

231st ANNUAL REPORT & WARRANT

TOWN OF DURHAM, MAINE



For the year ending December 31, 2020

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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Androscoggin Sheriffs Department	911 (Emergency)
Androscoggin Sheriffs Department	753-2500 (Business)
Androscoggin County Commissioners	753-2500 - Ext: 1801
Androscoggin Registry of Deeds	753-2500 Ext: 1981
Animal Control Officer	353-2500 x 340
Coastal Humane Society	725-5051
Codes Official	376-6558
Durham Fire & Rescue	911 (Emergency)
Durham Fire & Rescue (Non-Emergency)	353-2473
Durham Community School	353-9333
Durham EMA Director	353-2473
Durham Public Works	353-3281
Town Office	353-2561
Town Office (Fax)	353-5367
Game Warden Service	1-800-452-4664
General Assistance	353-2561 ext. 10 or ext. 12 (Hotline 1-800-442-6003)
Maine Department of Human Services	795-4300
Maine DOT	885-7000
Maine DEP	1-888-769-1036 or 822-6300
Maine Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
Maine State Police (Troop B)	624-7076 or 1-800-452-4664
Pine Tree Waste	1-888-857-0800
Lisbon Post Office	353-4935

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Town Officers, Committees & Officials

Select Board

Kevin Nadeau, Chair 2023
Rob Pontau, Vice Chair 2022
Richard George 2021
Marc Farrin 2022
Todd Beaulieu 2023

Town Administrator/GA Admin

Tax Collector/Treasurer

Ruth Glaeser

Clerk/Registrar

Dep Tax Collector/Dep Treasurer

Rebecca Taylor-Chase

Deputy Clerk/Dep Tax Collector

Dep Treasurer

Pamela Cloutier

Code Enforcement Officer

Robert Forrest

Town Planner

George Thebargue

Public Information Technician

and Meeting Secretary

Kathy Dion

Animal Control Officer

Jeff Cooper

Road Commissioner

Calvin Beaumier

Public Works

Ron Dube
Brian Wilson
Dale Newton
Michael Rivera
Thomas Griswold

Emergency Management Director

Joseph Moore

Fire Rescue Chief/Fire Warden

Joseph Moore
Curtis Dimock, assistant

Fire/EMS Office Manager

Diana Dimock, Captain

Deputy Chief

Keith Russell, Jr

EMS Deputy

John Faith

Budget Committee

Leigh Fisher 2021
Michael Clark 2021
Neil Berry 2021
Jill Gastonguay, Vice Chair 2022
Paul First 2022
Richard Emmons Jr. 2022
Lois Kilby-Chesley 2023
Allen Purinton 2023
Milton Simon, Chair 2023

Board of Appeals

Terry Kirk 2021
Dean Clark 2021
Milton Simon 2022
Gary Wood 2023
Barbara Schneider 2024
Heather Roy, alternate 2025
Paul First, alternate 2021

Historic District Commission

Anita Sellars 2021
Candace deCsipkes, Chair 2022
Lois Kilby-Chesley 2022
Page Atherton 2022
Paula Erdman-Purdy 2022
Linda Litchfield 2023
Mary Fallon, Secretary 2023

Planning Board

Anne Torregrossa, Chair
Juliet Caplinger, Vice Chair
Allen Purinton
Ron Williams
Wesley Grover

Capital Improvement Committee

Paul First, Chair
Joseph Tamm, Vice Chair
Michelle Rouleau
Brian Pike

Cemetery Committee

Greg Wilson
Joseph Donovick
Linda Bowie, Vice Chair
Lindsey Lopes
Natasha Skelton
Philip Baker
Richard Thompson
Tia Wilson, Chair

Conservation Commission

Alex Finamore
Catherine Oldham-Creamer,
Joseph Roy
Juliet Caplinger
Roberta Brezinski
Samantha Cuccaro, Chair
Zack Labbay

Eureka Committee

Anita Sellars
Elizabeth Fertig-Burd
Kathleen Lowe
Linda Litchfield
Martha Lewis
Nancy Decker
Pearl Scribner

Memorial Day Parade Committee

Chad Burke
Colette Wagner
Joseph Howe

Scholarship Committee

Christine Cormier
Jonathan Pollock
Kendra O'Connell, Chair
Kristin Nam

RSU 5 School Board

Candace deCsipkes 2021
Jennifer Galletta 2023
Michelle Richeson 2022

Board, Committee or Commission
Members with dates are appointed
or elected for multiyear terms.



Dedication - In Memoriam

Constance J. Footman

January 23, 1935—September 9, 2020

We dedicate this Annual Report to Constance J. Footman, of Durham. Connie passed away on September 9, 2020. She had been a part of Durham Town government for over 36 years. We honor her hard work and commitment to the town with the Dedication and In Memoriam.

Connie was first elected Town Clerk in 1965. She was a notary public and served as town clerk, health officer, constable, registrar of voters, election supervisor and the treasurer and tax collector from 1968-1969.

Her 36 year tenure as Town Clerk makes her the longest serving Town Clerk for Durham.

Her knowledge of the town was vast, and a useful tool in helping her accomplish so much for our residents.

Connie also wrote for the Lisbon Post Enterprise in the 1970s and later became a reporter for the Sun Journal covering the Lisbon and Durham area.

She will always be remembered as a hard worker, with a strong will, devotion to her family and a love of gardening. We are grateful for her years of service to the Town of Durham.

Rest in Peace, Connie. You will be missed.

Select Board Report

To say that 2020 was an unusual year would be an obvious understatement. Challenges related to the pandemic forced the Town to adapt, change and carry-on the Town's business in new and innovative ways. The Board is extremely proud of the way our Town staff embraced the challenge and worked extremely hard to ensure critical Town services were provided. We thank them for their dedication to our Town!

Many of us missed the opportunity to see our friends and neighbors in person at our annual Town Meeting in 2020, and unfortunately, we will miss that opportunity again this year. We will conduct a Referendum-style Town Meeting with secret ballot voting at the Amvets Hall on April 6th, 2021. Absentee ballots will be available 30 days prior to voting day.

While the lack of an in-person Town Meeting is a disappointment to some, this format does provide a much greater opportunity for more people to vote and help make decisions for the Town. Poor attendance at Town Meeting has been an issue in many small towns for quite some time. In recent years, attendance at Durham's Town Meeting has averaged about 150 people, in a town with over 4,000 residents. Conversely, voter turnout for referendum voting has been 10 to 15 times that number, even in the middle of July. The challenge for the Town is to do our best to provide good information for voters so they understand the warrant articles before they head to the polls. This year we are mailing an 8-page information packet to every household. Extra copies will be available at the Town Office, and at the polls on election day. This information will also be on the Town web site. As we come out of the pandemic, the Board will be looking closely at the best path forward for Town Meetings in the future.

The Select Board meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Our meetings will continue to be held via Zoom until we are able to meet in person. All are welcome. We still provide a "Public Comment" opportunity at the start of each meeting. Meetings can also be streamed live through our website. Recordings of past meetings are available on our website.

The Board welcomes and encourages public participation in our meetings. To help keep people informed, the Town has a weekly newsletter that is sent via email. Sign up for the News Blast at www.durhamme.com.

Finally, the Board would like to thank the many committee members and volunteers that devote many hours of service to the Town. Without their efforts, the Town could not function. There are many ways to become involved in your Community. Please reach out if you are interested in finding out more about opportunities that might be a good fit for you.

Respectfully Submitted, Durham Select Board

Kevin Nadeau, Chairman
Rob Pontau, Vice-Chairman
Todd Beaulieu
Rich George
Marc Farrin

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk's office is the record-keeping department for the Town of Durham. The office issues licenses and records, maintains and preserves vital records (birth, marriage and death), the Municipal Code of Ordinances and other official documents.

The office is also responsible for dog, hunting, fishing, boat, ATV, snowmobile and business licenses. The Town Clerk administers all aspects of elections, voter registrations and campaign finance as well as Board, Committee and Commission openings and applications and Notary services.

2020 sure was a challenging year! Thank you to the community for your kindness and patience as we navigate these new waters.

Respectfully,

Becky Taylor-Chase
Town Clerk

Dog Licenses

Issued for 2020: Male/Female 37, Neuter/Spay 400

Per Maine law, all dogs six (6) months and older are required to be registered. Current rabies certificate and certificate of spaying if applicable are required to process the registration.

This year we added an online dog registration option where residents can register a new dog or re-register their dog from the convenience of their home. You can also register your dog at the Town Office during normal business hours or complete the registration through the mail.

Dog licenses are done by calendar year and expire on December 31. Licenses are available beginning October 15 for the following year.

A late fee of \$25 is applied for each dog that is registered after February 1 unless it is a new registration. The cost to register a spayed dog is \$6 and cost to register an intact dog is \$11



2020 Annual Giving Tree

This year Durham conducted the annual giving tree independently. Many community members were very generous in making sure families had a joyous holiday season! Cub Scouts Troop 145 conducted a bottle drive to support the giving tree fund and presented us with a check in the amount of \$350. A winter storm cut their fundraising short but we certainly appreciated them braving the elements to support such a great program. Many residents donated as well and we thank you very much. Any surplus of donations was moved into the Durham Home Heating Fund. Thank you to everyone that helped make the holidays happy and merry for your neighbor this year!



Elections

Voter Registration

Democrat: 1066

Republican: 1135

Green Independent: 223

Unenrolled: 1259

Total: 3683

- ◇ March 3, 2020 – Presidential Primary
- ◇ July 14, 2020 – State Primary, RSU5 Budget, Durham Annual Town Budget Referendum & Municipal Officers
- ◇ November 3, 2020 – General Election, Durham Special Town Referendum

I want to thank all our election workers for helping with each election this past year. This year was especially challenging conducting elections during a pandemic. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the community!

Life Events

Births

There were 47 births in Durham during 2020. Congratulations to the new parents!

Marriages

Shapiro, Kailea & Boonseng, Somphon

Schlegel, Rebecca & Goodell, Dustin

Migliozzi, Samantha & Zanfagna, Benjamin

Mallett, Molly & Dickison, Blake

Robbins, Kyle & Cartmel, Lauren

Freeman, Thomas & Giles, Kerri

Queen, Jason & Bingham, Sarah

Michaelsen, Trevor & Kany, Erin

Morgan, Darcie & Parsons, Nikolas

Reed, Spencer & Steer, Mayra

Johnson, Ture & Dunn, Gabrielle

Moulton, Keith & Donahue, Caitlin

Machon, Virginia & Proulx, Elijah

McNabb, Courtney & Cyr, Levi

Morton, Kyler & Smith, Abigail

St. Clair, Kim & Knowles, Andrew

Farrin, Marc & Duley, Jennifer

Carver, Michael & Hildebrandt, Kasey

Keith, Alexander & Kenney, Destiny

Passings

Leo A. Baril

Gregory A. Carter

Constance J. Footman

Michelle A. Grant

Esther P. Judd

Denis W. Poisson

Dale S. Spaulding

Barry L. Billings

Ronald E. Carver

Carolyn D. Fuller

Gary A. Greco

Donald A. Lewis, Jr.

Lloyd E. Sears, Jr.

Janice A. St. Michel

Alton W. Brown

Ronald J. Clark

Kristopher R. Gillespie

James A. Hancock

Shirly T. McKenney

Richard P. Siegel

Rebecca W. Wright

Judith A. Caron

Freemon L. Condon

Barbara J. Granholm

Mary E. Hicks

Howard L. Planche

Mark E. Soucie

Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates are available at the Town Office during normal office hours. Certificates are \$15 for the first and \$6 for each additional request during the same visit.

Marriage licenses are available at the Town Office during regular office hours. Although appointments are not required, they are encouraged as the process can take 30-45 minutes to complete. Both parties need to be present for us to issue the license and it is recommended filling out the Marriage Intention form (available at the office or on our town website) ahead of time to reduce the processing time. One of the parties must be a Durham resident or, if both reside outside of Maine, they must intend to marry in Maine. If either party has been previously married, they need to bring a certified copy of the Divorce or Death certificate. Cost of a marriage license is \$40. Marriage license are available immediately and are good for ninety (90) days from issuance. The Town Office will perform marriages for a fee of \$30 by appointment only.

Treasurer Report

Cash Balance January 1, 2020	\$4,513,482.00	Cash Balance December 31, 2020	\$3,689,537.00
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Income:

RE & PP TAX COMMITMENT	\$7,227,318.92	PHOTOCOPIES	\$77.00
AUTOMOBILE EXCISE	\$960,446.90	MAP SALES	\$3.00
BOAT EXCISE	\$6,059.60	JUNKYARD FEES	\$180.00
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$1,205.00	SNOWMOBILE FEES	\$2,038.96
CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS	\$420.00	TREE GROWTH / VE REIMBURS	\$16,429.13
SITE REVIEW FEE	\$100.00	MISCELLANEOUS	\$8,726.26
MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING	\$370,693.35	FD HYDRANTS & INSURANCE	\$54,302.87
URBAN RENEWAL INIT. PROGRAM	\$51,000.00	APPEALS ADMIN FEES	\$280.00
BETE REIMBURSEMENT	\$6,919.00	CABLE FRANCHISE FEES	\$43,911.14
HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENT	\$299,367.00	GENERAL GRANT MATCH REIMB	\$7,380.64
USER FEES - TRASH TAGS	\$17,274.00	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INTER	\$12,669.82
BUILDING INSPECTION FEES	\$17,573.90	GA REIMBURSEMENT	\$420.00
ELECTRIC INSPECTION FEES	\$6,700.00	EUREKA RENTAL FEES	\$490.00
PLUMBING INSPECTION FEES	\$7,623.12		
TOWN CLERK FEES	\$3,640.90		
REREGISTRATION FEES	\$19,281.00		
ADMIN INTEREST	\$32,740.26		

Total Income	\$9,175,271.77
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Expenses	\$9,073,145.47
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FIVE YEAR ANALYSIS

Real Estate Taxes Committed & Balance at Year End:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Commitment</u>	<u>Year End Balance</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2020	\$7,227,318.92	\$293,292.64	4.06%
2019	\$7,235,284.18	\$276,176.75	3.82%
2018	\$6,934,035.55	\$260,178.06	3.75%
2017	\$6,545,367.18	\$245,637.54	3.75%
2016	\$6,425,918.96	\$294,672.30	4.58%

Automobile Excise Tax Collected:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
2020	\$960,446.90	9.91%
2019	\$952,182.90	9.63%
2018	\$916,529.71	9.29%
2017	\$851,286.13	9.69%
2016	\$825,283.84	12.46%

Trust Accounts

January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	1/1/2020				12/31/2020
Cemetary Fund*	\$7,589.16	\$39.92			\$7,629.08
Restoration Fund	\$48,510.01	\$246.97		\$10,637.36	\$38,119.62
River Park Project	\$7,916.23	\$7.59			\$7,923.82
Scholarship Fund	\$15,521.13	\$76.07		\$1,000.00	\$14,597.20

* Denotes Perpetual Care

John B Hasty	\$50.00	Helen Trufant Loring	\$200.00
Harriet Novel	\$200.00	Marjorie Taylor	\$200.00
Hattie White	\$600.00	D. & A. Blakely	\$400.00
L.O. Morse	\$200.00	Emille Haskell	\$100.00
Burton C. Gee	\$100.00	John C. Merrill	\$50.00
A. Waterman	\$100.00	Charles Harmon	\$200.00
Marcine Russell	\$500.00	Mrs. Walter White	\$100.00
Kate Miller	\$150.00	Eve B. Butcher est.	\$200.00
Charles W. Thomas	\$100.00		

Total Perpetual: \$3,450.00

Before



The Town Office
employees
reorganized the
office storage space
during the
pandemic shutdown

After



2020 Real Estate Tax Receivables

ADAMS, KIMBERLY A	\$ 3,193.49	EMERSON-MAINS, HEATHER L	\$ 3,404.03
ALLEN, KIMBERLY JANE	\$ 4,338.56	EMMONS, RICHARD A JR	\$ 4,903.54
ANDERSON, CLYDE	\$ 4,890.38	FAIRPOINT	\$ 696.60
ANDERSON, CLYDE W	\$ 2,101.95	FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS INC.	\$ 20.25
ANDERSON, JESSICA A	\$ 3,561.98	FAIRSERVICE, MICHAEL	\$ 4,393.24
ANDERSON, STEPHEN	\$ 30.38	FAIRSERVICE, MICHAEL	\$ 1,164.38
ARSENAULT, DAVID	\$ 3,400.99	FARAGI, JOHN C	\$ 6,435.45
AUTUMNS KALEIDOSCOPE, LLC.	\$ 11,895.86	FISH, JAMES A	\$ 4,727.36
BAILEY, JOSHUA D	\$ 2,079.81	FRANK, RICHARD A	\$ 1,332.45
BAILEY, KENNETH D	\$ 1,710.08	FREEDOM HOME PROPERTIES, LLC	\$ 4,351.73
BAILEY, KENNETH D	\$ 1,352.70	GARCIA, MAX HARVEY	\$ 192.38
BAILEY, TINA L	\$ 811.58	GILLESPIE, KRISTINE	\$ 1,942.99
BALDWIN, MARCUS A	\$ 216.68	GILLESPIE, KRISTINE	\$ 751.28
BALDWIN, MARCUS PR	\$ 2,474.55	GRECO, GARY A	\$ 2,505.94
BALDWIN, MARCUS PR	\$ 74.93	GRECO, GARY A	\$ 903.15
BALDWIN, MARCUS PR	\$ 178.20	GRIFFIN, RAND G	\$ 1,637.21
BALDWIN, MARCUS PR	\$ 832.28	HARKINS, SANDRA	\$ 1,500.53
BALDWIN, MARCUS PR	\$ 631.80	HARRIMAN, ROBIN	\$ 2,138.40
BALDWIN, MARCUS PR	\$ 552.83	HINDERKS, SUSAN	\$ 2,824.88
BALDWIN, MARCUS PR	\$ 552.83	HORIZONS DEVELOPMENT INC	\$ 1,954.13
BALDWIN, MARCUS PR	\$ 564.98	HORIZONS DEVELOPMENT INC	\$ 1,686.83
BALDWIN, MARCUS PR	\$ 569.03	HOWITT, JULIA CAROLYN	\$ 5,286.59
BALFOUR, JAMES	\$ 3,804.98	HUNNEWELL, CATHERINE E	\$ 641.93
BALLOU, KATHRYN	\$ 3,207.60	HUNTINGTON, VINCENT W II	\$ 1,054.01
BARNHART, BOBBY J., JR.	\$ 3,141.79	JENISON, DAGMAR	\$ 13.83
BEAULIEU, JEAN	\$ 289.58	JOHNSON, GREG L	\$ 4,247.60
BEAULIEU, JEAN	\$ 182.25	JOHNSON, TURE G	\$ 5,611.28
BREEN, ORION E	\$ 260.21	JONES, ALISHA M	\$ 2,274.08
BROWN, ALTON W	\$ 1,845.79	KOENIG, NICHOLAS R	\$ 1,055.03
BROWN, ELIZABETH C	\$ 1,994.63	LACASSE, MARK R	\$ 3,005.10
BUTLER, JONATHAN S	\$ 1,328.40	LACASSE, MARK R	\$ 1,291.95
CARON, DENISE	\$ 429.30	LACASSE, MICHAEL R., JR.,	\$ 1,174.50
CARON, JOSEPH L	\$ 3,518.44	LAFLAMME, PHILIP A	\$ 2,811.71
CARVER, RONALD E	\$ 2,042.21	LANE, GARY L	\$ 1,471.16
COASTAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	\$ 206.55	LANE, GARY P	\$ 3,093.19
CRAIG, PAUL E	\$ 955.80	LANE, SCOTT	\$ 789.75
CUNNINGHAM, DALE B	\$ 3,336.19	LEIGHTON, BEVERLY	\$ 886.29
DEAN SMITH, INC.	\$ 1,379.03	LENENTINE, ERIKA	\$ 445.45
DEWITT CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$ 3,651.08	LESLIE, MICHAEL J	\$ 4,419.56
DEWITT, KEVIN ANDREW(PARTY IN POSSESSION)	\$ 907.20	LIBBY, KENNETH W	\$ 2,023.99
DEWITT, LISA	\$ 1,395.23	LIBBY, KENNETH W	\$ 3,802.95
DOBSON, HERBERT R., JR	\$ 429.61	LIBBY, STEPHEN	\$ 1,789.09
DOYON, JAYCE	\$ 658.13	LOPEZ, CELESTE C	\$ 880.88
DROWN, KARON MORNEAULT	\$ 2,495.81	MACLEAN, PETER	\$ 2,553.53
EASLER, DOREEN B	\$ 2,930.18	MARGOLIS, DAVID	\$ 6,269.40
ELWELL, MATTHEW	\$ 384.75	MARSTALLER, ROBERT E	\$ 363.34
EMERSON, JOHN (HEIRS OF)	\$ 2,531.25	MARSTALLER, ROBERT E	\$ 1,076.70

2020 Real Estate Tax Receivables continued..

MASCHINO, GEORGE, SR	\$ 4,448.60
MCKAY, JOLENE, P.R.	\$ 1,771.88
MCKENNEY, SHIRLY	\$ 2,240.66
MERRILL, DAWSON E	\$ 4,826.59
MERRILL, KEVIN	\$ 185.29
MERRILL, RITA L	\$ 1,368.90
MERRILL, ROYCE E	\$ 3,226.84
MERRILL, ROYCE E	\$ 3,124.58
MERRILL, ROYCE E	\$ 1,022.63
MR. BALDWIN, LLC	\$ 287.55
NEWELL, RONALD E., JR.	\$ 2,486.70
NEWELL, STEVEN D. II, PR	\$ 1,595.70
NEZOL, DANIEL	\$ 1,897.43
NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE	\$ 635.85
NYE, KENNETH A	\$ 2,069.55
OSGOOD, DAVID & LINWOOD & GLENN & ARTHUR	\$ 129.40
PASZKOWSKI, LINDA J	\$ 2,241.68
PERKINS, NATHAN SCOTT	\$ 1,747.58
PERRY, ANGELA	\$ 257.18
PESSANT, MARCEL	\$ 2,345.56
PETERSON, TROY	\$ 3,252.15
PRATT, EVONE	\$ 2,313.56
QUIGG, PATRICK	\$ 98.72
REILLY, TED	\$ 442.61
RODRIGUE, ANNIE	\$ 239.61
RUGAN, JEREMY F	\$ 5.60
SCAMMON, ROSE	\$ 4,432.73
SCARPONI, KIRSTIE E	\$ 178.20
SCRIBNER, DIANE E	\$ 3,236.96
SELLARS, DAVID	\$ 2,557.72
SHOVE, MALCOLM	\$ 3,087.11
SHUTE, RICHARD L	\$ 2,019.94
SITARZ, JON J	\$ 1,628.10
SITARZ, JON J	\$ 4,022.26
SMITH, DEAN	\$ 328.05
ST GERMAIN, THOMAS	\$ 495.70
ST PIERRE, TAMMY	\$ 1,625.31
STANLEY, BARBARA	\$ 3,852.56
STANLEY, SHELDON	\$ 2,774.49
SULLIVAN, MICHAEL F	\$ 3,678.41
SUSAN M BARBAY, TRUSTEE, D BURPEE TRUST	\$ 2,507.96
THOMPSON, JEREMY	\$ 114.41
TINDALL, JEFFREY	\$ 866.70
TINDALL, JEFFREY	\$ 2,864.36
TREMPER, BEVERLY	\$ 998.42
TUPPER, JACKSON II	\$ 2,219.40
US BANK NATIONAL ASSN	\$ 4,572.45
VERTILLA, FRANK	\$ 2,374.31
WELCOME, THOMAS W	\$ 1,473.19
TOTAL	\$ 293,292.64

Personal Property Tax Receivables

Personal Property 2008-2009

Harkins, Sandra	\$142.03
TOTAL	\$142.03

Personal Property 2010

Harkins, Sandra	\$97.88
TOTAL	\$97.88

Personal Property 2011

Harkins, Sandra	\$98.25
TOTAL	\$98.25

Personal Property 2012

Harkins, Sandra	\$100.12
TOTAL	\$100.12

Personal Property 2013

Bailey, Benjamin H	\$65.78
Harkins, Sandra	\$112.13
TOTAL	\$177.91

Personal Property 2014

Bailey, Benjamin H	\$20.02
Harkins, Sandra	\$124.87
Huntington's Truck Repair	\$41.28
TOTAL	\$186.17

Personal Property 2015

Bailey, Benjamin H	\$78.30
Harkins, Sandra	\$130.50
Huntington's Truck Repair	\$43.50
TOTAL	\$252.30

Personal Property 2016

Bailey, Benjamin H	\$94.00
Harkins, Sandra	\$141.00
Huntington's Truck Repair	\$47.00
TOTAL	\$282.00

Personal Property 2017

Bailey, Benjamin H	\$94.25
Harkins, Sandra	\$141.38
Huntington's Truck Repair	\$47.13
TOTAL	\$282.76

Personal Property 2018

AT&T Mobility LLC	\$195.92
Bailey, Benjamin H	\$94.56
Harkins, Sandra	\$139.87
Huntington's Truck Repair	\$47.28
TOTAL	\$477.63

Personal Property 2019

AT&T Mobility LLC	\$2,061.45
Bailey, Benjamin H	\$93.15
Harkins, Sandra	\$139.73
Huntington's Truck Repair	\$46.58
Sitarz, Jon J & Elizabeth W	\$46.58
TOTAL	\$2,387.49

Personal Property 2020

AT&T Mobility LLC	\$1,891.35
Autumns Kaleidoscope	\$441.45
Bailey, Benjamin H	\$89.10
Harkins, Sandra	\$131.63
Huntington's Truck Repair	\$44.55
Sitarz, Jon J & Elizabeth W	\$44.55
TOTAL	\$2,642.63

Real Estate Tax Lien Receivables

1991-2009 Tax Lien Receivables

EMERSON, JOHN (HEIRS OF)	\$ 25,089.51
TOTAL	\$ 25,089.51

2010 Tax Lien Receivables

EMERSON, JOHN (HEIRS OF)	\$ 2,350.31
HALE BROTHERS	\$ 87.27
TOTAL	\$ 2,437.58

2011 Tax Lien Receivables

EMERSON, JOHN(HEIRS OF)	\$ 2,359.31
HALE BROTHERS	\$ 90.73
TOTAL	\$ 2,450.04

2012 Tax Lien Receivables

EMERSON, JOHN(HEIRS OF)	\$ 2,585.24
HALE BROTHERS	\$ 67.38
TOTAL	\$ 2,652.62

2013 Tax Lien Receivables

EMERSON, JOHN(HEIRS OF)	\$ 2,081.68
HALE BROTHERS	\$ 79.45
TOTAL	\$ 2,161.13

2014 Tax Lien Receivables

EMERSON, JOHN (HEIRS OF)	\$ 2,322.98
HALE BROTHERS	\$ 23.31
TOTAL	\$ 2,346.29

2015 Tax Lien Receivables

CUMMINGS, IDALYN A	\$ 138.82
EMERSON, JOHN(HEIRS OF)	\$ 2,295.06
HALE BROTHERS	\$ 24.36
TOTAL	\$ 2,458.24

2016 Tax Lien Receivables

CUMMINGS, IDALYN A (ESTATE OF)	\$ 144.40
EMERSON, JOHN (HEIRS OF)	\$ 2,530.94
TOTAL	\$ 2,675.34

2017 Tax Lien Receivables

AUBENS, CARROLL V JR, PR	\$ 144.71
EMERSON, JOHN (HEIRS OF)	\$ 2,533.04
TOTAL	\$ 2,677.75

2018 Tax Lien Receivables

BEAULIEU, JEAN	\$ 414.07
EMERSON, JOHN (HEIRS OF)	\$ 2,666.03
HARRIMAN, ROBIN	\$ 1,876.00
THOMPSON, JEREMY & CATHERINE	\$ 426.44
TOTAL	\$ 5,382.54

2019 Tax Lien Receivables

BALDWIN, MARCUS A	\$ 289.01
BEAULIEU, JEAN	\$ 366.76
BROWN, ALTON W	\$ 922.34
BURPEE, BRIAN J. (LIFE ESTATE)	\$ 2,352.98
BUTLER, JONATHAN S.	\$ 1,474.74
DEMERS GLENDA	\$ 873.00
DEMERS, GLENDA	\$ 1,898.90
DEWITT, LISA	\$ 1,543.16
EASLER, DOREEN B	\$ 3,183.16
ELWELL, MATTHEW & LEONORA	\$ 468.26
EMERSON, JOHN (HEIRS OF)	\$ 2,757.67
EMERSON-MAINS, HEATHER L.	\$ 451.33
FRANK, RICHARD A.	\$ 1,479.06
GRECO, GARY A	\$ 581.57
HARKINS, SANDRA & SHAW,JOSEPH	\$ 1,665.23
HARRIMAN, ROBIN	\$ 2,338.66
HINDERKS, SUSAN	\$ 3,077.75
HORIZONS DEVELOPMENT INC	\$ 2,142.13
HORIZONS DEVELOPMENT INC	\$ 1,857.03
HUNTINGTON, VINCENT W II	\$ 1,167.36
JOHNSON, TURE G.	\$ 5,982.26
KOENIG, NICHOLAS R.	\$ 1,183.17
LACASSE, MICHAEL R., JR.,	\$ 1,310.59
LAFLAMME, PHILIP A	\$ 3,129.03
LANE, GARY P & JEAN L	\$ 2,442.89
LITCHFIELD, JAN R & LINDA J JT	\$ 2,199.12
MACLEAN, PETER & DUPONT,GLADYS A	\$ 2,781.43
MCKAY, JOLENE, P.R.	\$ 1,968.44
MERRILL, DAWSON E & RITA L	\$ 3,893.21
MERRILL, KEVIN & LEVASSUER, CHRISTINA	\$ 334.71
MERRILL, RITA L.	\$ 1,517.93
MERRILL, ROYCE E & JACQUELINE G	\$ 840.48
MERRILL, ROYCE E & JACQUELINE G	\$ 3,390.50
NEWELL, STEVEN D. II, PR	\$ 1,759.83
NYE, KENNETH A & JESSICA JANE	\$ 2,265.23
PERRY, ANGELA	\$ 332.20
PETERSON, TROY & LISA ANN	\$ 3,533.46
PRATT, EVONE	\$ 2,604.74
SHOVE, MALCOLM	\$ 3,429.79
SITARZ, JON J & ELIZABETH W JT	\$ 1,794.39
SITARZ, JON J & ELIZABETH W JT	\$ 4,420.72
THOMPSON, JEREMY & CATHERINE	\$ 252.28
VERTILLA, FRANK	\$ 2,427.80
WELCOME, THOMAS W & JEFFREY W	\$ 215.66
TOTAL	\$ 84,899.96

2020 Payroll

Employee	Gross	Employee	Gross	Employee	Gross
Allen, Elmer W	\$ 23,904.00	Higgins, Christopher JC	\$ 12,138.75	Sherburne, Cheryl	\$ 150.00
Beaulieu, Todd P	\$ 1,920.00	Higgins, D. Priscilla	\$ 495.00	Simon, Milton	\$ 3,880.51
Beaumier, Calvin L	\$ 63,197.20	Hunter, Caleb J	\$ 294.00	Simoneau, John C	\$ 750.00
Benedict, Stephen D	\$ 1,605.64	Jabaut, Barbara V	\$ 168.00	Simonitis, Catherine A	\$ 528.00
Blake, Mark L	\$ 248.00	Jacobsen, James C	\$ 174.00	Simonitis, Daniel J	\$ 1,246.00
Bowie, Eric C	\$ 45.00	James, Christopher J	\$ 6,836.25	Sprague, Maynard E Jr	\$ 100.00
Bradstreet, Anthony L	\$ 98.00	Karnes, Kevin M	\$ 165.00	Spring, Gerald J	\$ 867.75
Brannon, Phyllis M	\$ 144.00	LaCasse, Michael R Jr	\$ 229.00	St. Michel, William J	\$ 1,419.50
Brezinski, Stephen G	\$ 108.00	Lanoie, Brian P	\$ 250.00	Swinton, Nancy H	\$ 465.00
Broadbent, Julia A	\$ 246.00	Larrabee, Aimee S	\$ 12.00	Taylor-Chase, Rebecca J	\$ 32,000.00
Cardwell, Lorrie E	\$ 96.00	Larrabee, Clifton H Jr	\$ 213.50	Thatcher, William R	\$ 526.51
Carpenter, Samuel C	\$ 870.00	Larrabee, Noah M	\$ 810.00	Thebarger, George N	\$ 16,225.00
Chandler, Kory J	\$ 57.00	League, Rocky L	\$ 168.00	Thibeault, Daniel J	\$ 1,011.17
Ciaranello, Jaison T	\$ 1,519.00	Lemont, Joseph D	\$ 4,830.75	Torregrossa, Anne M	\$ 1,300.00
Cloutier, Pamela L	\$ 35,345.26	Love, Liam R	\$ 3,725.65	Venezia, Regina M	\$ 7,514.00
Coslet, Kenneth C	\$ 721.50	Mason, Fred W	\$ 1,408.00	Waterman, Jere L	\$ 6,109.00
Davis, Cody J	\$ 4,938.75	McCallister, Alexis A	\$ 87.00	Webber, Nicholas S	\$ 444.00
Dimock, Curtis G Jr	\$ 5,444.75	McKechnie, Brea A	\$ 3,824.07	Wilkins, Brandon J	\$ 560.00
Dimock, Diana M	\$ 21,380.73	McMahon, Cheryl A	\$ 123.75	Williams, Ronald D	\$ 300.00
Dion, Kathleen L	\$ 18,201.67	Merrill, Lawrence A	\$ 18.38	Wilson, Brian S Sr	\$ 42,035.34
Dobson, Roxanna L	\$ 36.00	Merrill, Richard A	\$ 1,005.00		
Dobson, Timothy R.A.	\$ 2,202.00	Mitchell, Robert J	\$ 3,880.00	TOTAL	\$ 811,471.36
Dube, Ronald J	\$ 53,366.47	Moore, Joseph C	\$ 65,924.00		
Enman, Wendy	\$ 1,007.50	Morrill, Beth S	\$ 615.00		
Enman-Curtis, Korey H	\$ 5,466.03	Nadeau, Kevin J	\$ 2,640.00		
Faith, John L	\$ 25,963.73	Negley, Miranda W	\$ 5,703.00		
Faith, Steven M	\$ 8,694.02	Newton, Dale S	\$ 41,138.22		
Farrell, Mary E	\$ 288.00	Nolan, Kevin J	\$ 315.00		
Farrin, Marc D	\$ 1,920.00	Parker, Ronald H	\$ 3,253.00		
Fitzpatrick, Jennifer L	\$ 90.00	Parsons, John F	\$ 117.00		
Forrest, Robert S	\$ 41,438.40	Pierce, Peter J	\$ 1,008.00		
Gagnon, Laura R	\$ 119.00	Plant, Devin R	\$ 3,145.00		
George, Richard W	\$ 1,920.00	Plourde, Shannon R	\$ 14,765.44		
Glaeser, Ruth S	\$ 49,082.25	Pontau, Robert A Jr	\$ 1,920.00		
Goodridge, Allison L	\$ 100.00	Purinton, Allan N	\$ 500.00		
Griswold, Thomas D	\$ 42,934.02	Quigg, Michael C	\$ 6,736.25		
Grover, Wesley C	\$ 600.00	Quimby, Tammy L	\$ 7,110.11		
Hanson, Michael W	\$ 4,854.50	Rivera, Michael S	\$ 51,927.62		
Harris, Ashley M	\$ 102.00	Russell, Keith E Jr	\$ 2,891.93		
Harris, Christopher S	\$ 275.50	Salve, Adam M	\$ 2,527.80		
Harris, George H	\$ 9,802.29	Schlegel, Rebecca E	\$ 335.00		
Harris, Taylor N	\$ 126.00	Schneider, Barbara T	\$ 99.00		
Herling, Quincy W	\$ 3,580.00	Scribner, Kenneth P	\$ 5,632.42		
Herling, Sondra A	\$ 723.00	Scribner, Pearl M	\$ 98.48		



Election set up at the AMVETS Post 13



Fire, Rescue & EMA Report

Structure	
Chimney	4
Fires	5
Alarms	12
<i>Total</i>	<i>21</i>

Vehicle	
Accidents	32
Extrication	2
Fires	5
<i>Total</i>	<i>39</i>

Forestry	
Grass/Woods	6
Unattended/Unpermitted	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>9</i>

Other	
Rescue Assist	44
Wires Down	37
Mutual Aid	19
Smoke/Odor Investigation	13
Water Rescue	3
Other	6
<i>Total</i>	<i>122</i>

Total Fire Department Responses: 191
Total Rescue Responses 239
EMERGENCY NUMBER 9-1-1

In 2020 our requests for services increased by 6% overall to 430 total responses. While our rescue responses remained static, we saw an increase of 15% in fire department responses.

2020 was a struggle for everyone and its impact was certainly felt here within the department. The pandemic created challenges that we as a profession have never had to face before, at least not to this extent. I would like to start by thanking the members who stayed the course. No one ran and hid, everyone continued to answer calls and face the concerns faced by emergency services all across the country. We adjusted our response practices to keep our staff as safe as possible and crews stepped up to ensure the community's needs were met. I am very proud of the way the men and women of Durham Fire-Rescue conducted themselves.

DFR crews working on a downed tree during a storm



New member Chris James



All trainings and meetings were suspended for four months as we negotiated the difficulties presented. While we were able to provide some material to the school for Fire Prevention Week, we were unable to present the community outreach and education normally done. We were forced to cancel the EMS Week activities, annual Fire Department Open House and other community outreach plans we had for 2020. Despite the obstacles we needed to overcome, the department continued to thrive and members continued to advance their abilities to serve their neighbors. Two members completed the Firefighter 1&2 program, one member became a licensed Basic EMT, eight members completed the Emergency Vehicle Operators Course and one member completed the requirements to be promoted from Candidate to Lieutenant. There were also two significant upgrades to the station as we had a new well and a new septic system installed.

The department's membership remains stable, with growth in both current members' skills and certifications along with new membership. The daytime per diem staffing, along with a continued strong commitment from our regular membership, keeps our response times within appropriate limits and call availability at a high level. This commitment from our responders allows us to handle emergencies in town with minimal reliance on mutual aid partners. Still, many hands make light work and we are always looking for new members. I personally invite any citizen interested in serving their community to stop in, talk to a current member you know or call me directly at 353-2473. Membership here takes many forms and though it can be very demanding, it is also incredibly rewarding.

As 2021 begins, we find ourselves still operating in a somewhat limited capacity as we work towards returning to normal operations. We are beginning the steps to improve our technical rescue training and skills. Further goals this year will be to try to return, as appropriate, to the larger ideas around community outreach and education. Another task will also be managing multiple small projects around improving the workspace within the station.

To close this report, I want to express my appreciation to the community for their continued support of this department. It remains our privilege to serve you, our neighbors. As I begin my fourth year here as Chief of Department, I wish I could fully convey the respect and gratitude I have for the dedicated members of Durham Fire-Rescue. Your lasting commitment to your community, despite all we are faced with, makes me proud to be a member here. Be safe and we'll be there if you need us.



Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph C. Moore
Fire & Rescue Chief

FF/EMT Liam Love and Sparky teaching fire safety!!

Town Forest Warden Report

Burning Permits Issued in 2020

On-line State Site	31
<u>On-line Wardens Report</u>	<u>1170</u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1201</i>

2020 was a very busy year for burn permits as many had the time and ability to clean up and manage their property. The pandemic forced us to address things differently on the level of issuing burn permits. The differences this year were:

- We stopped issuing written permits as we had to close the station to the public due to the pandemic.
- We had to close access to the State Forestry website permits because the increased use exposed safety issues for the town and the department.

We encourage the public to utilize the Wardens Report website (www.wardensreport.com) which can be accessed on your computer, smartphone or tablet. If you do have technical issues, please call the station at 353-2473 and the on duty staff will assist you.

Any person wanting to burn logs, brush, grass, pasture, blueberry land or have a campfire is required by Maine Law to obtain a burning permit. If you have a question about whether it is permissible to burn the material you are considering, please call the station and we'd be happy to come out and inspect it.

There are time frames in which burning can and cannot be done. Permits cannot be taken before 9AM. The class day and local weather conditions play a part in determining whether burning permits will be issued as well. Please understand that changes in weather conditions may require us to suspend permits that have already been issued. You will be contacted by the fire department directly should this happen.

The individual who signs the permit is legally responsible for the fire. They are required to make sure all safety precautions and time frames are adhered to. The fire must be attended at all times. The person signing the permit is legally responsible for any damages or suppression costs resulting from the Fire Department being called to contain the fire should it get out of control.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph C. Moore
Town Forest Warden

Road Commissioner Report

I would like to thank the many Durham citizens for another year of support and the many compliments and thanks we at the department have received over the past year. We will continue to make every effort to **Earn** your support and trust as we move forward.

In 2020 the Durham Public Works Department was directed to cut our maintenance paving budget in half in an effort by the Select Board to mitigate COVID 19 financial uncertainties. As a result, we selected the roads that needed some reconstruction along with resurfacing. These efforts resulted in an extremely ambitious work load that included paving, surfacing, shouldering, ditching and reconstructing 2.2 miles (4.4 lane miles) of Durham's roadway network, including:

2020 Maintenance Paving:

Rangdale Road	0.35 miles
Winifred Lane	0.10 miles
Deervale Road	0.59 miles
Cottage Woods Road	0.29 miles
Turkey Ridge	0.05 miles
Eagle Point	0.03 miles ditched

The Department also ditched and replaced culverts along Beaver Woods, Wires Hill, and Evergreen Lane for an additional .8 miles

TOTAL 2.2 Miles

Scope of Maintenance Paving:

This year we knew we're going to be paving less miles due to COVID related budget cuts so we chose roads that were in need of reconstruction as well as paving. Since we were not ditching as many miles this gave us the time needed to reconstruct many sections of roadway that were in disrepair before paving them. This work included box-cutting and replacing gravel base material, applying geotextile stabilization fabric on the sub-base, ditching, replacing cross culverts along with driveway culverts as needed, laying 2-3 inches of base pavement, shimming and paving with 9mm hot mix asphalt, and applying new shoulders.

Road Bond Project:

In 2020 the 2019 Road Bond Project was completed with surface pavement and new shoulders. At Town Meeting in 2019, the citizens of Durham voted in favor of a road bond allowing us to rebuild the remainder of the twelve plus miles of roads that were in desperate need of rehabilitation. With these funds, along with left over funds from the 2018 bond, we were able to complete the following roads with surface pavement and shoulders:

Meadow Road (From Quaker Meeting House Road to 400 ft from Pinkham Brook Road)	1.95 miles
Plummer Mill Road (From Hallowell Road to Old Brunswick Road)	1.57 miles
Bowie Hill Road (From Copp's Pit toward Stackpole to Chip Seal)	0.85 miles
Brown Road (From Freeport Town Line to Pownal Jurisdiction)	0.53 miles
Grant Road (From Royalsborough Road to Freeport Town Line)	0.41 miles
Brickyard Hill Road (From Pinkham Brook Road to top of hill)	0.19 miles
Apple Ridge Road (From Hallowell Road to End)	0.13 miles
Quaker Ridge Road (From Pinkham Brook Road to End) The Public Works Department completed all work except shoulder-ing and paving.	0.39 miles
Leighton Road (From Soper Road to Shiloh Road) The Public Works Department completed all work except shoulder-ing and paving.	0.85 miles
Day Road (From Rt 125 to end) Still needs surface paving in 2021.	0.2 miles

TOTAL 7.07 Miles

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT continued

Scope of Bond Work:

Completed final surface paving and added final shoulders. Due to cost saving measures, we were able to add Day Road to the bond reconstruction work. We will need to apply final surface pavement on Day Road in 2021.

Winter Roads:

As of February 23, 2021, we have responded to 35 winter weather related events using 1,326 tons of road salt and 600 yards of winter sand.

In 2021 we will be focusing on:

Ditching and culvert replacements in connection with a very aggressive maintenance overlay paving program that will include approximately three (3) miles of roadway.

In November of 2020, with the permission of the Select Board, I applied for two separate grants with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection agency for stream crossing structures. These structures would allow for safe fish passage, mitigate road flooding, and reduce future expenses to the Durham taxpayers. We were awarded both non-matching grants of \$125,000 each, one at Meadow Brook on Swamp Road, and the other at Newell Brook on Quaker Meeting House Road.

I would like to thank the Durham citizens once again for another year of support and the many compliments and thanks that we at the department have received over the past year. We will continue to make every effort to earn your support and trust as we move forward. Additionally, it is the department's mind-set that the Durham taxpayers are customers who pay for a service through their tax bill and are due a level of service in keeping with that payment.

Public Works Crew ditching and replacing culverts



Durham Public Works
cleans up debris after the
wind storm in August



Durham Public Works installed a welcome sign on Route
136 near the Auburn/Durham line



Durham Public Works'
speed radar unit courtesy
of Maine DOT

Animal Control Report

Durham had 67 animal control calls to service in 2020. Animal Control for the Town of Durham is done through the Lisbon Police Department. Anyone requiring the assistance of the Animal Control Officer should contact the Lisbon Police Department at **353-2500, ext. 340**. If the ACO is on the road, please file your complaint with the Lisbon Police Department.

Hours of operation: The normal duty hours of the Animal Control Officer are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Types of calls handled by the Animal Control Officer:

Animal Control Officers in the State of Maine are charged with handling “domestic” animal complaints and issues. Animal Control Officers are licensed and regulated by the State of Maine’s Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry. (Title 7 § 3941 through § 3950-A)

Some of the most common examples of animal control complaints are:

- Dog at large
- Animal welfare/cruelty complaints
- Suspected rabid animals
- Injured animals
- Dog bites

Calls outside of normal business hours?

Examples of calls that will elicit a response outside of normal business hours are:

- Dog bites
- Dogs hit by a vehicle and no owner is available
- Loose horses or livestock in the roadway
- Bats in a home
- Suspected rabid animals

Calls that ARE NOT handled by the Animal Control Officer:

The Animal Control Officer is not licensed to trap nuisance wildlife. For nuisance wildlife, you should contact the Maine Warden Service (287-8000) for a list of local Animal Damage Control (ADC) Agents.

What is an Animal Damage Control (ADC) Agent?

- ADC Agents are not paid by the State and operate as independent contractors working for themselves or other wildlife control businesses.
- ADC Agents are licensed and regulated by the State Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.
- ADC Agents are charged with resolving conflicts between people and wildlife.
- ADC agents do not handle domestic animal calls.

For your information:

A fee of \$50 will be charged to release any impounded dog that was picked up by Durham's Animal Control Officer and brought to the Coastal Humane Society in Brunswick.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT

Donna M. Hays, CMA serves as agent of the Board of Assessors. She reviews all new construction and properties that have building permits or are being carried as unfinished on the Town's records. This is done in the spring of the year after April 1st. The agent also processes all the property transfers and reviews the applications for exemptions. Ms. Hays works the first and third Mondays of the month and if you wish to speak with her about your valuation, please call the Town Office. The assessor can also be reached via email at dhays@durhamme.com but will respond during office hours only.

WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR PROPERTY TAX

The following information is provided in an effort to help reduce your property tax burden. All applications are available at the Town Office or by visiting the Maine Revenue Services web site at www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax.

Property Tax Exemptions

Homestead Exemption

Under this law, homeowners are eligible for a \$25,000 reduction in valuation. In order to qualify you must have owned homestead property in Maine for at least twelve months prior to April 1st and make the property you occupy your permanent residence.

Veteran's Exemption

A homeowner may be eligible for a reduction in the valuation of their property if they:

- Have their permanent residence in Durham on April 1st
- Are a veteran who was honorably discharged
- Served during a recognized war period in the U.S. Armed Forces
- Are 62 or older or an unremarried widow/widower of a qualifying veteran
- Are under 62 but 100% disabled due to a service-related disability

An application along with proof of service and discharge, such as a copy of their DD214 must be provided. For veterans who served during World War II or later the exemption is a \$6,000 reduction in valuation.

Paraplegic Veteran

A veteran who received a federal grant for a specially adapted housing unit may receive an exemption of \$50,000 in valuation.

Blind Exemption

A homeowner who is determined to be legally blind by a medical doctor receives a \$4,000 exemption.

All of the above exemptions require a completed application and may require additional information to support the claim for exemption. All applications must be submitted to the Town Office no later than April 1st.

Current Use Programs

The State of Maine offers the following “current use programs” which give the property owner a reduction in their assessed value. Applications for all these programs are available at the Town Office or at the Maine Revenue Services web site and must be filed on or before April 1st. In order to be eligible each program has certain criteria that must be met and any change in use of the land warrants withdrawal from the program and a penalty assessed.

Tree Growth

This program provides for the landowner with at least 10 acres of forested land who wishes to maintain land for the planting, culture and continuous harvesting of trees. A Forest Management and Harvest Plan must be prepared and submitted with the application. Applications must include a map of the parcel indicating the forest type breakdown as well as all other areas not classified as tree growth. The 100% valuation per acre for each forest type by county is determined by the State Tax Assessor each year. If the classified parcel no longer meets the criteria of eligibility or the landowner withdraws from the program a penalty of an amount between 20 and 30% of the difference between the tree growth value and the fair market value will be assessed depending on the amount of time in the program.

Farm Land

In the farmland program the land must be used for farming, agriculture, horticulture and can include woodland and wasteland. At least 5 contiguous acres of land is required and the tract must contribute at least \$2,000 gross income from farming activities per year in one of the two or three of the five calendar years preceding the date of application. If the property no longer qualifies as farmland or the landowner withdraws from the program then a penalty equal to an amount of taxes that would have been paid in the last five years had it not been in the program, less the taxes that were originally assessed, plus any interest on that balance will be assessed.

Open Space

Under this program no minimum acreage is required and the tract of land must be preserved or restricted in use to provide a public benefit such as public recreation, scenic resources, game management or preserving wildlife habitat. Classified land is valued by reducing the fair market value in accordance with a cumulative percentage reduction for which the land is eligible according to certain categories.

- Ordinary Open Space – 20% reduction
- Permanently Protected – 30% reduction
- Forever Wild – 20% reduction
- Public Access – 25% reduction

If the property met all of the above requirements, the owner would see a cumulative reduction of up to 95% on the classified land. If the classified parcel no longer meets the criteria of eligibility or the landowner withdraws from the program a penalty of an amount between 20 and 30% of the difference between the open space value and fair market value will be assessed depending on the amount of time in the program.

Property Tax Fairness Credit

The State of Maine also offers a Property Tax Fairness Credit. Eligible Maine taxpayers may receive a portion of the property tax or rent paid during the tax year on the Maine individual income tax return whether they owe Maine income tax or not.

To claim credit, file Form 1040ME and Schedule PTFC for the tax year during which the property tax or rent was paid. For more information, call 207-626-8475 or visit <http://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxrelief/ptfcsmary.htm>.

Capital Improvement Plan Committee

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee members held meetings in the fall of 2020 to review the following CIP materials developed by staff: Department Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Schedules; 10 Year Capital Plan, including reserve balances and annual contributions needed to fulfill replacement schedules; and Budget Year 2021 CIP Applications.

Three reserve and two CIP project applications were received. Following Q&A meetings with the Fire Chief and Road Commissioner, members scored each application according to the criteria in the CIP Policy. Scores were then collated to produce a list of projects ranked according to priority for funding consideration by the Select Board and Budget Committee during the budget process.

- 1) Fire Department Air Pack Replacement
- 2) Public Works Department Capital Reserve Request
- 3) Fire Department Capital Reserve Request
- 4) Public Works 1.5 ton Dump (Proposed Addition to the Fleet)
- 5) Municipal Office Planning / Reconfiguration Reserve Request

Benefits of a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) include:

- ◆ Focuses attention on achieving community goals while discouraging uncoordinated approaches to problem solving.
- ◆ Provides a mechanism to save for capital expenditures over time. This helps to reduce debt and costs related to financial borrowing.
- ◆ Helps to stabilize the tax rate by carefully vetting and distributing expenditures over time.
- ◆ Improves departmental administration by requiring departments to carefully analyze and forecast their future needs.
- ◆ Promotes early review of capital expenditure requests and good communication of recommendations, resulting in a coordinated approach across committees.
- ◆ Encourages citizen interest and participation in decision making.

Paul First, Chair

Joseph Tomm, Vice Chair

Michelle Rouleau

Brian Pike

Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery Committee works for and under the authority of the Board of Selectmen. Our members are unpaid volunteers whose mission is the care and maintenance of the sixteen (16) cemeteries for which the town has responsibility. We also offer cemetery plots for those wishing to be buried in town. The Committee has no affiliation with the private cemetery associations located in Durham. At our June meeting we elected officers and awarded a mowing contract to Yankee Yardworks of Durham, Maine.

This year the committee members performed the following:

- Inspected all the cemeteries under our jurisdiction.
- Cleaned up five cemeteries: Gerrish, Gerrish Family, Strout, Highland & Old Town

No cemetery plots were sold in 2020.

We would like to give a special thanks to Public Works for their quick response to a sunken grave at Highland Cemetery. They did a wonderful job filling and reseeding the grave.

We would also like to thank those individuals and groups who help maintain our cemeteries. Special thanks to the Acacia Masonic Lodge for their work at Cedar Grove Cemetery and Boy Scout Troop #145 for helping place the Veteran's Memorial Day flags.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Baker
Linda Bowie, Vice Chair
Joe Donovick
Lindsey Lopes, Secretary

Natasha Skelton
Dick Thompson
Greg Wilson
Tia Wilson, Chair

Littlefield Cemetery



Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Officer promotes, coordinates, and enforces land use activities within the Town of Durham in accordance with all applicable State Statutes, ordinances, and building codes. The CEO also assists current and prospective landowners, developers, and businesses with the local permitting process.

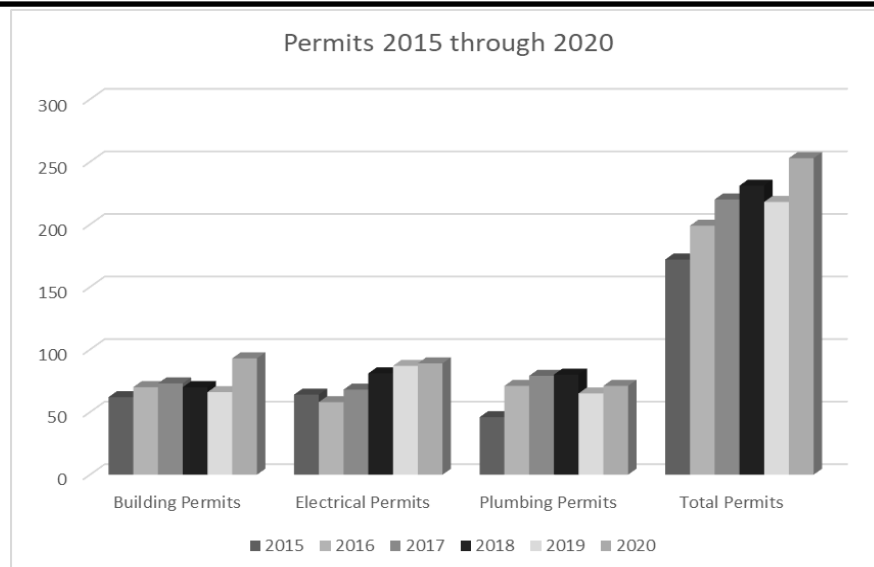
The Code Enforcement Officer provides information and conducts inspections to protect safety, health and public welfare. Permits are required for new home construction, modular homes, new and re-located mobile homes, in-ground pools, communication towers, sheds, garages, decks and other additions to the above ground structure. Certain activities located near lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and wetlands require Shoreland Zoning permitting.

The Codes Enforcement Officer:

- Meets with members of the public and permit applicants to explain ordinance requirements and procedures
 - Reviews and approves building, electrical and plumbing permits
 - Inspects aspects of the process to ensure compliance with all applicable State and local codes
 - Investigates complaints and possible violations of the Durham Land Use Ordinance and initiates procedures for correcting verified violations
 - Works with residents and other stakeholders to obtain compliance
 - Works with the Planning Board.
- ◆ The Durham Land Use Ordinance can be viewed online at www.durhamme.com. Many permits are also available online.
 - ◆ The Town of Durham Code Enforcement adheres to MUBEC-Maine Uniform Building and Energy Codes.
 - ◆ For further information please call the Durham Code Enforcement Officer at 207-376-6558.

There were a total of 361 building, electrical, conditional use and plumbing permits issued for 2020 by Code Enforcement including:

New single-family homes	16	Additions	12
Garages/Barns	26	Replacement septic fields	16
Solar arrays	6	Greenhouses/agriculture buildings	1
Generator's	6	Conditional use	3



Conservation Commission

The Durham Conservation Commission shall work on conservation-related issues in a climate of mutual respect with all Durham employees, volunteers and residents, other communities, and advocacy groups. We will seek to foster a collaborative working relationship with public and private groups organized around the preservation and enjoyment of the natural environment.

This year brought forth some challenges for the Conservation Commission as it did for just about everyone. We did not meet for several months at the onset of the pandemic, thinking it would be a much shorter ordeal. At the end of the summer, we began meeting monthly on Zoom to begin planning for 2021. Our mission remains strong and we have a lot of excitement for what 2021 will bring and are working on a couple of grants to help make these goals possible.

Among these goals are:

- To protect current and potential water resources;
- To conserve natural resources in the Town of Durham;
- To create and preserve open space for recreational use and wildlife habitat;
- To advise Board of Selectmen and Planning Board on sustaining our Town's natural resources, including land, water, air, wildlife habitat, and scenic views; and
- To conduct research, in conjunction with the Planning Board, into local land areas that are being considered for development.

Discussion topics of 2020;

- Planning with regard to the Durham River Park, including the installation of a pollinator-focused garden at the park, trail cleanup, and assessment of the hand carry boat launch.
- Understanding invasive and native species in Durham and how to manage them.
- The role of the Commission with regard to land use planning and as a resource for the Planning Board.
- Ugly Duckling Trail Contest through the Maine Trails Coalition



Meetings are held the last Thursday every month, unless otherwise noted on the website, live streamed and available on the Town's website. The Commission is hoping to hold several park work days and encourages residents to attend both the workdays and the meetings.

Members

Roberta Brezinski	Juliet Caplinger
Samantha Cuccaro	Alex Finamore
Zach Labbay	Joe Roy
Kit Oldham-Creamer	



Eureka Community Center

January and February 2020 the center was very busy. The middle of March everything was canceled, weekly cribbage plus the annual plant sale, like every other town in Maine and the USA. There were only four rents for the rest of the year, one each in May, June, November and December. Very few meetings were held since March.

The building has been thoroughly cleaned, walls, floors, tables, chairs, etc. The town has continued the center's weekly cleanings. Two air purifiers have been added to the main room.

We all look forward to Eureka Center being a busy community center as it was in the beginning of 2020. In the meantime everyone stay safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pearl Scribner, Committee Chairperson

Anita Sellars

Linda Litchfield

Elizabeth Fertig-Burd

Martha Lewis

Kathleen Lowe

Nancy Decker

Historic District Commission

The Historic District Commission (HDC) started 2020 by hosting a presentation by author Annette Vance Dorey who spoke about her book "Maine Mothers Who Murdered 1875-1925: Doing Time in State Prison" on February 20th. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the HDC hasn't been able to plan any more history-related events for the community. They look forward to doing so again as we emerge from the pandemic. Stay tuned...

The Commission met with a representative from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to help with planning and resources for working on the Commission's tasks as outlined in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. HDC has completed one task – it framed and hung photos with historic significance for Durham in the Town Hall, complete with descriptions. Take a look.

The Commission continues to work with district residents concerning any plans for construction or renovation to their structures or property.

And, HDC has been involved in discussions about planning for the Union Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace deCsipkes, Chair

Mary Fallon

Linda Litchfield, Vice Chair

Lois Kilby-Chesley

Page Atherton, Secretary

Anita Sellars

Paula Erdmann-Purdy

Planning Board Report

The Durham Planning Board is responsible for implementing certain portions of the Durham Land Use Ordinance, including considering and approving subdivision, conditional use, and site plan applications. The Planning Board also recommends changes to the Land Use Ordinance as appropriate, and has held numerous workshops over the past several years on various changes to try to make the Land Use Ordinance easier to understand and implement, and to keep it current with required state laws. The Planning Board is supported in its work by Code Enforcement Officer Robert Forrest, Town Planner George Theberge, and Secretary Kathy Dion.

The Planning Board regularly meets on the first Wednesday of each month, with additional meetings or workshops scheduled as needed. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Planning Board has been meeting via Zoom, which has allowed participants and the public to continue to participate while keeping everyone as safe as possible. Recently, the Planning Board has been making an extra effort to ensure that all materials for any application that will be coming before it are posted on the website so that abutters and interested members of the public can review these materials before any meeting.

The Planning Board can only consider applications that are in front of it, and citizens can find out more about the process of filing an application by contacting CEO Robert Forrest. When applying, applicants are strongly encouraged to make sure that they have provided all of the requested information and anything else that they think the Board might find helpful in making its decision. Many projects have been delayed because applicants did not provide enough information or documentation. The more prepared the applicant is, the more quickly the application moves through the process.

In 2019 and 2020, the Planning Board worked with Town Planner George Theberge, as well as an outside consultant to propose changes to the Land Use Ordinance to bring it into compliance with the state's shoreland zoning requirements. Those amendments passed the secret ballot referendum in November of 2020, and the Town is now in compliance with state law for the first time in nearly 50 years.

Also beginning in 2019, and continuing throughout 2020 and 2021, the Planning Board and Mr. Theberge worked on additional proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance to try to simplify areas of the Ordinance that the Planning Board has found to be problematic. These issues will appear on the April, 2021 secret ballot referendum and include:

- * Changes to the home-based business provisions of the Ordinance to make it easier for a business to qualify for a home-based business permit moving forward;
- * Changes to the back lot ordinance to provide more clear guidelines for new backlots and to ensure that Durham continues to develop in a thoughtful manner that provides for good planning and ensures emergency access to all residences;
- * Changes to the road standards for new roads to make them clearer and bring them into compliance with current best practices;
- * Changes to the Zoning Board of Appeals process to provide better clarity on the scope of their role in connection with appeals; and
- * Other miscellaneous changes, including requiring electronic submission of application materials, minor changes to the shoreland zoning, and clarifying provisions regarding waiver of submission requirements for subdivision and site plan applications.

In 2021, the Planning Board will continue its efforts to make the Land Use Ordinance more workable and relevant for Durham. The Board encourages all citizens to stay up to date on these efforts and to participate in the Board's ordinance workshops whenever possible, or to provide written public comment if they are not able to participate in person. The Board values public input and participation and the process works best when interested parties are involved early and often so that the Board can take all view points into consideration when making their recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Torregrossa, Chair
Juliet Caplinger, Vice Chair
Wesley Grover

Alan Purington
Ron Williams

RSU5

Dear Citizens,

We want to thank all residents for the passage of our current budget. The adopted budget for 2020-21 is \$34,984,700. Most of the expenditure increases in the FY21 budget were non-discretionary. These included additional costs in the following areas: contractual salary and benefits, funding for substitute teachers, one additional bus, increases in insurance, Region 10, nutrition, fuel and electricity. The budget created more equity between schools in the district including the addition of a .5 PreK teacher at DCS and support staff that focus on the academic and social/emotional needs of our students throughout the District. With the arrival of the pandemic in March, students and staff ended the school year with remote learning. Students have returned to in person learning in September in a hybrid model that will probably continue until the end of the current school year.

We are grateful for the individuals willing to volunteer and serve on the RSU5 Board of Directors. Current Board members from Durham are Candace deCsipkes, Jen Galletta, and School Board Chair Michelle Ritcheson; members from Freeport are Jeremy Clough, Susana Hancock, Maddy Vertenten, Lindsey Furtney, Valy Steverlynck, and Vice Chair Maura Pillsbury; and members from Pownal are Angela King-Horne, and Elizabeth Munsen. Our two student representatives on the Board are Brady Grogan and Liam Hornschild Bear. One of the recent Board goals has been the creation of the Sustainability Committee. Part of the committee's work has been to research alternative energies. This has led to the District's entering into a solar project located in Acton, Maine. This will provide cost savings while having RSU 5 participate in more sustainable practices.

All Board goals aim to ensure every student has an engaging, student-centered education, and graduates ready to enter college or the workforce. To attain the Board goals we have an extremely dedicated, qualified staff serving our students. Administrators, teachers, support staff and volunteers work together to be a champion for all of our students, collaborating and sharing responsibility for student learning. We educated 1212 students during 2019-20, which was an increase of 19 students from the October 1st enrollment in 2018. With the arrival of the pandemic in March, we have seen a decline in enrollment. We hope the enrollment levels will increase back to pre-pandemic levels next year. In June, 128 students graduated from Freeport High School, ready to venture into their post-graduation lives.

Through the collective efforts of our staff, parents, students and community members, we provide a quality education to our students that prepares them for adult life. As we strive "to inspire and support every learner by challenging minds, building character, sparking creativity, and nurturing passions," we appreciate your support and involvement in educating our students in RSU 5!

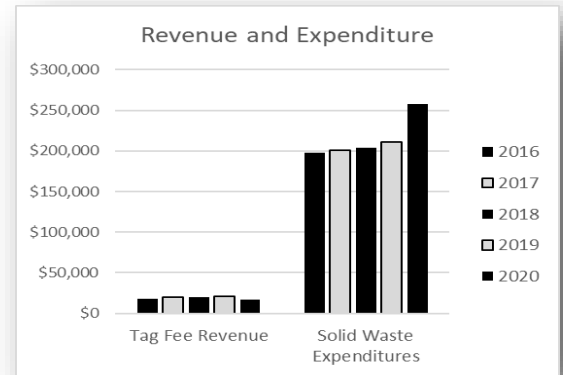
Sincerely,

Becky Foley

Superintendent of Schools

Solid Waste

The Town of Durham contracts with Pine Tree Waste (also known as Casella) for curbside solid waste and recycling collection. Requests for Proposals are submitted every three years and run on a fiscal (July 1 to June 30) year. The most current contract began on July 1, 2020. The new contract incorporates a per tonnage fee for both solid waste and recycling along with the curbside pickup costs. Bulky Waste Day and Universal Waste were bid as a separate cost and can be provided or not in any given year.



The new contract was a significant increase from the previous contract due in large part to the recycling market which has taken quite a financial hit in recent years. Where in the past recycling could earn money, now it is often more expensive to dispose of recycling material than solid waste.

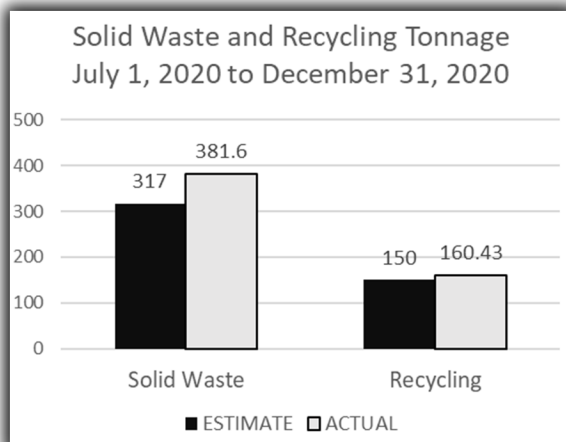
Each bag of regular household waste picked up at curbside must be tagged. There is a weight limit of 25 pounds per bag. Residents may put out 32-gallon trash cans which do not exceed the 25 pounds and tag the can. Residents are allotted 26 tags free of charge per year which are available the first Monday after Town Meeting. New property owners are entitled to a pro-rated number of tags, One (1) for every two weeks remaining until the next Town Meeting. Tags for rental units are limited to 26 regardless of tenant changes. Additional tags can be purchased at the Town Office for \$3 each.

Recyclables do not need to be tagged and should be placed curbside in a container, cardboard or plastic box. Acceptable recyclables are:

- Corrugated cardboard (wavy center layer)
- Boxboard (dry food boxes, paper bags, egg cartons, rolls)
- Plastic containers (#1-#7, 5-gallon pails)
- Metal and food cans (aluminum, tin, foil)
- Glass bottles (food jars, beverage)
- Junk mail, periodicals and office paper (catalogs, newspapers, magazines, soft cover books, envelopes)

Items Prohibited at Curbside:

- Large metal objects or appliances
- Animal body parts
- Furniture
- Small appliances
- Large plastic items
- Construction debris
- Tires
- Batteries
- Compostable materials – leaves, trees, mulch, pumpkins, pet litter



Durham residents can use the services at Maine Waste-to-Energy in Auburn for a fee and can recycle waste oil for free by bringing it to the Durham Public Works garage. The waste oil is collected and re-used by a neighboring town to heat their town garage. For more information on Solid Waste Collection and informational links regarding recycling please visit the Town's website at www.durhamme.com.

For customer service please call
Pine Tree Waste at 1-800-360-5320.

TRASH



Plastic Bags



Coated Paper Items
(Items with a plastic lining such as waxed coffee or soda cups, & waxed paper plates)



Disposable Items
(Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, condiment packets, straws, stirrers, & coffee pods)



Dirty Recycling or Liquids



Plastic Wrap, Films or Tarps
(Food bags or wrappers, plastic wrap, shrink wrap, & tarps)



Dishes or Baking Glass

ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING

CARDBOARD/PAPER



Corrugated Cardboard
(Wavy center layer)



Boxboard
(Dry-food boxes, egg cartons, & rolls)



Junk Mail, Periodicals, & Office Paper
(Paper bags, envelopes, & catalogs)

PLASTIC

METAL

GLASS



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tubs, & Lids
(Empty kitchen, laundry, & bath containers)



Aluminum & Steel Cans
(Foil & empty food & beverage cans)



Glass Bottles & Jars
(Empty food & beverage bottles & jars)

Telecommunications

Telecommunications for the Town of Durham in 2020 shifted in large part to the virtual world due to Covid-19 constraints. The town utilized Zoom, Facebook Live, and Town Hall Streams (our live streaming service) to continue meetings as usual while following CDC guidelines to ensure the safety and health of our citizens. Our Telecommunications team, Kathy Dion, Public Information Technician, and Tammy Quimby, Public Information Liaison, worked with the Town Administrator and Select Board to ensure that meetings continued during this very different year for all.

The Town continues to hold virtual meetings and hopes to return to in person or hybrid meetings sometime in 2021. Virtual meetings are held via Zoom. Please join us via the internet or by telephone. Information regarding meetings is posted on the Town's website (www.durhamme.com), on the calendar and frequently in the news feed as well as on the Town's Facebook page. The instructions for how to participate in the meetings are included in each posting. Meeting information is also included in the Town's weekly newsletter. Residents can sign up for the newsletter on our website, or by going to this web address: <http://eepurl.com/8k57T>. Meetings can be viewed live on our streaming service, Town Hall Streams, which is accessed through the Town's website or at <https://townhallstreams/towns/durham.me>. These meetings are archived for viewing after broadcast.

The Town experienced an email breach in 2020. Spammers accessed an external email server and obtained emails from 2019. They used this information to forward spam emails to town employees and many of the individuals who had received emails from the Town in 2019. It is believed these emails were sent with the intent to infect the receiver's computer and/or obtain financial information.

The Telecommunications team and Town Administrator worked with our email provider TH Creations, and the Town's IT service provider BEK, to educate the public regarding the threat and alleviate the fallout of the breach. While the spam emails subsided for a while, they have and may continue to be a problem as spammers sell the information. Please always be cautious when opening any emails.

The Town will be migrating email to a new server and domain in 2021. BEK will be taking over the administration and security of Town emails and the new domain, DurhamMaine.gov. Email will be the only item to switch to this domain initially. Eventually the Town's website and all other online media will reside at this domain as well.

The department looks forward to new challenges in 2021. Telecommunication's goal will remain to ensure continuity of meetings and information for the Town. We will continue to keep in mind the communication and infrastructure needs of the Town, responding and adapting to the ever-changing telecommunications landscape while staying cost effective and accessible.

Proposed Municipal Budget

	2018	2019	2020		2021	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Proposed Budget	Percent INC/DCR
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET						
Code Enforcement Benefits	9,603	9,971	10,640	9,953	1,200	-88.72%
Code Enforcement Wages	38,758	40,829	41,885	41,238	43,708	4.35%
Deputy Tax Collector Benefits	10,558	10,926	11,436	11,435	10,640	-6.96%
Deputy Tax Collector Wages	33,271	34,596	34,450	35,262	35,443	2.88%
Meeting Secretary Wages	1,871	2,704	3,000	2,609	3,000	0.00%
Select Board Chair Stipend	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	0.00%
Select Board Stipend	7,680	7,680	7,680	7,680	7,680	0.00%
Town Administrator Benefits	9,603	9,971	10,640	11,716	11,288	6.09%
Town Administrator Salary	46,274	48,214	48,157	49,024	31,818	-33.93%
Town Clerk Benefits	21,326	22,145	18,741	18,720	10,640	-43.23%
Town Clerk Wages	31,748	37,100	44,550	45,403	35,443	-20.44%
Town Manager Benefits	0	0	0	0	18,228	100.00%
Town Manager Salary	0	0	0	0	60,000	100.00%
FICA/MEPERS	12,244	12,596	13,700	13,722	16,926	23.55%
Medicare	<u>2,165</u>	<u>2,292</u>	<u>2,675</u>	<u>2,481</u>	<u>3,185</u>	19.07%
Personnel Expenses	227,741	241,662	250,194	251,885	291,839	16.65%
Equipment Lease	2,245	2,245	2,250	2,245	2,250	0.00%
Furnishings	102	0	150	0	150	0.00%
Hardware	1,126	1,649	0	0	0	0.00%
Insurance (Property and Liability)	33,073	37,199	39,470	39,662	40,000	1.34%
Publications	667	65	600	49	1,000	66.67%
Select Board Discretionary	96	157	150	0	150	0.00%
Supplies	4,177	4,719	4,600	3,887	4,200	-8.70%
TRIO Software	14,490	18,231	16,361	16,360	17,260	5.50%
Workers Comp Insurance	<u>3,014</u>	<u>3,310</u>	<u>1,850</u>	<u>1,910</u>	<u>3,767</u>	103.62%
Office Expenses	58,990	67,575	65,431	64,114	68,777	5.11%
Electricity	1,939	2,354	2,400	1,983	2,181	-9.13%
FICA	109	114	117	96	122	4.27%
Generator Repair	0	305	300	313	300	0.00%
Janitorial Supplies	224	78	250	95	100	-60.00%
Janitorial Wages	1,766	1,882	1,880	1,553	1,970	4.79%
Maintenance and Repairs	754	1,119	1,000	768	1,000	0.00%
Medicare	26	27	28	22	29	3.57%
Office Telephone	2,424	2,524	2,650	2,428	3,010	13.58%
Propane	1,121	1,321	1,500	1,479	1,500	0.00%
Security	240	765	765	765	765	0.00%
Streetlight Electricity	1,530	1,558	1,600	1,415	1,557	-2.69%
Union Church Electricity	184	184	200	190	200	0.00%
Union Church Security	240	240	240	240	240	0.00%
Union Church Telephone	<u>405</u>	<u>424</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>476</u>	<u>476</u>	3.48%
Facility Expenses	10,962	12,893	13,390	11,822	13,450	0.45%
Advertising	68	350	3,400	2,580	2,400	-29.41%
Audit	11,500	11,800	12,000	12,000	12,200	1.67%
BAN/TAN Interest	0	0	0	2,501	0	0.00%
Elections Expense	3,494	1,635	3,100	4,735	5,000	61.29%
Elections Payroll	5,664	3,334	5,500	4,537	3,400	-38.18%
FICA	237	222	325	225	211	-35.08%
Medicare	79	66	80	77	49	-38.75%

	2018	2019	2020		2021	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Proposed Budget	Percent INC/DCR
GPCOG Dues	6,157	7,696	7,696	6,157	7,696	0.00%
Legal	8,978	8,009	10,000	4,364	10,000	0.00%
Liens and Transfers	2,318	2,404	2,500	2,337	2,500	0.00%
MMA Dues	4,102	4,705	4,828	4,828	4,828	0.00%
Postage	4,005	3,452	4,000	4,623	4,500	12.50%
Tax Bill Expense	2,069	1,408	2,100	1,437	1,500	-28.57%
Training, Fees, Dues and Mileage	<u>5,605</u>	<u>6,547</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>4,406</u>	<u>6,000</u>	0.00%
Administration Expenses	54,276	51,630	61,529	54,808	60,284	-2.02%
Personnel, Office, Facility and Administration	351,969	373,760	390,544	382,628	434,350	11.22%
ANIMAL CONTROL BUDGET						
Animal Control Wages	7,642	0	0	0	0	0.00%
FICA	282	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Medicare	66	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Workers Comp Insurance	<u>93</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0.00%
Personnel Expenses	8,082	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Animal Control Lisbon Contract	0	9,500	10,448	10,448	11,680	11.79%
Coastal Humane Contract	5,002	5,002	5,580	5,580	5,580	0.00%
Services	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	0.00%
Contracts and Services	5,002	14,502	16,528	16,027	17,760	7.45%
Animal Control	13,084	14,502	16,528	16,027	17,760	7.45%
ASSESSING EXPENSES						
Assessor's Agent Contract	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	0.00%
Mapping	1,985	1,642	2,500	2,096	2,200	-12.00%
Supplies	0	121	100	30	0	-100.00%
Transfers	<u>359</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>500</u>	0.00%
Assessing	20,344	20,062	21,100	20,497	20,700	-1.90%
CEMETERY BUDGET						
Cemetery Mowing Contract	3,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.00%
Maintenance	0	130	100	0	100	0.00%
Flags	<u>486</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>535</u>	<u>550</u>	0.00%
Cemetery Mowing Contract	10,566	4,130	4,650	4,535	4,650	0.00%
CONSERVATION, PARK AND RECREATION						
Dues	200	200	0	0	200	100.00%
Durham Community School Bryant Pond	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>	0.00%
Conservation	2,200	2,200	2,000	0	2,200	10.00%
Park Maintenance	150	68	100	76	100	0.00%
Sanitation	<u>490</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>980</u>	<u>980</u>	63.33%
Runaround Park	640	558	700	1,056	1,080	54.29%
Electricity	186	185	200	191	200	0.02%
Park Maintenance	<u>29</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>636</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>700</u>	10.06%
River Park	215	444	836	397	900	7.66%
Electricity	184	184	200	190	200	-0.20%
Flags and Gazebo Repair and Maintenance	<u>4,303</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>100</u>	-75.00%
War Memorial Park	4,487	545	600	521	300	-50.07%
Durham Boosters	0	3,000	2,500	0	0	-100.00%
Durham Little League	1,500	1,500	2,500	0	3,000	20.00%
Memorial Day Parade	484	623	750	330	750	0.00%
Snowmobile Club	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>	0.00%
Recreation	3,084	6,223	6,850	1,430	4,850	-29.20%
Conservation, Parks and Recreation	10,626	9,969	10,986	3,403	9,330	-15.08%

Proposed Municipal Budget continued

	2018	2019	2020		2021	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Proposed Budget	Percent INC/DCR
DEBT SERVICE						
2014 Public Works Building Bond	91,119	91,119	91,120	91,119	91,120	0.00%
2014 Public Works Equipment Bond	141,523	141,523	141,524	141,523	141,524	0.00%
2016 MMBB Road Bond	170,909	168,991	166,949	166,949	164,765	-1.31%
2018 Engine 22 Bond	0	58,894	58,894	58,894	58,895	0.00%
2018 MMBB Road Bond	0	251,860	247,460	247,460	242,880	-1.85%
2019 MMBB Road/Ambulance Bond	0	0	285,746	285,746	281,678	-1.42%
Quint Payment, Fire Department	<u>33,004</u>	<u>20,173</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0.00%
Debt Service	436,555	732,561	991,693	991,691	980,862	-1.09%
DURHAM EUREKA COMMUNITY CENTER						
Janitorial Labor	1,243	1,096	1,365	959	1,313	-3.81%
FICA	71	67	89	59	124	39.33%
Medicare	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	-4.81%
Personnel Expenses	1,331	1,179	1,474	1,032	1,456	-1.22%
Electricity	557	692	1,950	1,820	2,000	2.56%
Maintenance and Repairs	1,851	3,537	3,000	1,668	3,000	0.00%
Propane	960	1,215	186	24	57	-69.35%
Supplies	<u>139</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>300</u>	0.00%
Operational Expenses	3,507	5,667	5,436	3,614	5,357	-1.45%
Durham Eureka Community Center	4,838	6,846	6,910	4,646	6,813	-1.40%
FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET						
Fire Department Labor Expense	195,569	183,448	201,627	183,558	197,987	-1.81%
Fire/Rescue Chief Benefits	18,085	22,803	24,304	24,303	24,304	0.00%
Fire/Rescue Chief Salary	82,522	63,796	63,856	65,084	63,856	0.00%
FICA/MEPERS	17,995	16,052	18,973	16,263	17,256	-9.05%
Medicare	3,965	3,502	4,090	3,517	3,797	-7.16%
Unemployment	0	24	0	575	0	0.00%
Workers Comp Insurance	<u>35,446</u>	<u>30,985</u>	<u>27,398</u>	<u>27,398</u>	<u>45,055</u>	64.45%
Personnel Expenses	353,581	320,609	340,248	320,698	352,255	3.53%
Ambulance Intercept	3,620	2,550	4,000	3,350	4,200	5.00%
Chief's Expense	1,531	0	1,806	1,447	1,800	-0.33%
Diesel/Gas for Trucks	5,561	4,468	5,400	2,849	4,400	-18.52%
Dispatch/Communications	21,853	23,883	27,544	27,256	29,690	7.79%
Dues	2,938	2,099	2,700	2,450	2,300	-14.81%
Electricity	5,381	5,732	6,000	4,917	6,000	0.00%
Equipment Maintenance and Repairs	53,332	58,325	49,037	58,340	41,850	-14.66%
Insurance	947	969	1,100	969	1,100	0.00%
Maintenance and Repairs	4,882	7,094	6,600	4,916	6,600	0.00%
Miscellaneous and Supplies	4,987	3,935	4,805	5,364	4,805	0.01%
Personal Safety	14,583	9,498	12,500	10,890	16,000	28.00%
Prevention	997	1,402	1,500	573	1,500	0.00%
Propane	4,233	4,949	5,500	4,665	5,500	0.00%
Training	7,027	4,728	8,000	4,774	7,000	-12.50%
Operational Expenses	131,871	129,633	136,492	132,758	132,745	-2.75%
Held over from 2019 (minus)	0	0	3,987	3,987	0	0.00%
Fire Department	485,452	450,241	472,753	449,469	485,000	2.59%

	2018	2019	2020		2021	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Proposed Budget	Percent INC/DCR
CAPITAL BUDGET (FIRE DEPARTMENT)						
Capital Reserve Appropriation (CIP 3/5)	55,000	55,000	0	0	30,000	100.00%
Fire Rescue Air Packs (CIP 1/5)	<u>33,421</u>	<u>16,650</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>59,161</u>	<u>60,000</u>	1.42%
Fire Department Capital	88,421	71,650	0	59,161	90,000	52.13%
GENERAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET						
General Assistance	375	514	1,000	600	600	-40.00%
PLANNING BOARD, APPEALS BOARD AND HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION BUDGET						
Meeting Secretary Wages	1,694	2,383	2,383	1,655	2,500	4.91%
Town Planner Wages	0	17,380	17,380	16,225	17,380	0.00%
Planning Board Member Stipend	3,250	3,950	3,950	3,800	4,000	1.27%
FICA	874	1,470	1,470	1,344	1,481	0.75%
Medicare	204	344	344	314	346	0.58%
Workers Comp Insurance	<u>0</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>662</u>	<u>0</u>	-100.00%
Personnel Expenses	6,022	26,190	26,190	24,000	25,707	-1.84%
Legal	1,928	895	895	958	1,000	11.73%
Training and Dues	846	1,473	1,473	614	1,500	1.83%
Advertising	247	184	184	137	200	8.70%
Projects	16,652	0	5,000	4,700	5,300	6.00%
Supplies	1,576	851	851	290	500	-41.25%
Postage	<u>670</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>420</u>	-5.62%
Operational Expenses	21,919	3,848	8,848	7,119	8,920	0.81%
Planning Board, Appeals Board and HDC	27,941	30,038	35,038	31,119	34,627	-1.17%
PUBLIC WORKS OPERATING BUDGET						
Janitorial Wages	1,439	1,577	1,707	1,411	1,707	0.00%
Public Works Benefits	71,130	80,941	80,167	80,165	80,419	0.31%
Public Works Labor	212,727	234,198	258,400	257,842	258,400	0.00%
Road Commissioner Salary	60,169	61,875	62,005	63,197	62,005	0.00%
FICA/MEPERS	19,348	21,570	25,028	23,767	24,064	-3.85%
Medicare	3,685	3,926	4,671	4,340	4,671	0.00%
Workers Comp Insurance	<u>26,253</u>	<u>27,245</u>	<u>21,654</u>	<u>21,953</u>	<u>33,940</u>	56.74%
Personnel Expenses	394,751	431,334	453,632	452,677	465,206	2.55%
Communications	980	1,040	2,000	1,814	1,500	-25.00%
Culverts and Drains	6,911	7,099	14,000	14,353	12,000	-14.29%
Erosion Control	2,402	2,765	2,500	2,611	2,500	0.00%
Fuel for Trucks and Equipment	36,657	39,975	40,000	29,950	30,000	-25.00%
Material	37,470	33,700	37,000	36,111	37,000	0.00%
Minor Equipment Purchase	2,183	3,301	3,000	4,351	3,800	26.67%
Paving and Road Maintenance	321,582	367,602	187,000	206,834	317,994	70.05%
Professional Services	10,584	17,925	15,000	12,523	12,000	-20.00%
Public Works Facility Maintenance and Repair	11,960	8,690	9,978	9,898	10,000	0.22%
Rental Equipment	4,722	8,014	10,000	11,410	12,000	20.00%
Safety Equipment	2,804	2,778	3,000	2,994	3,000	0.00%
Signs	3,439	3,386	1,500	4,347	3,500	133.33%
Supplies	3,625	4,425	3,500	3,810	3,500	0.00%
Traffic Control (Flagging etc.)	0	1,288	0	835	1,000	100.00%
Training	695	158	1,000	732	1,000	0.00%
Tree Cutting	300	0	4,000	1,634	2,500	-37.50%

Proposed Municipal Budget continued

	2018	2019	2020		2021	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Proposed Budget	Percent INC/DCR
Uniform and Clothing Reimbursement	1,616	1,810	2,000	1,887	2,000	0.00%
Utilities	16,479	15,793	15,900	13,219	15,900	0.00%
Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance and Repair	<u>44,392</u>	<u>38,593</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>46,339</u>	<u>45,000</u>	18.42%
Operational Expenses	508,803	558,341	389,378	405,652	516,194	32.57%
Weather Technology	1,198	0	1,200	0	600	-50.00%
Winter De-Icing Agents	18,083	18,129	20,000	13,006	18,000	-10.00%
Winter Plow Blades	2,660	15,937	14,483	10,648	12,000	-17.14%
Winter Salt	115,114	135,895	125,000	84,637	100,000	-20.00%
Winter Sand	7,896	8,904	9,000	6,624	8,000	-11.11%
Winter Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance	<u>75,689</u>	<u>26,512</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>27,518</u>	<u>30,000</u>	15.38%
Winter Expenses	219,442	205,377	195,683	142,433	168,600	-13.84%
Public Works Operating Budget	1,122,996	1,195,052	1,038,693	1,000,761	1,150,000	10.72%
CAPITAL BUDGET (PUBLIC WORKS)						
Capital Reserve Appropriation (CIP 2/5)	50,000	0	0	0	30,000	100.00%
Public Works Capital Projects	<u>0</u>	<u>194,927</u>	<u>188,600</u>	<u>188,600</u>	<u>0</u>	-100.00%
Public Works Capital	50,000	194,927	188,600	188,600	30,000	-84.09%
SOLID WASTE BUDGET						
Solid Waste Hauler Contract	204,221	208,301	255,692	257,784	307,500	20.26%
Trash Tag Purchase	<u>0</u>	<u>2,272</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500</u>	100.00%
Solid Waste	204,221	210,572	255,692	257,784	310,000	21.24%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUDGET						
Meeting Secretary Wages	36	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Public Information Technician Wages	10,316	20,186	23,000	19,338	23,000	0.00%
Public Information Assistant Wages	624	0	0	0	0	0.00%
FICA	680	1,264	1,495	1,197	1,495	0.00%
Medicare	159	296	334	283	334	0.00%
Workers Comp Insurance	<u>99</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>0</u>	-100.00%
Personnel Expenses	11,914	21,812	24,883	20,871	24,829	0.00%
Access Channel	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%
Annual Report Printing	2,713	2,186	2,500	2,157	2,500	0.00%
Email	2,518	2,208	3,000	2,255	3,600	20.00%
IT Hardware	4,371	3,149	5,000	2,165	5,000	0.00%
IT Services	12,544	11,206	11,000	8,087	11,000	0.00%
IT Software	1,424	2,905	3,000	2,937	3,000	0.00%
Postage	265	0	0	0	0	-100.00%
Supplies	0	649	500	216	500	0.00%
Training	120	0	500	0	500	0.00%
Website	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,838</u>	<u>1,838</u>	<u>1,838</u>	0.00%
Operational Expenses	28,704	27,053	30,338	22,654	30,938	1.98%
Telecommunications	40,617	48,865	55,221	43,525	55,767	0.99%

2021 DURHAM TOWN WARRANT

To: Pamela Cloutier, a resident of the Town of Durham, Androscoggin County, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Durham in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Amvets Post 13, 1049 Royalsborough Road, Durham, Maine on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7:45 a.m., then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 38 as set out below. (Polls shall be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.):

Article 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 To elect all municipal officers, school committee members, and budget committee members as are required to be elected.

Article 3 To see if the Town of Durham will vote to appropriate \$2,091.65 from undesignated fund balance to add to the 2020 Solid Waste Budget.
☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 4 To see if the Town of Durham will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed the 2020 Durham Municipal Budget for any budget articles **not** approved in this warrant.
☐ Yes ☐ No

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ARTICLES

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$60,000 from the Fire Department Capital Fund for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Airpack Replacements.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes
☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$30,000 for the Fire Department Capital Fund.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes
☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise \$30,000 for the Public Works Capital Fund.
Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes
☐ Yes ☐ No

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ORDINANCE WARRANT ARTICLES

- Article 8** To see if the Town will vote to enact an amendment to the “Town of Durham Land Use Ordinance, as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020” as set forth in the document “Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 6, 2021, PART 1 – AMENDMENTS TO ROADS (Articles 5, 6, 8, and Appendix 1)”.
Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhamme.com.
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Article 9** To see if the Town will vote to enact an amendment to the “Town of Durham Land Use Ordinance, as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020” as set forth in the document “Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 6, 2021, PART 2 – AMENDMENTS TO HOME-BASED BUSINESS (Articles 5 and 19)”.
Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhamme.com.
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Article 10** To see if the Town will vote to enact an amendment to the “Town of Durham Land Use Ordinance, as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020” as set forth in the document “Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 6, 2021, PART 3 – AMENDMENTS TO APPEALS PROCESSES (Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, and 18)”.
Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhamme.com.
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Article 11** To see if the Town will vote to enact an amendment to the “Town of Durham Land Use Ordinance, as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020” as set forth in the document “Town of Durham, Land Use Ordinance as Adopted at Town Meeting, November 3, 2020, Proposed Revisions for Town Meeting, April 6, 2021, PART 4 – MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO CLARIFY ADMINSTRATIVE POLICIES (Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, and 16)”.
Copies are available at the Town Office or online at www.durhamme.com.
☐ Yes ☐ No

FUND WARRANT ARTICLES

- Article 12** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the non-lapsing Old Home Days Fund, allowing any balance to lapse into the undesignated fund.

Funds	Balance as of 12/31/2020
Old Home Days	\$509.00

☐ Yes ☐ No

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- Article 13** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Municipal Building Account, Title Searches, Town Office Reserve and Perambulation Funds and transfer all balances into a new fund called the Municipal Capital Fund to be used toward building, infrastructure, equipment and vehicle capital expenses.

Funds	Balance as of 12/31/2020
Municipal Building Account	\$56,535.66
Title Searches	\$9,900.00
Town Office Reserve	\$25,896.50
Perambulation	\$5,300.00
Municipal Capital Fund	\$97,632.16

☐ Yes ☐ No

- Article 14** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the practice of transferring unspent Fire Department operating funds to the Fire and Rescue Capital Fund. Unspent Fire Department Operating Funds would lapse into undesignated funds at the end of the year. Funds required for future Capital Purchases shall become a part of the CIP Process and voted on at Town Meeting.

☐ Yes ☐ No

- Article 15** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the practice of transferring fees and receipts received for EMT Rescue Emergency Services to the Fire and Rescue Capital Fund. Fees and receipts received for Rescue Services would lapse into undesignated funds at the end of the year and could be used to fund the Fire Department Operating Budget. Funds required for future Capital Purchases shall become a part of the CIP Process and voted on at Town Meeting.

☐ Yes ☐ No

- Article 16** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the practice of transferring unspent Public Works Operating Funds to the Public Works Capital Fund. Unspent Public Works Operating Funds would lapse into undesignated funds at the end of the year. Funds required for future Capital Purchases shall become a part of the CIP Process and voted on at Town Meeting.

☐ Yes ☐ No

- Article 17** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Bridge Account and transfer the balance of \$98,248 into the existing Public Works Capital Fund. Repair and maintenance of town owned bridges shall become a part of the Budget or CIP Process and be voted on at Town Meeting.

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Article 18 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire and Rescue Department Budget:

Select Board Recommendation
Appropriate and Raise \$485,000

Budget Committee Recommendation
Appropriate and Raise \$472,753

- ☐ **Select Board Recommendation**
- ☐ **Budget Committee Recommendation**
- ☐ **Neither Recommendation**

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,150,000 for the Public Works Operating Budget. Funding Source: Raise \$138,448 and Transfer \$1,011,552 from the Following Revenue Funds: Excise Taxes \$960,552 and LRAP (Local Roads Assistance Program) \$51,000.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$434,350 for Administration Expenses. Funding Source: Raise \$321,376 and transfer \$112,974 from the following Revenue Funds: Building Permits \$17,574, Electrical Permits \$6,700, Plumbing Permits \$7,623, Vehicle Registration \$19,281, Delinquent Tax Interest \$32,740, Tax Exemption Reimbursement \$16,429, Town Clerk Fees \$3,641 and Miscellaneous Revenue \$8,986.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$310,000 for Solid Waste. Funding Source: Raise \$292,726 and transfer \$17,274 from the Solid Waste Revenue Fund.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$980,862 for the Town of Durham's annual debt service. Funding Source: Raise \$980,862.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$59,853 for the following budgets: Animal Control \$17,760, Assessing \$20,700, Cemeteries \$4,650, Conservation. Recreation and Parks \$9,330, Eureka Community Center \$6,813 and General Assistance \$600. Funding Source: Raise \$46,144 and transfer \$13,709 from the following funds: Animal Control Revenue \$1,205, Recreation Fund \$9,330, General Assistance Revenue \$420, Eureka Community Center Revenue \$490 and the Undesignated Fund \$2,264.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

☒ Yes ☐ No

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,363 for a raise pool to be distributed through the following departments: Administration, Public Works, Fire Department, Telecommunications and the Eureka Community Center and Planning. Funding Source: Raise \$12,363.

Select Board and Budget Committee recommend yes

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 25 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Telecommunication Budget:

Select Board Recommendation	
Transfer from Franchise Fee	\$55,767
Total Appropriation	\$55,767

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Transfer from Franchise Fee	\$50,000
Total Appropriation	\$50,000

☐ **Select Board Recommendation**

☐ **Budget Committee Recommendation**

☐ **Neither Recommendation**

Article 26 To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board/Appeals Board/Historic District Commission Budget:

Select Board Recommendation	
Raise	\$33,827
Transfer from Conditional Use Permits	\$520
Transfer from Appeals Revenue	\$280
Total Appropriation	\$34,627

Budget Committee Recommendation	
Raise	\$30,942
Transfer from Conditional Use Permits	\$520
Transfer from Appeals Revenue	\$280
Total Appropriation	\$31,742

☐ **Select Board Recommendation**

☐ **Budget Committee Recommendation**

☐ **Neither Recommendation**

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PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT

- Article 27** To see if the Town will vote to increase the maximum property tax levy limit established by State Law, in the event that the municipal budget approved by this referendum results in a tax commitment in excess of the maximum property tax levy limit otherwise allowable.
The levy limit is: \$1,305,098
☐ Yes ☐ No

BUSINESS ARTICLES

- Article 28** To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed 5% of the total 2021 Net Assessment for Commitment to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the 2021 fiscal year.
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Article 29** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to seek, accept and disburse grant funds from private, state or federal agencies, for the purpose so designated in each specific grant.
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Article 30** To see what action the Town will take in regard to fixing interest on delinquent taxes and establishing a date for interest to start. Interest shall begin to accrue on all unpaid taxes forty-five days after the date taxes are committed. The interest rate on delinquent taxes shall be 6% per annum.
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Article 31** To see if the Town will vote to leave the appointment of standing committee members and officials in the hands of the Select Board.
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Article 32** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of town owned property which they determine is no longer needed or usable by the town, on such terms as they deem advisable.
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Article 33** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board , on behalf of the Town, to sell and/or dispose of any property acquired by tax liens and allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.
☐ Yes ☐ No

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- Article 34** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on overpayment of abated taxes at 2% pursuant to 36 MRSA § 506-A.
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Article 35** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet due or assessed, and to pay interest thereon at an interest rate of 0% pursuant to 36 MRSA § 506.
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Article 36** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to resolve any disputes with parties having an interest adverse to that of the Town which do not involve the expenditure of public funds or where there are sufficient funds in budgeted accounts to allow payment of any claim which is to be settled.
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Article 37** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed one third (1/3) of the budget amount in each category of the Town of Durham 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022 to the close of the 2022 annual town meeting.
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Article 38** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money on notes approved by at least three members of the Select Board and countersigned by the Select Board Chair, to pay for the operating costs of the Town.
☐ Yes ☐ No

Given under our hands this 26th day of January, 2021 by the Durham Select Board:

s/
Kevin Nadeau, Chair

s/
Rob Pontau, Vice Chair

s/
Richard George

s/
Marc Farrin

s/
Todd Beaulieu



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

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November 18, 2020

Rebecca J. Taylor-Chase
630 Hallowell Rd
Durham, ME 04222

Dear Rebecca,

On behalf of the 1.3 million people of Maine, I want to thank you for your efforts in ensuring a safe and secure election.

The right to vote is the foundation of our democratic process, and I know you take seriously the responsibility to ensure that every Maine person can cast their ballot. I am truly grateful for the many months of planning, training, and public outreach that went into the July primary and the general election and the successful facilitation of early absentee and in-person voting amidst a global pandemic. In addition to the safety measures you implemented because of COVID-19, our state saw a historic voter turnout. It is because of your efforts that Maine's elections were held safely, securely, and without incident. The people of Maine appreciate your work in ensuring the integrity of the ballot while protecting the safety of all concerned.

As Governor, it fills me with great pride to have such dedicated public servants safeguarding our elections. I want to thank you for the sacrifices you have made and the extra hours you have worked during this challenging election season.

Thank you,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends,

2020 has been a year of unconscionable loss and hardship. The COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged our nation, magnifying long-unaddressed inequities. I hear daily from constituents whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. As we navigate these ongoing challenges, my top priority in Congress has been to advocate for the resources Maine residents, businesses, and institutions need to weather this crisis.

In March, the CARES Act was signed into law, providing much-needed relief to Mainers, including expanded unemployment benefits, stimulus checks, grants and loans for small businesses and nonprofits, and funding for health care providers on the front lines of this crisis. As this crisis wore on, I saw increased need; that's why I voted for the Heroes Act in May and again in October to provide further support. I'm relieved we passed another relief package at the end of December, but I know another round of support is still much needed in the coming year.

The pandemic isn't the only crisis we face. Climate change threatens Maine's environment and industries. This summer, the Gulf of Maine recorded its hottest day, and we experienced the longest, most severe drought in 20 years. Maine farms continue to be stymied by climate change, but they can also play a crucial role in combatting it. In February, I introduced the Agriculture Resilience Act to ensure American agriculture is net-zero by 2045. The release of Maine's Climate Action Plan is a major step in the fight against climate change. I will continue to work with state leaders to ensure they have federal support to achieve this agenda.

2021 will offer different challenges. We must distribute a vaccine to millions, restore jobs, uplift the economy, and repair the divisions that undermine our ability to make meaningful change. I look forward to working with the incoming presidential administration to meet these challenges and emerge as a stronger, more resilient nation.

As always, the needs of Mainers guide my work as we recover from this crisis. If there is anything my office can do to help, please reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chellie Pingree".

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Jared Golden
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Dear Friends,

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

The coronavirus pandemic has made this year an especially difficult one. We've seen the struggles of small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, and states and towns. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. In March, Congress passed the largest of three bipartisan pieces of relief legislation, the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*. The *CARES Act* was a \$2 trillion economic relief package to provide immediate assistance for some of those hit hardest by the pandemic. While an important start, many of the programs and benefits created by the *CARES Act* were set to expire by the end of 2020 at a time when COVID-19 cases were on the rise. That's why in late December, Congress passed another bipartisan bill to provide COVID-19 relief to small businesses and hospitals, the unemployed, and families struggling to put food on the table. However, the action Congress took at the end of 2020 cannot distract from its failure to act sooner. The unwillingness of many members of Congress to accept compromise throughout the fall left many Mainers struggling and led to a rushed process that produced a bill with serious flaws. In 2021, Congress needs to step up, come together, and lead the country through this pandemic and get our economy back on track.

There are a few bright spots that came out of the work done by Congress this year. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I helped advocate for a national defense bill that would include important priorities for American national security, Maine shipbuilders, and servicemembers and their families. The legislation authorizes a new DDG-51 Arleigh Burke-class destroyer to be constructed at Bath Iron Works and helps BIW compete for new work by encouraging a new multi-year procurement process for the DDG-51 Flight III. This funding bill also makes permanent new federal guidelines proposed by Senator King and me to allow Gold Star Families free admission to national parks and other federal lands.

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

As I reflect upon what I am most grateful for this year, I am especially glad to be able to share that my wife Izzy and I are expecting a baby in 2021. We are excited about this new addition to our family and look forward to the blessings ahead.

This period is challenging for Mainers as we all take steps to limit the spread of the coronavirus, protect our families and our communities, and lean on each other to withstand this pandemic and economic hardship. My staff and I stand ready to assist Mainers as we work through these challenges together. I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf in 2021.

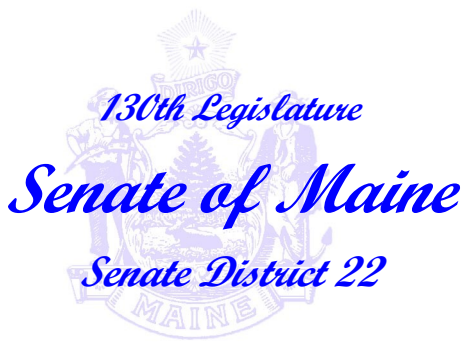
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would like to begin by thanking you for allowing me the honor of serving in the Maine State Senate. It truly is an honor to serve the constituents of District 22 and I am grateful you have put your trust in me. Rest assured I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

Having been elected by my colleagues to serve as the Senate Republican Leader for the 130th Legislature, I look forward to leading our caucus, listening to all viewpoints and examining critical legislation with a keen eye as we have a responsibility to ensure the best interests of all Mainers.

The Legislature will face unprecedented, historical challenges never before seen in this state; however, I do remain optimistic about our future. I will do my best to hold the line on any new taxes or unnecessary borrowing. Although we are looking at a \$1.4 billion budget shortfall, state government must learn to live within its means. Like you and your family, Maine must tighten its belt in slow economic times and make the difficult but necessary decisions that will allow us to weather this storm.

At the same time, it is very important that we restore a sense of balance in state government; and the Legislature needs to play a key role in the discussion on Maine's future. We must be the voice of the people at the Statehouse. Each of you needs us to find common ground. Working alongside other leaders, as well as the Governor, we need to be sitting at the same table to retrieve any sense of balance we had in our lives prior to the pandemic. Additionally, it is imperative the public continue to have access to and play a critical role in the work of the Legislature.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or jeffrey.timberlake@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

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