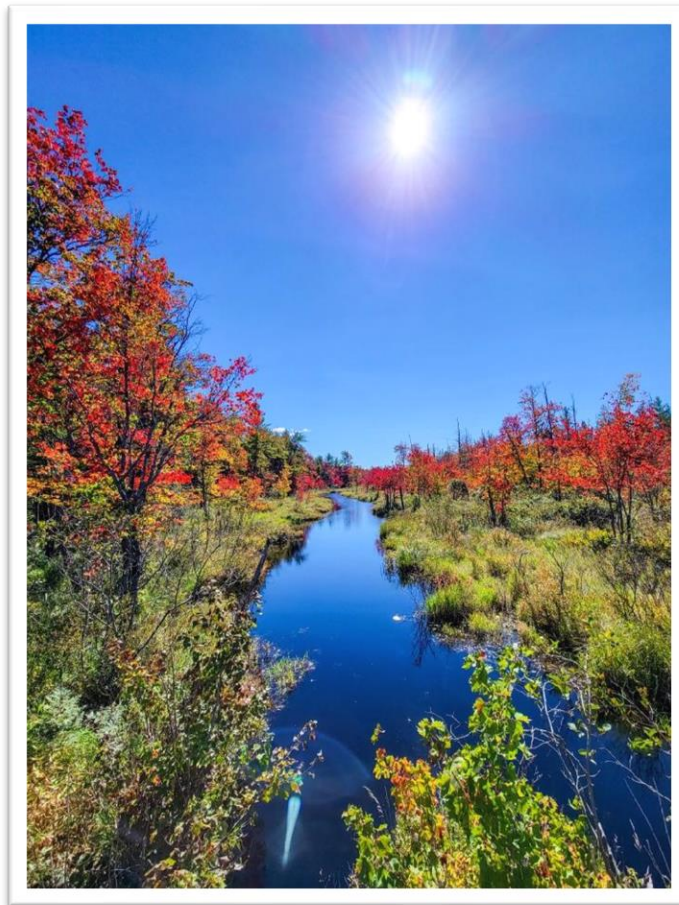


TOWN OF SUMNER

Maine, Established 1798

Annual Report

Year Ending June 30, 2022



Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Proposed Annual Town Meeting Moderator:

Terry Hayes

ITEMS TO BRING TO TOWN MEETING:

- This Annual Report

*A special thank you to Josh Emery for allowing his photo to be used on
the cover of the Town of Sumner Annual Report*

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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 – 6:00 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

ssullivan@sumnerme.com

Municipal Officials

Board of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor

Edwin Hinshaw, <i>August 2022</i>	(207) 388 – 2820
Mary Ann Haxton, <i>August 2023</i>	(207) 212 – 4058
Kelly Stewart, <i>August 2024</i>	(207) 357 – 2841

Animal Control Officer

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

Wesley McFarland, *August 2022*
Steven McGinty, *August 2022*

Code Enforcement Officer / Plumbing Inspector

Fred Collins	(207) 890 – 6256
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Health Officer

D. Lee Berry, *August 2022*

Planning Board

Eric Austin, <i>August 2022</i>	(910) 322 – 7223
Don Berry, <i>August 2022</i>	(207) 388 – 2181
Robert Stewart, <i>August 2022</i>	
Bill Savage, <i>August 2022</i>	
Jesse Wallingford, <i>August 2022</i>	

Road Commissioner

Shawn Corson, <i>August 2024</i>	(207) 890 – 7394
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RSU #10 School Board Representative

Vacant

Volunteer Fire Department – FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: DIAL 911

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

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, August 2 nd –	Annual Town Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Hartford-Sumner Elementary School
TBD -	Annual Sumner Scholarship Bottle Drive
Friday, November 18 th –	Annual Taxes Due
Thursday, November 24 th –	Town Office CLOSED, Thanksgiving Observed
Friday, November 25 th –	Town Office CLOSED, Day after Thanksgiving Observed
Friday, December 23 rd –	Town Office CLOSED
Friday, December 31 st –	Dog Licenses Expire
Friday, December 30 th –	Town Office CLOSED
Tuesday, January 31 st –	Interest begins accruing on unpaid taxes
Friday, March 31 st –	Exemption Application Submission Deadline
Friday, April 28 th –	Sumner Scholarship Application Submission Deadline

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

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Kelly Stewart, Board of Selectmen

Dear Fellow Sumner Residents:

When I was writing this report last year, we still did not have the Winter Roads Contract in place which was causing some anxiety. I, as well as other resident, have been exceptionally pleased with our plow contractors Bim McNeil, Jeremy Johnson, and their staff, so they receive a SUPER SHOUT OUT OF THANKS! We also had a change in Road Commissioner with the election of Shawn Corson. He is settling in well with his position and is working hard on prioritizing the seemingly endless work that needs to be completed on our roads, while at the same time being mindful of the budget.

The budget remains the focus. We all thought dark economic times had hit us when Covid was at its peak, however it appears that was only the tip of the iceberg. Inflation, gas, heating oil/propane, etc. are all hitting staggering high amounts. It is time Mainers go back to the 'ol way of thinking – where we pull up our bootstraps and get to work. All of us on the Select Board, Budget Committee, and Town Clerk have put forth the best budget we could considering the upcoming financial struggles many will endure. It isn't east being a Select Board member, as we sometimes, have to make tough and unpopular decisions. What has increased is residents rude and sometimes threatening behavior to the Select Board as well as the Town Clerk and Secretary. From my perspective this behavior is unacceptable. I can understand individuals becoming upset but making threats will not be tolerated. We are all here to do the best job possible for all residents of Sumner.

As I close, my final words are dedicated to Ed Hinshaw who has chosen not to run for re-election. Ed has served many roles in this community and truly understands the concept of service and volunteerism to his community. I wish Ed well, and Mary Ann and I will continue to steward Sumner in the best direction possible with whomever is elected fill Ed's vacancy.

Respectfully,



Kelly L. Stewart

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Ed Hinshaw, Board of Selectmen

I am confident and reassured with the on-going Select Board as I retire from six years of serving for the Town of Sumner. I have had challenging responsibilities regarding General Assistance and am pleased that we have been able to assist those in need.

We have tackled winter roads maintenance with a new capable crew which has many challenges in keeping rural roads open and with efforts to satisfy our citizens. The town hopes to assist people in the care of non-public roads.

I have served as a representative to the Transfer Station committee and am pleased that they serve our community, providing essential services and repository for waste products. The Swap Shop is a welcome service for recycling many items. Also helpful as the Apparel Impact clothes bins situated at the town office, the school, and the transfer station.

Our fire department continues to serve the town when needed and I am thankful for their continued training and dedicated volunteers.

I am pleased to welcome new residents in our town and glad that many have volunteered on several town committees, such as the Sumner Fire Department, the Woman's Auxiliary, and the Planning Board. I am glad to let the "younger ones" (than me) "take over" and wish them and the town well in the future. My mailbox is 88 and so am I!

Edwin Hinshaw

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Mary Ann Haxton, Board of Selectmen

I am a broken record when it comes to this statement but none the less important: 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.

I believe we are making progress in getting a handle on the maintenance and improvement of our roads. One aspect is continuing the service of roads during the winter months through the sanding, salting and plowing of our roads.

The journey to bring quality and high-speed internet to ALL of our residents has twists and turns that encourage and then frustrate me.

As you are aware, 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 1594 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 was no longer an option.

So, the next step for the towns of Sumner, Hartford and Hebron was to pursue other federal fund sources and work with the state of Maine to develop a plan going forward. That took the shape of another GWI collaboration with our town and Hebron to apply for grant funding. That involved application was completed last February. The state awarded Hebron and Sumner \$6.8 million to build the internet project.

Unfortunately, that award is not the end of the story. We do not know what the outcome of this long and complicated process to bring good internet service to all our residents at a reasonable cost will be. I will continue to advocate for all of you to the best of my abilities.

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 more efficiently serve us.

I thank you, the citizens of Sumner, for the opportunity serve as a Selectperson in Sumner with Ed and Kelly. It is challenging and rewarding. We continue to be served well by our town staff: Sherry Sullivan and Laurie Arsenault. I do my job more effectively with their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Haxton

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Shawn Corson, Road Commissioner

Hello, fellow Sumner residents,

Taking on this role for the first time in late Summer 2021 I was surprised at the number of complaints received regarding our roads. This immediately made me realize that we had a lot of work that needed to be done. I decided to focus on the things that could be easy and fairly inexpensive to correct during the Fall before the cold set in. The many miles of dirt roads that we have needed immediate attention, grading and rock raking the roads were simple things that I was able to immediately do for the town. I also hauled in gravel to roads that desperately needed

it and did some ditching. It became very apparent thru this process that the town needed their own rock rake, therefore I purchased one for us to have for years to come and works very well. Finally, I was able to do some patching to many of the tar roads and finished putting in many of the culverts on Bonney Road.

Although, this winter was challenging with a lot of cold and icy conditions we were able to stay under budget with salt and sand. With the price of salt increasing this coming winter may be a bit more challenging. I would like to thank Jeremy Johnson and Bim McNeil for doing a great job keeping our roads safe this winter.

The cold and icy winter drove frost very deep into our many miles of dirt roads making them extremely muddy this Spring. This caused many deep holes on Heath Hill, Decoster Road, Bradeen Road and Tuell Hill making them almost impassable. Gravel was hauled in to fill as many as possible and make it so that we could grade roads as soon as possible.

For the coming year, I plan to continue to improve the gravel roads that we have so many of, they still need even more gravel to get them back where they should be, doing ditching and some culvert replacement on Fields Hill Road and lower Sumner Hill Road, finish paving Upper Sumner Hill and make plans for paving Bonney Road.

In summary, maintenance to our gravel roads is just as important as our paved roads. Hopefully by giving them attention this past year and a bit more in the coming year will allow us to just do basic maintenance on them going forward to keep them in good condition and we can now start looking at improving our paved roads.

I would like to thank Sherry Sullivan, the Selectmen and all the Sumner towns people for giving me this opportunity and being patient as we work together to make our roads better! Please feel free to reach out to me with questions or concerns any time.

Shawn Corson

Road Commissioner

207-890-7394

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Sherry Sullivan, Treasurer & Town Clerk

As I wrap up my second year serving the community of Sumner, I have been reflecting on the challenges and fulfillments of this position. My goal is to always create a friendly and accommodating environment at the Sumner Town Office which is why I feel it important to highlight the flexibility we offer. Though scheduled operating hours have changed, always feel free to request a time that will better serve your business needs. It is a priority to make your transactions as effortless as possible and we will do our best to make that happen.

Behind the day-to-day scene, the board members, road commissioner, and I have been working hard to further meet the needs of Sumner residents that all will benefit from by preparing a roads improvement plan. We have been hearing and reflecting on your feedback. This, in addition to current and projected economic hardship considerations, we feel confident that the proposed projects will satisfy the needs of our community and allow us to maintain tax affordability by moving forward without a bond. Funding raised through taxation will have a lesser impact on taxpayers as the roads plan progresses.

A gradual increase in taxation will occur over five years, beginning with the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The budget as outlined in the 22-23 proposal reflects our ability to achieve major roads projects while maintaining a stable cash flow in the roads account to continue routine maintenance. An allocation to the capital projects fund is necessary to offset tax increases in out-year projects.

Another major project that requires near future attention is the Andrews Road bridge. The select board recently reallocated the ARPA funds to be used towards eligible roads projects. The bridge's interference with water quality allows us to utilize ARPA funds on reconstructing the bridge. We are currently awaiting confirmation of withdrawal from ConnectME. We are hopeful that ARPA funding will cover the cost needed for repairs, but if not, we will have to reevaluate our projected plans by adjusting the completion timeline, increasing taxation, or decreasing the capital projects fund.

I'm sure the burning question is - what will the tax increase look like for residents should we have to incorporate the Andrews Road bridge into the budget? All else remaining, if the 23-24 budget projection increases to reflect an estimated repair cost of \$100k to be raised through taxation, it could potentially be, on average, an additional \$35 monthly or \$420 annually per assessed property. Keep in mind, that this increase would most likely only affect the budget year the project occurs in – any subsequent years would remain as proposed.

I look forward to assisting in this plan and am convinced that we have the team it takes to make it happen. I have the pleasure of interacting with Sumner residents on daily basis and can say with certainty, Sumner's value is held within the people of this town. Your continued efforts to maintain safety, simplicity, and the cherished characteristics of Sumner makes living and working here very special. Thank you to all for your patience as we are navigating through inevitable changes.

Sherry Sullivan

Treasurer & Town Clerk

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Projected 5-Year Roads Improvement Plan

Budget Year	2022-2023	Projected Mil Rate	\$ 20.90	
Location	Project	Est Time	Est Cost	Total Fund Balance
Fields Hill Road	Prep - Ditching & Culverts	Summer/Fall 2022	10,000.00	
Bonney Road	Prep - Ditching & Culverts, Shim	Summer/Fall 2022	150,000.00	
Upper Sumner Hill Road	Full Prep - Grinding, D&C	Spring 2023	40,000.00	
All	Routine Maintenance As Needed	All	100,000.00	
		Total Roads Cost	300,000.00	
		Offset from Capital Projects Fund	(75,000.00)	
		Total Roads Appropriation	225,000.00	
		Total To Capital Project Appropriation	40,000.00	58,500.00
		Total to Salt/Sand	18,500.00	
Budget Year	2023-2024	Projected Mil Rate	\$ 21.80	
Location	Project	Est Time	Est Cost	Total Fund Balance
Upper Sumner Hill Road	Paving	Summer/Fall 2023	65,000.00	
Bonney Road	Paving	Summer/Fall 2023	150,000.00	
All	Routine Maintenance As Needed	All	100,000.00	
		Total Roads Cost	315,000.00	
		Offset from Capital Projects Fund	(40,000.00)	
		Total Roads Appropriation	275,000.00	
		Total To Capital Project Appropriation	-	18,500.00
		Total to Salt/Sand	-	
Budget Year	2024-2025	Projected Mil Rate	\$ 22.80	<i>Does Not Reflect Increa</i>
Location	Project	Est Time	Est Cost	Total Fund Balance
Gammon Road	Prep - Ditching & Culverts, Shim	Summer/Fall 2024	90,000.00	
Gammon Road	Paving	Spring 2024	65,000.00	
All	Routine Maintenance As Needed	All	100,000.00	
		Total Roads Cost	255,000.00	
		Offset from Capital Projects Fund	-	
		Total Roads Appropriation	255,000.00	
		Total To Capital Project Appropriation	30,000.00	48,500.00
		Total to Salt/Sand	-	
Budget Year	2025-2026	Projected Mil Rate	TBD	<i>Does Not Reflect Increa</i>
Location	Project	Est Time	Est Cost	Total Fund Balance
Lower Sumner Hill Road	Full Prep - Grinding, D&C	Summer/Fall 2025	45,000.00	
Lower Sumner Hill Road	Paving	Summer/Fall 2025	70,000.00	
All	Routine Maintenance As Needed	All	100,000.00	
		Total Roads Cost	215,000.00	
		Offset from Capital Projects Fund	-	
		Total Roads Appropriation	215,000.00	
		Total To Capital Project Appropriation	80,000.00	128,500.00
		Total to Salt/Sand	-	
Budget Year	2026-2027	Projected Mil Rate	TBD	<i>Does Not Reflect Increa</i>
Location	Project	Est Time	Est Cost	Total Fund Balance
Fields Hill Road	Prep	Summer/Fall 2026	50,000.00	
Fields Hill Road	Paving	Summer/Fall 2026	125,000.00	
All	Routine Maintenance As Needed	All	100,000.00	
		Total Roads Cost	275,000.00	
		Offset from Capital Projects Fund	-	
		Total Roads Appropriation	275,000.00	
		Total To Capital Project Appropriation	30,000.00	158,500.00
		Total to Salt/Sand	-	

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Robert Stewart, Volunteer Fire Department Chief

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I would like to start off saying that I am very thankful for the dedication and enthusiasm by our Fire Department members. They are always willing to give up sleep, time with family, work time, etc. to be there for you. It takes hours of meeting and training to have a membership that works well together. Last year we were not able to do our annual training held through Central Maine Fire Attack School due to the continuing Covid Pandemic. However, we have been doing a combined training with West Paris Fire Department focusing on Fire Attacks, SCBA (air pack), and extrication. This is all in addition to our monthly in-house training.

This year we were able to purchase a pumper engine from Paris Fire Dept at no cost to the taxpayer. This truck replaces our old Dodge brush truck, which has been placed out to bid. The Dodge had no capacity to carry water, which meant that two truck always had to respond. Waiting on personnel for two trucks costs time, so the new truck allows us to increase our efficiency and reduce our response time.

I also would like to thank the SVFD Women's Auxiliary for the continued support fundraising. The past six months they have raised over \$6400 for the Fire Department. The auxiliary also purchased a 60-inch TV and training software to be used for in house training for our department. We would like to give a huge heartfelt thank you to all the members of the Auxiliary!

In closing, I would also like to say that if anyone would like to join the Fire Department, feel free to stop by the Sumner Town Office to pick up an application, or stop by the station on the 2nd or 3rd Thursday at 6 PM and speak to any member.

16 – Motor Vehicle Accidents
9 – Downed Trees/Wires
7 – Structure Fires
2 – Mutual Aid responses to other Departments
1 – Carbon Monoxide Alarms
8 – False Alarms
1 – Hazmat Investigation
1 – Wood Fires
1 – Propane Leaks
2 – Unpermitted Burn
2 – Lift Assist
1 – Disabled Vehicle

Regards,

Robert Stewart, SVFD Chief

Volunteer Fire Department 2021-2022 Roster:

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

Thank you for your dedication and service.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Erica Stevens, Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee has been working on cleaning and maintaining the Curtis Rec field, which is located on Barrows Rd. The field is maintained for all families in the town of Sumner to access and enjoy. We would like to remind everyone to be respectful of the property and to also clean up any trash brought to the field. We would like to keep the field and playground equipment in good shape for all to enjoy.

We would like to thank the members of the community for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Stevens

Scholarship Committee

The Sumner Scholarship Committee met on May 31, 2022 to review applications for scholarship awards. A total of \$16,250 was awarded to the following (8) eight Sumner residents: Emily Carrasquillo, Caleb Chapman, Grace Chapman, Elizabeth Corson, Cameron Durgin, Cheyanne Goroshin, Jamie Richardson, and Megan Turcotte.

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 \$31,148.87 was collected through donation this year. This money goes directly to the cash awards each year.

A total \$83,250 to 134 Sumner residents have been granted awards since 1999.

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.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Lucy Wilcox, Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

We have been busy again this year. We have had two new members join us.

We gave out twelve gift cards this year. We gave out checks to two firemen who had been ill. One had major surgery and the other was quite ill during Christmas time. We gave one auxiliary a check for surgery she needed. Also, we brought meals to her during recovery.

We provided food for our past fireman, Fred Campbell's funeral, and for his wife's funeral. We recently provided deserts for a benefit for an auxiliary member's son who is ill with cancer.

Our tree lighting this year brought in \$2,935. We had a good turnout. Soups and chowders were sold and also homemade candy. It was enjoyed by all the community. Thanks to the firemen for putting up and taking down the tree.

We also had to put up another windsock and we paid for this.

We have bought a new TV for the firemen and a training program for them that they needed. The TV is to be used for training videos. Also, we have bought them snacks and water.

We bought flags and placed them on past fireman's graves in May for Memorial Day.

In June we had our Annual Yard Sale, Plant Sale, and Food Sale. We had a very successful event. We made \$3,388. Thanks to the firemen for their help.

We wish to thank everyone in our community for any help they gave us and money they donated.

Sincerely,

Lucy Wilcox
Secretary

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, 2022.

Births –	13
Marriages –	14
Deaths –	12

In Memory Of...

NAME	AGE	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
Acker, Alden	70	12/01/2021	Sumner
Bennett, Dale	37	12/26/2021	Sumner
Brown, Clyde III	77	05/22/2022	Togus USVA
Burpee, Donald	85	09/20/2021	Auburn
Campbell, Frederic	78	08/13/2021	Sumner
Enman, Marilyn	85	01/12/2022	Sumner
Johnson, Robert	77	10/07/2021	Norway
Johnson, Virginia	86	10/17/2021	Auburn
Manning, Karen	54	09/25/2021	Sumner
Ring, Linda	69	09/25/2021	Sumner
Starbird, Gilbert	85	07/14/2021	Sumner
Webber, Fred	73	08/01/2021	Paris

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, 2022.

Dog Licenses –	59
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, 2022.

ATV & Snowmobile –	86	Cars & Trucks –	878
Boat –	22	Motorcycles –	48
		Trailers –	167

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.

2021 – 2022 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations	
County Tax	\$ 74,460.00
Municipal Appropriations	\$ 1,067,220.00
Education Appropriations	\$ 866,690.00
Tax Increment Financing	\$ 0.00
Overlay	\$ 12,122.40
Total Spending	\$ 2,020,492.40
Less Deductions	\$ -455,000
Net to be Raised	\$ 1,565,492.40
Raised by Local Property Tax	\$ 1,446,153.51
Homestead Reimbursement	\$ 119,311.40
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 27.49
Total Raised	\$ 1,565,492.40

Real Estate Value	\$ 69,969,105.00
Personal Property Value	\$ 62,542.00
Homestead Reimbursable Value	\$ 5,777,792.00
BETE Reimbursable Value	\$ 1,331.00
Total Valuation Base	\$ 75,810,770.00
Taxable Valuation Base	\$ 75,810,770.00
Tax Rate	x .02065
Amount Committed to Tax Collector	\$ 1,565,492.40

TAX COLLECTION

2021 – 2022 Abatements

Butterfield Estates, LLC	261.02
Crowell, Bradley	277.33

2021 – 2022 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Arris, Robert E	833.00
Bailey, Dennis W	1,497.41
Bean, Elinor Heirs of	1,831.47
Beauchemin, Peter	260.19
Bennett, Steven	356.21
Bennoch, Ralph	1,282.34
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
Booras, Peter	1,145.17
Boorsas, Peter	403.60
Bragg, Thomas C, III	445.62
BRIP 2 LLC	505.92
Brown, Dulcie	1,543.22
Brown, Dulcie E	1,126.52
Brown, Penny L	304.53
Buck, Dennis H	2,186.15
BURNS, LINNEA	2,076.27
Butterfield Estates LLC	261.02
Butterfield Estates LLC	193.64
Cagnone, Theresa	1,815.65
Central Maine Equipment, LLC	395.03
Chidraoui, David Romanos	728.95
Clukey, Alicia	768.82
Colangelo, Mary A	2,422.55
Colby, Mark S	591.15
COLEMAN, RANDAL	965.08
Corriveau, Linda L	869.06
Corson, Eugene	390.29
Cote, Alan	1,251.27
Cote, Alan	207.74
Craw, Tammy A	645.68
Dilts, Corey J	851.44
Dunn, Ralph E	352.76
Dunn, Ralph E	58.12

TAX COLLECTION

2021 – 2022 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Dupuis, David G	235.16
Eastman, Thaine A	2,421.15
Eastman, Thaine A	731.84
Edwards, Heath W	714.47
Elia, John R	2,590.19
Elsman, Steven	708.30
Emery, David	1,649.58
Emery, Joshua	406.08
Emery, Mary B	1,893.17
Falconer, Laura B	7,804.75
Farrar, Richard	716.56
Farrar, Richard	774.37
Farrar, Richard	1,023.95
Farrell, Laura M	1,653.01
Farrell, Laura M	418.16
Fecteau, Michael F	2,904.09
Fecteau, Michael F	87.95
FERESHETIAN, JUSTIN P	2,719.85
Feyler, David R	161.90
Francisco, Dorothy M	719.50
GALLANT, VICKIE	2,512.98
Gammon, Craig C	1,263.64
Gammon, Dale	1,246.58
Gammon, Sheila	455.33
Gerow, Suzan M	670.69
GOULD, LAUREN W	678.50
GUILMET, JAMIE L	418.16
Hall, Edward A	2,058.12
Hancock, Mark	913.20
Hancock, Mark	1,313.81
Hand, Diane L	908.95
Hart, Maurice F JR	1,843.43
Haumann, David J Sr	260.05
High Eagle Inc	334.23
High Eagle, Inc	1,124.08
Hobbs, Gregory	409.49
Holway, Cynthia	706.25
Johnson, Robert W	1,002.25
Kangas, Brian	1,066.61
Keene, Peter V	568.43
Kriehn, Russell R	260.19
Langlais, Felix	773.02
LaPlante, Raymond R	2,618.19
LaPlante, Raymond R	939.58
Larson, Brian	3,570.01
Laughton, Kathy	1,758.57
Lego, Randolph	1,103.91
Litchfield, Allan Heirs	98.58
Litchfield, Walter, Jr	1,059.54
Lucas Enterprises LLC	2,642.17
MacDonald, Leonard	272.68

TAX COLLECTION

2021 – 2022 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Marcous, Renee	191.16
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
Moore, Harold C II	1,440.98
Morgan, Elisha Jack	427.46
Moxcey, Michelle L	2,044.91
NADCO LLC	1,105.11
Newell, Doris	1,305.12
Obear, Thomas	1,233.51
O'Neill,Paul E and Rosemary	1,773.28
Osborn, Alan	807.72
Parker, Jacob	46.75
Parker,Jacob and Parker,Sage Crown	310.75
Pelletier, Scott L	1,361.18
Perry, Stephen R	2,427.24
Phillips, Sally	4,562.74
PIERCE, LAWRENCE	579.01
PIERCE, LAWRENCE	552.39
Pothier,RA Realty Trust	318.42
Pothier,RA Realty Trust	1,308.43
Robertson, Timothy T	355.33
Starbird, Darryl	411.37
Stevens, Erica	1,568.35
Stowell, Norris	426.89
Taylor, Stephen F	569.94
Taylor, Stephen F	999.23
Taylor, Stephen F	246.85
Taylor, Stephen F	604.12
Taylor, Stephen F	318.13
Taylor, Stephen F	595.92
Tolman, Frederick G	942.28
Tolman, Frederick G	535.54
Twitchell, Gard	454.30
Varney, Randy	412.43
Verrill, Barbara Jean	546.56
Walsh, Michael	406.97
Warren, Seth R	917.64
Wass, Gregory M	1,566.74
Wass, Gregory M	2,144.25
Welch, Rodney D M	198.24
Whitcomb,Bruce M Estate of	511.03
Williams, Andy J	552.88

TAX COLLECTION

2020 – 2021 Outstanding Real Estate, Principal Only

Arris, Robert E	941.46
Arris, Robert E	941.46
Bailey, Dennis W	1,642.93
Biron, Dennis	369.58
Biron, Dennis	369.47
Biron, Dennis	368.80
Biron, Dennis	368.21
Biron, Dennis	372.53
Biron, Dennis	375.95
Biron, Dennis	374.57
Biron, Dennis	395.57
Biron, Dennis	375.95
Biron, Dennis	374.88
Biron, Dennis	388.22
Biron, Dennis	387.63
Buck, Dennis H	2,370.09
Cagnone, Theresa	1,978.92
Colby, Mark S	358.89
Cote, Alan	1,383.06
Cote, Alan	281.33
Craw, Tammy A	730.01
Eastman, Thaine A	2,618.20
Eastman, Thaine A	834.66
Emery, David	1,803.59
Hancock, Mark	1,026.14
Hancock, Mark	1,448.23
Hart, Maurice F JR	1,997.28
Kangas, Brian	1,188.10
LaPlante, Raymond R	343.01
Laughton, Kathy	1,884.31
Litchfield, Allan Heirs	162.77
MacDonald, Leonard	348.59
Martin, Janet L Chesley	591.13
Moore, Harold C II	1,583.35
Moxcey, Michelle L	551.48
Obear, Thomas	1,369.54
Starbird, Darryl	496.32
Stevens, Erica	1,762.31
Verrill, Barbara Jean	639.05
Wass, Gregory M	2,109.82
Williams, Andy J	645.72

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

Cash on Hand July 1, 2021		719,641.89
Revenues		
State of ME Revenue	446,553.01	
ARPA	97,117.31	
Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Collection	1,431,524.76	
Recreational & Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	155,046.38	
Broadband Grant	4,000.00	
Operational Revenue		
State Agent Registration, Licensing & Rapid Renewal	115,511.23	
State Agent Municipal Fees	6,634.00	
Planning & Code Enforcement	4,065.00	
Fire Department Donation	1,494.94	
Liens & Paper Fees	3,485.70	
Fiduciary & Reserves		
Scholarship	31,148.27	
Recreation	100.00	
From Fiduciary		
Total Cash Receipts	<u>2,296,680.60</u>	
Interest Earned on Account	<u>2,491.33</u>	
Total Revenue	<u>2,299,171.93</u>	<u>2,299,171.93</u>
Total Operating Funds - Gross		2,299,171.93
Expenditures		
County Tax	74,460.00	
RSU #10	866,688.84	
Salaries & Insurance	165,496.82	
Transfer Station	74,685.80	
Operational Revenue		
State Agent Registration & Licensing	90,361.08	
Public Safety	21,820.98	
Planning & Code Enforcement	13,867.50	
Fire Department	38,701.66	
Highways & Bridges	661,056.49	
Liens & Office Operations	28,031.37	
Building & Grounds Maintenance	25,754.49	
Fiduciary & Reserves		
Scholarship	6,750.00	
Recreation	<u>4,414.91</u>	
Total Expenditures	<u>2,072,089.94</u>	<u>(2,072,089.94)</u>
Total Operating Funds - Net		946,723.88
Cash Management Accounts		
Petty Cash		<u>550.00</u>
Balance Year Ending June 30, 2022		<u>947,273.88</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

FIDUCIARY AND RESERVE FUNDS YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

Fund	Year End Balance
A.J. Dunn Relief Fund	1,549.83
Black Mountain Cemetery	928.50
Cemetery Trust Fund	5,565.93
Fire Truck Account	858.63
Morrill Fund	112.94
Sumner Recreation	1,717.23
Robinson Cemetery	1,664.23
Sand & Salt Site	18,805.88

WINTER ROADS YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

Fund	Usage	Year End Balance
Winter Road Plowing	47.94 Miles	335,650.00
Winter Road Sand	3,500 Yards	45,500.00
Winter Road Salt	1,070.98 Tons	59,802.06
Total		440,952.06

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AUDIT YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Hoisington and Bean, P.A. is in process of conducting the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 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, 2022

	2020-2021 EXPENDED	2021 - 2022 APPROVED	2021 - 2022 EXPENDED	Carry Forward PROPOSED	2022 - 2023 PROPOSED	PRIOR YEAR DIFFERENCE
County Tax	74,740.00	74,460.00	74,460.00		78,271.00	3,811.00
RSU #10	885,093.55	866,690.00	866,688.84		879,632.97	12,942.97
Solid Waste & Transfer Station	67,122.76	70,000.00	74,685.80		80,000.00	10,000.00
Community Enrichment						
Broadband Exploration	435.20	9,564.80	486.27	9,078.53		(486.27)
Youth Recreation	2,687.02	4,319.20	4,414.91		2,500.00	(1,819.20)
General Government						
Building & Grounds Maint.	12,144.73	15,000.00	14,283.89		17,500.00	2,500.00
Computer Maint. & Updates	17,900.00	8,500.00	8,205.78		15,000.00	6,500.00
Discretionary & Unanticipated	701.08	3,000.00	2840.5		1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Dues & Memberships	3,725.00	3,500.00	3,500.00		4,500.00	1,000.00
Election	6,043.97	3,500.00	1,635.91		3,500.00	
General Office Operation	7,942.23	8,500.00	8,496.88		8,500.00	
Interest on Abatement	89.34	150.00			150.00	
Highways & Bridges						
Capital Improvement Bond	22,677.00	29,231.00	22,261.00	6,970.00	20,000.00	(2,261.00)
Equipment Repair	2,967.23	2,500.00			1,000.00	(1,500.00)
Road Equipment Account	4,916.27					
Road Project Account					40,000.00	40,000.00
Sand/Salt Storage						
Street Signs	129.20	350.00			350.00	
Summer Roads	183,480.22	210,000.00	197,843.43		225,000.00	15,000.00
Winter Roads						
Plowing	200,853.01	335,650.00	335,650.00		345,240.00	9,590.00
Salt	66,004.52	80,000.00	59,802.06		94,750.00	14,750.00
Sand	36,750.00	45,500.00	45,500.00		45,500.00	-
Protection						
Ambulance Services	15,493.00	16,000.00	15,963.00		18,000.00	2,000.00
Animal Control	3,122.00	3,350.00	1,941.62	2,597.05	3,350.00	
Fire Department						
Equipment	11,235.12	15,000.00	14,910.14	1,395.01	15,000.00	
General Operation	10,970.40	11,000.00	10,749.49		11,000.00	
Insurance	450.00	550.00	544.00		550.00	
Stipend	5,500.00	10,500.00	10,498.14		10,500.00	
Training	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,999.89		2,000.00	
Gen. Liability & Work Comp.	12,894.55	14,250.00	13,355.50		14,750.00	500.00
Plumbing Permit	3,093.17		1,837.50	409.33		
Streetslights	1,487.37	1,750.00	821.36		1,500.00	(250.00)
Salaries						
Selectmen	10,499.99	10,500.00	10,499.97		10,500.00	
Clerk	28,162.00	68,640.00	67,478.70		68,640.00	
Clerk - New Hire	43,680.00					
Clerk Benefits & Insurance	24,021.26	23,500.00	23,500.00		23,500.00	
Deputy Office Assistant	28,498.84	24,960.00	24,865.18		31,500.00	6,540.00
Deputy Benefits & Insurance	3,360.00					
Road Commissioner	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,999.82		5,000.00	2,000.00
Fire Department Chief	2,995.30	3,000.00	2,999.02		3,000.00	
Fire Department Warden	500.00	550.00	550.00		550.00	
Fire Department Secretary	549.99	500.00	500.00		500.00	
Health Officer	200.00	200.00	200.00		200.00	
Code Enforcement Officer	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,999.02		5,000.00	
Employee Training & Development	977.91					
FICA/Med Tax Withholding	10,141.21	10,400.00	13,549.61		15,000.00	4,600.00
Services						
Assessing Services	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	90,000.00	20,500.00	10,000.00
Tax Maps	900.00	1,200.00	900.00		1,000.00	(200.00)
Auditor's Services	7,500.00	6,000.00			16,000.00	10,000.00
Cemetery & Lawn Maint.	7,520.00	7,720.00	7,720.00		8,000.00	280.00
Stone Repair		4,250.00	3,405.00	845.00		
Memorial Flags	316.80	400.00	345.60		400.00	
Filing & Lien Services	3,779.00	2,955.65	2,787.50		2,000.00	
General Assistance	319.70	500.00	245.00		500.00	
Legal Services	900.00	1,000.00	78.53		1,500.00	500.00
Planning	980.00	1,400.00	630.00		1,400.00	
Scholarship (ME Community Foundation)	8,787.99	100.00				(100.00)
Social Services	2,700.00	2,850.00	2,850.00		2,950.00	100.00
Overdrafts	884.03	-	7,835.41			
Total	1,869,321.96	2,033,940.65	1,982,814.27	111,294.92	2,157,183.97	144,497.50

2022 – 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Anticipated Expenditures

County Tax	78,271.00	
RSU #10	879,632.97	
Solid Waste & Transfer Station	80,000.00	
Community Enrichment	2,500.00	
General Government	50,650.00	
Highways & Bridges	771,840.00	
Protection	76,650.00	
Salaries	163,390.00	
Services	54,250.00	
Total Anticipated Expenditures	2,157,183.97	
*Anticipated Overlay	12,761.10	
	2,169,945.07	2,169,945.07

Less Anticipated Revenues

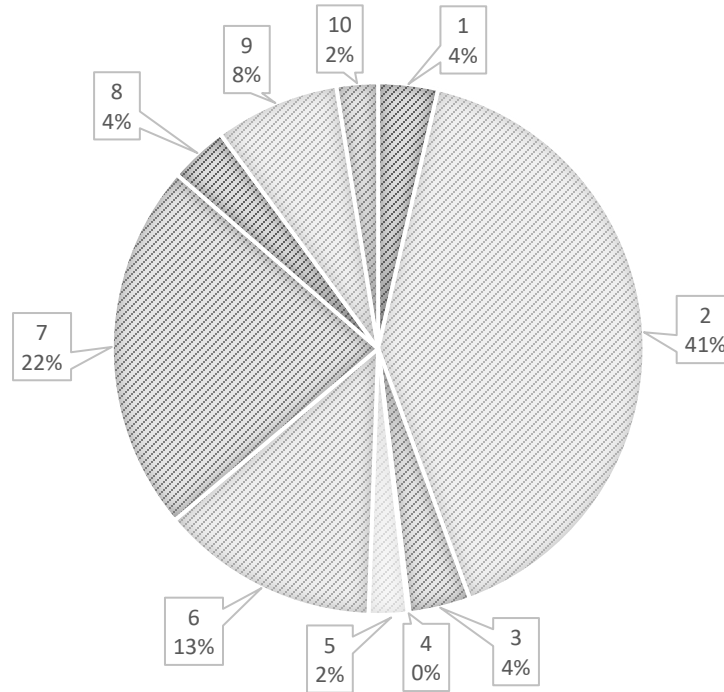
DOT Local Road Assistance	37,000.00	
Excise Taxes	125,000.00	
Interest Income	10,000.00	
Liens & Paper Fees	6,500.00	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	195,000.00	
State Agent Municipal Fees	5,500.00	
Tree Growth Reimbursement	50,000.00	
Veteran's Reimbursement	1,000.00	
*Total Anticipated Revenues	430,000.00	
*Anticipated From General Fund	155,000.00	
	(585,500.00)	(585,500.00)
*Net to be Raised		1,584,445.07

*Anticipated Net to be Raised by Local Property Tax	1,463,661.42
*Anticipated Homestead Reimbursement	120,755.84
*BETE Reimbursement	27.81
*Total Raised	1,584,445.07

*Real Estate Value	\$ 69,969,105.00
*Personal Property Value	\$ 62,542.00
*Homestead Reimbursable Value	\$ 5,777,792.00
*BETE Reimbursable Value	\$ 1,331.00
*Total Valuation Base	\$ 75,810,769.00
*Taxable Valuation Base	\$ 75,810,769.00
*Tax Rate	x .02090
*Amount Committed to Tax Collector	\$ 1,584,445.07

*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.

2022 – 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY



1	County Tax	78,271.00
2	RSU 10	879,632.97
3	Solid Waste	80,000.00
4	Community Enrichment	2,500.00
5	General Government	50,650.00
6	Summer Roads	286,350.00
7	Winter Roads	485,490.00
8	Protection	76,650.00
9	Salaries	163,390.00
10	Services	54,250.00
		2,157,183.97

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

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

TOWN OF SUMNER AUGUST 2, 2022

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, August 2 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 4% yearly to be charged on unpaid taxes beginning Monday, January 31, 2023

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, 2022 to June 30, 2023

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 \$585,500.00 from anticipated revenues and the General Fund to decrease the 2022/2023 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 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

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, 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 ARPA.

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, 2022 to June 30, 2023

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND \$1,500.00

(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: \$238,040.00

A. Assessment Update/Revaluation	20,500.00
B. Audit	16,000.00
C. Building/Grounds Maintenance	17,500.00
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	1,500.00
J. Liens (with receipts into lien account)	2,000.00
K. Tax Map Update	1,000.00
L. Salaries	147,890.00
TOTAL	\$238,040.00

ARTICLE 18 NOTE: Salaries Breakdown: Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Coll./Registrar 68,640; Medical Ins 23,500 (est.); Office Assistant 31,500; Fire Chief 3,000; Fire Dept. Secretary 500; Fire Warden 550; Health Officer 200; CEO 5,000; Sec. & Medicare & Unemployment 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	14,750.00
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	1,500.00
H. Ambulance	18,000.00
I. Street Name Signs	350.00
TOTAL	\$73,650.00

(ARTICLE 18 Carryover: FD Equipment \$1,395.01)

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 \$2,950.00

A. Community Concepts	100.00
B. Food Bank	250.00
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	1,000.00

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 \$485,490.00

A. Winter Roads Plowing	345,240.00
B. Winter Roads Sand	45,500.00
C. Winter Roads Salt	94,750.00

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 \$225,000.00

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 \$1,000.00

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 \$2,500.00

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 \$8,000.00

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 Road Fund

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 contracts for services such as winter roads maintenance, cemetery, and Town lot mowing, and municipal office plowing

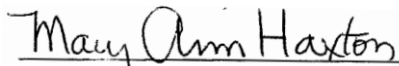
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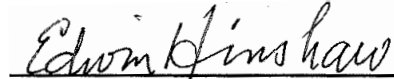
Given Under our hands this 19th day of July, 2022



Kelly L. Stewart



Mary Ann Haxton



Edwin E. Hinshaw

The Registrar of Voters gives notice that she will be in session at the
Hartford-Sumner Elementary School at 6:00 pm on the 2nd day of August, 2022.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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:

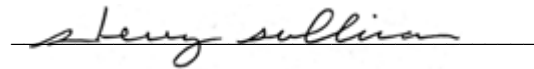
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being conspicuous public places within Sumner and at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Annual Town Meeting.

Dated at Sumner, Maine this 16th day of July, 2022

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

SAMPLE BALLOT

TOWN OF SUMNER COUNTY OF OXFORD STATE OF MAINE	Municipal Election Tuesday, August 2, 2022 Official Ballot	TOWN OF SUMNER COUNTY OF OXFORD STATE OF MAINE	Municipal Election Tuesday, August 2, 2022 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.	Municipal Election Tuesday, August 2, 2022 Candidates												
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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 10,215 books/e-books/audio books/DVDs/periodicals. 2020 circulation was 3,584 items among patrons. The state park pass, which can be checked out for 3-day periods, is back in 2022!

The ZLFL strives to serve all segments 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. Be sure to check with the Librarians to see if your Library Card is up to date. There is no charge for this service.

While ZLFL is a department of the Buckfield municipal government, it is free to use for residents of all three towns. During 2020 a total of 1,000 residents actively belonged to the ZLFL. There were 1,998 patron visits to the library. Patron residence is as follows:

- 61.6% are residents of the Town of Buckfield
- 18.8% are residents of the Town of Sumner
- 15.8% are residents of the Town of Hartford
- 3.8% are from other towns (these patrons pay an annual fee for use)

Through 2021 the ZLFL followed CDC guidelines regarding COVID public health measures. The ZLFL will receive a modest amount of Federal relief funds for COVID and is exploring how to apply these to improved ventilation or other airborne pathogen mitigation methods. The purpose of this mitigation will be to reduce the impact of future pathogen outbreaks. The ZLFL will continue to follow state and town guidance regarding COVID protocols. (Cont.)

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

- Public Access Computers (PAC) for your research, business, and personal use. Computers new in 2021 with more robust user software are available. You are even able to fill out job applications online at the ZLFL! Free Wi-Fi is available on site.
- Programs and groups for adults, including the book club, fiber arts group, and special events were suspended at the beginning of the pandemic and have not yet been resumed.
- A Children's Story time was suspended at the beginning of the pandemic. Various to-go reading programs for adults and youth have been offered, including bland-date-with-a-book and playdate-with-a-book.
- An annual, active, and vibrant children's Summer Reading Program is available.

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 382 ILL items in 2021. *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 currently 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 2021 was \$40,169. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the ZLFL at 336-2171/zlflldirector@gmail.com.

Maine Elected Officials

Governor

Janet Mills

(207) 287 – 3531

U.S. Senator

Susan Collins

(207) 784 – 6969

U.S. Senator

Angus King

(207) 622 – 8292

U.S. District 2 Congressman

Jared Golden

(207) 241 – 6767

State Senator District 18

Lisa Kiem

(207) 562 – 6023

State Representative District 115

Josanne Dolloff

(207) 364 – 8293



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

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

A stylized blue ink signature of Janet T. Mills.

Janet T. Mills
Governor

ANGUS S. KING, JR.
MAINE

133 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
(202) 224-5344
Website: <https://www.King.Senate.gov>

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 3, 2022

COMMITTEES:
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CHAIRMAN, STRATEGIC FORCES
SUBCOMMITTEE
BUDGET
ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PARKS
SUBCOMMITTEE
INTELLIGENCE
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear Friends,

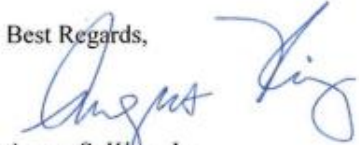
On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged this crisis and created new risks for Maine people. The challenges raised tension levels to boiling points during the fallout of the 2020 presidential election and the January 6th Capitol attack. But despite that, Congress was able to deliver for a nation gripped by an unprecedented pandemic. As we reflect back on the year, we see the important action that will make a difference for Maine people – as well as work still unfinished.

As COVID-19 continued to impact communities across our state and the country, Congress's first priority this year was to confront the pandemic's health threats and economic toll. We immediately got to work on the *American Rescue Plan*, crafting an emergency bill to meet the moment and get our nation back on stable footing. The legislation delivered essential support to businesses facing crises, households in need, and the medical professionals on the front lines of this fight. The funds helped get vaccine shots in arms, while also confronting the damage done to our economy. All told, the *American Rescue Plan* is bringing billions of dollars to Maine, helping the state continue to push through this crisis and bounce back stronger than ever.

After passing the *American Rescue Plan*, Congress turned its attention to a longstanding but unfulfilled priority: infrastructure. Through hard work and compromise, both parties came together to pass a bipartisan bill that finally addresses key infrastructure needs. For Maine people, the bill means an estimated \$1.5 billion to repair crumbling roads and out-of-date bridges, \$390 million to improve access to clean drinking water, and more. I am most excited about the significant funding for broadband – because, as we have seen during the pandemic, broadband is a necessity to succeed in the 21st century economy. The historic investments in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, combined with additional funding I pushed for in the *American Rescue Plan*, will bring an estimated \$400 million for broadband home to Maine. These funds will be nothing short of transformational, creating new opportunities across our state.

These two bills have made and will continue to make a real difference for Maine people, helping to both address the challenges of COVID-19 and lay a foundation for long-term success. I am proud of what we've accomplished this year – but I know there is still a lot of work to do and that the road ahead is challenging. Even still, I am filled with optimism because I know the true nature of our citizens, though challenged, has not changed. Despite every hardship, people in towns and communities have stepped up with strong local leadership, a willingness to help, and a Maine 'neighborhood' spirit. It is why I truly believe we can and will get through anything together. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2022.

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator

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40 Western Avenue, Suite 412
Augusta, ME 04330
(207) 622-8292

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202 Harlow Street, Suite 20350
Bangor, ME 04401
(207) 945-8000

BIDDEFORD
227 Main Street
Biddeford, ME 04005
(207) 352-5216

PORTLAND
1 Pleasant Street, Unit 4W
Portland, ME 04101
(207) 345-1685

PRESQUE ISLE
167 Academy Street, Suite A
Presque Isle, ME 04769
(207) 764-5124

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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It remains a privilege to represent you in Congress, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on for the people of the Second Congressional District.

This year, our small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, states, and towns continued to face challenges related to the coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health and our economy 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. Still, I know there are many Mainers who will continue to need assistance getting through this pandemic. I am committed to making sure our communities' most urgent needs are met to get our economy back on track.

One thing I am particularly proud of this year is that Democrats, Republicans, and the Biden Administration worked together to pass the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, which will make a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation's infrastructure and support Maine jobs. This bill will bring \$1.3 billion to Maine for highways and \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs, as well as \$234 million to improve public transportation options. It will also allocate over \$100 million to help provide broadband access to the 42,000 Mainers currently without it and make 310,000 Mainers eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Benefit to help families pay for internet access. Crucially, it will also provide Maine with \$390 million to combat Maine's historically high rates of lead poisoning by replacing lead pipes and allowing Maine families access to clean drinking water.

Another 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. Throughout 2021, I led the Maine congressional delegation in pushing back against the Biden Administration's proposed decrease in DDG-51 shipbuilding, a proposal that would have had 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 include authorization for construction of three new DDG-51 destroyers in the final 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.

My most meaningful work in Congress continues to be providing direct assistance to Mainers. My staff and I stand ready to serve you. If you are looking for assistance with a federal agency, help for your small business, or want to keep me informed about the issues that matter to you, please reach out to one of my offices below:

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

I am especially glad to share that my wife Izzy and I were pleased to welcome our daughter, Rosemary, into the world this year. 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.

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



Senator Lisa Keim
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003
(207) 287-1505
Lisa.Keim@legislature.maine.gov

Judiciary Committee
Government Oversight Committee

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for allowing me to serve you in the Maine Senate. It is high honor to have earned your trust and I have worked tirelessly on your behalf for the past three Legislative terms.

The 1st session of the 130th Legislature was different than any previous session of the Maine Legislature as online meetings replaced in-person, public meetings for all committee work. There was a difficult time of adjustment as technology challenges complicated the establishment of new methods and processes. As COVID-19 restrictions lifted in June 2021, the Legislature held session in person to vote out all bills. Returning to the State House for final votes, with Legislators having never spoken in person for months, does not produce the best outcomes in policy. The lack of human connection, so essential to accomplishing meaningful work for our constituents, made itself felt in the partisan nature of this session.

However, as with other challenges brought on by the pandemic, some beneficial changes will become permanent, such as the use of technology to allow persons from all over our state interactive access to their government. The limitations of distance have been almost erased, though internet access limitations are strongly highlighted in this new meeting style.

The 2nd Regular session began in January 2022, and I was eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. Many of you have reached out regarding the increasing costs we face, as well as the countless ways the pandemic has affected every aspect of your life. As your State Senator, I advocated for policies that would improve life for Mainers during this trying time.

The supplemental budget was perhaps the biggest piece of legislation recently passed. Due to the Federal influx of funds, the State had a tremendous surplus. Knowing this to be one-time money, it was critically important to me not to create programs with this money that would increase the future liability to Maine taxpayers. As a compromise, it was decided that a large portion of the money should be sent back to you, the taxpayers, and to provide a tax break on pensions, and other retirement funds.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please do not hesitate to reach out with your comments or questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa M. Keim".

Lisa Keim
Senator, Maine State District 18

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2021 Annual Town Report

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve you State Representative for House District 115. I currently serve on the Joint Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs (VLA).

VLA has jurisdiction over the Maine National Guard, the Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Services and the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, as well as administration of campaign finance, including Maine's Clean Elections system of public campaign financing.

It also has general oversight of policy regarding election and campaign law, the gambling and gaming sector, including the state lottery, voter registration, initiatives and referenda, governmental ethics, lobbyist registration, landlord-tenant laws, and veterans programs.

This session we will consider many issues of importance to you. My top priority is ensuring that government does not make your life harder than it already is. I plan on working to return the lion's share of the \$822 million projected revenue surplus to Mainers struggling to pay higher heating fuel, gasoline and food costs. It is taxpayer money that is best spent by all Mainers, not the government.

The statutory adjournment date for the second session for the 130th Legislature is scheduled for April 20th. With that in mind, I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always welcome.

With the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are more accessible than ever. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: [Legislature.Maine.Gov](https://legislature.maine.gov), you will find access to Zoom meetings and YouTube videos. I also send a weekly email with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at Josanne.Dolloff@legislature.maine.gov and we will gladly add you to our list.

Again, thank you for the honor of serving you at the State House and may you all have a safe and healthy 2022.

Sincerely,

Josanne Dolloff
State Representative

District 115 Milton Township, Roxbury, Rumford, Sumner & Woodstock

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. With the formal closure of the Hartford Food Bank on December 1, 2021, Hartford volunteers have joined in with the Sumner food bank to operate as a joint effort. At least half of the volunteers now come from Hartford.

During 2021 the grants provided by Good Shepherd Food Bank and Hannaford were used to expand the food bank structure and allow the storage of all food stocks in the food bank, rather than in the East Sumner church as was necessitated early in the pandemic.

During the second half of 2021 the number of households using the food bank declined by 10-15% from the pandemic monthly average. This has reversed in early 2022, in part because of the addition of more Hartford households, but also because of economic issues in the community. During the April 2021 through March 2022 period 135 separate families used the food bank for a total of 733 visits. These 135 families represented 320 individuals.

During 2021 private donations continued, including an operating grant from Good Shepherd Food Bank in recognition of the Sumner Food Bank's status as a prototype nutritional pantry. These donations have fallen off during early 2022. Accordingly, a grant of \$250 is requested from the Town to augment grant funds awarded from Federal sources. During the period April 2021 through March 2022 \$4,493 was spent for food. This reflected primary reliance on Good Shepherd Food Bank for food and a drawing down of stocks obtained for free or low cost during early 2021. Those stocks are now gone and food is purchased on an as required basis. It is estimated that monthly costs are about \$550, with Hartford sharing expenses.

The Sumner Food Bank sustains operations because of the dedication of a core of volunteers. 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 41 local residents 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 \$23,828 (annual income) for a single person to \$49,025 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.

Due to the funding received and available from grants and private citizens, ***the Food Bank requests that the Town constrain its support to only \$250 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 7/1/2022):

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.

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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 7/1/2022)

*Plus agent fee.

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

Snowmobile Registrations Fees (as of 7/1/2022)

*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.*

Mary Ann Haxton
General Assistance Administrator
(207) 212 – 4058

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
Sumner's Assessors' Agent
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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 Tuesday, August 2nd at 6 PM
at the Hartford-Sumner Elementary School.

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