson 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 7/1/2023)

*Plus agent fee.

- Resident season registration: \$71.00*
- Nonresident 7-day registration: \$101.00*
- Nonresident season registration: \$116.00*

Snowmobile Registrations Fees (as of 7/1/2023)

*Plus agent fee.

- Resident season registration: \$56.00*
- Nonresident 3-day registration: \$75.00*
- Nonresident 10-day registration: \$100.00*
- Nonresident season registration: \$120.00*

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.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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.*

Sherry Sullivan
General Assistance Administrative Assistant
(207) 388 - 2866

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 1st.

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
Sumner's Assessors' Agent
John E. O'Donnell & Associates, Inc.
632 Bald Hill Road
New Gloucester, ME 04260
(207) 926 - 4044

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, 2023.

Births –	2
Marriages –	23
Deaths –	6

In Memory Of...

NAME	AGE	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
Allen, John W.	83	04/15/2023	Togus USVA
Ayer, Everett F Sr	85	01/14/2023	Sumner
Dow, Toni Ann	69	02/21/2023	Auburn
Gammon, Julia Marie	72	06/27/2023	Lewiston
Gould, Raymond F.	96	08/23/2022	Sumner
Irvine, Nancy A	70	09/12/2022	Auburn
Litchfield, Susan H.	79	04/14/2023	Sumner
Merrill, Nathan Keith	49	02/02/2023	Portland
Paine, Gordon A.	83	04/09/2023	Sumner
Pfeifer, Bonnie	74	12/06/2022	Sumner
Richardson, Donald Walter	60	08/09/2022	Norway
Thomas, Patricia	85	10/03/2022	Sumner
Wallace, Susan J	62	08/23/2022	Sumner
Winningham, John L. E. II	60	11/02/2022	Norway

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, 2023.

Dog Licenses –	79
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, 2023.

ATV & Snowmobile –	77	Cars & Trucks –	798
Boat –	16	Motorcycles –	40
		Trailers –	110

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 2024 at 6:00 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 2024. 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.

TAX COLLECTION

2022 – 2023 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Abbott, Jeffrey	314.50
Abbott, Jeffrey E	15.65
Abbott, Jeffrey E	1,625.77
Andrews, George	464.63
Andrews, George	1,646.55
Andrews, George	585.72
Andrews, George	41.30
Andrews, George W	1,275.82
Andrews,George W, Tracy L	2,768.36
Austin, Calvin S	1,385.62
Bailey, Dennis W	1,523.23
Baker, David K	2,379.97
Beauchemin, Peter	260.19
Bennett, Steven	356.21
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
Booras, Peter	2,770.78
Buck, Dennis H	2,211.97
Bulmer,Harold G, III	716.76
Burns, Linnea	2,102.09
Butterfield Estates Llc	20.65
Butterfield Estates Llc	261.02
Central Maine Equipment, Llc	1,255.02
Chidraoui, David Romanos	728.95
Clukey, Alicia	1,746.70
Colangelo, Mary A	2,448.70
Coleman, Randal	953.86
Corriveau, Linda L	894.87
Corson, Eugene	390.29
Currier, Gregory	853.01
Dilts, Corey J	877.25
Dooley, Christopher	8.98
Dupuis, David G	219.70
Dyer,Thomas S Estate Of	15.49

TAX COLLECTION

2022 – 2023 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Eastman, Thaine A	2,395.13
Eastman, Thaine A	981.97
Edwards, Heath W	740.28
Elia, John R	2,616.00
Ellis, Todd S	726.36
Emery, David	1,675.40
Falconer, Laura B	7,789.59
Farrar, Richard	716.56
Farrar, Richard	774.38
Farrar, Richard	984.53
Farrell, Laura M	1,678.82
Farrell, Laura M	418.16
Fecteau, Michael F	2,926.77
Fecteau, Michael F	82.74
Federal National Mortgage Association	1,975.75
Fournier, Leslie E	6,198.82
Fournier, Leslie E	569.94
Gagnon, Alice J	957.07
Gallant, Vickie	2,512.98
Gammon, Dale	1,272.39
Gammon, Jason G	1,475.36
Gammon, Sheila	455.33
Garuti, Sara	1,778.83
Genest, Robert L	910.07
Gonsalves, Joseph M	873.37
Gould, Lauren W	678.50
Gray,Randall & Chandele Et Al	1,806.57
Guilmet, Jamie L	1,280.80
Hall, Edward A	2,061.41
Hamilton, Marlene S	1,147.85
Hancock, Mark	913.20
Hancock, Mark	1,313.81
Hand, Diane L	1,588.34
Hart, Maurice F Jr	1,843.43
Haumann, Edward	1,874.67
Henry, Timothy	509.50
Herrick, James	1,182.87
High Eagle Inc	315.18
High Eagle, Inc	1,088.09
Hinckley, Glenn D	2,672.73
Hobbs, Gregory	409.49
Holmes, William	658.22
Hood, Donna M	1,657.16
Hood, Jason	487.42
Jack, Julie	957.54

TAX COLLECTION

2022 – 2023 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Jack, Michael M	3,894.98
Kangas, Brian	1,092.43
Keene, Peter V	594.25
Kendall, Scot L	276.24
Kias Real Estate LlC	5,847.50
Kias Real Estate LlC	629.83
Kriehn, Russell R	260.19
Larson, Brian	3,595.83
Laughton, Kathy	1,784.39
Lego, Randolph	1,103.91
Levesque, Thomas	1,839.40
Litchfield, William	868.91
Litchfield,Allan Heirs	98.58
Litchfield,Walter, Jr	2,683.59
Lucas, Jeremy	776.19
Macdonald, Leonard	298.50
Marcous, Renee	191.16
Martin, Janet L Chesley	501.18
Mccollister, John	72.63
Mcfarland, Wesley	2,959.91
Mcghee, Mark	95.26
Meeks, Robert	1,030.19
Moore, Harold C III	950.54
Morgan, Elisha Jack	427.46
Moxcey, Michelle L	2,070.72
New England Colonial Properties Inc	704.68
Newell, Doris	1,330.93
Obear, Thomas	1,255.83
O'Brien, David M	908.60
O'Brien, David M	2,729.43
O'Neill,Paul E And Rosemary	3,143.88
Palmer, Nancy	88.03
Pelletier, Scott L	1,362.34
Perrson, Lance	3,287.58
Perry, Stephen R	2,453.05
Pezza, Louis J	459.17
Pezza, Louis J	528.33
Pierce, Lawrence	0.00
Pratt, Lana Ellen	1,076.26
Preston, Catherine	481.50
Ramsey, Michael	1,241.79
Robertson, Timothy T	834.55
Roderick, Brian	67.92
Roth, Steven	2,135.11
Saunders, Michael D	511.19

TAX COLLECTION

2022 – 2023 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Simons, Andrew J	1,183.18
Sisson, Glenn S	643.83
Skinner, Frederick	1,091.62
Spear, Michael Clifford	290.13
Starbird, Darryl	437.18
Starbird, Gilbert	1,571.20
Starbird, Nicole L	2,463.69
Stevens, Erica	1,527.87
Stevens, Michael D	3,776.33
Stup, Judy Ann	3,587.42
Stup, Judy Ann	151.49
Taylor, Stephen F	569.94
Taylor, Stephen F	936.27
Taylor, Stephen F	227.73
Taylor, Stephen F	565.03
Taylor, Stephen F	295.46
Taylor, Stephen F	557.65
Tucker, Morris	3,249.98
Verrill, Barbara Jean	572.38
Vieira, Peter M	548.26
Wass, Gregory M	1,592.55
Whitcomb, Bruce M Estate of	526.86
Williams, Andy J	552.88

2021 – 2022 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Bailey, Dennis W	1,615.04
Beauchemin, Peter	318.84
Bennett, Steven	419.44
Biron, Dennis	2,271.94
Biron, Dennis	351.47
Biron, Dennis	351.36
Biron, Dennis	350.69
Biron, Dennis	350.10
Biron, Dennis	354.39
Biron, Dennis	357.78
Biron, Dennis	356.42
Biron, Dennis	377.26
Biron, Dennis	357.78
Biron, Dennis	356.73
Biron, Dennis	369.97
Biron, Dennis	369.38
Booras, Peter	1,246.01
Buck, Dennis H	2,360.61

TAX COLLECTION

2021 – 2022 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Butterfield Estates Llc	319.71
Butterfield Estates Llc	249.12
Central Maine Equipment, Llc	460.11
Coleman, Randal	1,057.33
Corriveau, Linda L	956.74
Eastman, Thaine A	2,582.81
Eastman, Thaine A	812.97
Edwards, Heath W	818.78
Emery, David	1,774.46
Farrar, Richard	796.97
Farrar, Richard	1,119.01
Gould, Lauren W	757.09
Hancock, Mark	1,002.98
Hancock, Mark	1,422.68
Hart, Maurice F Jr	1,977.55
Hobbs, Gregory	475.26
Kangas, Brian	1,163.70
Kriehn, Russell R	318.84
Laughton, Kathy	1,912.65
Lego, Randolph	1,202.78
Litchfield,Allan Heirs	173.53
Macdonald, Leonard	331.93
Marcous, Renee	246.52
Moore, Harold C Ii	1,579.92
Perry, Stephen R	2,613.19
Starbird, Darryl	477.23
Starbird, Gilbert	827.16
Stevens, Erica	1,689.36
Verrill, Barbara Jean	618.86
Williams, Andy J	625.48

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Cash on Hand July 1, 2022 947,273.88

Revenues

State of ME Revenue	446,754.52
Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Collection	1,463,195.08
Recreational & Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	144,561.95

Operational Revenue

State Agent Registration, Licensing & Rapid Renewal	92,081.47
State Agent Municipal Fees	6,120.25
Planning & Code Enforcement	4,465.00
Fire Department Donation	8,900.00
Liens & Paper Fees	6,767.64

Fiduciary & Reserves

Scholarship	21,804.01
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Total Cash Receipts	2,194,649.92	
Interest Earned on Account	7,917.74	
Total Revenue	<u>2,202,567.66</u>	2,202,567.66

Total Operating Funds - Gross 3,149,841.54

Expenditures

County Tax	78,271.00
RSU #10	893,819.15
Salaries & Insurance	161,145.78
Transfer Station	74,900.00

Operational Revenue

State Agent Registration & Licensing	68,540.97
Public Safety	31,148.14
Planning & Code Enforcement	15,055.00
Fire Department	42,882.18
Highways & Bridges	694,820.17
Liens & Office Operations	46,793.09
Building & Grounds Maintenance	27,180.67

Fiduciary & Reserves

Scholarship	17,250.00
Recreation	798.80

Total Expenditures	2,152,604.95	<u>(2,152,604.95)</u>
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Total Operating Funds - Net 997,236.59

Cash Management Accounts	
Petty Cash	550.00
Balance Year Ending June 30, 2023	<u>997,786.59</u>
Less Designated Funds	(221,592.73)
Total	<u>776,193.86</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

FIDUCIARY AND RESERVE FUNDS YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Fund	Year End Balance
A.J. Dunn Relief Fund	1,554.63
Black Mountain Cemetery	932.46
Cemetery Trust Fund	5,576.50
Fire Truck Account	859.49
Morrill Fund	113.05
Sumner Recreation	1,718.95
Robinson Cemetery	1,804.97
Sand & Salt Site	18,834.10

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AUDIT YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

Hoisington and Bean, P.A. is in process of conducting the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 audit. The Audit report will be available upon request at the Sumner Town Office when available.

TREASURER'S REPORT

COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

	2021 – 2022 EXPENDED	2022 – 2023 APPROVED	2022 – 2023 REVENUES	2022 – 2023 EXPENDED	Carry Forward PROPOSED	2023 - 2024 PROPOSED
Animal Control	1,941.62	3,350.00	695.00	2,298.30	5,014.75	7,000.00
Capital Improvement Bond	22,261.00	20,000.00		21,808.00	5,162.00	20,000.00
Capital Projects Fund						40,000.00
Cemetery & Lawn Maint.	7,720.00	8,000.00		8,250.00		14,000.00
Stone Repair	3,405.00					
Memorial Flags	345.60	400.00				400.00
County Tax	74,460.00	78,271.00		78,271.00		82,559.00
General Assistance	245.00	500.00				500.00
Planning	630.00	1,400.00	240.00	1,210.00		1,400.00
Plumbing Permits	1,837.50		2,625.00	2,345.00	3,344.33	
RSU #10	866,688.84	893,069.15		893,069.15		900,000.00
Solid Waste & Transfer Station	74,685.80	80,000.00		74,900.00		80,000.00
Social Services	2,850.00	3,050.00		3,050.00		4,900.00
Discretionary & Unanticipated	2,840.50	1,500.00		1,449.03		2,000.00
Community Enrichment						
Youth Recreation	4,414.91	2,500.00		798.80	1,705.49	1,000.00
Administration				253,540.00		
Assessing Services	10,500.00	110,500.00		10,500.00	100,000.00	20,500.00
Tax Maps	900.00	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
Auditor's Services		16,000.00				16,000.00
Building & Grounds Maint.	14,283.89	17,500.00		27,180.67		20,000.00
Computer Maint. & Updates	8,205.78	15,000.00		14,512.99		15,000.00
Dues & Memberships	3,500.00	4,500.00		4,493.52		4,500.00
Election	1,635.91	3,500.00		1,750.00		3,500.00
General Office Operation	8,496.88	8,500.00		7,730.92		8,500.00
Interest on Abatement		150.00				150.00
Legal Services	78.53	1,500.00	630.99	2,073.76		65,000.00
Filing & Lien Services	2,787.50	2,000.00	4,686.65	3,482.87		2,000.00
Salaries						
Selectmen	10,499.97	10,500.00		9,696.73		10,500.00
Clerk	67,478.70	68,640.00		68,640.00		68,640.00
Clerk - New Hire						
Clerk Benefits & Insurance	23,500.00	23,500.00		22,931.52		23,500.00
Deputy Office Assistant	24,865.18	31,500.00		31,268.53		
Deputy Benefits & Insurance						
Training & Office Assistant						15,000.00
Road Commissioner	2,999.82	5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
Fire Department Chief	2,999.02	3,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00
Fire Department Warden	550.00	550.00		550.00		550.00
Fire Department Secretary	500.00	500.00		500.00		500.00
Health Officer	200.00	200.00		200.00		200.00
Code Enforcement Officer	4,999.02	5,000.00		5,000.00		26,000.00
Employee Training & Development						
FICA/Med Tax Withholding	13,549.61	15,000.00		14,359.00		19,250.00
				24,987.13		
Protection				73,650.00		
Ambulance Services	15,963.00	18,000.00		16,902.00		18,000.00
Fire Department						
Equipment	14,910.14	15,000.00	8,900.00	20,302.58	6,520.37	14,240.00
General Operation	10,749.49	11,000.00		11,271.22		19,700.00
Insurance	544.00	550.00		510.00		
Miscellaneous						2,400.00
Stipend	10,498.14	10,500.00		8,432.48		16,000.00
Training	1,999.89	2,000.00		2,365.90		
Truck Fund						10,000.00
Gen. Liability & Work Comp.	13,355.50	14,750.00		13,391.85		15,500.00
Street Signs		350.00				350.00
Streetslights	821.36	1,500.00		854.29		1,500.00
				8,519.68		
Highways & Bridges						
Equipment Repair		1,000.00		1,000.00		2,500.00
Road Project Account		40,000.00				
Summer Roads	197,843.43	225,000.00	1,600.00	144,570.36	60,000.00	400,000.00
Winter Roads						
Plowing	335,650.00	345,240.00		345,240.00		354,830.00
Salt	59,802.06	94,750.00		76,701.81		83,430.00
Sand	45,500.00	45,500.00		45,500.00		45,500.00

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

TOWN OF SUMNER SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

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 Hartford-Sumner Elementary School, September 5 at 6:00 in the evening, 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, 2024

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 8% for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

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 8%.)

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$585,500.00 from anticipated revenues and the General Fund to decrease the 2023/2024 tax commitment

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

Anticipated Revenue	\$430,500.00
General Fund	<u>\$155,000.00</u>
	\$585,500.00

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 Selectperson/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a term of 2 years
One Selectperson/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor for a term of 1 year)

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

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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, 2024 to September 30, 2024

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 ARPA and CEBE Grant.

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 always open for use by the public, 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 \$5,000.00

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)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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, 2023 to June 30, 2024

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$2,000.00

(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:

A. Assessment Update/Revaluation	20,500.00
B. Audit	16,000.00
C. Building/Grounds Maintenance	20,000.00
D. Computer software update	15,000.00
E. Dues	4,500.00
F. Elections	3,500.00
G. Office Management	8,500.00
H. Interest on Abatements	150.00
I. Legal Fees	65,000.00
J. Liens (with receipts into lien account)	2,000.00
K. Tax Map Update	1,000.00
L. Salaries	<u>203,640.00</u>
TOTAL	\$359,790.00

ARTICLE 17 NOTE: Salaries Breakdown: Selectmen 10,500; Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Coll./Registrar 68,640; Medical Ins 23,500 (est.); Office Assistant 31,500; Road Commissioner 5,000; Fire Chief 3,000; Fire Dept. Secretary 500; Fire Warden 550; Health Officer 200; CEO 26,000; Sec. & Medicare & Unemployment 19,250; Training & Office Assistant 15,000

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 \$73,650.00

A. Insurance	15,500.00
B. Fire Department Operations	19,700.00
C. Fire Fighter Personnel Compensation	16,000.00
D. Fire Department Miscellaneous	2,400.00
E. Fire Department Equipment	14,240.00
F. Fire Department Truck Account	10,000.00
G. Streetlights	1,500.00
H. Ambulance	18,000.00
I. Street Name Signs	<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL	\$97,690.00

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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 \$3,900.00

A. Community Concepts	100.00
B. Food Bank	1000.00
C. LifeFlight	800.00
D. Rural Community Action	100.00
E. Safe Voices	200.00
F. Seniors Plus	500.00
G. Zadoc Long Free Library	1,200.00
h. Increase Robinson Library	1,000.00

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 \$483,760.00

A. Winter Roads Plowing	354,830.00
B. Winter Roads Sand	45,500.00
C. Winter Roads Salt	83,430.00

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 \$400,000.00

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 \$80,000.00

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 \$1,000.00

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 \$7,000.00

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 \$14,000.00

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 \$26,970.00

Appropriate from bond interest carry forward	6,970.00
Raise and Appropriate	20,000.00

ARTICLE 31 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Projects

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$40,000.00

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 and 10-year contracts for services such as winter roads maintenance, cemetery, and Town lot mowing, municipal office plowing, and Solid Waste Contract with Buckfield

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTPERSONS

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Given Under our hands this 22nd day of August 2023



Don Munroe



Mary Ann Haxton

The Registrar of Voters gives notice that she will be in session at the Hartford-Sumner Elementary School at 5:30 pm on the 5th day of September 2023.

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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:

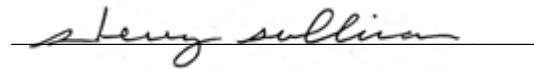
Sumner Town Office August 29, 2023

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www.townofsumner.me August 29, 2023

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 29th day of August 2023



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

