

TOWN OF FRANKLIN MAINE



2021

ANNUAL REPORT AND THE WARRANT

MARCH 1, 2022 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Front Cover

Amber Grindle
Daughter of William Grindle



The 190th Town Report was both a dedication and a remembrance
to the men and women of Franklin who served in the Armed
Services between the years 1941 and 1975

Cover Photo of the 2002 Town Report
Unveiling the WWII-Korean-Vietnam Veterans Monument
Memorial Day -- May 27, 2002

Pictured are members of Boy Scout Troop #81
Left to Right -- Jacob Baranski, William Grindle,
Rick Baranski, and Brock Collins

The Monument was an Eagle Scout Project of
William Grindle

Photo by Michael Heyden, May 2002

209th
Annual Report
of the
Municipal Officers
of
THE TOWN OF
FRANKLIN, MAINE

February 28, 2022

Incorporated, January 24, 1825

First Plantation Meeting Recorded, April 5, 1813

First English Settlers Land at Butler Point, 1764

And the

TOWN MEETING

WARRANT

March 1, 2022

To

February 28, 2023

Voting is Friday, March 25, 2022, 12 noon to 7 pm

Town Meeting is Saturday, March 26, 2022, 12 noon

at the

Franklin Community Center
Meeting Room

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FRANKLIN'S GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Franklin Good Citizenship Award and Spirit of America Volunteer Recognition are presented annually to a resident of Franklin who has donated freely of his or her time to make the town a better place to live.



PRESENTED TO:

ROBERT COSSETTE
JULY 2021

IN DEDICATION



Bruce Raymond Carter
December 1930 – October 2021

Bruce Raymond “Raymie” Carter, a member of the last graduating class of Franklin High School, will long be remembered for his years of service; to our Country for time in the US Navy and Merchant Marines, to our State for time with the Department of Corrections at Bucks Harbor and Charleston; to our County as a member of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee; and to our Town of Franklin as a Selectman, Road Commissioner, Water Commissioner, Tax Assessor, Planning Board member, Budget Committee member, and Community Center Trustee. Bruce was a founding member of the Franklin Veterans Club.

His love of history and genealogy led him to write several books on the subjects. He enjoyed outings with friends and family; both off-road from Little Pond to Chick Hill and on-road from Boston to Fort Kent, with stops at restaurants and ice cream parlors along the way. Bruce always looked forward to the annual Town Meeting, which will not be the same without him.

IN MEMORY



Donald Anderson

May 1929 – January 2022

Donnie was a lifelong resident of Franklin. He graduated from Franklin High School in 1947. Donnie was a Franklin selectman for several years. He had a passion for woodworking and spent his life building and remodeling homes in Franklin and surrounding communities. He was also an avid hunter. Every summer when the blueberry fields ripen to a sea of blue you could find Donnie raking berries in one of the many blueberry fields in the Franklin area. His knowledge of the many old places and people in Franklin was passed onto many folks.

FRANKLIN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

TR Year	Citizen of the Year
2020	Robert Cossette
2019	Hugh Hooper
2018	Rebecca Donnell Grindle
2017	Beverly Billings
2016	Robert W Fernald
2015	Bruce Carter
2014	Helen Cantor
2013	Carolyn Cossette
2012	Robert W Fernald
2011	Millard Billings
2010	Brian Abbott
2009	Douglas D Smith
2008	Alice Carter Emery DeBeck
2007	Marjorie Getchell
2006	Paul F Giles, Jr
2001	Ray Mosley
2000	Robert Fernald
1999	Katherine 'Kay' Townley
1998	Dave & Erma Williams
1997	Franklin Volunteer Fire Department
1996	David & Norma Albee
1995	Annie Smith Neva Giles
1994	Rodney Leighton Robert McCormick
1993	Shawn O'Brien

TOWN REPORT DEDICATION AND IN MEMORIAM

TR Year	In Memoriam	Dedication
2021	Donald Anderson	Bruce R Carter
2020	Carolyn M Cossette	James E Haskell
2019	All Franklin Residents who passed on	
2018	--	Robert W Fernald
2017	Austin Eddy Jordan Jr	--
2016	--	Marjorie Getchell
2015	--	Alice Carter
2014	--	Connie Emery
2012	Paul F Giles Jr	Carol A Young
2011	Henry B Obermann Jr	Ray L Mosley
2010	--	George S Torrey
2009	Ronald P Smith	David E Williams
2008	Kenneth M Tracy	George W Bunker
2007	Ruth Wilbur Archer Murphy	--
2006	Ardy Wayne Bunker	--
2003	Dwight Wallace	
2002	--	Men & Women of Franklin who served in the Armed Services 1941-1975
2001	Bernard Young	--
1997	--	Community of Neighbors helping Neighbors During Storm of the Century
1996	--	You the Tax Payer
1995	--	Every Citizen of Franklin
1992	--	Dorothy Fernald
1990	--	Hayward Noyes
1988	--	Hayden G DeBeck
1980	--	Hayden G DeBeck
1979	--	Lloyd E Fernald
1973	Sterling B Douglas	
1961	--	Miss Adelaide Bunker

BOSTON POST CANE

JANUARY 8, 2022 -- MARIE DOW

January 2022, Harriet Marie Dow turned 100 years young. Marie was presented with the original Boston Post Cane and an award for being the oldest citizen in Franklin. Marie was born in Sullivan and for the last 70 or so years lived in Franklin.

The presentation was at the Franklin Community Center Meeting Room on January 8th. The celebration was originally scheduled for January 7th, however 'ol man winter had other plans.

The town had a special gold painted handle cane made by local, Squeak Lounder, for Marie to keep. Marie ate a few cupcakes, just the frosting, talked to everyone there, and shuffled on home.



BOSTON POST CANE



On August 2, 1909, Mr. Edwin A. Grozier, Publisher of the Boston Post, a newspaper, forwarded to the Board of Selectmen in 700 towns* (no cities included) in New England a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented with the compliments of the Boston Post to the oldest male citizen of the town, to be used by him as long as he lives (or moves from the town), and at his death handed down to the next oldest citizen of the town. The cane would belong to the town and not the man who received it.

The canes were all made by J.F. Fradley and Co., a New York manufacturer, from ebony shipped in seven-foot lengths from the Congo in Africa. They were cut to cane lengths, seasoned for six months, turned on lathes to the right thickness, coated and polished. They had a 14-carat gold head two inches long, decorated by hand, and a ferruled tip. The head was engraved with the inscription, “Presented by the Boston Post to the oldest citizen of (name of town) — “To Be Transmitted”. The Board of Selectmen were to be the trustees of the cane and keep it always in the hands of the oldest citizen. Apparently, no Connecticut or Vermont towns were included (at one point it was thought that two towns in Vermont had canes, but this turned out to be a bit of a myth).

In 1924, Mr. Grozier died, and the Boston Post was taken over by his son, Richard, who failed to continue his father’s success and eventually died in a mental hospital. At one time the Boston Post was considered the nation’s leading standard-sized newspaper in circulation. Competition from other newspapers, radio and television contributed to the Post’s decline and it went out of business in 1957.

The custom of the Boston Post Cane took hold in those towns lucky enough to have canes. As years went by some of the canes

were lost, stolen, taken out of town and not returned to the Selectmen, or destroyed by accident.

In 1930, after considerable controversy, eligibility for the cane was opened to women as well.

Rumor has it that the Franklin Cane has been thrown in a corner and not allowed to be retrieved. It has been used to threaten a Franklin Town Clerk. Over the years, colorful language has been used to reject a presentation. Franklin presents the original Boston Post Cane for a photo opportunity and then returns the cane to the vault at the Town Office for safe keeping.

Recipient	Birth	Award	Death
William Welch, Jr.	1824	1909	1917
Edwin E. Swan	1832	1918	1919
Samuel Scammon Clark	1836	1919	1927
Maria Mary (Bragdon) (Orcutt) Goodwin	1847		1937
Fred Alline Patten	1859	1946	1949
Lincoln Claudius Bragdon, Sr.	1860		1953
Maynard Sidney Butler	1873		1964
Alonzo Burton Wilbur	1875		1967
Annie M. (Hardison) Gray	1876		1971
Percy Walter DeBeck	1877		1974
Lucy Ida (Butler) Cousins (Sister of Maynard Sidney Butler)	1884	1976	1979
Catherine “Katie” (Mahar) Butler	1887	1979	1982
Franklin P. Gott, Jr.	1891		1983
Margaret M. (Sprague) Blaisdell	1892	1984	1988
(Elmer) Dalton Reed, Sr.	1893	1988	1992
Katie A. (Sinclair) (Reed) Crabtree	1901	1992	1995
Sophie “Lucky” (Luckinvar) Dyer	1901		2003
Ruth (Jardine) Hamel	1910	2003	2004
David E. Williams	1912		2009
Olive L. Hanson			2010
Margaret Louise (Seavey) (Andrews) Butler	1914	2010	2011
Vera Mabel (Bunker) Foss	1917		2016
Janine Bailey	1917	2016	2020
Harriet Marie (Tracy) Dow	1922	2022	

TOWN OFFICIALS

Moderator
Brian Abbott

Term Expires

Select Board, Overseers of the Poor

Dawn R. Carter, Chair	March 2022
Jeffery Albee	March 2024
Joey Smith	March 2023

Animal Control Officer

Marie Zwicker, Resigned	November 2022
Janet Robinson, Alternate	April 2022

Appeals Board

Louis Plaud, Chair	April 2024
William Hooper	April 2022
Dana Smith	April 2023
Laurie Folgelman	April 2025
Steven Mosley	April 2026

Assessors

Millard Billings, Chair	March 2024
Bruce Carter, Deceased	March 2023
Hugh Hooper	March 2022

Budget Committee

Brian Abbott, Chair	April 2022
Dana Smith	April 2022
Emery DeBeck	April 2022
Doug Hitchings	April 2022
Steven Mosley	April 2022
Lloyd Williams	April 2022
and all Elected Officials	

Code Enforcement Officer

Millard Billings	April 2024
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Community Center Trustees

Douglas Bunker, Chair	April 2024
Bruce Carter, Deceased	April 2023
Beverly Billings	April 2024
Monica Czerniawski	April 2024
Mary Townley	April 2022
Jennifer Shorey	April 2023
Faye Havey, Resigned	April 2023

Constable

Lloyd Williams	April 2022
Brian Abbott	April 2022

Emergency Management Officer

Deborah Hauser	April 2022
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Fire Chief

Robert Grindle	March 2023
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Frenchman's Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Ordinance Representative

Dana D. Smith	April 2022
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Health Officer

Amy Boyle	April 2023
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Licensed Plumbing Inspector

Millard Billings	April 2022
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Planning Board

Brian Abbott, Chair	March 2025
Bruce Carter, Deceased	March 2026
Doug Hitchings, Appointed	March 2026
Roland Shorey	March 2022
Joel Wilson	March 2023
Jennifer Buchanan	March 2023
Lloyd Williams	March 2024
Hugh Hooper	March 2024

Registrar of Voters

Deborah T. Lurvey

December 2022

RSU 24 Board Member

Roy D. Gott

March 2022

Solid Waste Station Attendant

Richard Chard

Superintendent of Schools, RSU 24

Michael Eastman

Tax Collector

Elaine Brown

Town Administration

Elaine Brown, Office Administrator and Treasurer
Sharon Blakely, BMV Agent and Front Desk Assistant
Cleo Hampton, Front Desk Assistant, Resigned
Vickie Call, Front Desk Assistant, Resigned
Polly Wolfe, Front Desk Assistant, Resigned

Town Clerk

Deborah Lurvey

December 2022

Treasurer

Elaine Brown

April 2022

Water Department

Dana Smith, Operator
Peter Austin, Back-up Operator
Jeffery Albee, Director March 2024
Dawn R. Carter, Director March 2022
Joey Smith, Director March 2023
Elaine Brown, Collector and Treasurer

LOCAL INFORMATION

Town Office

Monday – Friday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Office Phone	565-3663
Fax	565-3839

Assessors' Office 565-8806

Animal Control 565-3663

Code Enforcement 565-3663

Education

RSU 24 Central Office	422-2017
Mountain View School	422-3200
Sumner Memorial High School	422-3510

Licensed Plumbing Inspector 565-3663

Post Office 565-2983

Transfer Station

Saturday	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Wednesday	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
July and August Only	

Town Information

Web -- franklinmaine.com
Facebook Page -- Franklin Town Office
Email -- town_of_franklin@hotmail.com

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL

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MEETINGS

Select Board

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 6:00 PM

If a meeting would fall on a holiday it will be held on Tuesday of the same week

Assessors' Office

1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
or by appointment

Code Enforcement Officer

Mondays from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Community Center Trustees

As needed

Licensed Plumbing Inspector

Mondays from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Regional School Unit 24 Board of Directors

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 PM

If a meeting would fall on a holiday or vacation week, it will be held on the same day of the following week

RSU 24 District Services Facility, 2165 US Hwy 1, Sullivan

Water Department

During regular Selectboard Meeting



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

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January 3, 2022

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NATURAL RESOURCES
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PARKS
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INTELLIGENCE
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear Friends,

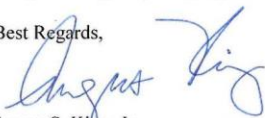
On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged 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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Dear Friends:

I am deeply honored to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of the areas I have been working on over the past year.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose enormous challenges for our state and our country. When the pandemic began, I co-authored the Paycheck Protection Program that helped small businesses remain afloat and keep their employees paid. In Maine, our small businesses received more than 47,000 forgivable loans totaling \$3.2 billion. I also led efforts to provide relief for loggers, lobstermen, and bus companies.

In addition, I helped secure \$700 million to assist Maine's overwhelmed hospitals and nursing homes, and a new law I led prevented Medicare payment cuts to help further ease the financial strain on our hospitals. I also urged the CDC to update its recommendations so that our students and teachers could safely return to their classrooms, and I pressed the Administration to end the closure of the U.S.-Canada border.

While addressing the pandemic has been a major focus, I've also worked hard to ensure Maine's other needs are met. A group of 10 Senators, of which I was a part, negotiated the landmark bipartisan infrastructure bill that was signed into law in November. I co-authored the section of the bill that will provide Maine with as much as \$300 million to expand high-speed internet in rural and underserved areas.

Soaring inflation is another crisis, particularly when it comes to the cost of heating oil. I have strongly supported federal programs that help Maine families stay warm. In November, Maine was awarded \$35 million to help low-income Mainers pay their energy bills. And the bipartisan infrastructure bill included \$3.5 billion to help families

make energy efficiency improvements that would permanently lower their heating costs.

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I have supported investments in Maine's communities. This year's funding bills include \$265 million I championed for 106 projects across Maine. These projects would help create jobs, improve workforce training, address the opioid crisis, and increase access to childcare and health care services. In addition, I worked to reverse proposed cuts to our Navy in order to help protect America and keep the skilled workers at Bath Iron Works on the job. The bills also include \$475 million for the construction of a new dry dock at Maine's Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that will allow the Navy to continue to carry out its submarine missions. I will keep working to get these important bills enacted.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,000th consecutive vote, becoming the only Senator in history to do so without ever having missed a roll call vote. The Lugar Center at Georgetown University once again ranked me as the most bipartisan Senator for the eighth year in a row.

In the New Year, I will keep working to solve problems and make life better for the people of Maine and America. May 2022 be a happy, healthy, and successful one for you, your family, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



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



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February 2022

Dear Friends and Neighbors of Franklin,

As we start the new year, I wanted to express my appreciation that you have entrusted me with the responsibility of being your State Representative. I continue to proudly serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

The first session of the 130th Legislature convened in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, which meant we met in the Augusta Civic Center every few weeks through May 19 to preserve social distancing for safety. This enabled us to begin voting on over two thousand bills that were before us. Committee meetings and hearings were and continue to be streamed on "Zoom". We did finally get back to our chamber in the State House and finished business on July 19. We met again briefly this fall to vote on redistricting.

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, 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 Meldon.Carmichael@legislature.maine.gov and I will gladly add you to our list.

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

Sincerely,

Meldon "Micky" Carmichael
State Representative

District 137 Amherst, Aurora, Beddington, Bradford, Deblois, East Hancock (part), Eastbrook, Edinburg, Franklin, Grand Falls, Great Pond, Greenbush, Greenfield, Lagrange, North Washington (part), Northfield, Northwest Hancock, Passadumkeag, Summit Townships and Wesley

SELECT BOARD REPORT



What a year! Still in a pandemic.

The Community Center Meeting Room has been utilized for many meetings and functions this year – Planning Board, Appeals Board, Selectboard, FB Shellfish Municipal Joint Board, FB Conservation Committee, birthdays, weddings, showers, basket weaving, exercising, more meetings, and Marie at 100!

When we thought the state was out of the woods with the pandemic, it threw us right back into it. Masks on, masks off, masks on, wax off. This pandemic has affected us all in some manner.

With help from American Rescue Plan Act we were able to recover some costs and expedite capital projects.

Our new Fire Department Tanker was purchased and built. Thank you, Susan Collins for your help in having our new truck released from quarantine at the border.

Having looked at many websites, and having a few quotes, the decision was made to stay with our local sources. There were many changes made to the website www.franklinmaine.com and we continue to make changes, updates, and additions. By staying with our local sources, we kept the expense down to \$450 for the new design.

The office crew has been digitizing all the old Town Reports that we have in the vault. Our goal is to have them on our website.

Most of the town ordinances have been reformatted. We are continuing to finish them. The website contains the ordinances we have completed.

Our paving projects were Macomber Mill Road, Rabbit Town Road, and finish the Hooper Road. We had accepted the bid from a company, had it scheduled, and then due to unforeseen circumstances that company was unable to fulfill the contract. We scrambled around to have a contract accepted for the paving year. Unfortunately, rain rained us out. These roads are scheduled to be paved in the Spring of 2022.

This year the front wall of the Salt/Sand Shed was renovated. Next spring when the sand is low in the building, we will renovate and repair the rest of the building.

Franklin, as a member of the Frenchman Bay Shellfish Conservation Program was asked to be the Administrative Municipality, since Ellsworth was withdrawing as Administrative Municipality. We said yes. There is a need to support our harvesters. The office has learned a lot about flats, clams, and diggers. We have refined the process for the commercial and recreational licenses. We are working closely with the Municipal Joint Board, the Conservation Committee, U-Maine, and DMR to make sure this program continues and operates smoothly. This program serves almost 70 commercial harvesters and over 200 recreational one-peck people.

The project at the Georges Pond Public Beach was approved by Maine DEP. We were able to install a jetty near the culverts at the outlet. Old Man Winter will tell us what we have to adjust. The next step in the project is finishing the boat landing. The ramp extensions will be installed when IF&W allows us, so we do not interfere with any spawning fish.

The retaining wall is the third step of this project. With the help of funding from the DEP 319 Grant secured by the Georges Pond Association, we are not supporting the entire project. Additional funding from Franklin is requested this year from Excise Tax and not Property Tax.

The Georges Pond Public Beach is one of the few remaining public beaches and boat landings. This is the opportunity to save and restore the beach leaving something of value to the next generations and make it a source of pride for Franklin.

Troop 2019 properly cleaned the monuments at Monument Square with the help of the Franklin Fire Department for the water and hoses. Thank you Chief Bob for arranging this activity.

Do not forget – if you have paid for an Ellsworth Library Card, bring your receipt into the Town Office for Reimbursement. This program has worked very well. Over 40 residents have been reimbursed.

Selectboard of Franklin

Dawn R Carter
Jeffrey Albee
Joey Smith



Troop 2019, Cleaning the Franklin Veterans Memorial



APPEALS BOARD

The Appeals Board had just one Appeal in 2021.

We met as a board four times, including one “Site Visit” on Donnell Pond. The Appeal was granted, based upon the site visit, all properly executed documentation being completed and the evidence submitted by the applicant and their contractors.

Many Thanks to our serving Board Members for their time and careful consideration as well as the Town Office Officials and Administration, for their support!

Greatly Appreciated!

Louis Plaud
Chair, Appeals Board



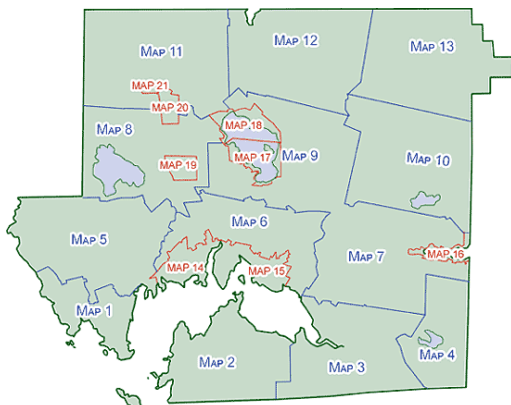
Last Rose of the Year, October 2021

ASSESSORS REPORT

Notice to Taxpayers

State Law requires that the residents and non-residents of a town must present to the Tax Assessors of the town a true list of Real Estate and Personal Property they possess on the first day of April each year. Standardized forms are available at the Assessors Office and should be filled out and returned to the Assessors. Homestead Exemption Applications, Veterans Exemption Applications, Tree Growth Applications, Open Space and Farm Land Applications, Working Waterfront Applications, BETR and BETE applications are available at the Assessors Office and may be downloaded from the Franklin web-site. The Franklin website address is <http://franklinmaine.com>. From the home page you may click on Tax Information; copies of Commitment Books and Tax Maps are located here, or you may click on Common Forms all necessary tax forms are located here.

If any property owner believes the assessment on their property is in excess of its fair market value, they should notify the Assessor's Office. If the property owner does not agree with the Assessor's decision they may then appeal before the Town's Assessment Review Board. The Franklin Board of Appeals also serves as an Assessment Review Board. The Board of Appeals will review the case and make a determination as to the disposition of the appeal. Should the property owner still feel the assessment is incorrect, they may appeal to the Superior Court at Ellsworth.



Supplements, 2021 Tax Year

M3,L18A A.R. Whitten & Sons, Inc.

\$2,075.52

Total Supplemental Taxes

\$2,075.52

Abatements, 2021 Tax Year

M10, L10 Tammy Woodworth, No garage

\$104.05

M3, L18A Maine Fiber Company, LLC

Did not own

\$2,075.52

Total Tax Abatements

\$2,179.57

The Standards Ratio is the 2019 Municipal Valuation divided by the 2020 State Valuation, etc.

Town	Valuation	State	Valuation	Ratio
2019	182,434,560	2020	186,250,000	97%
2020	181,107,790	2021	192,150,000	94%
2021	181,233,870	2022	200,200,000	90%

2022 LD 1 Worksheet

1. 2021 Property Tax Levy/Limit for Municipal Services (see instruction sheet)	593,520.28
2. Income Growth Factor (State Planning Office calculation)	0.0378
3. Property Growth Factor (see instruction sheet)	0.0061
4. LD 1 Growth Limit Factor (Line 2 + Line 3)	0.0439
5. Add 1 to the Growth Limitation Factor calculated in Line 4. (For example, if Line 4 is 0.0360, then enter 1.0360 on Line 5.)	1.0439
6. Net New State Funding (see instruction sheet)	
6A. Net New Revenue Sharing	43,146.00
6B. Loss of Revenue Sharing	0.00
7. Multiply Line 1 by Line 5	619,575.82
8. 2022 Property Tax Levy Limit (see instruction sheet)	
8A. Line 7 less Line 6A (complete only if data is reported in 6A)	\$576,429.82
8B. Line 7 plus Line 6B (complete only if data is reported in 6B)	
9. 2022 Municipal Appropriations (Line 2 on 2022 Assessment Warrant) (Do not include any school appropriations.) maximum proposed for annual Town Meeting	
10. 2022 Total Deductions (Line 11 on 2022 Assessment Warrant) (Do not include any school revenues.) minimum proposed for annual Town Meeting including Revenue Sharing but not Homestead Exemption	
11. 2022 Municipal Property Tax Levy (Line 9 less Line 10) Proposed prior to Town Meeting	\$0.00
12. Over/(Under) Limit (Line 11 less Line 8)*	()

UNDER LEVY LIMIT

* The purpose of this exercise is to estimate whether a community will be over or under the LD 1 limit in 2021.

2021 Assessor's Report

Valuation:

Buildings	81,360,330.00	
Land	<u>99,873,540.00</u>	
	181,233,870.00	
Personal Property	<u>980,110.00</u>	
Total Taxable Valuation	182,213,980.00	
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	6,621,741.00	
BETE Reimbursement @ 50%	<u>811,560.00</u>	
Total Valuation Base	189,647,281.00	
Mill Rate		.0138
Total Taxable Valuation multiplied by Mill Rate	2,514,552.92	

Assessments:

County Tax	89,881.96	3%
Municipal Appropriation - March Town Meeting		
Property Taxes	390,495.01	
Excise Taxes	260,500.00	
Revenues	35,000.00	
Reserves	0.00	
Surplus	99,000.00	
	<u>784,995.01</u>	
June Town Meeting		
Property Taxes	-18,000.00	
Reserves	0.00	
Excise Taxes	0.00	
Surplus	19,500.00	
	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Total Municipal Appropriation	786,495.01	25%
School Appropriation		
RSU 24 4 months	747,282.94	
RSU 24 8 months	1,545,000.56	
Sub Total	2,292,283.50	
Less Offset Appropriation	<u>0.00</u>	
Total School Appropriation	2,292,283.50	72%
Overlay	<u>16,206.87</u>	
Total Assessments:	3,184,867.34	

Deductions:

State Revenue Sharing	157,925.29	
Homestead Reimbursement	89,264.39	
BETE Reimbursement	9,124.73	
March Surplus	118,500.00	
March Excise Tax	260,500.00	
March Revenues	35,000.00	
March Reserves	0.00	
Total Deductions:	670,314.41	

Total Assessment	3,184,867.34	
Total Deductions	<u>670,314.41</u>	
Net Assessment	2,514,552.93	
Plus Supplements	2,075.52	
Subtract Abatements	<u>2,179.57</u>	

Total to be Collected by Tax Collector

BAYVIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION



The Bayview Cemetery Association is conducted, not for profit, but solely for the interest of the lot owners, as a whole. Any income, from whatever source, is expended upon the maintenance or improvement of the cemetery, or is added to the funds created for that purpose.

After years of dedicated, efficient, and reliable local workers doing the mowing and trimming of the lots were no longer available to continue. With the unavailability of the previous team of workers, and unable to find anyone interested in taking on the job, it was decided by the trustees to contract with a lawn care service.

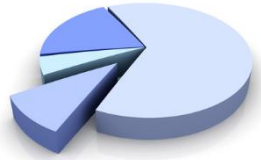
The size and scope of cemetery care became an issue at the beginning of the season, therefore we were forced to find another contractor. A local contractor stepped forward and was hired to finish out the 2021 season and continue for the 2022 season.

The Rules and Regulations of the Bayview Cemetery Association have been adopted for the common protection of lot owners and to preserve the natural beauty of the cemetery grounds.

A copy of the rules and regulations are available, on request, to interested lot owners.

Lloyd D. Williams
President Bayview Cemetery Association
Board of Trustees

BUDGET COMMITTEE



Another year of social distancing and masking. The Franklin Budget Committee met five times to finalize recommendations for the 2022-23 budget year.

The Budget Committee reviewed the American Rescue Plan Act funds. We agreed on the ‘Essential Workers Stipends’, the Fire Department Reimbursements, and next year plans for utilizing the funding. The ARPA funds have restrictions on how it is spent. We are not able to reduce our property tax commitment.

Budgets are presented by the Selectboard, CC Trustees, and Fire Department. Every In-Town Request and Out-of-Town Request must submit annual requests for their articles. The In-Town Request is basically what do you plan on using the funds for this year and do you have a basic financial statement. The Out-of-Town Request require signatures of voting residents, 25 to 50, and full financials, if they have them. The Requests are mailed out to the organizations in October to have them back to the office in January.

Every year we have ‘discussions – differences of opinions’ that we work through before adjourning a meeting. This year was no different but we were able to arrive at a consensus in short order. I would like to thank all the board members for their participation in this important process in these trying times.

Our first/last meeting is in June of each year. We elect our officers for the coming year. Also, we will recommend any cleanup articles.

Dawn R Carter, Recording Secretary

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Submitted to the Town of Franklin in February 2022 for the calendar year 2021.

Structure: Anything built for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, domestic animals, goods or property of any kind, together with anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on or in the ground, exclusive of fences. The term includes structures temporarily or permanently located, such as decks and satellite dishes.

No building or structure or part thereof shall be erected, constructed, expanded, moved, or altered to change the use without first obtaining a permit. No lot shall be divided as to make a substandard lot. Three or more unregistered vehicles stored in a yard or field requires a permit for an automobile graveyard. These have been the major areas of permit violations in past years.

Fifty-nine Building Permits were issued in calendar year 2021. The types of permits will not equal the number of permits issued because many permits are for more than one structure or use.



Old Winnowing Machine

Description:

New Residence/Cottages/Camps	11
Mobile Homes	1
Garages	8
Residential Additions	11
Shed/Accessory Structure/Storage	21
Decks/Patios	12
Time Extensions	5
Bunkhouse	1
Driveways	6
Shoreland Tree Removal	1
Building Permit Amendment	2
Loading Dock	1
Apartment	1
Fill	2
Permanent Wharf	1
Floats	4

Millard Billings
Code Enforcement Officer

COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES



This last year, while observing current Covid protocols, the board was able to hold in person meetings.

In addition to the care and maintenance of the building, several special (onetime) projects were presented for consideration.

The beginning of the year saw the completion of the replacement of the climate control system in the vault. This had to be done because this model was no longer being manufactured, and parts no longer available.

Some of the projects undertaken included motion sensor lighting at the back of the building. Covid protocols necessitated using one entrance, and as the back entrance with the ramp is direct access/egress into the Meeting Room, avoiding face to face traffic in other parts of the building, increased lighting was considered a safety factor.

The long planned ditching project along the west wall was completed, in coordination with repositioning of septic system tank that was identified when a drainage issue arose.

Also, long on our wish list, shades installed in the Meeting Room, (for those times room darkening is required), and replacement of front door.

In April the Select Board received notification that the town was eligible to receive stimulus funds from the federal government. There are restrictions on how the money can be used, ie: not to be used towards tax commitment, but for special projects identified as needing to be done. Exact amount and when the funds might be available are to be announced. The Board of Trustees has been compiling a list of projects, gathering information, discussing and setting priorities as to what should be done first etc.

We have had resignations from several board members, two positions which have been filled, the third is pending. The board would like to recognize and thank Faye Havey and Vena (Teddy) Giles for their years serving the community and their interest in maintaining the Community Center.

In addition, we are grateful to Bruce Carter for his interest and involvement with the Community Center from the time the town assumed ownership from the school district. He was a great resource to the board on the history of the building since the town voted to use it as the Community Center/Town Offices.

The Carter family has offered to donate a bench, with a plaque honoring Bruce and Alice Carter for their many years serving the town in many roles.

Mary Donnell Townley
Secretary Trustees

Community Center Trustee Treasurer's Report

Resources

Balance Forward, March 1, 2021	\$7,591.39
Raised at Town Meeting, March 2021	\$17,500.00

\$25,091.39

Date	Vendor	Purpose	Amount
04/21/21	Anderson Pressure Wash	Mark/Locate Septic	\$275.00
04/21/21	Quill	Rubber Stamp	\$20.99
04/28/21	Downeast Electric	Rear Outside LED Lights	\$341.82
05/19/21	Bangor Window & Shade	Shades Meeting Rm 50%	\$1,531.11
05/19/21	Mary Townley, Reimburse	Flowers, Planters	\$137.95
06/07/21	Sam's Mowing	Lawn Mowing	\$450.00
06/07/21	M Czerniawski, Reimburse	Mulch	\$61.58
06/07/21	Doug Bunker, Reimburse	Front Lawn Loam, Seed	\$130.03
06/07/21	Anderson Pressure Wash	Unclog Septic Line	\$275.00
06/15/21	Northeast Paving	Driveway Patching	\$1,133.60
06/21/21	Bunker Heating	Furnace Repair	\$112.00
07/01/21	Walmart	Smoke Detectors, 10 year	\$33.98
07/01/21	Sam's Mowing	Lawn Mowing	\$750.00
07/04/21	Dean Young	Ditching West Side	\$4,597.80
07/04/21	Dean Young	Septic Repair, Rocks	\$3,687.74
08/04/21	Sam's Mowing	Lawn Mowing	\$450.00
08/07/21	Sherwin-Williams	Paint	\$31.62
08/27/21	Bangor Window & Shade	Shades Meeting Rm 50%	\$1,531.11
09/01/21	Sam's Mowing	Lawn Mowing	\$300.00
09/27/21	Dean Young	Washout Repair	\$590.00
10/04/21	Sam's Mowing	Lawn Mowing	\$150.00
12/02/21	Morris Fire Protection	Fire Extinguisher	\$47.00
01/03/22	New System Cleaning	Monthly Safety Checks	\$225.00
01/24/22	Dawn Carter, Reimburse	CO Detectors (2)	\$72.45
01/24/22	Walmart	CO Detectors (8)	\$276.00
02/08/22	Orkin	Yearly Fee	\$789.12
02/19/22	Viking	Commercial Door/Hdware	\$3,589.59
02/22/22	ABM Mechanical	Service Call	\$287.50
02/23/22	Downeast Electric	Install Rear Outside LED	\$354.50
02/24/22	Derek Lanpher	Replace Utility Faucet	\$45.00
02/24/22	Viking	Utility Faucet	\$69.99

Year to date Expenses **\$22,347.48**

Balance, 02/28/2022 **\$2,743.91**

Reserve Account

CC Trustee Maintenance Reserve, 2/28/2022 **\$20,103.56**

E-9-1-1 ADDRESSING OFFICER



Submitted to the Town of Franklin in February 2022 for the calendar year 2021.

The Franklin Street Map was completed in 2021 and is available in the Town Office accessible for public viewing.

The past year the following new addresses have been added to the E911 data base.

Site	Location	Name	Map	Lot
59	Abrams Pond Road	Bette Buzzell	12	23
15	Acadia View Circle	Laura Blanchard	6	20-5
10	Beaver Lane	John Davis	16	25-1A
150	Blackswoods Road	Gary Doane	7	62
38	Bunkers Beach Road	Christine Gray	17	45
45	Bunkers Beach Road	Matt Bean	17	43
66	Cards Crossing	Ryan Leighton	7	2
60	Egypt Lane	Vena Giles	5	40
307	Georges Pond Road	Sean McKennon	9	17
15	Grant Street	Nathan Mosley	5	34-2-2
75	Great Pond Road	Brian Abbott	5	9
141	Great Pond Road	Robert Bizzarro	8	58-3
91	Macomber Mill Road	Monica Jackson	12	3-1
71	Main Street	Emily Jordan	6	17-2
62	Moose Road	Walter Sparkman	7	73-4
22	Rabbit Town Road	Steven Atherton Jr.	10	7
36A	South Bay Road	Diane Dow	3	66
36B	South Bay Road	Diane Dow	3	66

The following corrections were made to the existing data base as addresses were reversed.

Site	Location	Correct Name	Map	Lot
21	Bunkers Beach Road	Leo Bunker	9	21-2
23	Bunkers Beach Road	Brian Bunker	9	21-1

The Franklin Planning Board approved one new subdivision containing a single road named Maddy Way.

I have received three requests for new road names to be voted on at Town Meeting.

Road Name	Length	Location	Name	Map	Lot
Ladyslipper Lane	1713'	Off Bluff Point Road	Catherine Goddard	8	58-1
Roman Lane		Off Dalton Drive	Dawn Donovan	8	60
Roberts Way	350'	Off Egypt Lane	Ryan MacLeod	5	54

Millard Billings
E-9-1-1 Addressing Officer

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Another year of Covid and so much unrest in our world. But again, this wonderful town rallied and helped each other through it!!

This coming year I will be working with the Franklin Town Officials to update the towns Emergency Action Plan. We will be putting together all the information needed in case of any actual emergency in our town.

To prepare for any emergency you should have your own emergency plan. The Maine Emergency Management Agency provides information. You can contact their website <http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare>.

Please have your house number visible! Should you need emergency services - the town has reflective number signs available. To order a sign please contact The Franklin Town Office 207-565-3663 or The Franklin Fire Department 207-565-2929.

Please use 911 for any emergencies, they will dispatch the emergency service that you require. Please do not call the town office or the fire department, as they are not manned or equipped to dispatch the services you may need.

I would like to thank my fellow members of the Franklin Fire Department and all the Town of Franklin Officials for their efforts in the continued training to be compliant with the Bureau of Labor. Keeping up to date on new training and techniques that will help us all in being safe and helping others in their time of need.

Any questions about how you can be more prepared for emergencies please do not hesitate to ask.

Please stay happy, healthy and safe.

Deb Hauser



FRANKLIN BICENTENNIAL



Franklin's Bicentennial - our 200th birthday on January 24, 2025.

We have formed a committee to work on festivities and events.

Some of you worked on the Sesquicentennial back in 1975. We would love to work with you again, so bring your thinking caps, ideas, and skills. If you are unable to join us, you can email us your ideas. All ideas, suggestions, and volunteers are welcome.

However, many objects have been found in old dusty corners from the Sesquicentennial in 1975. If anyone has ideas or wishes to join us, give the office a call 565-3663.

Finally, we will be kicking off "Adopt-a-Rock" late this summer. Bordering the grass and the parking area at the Franklin Community Center, there will be 'large' boulders. Bring your art supplies and adopt one. Decorate it using any medium, keeping it socially acceptable and respectful to all. A group or a single person may "Adopt-a-Rock", painting designs on it. An adult must be a supervisor of your group. We are hoping that the Fire Department, Franklin Library, Franklin Historical Society, and Troop 2019 all 'Adopt-a-Rock'. Consider this a friendly challenge. More information will be available on the Franklin Town Office Facebook page.

Dawn R Carter

Chair, Selectboard

town_of_franklin@hotmail.com

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



In 2021 the COVID19 pandemic again forced the Franklin Historical Society to greatly curtail its usual activities. No monthly program meetings were held. Neither a spaghetti supper nor a blueberry pancake breakfast occurred. There were no classroom or museum visits with Mountain View students.

Our summer mini history camp did not meet.

Nevertheless, we were able to carry out a few activities. During July and August we opened our museum on Saturdays (with masks and social distancing required). Each Saturday there was an activity focused on a specific historical topic, including: quilting patterns, winnowing blueberries, Franklin houses, splitting granite. A yard sale, held in the downstairs of the East Franklin school house, gave people a chance to see our progress in restoring that building. It also was successful as a fund raiser. Our other success in raising money came from the raffle of a log cabin pattern quilt.

Thanks to an appropriation from the town and to generous donations from the public, we were able to continue work on the school house. On the first floor we insulated and drywalled both the exterior walls and the ceiling. This spring we plan to add a heat pump and to construct a new stairway to the second floor.

Our church headquarters building still needs attention, especially the trusses supporting the roof. We hope to get to that this summer.

What keeps us going is the support of those, both resident and non-resident, who value Franklin and want to see its history preserved. We heartily thank you for that support!

We hope to see you at some of our activities.



Revolutionary War Monument West Franklin

FRANKLIN LIBRARY



As we experienced our second year of dealing with COVID, the Library relied more than ever on the generosity and cooperation of the Franklin community. At the beginning of 2021, out of concern for the health and safety of our visitors, we were still operating on a reduced schedule.

In June we were confident enough about our safety measures combined with the seemingly diminished virus threat that we extended our hours to four days a week, a schedule we have maintained as of the writing of this report. However, here we are in 2022 still dealing with an even more virulent form of the disease. At the same time, what we learned in 2020 still held true; the more the community dealt with the restrictions of the pandemic, the more they needed the Library for free reading and entertainment sources. The number of Library materials circulated in 2021 increased more than 36% from the previous year and we added many new patrons. Though our former programming schedule of monthly presentations and workshops, summer evening lectures and other activities was not possible, we nonetheless offered a wonderful outdoor family program; an interactive Story Trail, based on the book “The Secret Bay”, along the water behind the Franklin Community Center.

For a second year we had to find a way to raise money without fundraising festivals or other community activities. The Library’s operating budget is comparatively small, and we receive a good portion of it from annual town funding. In addition, in January 2021, the Franklin Library was designated a permanent beneficiary of the Rudman Family Rural Library Fund. Every year beginning in 2018 we had applied for and received a grant of \$1,000 from the Rudman Trust for the purchase of books. We will now

automatically receive approximately the same amount each year going forward.

However, these two steady sources of funding meet only about half of our basic operating needs. We depend on fundraisers and donations to purchase materials and keep the building open. In lieu of our usual festivals and other group events, in 2021 we held a series of auctions: for lobsters, autographed books, and a giant Christmas stocking (below). We also introduced a new fundraising event in November; a pre-Thanksgiving homemade pie sale. Much to the astonishment of the Library volunteers, 45 donated pies were sold in as many minutes; an enormously successful fundraiser that will now become an annual event. Also, we received a portion of a federal pandemic recovery grant awarded to Maine libraries. The ARPA funds helped us buy a new water heater and improve electronic communications access.

Finally, we are most grateful for individual donations from the community. Without your generosity and support, none of this would be possible. You have shown us that you value the Library and we will continue to do our best to serve you.

Catherine FitzGerald
Franklin Library Director



FRANKLIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



This was another crazy year for the department, as for everyone navigating the second year of COVID. We had to cancel our Fireman's Breakfast again, which was disappointing, as it is a great social event and fundraiser, plus it allows us to display new tools and equipment the department has acquired to help in our responses.

The biggest news this year was the delivery (finally!) of our new tanker from Metalfab. This event was also impacted by COVID, by delays in delivery of the chassis, supply chain issues on materials to build the fire chassis and delays in getting the finished vehicle across the border. US Senator Susan Collins actually helped the Border Patrol to come around to our way of thinking. The truck is everything we hoped it would be, and provides capabilities we did not have with the old 1991 International water tender. This unit represents a big change in capabilities for our department, as well as for our fire district.

On the responses front, this year was quieter than 2020, which was a record at 139. We ran on 113 responses, down almost 19% from the previous year. 2021 was a wetter year at the coast, so we weren't plagued by as many wildland fires. We've added this year's numbers to our bar chart, which reflects the National Fire Reporting system. Remember that one response can be entered under multiple categories, so the totals will not line up with the total documented runs.

No major grant awards this year, but we have been applying, and are waiting to hear on a FEMA grant application for a turnout gear extractor (specialty washer) and dryer. Special thanks to all who have made monetary donations to the department and the many donations to the returnables shed. These have been going to good

use, filling in the gaps on the many items needed to perform emergency response.

Also, thanks to the Unknown Baker, who has for many months been providing goodies for our meetings, hung in bags on the firehouse door.

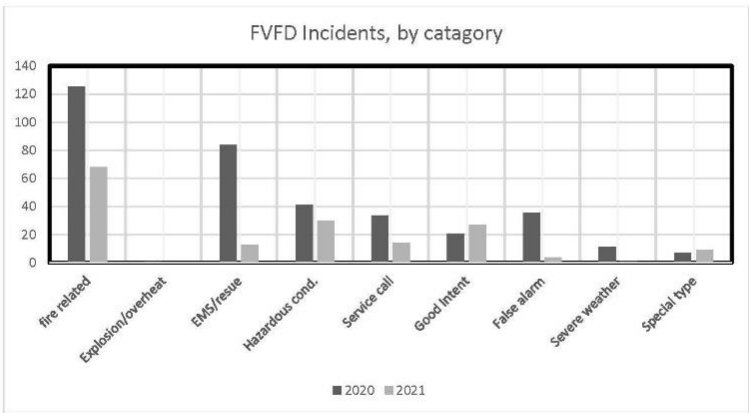
Thanks again to all who have supported the department this year, and for the many years we have been here. We are proud to serve.

Total Incidents:

2019- 126

2020- 139

2021- 113



Our New Fire Department Tanker Truck

FRENCHMAN'S BAY REGIONAL SHELLFISH CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

Mission Statement: “The town of Ellsworth, Franklin, Hancock, Lamoine, Sorrento, Sullivan, and Trenton will act collaboratively as stewards to preserve, protect, manage, and enhance the shellfish resources and ecological well-being of the Frenchman’s Bay Region and to ensure a sustainable harvest of shellfish and opportunity for those who make their living on the tide.”

Our program is entering its thirteenth (13th) year and continues to accomplish its mission statement. The conservation program, which includes area rotations and flat closures, ensures harvesters have productive areas to dig throughout the year. Most importantly the ordinance protects our towns from harvesters from other areas of the state.

Currently, there are approximately sixty (60) commercial harvesters from the seven (7) town region. Six (6) of those harvesters reside in the Town of Franklin. There were also nearly two hundred recreational licenses issued. Funds generated from license sales and town contributions pay for the enforcement of the ordinance. We have hired our warden as an independent contractor to help reduce the cost of enforcement.

One major change to our program is the town of Franklin has taken over the administrative duties for the program. This is no small task and our program is extremely grateful to the select board and the ladies at the town office for taking this on. The transition has been very smooth and has improved transparency with the finances and licensing. Information is much easier to obtain.

Residents in any of the seven towns are eligible to apply for a commercial harvester license. Harvesters who complete conservation service hours, for renewal of their license, avoid paying additional renewal fees.

With input from our harvesters, our communities work hard to ensure this program continues its success. Our conservation committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month, October through May. These meetings take place at the Franklin Community Center, Meeting Room at 5:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

Finally, the committee thanks the Town of Franklin for their continued support of this program.

Dana Smith
Franklin Representative

2022 Fees for Shellfish Licenses

Commercial	No Hours	12 Hours
Resident	\$780.00	\$600.00
Senior Resident	\$390.00	\$300.00
Junior Resident	\$300.00	\$300.00
Non-resident	\$980.00	\$800.00
Senior Non-resident	\$490.00	\$400.00
Junior Non-resident	\$400.00	\$400.00
Recreational		
Resident	\$20.00	
Non-resident	\$20.00	
Agent Fee	\$3.00	



FRENCHMANS BAY REGIONAL SHELLFISH CONSERVATION ORDINANCE ADMINISTRATIVE MUNICIPALITY

March 2021, the Town of Franklin was approached by Gary Edwards and Dana Smith. Their mission was to find another municipality to be the administrator for the FB Regional Shellfish Program. The City of Ellsworth felt that they were not the correct fit for the administration of the program. Without much fanfare, the Selectboard of Franklin voted to take over the program.

The City of Ellsworth sent us the working copies of the program and then delivered the physical records to the office. We appreciate the support and direction from the office at Ellsworth.

While some of the terminology and references are new to the office staff, it was just another department to establish. We have put our spin on the internal workings of the program.

Mike Hall was retained as the Shellfish Warden. During the summer months, Elaine and Sharon kept him updated weekly with reports of who had come in for their license and those that had not. Mike was a great resource for us and many thanks for his help.

June 15th of each year is the start of selling new commercial and recreational licenses. All non-residential commercial licenses must be renewed by July 1st or the license holder could forfeit the license. The number of non-resident commercial licenses are based on the number of resident commercial licenses – 10% only. There is no limit on the number of resident commercial licenses sold.

You must present a valid State of Maine Clamming License, a current Driver's License, and proof of residency to purchase a FB Commercial Resident Shellfish License.

In 2020, 515.375 pounds of clams were harvested in the FB Region – 270,688 pounds were from Franklin mudflats. The value of those Franklin clams was \$669,998.

Conservation Hours – The spring of each year each harvester has the opportunity to earn up to 12 hours towards their license fee doing conservation work. Each hour is worth \$15. So a Commercial Resident license fee could be reduced by \$180 if you put in your 12 hours.

The location and times of the Conservation Work is posted in all seven of the towns, on Franklin's facebook page, and on Franklin's website.

Conservation Committee – All seven towns and all harvesters are encouraged to attend the Conservation Committee meetings, starting in October (3rd Wednesday of the month at 5pm) at the Franklin Community Center Meeting Room. The Conservation Committee reviews opening and closing of flats, license fees, and conservation work. All recommendations have to be approved by the Municipal Joint Board.

Municipal Joint Board – All of the towns involved with the FB Shellfish Program have a representative on the Municipal Joint Board. The Franklin representative is Dana Smith. Dana has an active role within the board and on the flats. He is an additional resource for our office and never fails to have an opinion.

Recreational Licenses -- We created separate forms for the Commercial License and the Recreational License to make it easier for the member towns and the applicant. The Recreational License is available to any resident or visitor for \$20.00 for the year. A Senior (65+) or a Junior (19-) are free except for the \$3.00 agent fee. Every license has an agent fee attached which is retained by the issuing municipality.

The Recreational License is good for a peck per day of clams for your own personal consumption. What is a peck? Quarter of a bushel, or 8 dry quarts. The minimum size of legal clams is 2”.

What’s a Peck???

1 Peck = 2.33 gallons = ¼ Bushel



One Peck in a 5 gallon bucket

One Peck in a Fish Basket

We are committed to making the Frenchmans Bay Region Shellfish Conservation Program work for all the communities.

The Town Office will continue to answer your questions, as best as possible. If we do not know, we will direct you to someone who might know.

Dawn R Carter
Selectboard, Chair

FB SHELLFISH PROGRAM

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand as of June 1, 2021

\$0.00

Revenues

Resident Commercial Licenses

Regular \$34,480.00

Senior \$1,740.00

Junior \$200.00

Non Resident Commercial Licenses

Regular \$4,680.00

Senior \$2,060.00

Less Conservation Hours (\$3,337.50)

Total Commercial Licenses \$39,822.50

Recreational Licenses \$2,660.00

Prior Years License Fees \$680.00

Municipality Annual Fees \$21,000.00

Agent Fees \$60.00

Pay Port \$1.00

Total Revenue \$64,223.50

Expenses

Contract Warden, Michael Hall \$24,750.00

Checks/Deposit Slips, Hygrade Business \$119.41

Misc Office Supplies, Quill \$20.99

NSF (\$45.00)

Total Expenses \$24,845.40

Cash on Hand as of December 31, 2021

\$39,378.10

Elaine Brown, Treasurer

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Applications for General Assistance are available from staff at the Franklin Town Office and may be completed at home and submitted back to the Town Office. Staff will notify the General Assistance Administrator that an application has been submitted for review. The Administrator will review the application for completeness and verify that information with DHHS regarding household income and occupants. The applicant will be notified by mail if they are eligible and how much they are eligible to receive as a credit to the landlord, heating provider etc. as funds are not paid directly to the applicant.

The Town changed the General Assistance account to be a revolving non-lapsing account. The accounting for Fiscal Year 2021 is as follows:

March 1, 2021 beginning balance	\$3,702.14
Raised at Town Meeting	\$10.00
Funds Expended	\$334.90
70% reimbursement due from DHHS	\$234.43
Ending Balance February 28, 2021	\$3,611.67

Millard Billings
GA Administrator



Bear Feeding Time

HEALTH OFFICER

Hello Franklin Residents

It's hard to believe that we are still in this COVID-19 pandemic. A virus that every household has dealt with, in one way or another. Schools have opened, closed, and gone viral. Kids have been wearing masks.

The CDC recommends masking when going into stores. No vaccine? No entry into many businesses. Who would have ever thought we would be carrying a card saying we are vaccinated? Who's right, and who's wrong? Masking, or No Masking? It is frustrating for sure.

I would like to thank those of you that did your part to help with this fight against Covid. Thank you for the emails, and dealing with my many posts. Posts? Yes, posts. Please take the time to check out our Facebook page. Franklin Maine, Local Health. My email is Townofffranklinlho@gmail.com and you can always call the Town office if you have any questions or concerns.

Let's put this year behind us, and wish for healing. Hope for life to become "Normal" and Covid free.

Take care everyone!

Amy Boyle
Franklin Health Official



Birds on a Wire?

LICENSED PLUMBING INSPECTOR (LPI)



Submitted to the Town of Franklin in February 2022 for the calendar year 2021.

I have served as LPI since April 2015 when I was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to replace former LPI Pierce.

I have issued the following permits in calendar year 2021;

Total number of permits issued - 28

Portion of permits that were in Shoreland Zone - 8

Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Permits

(HHE-200) issued - 22

Internal Plumbing Permits (HHE-211) issued - 6

Local Variances issued for Subsurface Wastewater
Disposal Systems - 2

Millard Billings
Local Plumbing Inspector

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION



Dear Franklin Residents:

We have survived another year with COVID. Hopefully things will get back to normal soon. The Town Office is open from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 on Thursdays and Fridays.

You can come into the Town Office to register your vehicles, trailers, motorcycles, ATV's, snowmobiles, pay property and personal taxes, water bills, dog licenses, and purchase hunting and fishing licenses.

Vehicle registrations can also be done online at: <https://www.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>. You will need to have your old registration and insurance information.

Snow and ATV registrations can also be done online at: https://apps1.web.maine.gov/online/atv_snow/index.htm.

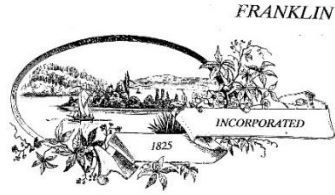
All new and used vehicle registrations require a bill of sale, prior title (if newer than 1994), and proof of insurance for any private sale. Any registrations for a vehicle bought from a dealer, will need the copy of the blue title application, bill of sale, proof of insurance. If the vehicle is brand new, we will need the window sticker that is on the vehicle prior to buying. This is used to verify the MSRP value.

Please remember, we need the updated rabies certificates for any dog registrations.

We are now the administrator for Frenchman Bay Shellfish. We have learned a lot about this program and look forward to another year. All Commercial Shellfish Licenses are purchased at the Franklin Town Office.

Elaine Brown, Office Administrator

PLANNING BOARD



In the twelve months since last year's report, the planning board has held 11 regular meetings and 6 public hearings, a significant uptick in business. We have also become somewhat more proficient in the Zoom meeting process, with much help from Dawn Carter and the improved equipment provided by the select-board.

The Planning Board approved a structure reconstruction within the Shorelands Zone, on Donnell Pond and the construction of a commercial fisheries wharf on the South Bay Road. There were two subdivision applications received and approved, one for an eleven lot project on Goodwin Road and the other for a duplex on South Shore Road. The second is a subdivision by virtue of number of dwelling units, not by lot division.

We are still processing an application for a quarry on the South Bay Road. Additional materials were requested by the Planning Board, which have recently been provided and will be presented to the board in late February at a continuation of the original Public Hearing began in April.

Franklin's Medical Marijuana Ordinance was also finalized and approved this year. As the State's rules are still being finalized, I expect this ordinance may have to be revisited in the future.

I would like to note the passing of longtime Planning Board member Bruce Carter. He was a large part of the board's 'institutional memory' and our de facto historian. His knowledge, broad experience, and good humor will be missed. At the same time, we continue onward with our work; we welcome new member Doug Hitchings to the table. He also has a solid grounding in the workings of the town, and I know he will work hard to fill Bruce's shoes.

I again want to thank CEO Millard Billings and Recording Secretary Deb Lurvey for their support of the Planning Board's mission and efforts.

Brian Abbott
Chair, Franklin Planning Board



Millard, Bruce, and Paul – Assessing Years Ago

PROPERTY TAXES BY YEAR

Year	Mil Rate	County	%	Municipal	%	Education	%	Total Raised
2021	13.80	89,882	4	372,495	15	2,052,177	82	2,514,554
2020	13.70	85,540	3	321,794	13	2,073,843	84	2,481,177
2019	13.70	78,855	3	314,657	13	2,105,841	84	2,499,353
2018	13.70	78,284	3	325,475	13	2,121,744	84	2,525,503
2017	13.50	78,654	3	326,990	13	2,031,740	83	2,437,384
2016	12.00	78,048	4	159,273	7	1,936,585	89	2,173,906
2015	10.20	74,485	4	134,803	7	1,655,541	89	1,864,829
2014	9.50	66,737	4	60,741	4	1,595,391	93	1,722,869
2013	9.70	65,202	3	497,604	26	1,352,371	71	1,915,177
2012	10.50	65,340	4	360,294	20	1,357,201	76	1,782,835
2011	8.90	62,565	4	295,550	20	1,151,949	76	1,510,064
2010	9.10	60,415	4	297,087	19	1,172,331	77	1,529,833
2009	9.30	60,322	4	545,521	35	941,875	61	1,547,718
2008	15.00	54,395	5	303,949	25	838,484	70	1,196,828
2007	14.00	51,981	5	388,017	35	672,855	60	1,112,853
2006	13.50	50,298	5	140,422	13	863,315	82	1,054,035
2005	15.00	48,144	5	193,517	18	815,809	77	1,057,470
2004	14.00	51,142	5	103,868	11	832,845	84	987,855
2003	14.00	50,223	5	87,762	9	822,151	86	960,136
2002	14.00	49,618	5	60,317	6	822,081	88	932,016
2001	14.00	47,947	5	120,536	13	735,812	81	904,295

Notes –

2009 and 2010 Transition Years from CSD to RSU #24

2014, 2015, and 2016 – Unexpended Funds used to Reduce
Municipal.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

The Registrar of Voters is responsible for making sure all registered voters for the Town of Franklin are kept current in our file system and in CVR (Central Voter Registration).

All registered voter cards are kept in a small file – changing often. New voters are registered in person, by mail or through the Motor Vehicle Division of the State of Maine. Current voters occasionally change their name, address or party enrollment and we of course lose voters due to moving or death.

A number of days before each election an up-to-date Incoming Voter List must be presented to our Town Clerk. These are the voting lists you see at the Ballot Clerk's tables whenever you vote. New voters, of course, can register and/or enroll in a party of their choice on election day with proof of residency and an ID. The Registrar must be there with the proper cards.

Any statewide or local “petition” signed by any person declaring Franklin as their residence must be sent to the Registrar to verify each voter's signature and return each petition to the sender.

Currently we have a total of 1222 registered voters, 371 Un-enrolled, 350 Democrats, 449 Republicans, and 52 Green Independent.

The Registrar is appointed by the Selectboard every two years. I appreciate this appointment and sincerely enjoy it.

Deborah T Lurvey



RSU #24 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Dear Fellow Citizens,

As of this writing I serve as the Chair of the Board of Directors, Vice-Chair of the Facilities & Transportation Committee, and sit on the Personnel Committee. As of October, 2021, RSU 24 provided for the educational needs of 909 students, most of which were from our nine towns, and 22 of which are from neighboring communities. Of the 887 students from RSU 24 communities, there were 753 enrolled in RSU 24 schools and 134 enrolled in public, private, charter, or virtual schools outside of our district for which the district has varying degrees of financial responsibility. Franklin's 194 students included 32 students enrolled in an academic institution not part of RSU 24.

The 2021-22 school year saw a return to in-person attendance for most students but remained a challenging year due to the pandemic. The Board made several difficult and contentious decisions throughout the course of the year with the goal that the majority of students would be able to learn in the academic setting which we know is most effective – in person. We look forward to further approaching normalcy in the months to come.

Last year, the State finally reached its long-standing obligation to fund 55% of the cost of education and this resulted in additional subsidy. The forthcoming year (second in the biennium) should reflect a similar level of subsidy, though this year's ED 279 report is difficult to compare to last year's because funding for the new facility under construction is counted with subsidy. Every year has its own budgetary challenges. The high inflation rate will force some important financial discussions. As always, we scrutinize our budget carefully with current challenges in mind.

We look forward to the fall of this year when classes will open for the first time at the new Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus and the project is still on schedule to achieve such opening, and within budget. It has been a joy to watch and participate in the progress of this new facility. For those interested who have not had the

opportunity, please reach out to Sumner Principal J. T. Green for a tour.

Our meetings are open to the public and attendance and participation is encouraged; dates and times are posted on the district calendar at www.rsu24.org. Meetings are presently held in-person with a remote option over Zoom available as needed. The Finance & Budget Committee will review budget requests from each school and department of the district over the next months. The budget review concludes with a District Budget Meeting and a validation referendum. If you would like to be sent budget information to peruse, please contact the district office at 422-2017.

As always, I suggest that anyone wishing for information about any aspect of the district should contact the superintendent or your school board member who will be able to either answer your request, or direct it to the appropriate individual.

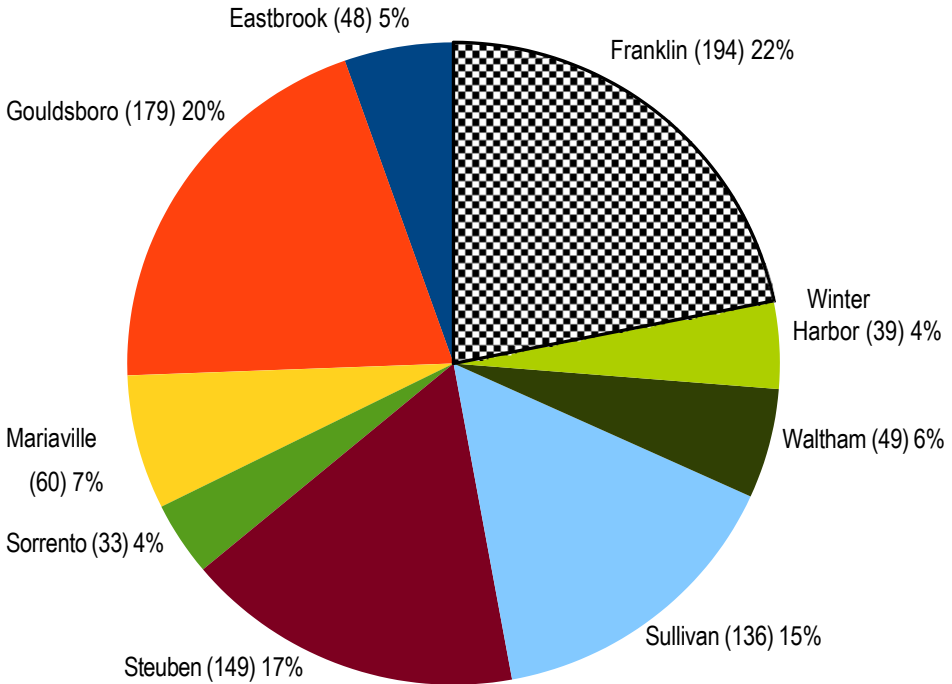
Respectfully submitted,

Roy D. Gott



Sumner Memorial High School Yearbook - 1965

District Enrollment by Town (887)



District Enrollment by School (887)	
Sumner Memorial High School	239
Cave Hill School	73
Mountain View School	204
Peninsula School	142
Ella Lewis School	95
Outside RSU 24	134

Franklin Enrollment by School (194)		
Sumner Memorial High School	59	30.4%
Cave Hill School	11	5.7%
Mountain View School	86	44.3%
Peninsula School	6	3.1%
Ella Lewis School	0	0.0%
Outside RSU 24	32	16.5%

RSU #24 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Regional School Unit 24



As Superintendent for Regional School Unit #24, it is my pleasure to submit this annual update to the Franklin community. Please find below information that you may find helpful in understanding our school district.

RSU #24 serves children in nine Hancock County and Washington County communities. The district provides the educational services for five schools and 748 students including general administration, centralized business services, food service, transportation, technology support and integration, and special education programming. In addition, there are 95 resident students in RSU 24 that attend school outside of the district (tuition and Superintendent Agreements). Regional School Unit #24 employs 235 local citizens in a full range of professional and support positions. State funding is determined by the Essential Programs and Services formula and bases state aid on local property valuations and the number of resident students. RSU 24 received \$3,440,975 in state funding for the present fiscal year accounting for 18.86% of our \$18,245,700 budget. The town of Franklin contributed 12.46% of the local cost of education, as is determined by student population and property valuation. In addition to these sources, the district receives federal funding for several categories of services and we also take every opportunity to apply for grant funding to supplement educational programming.

RSU 24 provides for the education of 162 students who reside in Franklin. Fifty-nine secondary students attend Sumner Memorial High School. Nine of these secondary students also attend Hancock County Technical Center for part of each day. The Mountain View School enrolls 86 Franklin students in grades kindergarten through eight and 17 Franklin students attend other RSU schools. Thirty-two Franklin students attend private schools or schools in other districts.

Sumner Memorial High School Principal J.T. Green and the rest of the amazing Tiger team continue to move toward the grand opening of the Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus, which will house our middle and high school students (6-12). The team expects to fully enter their new campus in late July or early August. Sumner faculty, staff, and students join together with our local towns, feeling a mix of emotions, as we prepare to leave a historic school and move into a brand-new building -- where countless memories and new histories will be made.

Despite the many challenges brought about because of the continued pandemic and the numerous hours of planning and preparing for their upcoming transition, our Sumner team has worked extremely hard to maintain the highest academic standards of excellence while also working to meet the needs of each of its students.

The Friends of Sumner's Future Fundraising Committee continues to raise money to help offset building project expenses that are not covered by state funding. Please go to the RSU website (www.rsu24.org) and click on the New Building Project link to get the latest building project information and/or to donate to the project.

Mountain View School has seen many changes this school year with scheduling in order to adhere to COVID guidelines. We have several new staff members that have joined our Mountain View team this year. Change is difficult, but our staff has risen to the occasion. Principal Fredy Lazo and the MVS staff are focused on meeting all of the students' individual academic needs through data review and analysis. Due to the pandemic and remote learning, our students' social and emotional needs are a priority. We continue to celebrate student success with the student of the month, especially recognizing those students who are positive members of our school community. Our staff is committed to transparent communication with students, parents/guardians, and community members by regularly posting to Facebook and producing a monthly newsletter that is mailed home and digitally shared. We are proud of what we have accomplished at Mountain View and we are excited to continue the journey together.

Please know that your community is represented by Roy Gott, an RSU Board member since September of 2012. Mr. Gott is the Board Chair and is currently serving on the Facilities & Transportation Committee, the Personnel Committee, and the IT Advisory. Mr. Gott's current three-year term runs through March of 2022.

Thank you for your continued support of our students. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at (207)422-2017 or meastman@rsu24.org . - Michael Eastman, Superintendent RSU #24

Michael Eastman
Superintendent RSU #24



Sumner Memorial High School Gym – 1952-2022

TAX COLLECTOR

Commitment	\$2,514,552.74
Supplemental Tax	\$2,075.52
	\$2,516,628.26

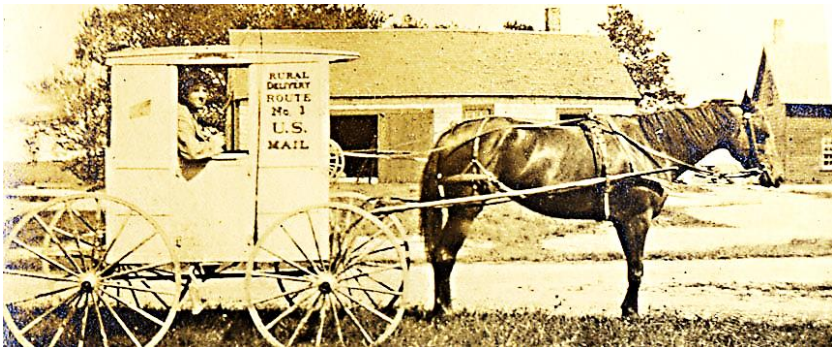
Tax Abatements	\$2,179.57
Total	\$2,514,453.69

Cash	\$2,319,482.16
Uncollected Taxes	\$198,391.99
Total	\$2,514,453.69

Excise Tax Collector

Motor Vehicle Excise	\$306,477.01
Motor Vehicle Registration	\$83,923.60
Motor Vehicle Title	\$7,180.00
Boat Excise	\$3,006.10
Boat Registration	\$6,459.00
ATV Registration	\$7,680.00
Snowmobile Registration	\$1,280.00
Sales Tax	\$52,888.65

Elaine Brown
Tax Collector



US Mail Delivery – Percy DeBeck

TOWN CLERK



This year of 2021 provided to be a very busy one for the Clerk, despite the pandemic. On March 26, Clerk presided at the Town Election where 100 voters, 24 being absentee, elected candidates for offices and voted on a General Assistance Ordinance and a Medical Marijuana Ordinance. In the action of Town Meeting on March 27, 21 voters addressed 95 articles. The June 8, 2021 RSU 24 Budget Referendum voting saw 31 voters. The Special Town Meeting lasting 8 minutes June 28, 2021 saw 9 articles discussed and voted upon by 6 voters. At the November 2, 2021 Referendum Election and Noise Ordinance vote for the Town 485 votes were cast, 102 being absentee ballots and 1 UOCAVA.

You can now obtain your hunting and fishing licenses from the Town Office 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. The fee for a license for those 70 and older is a one-time fee of \$8.00.

The Town Office issues new and renewal Frenchmans Bay Regional Shellfish Recreational licenses. During 2021, the town became the Administrative Municipality for the Frenchmans Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Program, which means the Town Office issues all new and renewal Commercial Shellfish Licenses.

Dog licenses are due annually by January 1 for any dogs 6 months old or older, or when a dog becomes 6 months old during the year and can be obtained at the Town Office. A male or female licensing fee is \$11.00; a spayed or neutered dog's fee is \$6.00. A late fee of \$25.00 is charged after January 31. You should inform the Town Office if you no longer have a previously licensed dog, or if you acquire a new dog. The number on the metal tag can identify the owner should the dog become lost or stray from home. Acquiring a rabies immunization does not automatically license the dog with the Town. There are no forever licenses.

Birth records are now forwarded directly to Augusta. We can still issue copies of records on file in the Town.

Eleven marriage licenses were issued from the Town Clerk Office.

Except for those prohibited by State Law, all records in the care of the Town Clerk are available for public inspection. Your Clerk is a member of the Maine Town and City Clerks Association.

If you have any questions, need some information, or have a suggestion you may call 565-3663 and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Deborah T. Lurvey



Deaths

Joanne Yvonne Alley Harris	Orr's Island	02/11/2021
Ronald 'Ronnie' Trundy Sr	Hancock	02/26/2021
Reginald S. Clark	Franklin	02/27/2021
Todd Hoglund	Franklin	03/03/2021
Arthur W. Deans II	Franklin	03/27/2021
Margaret P 'Pat' Griffin	Franklin	04/01/2021
Bethany 'Betty' Austin	Ellsworth	04/03/2021
Charles Wilbur	Franklin	04/08/2021
Michael David 'Bones' Church	Franklin	04/27/2021
Nannette Bunker Ross	Ellsworth	05/08/2021
Ronnie Robertson	Franklin	05/12/2021

Judith Anne Renner	Franklin	05/13/2021
Justin J Burnett	Franklin	05/15/2021
Carmen Lois Peters	Bangor	05/21/2021
Dennis Clayton Harmon	Franklin	05/22/2021
Joan Stella Nichols	Franklin	05/28/2021
Diane Elizabeth Hoyt Jordan	Franklin	06/18/2021
George R Stevenson	Franklin	06/21/2021
James Arnold Hudson	Franklin	07/06/2021
George Thurston Pickard, Jr	Franklin	07/06/2021
Spencer A Zerrien-Simpson	Ellsworth	07/22/2021
Andrea Lessie Dougan	Franklin	08/12/2021
Augustus A Buteau	Ellsworth	08/17/2021
Wayne A Willigar	Ellsworth	08/17/2021
Davida Lynn Willette	Bucksport	08/24/2021
Robert B Tuttle	Franklin	08/30/2021
John Frederick Abbey	Bangor	09/13/2021
Nancy Lee Goetchius (Hobbs)	Franklin	09/27/2021
Sharon (McGown) Williams	Franklin	10/07/2021
Joyce Shaw Paine	Brewer	10/17/2021
Scott 'Bud' Charles Griffin Jr	Franklin	10/24/2021
Bruce Raymond 'Raymie' Carter	Franklin	10/31/2021
Stephen John Pileski	Franklin	11/28/2021
William 'Bill' Levi Fewell	Franklin	12/10/2021
Florence A Scott	Hancock	12/16/2021
John W Berry	NH/Franklin	12/26/2021
Sidney T Openshaw	Ellsworth	01/10/2022
Darlene Marie (Berry) Potter	Ellsworth	01/10/2022
Clara G Johnson	Hancock	01/12/2022
Mavis Arlene Polley	Franklin	01/17/2022
Karen M Wallace Manning	Milbridge	01/20/2022
Olaf Richard Hukki	Franklin	01/23/2022
Donald 'Donnie' Morris Anderson	Franklin	01/30/2022
Merton W Bunker Sr	Gorham	01/30/2022

TOWN ROADS NAMES

Town Road Names were accepted/approved at the Town Meeting on March 25, 1995 to comply with the Enhanced E-9-1-1 System. The old road, fire lanes, camp roads, and logging roads were changed, removed, or kept the same. The process was involved and long, however. After town meeting, the next step was road signs.

Public – Public roads are maintained by the Town of Franklin. Some roads are both Private and Public. Franklin maintains the public part of the road. Example – Butler Point Road is town owned until the gate. After the gate is a private road. Donnell Pond Road is town owned until the pavement ends.

PVT – Private roads are maintained by the property owner(s) or a Road Association formed by the owners.

Log – Logging roads. These are old tote roads used for logging, gravel pit access, or winter access. Some were the way to Christmas tree orchards, when Franklin was a major source of balsam trees and brush/tips for wreaths.

State Roads are Route 182 and Route 200. The state maintains these roads.

New roads names are accepted at Town Meetings by Franklin's legislative body, any registered voter present. Renaming a town road is not a simple process any more. Years ago you could go out and put up your own new sign. Now you must petition the selectboard to be put on a town meeting warrant. If voter approved to change, the E911 Administrator will notify GIS. GIS will change their maps which is used for the fire departments and RCC. The E911 Administrator will notify all landowners on the road and the post office of the change. The town will order new signs to be placed on the road.

When a new subdivision is approved by the planning board, the road names are automatically approved. The E911 Administrator will notify GIS and the process starts again.

There is a map in the Town Office of all the accepted Town Roads. There also is a pdf version on the our website.

These are the Town Roads that have been accepted and the year accepted.

Town Road Name	Year	Public	PVT	Log
Abbott Hill Bypass	2018		X	
Abbott's Field Road	1995		X	
Abram's Pond Road	1995		X	
Acadia View Circle			X	
Alder Brook Hill Road	1995	X	X	
Alvah Lane	2019		X	
Applewood Commons			X	
Arva Road	2021		X	
Rename from Noyes Road	1995			
Atherton Way	2020		X	
Back of Molly's	1995			X
Bailey Mountain Drive	2009		X	
Rename from Acadia View Dr				
Bailey Mountain Road	1995			
Balsam Point	2002		X	
Baneberry Lane	1995		X	
Bark Road	1995			X
Beachland Drive	2002		X	
Bear Road	1995			X
Bearberry Court	1995		X	
Bearberry Road	1995		X	
Beaver Lane	1995		X	
Bell Point Road	2021			X
Bella Lane	2020		X	
Bennett Avenue	2000		X	
Beverly Lane	1995		X	

Town Road Name	Year	Public	PVT	Log
Billings Cove Road	2003		X	
Blackswoods Road (Rt 182)	1995	X		
Blaisdell Road	1995		X	
Blueberry Hill Road	1995		X	X
Bluff Point Road	2000		X	
Bragdon Way	2020		X	
Brandy Lane	2021		X	
Brenton Lane	1995		X	
Buckskin Camp Road	1995		X	
Bunchberry Court	1995		X	
Bunker Beach Road	1995		X	
Butler Point Road	1995	X	X	
Button Drive	1995		X	
Cards Crossing	1995	X		
Cedar View	1995		X	
Chambers Road	1995		X	
Charlottes Way	2017		X	
Chipmunk Lane	1995		X	
Clark Road	2000		X	
Clean Sweep Road	1995		X	
Conlee Lane	2017		X	
Coombs Wharf Road	1995		X	
Cousins Road	1995		X	
Cove Road	1995		X	
Crooked Lane	2006		X	
Daisy Lane			X	
Daltons Drive	2003		X	
Daltons Way				
Dead Horse Gulch Road	1995			X
Diamond Road	1995			X
Donnell Pond Road	1995		X	
Downeast Sunrise Trail Old Railroad Track Bed		X	X	
Duck Pond Road	1995			X
Dwelly Point Road	1995	X	X	
Dyers Poor House Road	1995		X	
Eastbrook Road (Route 200)	1995	X		

Town Road Name	Year	Public	PVT	Log
Egypt Lane	1995	X	X	
Faraway Road	2019		X	
Fir Spur	1995		X	
Firehouse Lane	1995	X	X	
Frost Lane	1995		X	
Gagnon Drive	2002		X	
General Cobb Road	1995	X	X	
Georges Pond Road	1995	X	X	
Giles Road	1995		X	
Glorias Way	2008		X	
Goodwin Road	1995	X		
Gotts Pit Road Discontinued	1995 2021		X	X
Grant Street	2003		X	
Graves Road	1995		X	
Great Pond Road	1995	X	X	
Greenfield Road	1995			X
Grist Mill Road	1995	X		
Handys Road	2003		X	
Hatch Point Road	1995		X	
Hill Street	1995		X	
Hog Bay Road (Route 200)	1995	X		
Hoke Road	2003		X	
Hooper Road	1995	X	X	
Hunters Run	2006		X	
Hutchins Road	1995		X	
Ibens Farm Road	2007			
Jeannette Way Spelt Incorrectly on Warrant	2019 2018	X		
Johnny Blaisdell Road	1995			X
Jordan Lane Removed	1995 2021		X	
Kane's Avenue or Way	2002		X	
Kellys Lane	1995		X	
Kenzie Avenue	2006		X	
Ladyslipper Lane			X	

Town Road Name	Year	Public	PVT	Log
Lee's Drive	2000		X	
Little Camp Road	1995		X	
Little Cove Road	2000		X	
Lonely Oak Way			X	
Lyndel Lane	2021		X	
Macomber Mill Road	1995	X	X	
Maddy Way	2020		X	
Main Street (Route 182)	1995	X		
Martins Ridge Road	1995	X	X	
McNeil Lane	1995		X	
Megabug Lane	2006		X	
Mill Road	1995		X	
Mona's Lane	1995		X	
Monument Square	1995	X		
Moose Road	1995		X	
Mountain Road	1995			X
Myrick Road Discontinued	1995 2021			X
Narraguagus Road Discontinued	1995 2021		X	
Needle Point Lane	1995		X	
Neumeier Road	1995		X	
Ocean Lane	1995		X	
Old Cherryfield Road Discontinued	1995 2021	X	X	
Old Meadow Road	1995		X	
Oliver Lane	1995		X	
Otter Lane	1995			X
Outlet Road	1995		X	
Oxen Meadows Road	1995		X	
Oyster Lane	2019		X	
Paddy Lane	1995	X	X	
Patten Lane			X	
Peanut Way	2006		X	
Peters Road Rename to Georges Pond Rd	2015 2021		X	

Town Road Name	Year	Public	PVT	Log
Pine Brook	1995	X	X	
Pleasant View	1995		X	
Pokoneys Way	2017		X	
Porcupine Road	1995		X	
Pouwels Drive	1995		X	
Rabbit Town Road	1995	X	X	
Raccoon Lane	1995		X	
Railroad Siding	1995		X	
Reservoir Road	1995	X	X	
Rocky Ridge Road	2000		X	
Salmon Farm Road	1995		X	
Sanborn Lane			X	
Sanctuary Way Rename Haynes Road	2007 1995		X	X
Sandpiper Lane	2009		X	
Scallop Lane	2000		X	
Scammons Road	1995		X	
Seadog Lane	2006		X	
Shipyard Point Road	1995	X	X	
Shoo Fly Lane	2002		X	
Short Street	1995		X	
Smith Road	1995			X
South Bay Road	1995	X		
South Shore Colony Road	1995		X	
Spinsfield Common Road	1995		X	
Spring Point Road	1995		X	
Spruce Circle	1995		X	
Squirrel Lane	1995		X	
Stone Culvert Road	1995			X
Summer Road	2020		X	
Sunnyside Cemetery Road	1995		X	
Sunset Point Lane	2018		X	
Sweet Fern Lane	1995		X	
Sylvan Lane	2006		X	
Taunton Bay Shores Road	1995		X	
Tracy Road	1995	X		

Town Road Name	Year	Public	PVT	Log
Two Pine Lane	1995	X		
Two View Way	2021		X	
Wallace Drive	1995		X	
Water Street	1995		X	
Welch Lane	2002		X	
West Franklin Road (Rt 182)	1995	X		
West Slope Road	1995		X	
Whales Back Road Rename Sullivan Dump Road	2021 1995	X		
Willy Wag Way	2002		X	
Winter Road	1995	X	X	X
Winterberry Court	1995		X	
Wood Edge Lane	1995		X	
Woodchuck Road	1995		X	
Wooster Place	1995		X	



TRANSFER STATION



Another year of Municipal Solid Waste and COVID. This year we kept the Transfer Station open on Wednesdays longer than just the July and August. Again this year the tonnage increased over last year.

MRC (Municipal Review Committee) has been very active with acquiring a new owner for the 'Coastal Resources Plant' in Hampden. MRC has been able to keep all permits active, so the new owner will continue with them. The last report is maybe by June.

During this transition, MRC worked with PERC in Orrington. PERC burns MSW to generate energy. MRC maintained our Tip Fee at \$71.44 per ton. MRC has been very diligent in keeping the membership informed of any changes, via email and Zoom Meetings.

The Selectboard extended the Wednesday 'Summer Hours'. We started early in the spring and went into November. We will start Wednesday hours early than July this year.

We would like to extend a huge THANKS to Richard Chard our Transfer Station Attendant. Richard has done an excellent job this year with all of the extra waste. This year he has worked on the 'trash' that has blown to the outer edges of the woods. Brad Eaton fills in when Richard is not available.

While we try to have a small "Take It or Leave It" table, it is **NOT** for electronics, clothing, or other items that are unable to be put into the dumpsters. Please do not leave broken items.

Some items that CANNOT be accepted at the Transfer Station –

(this list is not all of the item, but a large majority)

Tires, any size.

Vehicle batteries, any size.

Mattresses, any kind including crib.

Couches, any size.

Chairs, stuffed and/or recliners.

Paint, latex or oil, and absolutely NO lead paint.

Building materials, shingles, house wrap, etc.

Hazardous Materials.

Electronics, computers, televisions, etc.

(Every summer there is an Electronics round-up in

Ellsworth, please use this service or a comparable service.)

Propane Tanks.

Appliances – Stoves, freezers, fridges, washers, driers, etc.

Other items that require a little attention before bagging --

Garden hoses, please cut them into less than three-foot sections.

Wire or Cable, please cut into small sections.

Metal – There is a small metal pile beside the building for your convenience. It is removed every week.

The Town requires a Trash Sticker on each bag. The stickers are \$2.00 each. You may purchase them at the Town Office or at the Franklin Trading Post. Please place the stickers on your bags. All solid waste must be bagged.

This year the town raised \$15,000 from property tax for the Transfer Station. We appropriated another \$10,000 from ‘surplus’. The rest of the costs incurred by the Transfer Station were paid from the purchase of Trash Stickers or more simply put - the people that use the Transfer Station.

While municipal solid waste is not everybody’s favorite topic, we all generate it. We have a clean uncluttered Transfer Station. Let’s keep it that way. It takes all of us to do our individual part.

Thank you.

TREASURER'S REPORT



Cash on Hand, March 1, 2021

\$700,972.00

Receipts

Property Taxes & Liens **\$2,576,890.72**

2022 Prepaid Real Estate Taxes	\$7,510.98
2021 Real Estate Taxes	\$2,302,803.60
2020 Real Estate Taxes	\$102,041.49
2019 Real Estate Taxes	\$99.87
2020 Real Estate Tax Liens	44,299.12
2019 Real Estate Tax Liens	\$53,756.63
2018 Real Estate Tax Liens	\$14,348.80
2017 Real Estate Tax Liens	\$4,374.13
Lien Costs	\$7,068.23
2021 Personal Property Taxes	\$12,894.02
2020 Personal Property Taxes	\$68.50
2019 Personal Property Taxes	\$68.50
2018 Personal Property Taxes	\$68.50
2016 Personal Property Taxes	\$198.00
2020 In Lieu of Taxes	\$27,290.35

Excise Taxes **\$309,483.11**

Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$306,477.01
IF&W (Boats)	\$3,006.10

Agent Fees **\$10,324.09**

Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$9,021.00
ATVs	\$200.00
Snowmobiles	\$237.84
Hunting/Fishing	\$172.25
Boats	\$231.00
Shellfish	\$252.00
Dogs	\$210.00

State of Maine	\$327,264.30
State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$177,386.60
Veterans Exemption Reimburse	\$1,586.00
Homestead Reimbursements	\$91,257.00
Tree Growth Reimbursements	\$24,473.70
BETE Reimbursements	\$9,141.00
Local Road Assistance Program	\$23,420.00
Maine Municipal Association	\$1,053.00
Dividends, Workers Compensation	\$248.00
Property & Casualty Dividend	\$805.00
Transfer Station	\$41,828.85
User Fees	\$38,890.00
Municipal Review Committee	\$938.85
Hancock County for Townships 9&10	\$2,000.00
Permits	\$61,212.96
Building/Plumbing	\$54,172.96
River Herring	\$7,000.00
Building/Plumbing Ordinance Fines	\$40.00
Pass-Thru to State of Maine	\$164,711.01
Vehicle Registrations	\$83,923.60
Sales Tax	\$52,888.66
Title Fees	\$7,180.00
ATV Registrations	\$7,680.00
Boat Registrations	\$6,459.00
Snowmobile Registrations	\$1,280.00
IF&W Hunting Licenses	\$2,853.25
Plumbing Permits	\$1,627.50
Dog Registrations	\$819.00

Other Pass-Thru **\$47,023.18**

Reimburse Mariage License	\$102.00
Plumbing Permits to LPI	\$4,027.50
Building Permits to CEO	\$8,125.73
Shellfish Licenses	\$140.00
Reimburse from Water Dept Payroll	\$29,201.15
Health Insurance Reimbursement	\$827.50
Other Pass Through	\$4,477.30
Shellfish Licenses	\$20.00

Dog Licenses **\$1,493.00**

Licenses	\$370.00
Dog Agent Fee	\$4.00
Ordinance Fines	\$399.00
Late Fees	\$720.00

Snow Removal - Martins Ridge **\$4,000.00**

Hancock County	\$4,000.00
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Interest **\$22,354.28**

The First (Checking Accounts)	\$4,380.45
Interest on Taxes	\$13,340.77
Interest on Liens	\$4,633.06

Unclassified Receipts **\$392,570.14**

Prior Year Reimbursement	\$841.84
Faxes; Photocopies	\$81.46
Postage Reimburse; Water Dept	\$396.19
NSF Fees	\$75.00
Cash Over/Under	\$3.60
Fire Dept Tanker Loan	\$327,953.50
Legal Reserve	\$2,958.76
Frenchman Bay Shellfish Stipend	\$3,200.00
ARPA Reimbursement	\$56,888.52
Advertising and Supplies Refund	171.27

Total Receipts **\$3,960,208.64**

Expenses	\$3,733,637.50
Warrants 1-122	\$3,736,596.26
Legal Reserve	(\$2,958.76)

Cash on Hand, February 28, 2022 **\$927,543.83**

Reserve Accounts

Community Center Capital

Balance, March 1, 2021	\$103.56
Interest Earned	\$30.13
Raised from Property Tax	\$10,000.00
Raised from Unexpended Funds	\$10,000.00
Balance, February 28, 2022	\$20,133.69

Tax Anticipation Note Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2021	\$5,171.49
Interest Earned	\$15.67
Balance, February 28, 2022	\$5,187.16

Vaccination Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2021	\$814.57
Interest Earned	\$3.44
Balance, February 28, 2022	\$818.01

Fire Department Capital

Balance, March 1, 2021	\$5,669.90
Appropriated from Unexpended Funds	\$15,000.00
Interest Earned	\$46.18
Balance, February 28, 2022	\$20,716.08

Fire Dept Emergency Equipment

Balance, March 1, 2021	\$5,897.73
Raised from Unexpended Funds	\$2,000.00
Interest Earned	\$27.77
Unexpended FVFD	\$6,153.86
Balance, February 28, 2022	\$14,079.06

Fire Suppression Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2021	\$80,649.41
Raised from Property Tax	\$1,000.00
Interest Earned	\$341.17
Balance, February 28, 2022	\$81,990.58

Legal Services Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2021	\$13,086.67
Expended	\$2,958.76
Interest Earned	\$55.18
Balance February 28, 2022	\$10,183.09

Road Resurfacing Reserve

Balance, March 1, 2021	\$126,665.42
Appropriated from Excise Tax	\$10,000.00
Unexpended Excise Tax	\$48,983.11
LRAP	\$23,420.00
Interest Earned	\$540.17
Balance, February 28, 2022	\$209,608.70

Total Reserves	\$307,579.70
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Trust Fund Accounts

Bayview Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

Balance, March 1, 2021	\$4,800.00
Interest Earned	\$20.25
Disburse to Bayview Cemetery Assoc.	\$20.25
Balance, February 28, 2022	\$4,800.00

Leo W. Blaisdell Good Citizenship Award Fund

Balance, March 1, 2021	\$2,000.00
Interest Earned	\$8.48
Disburse to Mountain View School	8.48
Balance, February 28, 2022	\$2,000.00

Bragdon Perpetual Fund

Balance, March 1, 2021	\$10,000.00
Interest Earned	\$210.44
Disburse to Bayview Cemetery Assoc.	\$210.44
Balance, February 28, 2022	\$10,000.00

Caddie B. Fernald Memorial Trust Fund

Balance, March 1, 2021	\$700.00
Interest Earned	\$2.95
Balance, February 28, 2021	\$700.00

A. B. Fernald Memorial Scholarship Fund

Balance, March 1, 2021	\$5,074.24
Interest Earned	\$21.40
Balance, February 28, 2022	\$5,095.64

Total Trust Funds	\$22,595.64
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Total Town of Franklin Bank Accounts

As of February 28, 2022

Cash	\$927,543.83
Reserves	\$307,579.70
Trust Funds	\$22,595.64

Total	\$1,257,719.17
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*Note – Cash Ending Balance includes the following Non-Lapsing Revolving accounts.

Road Maintenance	\$97,526.40
Animal Control/Welfare	\$3,947.92
Community Center	\$2,743.91
Transfer Station	\$10,198.07
General Assistance	\$3,377.24
Library Cards	\$2,010.00
Salt/Sand Shed Renovations	\$26,911.00
Georges Pond Renovations	\$6,408.00
Total	\$153,122.54



CENTER FOR COOPERATIVE AQUACULTURE RESEARCH

Greetings Franklin town residents! It's mid-February as I write, and even though the mud flats in front of our pump house are covered with ice, the days are growing longer, and the sun is growing stronger.

Spring is coming, which means it's time for our annual report to let you know what we've been up to the past year!

Many of you may know that CCAR is Maine's largest and most capable aquaculture research and business development facility. We've been helping aquaculture companies establish new species and culture methods since 2000, and as you may recall from last year's report, three companies have worked here the past few years. American Unagi is growing their third crop of American eels in CCAR tank systems, though we may soon part ways when they move into their new eel farm in Waldoboro later this year. We'll be sorry to see them go, but we wish them success.

Kingfish Maine secured the final critical waterside permit required for their recirculating aquaculture farm in Jonesport, while also building out new tank facilities at CCAR for their yellowtail breeding operations. Sea & Reef Aquaculture continues to breed and sell clownfish, dottybacks, and other tropical marine fish to aquarium enthusiasts across the US. Between them, these three companies employ 20+ people at CCAR.

In 2021 we formed a partnership with the Maine Department of Marine Resources, the Downeast Salmon Federation, and Cooke Aquaculture to grow wild Atlantic salmon for conservation

aquaculture. Under this program, wild salmon smolts from the Machias and Penobscot rivers were transferred last summer from the Green Lake National Fish Hatchery to CCAR, where they are being grown in saltwater tanks. When the adults are mature, they will be stocked directly into underutilized freshwater habitat to spawn and increase wild production. This relatively new approach is known as smolt-to-adult supplementation (SAS), and it has shown very encouraging results in the Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick.

CCAR also has a healthy population of lumpfish that we intend to use to help Cooke Aquaculture combat sea lice parasites at their salmon sites. Lumpfish have proven to be effective cleaner fish in Norway, Scotland, and Canada by grazing sea lice attached to the salmon. For the past several years CCAR has captured baby lumpfish from Chandler and Western Bays and grown them to maturity. The plan is to breed them to produce juvenile lumpfish that can be stocked into salmon cages for sea lice bio-control.

Besides fish, CCAR is also famous for growing sea urchins. CCAR hatchery scientist Luz Kogson is busy as I write spawning and rearing green sea urchins in the CCAR hatchery. With any luck, we will have thousands of tiny sea urchin seed later this fall to distribute to growers. In last years' report we mentioned that we might grow horseshoe crabs, one of Taunton Bay's special inhabitants. Unfortunately, that didn't pan out, but we remain open to possible future ventures involving horseshoe crabs.

We are pleased to announce that as the pandemic winds down, we can once again welcome visitors, but please, always call ahead! Feel free to contact me (Steve Eddy) at 422-9096 or at steve.eddy@maine.edu with any questions or concerns. As always, all of us here at CCAR thank the Town of Franklin and every resident for your support.

Steve Eddy
Director, Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research

WATER DEPARTMENT



Franklin Water Customers –

The goal of the Franklin Water Department is to provide safe and palatable water to the customers it serves.

This past year the water department pumped and treated an average of nearly 60,000 gallons a day. I am pleased to report that all tests passed requirements set by the state.

Thankfully this past year, few repairs were needed for the system. It is important for customers to continue to report any potential leaks to the town office. A leaky faucet or toilet can cost you, usually putting you over the minimum usage charge. Also important is for customers to make sure their meters and fixtures are protected from freezing during the winter months.

This past year we had our storage tanks cleaned and inspected. They were found to be in excellent condition. We also had our heating units at the pump station replaced. Soon we will begin looking into grant money we can use to upgrade our distribution system.

Thank you to the staff at the town office for all you do to assist the water department. I would also like to thank the Franklin Fire Department for their help with traffic control when needed during repairs.

Dana Smith
Franklin Water Department Operator

WATER DEPARTMENT, TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand as of January 1, 2021 **\$29,599.88**

Revenues

Sales	\$70,826.72
Hydrant Rental	\$29,133.00
Service Fees	\$200.00
Checking Interest	\$ 70.26
Total Revenue	\$100,229.98

Expenses

Bangor Pipe & Supply Inc.	\$50.46
CMD Power Systems, Inc.	542.37
Charter Communications	\$254.94
Charybdis Computer Services	\$45.00
Consolidated Communications	\$1,375.20
Dead River Company	\$8,492.83
Dirigo Engineering	\$1,122.52
EMSL Analytical, Inc.	435.83
Eagle Arboriculture, Inc.	200.00
Griffin, Scott	\$182.50
Harcross Chemicals Inc.	\$1,323.48
HETL	\$820.00
Hygrade	70.57
Intuit QuickBooks	949.49
James Wadman	\$2,721.50
John W. Goodwin, Jr.	\$6,949.50
MMA – Health Insurance	\$936.00
MMA – Property & Casualty Ins.	\$1,424.20
MMA – Unemployment	\$78.92
MMA – Worker's Compensation	\$544.83
Morris Fire Protection	\$123.00
MPUC – Annual Assessment Dues	\$460.00
MRWA	\$270.00
Nankervis Trucking, Inc.	\$3,209.52
Office of the Public Advocate	\$38.00
Royal Flush Septic	\$658.35

SM Enterprises	\$400.00
Smith, Dana (Water Dept. License)	\$177.00
Ti Sales	\$1,298.55
Town of Franklin, Salaries & Taxes	\$32,676.60
Town of Franklin, Postage	\$431.09
Treasurer State of Maine, Sales Tax	\$143.10
Treasurer State of Maine	\$320.00
USDA Rural Development	\$19,611.00
Underwater Solutions Inc.	\$3,980.00
USA BlueBook	\$451.28
Versant Power	\$5,375.48
Viking, Inc.	\$746.46
Walmart (Cell Phone Minutes)	\$493.92
Total Expenses	\$98,480.92

Cash on Hand as of December 31, 2020 **\$31,349.04**

Unpaid Customer Accounts, as of December 31, 2021

Hutchinson, Kayla	\$81.12
Kallen, Deziree	\$51.10
Stanwood, Denise	\$81.12
Total	\$213.34

Elaine Brown
Treasurer



UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES

Name	2021	2020	2019	2018
Abbey, John F.	2,623.79			
Abbey, John F.	2,189.37			
Abbott, Bruce	908.04			
Abbott, Christopher	1,046.59			
Allen, Christopher M.	-3.16			
Alley, Garrett E.	6.73			
Alteri, Beverly A	57.96			
Alteri, Michael	365.70			
Anderson, Ross	531.79			
Atherton, Steven F Jr	793.22			
Baranski, James	2002.24	2,131.82	2,246.81	2,213.09
Barber, Carl	974.69	604.72		
Berry, Christopher	191.82			
Bizzarro, Jeffrey Roma	1604.53	400.84		
Bizzarro, Robert Truste	1590.04			
Bizzarro, Robert Truste	264.96			
Boschee, Rodney, &	570.49			
Boyington, Marla	235.14			
Brodie, Carlton	2661.05			
Brown, Brandon	120.47			
Buggy, Jesse B	299.46			
Burnett, Russell	360.18	431.02	534.31	213.63
Bussel, Bette	280.55			
Buteau, Jason	343.90			
Butler, Michael	1,004.64			
Butler, Michael	347.76			
Butler, Michael	347.76			
Campbell, Beverly A.	1,095.40			
Campbell, Beverly A Pe	282.89			
Carter, Ashley M &	138.00			

Name	2021	2020	2019	2018
Carter, Loring	29.46			
Chandler, Cody	191.82			
Chase, Dawn &	289.80			
Christensen, Timothy M	1,409.39			
Church, Michael	1,150.78			
Church, Michael D.	363.08			
Clark, Daryl T. &	234.05			
Coastal Maine Guides	684.20			
Colby, Jonathan E	2877.99	2,253.13		
Collins, Paula J	1,247.93			
Courtemanche, Travis L	2,822.38			
Covenant Community	573.80			
Curtin, Kathryn	4.28			
DeBeck, Kimberly Sue				1300.39
Defrancesco, Andrea	6.91			
DiBella, Eleanor A Trust	527.46			
Dunbar, Phillip	104.30			
Dunbar, Phillip &	648.30			
Duval, Robert	762.86	848.55		
Elliot, John G. &	491.97			
Emerton, Virginia	2,368.63			
Fair Point Comm	1,664.14			
Farrar, Shaun K	202.86	268.08	257.63	
Federal National Mort	1,433.27			
Forcier, Joshua B.	974.14			
Frechette, Dennis	207.00			
Furrow, Sally Kasper	1,534.01	1,289.50	1,398.76	1,388.37
Gatcomb, Dewey W	245.28			
Gevers, Noel A	2,729.64			
Goodrich, Maison	859.46			
Goodwin, Joann R	176.23			
Green Leaves Living Tr	1,593.76	1,004.05	15,363.96	

Name	2021	2020	2019	2018
Griffin, Matthew James	1,276.64	1,380.27		
Griffin, Scott	2,049.02			
Gross, Christina E &	1,501.72	1,613.39	1,055.23	
Gross, Christina E &	141.17	204.18		
Hadlock, Edward L.	1,014.44	52.99		
Hancock, James	633.01			
Hand, Kenneth E	1,105.79	1,203.59		
Hanna, Abbi A.	792.12			
Haskell, Justin D.	245.09	311.82		
Hanse, Olive estate of	308.57			
Hansen, Peter	3,272.12			
Hansen, Peter	372.60			
Hansen, Peter B	262.20			
Hansen, Peter B Sr	518.88			
Harry & Sarah Wooster	1,775.37			
Harry & Sarah Wooster	289.80			
Hartley, Rachel	2,241.55			
Haskell, Justin D	245.09	311.82		
Haynes, Elaine	414.14	486.92		
Healey, Brian D.	2,488.00			
Heard, Nicholas	1,301.20	1,361.59		
Higgins, Anthony R	575.18	653.72		
Higgins, Heath E.	866.64			
Higgins, Hearth E.	605.96			
Hodgkins, Cathy	361.56			
Hodgkins, Katelyn N	258.61	266.79	287.69	129.93
Hoffman, Eric K.	1,764.74			
Holden, Thomas H. & B	209.07	72.99		
Holt, John et al	2,420.52			
Hutchins, Oka L	1,017.47			
Hyde, Kevin F	138.00	103.83		
Joy, Charles A	49.43			

Name	2021	2020	2019	2018
Joy, Frederick B &	7.04			
Joy, Frederick B &	5.52			
Joy, Jennifer L. Pers Re	2,534.78	2,683.42	2,733.34	
Keen, Royal C. Perso	75.62			
Kelley, Heidi	1,267.39	1,370.69	1,401.30	303.75
Klein, Bobbi Lee	182.85			
Knowles, Leslie L &	1,120.15	1,219.18	1,252.52	889.59
Laurel Hill Holding, LLC	665.16			
Laurel Hill Holding, LLC	839.04			
Laurel Hill Holding, LLC	255.30			
Laurel Hill Holding, LLC	220.80			
Leighton, Ryan & Jill	209.48			
Lessard, Christopher B	876.30			
Lucier, Cathleen P.	547.72			
Lurvey, Mark	1,773.71			
Maddatu, Terry P.	207.00			
Madore, Tina	1,175.07			
Maine Fiber Co, LLC	2,075.52			
McCormick, Daniel	1,663.31			
McGee, James W.	1,240.84			
McKay, Robert D	628.59			
McKinna, Mary	1.69			
McNamara, Keith & C	320.16			
McNeil, Oliver Jr	499.56	575.39	51.13	
McNeil, Terrance E	1,132.15			
Meserve, Matthew R.	1,792.62			
Montague, Steven	795.43	881.85		
Morello, Frank	444.36			
Morrison, Kimberly	207.00			
Murphy, Donald	1,162.03			
Murphy, Michael A. & R	1,796.21	264.62		
Nichols, Joan	2,440.94	2,586.23	2,708.25	1,036.19

Name	2021	2020	2019	2018
Nichols, Wanda	143.52	206.61	219.47	216.93
Noyes, Jonathan H. & S	754.72	840.68		
Noyes, Haywood C Tru	670.68	752.63		
Noyes, Jonathan H	243.43	310.10		
Noyes, Jonathan H	2,378.43	2,547.06		
Noyes, Jonathan H	1,897.22	2,023.06		
Noyes, Jonathan H	2,166.60	2,366.96		
O'Donnell, Stanley	656.33	673.83		
Osgood, Debra	700.00			
Paganucci, Paquale	211.00	67.44		
Patten, Lisa	1,607.87			
Hoglund, Estate of	2,305.29	2,088.37	2,212.91	1,589.98
Phillips, Barbara	1,708.85			
Pickard, George III	167.53	32.66	308.71	1,502.28
Pickard, George IV	802.19			
Pickard, George JR.	1,024.10			
Pickard, George T. JR	489.49			
Pickard, George T. IV	600.85			
Pileski, Stephen J	1,626.99			
Pileski, Stephen J. &	304.98			
Pinkham, David W	572.01			
Porter, Shawn M	728.23			
Randolph, Keith Eric	206.03	271.36		
Randolph, Kristopher D	208.10	273.51		
Reece, Terry L.	4,215.90			
Richards, Mikel	390.26			
Rivers, Nick	128.57			
Robertson, Ralph	1,498.68	1,627.26	1179.42	
Robertson, Ralph	76.66			
Robertson, Shane	230.46	296.66		
Rowley, Steven	1,745.29	1,879.68		
Russell, Matthew M.	1,523.93			

Name	2021	2020	2019	2018
Ryan, Corinna L	1,520.48	1,646.13	1,753.72	1,704.22
Ryder, Jill	761.90			
Schaneville, Gregory M.	329.54			
Schlaefer, Irene M.	3,042.62	394.37		
Schaefer, Irene M..	867.19			
Schmelzer, John C. &	1,702.37			
SFS Development, LLC	1,865.64			
Shook, Terry L	1,162.51			
Shorey, Roland JR	2,641.29			
Sinclair, Rickie	346.93			
Skinner, Paul H JR	582.36			
Smallidge, Donald S.	2,250.37			
Smith, Douglas & Ronal	340.17			
Smith, Patrick	1,427.77			
Smith, Patrick	304.98			
Snowdeal, Anson	646.68			
Spence, Terence	1,153.54	1,202.37		
Springer, Michelle Estat	1,928.69			
Squiers, Robert W Trus	9.56			
Stanley, Charles	272.28			
Stevens, Marion & Zach	171.12	235.20		
Stillwell, Catherine L	19.46			
Stillwell, Catherine L	1,018.16			
Taylor, Gabriel Thom	292.56			
Thrumcap, LLC	7,732.69	7,972.64	8,130.30	
Tibbetts, Lowell O.	880.72			
Timberway Properties,	9.92			
Timberway Properties,	4.21			
Timberway Properties,	3.77			
Timberway Properties,	20.60			
Timberway Properties,	11.77			
Timberway Properties,	8.33			

Name	2021	2020	2019	2018
Tozier, Donna	138.83			
Tozier, Donna	221.90			
Tozier, Donna	153.46			
Tracy, Jeffery S. & Mich	1,453.65			
Tracy, Kevin	1,911.71	1,953.53		
Tracy, Kevin	884.03	973.61		
Wallace, Frank	1,054.58			
Wallace, Jesse	981.32			
Wallace, Shane	484.05	1,655.99		
Wallace, Shane	2,108.64	1,372.83		
Wallace, Stuart II	2,364.35	2,342.94		
Warren, Roy Jr	1,381.79			
West, Averill	214.73			
West, Ryan J	122.68	185.03	242.24	
Wheeler, Thomas P.	2,695.42			
Wheeler, Thomas P.	232.39			
Wheeler, Thomas P.	1,571.27			
White, Cody A. &	222.32			
Whitmore, David Life	213.35			
*Whitmore, Harold M.	87.02			
Whitten & Sons AR	1,104.00			
Wilbur, Johsua D. Pers	450.56			
Wilbur, Stanley C.	487.79			
Willhite, Cynthia L.	1,999.41			
Wolfe, Polly S	540.82			
Woods, Jody A.		149.59		
Young, Diane	732.92	817.10		
Zerrien, Kathy	1,078.06	1,182.15		
Totals	199,198.33	64,601.90	43,337.70	12,488.35

Name	2017	2016
Baranski, James	145.98	
Donovan, Dawn Truste	584.10	
Nichols, Wanda	214.82	30.46

* Paid after February 28, 2022

UNCOLLECTED PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Name	2021	2020	2019	2018
Buell, Joanna				90.01
Consolidated Comm.	112.19	111.38		
Griffin, Scott & Linda	103.50	102.75	102.75	102.75
Hansen, Peter B Sr	105.57			
Jaworski, Edward	69.00			
Noyes, Jonathan	219.42	217.83	217.83	217.83
Visat, Inc. (CPE)	21.80			

Name	2017	2016	2015
Griffin, Scott & Linda	101.25	90.00	76.50
Noyes, Jonathan	214.65		
Schmelzer, John	74.93		

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Franklin
Franklin, ME 04634

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Franklin, Maine as of and for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2021, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Franklin, Maine, as of February 28, 2021, and the respective changes in

financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison and other post-employment benefit disclosure information on pages 3 through 6 and 25 through 28 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Franklin, Maine's financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 26, 2021, on our consideration of the Town of Franklin, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of the testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. The report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Franklin, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.
May 26, 2021

TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MAINE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FEBRUARY 28, 2021

(Exhibit I)

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<u>Assets and Deferred Outflows</u>			
<u>Assets:</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,267,829	\$29,598	\$1,297,427
Accounts Receivable	\$3,035	\$15,866	\$18,901
Taxes Due - Current Year	\$205,199	\$0	\$205,199
Taxes Due - Prior Years	\$131,695	\$0	\$131,695
Inventory of Supplies	\$0	\$1,094	\$1,094
<u>Capital Assets:</u>			
Land	\$51,926	\$27,751	\$79,677
Other Capital Assets, net of Depreciation	\$2,462,461	\$1,305,189	\$3,767,650
Total Capital Assets	\$2,514,386	\$1,332,940	\$3,847,326
<u>Total Assets</u>	\$4,122,144	\$1,379,498	\$5,501,642
<u>Deferred Outflows:</u>			
Related to Other Post-Employment Benefits	\$1,147		\$1,147
Prepaid Expenses	\$1,079	\$82	\$1,161
<u>Total Deferred Outflows</u>	\$2,226	\$82	\$1,161
<u>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows</u>	\$4,124,369	\$1,379,580	\$5,502,802
<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$5,160	\$5,264	\$10,424
Accrued Interest	\$0	\$2,902	\$2,902
<u>Long-Term Liabilities</u>			
Net Other Post Employment Benefits Obligation	\$4,420	\$0	\$4,420
<u>Debt Service:</u>			
Due within one year	\$27,024	\$14,628	\$41,653
Due in more than one year	\$272,976	\$97,682	\$370,658
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	\$309,580	\$120,477	\$430,057
<u>Deferred Inflows:</u>			
Related to Other Post-Employment Benefits	\$1,493		\$1,493
Property Taxes Collected in Advance	\$2,539	\$0	\$2,539
<u>Total Deferred Inflows</u>	\$4,032	\$0	\$4,032
<u>Net Position</u>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$2,214,386	\$1,220,630	\$3,435,016
Restricted	\$119,567	\$0	\$119,567
Unrestricted	\$1,476,804	\$38,473	\$1,515,277
<u>Total Net Position</u>	\$3,810,757	\$1,259,103	\$5,069,860
<u>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position</u>	\$4,124,369	\$1,379,580	\$5,503,949

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MAINE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2021

(Exhibit II)

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>	
	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating/Capital Grants</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>
<u>Primary Government</u>	<u>Expenses</u>			<u>Total</u>
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
General Government	\$229,088	\$30	(\$229,058)	(\$229,058)
Public Safety	\$124,402		(\$124,402)	(\$124,402)
Public Health & Sanitation	\$58,041		(\$14,890)	(\$14,890)
Public Transportation	\$360,628	\$21,340	(\$335,288)	(\$335,288)
Education	\$2,238,715		(\$2,238,715)	(\$2,238,715)
Unclassified	\$33,603	\$599	(\$31,843)	(\$31,843)
Assessments	\$85,540		(\$85,540)	(\$85,540)
<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>	<u>\$3,130,017</u>	<u>\$21,939</u>	<u>(\$3,059,736)</u>	<u>(\$3,059,736)</u>
<u>Business Type Activities</u>				
Water Department	\$120,682			(\$20,248)
<u>Total Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>\$120,682</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$20,248)</u>
<u>Total Primary Government</u>	<u>\$3,250,700</u>	<u>\$21,939</u>	<u>(\$3,059,736)</u>	<u>(\$3,079,984)</u>
<u>General Revenues</u>				
Real Estate Taxes			\$2,480,063	\$2,480,063
Excise Taxes			\$281,396	\$281,396
State Revenue Sharing			\$121,601	\$121,601
Homestead & BETE Reimbursements			\$89,678	\$89,678
Tree Growth, Veterans & Other Reimbursements			\$17,332	\$17,332
In Lieu of Taxes			\$26,214	\$26,214
Interest and Fees on Taxes			\$29,861	\$29,861
Town Fees & Permits			\$9,428	\$9,428
Investment Earnings			\$6,216	\$6,334
Other Revenues			\$7,815	\$7,815
<u>Total Revenues and Transfers</u>			<u>\$3,069,605</u>	<u>\$3,069,723</u>
<u>Changes in Net Position</u>			<u>\$9,869</u>	<u>(\$10,261)</u>
<u>Net Position - Beginning</u>			<u>\$3,800,888</u>	<u>\$1,279,233</u>
<u>Net Position - Ending</u>			<u>\$3,810,757</u>	<u>\$1,259,103</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MAINE
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FEBRUARY 28, 2021

(Exhibit III)

	General Fund	Permanent Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets and Deferred Outflows</u>			
<u>Assets:</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,245,254	\$22,574	\$1,267,829
Accounts Receivable	\$3,035	\$0	\$3,035
Taxes Due - Current Year	\$205,199	\$0	\$205,199
Taxes Due - Prior Years	\$131,695	\$0	\$131,695
Due from Other Funds	\$201	\$0	\$201
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$1,585,384</u>	<u>\$22,574</u>	<u>\$1,607,959</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows:</u>			
Prepaid Expenses	\$1,079	\$0	\$1,079
<u>Total Deferred Outflows</u>	<u>\$1,079</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,079</u>
<u>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows</u>	<u>\$1,586,463</u>	<u>\$22,574</u>	<u>\$1,609,037</u>
<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances</u>			
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$5,160	\$0	\$5,160
Due to Other Funds	\$0	\$201	\$201
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$5,160</u>	<u>\$201</u>	<u>\$5,362</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows:</u>			
Property Taxes Collected in Advance	\$2,539		\$2,539
Unavailable Property Taxes	\$224,338	\$0	\$224,338
<u>Total Deferred Inflows</u>	<u>\$226,877</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$226,877</u>
<u>Fund Balances:</u>			
Nonspendable	\$0	\$22,221	\$22,221
Restricted	\$97,346	\$0	\$97,346
Committed	\$565,130	\$0	\$565,130
Assigned	\$89,219	\$152	\$89,371
Unassigned	\$602,731	\$0	\$602,731
<u>Total Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,354,426</u>	<u>\$22,373</u>	<u>\$1,376,799</u>
<u>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances</u>	<u>\$1,586,463</u>	<u>\$22,574</u>	<u>\$1,609,037</u>
<u>Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds</u>			\$1,376,799
<u>Net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:</u>			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds			\$2,514,386
Net Liability, Deferred Inflows and Outflows related to Other Post-Employment Benefits			(\$4,766)
Long-Term Debt			(\$300,000)
Delinquent taxes are recognized as revenue in the period for which levied in the government-wide financial statements, but are reported as unavailable revenue (a deferred inflow) in governmental funds			\$224,338
<u>Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>			<u>\$3,810,757</u>

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TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MAINE

(Exhibit IV)

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Permanent Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Real Estate Taxes	\$2,487,884		\$2,487,884
Excise Taxes	\$281,396		\$281,396
State Revenue Sharing	\$121,601		\$121,601
Homestead & BETE Reimbursements	\$89,678		\$89,678
Local Road Assistance	\$21,340		\$21,340
Tree Growth, Veterans & Other Reimbursements	\$17,332		\$17,332
In Lieu of Taxes	\$26,214		\$26,214
Interest and Fees on Taxes	\$29,861		\$29,861
Town Fees & Permits	\$9,428		\$9,428
Interest Earned	\$5,941	\$275	\$6,216
Other Revenues	\$7,815		\$7,815
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$3,098,491</u>	<u>\$275</u>	<u>\$3,098,766</u>
<u>Expenditures (Net of Departmental Revenues)</u>			
General Government	\$234,383		\$234,383
Public Safety	\$90,373		\$90,373
Public Health & Sanitation	\$14,432		\$14,432
Public Transportation	\$261,000		\$261,000
Education	\$2,238,715		\$2,238,715
Unclassified	\$31,457	\$385	\$31,843
Assessments	\$85,540		\$85,540
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$2,955,901</u>	<u>\$385</u>	<u>\$2,956,286</u>
<u>Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures</u>	<u>\$142,591</u>	<u>(\$110)</u>	<u>\$142,480</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>			
General Obligation Bond Proceeds	\$300,000		\$300,000
<u>Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>\$442,591</u>	<u>(\$110)</u>	<u>\$442,480</u>
<u>Beginning Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$911,835</u>	<u>\$22,483</u>	<u>\$934,319</u>
<u>Ending Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$1,354,426</u>	<u>\$22,373</u>	<u>\$1,376,799</u>
<u>Reconciliation to Statement of Activities, change in Net Position:</u>			
Net Change in Fund Balances - Above			\$442,480
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds			(\$7,821)
Net Liability, Deferred Inflows and Outflows related to Other Post-Employment Benefits			(\$466)
General Obligation Bond Proceeds, net of repayments			(\$300,000)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, while in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.			\$101,994
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position, but they do not require the use of current financial resources. Therefore, depreciation expense is not reported as expenditures in Governmental Funds.			(\$226,318)
<u>Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities</u>			<u>\$9,869</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MAINE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND
FEBRUARY 28, 2021

(Exhibit V)

	<i>Water Department</i>
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<u>Assets</u>	
<u>Current Assets</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$29,598
Accounts Receivable	\$15,866
Inventory of Supplies, at Cost and Prepaid Expenses	<hr/> \$1,176
<u>Total Current Assets</u>	<hr/> \$46,640
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>	
Operating Plant & Equipment, Deferred Rate Case	\$2,232,019
Accumulated Depreciation	<hr/> (\$899,079)
<u>Total Non-Current Assets</u>	<hr/> \$1,332,940
<u>Total Assets</u>	<hr/> <hr/> \$1,379,580
<u>Liabilities and Net Position</u>	
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts Payable	\$5,264
Accrued Interest Payable	\$2,902
<u>Long-Term Liabilities</u>	
Due within one year	\$14,628
Due in more than one year	<hr/> \$97,682
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<hr/> \$120,477
<u>Net Position</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$1,220,630
Unrestricted	<hr/> \$38,473
<u>Total Net Position</u>	<hr/> \$1,259,103
<u>Total Liabilities and Net Position</u>	<hr/> <hr/> \$1,379,580

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN, MAINE
SCHEDULE OF PERMANENT FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2021

(Exhibit A-3)

	<i>Bayview Cemetery</i>	<i>Bragdon Cemetery Lots</i>	<i>Blaisdell Good Citizenship</i>	<i>A.B. Fernald Scholarship</i>	<i>C.B. Fernald Memorial</i>	<i>Total Permanent Funds</i>
<i>Additions</i>						
Investment Earnings	\$24	\$211	\$11	\$25	\$4	\$275
<i>Total Additions</i>	\$24	\$211	\$11	\$25	\$4	\$275
<i>Reductions</i>						
Program Expenditures	\$32	\$247	\$102		\$5	\$385
<i>Total Reductions</i>	\$32	\$247	\$102	\$0	\$5	\$385
<i>Changes in Net Position</i>	(\$7)	(\$36)	(\$92)	\$25	(\$1)	(\$110)
<i>Net Position, Beginning</i>	\$4,807	\$10,036	\$2,105	\$4,834	\$701	\$22,483
<i>Net Position, Ending</i>	\$4,800	\$10,000	\$2,014	\$4,859	\$700	\$22,373

SELECT BOARD ACCOUNTS



Fiscal Year 03/2021-02/2022

County Tax Assessment (10)

Resources	Assessed at Town Meeting	\$89,881.96
Expended	Hancock County	\$89,881.96

Salaries (14)

Resources

Raised from Property Tax	\$110,000.00
Appropriated from Unexpended Funds	\$10,000.00

Expenses

Assessor, Chair, Millard Billings	\$4,900.00
Assessor, Bruce Carter	\$2,267.80
Assessor, Hugh Hooper	\$3,400.00
Code Enforcement Officer, M Billings	\$4,881.25
Emergency Mgt Director, Deb Hauser	\$250.00
E9-1-1 Addressing Officer, M Billings	\$18.75
Fire Chief, Robert Grindle	\$5,000.00
General Assistance Admin, M Billings	\$112.50
Health Officer, Amy Boyle	\$250.00
Planning Board Assistant, D Lurvey	\$1,566.00
Planning Board Chair, Brian Abbott	\$1,500.00
Planning Board Chair, Brian Abbott	\$425.00
Planning Board, Bruce Carter	\$350.00
Planning Board, Hugh Hooper	\$375.00
Planning Board, Joel Wilson	\$375.00
Planning Board, Roland Shorey	\$375.00
Planning Board, Lloyd Williams	\$375.00
Planning Board, Jennifer Buchanan	\$375.00
Planning Board, Doug Hitchings	\$25.00
Planning Board, CEO Millard Billings	\$125.00
Appeals Board Chair, Louis Plaud	\$70.00
Appeals Board, Laurie Fogelman	\$50.00
Appeals Board, Billy Hooper	\$50.00
Appeals Board, Steve Mosley	\$50.00

Appeals Board, Dana Smith	\$25.00
Appeals Board, CEO Millard Billings	\$50.00
Registrar of Voters, Deborah Lurvey	\$1,000.00
Select Board Chair, Dawn Carter	\$3,000.00
Select Board, Jeffrey Albee	\$1,500.00
Select Board, Joey Smith	\$1,500.00
Town Clerk, Deborah Lurvey	\$2,088.00
Office Administrator, Elaine Brown	\$31,165.21
BMV Agent, Sharon Blakely	\$14,688.75
Part Time Desk Clerk, A Fusco	\$778.40
Part Time Desk Clerk, Cleo Hampton	\$2,323.30
Part Time Desk Clerk, Vickie Call	\$2,105.50
Part Time Desk Clerk, Polly Wolfe	\$6,881.25
Treasurer, Aleta Fusco	\$120.00
Treasurer, Cleo Hampton	\$28.00
Treasurer, Elaine Brown	\$585.75
Payroll Taxes	\$10,338.98
Total Expenses	\$105,344.44

Balance to Unexpended Funds	\$14,655.56
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ARPA Funding – Not Included in Above

Essential Workers Stipends	\$12,100.00
Health Officer Reimbursement	\$6,330.00

ARPA Funds Applied	\$18,430.00
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Administration (15)

Resources

Raised from Property Tax	\$25,000.00
Appropriated from Surplus	\$45,000.00
Total Resources	\$70,000.00

Expenses

Election Workers, March	\$294.00
Election Workers, June	\$594.00
Election Workers, November	\$959.00
Training, MMA	\$160.00
Training, TRIO Harris Computers	\$125.00

Manuals/Books, MMA	\$40.00
Training Travel	\$129.18
Flags Lowering, D Smith	\$34.00
Post Meter Rental, Quadient	\$301.61
BMV Maintenance Lease, Transco	\$287.40
Office Equipment, Charybdis	\$243.95
Office Equipment, Misc	\$63.29
CEO Supplies, Quill	\$21.58
Zoom Mtg Equipment, Charybdis	\$172.50
Office Supplies, Harris Computer	\$252.41
Office Supplies, Quill	\$1,823.56
Office Supplies, Charybdis	\$859.10
Supplies, Walmart/Home Depot	\$685.99
Supplies, Misc	\$262.49
Planning Board Supplies, Walmart	\$152.48
Copier Lease, US Bank Equipment	\$1,524.00
Copier Annual, Transco	\$355.91
Copier Monthly, Transco	\$636.54
A/P & PR Town Checks, Hygrade Business	\$258.67
Postage, Quadient	\$5,612.00
Postage, USPS	\$100.00
Postage, USPS, Town Reports	\$774.57
Lien Costs, Hancock County Registry	\$4,427.00
Audit Annual, James Wadman	\$7,242.75
Town Report, Snowman	\$3,397.49
TRIO Software, Harris Computer	\$11,139.83
Town Road Map, Aerial Survey	\$1,210.00
Website Hosting, Ellsworth American	\$582.75
Website Redesign, Ellsworth Amer	\$450.00
Dues, Misc	\$209.00
Record Disposal, Shredding On-Site	\$165.00
Health Insurance, E Brown	\$8,094.06
Advertising, Ellsworth American	\$605.08
Public Notices, Ellsworth American	\$697.26
Bid Notices, Ellsworth American	\$391.66
Stop Payment, Bank	\$25.00
Total Expenses	\$55,360.11
Balance to Unexpended Funds	\$14,639.89

MMA Risk Pool Insurance (16)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$13,750.00	
Expended	MMA Risk Insurance	\$13,063.50	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$686.50

MMA Workers Compensation Insurance (17)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$3,853.00	
Expended	MMA Workers Comp Insurance	\$4,297.29	
	Overdraft		(\$444.29)

MMA Unemployment Compensation Insurance (18)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$789.00	
Expended	MMA Unemployment Insurance	\$710.26	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$78.74

Maine Municipal Association Dues (19)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$2,648.00	
Expended	MMA Dues	\$2,648.00	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$0.00

Tax Maps (20)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$1,800.00	
Expended	Aerial Surveys	\$1,500.00	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$300.00

Planning Board – Digital Zoning Maps (21)

Resources	Appropriated from Unexpended Funds	\$2,000.00	
Expended		\$0.00	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$2,000.00

General Assistance (22)
(Non-Lapsing Account)

Account Balance, 03/01/2021 \$3,702.14

Resources

 Raised from Property Tax \$10.00

 Received, State of Maine \$0.00

 Total Resources Available \$3,712.14

Total Expenses \$334.90

Account Balance, 02/28/2022 \$3,377.24

Legal Operating Account (23)

Resources

 Raised from Property Tax \$1,000.00

 Appropriated from Legal Reserve \$2,958.76

 Total Resources \$3,958.76

Expenses

 Eaton Peabody,

 Medical Marijuana Ordinance \$3,795.00

 Planning Board, Quarry South Bay Rd \$163.76

 Total Expended \$3,958.76

Balance to Legal Reserve \$0.00

Legal Reserve (24)

Reserve Account Balance, 03/01/2021 \$13,086.67

Resources

 Interest \$54.98

 Overdraft to Legal Operating Acct (\$2,958.76)

Reserve Account Balance, 02/28/2022 \$10,183.09

Municipal Buildings Operating Costs (25)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$15,000.00
	Appropriated from Unexpended Funds (July)	\$2,500.00

Expenses

Fuel Oil, Havey Oil	\$5,060.20
Electricity	
Salt/Sand Shed, Versant	\$710.13
Town Office, Versant	\$4,223.77
Telephone, Consolidated	\$2,470.68
Water, Franklin Water Dept	\$324.48
Janitorial Service, New System Cleaning	\$2,634.37
Snow Removal, Dana Smith	\$353.00
Fire Extinguisher Annual Servicing, Morris	\$89.50
Lawn Mowing, SAM's Mowing	\$850.00
Maintenance/Trash, Dana Smith	\$789.00
Misc Cleaning Supplies, Quill	\$117.60
Paper Goods, Misc Suppliers	\$103.95
Misc Safe Repair/Other	\$565.00
New Lights/Outlet, Down East Electric	\$3,995.67
Total Expenses	\$22,411.85

Overdraft (\$4,911.85)

Community Center Trustees (26) (Non-Lapsing Account)

Account Balance, 03/01/2021 \$7,591.39

Resources

Raised from Property Tax	\$15,000.00
Appropriated from Unexpended Funds	\$2,500.00
Total Resources Available	\$25,091.39

Expenses

Paint, Sherwin Williams	\$31.62
Furnace Repair, Bunker's Heating	\$112.00
Window Shades, Bangor Shades	\$3,062.22
Drain Ditches, D Young	\$3,687.74
Septic Lines, Anderson Pressure	\$550.00
Flowers/Planters, M Townley Reimburse	\$137.95

Washout, Dean Young	\$590.00
Patch, Northeast Paving	\$1,133.60
Septic Tank/Paving, Dean Young	\$3,687.74
Mowing, SAM's Mowing	\$2,100.00
Fire Extinguisher, Morris Fire	\$47.00
Carbon Monoxide Detectors	\$373.45
Outside LED Lights, Downeast Electric	\$696.32
Monthly Safety Checks, New System Clean	\$225.00
Smoke Detectors, Walmart	\$33.98
Mulch, M Czerniawski Reimburse	\$61.58
Front Lawn Work, D Bunker, Reimburse	\$130.03
Rubber Stamp, Quill	\$20.99
Commercial Front Door, Viking	\$3,589.59
Faucet Replace, Derek Lanpher	\$45.00
Utility Faucet, Viking	\$69.99

Total Expenses	\$22,347.48
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Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$2,743.91
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Community Center Capital Reserve (27)

Reserve Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$103.56
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Resources Interest	\$30.13
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Raised from Property Taxes	\$10,000.00
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Appropriated from Unexpended Funds	\$10,000.00
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Reserve Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$20,133.69
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Tax Anticipation Loan Reserve

Reserve Account Balance. 03/01/2021	\$5,171.49
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Resources Interest	\$15.67
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Reserve Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$5,187.16
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Franklin Volunteer Fire Department (44)

Resources

Raised from Property Tax	\$52,270.00
Appropriated from Unexpended Funds	\$18,000.00
Grants Received	\$0.00
Total Resources Available	\$70,270.00

Expenses

Heating Oil, Havey Oil	\$3,004.59
Propane, Hometown	\$692.69
Medicals	\$108.00
Building Maintenance	\$186.32
Equipment Inspection, Testing	\$5,047.60
Telephone, AT&T/Consolidated	\$1,312.19
Internet Access, Spectrum	\$954.42
Electricity – Fire House, Versant	\$1,339.76
Electricity – Fire Tower, Versant	\$464.73
Water, Franklin Water Dept	\$324.48
Training, Burn Trailer	\$1,200.00
Vehicle Repairs	\$3,931.52
Truck Fuel	\$1,623.61
Communication Equipment, Browns	\$6,807.67
Equipment, Fire Tech & Safety	\$12,461.50
Equipment	\$5,985.62
Dues/Fees	\$1,344.00
Dispatch/RCC	\$3,603.69
911 Signs	\$488.75
Gloves, Fire Tech	\$120.00
Reimbursement to FD Members	\$13,115.00
Total Expenses	\$51,001.14

ARPA Funds Applied \$13,115.00

Balance to FD Emergency Equipment Reserve \$6,153.86

The difference between \$18,000.00 and \$13,115.00 was added to the FD Emergency Equipment Reserve - \$4,885.00.

Balance to Unexpended Funds \$13,115.00

Fire Department Emergency Reserve (45)

Reserve Account Balance, 03/01/2021 \$5,897.43

Resources

Appropriated from Unexpended Funds \$2,000.00

Interest \$27.77

Balance from Fire Department Acct \$6,153.86

Reserve Account Balance, 02/28/2022 \$14,079.06

FVFD Supplemental Insurance (46)

Resources Raised from Property Tax \$680.00

Expended MMA Risk Insurance \$612.00

Balance to Unexpended Funds \$68.00

Fire Department Capital Reserve (47)

Reserve Account Balance, 03/01/2021 \$5,669.90

Resources - Interest \$46.18

Appropriated from Unexpended Funds \$15,000.00

Reserve Account Balance, 02/28/2022 \$20,716.08

Fire Department Tanker Bond Account (48)

Bond Account Balance, 03/01/2021 \$327,071.70

Resources

Interest \$881.80

ARPA Funds Applied \$19,393.50

Expended

Chasis Payment \$122,400.00

Fabrication Payment \$224,947.00

\$347,347.00

Account Balance, 02/28/2022, Closed \$0.00

Fire Department Tanker Payment (49)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$33,929.01
Expended	First National Bank	\$33,929.01

Balance to Unexpended Funds	\$0.00
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Fire Suppression Reserve (50)

Reserve Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$80,649.41
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Resources

Raised from Property Tax	\$1,000.00
Interest	\$341.17

Reserve Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$81,990.58
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Vaccination Reserve

Reserve Balance, 03/01/2021	\$814.57
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Resources Interest	\$3.44
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Reserve Balance, 02/28/2022	\$818.01
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PUC Fire Protection (51)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$29,133.00
Expended	Franklin Water Department	\$29,133.00

Balance to Unexpended Funds	\$0.00
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Street Lights and Monument Square Outlet (52)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$4,000.00
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Expenses

Versant, Street Lights	\$3,610.94
Versant, Monument Square	\$389.06
Total Expenses	\$3,610.94

Balance to Unexpended Funds	\$389.06
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Ambulance Service (53)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$14,593.00
Expended	Ambulance	\$14,592.72

Balance to Unexpended Funds	\$0.28
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FB Shellfish Conservation Ordinance (54)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$3,000.00
Expended	FB Shellfish Conservation	\$3,000.00

Balance to Unexpended Funds	\$0.00
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Transfer Station (57)
(Non-Lapsing Account)

Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$16,098.99
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Resources

Raised from Property Tax	\$5,000.00
Appropriated from Unexpended Funds	\$10,000.00
Appropriated Transfer Station Income	\$41,828.85
Total Resources Available	\$72,927.84

Transfer Station Income

Income from Tags	\$38,890.00
MRC	\$938.85
T9 and T10	\$2,000.00
Total	\$41,828.85

Expenses

Salary, Richard Chard	\$10,374.00
Salary, Bradley Eaton	\$192.00
Mowing, Steven Mosley	\$300.00
Tree Removals, Wilsons Tree	\$800.00
Fire Extinguisher, Morris	\$4.50
Printed Trash Tags, Snowman Printing	\$2,142.68
Telephone, Consolidated	\$651.58
Electricity, Versant	\$389.70
Portable Restroom, Frost Septic	\$285.00
Portable Restroom, MDI Porta Potties	\$1,010.00
Annual Fee, DEP	\$329.00
Dues, MRC	\$428.16
Annual License Fee, State of Maine	\$199.00
Waste Disposal, MRC	\$22,657.51
Transportation, Harris Downeast	\$22,966.64
Total Expenses	\$62,729.77

Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$10,198.07
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Animal Control/Welfare Program (58)
(Non-Lapsing Account)

Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$5,084.58
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Resources

Raised from Property Tax	\$100.00
Receipts, Dog Licenses/Fines	\$1,493.00
Total Resources	\$6,677.58

Expenses

Wages, Marie Zwicker	\$1,386.00
Wages, Janet Robinson	\$108.00
Travel Reimburse, M Zwicker	\$731.28
Travel Reimburse, J Robinson	\$0.00
Stray Exams, Small Animal Clinic	\$97.00
Strays, The Ark	\$307.00
Animal Control Book	\$100.38
Total Expenses	\$2,729.66

Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$3,947.92
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Road Maintenance Account (62)
(Non-Lapsing Account)

Account Balance, 03/01/2021 \$54,473.99

Resources

Appropriated from Excise Tax	\$45,000.00
Unexpended from Salt/Sand Stockpiling	\$20,463.60
Total Resources Available	\$119,937.59

Expenses

Cards Crossing	
Ditch/Culvert, Nankervis Trucking	\$832.50
Fire House Lane & Salt/Sand Shed Yard	
Culverts, Viking	\$742.71
Ditch/Culverts, Nankervis Trucking	\$2,080.50
Georges Pond Road	
Unplug Culvert, Nankervis Trucking	\$225.00
Tree Cleanup, Tracy's Clearing	\$62.50
Hooper Road	
Prep for Paving, Hedefine	\$338.11
Macomber Mill Road	
Prep for Paving, Hedefine	\$1,014.34
Buildup/Repair, D Young	\$4,700.00
Rock Rake Road, D Young	\$75.00
South Bay Road	
Repairs, Nankervis	\$1,465.00
Culverts, Viking	\$941.16
Grading/Gravel, Dean Young	\$2,075.00
Grading/Gravel, Dean Young	\$3,037.50
Tree Cleanup, Tracy's Clearing	\$187.50
Sweeping	
Snyders Chipping	\$1,655.00
Mowing	
Steven Mosley .	\$2,200.00
Street Signs & Posts	
White	\$779.37

Total Expenses	\$22,411.19
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Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$97,526.40
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Road Resurfacing Reserve (63)

Reserve Account Balance, 03/01/2021 \$126,665.42

Resources

Appropriated from Excise Tax	\$10,000.00
Unexpended Excise Tax	\$48,983.11
Local Road Assistance Program	\$23,420.00
Interest Earned	\$540.17
Total Resources Available	\$209,608.70

Expenses

Engineering, Hedefine	\$0.00
Paving, Northeast Paving - None	
Hooper Road	\$0.00
Macomber Mill Road	\$0.00
Rabbit Town Road	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$0.00

Reserve Account Balance, 02/28/2022 \$209,608.70

Winter Salt and Sand Stockpiling (64)

Resources

Appropriated from Excise Tax	\$40,000.00
Hancock County Martins Ridge Contract	\$4,000.00
Total Resources Available	\$44,000.00

Expenses

Harcros, Salt 67.02 Ton @ \$65.00	\$4,356.30
Tracy Bros, 500 yd Sand @ \$7.00	\$3,500.00
Harcros, Salt 34.16 Ton @ \$65.00	\$2,220.40
Harcros, Salt 99.38 Ton @ \$65.00	\$6,459.70
Tracy Bros, 1000 yd Sand @ \$7.00	\$7,000.00
Total Expenses	\$23,536.40

Balance to Road Maintenance Account \$20,463.60

Snow Removal and Sanding (65)

Resources Appropriated from Excise Tax \$123,000.00

Expenses

Tracy Brothers, 2021 - 5 of 6 (Mar)	\$22,140.00
Tracy Brothers, 2021 - 6 of 6 (Apr)	\$12,300.00
Tracy Brothers, 2021 - 1 of 6 (Nov)	\$22,140.00
Tracy Brothers, 2021 - 2 of 6 (Dec)	\$22,140.00
Tracy Brothers, 2022 - 3 of 6 (Jan)	\$22,140.00
Tracy Brothers, 2022 - 4 of 6 (Feb)	\$22,140.00
Total Expenses	\$123,000.00

Salt/Sand Shed Renovations (66)

Resources Appropriated from Excise Tax \$35,000.00

Expended

Repair Design, Dirigo Engineering	\$2,496.92
Bid Ad, Ellsworth American	\$436.35
Light/Switch Repair, Downeast Electric	\$174.55
Paint, Viking	\$58.26
Painting, D Smith	\$68.00
Front Wall Repair, Perry Contracting	\$4,854.92
Total Expenses	\$8,089.00

Account Balance, 02/28/2022 \$26,911.00

Georges Pond Public Beach Renovations (67)

Resources Appropriated from Excise Tax \$7,500.00

Expended

DEP Permit, Reimburse D Carter	\$342.00
Rocks Boat Ramp, D Young	\$100.00
Jetty Installation, D Young	\$650.00
Total Expenses	\$1,092.00

Account Balance, 02/28/2022 \$6,408.00

Franklin Summer Baseball Teams (76)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$1,000.00	
Expended	Franklin Little League	\$1,000.00	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$0.00

Bayview Cemetery Association (77)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$7,000.00	
Expended	Bayview Cemetery	\$7,000.00	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$0.00

East Franklin Cemetery Association (78)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$700.00	
Expended	East Franklin Cemetery	\$700.00	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$0.00

Good Citizenship Award (79)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$150.00	
Expended	Awards, Signage	\$146.88	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$3.12

Memorial Day Services (80)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$2,000.00	
Expended	Franklin Veterans Club	\$2,000.00	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$0.00

Franklin Public Library (81)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$5,000.00	
Expended	Franklin Library	\$5,000.00	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$0.00

Franklin Historical Society (82)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$5,000.00	
Expended	Franklin Historical Society	\$5,000.00	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$0.00

Franklin Residents Ellsworth Public Library Cards (83)
(Non-Lapsing Account)

Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$2,275.00
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Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$1,000.00
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Expended	Franklin Residents	
	(23 at \$25.00)	\$575.00
	(23 at \$30.00)	\$690.00

Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$2,010.00
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WIC Nutrition Program (86)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$2,340.00
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Expended	WIC Program	\$2,340.00
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Balance to Unexpended Funds	\$0.00
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Hospice of Hancock County (87)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$1,200.00
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Expended	Hospice of Hancock County	\$1,200.00
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Balance to Unexpended Funds	\$0.00
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Eastern Area on Aging (88)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$1,500.00
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Expended	Eastern Area on Aging	\$1,500.00
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Balance to Unexpended Funds	\$0.00
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Downeast Community Partners (89)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$500.00
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Expended	Downeast Community Partners	\$500.00
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Balance to Unexpended Funds	\$0.00
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Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry (90)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$750.00	
Expended	Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry	\$750.00	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$0.00

Families First Community Center (91)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$500.00	
Expended	Families First Community Center	\$500.00	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$0.00

Friends in Action (93)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$800.00	
Expended	Hospice of Hancock County	\$800.00	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$0.00

Protecting Animals' Welfare (P.A.W.) (94)

Resources	Raised from Property Tax	\$500.00	
Expended	P.A.W.	\$500.00	
	Balance to Unexpended Funds		\$0.00

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Resources Assessed from Property Tax	\$2,292,284.00
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Expended

Payment #9 of 12	\$186,820.74
Payment #10 of 12	\$186,820.74
Payment #11 of 12	\$186,820.74
Payment #12 of 12	\$186,820.68
Payment #1 of 12	\$193,125.07
Payment #2 of 12	\$193,125.07
Payment #3 of 12	\$193,125.07
Payment #4 of 12	\$193,125.07
Payment #5 of 12	\$193,125.07
Payment #6 of 12	\$193,125.07
Payment #7 of 12	\$193,125.07
Payment #8 of 12	\$193,125.07
Total Expended	\$2,292,283.46

Balance to Unexpended Funds	\$0.54
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Balances to Unexpended Funds

Balance to Unexpended Funds	\$45,936.69
Balance to Unexpended Funds – Overdrafts	(\$5,356.14)

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds

Begin Balance	03/01/2021	\$0.00
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First Tranche Received	\$82,327.52
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Extra First Tranche	\$95.65
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Interest	\$0.61
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Funds Available	\$82,423.78
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Fire Department Reimbursement	\$13,115.00
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Franklin Essential Workers Stipends	\$12,100.00
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Fire Truck Price Difference	\$19,393.50
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Health Officer Reimburse	\$6,330.00
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Water Dept, Heaters Reimburse	\$5,950.02
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Funds Applied	\$56,888.52
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End Balance 02/28/2022	\$25,535.26
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Anticipated Second Tranche	\$82,500.00
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2022-23 Projects Proposed	\$48,000.00
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TOWN OF FRANKLIN

2022 WARRANT



Old Fence View on Route 182, Amy Cook

March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023

To: Brian Abbott, a citizen in the Town of Franklin in said County.

Greetings

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Franklin qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Franklin Community Center in said Franklin on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 12:00 noon to act on the following Articles, to wit:

Articles

1) Moderator

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2) Elect Town Officials

To elect all necessary Town Officials by Secret Ballot. The polls for voting on Article #2 will open at 12:05 PM and close at 7:00 PM. The Business Meeting to act on the following Articles will open at 12:00 noon the following day, Saturday, March 26, 2022.

3) Town Officials Reports

To hear and act on the reports of any and all Town Officials.

4) Out of Town Authorization

To see if the Town will vote to authorize any Out-of-Town Representatives to speak on their article on this warrant.

5) Officials Compensation

To fix the compensation of the Elected and Appointed Officials for 2022-2023.

	Current	Recommend
Selectboard (3) Each	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Selectboard Chair	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Assessors (3) Each	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
Assessors Chair	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Planning Board Chair	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Emergency Management	\$250.00	\$250.00
Registrar of Voters *	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Fire Chief	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Health Officer	\$250.00	\$250.00

	Current	Recommend
Per Board Meeting:		
Code Enforcement Officer **	\$25.00	\$25.00
Planning Board Members	\$25.00	\$25.00
Planning Board Chair	\$25.00	\$25.00
Appeals Board Members	\$25.00	\$25.00
Appeals Board Chair	\$35.00	\$35.00

* Plus election hourly wage at same rate as Warden

**For attending Planning Board and Appeals Board Meetings

Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –
Recommend Amount.

6) Appoint Budget Committee

To see if the Town will instruct the Selectboard to appoint six (6) residents of the Town of Franklin to serve on the Budget Committee with the 2022-2023 elected Town Officials who are elected under the provisions of Article Two (2) of the Annual Town Meeting Warrants; one representative of the Community Center Trustees. (The 2021-2022 At Large Budget Committee members were Brian Abbott, Emery DeBeck, Doug Hitchings, Steve Mosley, Dana Smith, and Lloyd Williams).

7) Appoint Other Officials

To instruct the Selectboard to appoint all other Town Officials.

8) County Tax Assessment

For information only: to report to the Town that the County of Hancock, Special Tax Assessment from Property Taxes for 2022 is \$94,280.00.

The 2021 Assessment was \$89,881.96.

9) Community Center Trustees Election

To see if the Town will elect one (1) resident of the Town of Franklin to serve as Community Center Trustee for three (3) years (Outgoing Trustee is Mary Townley).

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

10) Administrative Expense Accounts

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$138,800.00 from Property Tax, appropriate \$57,000.00 from Unexpended Funds (Surplus), and appropriate \$10,000.00 from ARPA Funds.

	Property Tax	Unexpended Funds
A. Salaries and Wages	\$110,000.00	\$10,000.00*
B. Administration Expenses	\$25,000.00	\$45,000.00
C. Technology Account	\$2,000.00	
D. Tax Maps	\$1,800.00	
E. Shorelands Zoning Map		\$2,000.00
	* ARPA Funding	\$10,000.00

Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –
Raise \$138,800.00 from Property Tax; and
Appropriate \$57,000.00 from Unexpended Funds; and
Appropriate \$10,000.00 ARPA Funds for Salaries Reimbursement.

A. Salaries and Wages

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$110,000.00
2021 Appropriated from Unexpended	\$10,000.00
2021 Total Allocation	\$120,000.00
2021 Expended	\$105,344.44

ARPA Funds Applied - Not in Expended

Essential Workers Stipend	\$12,100.00*
Health Officer	\$6,330.00*

B. Administration Expenses

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$25,000.00
2021 Appropriated from Unexpended	\$45,000.00
2021 Total Allocation	\$70,000.00
2021 Expended	\$55,360.11

C. Technology Account – New Non-Lapsing Account

This new Non-lapsing Account would be for the upcoming Windows 11. Windows 11 will require that most of our existing computer hardware be upgraded.

D. Assessors' Office – Tax Maps

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$1,800.00
2021 Expended	\$1,500.00
2022 Assessors Request	\$1,800.00

E. PB – Shorelands Digital Zoning Maps

2021 Appropriated from Unexpended	\$2,000.00
2021 Expended	\$0.00
2022 Planning Board Request	\$2,000.00

11) Legal Accounts

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$4,000.00 from Property Tax for the Legal Accounts; and

- 1) appropriate the unexpended balance of the Legal Operating to Legal Reserve; or
- 2) appropriate the overdraft amount from Legal Reserve to Legal Operating.

Property Tax

A. Legal Operating Account	\$2,000.00
B. Legal Reserve	\$2,000.00

Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –
Raise \$4,000.00 from Property Tax

A. *Legal Operating Account*

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$1,000.00
2021 Legal Fees Recovered	\$00.00
2021 Expended	\$3,958.76
Overdraft-Appropriated from Legal Reserve	(\$2,958.76)

B. *Legal Reserve*

Reserve Balance, 03/01/2021	\$13,086.67
2021 Interest Earned	\$55.18
2021 Appropriated to Legal Operating	(\$2,958.76)
Reserve Balance, 02/28/2022	\$10,183.09

12) MMA Insurances and Requests

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$22,478.00 from Property Tax for MMA Insurances and Requests.

	Property Tax
A. MMA Risk Pool Insurance	\$14,650.00
B Workers Comp Insurance	\$4,300.00
C. MMA Unemployment Ins	\$800.00
D. MMA Dues	\$2,728.00
MMA Requests	\$22,478.00

Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –
Raise \$22,478.00 from Property Tax

A. MMA Risk Pool Insurance

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$13,750.00
2021 Expended	\$13,063.50

B. Workers Comp Insurance

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$3,853.00
2021 Expended	\$4,297.29
Overdraft (Audit Adjustment)	(\$444.29)

C. MMA Unemployment Comp Insurance

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$789.00
2021 Expended	\$710.26

D. MMA Dues

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$2,648.00
2021 Expended	\$2,648.00

13) Municipal Building and CC Trustees

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$40,000.00 from Property Tax, appropriate \$20,000.00 from Unexpended Funds (Surplus), appropriate \$20,000.00 from ARPA Funds; and

- 1) appropriate funds as requested by the Community Center Trustees from CC Capital Reserve to CC Trustees Account.

	Property Tax	Unexpended Funds
A. Municipal Bldg Operating	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
B. CC Trustees Expenses	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00*
C. CC Capital Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

* ARPA Funding Request	\$20,000.00
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CC Trustees Requests	\$25,000.00/\$15,000.00
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Budget Committee and Selectboard Recommend –

Raise \$40,000.00 from Property Tax; and

Appropriate \$20,000.00 from Unexpended Funds; and

Appropriate \$20,000.00 ARPA Funds for CC Trustees Expense.

A. Municipal Building Operating Costs

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$15,000.00
2021 Appropriated from Unexpended	\$2,500.00
2021 Expended	\$22,411.85
2021 Overdraft	(\$4,911.85)

B. Community Center Trustees

Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$7,591.39
2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$15,000.00
2021 Appropriated from Unexpended	\$2,500.00
2021 Expended	\$22,347.48
Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$2,743.91

2022 CC Trustees Request	\$15,000.00/\$5,000.00
2022 ARPA Funding Request	\$20,000.00

C. Community Center Capital Reserve

Reserve Balance, 03/01/2021	\$103.56
2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$10,000.00
2021 Appropriated from Unexpended	\$10,000.00
2021 Interest Earned	\$30.13
Reserve Balance, 02/28/2022	\$20,133.69

2022 CC Trustees Request	\$10,000.00/\$10,000.00
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14) Overdrafts

To see if the Town will appropriate \$5,356.14 from Unexpended Funds (Surplus) for the following Overdrafts:

(12B)	Workers Comp Insurance	\$444.29
(13A)	Municipal Bldg Operating	\$4,911.85
	Total	\$5,356.14

PROTECTION AND SAFETY

15) Franklin Fire Department Support

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$61,950.00 from Property Tax, appropriate \$33,000.00 from Unexpended Funds (Surplus), appropriate \$18,000.00 from ARPA Funds for the support of the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department; and

- 1) appropriate unexpended balance of the Fire Department Account to the Fire Department Emergency Reserve; and
- 2) appropriate funds from the Fire Department Emergency Reserve to the Fire Department Account as requested by the Fire Chief.

	Property Tax	Unexpended Funds
A. FD Employee	Table to Next Year	
B. Fire Department	\$61,250.00	\$18,000.00*
C. FD Emergency Reserve		\$2,000.00
D. FD Supplemental Insurance	\$700.00	
E. FD Capital Reserve		\$15,000.00
	* ARPA Funding	\$18,000.00

Fire Chief Requests	\$61,950.00/\$33,000.00
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Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –

Raise \$61,950.00 from Property Tax; and

Appropriate \$33,000.00 from Unexpended Funds; and

Appropriate \$18,000.00 ARPA Funds for Fire Department Reimbursements.

A. *Fire Department Employee*

To hear the Fire Department Committee Report on their findings for the need of a paid Fire Department Employee.

B. *Fire Department*

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$52,270.00
2021 Appropriated from Unexpended	\$18,000.00
2021 Expended	\$51,001.14
2021 FD Reimbursements	\$13,115.00
Balance to FD Emergency Reserve	\$6,153.86

ARPA Funds	\$13,115.00
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Note – The Fire Chief has requested \$61,250.00 for the support of the FVFD. The Fire Dept includes \$18,000.00 for Fire Department Reimbursements.

Total request is \$79,250.00.

The Reimbursements are only paid to the FVFD personnel upon completion of 75% of the Training Sessions provided to them by the FVFD.

Note – The ARPA Funds will be used for the FD Reimbursements for the members thus reducing the Unexpended Funds required.

2022 Fire Chief Request	\$61,250.00/\$18,000.00
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C. *Fire Department Emergency Reserve*

Reserve Balance, 03/01/2021	\$5,897.43
2021 Appropriated from Unexpended	\$2,000.00
2021 Interest Earned	\$27.77
2021 Unexpended FVFD	\$6,153.86
Reserve Balance, 02/28/2022	\$14,079.06

2022 Fire Chief Request	\$2,000.00
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D. Fire Department Supplemental Insurance

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$680.00
2021 Expended	\$612.00

E. Fire Department Capital Reserve

Reserve Balance, 03/01/2021	\$5,669.90
2021 Appropriated from Unexpended	\$15,000.00
2021 Interest Earned	\$46.18
Reserve Balance, 02/28/2022	\$20,716.08
2022 Fire Chief Request	\$15,000.00

16) Other Fire Protection Accounts

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$64,062.01 from Property Tax for Other Fire Protection Accounts.

	Property Tax
A. FD Tanker Payment	\$33,929.01
B. Fire Suppression	\$1,000.00
C. PUC Fire Protection	\$29,133.00
Fire Chief Requests	\$1,000.00

Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –
Raise \$64,062.01 from Property Tax.

A. *Fire Department Tanker – Payment*

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$33,929.01
2021 Expended	\$33,929.01
This was the first payment of ten.	

B. *Fire Suppression Reserve*

Reserve Balance, 03/01/2021	\$80,649.41
2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$1,000.00
2021 Interest Earned	\$341.17
Reserve Balance, 02/28/2022	\$81,990.58
2022 Fire Chief Request	\$1,000.00

C. *PUC Fire Protection*

The Public Utilities Commission has determined the Town’s allocation to be \$29,133.00.

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$29,133.00
2021 Expended	\$29,133.00

17) Protection and Safety Accounts

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$19,100.00 from Property Tax for Street Lights and Ambulance Service.

The Ambulance Service contract will run from March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023 and is priced at \$9.83 per capita according to the 2010 Census. This is a 3% increase from last year.

Property Tax

A. Street Lights & Monument Sq	\$4,000.00
B. Ambulance Service	\$15,100.00

Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –
Raise \$19,100.00 from Property Tax.

A. Street Lights and Monument Square Outlet

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$4,000.00
2021 Expended	\$3,610.94

B. Ambulance Service

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$14,593.00
2021 Expended	\$14,592.72

HEALTH AND SANITATION

18) Health and Sanitation Accounts

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$5,200.00 from Property Tax appropriate \$10,000.00 from Unexpended Funds (Surplus); and

- 1) appropriate all Transfer Station Revenue to the Transfer Station Operation Account;
- 2) appropriate all Reimbursements and Fees received for Animal Control/Welfare to the Animal Control/Welfare Account; and
- 3) appropriate all Refunds and Reimbursements received from the State of Maine GA Program and/or any other GA source to the G/A Account.

	Property Tax	Unexpended Funds
A. Transfer Station Operations	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
B. Animal Control/Welfare	\$100.00	
C. General Assistance	\$100.00	

Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –
Raise \$5,200.00 from Property Tax; and
Appropriate \$10,000.00 from Unexpended Funds.

A. Transfer Station Operation – Non-Lapsing

Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$16,098.99
2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$5,000.00
2021 Appropriated from Unexpended	\$10,000.00
2021 Appropriated from TS Income	\$41,828.95
2021 Total Allocation	\$72,927.84
2021 Expended	\$62,729.77
Account Balance as of 02/28/2022	\$10,198.07

B. Animal Control/Welfare Program – Non-Lapsing

Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$5,084.58
2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$100.00
2021 Reimbursements and Fees	\$1,493.00
2021 Expended	\$2,729.66
Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$3,947.92

C. General Assistance – Non-Lapsing

Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$3,702.14
2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$10.00
2021 Refund from State of Maine GA	\$0.00
2021 Expended	\$334.90
Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$3,377.24

ROADS, HIGHWAYS, AND BRIDGES

19) Town Roads Maintenance and Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$260,600.00 from Excise Tax;

- 1) appropriate the unexpended balance from the Winter Salt/Sand Stockpile to the Road Maintenance Account;
- 2) appropriate the unexpended balance from Excise Tax collected to the Road Resurfacing Reserve;
- 3) authorize the Selectboard to appropriate funds for road resurfacing from the Road Resurfacing Reserve; and
- 4) appropriate all funds received from Hancock County for the Martins Ridge Contract to the Winter Salt/Sand Stockpile.

A. Road Maintenance	\$45,000.00
B. Road Resurfacing Reserve	\$45,000.00
C. Winter Salt/Sand Stockpile	\$40,000.00
D. Snow Removal and Sanding	\$123,000.00
E. Salt/Sand Shed Renovations	\$100.00
F. Georges Pond Beach Renovations	\$7,500.00

Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –
Appropriate \$260,600.00 from Excise Tax.

Informational Only --

<i>Total Excise Tax Collected YTD</i>	<i>\$309,483.11</i>
<i>Less 2021 Town Meeting Appropriation</i>	<i>\$260,500.00</i>
<i>Allocation to Road Reserve</i>	<i>\$48,983.11</i>

A. Road Maintenance Account – Non-Lapsing

Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$54,473.99
2021 Appropriated from Excise Tax	\$45,000.00
2021 Unexpended Salt/Sand Stockpiling	\$20,463.60
2021 Expended	\$22,411.19
Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$97,526.40

B. Roads Resurfacing Reserve

Reserve Balance, 03/01/2021	\$126,665.42
2021 Appropriated from Excise Tax	\$10,000.00
2021 Unexpended Excise Tax	\$48,983.11
2021 Interest Earned	\$540.17
2021 MDOT-LRAP	\$23,420.00
2021 Expended	\$0.00
Reserve Balance, 02/28/2022	\$209,608.70

C. Winter Salt and Sand Stockpiling

2021 Appropriated from Excise Tax	\$40,000.00
2021 HC – Martins Ridge Contract	\$4,000.00
2021 Expended	\$23,536.40
Unexpended Balance to Road Maintenance	\$20,463.60

D. Snow Removal and Sanding

2021 Appropriated from Excise Tax	\$123,000.00
2021 Expended	\$123,000.00

E. Salt/Sand Shed Renovations – Non-Lapsing

Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$0.00
2021 Appropriated from Excise Tax	\$35,000.00
2021 Expended	\$8,089.00
Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$26,911.00

F. Georges Pond Public Beach Renovations – Non-Lapsing

Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$0.00
2021 Appropriated from Excise Tax	\$7,500.00
2021 Expended	\$1,092.00
Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$6,408.00

STREET/ROAD NAMES

20) Town Road Names

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following road names additions, deletions, and changes.

No Action Required – Information Only.

Maddy Way, off Goodwin Road, Map 5, Lot 34
(Clark Estates Subdivision)

Subdivision Road Names are approved/accepted by the
Planning Board when the Subdivision is approved.

New Road Name Additions

Ladyslipper Lane, Map 8, Lot 58-1, Off Bluff Point Road
Roman Lane, Map 8, Lot 60, Off Dalton Drive
Roberts Lane, Map 5, Lot 54, Off Egypt Lane

Article requested by the E-9-1-1 Addressing Officer.

EDUCATION

21) RSU 24 Report

To hear a report from the Regional School Unit #24 Board Member.



MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTS

22) Miscellaneous Requests

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$6,150.00 from Property Tax for the following Miscellaneous Requests:

Property Tax

A. Frenchman Bay Shellfish Cons	\$3,000.00
B. Good Citizenship Award	\$150.00
C. Memorial Day Services**	\$1,500.00
D. Franklin Residents Reimbursement	
Ellsworth Library Card	\$500.00
E. Bicentennial Committee	\$1,500.00

Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –
Raise \$6,150.00 from Property Tax.

A. FB Shellfish Regional Conservation Ordinance

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$3,000.00
2021 Expended	\$3,000.00

B. Good Citizenship Award and Spirit of America Volunteer Recognition Award

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$150.00
2021 Expended	\$146.88

C. Memorial Day Services and Veterans Graves

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$2,000.00
2021 Expended	\$2,000.00

Change to a Non-Lapsing Revolving Account.

Note: This expenditure is for the purchase of grave markers (flag holders) and flags for Veterans' Graves, flags and wreaths for the Annual Memorial Day Service & Parade, and flags for Flag Poles at Municipal Sites & Cemeteries.

D. Franklin Residents Ellsworth Public Library Cards – Non-Lapsing

Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$2,275.00
2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$1,000.00
2021 Expended	
40 Library Card Fees	\$1,265.00
Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$2,010.00

E. Bicentennial Committee – Non-Lapsing Account

Account Balance, 03/01/2021	\$0.00
2021 Appropriated from Unexpended Funds	\$1,500.00
2021 Expended	\$0.00
Account Balance, 02/28/2022	\$1,500.00

IN TOWN REQUESTS

23) In Town Organizations Requests

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$19,700.00 from Property Tax for the In-Town Organizations Requests, as listed.

	Request	Recommend
A. Franklin Baseball Teams	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
B. Bayview Cemetery Association	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
C. East Franklin Cemetery Assn	\$700.00	\$700.00
D. Franklin Public Library	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
E. Franklin Historical Society	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
In Town Requests	\$19,700.00	\$19,700.00

Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –
Raise \$19,700.00 from Property Tax.

A. *Franklin Baseball Teams*

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$1,000.00
2021 Expended	\$1,000.00

B. *Bayview Cemetery Association*

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$7,000.00
2021 Expended	\$7,000.00

C. *East Franklin Cemetery Association*

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$700.00
2021 Expended	\$700.00

D. *Franklin Public Library*

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$5,000.00
2021 Expended	\$5,000.00

E. *Franklin Historical Society*

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$5,000.00
2021 Expended	\$5,000.00

OUT OF TOWN REQUESTS

24) Out of Town Requests

To see if the Town will vote to raise \$21,682.00 from Property Tax for the Out of Town Requests, as listed.

	Request	Recommend
A. WIC Nutrition Program	\$2,450.00	\$2,450.00
B. Hospice of Hancock County	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
C. Eastern Area on Aging	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
D. Downeast Community Partners	\$8,050.00	\$500.00
E. Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry	\$750.00	\$750.00
F. Families First Community Center	\$500.00	\$500.00
G. Ellsworth Public Library	\$5,932.00	\$0.00
H. Friends in Action	\$800.00	\$800.00
I. P.A.W.	\$500.00	\$500.00
	\$21,682.00	\$8,200.00

Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –
Raise \$8,200.00 from Property Tax

A. WIC Nutrition Program

Women, Infants, & Children Nutrition Program (WIC)	
2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$2,340.00
2021 Expended	\$2,340.00

B. Hospice of Hancock County

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$1,200.00
2021 Expended	\$1,200.00

C. Eastern Area Agency on Aging

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$1,500.00
Expended	\$1,500.00

D. Downeast Community Partners

2021 Raised from Property Tax for DCP	\$500.00
2021 Expended to DCP	\$500.00

E. Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$750.00
2021 Expended	\$750.00

F. Families First Community Center

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$500.00
2021 Expended	\$500.00

G. Ellsworth Public Library

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$0.00
2021 Expended	\$0.00

H. Friends in Action

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$800.00
2021 Expended	\$800.00

I. P.A.W.

2021 Raised from Property Tax	\$500.00
2021 Expended	\$500.00

ADMINISTRATIVE ARTICLES

25) Amend Administrative Articles

To see if the town wishes to vote on the following administrative articles as written

- A. March Expenses
- B. Seek Grants
- C. Tax Anticipation Loans
- D. Set Date of Commitment
- E. Waiver of Foreclosure
- F. Disposal of Foreclosed Real Estate
- G. Disposal of Personal Property
- H. Prepayment of Real Estate
- I. Accept State and Federal Funds
- J. DOT Local Road Assistance

This article will revoke the Articles (30-38 and 61) from the March 27, 2021 Town Meeting, removing the last statement in each, thereby requiring the articles to be voted on each year.

Selectboard Recommend – Yes

A. March Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend up to 8.3% of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the current annual budget during the period from the beginning of the next fiscal year to the next annual town meeting.

B. Seek Grants

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for and accept grants from various federal, state, and private sources in furtherance of local initiatives benefiting from such funds (subject to Public Hearings and/or Special Town Meetings, as necessary).

C. Tax Anticipation Loans

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money on or for any Tax Anticipation Loans.

D. Set Date of Commitment

To see if the Town will vote to set the date of commitment as the date when all personal property and real estate taxes for the Fiscal Year March 1 (current year) to February 28 (next year) are due and payable and that the statutory maximum percent per annum interest shall be charged on all personal property and real estate taxes remaining unpaid after October 31 (current year).

E. Waiver of Foreclosure

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to instruct the Treasurer to waive foreclosure consistent with 36 M.R.S.A. §944 when waiver of said foreclosure is deemed, by the Selectboard, to be in the best interest of the Town of Franklin.

Waiver of foreclosure is typically used when the Town wishes to avoid acquiring property that may be burdensome, for example, a run-down dam, dilapidated building, or toxic waste site. All waivers are registered at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds.

F. Disposal of Foreclosed Real Estate

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard on behalf of the Town to sell or convey any real estate acquired by the Town under expired tax lien mortgages on such terms as they may deem proper and to execute quitclaim deeds on behalf of the Town to the purchasers of such property. If the property is to be sold, notice of such sale shall be in a local newspaper at least two (2) weeks prior to such sale and the time and place of sale shall be designated. Such sale shall be to the highest bidder except that the prior owner may purchase the property for all taxes, interest penalties, and costs then due, plus all costs of the sale to be paid to the Town in full any time prior to such sale.

G. Disposal of Personal Property

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to dispose of Town-owned personal property under such terms and conditions as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town of Franklin.

H. Prepayment of Real Estate Taxes

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to instruct the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and set the rate of interest at 0% for overpayments pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506.

I. Accept State and Federal Funds

To see if the Town will vote to accept State and/or Federal Funds paid to the Municipality under 30-A M.R.S.A. §5682 and to authorize the Selectboard to accept and appropriate said funds as State and/or Federal laws permit.

J. DOT Local Road Assistance

To see if the Town will vote to accept D.O.T. Local Road Assistance Program monies and authorize the Selectboard to expend same on Town Roads.

TAX COMMITMENT AND LEVY LIMIT

26) Reduce Tax Commitment

To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate from Unexpended Funds to reduce the 2022 Tax Commitment.

Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –
Postponing this article until the Special June 2022 Town Meeting

27) Levy Limit

To see if the Town will vote to increase the Property Tax Levy Limit of \$593,520.28 established for the Town of Franklin by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the Property Tax Levy Limit (written ballot required).

Budget Committee **and** Selectboard Recommend –
Postponing this article until the Special June 2022 Town Meeting

ORDINANCE

28) River Herring Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the 2022 Town of Franklin River Herring Harvest Plan for harvesting on Grist Mill Stream and Card Mill Stream. (The five-year contract awarded to Dustin Young is from 2021 to 2025).

TOWN REPORT

29) Town Report

To see if the Town wishes to stop mailing the Annual Town Report to all the residents of Franklin.

The Town would still have the Town Report printed and available to any resident that wanted one at the Town Office. The Town Report would also be available on the Town Website.

Selectboard Recommends: Yes

Given under our hands at Franklin, Maine, on this 28th day of February in the year 2022.

Dawn R. Carter, Selectboard Chair

Jeffrey Albee, Selectboard

Joey Smith, Selectboard

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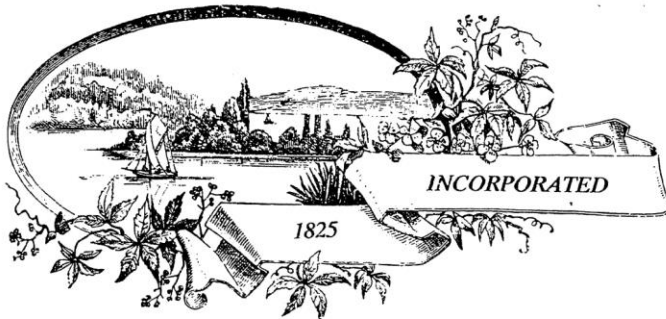
ORDINANCE – RIVER HERRING

Following is the Draft of the River Herring Harvest Plan Ordinance of the Town of Franklin for 2022.

The Town will be voting during Town Meeting (Article #28) to accept this ordinance on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

The Town votes every year to accept the River Herring Harvest Plan as required by Department of Marine Resources.

FRANKLIN



River Herring Ordinance

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FRANKLIN, MAINE

Original Ordinance Enacted

Town Meeting, March - Unknown

Amended every year

Town Meeting, March

2020 Revision Enacted

Town Meeting, June 20, 2020

2021 Revision Enacted

Town Meeting, March 27, 2021

Proposed 2022 Revision Enacted

Town Meeting, March 26, 2022

Attest and Certified By: _____

Deborah T. Lurvey
Town Clerk, Franklin, Maine

Date: _____

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River Herring Harvest Plan Year of 2022

Grist Mill Stream:

- During 2022 harvesting will be allowed on Grist Mill Stream. Harvesting may only occur at one location on the stream. This will be at the Grist Mill Stream Road Bridge.
- The maximum mesh size of wire, twine, or other material used in the weir shall not exceed one inch by one inch (1" x 1").
- The generally required 2' weir opening on the side of stream can be closed as that configuration was leading to fish mortality. In lieu of the 2' opening, the harvester will allow approximately 100 bushels of alewives free passage past the harvest site before harvest begins. This must be documented and approved by a DMR biologist before harvesting can commence. This escapement is in addition to any escapement occurring during weekly closure periods. Further, when "runbacks" are observed, which are river herring that have already spawned and are descending the stream to return to the ocean, the harvester will allow these fish to pass downstream, dropping the net and allowing free passage. This will be done even if harvestable fish caught in the net as they migrate upstream are passed, and therefore not harvested.
- The entrance to the dipping pen or trap shall be covered by bars, slats, or spacers with a maximum width of two inches (2") between said bars, slats or spacers.
- Dipping of river herring shall be confined to the dipping pen or trap.
- There shall be a 72-hour weekly closed season on river herring from sunrise each Thursday morning until sunrise the following Sunday morning. During the closed season, a minimum size unobstructed opening of three feet by three feet (3' x 3') shall be maintained to allow escapement of spawning river herring and other migratory fish. To accomplish this, the fishing net must be completely weighted down to the bottom of the stream channel so no fish get caught under the net.
- Migratory fish such as salmon, shad, or other species except alewives and blueback herring that enter the trap shall be removed and allowed to pass upstream.
- Fishing operations shall cease and all fishing gear obstructing the passage of fish shall be removed from the fishing waters not later than June 5. The town may request to extend fishing operations to June 15, but must do so in writing by May 30.
- The year-end total and weekly landings in bushels and value of the catch shall be made available to the Maine Department of Marine Resources and/or Nation Marine Fisheries Service on request.

- The harvester is responsible for maintaining, facilitating, and aiding with projects to improve fish passage for river herring. Actions may include monitoring for and clearing debris jams or working with town and state officials to identify and improve passage at dams and culverts. The lessee must obtain a permit from IFW to trap beaver, or must work with or hire a person who holds an IFW trapping permit.
- The person will also be responsible for collecting scale samples and length measurements from 100 alewives each year (25 per week). The harvester will have to report to the Town Office once per week (Friday) with the 25 scale samples and a Daily Fish Count (what has been harvest and let go up to the pond).
- The harvester will pay the Town of Franklin 25% of the total bid for Grist Mill Stream per week (Friday) during the open season, for a total of 4 weeks.

Card Mill Stream:

- During 2022 harvesting will be allowed on Card Mill Stream. Harvesting may only occur at two locations on the stream. This will be at the Hog Bay Road Bridge and the bridge at the Donnell Pond public access boat ramp.
- The maximum mesh size of wire, twine, or other material used in the weir shall not exceed one inch by one inch (1" x 1").
- The generally required 2' weir opening on the side of stream needs to be open. 1000 bushel need to go up to spawn before harvest begins. This must be documented and approved by a DMR biologist before harvesting can commence. This escapement is in addition to any escapement occurring during weekly closure periods.
- The entrance to the dipping pen or trap shall be covered by bars, slats, or spacers with a maximum width of two inches (2") between said bars, slats or spacers.
- Dipping of river herring shall be confined to the dipping pen or trap.
- There shall be a 3 (three) day closed season on river herring from sunrise each Friday morning until sunrise the following Monday morning. During the closed season, a minimum size unobstructed opening of three feet by three feet (3' x 3') shall be maintained to allow escapement of spawning river herring and other migratory fish. To accomplish this, the fishing net must be completely weighted down to the bottom of the stream channel so no fish get caught under the net.
- Migratory fish such as salmon, shad, or other species except alewives and blueback herring that enter the trap shall be removed and allowed to pass upstream.

- Fishing operations shall cease and all fishing gear obstructing the passage of fish shall be removed from the fishing waters not later than June 5. The town may request to extend fishing operations to June 15, but must do so in writing by May 30.
- The year-end total and weekly landings in bushels and value of the catch shall be made available to the Maine Department of Marine Resources and/or Nation Marine Fisheries Service on request.
- The harvester is responsible for maintaining, facilitating, and aiding with projects to improve fish passage for river herring. Actions may include monitoring for and clearing debris jams or working with town and state officials to identify and improve passage at dams and culverts. The lessee must obtain a permit from IFW to trap beaver, or must work with or hire a person who holds an IFW trapping permit.
- The person will also be responsible for collecting scale samples and length measurements from 100 alewives each year (25 per week). The harvester will have to report to the Town Office once per week (Friday) with the 25 scale samples and a Daily Fish Count (what has been harvest and let go up to the pond).
- The harvester will pay the Town of Franklin 25% of the total bid for Card Mill Stream per week (Friday) during the open season, for a total of 4 weeks.

Appendix – Warrant Articles

Town Meeting – June 20, 2020

Article # 32 – River Herring Ordinance

To see if the Town will adopt the Town of Franklin River Herring Harvest Plan for harvesting on Grist Mill Stream and Card Mill Stream.

Motioned to accept the Ordinance as written. Motion Passed.

Town Meeting – March 27, 2021

Article # 39 – River Herring Ordinance

To see if the Town will adopt the Town of Franklin River Herring Harvest Plan for harvesting on Grist Mill Stream and Card Mill Stream.

Motioned to accept the Ordinance as written. Motion Passed.

Town Meeting – March 26, 2022

Article # 28 – River Herring Ordinance

To see if the Town will adopt the Town of Franklin River Herring Harvest Plan for harvesting on Grist Mill Stream and Card Mill Stream.

Motioned to accept the Ordinance as written. Proposed

Researching old Town Warrants to locate all the amendments.

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