

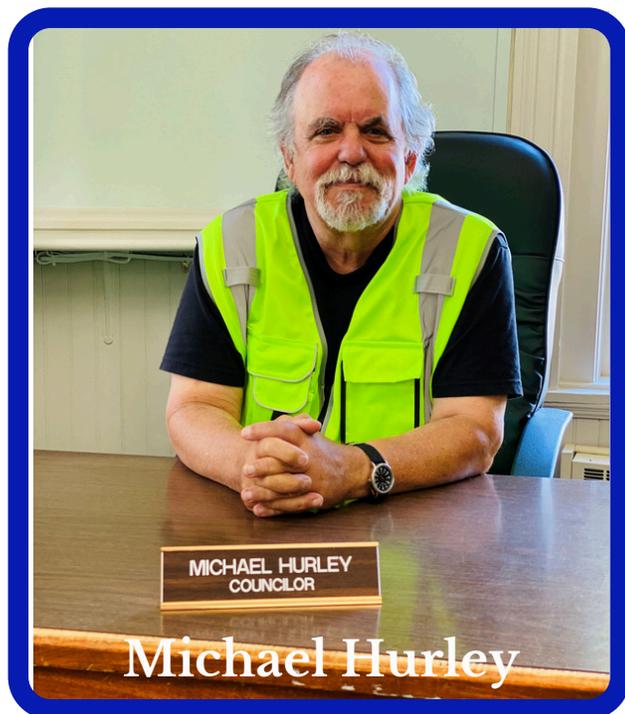
CITY OF BELFAST ANNUAL REPORT



FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

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DEDICATION



THE CITY OF BELFAST MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE THE 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT TO WARD 4 COUNCLOR MICHAEL HURLEY.

COUNCLOR HURLEY SERVED AS MAYOR AND WARD 4 CITY COUNCLOR IN HIS TIME OF SERVICE. HE HAS BEEN A CRITICAL PILLAR IN THE COMMUNITY, SPEARHEADING IMPORTANT COMMUNITY PROJECTS SUCH AS THE HARBOR WALK, INSTALLING BEARS THROUGHOUT OUR DOWNTOWN, PLANTING THOUSANDS OF TREES, AND INVESTING HIS TIME AND EFFORTS INTO THE BETTERMENT OF BELFAST.

THE CITY OF BELFAST AND THE BELFAST COMMUNITY EXTEND THEIR MOST HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO COUNCLOR HURLEY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE, COMMITMENT, AND SACRIFICE TO CREATE THE BELFAST THAT WE ALL KNOW AND LOVE TODAY.

COUNCLOR HURLEY WAS PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AND A KEY TO THE CITY FOR HIS 23 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AT THE BELFAST CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2023.

THE CITY OF BELFAST HAS INCREDIBLE GRATITUDE FOR ALL OF COUNCLOR HURLEY'S TIME, HARD-WORK, AND DEDICATION TO BELFAST.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY, MIKE!



SPECIAL THANKS

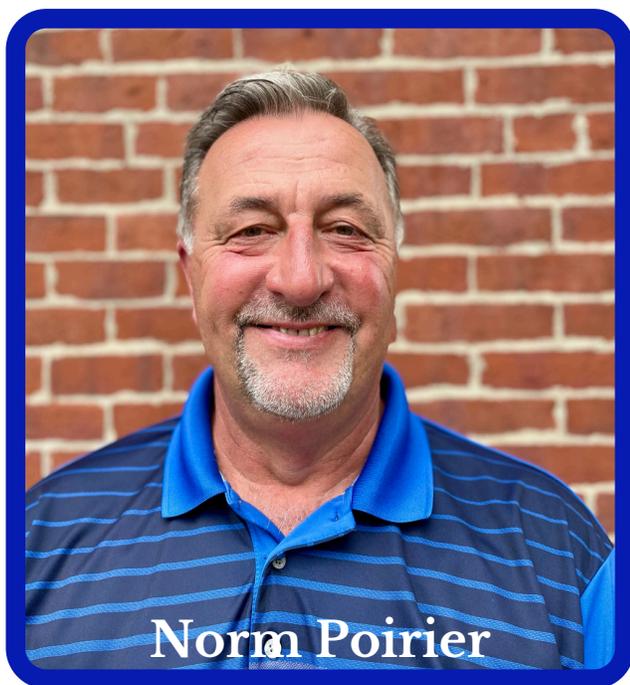
Keith Pooler served the City of Belfast from 1984 to 2023, serving as the Public Works Superintendent from 1987 to 1991 and serving on the Fire Department from 1984 to present where he currently holds the title of Assistant Fire Chief. Keith Pooler has demonstrated remarkable commitment to the Belfast Water District, the City of Belfast, and the greater Belfast Community.

In his role as Belfast Water District Superintendent, Keith dedicated his career into ensuring that the residents of Belfast have the highest quality and safest water supply. In his role of the Belfast Water District Superintendent, Keith Pooler replaced over 2,000 old water meters, acquired over 110 acres of land, and updated old-style chart telemetry equipment amongst many other outstanding contributions in the Belfast water system during his tenure.

As Belfast Water District Superintendent, Keith supported the City of Belfast in enhancing public health, safety and welfare by advocating safe drinking water through advancement of knowledge and development. Keith Pooler has been an incredible leader and teacher that has made an invaluable difference and impression on our City.



Keith Pooler



Norm Poirier

Norm Poirer served the City of Belfast for 10 years as the Parks and Recreation Director. Norm set a high bar of commitment to the City of Belfast and was an important conduit to many members of the Belfast community and organizations. From park and facility maintenance to community engagement, Norm's impact was wide-spread. Norm came to the City of Belfast to continue his work in parks, recreation and facilities from the Town of Orono, where he spent 23 years as the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities.



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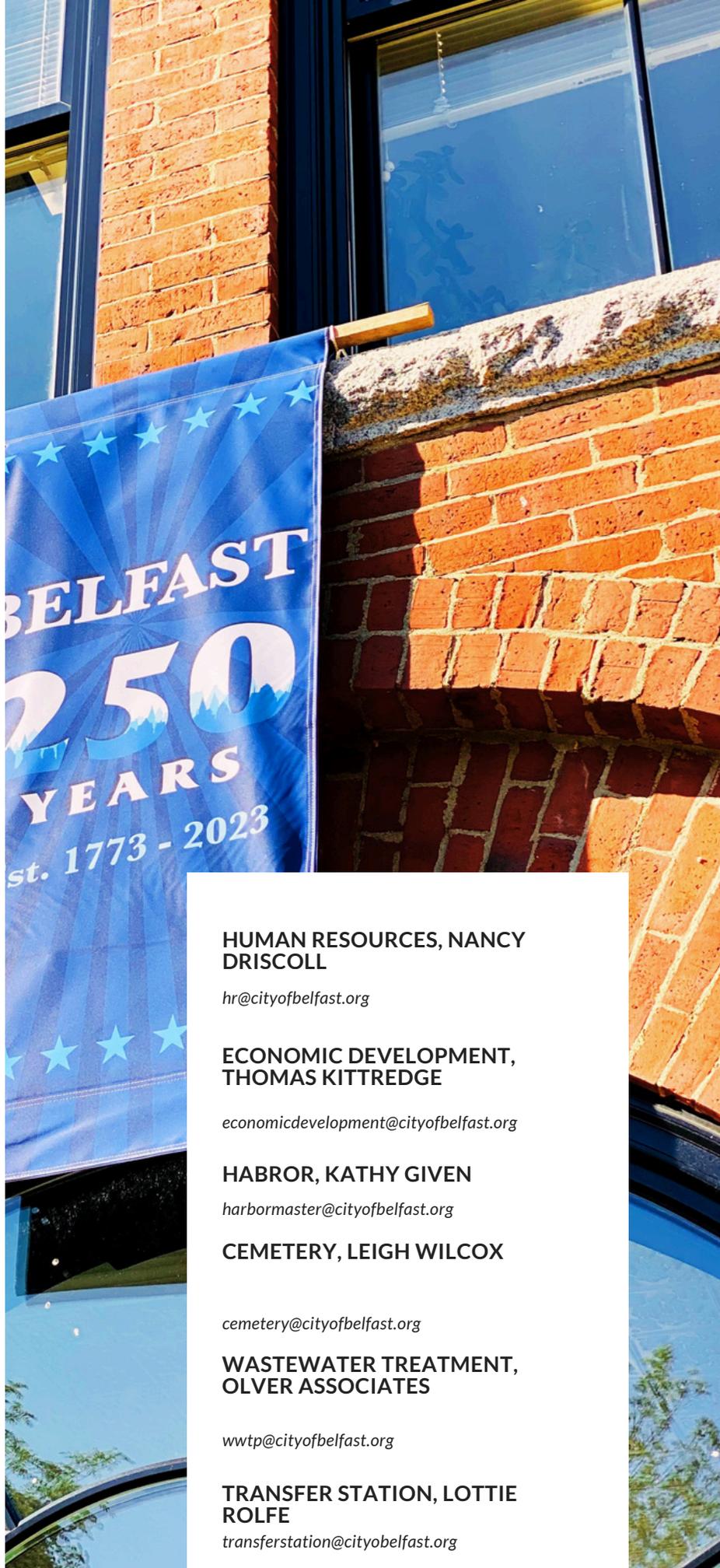
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MAYOR

2023 was full throttle for all of us. There is a lot of catching up to do, and the World seems to move so fast these days! I recently found myself in Kansas City on a major highway, and decided then and there the City of Belfast is all I will ever need. Of course, I get nervous driving to Portland, and I have been called Mr. Magoo, but I digress.....

The City of Belfast always takes it in stride. I have seen People sweat, (including me), but with the cool Maine temps one never notices. We tend to get things done, and Stay Calm.

Some good things happened obviously. What I have noticed as Mayor is People tend to recognize results, but sometimes miss all of the fun in pre-planning. Housing is a great example. The old Public Works yard on Congress is being re-purposed into apartments, and at this time suddenly it is looking very much like....wait for it.....apartment buildings! However, all of the work, planning, meetings, grants, discussions, decisions, and details are done far in advance. I know 3 years of that, easy. But we are getting results! The 2 Wight Street apartments also took almost 5 years soup to nuts in pre-planning and then execution. Good things take time.

What I do know is the mill rate went down for the 3rd year in a row. So we on the Council are still counting your tax dollars very carefully. And will continue.

So, in the grand scheme of life, I feel Belfast continues to be a leader in the State in innovation, energy use, and preparing for climate change. But again, so much work to do. We are.

On our City Employee side, 3 really cool things occurred this year, as least in my view.



1. We had an Employee recognition picnic out by Walsh Field. Burgers, Dogs, recognition. Just simple appreciation for all of the folks who work for the City and do SO MUCH! I do need to point out Norman Gilmore won the Cornhole contest. Or so he says.... 2. We did a City Survey. It's critical our folks get to give us feedback, as that helps us make any adjustments needed. What we do good, and where we can improve. Communication is always a good thing! 3. The City decided to allow folks to give, donate, gift, whatever the right word is, unused sick time into a Bank for Employees who may find themselves in an emergency situation and need some extra. As someone who still shovels neighbors sidewalks when it's snows and they need help, this one touched my heart the absolute most. Our Employees are our Family.

Belfast in my view is filled with People who care about each other. And I see shining examples every day of this.

Finally, the Colonial is set to re-open. Downtown heartbeat. Much missed even for 14 months.

In closing, I hope all of you take care of yourselves, and your Neighbors. And if you need help, call me. Belfast is called the Greatest Little City, but within that phrase beats the heart of a small town, filled with great people.

I salute you all!

Eric

CITY MANAGER



Erin Herbig City
Manager

I suppose this is what back to “normal” feels like. The past several years of the pandemic have turned our lives as people, families, businesses, and our community upside down in many ways. To the point that returning to “normal” has been realized as no longer tangible, and rather, we have now transitioned without realizing it into a “new normal.”

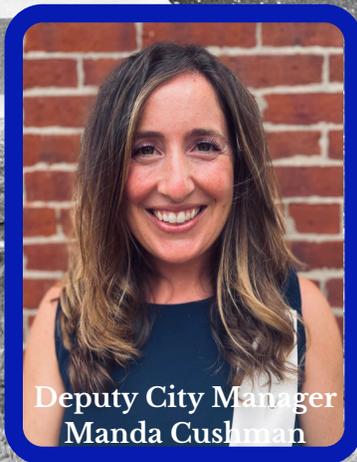
We rose to the occasion to provide services well beyond what had been previously provided by our municipality, and Belfast was better for it. Amidst a labor shortage, and while many employer’s employees worked from home, our staff were in the office or out in the community each day. We never had the option to allow any of our employees to work from home, because the essential work we do every day does not make that possible. Despite this, we have continued to compete in that labor market with far less flexibility than many employers. Our staff was spread thinner than ever before, yet the work continued seamlessly, pandemic and all. I am proud of us and proud of the amazing people that work for the City of Belfast who have never faltered or hesitated during this challenging time.

The City of Belfast applied for and received a significant amount of financial support during the pandemic. This included Keep Maine Healthy, FEMA, the CARES Act and ARPA funding. This vital funding covered our revenue losses, purchasing of supplies,

cleaning facilities, premium pay for our first responders, investments in long-term projects, and infrastructure improvements. This funding also helped the City absorb the severe increases in the cost of day-to-day operating for items such as personal protective equipment, building supplies, cleaning supplies, diesel fuel, utilities, contractor rates, and office supplies. The unglamorous, yet essential side of municipal government, that is needed, increases or not.

Our community sits ahead of where many other municipalities currently find themselves. This is a result of sound planning, in addition to our capitalizing on available COVID-19 grant and reimbursement funding from the State and Federal government. These decisions have placed the City of Belfast in a healthy posture, despite it all, as we look ahead toward future budget years. The world is changing around us, we cannot stop that, but only we get to decide if the City of Belfast will use this as an opportunity to learn, to grow to be more modern, efficient, effective, and to become better despite it all.

Although some may long for the way the world used to be, pre-pandemic and maybe even before that, I truly believe there is something to be said for the change and the positive impact it can have. There is always a silver lining, if you are willing to look for it and use it as an opportunity for growth.



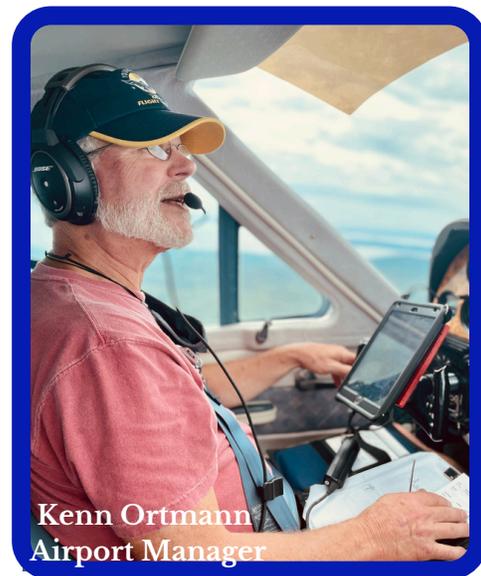
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AIRPORT

Belfast Municipal Airport (Airport code BST or KBST) is a general aviation Airport located in Belfast between Lincolnville Avenue, U.S. Route 1, Congress Street, and Little River Drive. It has an area of approximately 218 acres, and has in addition approximately 165 acres of aviation easements (rights on other parcels of land to remove obstructions that could affect the Airport). BST's runway, Runway 15-33, is a 4,000-foot paved runway. The Airport is well-suited to accommodate corporate and charter turbine aircraft and jets as well as small aircraft; regular commercial service does not currently exist, nor is it anticipated. The Airport has been in existence since the 1940's, and has been in its current configuration (an orientation of approximately 150°/330° for the runway) since the 1960's.



The Airport supports the economy of Belfast and the surrounding region. The Airport also serves as an important gateway to the Belfast region; for many visitors, this facility is their first impression of the City of Belfast. Some of these people may ultimately choose to construct a private hangar at the Airport, purchase housing in Belfast, spend their tourism dollars here, and/or bring their business and job(s) to Belfast.

While there will always be challenges, a focused approach on prioritizing projects to maximize the benefit/cost ratio, proactively protecting our pavement asset, looking for additional revenue sources, and being prepared to take advantage of unusual opportunities, will effectively leverage this transportation resource and economic development asset.

Statistics: The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) current formula-based estimate for the number of annual aircraft operations (an operation being either a takeoff or landing) is 3,172 (or 61 operations per week). A new GARD system was installed in the fall of 2020 that gathers data from "ADS-B" technology that broadcasts information about an aircraft's GPS location, altitude, ground speed and other data to ground stations and other aircraft, once per second. In addition, the new system still records radio transmissions with settings assuming 9 radio transmissions as equivalent to 2 operations. It is the opinion of the Airport Manager that this new system will provide much more accurate information about actual use of the Airport. For FY22 the GARD system estimates approximately 2,200 operations per year.

The 26 aircraft which are based at the Airport (meaning they spend the majority of the nights during the year at this Airport) are responsible for the majority of the operations at the Airport.

AIRPORT

The most frequent “scheduled” user of the Airport is a local resident who commutes using a small private jet. Many vacationers and visitors also come in their own jets (Embraer Phenom 100, Eclipse 500, Cirrus Vision SF50), and by charter flights, including in an IAI Astra 1125, Beech King Airs, Cessna CitationJet/CJ1, Cessna Citation V/Ultra/Encore, Cessna Excel/XLS, Cessna Citation Latitude, Bombardier Challenger 300, Bombardier BD-700 Global 5000, and Pilatus PC-12.

The Airport is also used regularly by both LifeFlight of Maine and customers of Front Street Shipyard. In anticipation of the addition of a Fuel Farm in early 2023, we again have a business offering flight training on a regular basis.

The City currently has 25 individual ground leases, and upon each leased area is built a privately-owned aircraft hangar. The City also owns several buildings located on the Airport which it leases to aircraft owners and businesses providing one or more types of aviation services (known as fixed base operators).

Funding: The Airport currently generates revenue from four sources: 1) approximately \$20,300 per year from ground leases to private individuals (who own aircraft hangars upon that ground); 2) approximately \$19,000 per year from property taxes on those same privately-owned aircraft hangars; 3) \$4,737 per year from leases of City-owned buildings to fixed base operators; and 4) approximately \$1,500 per year from excise taxes on based aircraft. In addition, the City has an account which holds the proceeds from sales of lots of the Belfast Airport Business Park (which was once part of the Airport itself).

The Airport has been, and will continue to look for additional revenue sources to allow for a proactive approach to maintenance and improvement projects. While there will be an initial cost to deliver fuel to the new tanks, revenue generated from fuel sales will eventually pay off this initial investment, will create a revolving fund to pay for fuel deliveries and routine maintenance, with the remaining revenue supporting the costs of other maintenance and improvement projects.

The Airport is actively negotiating the lease of land for the installation of a cell tower and, as a longer-term project, exploring the possibility of leasing land for the installation of a solar facility.

The FAA requires that revenue generated by an Airport be spent on that same Airport, as stated in the FAA’s grant assurances for Airport sponsors: “All revenues generated by the Airport . . . will be expended by it for the capital or operating costs of the Airport . . .” The FAA has also stated that since Belfast Municipal Airport was initially created with federal funds, has existed uninterrupted as an active Airport, and has continued to receive federal funding up to the present day, any funds that have been generated from the sale of property that was at one time part of the Airport (such as both phases of the Belfast Airport Business Park) must (eventually) be spent on the Airport.

AIRPORT

The City of Belfast typically receives an annual entitlement allocation of funds from both the FAA (\$150,000.00) and the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) (\$8,333.33); these funds can be banked for up to 4 years. These funds can be used to pay for 95% of the costs of an FAA-approved project; the remaining 5% of the project costs are covered by the City of Belfast. Certain large projects, like the recent taxiway extension, may qualify for additional discretionary FAA funding. Projects that improve Airport safety are given the highest priority by the FAA. Smaller Airport capital projects and maintenance-type projects, however, are often funded 100% by the City.

In December 2021 we received notification that, through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation (BIL) Act, we would be receiving additional funding for the next five years. The Belfast Airport annual allocation for the first year, based on our classification as a "Basic" Airport, was shown as \$110,000. Pursuant to conversations with the FAA, the Belfast Airport is now correctly classified as a "Local" Airport, and our annual allocation for 2023 has increased to \$145,000.

The rules governing how BIL funds can be used are almost identical to those governing our entitlement allocation – including the requirement of a 5% local match. With local support, this additional funding will allow the Airport to accelerate the completion of projects already included in our Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

Projects: Major Airport projects have been completed over the past several years include: 1) environmental assessment, permitting, and the construction of a partial parallel taxiway; 2) acquisition of easements on the Lower Congress Street side (runway 33 end) of the runway; 3) exchange of parcels between the Airport and the Maine Army National Guard; 4) removal of obstructions on the Lincolnville Avenue side (runway 15 end) of the runway, 5) phase 2 of the Airport master plan update, and, 6) the completion of critical repairs to the Lowe Hangar airplane doors and the installation of new seamless gutters on that hangar and the Terminal building.

In 2021 the City of Belfast submitted a grant application to the FAA for a single 10,000-gallon 100LL fuel tank with all associated equipment in the amount of \$668,200 that, pursuant to COVID grant provisions, did NOT require the typical local match.

Because the bids for the full fuel farm project (\$1,075,254) exceeded the amount of Federal funding available, a fallback decision was made to submit a grant to the FAA for funding to pay for the single 100LL fuel tank instead of a two-tank system for 100LL and Jet A, and for the City to borrow the additional \$410,000 until October 2025 at an interest rate of 1.86%. The loan will then be paid in full utilizing accumulated FAA funding and State and local matching funds. The Fuel Farm project will be completed in 2023.

AIRPORT

The following significant Airport projects are planned for the near future: 1) working with the Planning Board and City Council to enact an Aviation Overlay District (AOD) that will focus on development and health and safety issues under the runway approach and departure corridors, 2) runway, taxiway and ramp pavement patching and crack sealing, and, 3) upgrading our weather-reporting system to an AWOS-3 system that meets all FAA requirements so our weather is reported in all official sources, which will also require the removal of trees too close to the system.

Runway marking painting is anticipated to be required in various locations annually.

The City of Belfast, with assistance from its aviation consultant, FAA staff, and MDOT staff, prepares a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan, a document which is reviewed and updated annually by these parties; this plan lists future projects and provides high-level cost estimates for those projects. Periodically the City of Belfast updates its Airport Master Plan (like it has done recently); these master plans also contain capital improvement plans for the short, medium, and long terms.

Challenges: The Airport currently has the space to develop more of its property for hangars and commercial aviation uses; this type of development will increase ground lease and property tax revenue. However, there exist several challenges to this, including: 1) a small number of sites where commercial aviation activity is allowed that do not have high development costs (e.g. utilities already in place, minimal earthwork/paving required); and 2) the high level of phosphorus in the upper and lower reservoirs.

Additionally, the City of Belfast does not have many simple options for creating new additional revenue streams for the Airport. Other types of income, such as landing fees and tie-down fees, are problematic to collect, without full-time staff to manage and enforce collection of those revenues.

The Airport has maintenance needs that it cannot fulfill itself and has been grateful for the ongoing support and assistance of the Recreation and Public Works Departments. The focus on developing additional revenue sources is partially driven by a desire to reduce the burden the Airport places on these other Departments, particularly when aviation SOPs are very different than typical SOPs (e.g. not using sand or salt to help clear pavement at the Airport).

Finally, there is the ongoing issue of removing vegetative obstructions at and near the Airport. As mentioned above, several years ago the City closed out an obstruction removal project on the Lincolnville Avenue side - runway 15 end - of the property. Other areas of the Airport (such as the Lower Congress Street side - runway 33 end - of the runway will require action in the future if the collaboration with the proposed solar farm doesn't completely solve the problem. Should the City choose not to deal with these obstructions, potential consequences include: 1) increasing the risk to pilots and passengers using the Airport; 2) limiting Airport operations (such as no use of the Airport at night); and 3) jeopardizing the Airport's regular ongoing FAA and MDOT funding.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenn Ortmann, Airport Manager

ASSESSING OFFICE

The Assessing Department's mission is to discover, list, value and defend all properties within our jurisdiction in accordance with Maine law. We must constantly monitor the real estate sales market to ensure that assessed values accurately reflect market-place activity.

The Assessor is an agent of the State and is charged by law with valuing property for the purpose of taxation. To raise funds for the budget approved by the City Council, the Assessor prepares a taxable valuation list of all properties, then commits the assessments to the City Tax Collector for collection. The Assessing Office then reports its activities for the year to the Property Tax Division of Maine Revenue Services, which audits our work annually.

This office must regularly update valuations to keep assessments in line with the market and to maintain tax equity. The real estate sales in Belfast from 2021 to present have created a much higher need to update our valuations to attain assessment to sales ratios to the optimum 100%. To that end, we are conducting market sales studies and making needed adjustments to assessments. We have contracted Murphy Appraisal Services to assist with this process. The 2023-2024 tax year involved a slight valuation increase in order to maintain the current level of Homestead, Veteran's, Solar, and Classified Land exemptions. The following two years, we will do more in depth changes to land and building schedules, ultimately reaching a goal of 100% sales ratio.

There are several programs to assist property tax owners in Maine. The Maine Homestead Exemption allows for a reduction in the assessed value of up to \$25,000. If you have owned your home for a year, you may be eligible for this program.

We have 1644 accounts with Homestead Exemptions.



ASSESSING OFFICE

Another program recognizes our Veterans. 182 Veterans in Belfast have the Veteran's or widow/widower exemption, with up to \$6000 off the valuation.

Renewable Energy exemptions have been on the rise in Belfast with 126 properties with those applications on file. These exemptions vary according to the size of the solar installation.

Applications for Homestead, Veterans, and Renewable Energy exemptions are on our Assessor's page on the city website: www.cityofbelfast.org.



The Stabilization program for seniors 65 and older began in 2022 to stabilize taxes paid in 2022 for the 2023 tax year. 544 taxpayers were approved to freeze their 2022 tax amount for 2023. This program was replaced in 2023 with enhancements to the Property Tax Fairness Credit and the state Property Tax Deferral Program for residents over 65.

Our Classified Land programs include Farmland, Tree Growth, and Open Space. These programs reduce the land value of the acreage classified. We have 83 properties enrolled in these programs currently.

Valuations committed on September 6th, 2023

Taxable Real Estate \$866,043,120

Taxable Personal Property \$22,715,909

Total Taxable Valuation \$932,951,514

The tax rate for tax year 2023 was 20.10, with a certified ratio of 92%.

Best regards,

Avis Winchester
Interim Assessor



Photo provided by Sheila Fountaine

CABLE TV

The City of Belfast is dedicated to providing an open window to the workings of local government.

Televising government meetings is one important way that citizens are able to see for themselves, how decisions are made. Bel-TV can be found on Cable channel 7 on the Belfast cable system. This is the government access channel operated by the City of Belfast. The department has two part time employees who produce programs and televise meetings.

Bel-TV televises as well as live-streams the regular and special meetings of the Belfast City Council and Planning Board. The City website offers a library of past meetings available for on-demand viewing. Many of these meetings are indexed, which allows one to click on an agenda item and the video player will play that section of the meeting.

This year Bel-TV televised and live streamed 38 council meetings, workshops, budget hearings, and 24 planning board meetings. These meetings were replayed on Bel-TV over 500 times. Although the pandemic has ended the need for city meeting to be held on zoom, many meetings now allow for remote participation, which saves the city for both staff time and traveling expenses.

Bel-TV also works with city departments to produce videos for department use. An example of this is working with the Belfast fire department to create firefighting training videos.



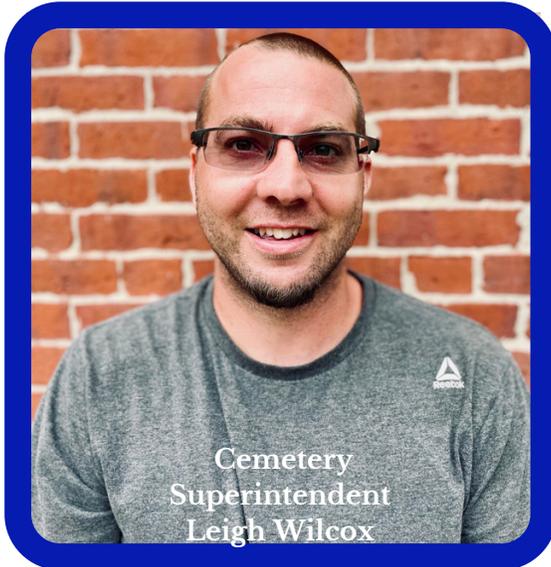
Ned Lightner BEL TV
Program Director

In addition to the programming on Bel-TV, some videos produced by Bel-TV are seen on the local public access channel (BCTV-2) as well as on Belfast's social media outlets. Examples of programs shown on the public access channel include interviews with city department heads coverage of city press conferences and tours of city government facilities.

Bel-TV is pleased that so many members of our community utilize the videos to stay in touch with the goings on within city government.



CEMETERY



Hello there from Leigh Wilcox, Cemetery Superintendent. What your cemetery crew does each year is we perform all regular maintenance of the cemeteries of Belfast. This includes spring cleaning of stick pick up, leveling stones, and repairing settled graves during the winter, mowing trimming, hedge cleaning, and water leak repairs. In the fall, we blow leaves and mulch them up and add them to our compost pile.

Most of our work is centered on Grove Cemetery, but we also take care of the outlining cemeteries of the town. We also service all funeral arrangements. We provide a table and chairs for the public and a nice green to cover everything. We also have a chapel that can be used for services for a fee of \$150.00, Un the 2022-2023 season, there were 4 full casket burials and 25 cremation burials.

The Cemetery Department is most grateful to the Belfast Garden Club for their continued help of maintaining the grounds around the chapel in Grove Cemetery, including the Flag garden and heart-shaped garden. I appreciate these people because they do great work and what they do, we just don't have the time to do.

The Columbaria project is hopefully going to pass approval through the Council this July. If this passes, the production of the Columbaria will take place one year from purchase. We have chosen a 48 niche Columbaria. Each niche holds 2 urns.

The rest of the signs that we started putting out at the outside cemeteries are in production by Belfast Signs. We will put them in place as soon as they are made.

CEMETERY

Benner's Tree Service is taking care of the uprooted trees on the East Side Cemetery.

Every year the VFW comes in with a bunch of veteran volunteers and usually a bus or two full of kids from our local schools in Belfast. They put flags on every veteran stone in Grove Cemetery and the outlying cemeteries. This is done on May 26th this year proper to Memorial Day. We leave the flags up for about two weeks then we pick them up and store them until next year. I purchase about 150 flags every year to keep the flags fresh.

The cemeteries are open from April to November depending on the weather. For future information, contact Leigh Wilcox Superintendent at 338-2264 and leave a message if needed. Or leave an email at cemetery@cityofbelfast.org.

The Cemetery Department is both privately and publicly funded and has the responsibility of maintaining all seven cemeteries located in Belfast.

They are:

Grove Cemetery - Belmont Avenue

East Belfast Cemetery - Route 1, East Side

South Belfast Cemetery - Woods Road

North Belfast Cemetery - Doak Road

West Belfast Cemetery - Pitcher Road

City Point Cemetery - Oak Hill Road

Piper Cemetery - Back Belmont Road

Respectfully submitted,
Leigh Wilcox, Cemetery Superintendent



CLERK'S OFFICE

Clerk Angie Crosby



As we say hello to 2023, we reflect on the passing of 2022.

It's always a pleasure serving the citizens of Belfast. We provide general information, by phone, mail, email and in person to the Citizens of Belfast and Visitors alike, as well as the City Council and other City Employees. We provide information about the services offered by the different city departments as well as general information about our community. So, if you have questions please don't hesitate to contact us; if we can't answer your question we will help you find someone who can.

The City Clerk's office is the keeper of the records of the city. We process birth, death and marriage records, burial permits, dog licenses, hunting & fishing licenses as well as genealogy requests. We process all fees and receivables for the city, such as code department permit fees, ambulance department, cemetery department receipts, transfer station receipts, police department receipts and harbor department receipts. We issue business licenses and permits such as liquor licenses, special amusement, catering, victualer (food service), coin operated machine licenses and lunch wagon licenses. We help provide prospective businesses with the information on how to obtain their state licenses as well as their local licenses required to start a new business or expand their current operation. If you're thinking of starting a business in Belfast or have any questions about the services we provide, please give us a call.

The City Clerk's office administers all elections, Federal, State and Local. If you have any questions about registering to vote or anything elections related, please feel free to contact us at 207-338-3370 or via email at cityclerk@cityofbelfast.org.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you. We look forward to another wonderful year in Belfast.

*Respectfully submitted,
Angie A. Crosby, City Clerk*

CLERK'S OFFICE

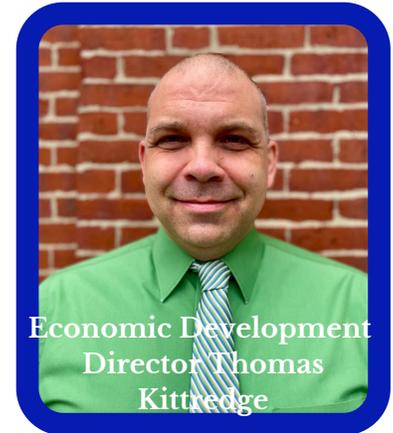
Vital Statistics	2021	2022		2022
Births	150	103	Certificates Issued:	525
Deaths	224	174	Certificates Issued:	643
Marriages	58	67	Certificates Issued:	93

Dogs	2021	2022	IF&W Fishing & Hunting Licenses Issued	2021	2022
Licenses Issued	488	632	Fishing Licenses	195	142
			Hunting Licenses	158	115

Voter Information as of 01/01/2022			
Democrats	2,725	Total Registered Voters	5,904
Republicans	1,318	New Voters	478
Green Independent	260	Changed Voter Registration	258
Un-Enrolled	1,601	Removed Voters	257

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The City of Belfast's Economic Development Department pursues the strategies that have been laid out in the City's Economic Development Plan, which are: lower the cost of doing business and remove/prevent obstacles to private investment/business development; bring more people to Belfast throughout the year, especially during non-summer seasons; improve quality of place; pursue targeted business attraction; and efficiently connect existing businesses and start-ups with current business development resources. In pursuit of these strategies, the department provides a suite of services, which are: business and community infrastructure development; grant research, writing, and management; and provision of technical assistance to businesses.



The City of Belfast utilizes a team approach to economic development, involving participation from the Mayor, City Councilors, and the City Manager, along with other City Departments including, but not limited to, Assessing, Harbor, Planning & Codes, and Public Works. The City of Belfast also partners with outside economic development-related entities on projects of significance, chief among them being the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce, Eastern Maine Development Corporation, and Our Town Belfast. During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the City chose to invest further in this department and expand its capacity by bringing on a full-time Deputy Economic Development Director.

THIS YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS

During the recently ended fiscal year, the City of Belfast was fortunate to continue to experience substantial economic and community development activity; this activity was restricted neither to certain types or sizes of businesses, nor to specific areas of the City. A sampling of the notable economic and community development-related events that occurred in Belfast during this time period were the following:

Developers Collaborative, a Portland-based affordable housing developer, purchased the former City of Belfast Public Works Facility property at 115 Congress Street, and began construction of 48 affordable rental housing units upon that site.

A two-story mixed-use building is being constructed upon the former site of Em-Bee Cleaners property at 126 Church Street.

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The City of Belfast is progressing with a reconstruction of the entirety of Wight Street, which will provide improved infrastructure to its residents, such as a pedestrian sidewalk and a proper inground stormwater system. The project, which has a current total estimated cost of \$2,466,280, has been designed and bid, and will be constructed in 2024.

GO Logic a business whose primary activity is the designing and building of high quality, energy efficient homes, has made substantial progress on the construction of a new office and fabrication facility located on Little River Drive in the Belfast Airport Business Park.

A number of properties in Belfast that were awarded subgrants from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Enterprise Grant for building exterior (façade) work saw their projects progress towards completion or were completed. These properties included 109 Church Street (Belfast Opera House), 17 Court Street (Basil Burwell Community Theater), 3 Main Street (Nautilus Restaurant), 31 Front Street (The Purple Baboon), 256 High Street (Waterfall Arts), 15-19 Main Street, and 75-77 Main Street (Home Supply Center).

This department continues to be successful in securing grant funding that is used to both support the City of Belfast's own economic development- and community development-related projects, but also to directly support for-profit and non-profit entities located within the community. During the recently ended fiscal year, the City of Belfast secured the following grants: 1) a \$690,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Infrastructure Program Grant, which will be combined with City of Belfast Affordable Housing Development and Tax Increment Financing District revenue and Congressionally Directed Spending to fund the above mentioned reconstruction of Wight Street; 2) a \$500,000 United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfields Assessment Grant, which will allow the City to continue its existing Brownfields Assessment Program, which is used to provide, at no cost, the owners and/or future purchasers of brownfield properties with environmental due diligence in support of bank financing, to document the environmental liabilities and associated cleanup costs, to help revitalize these properties, and/or to protect the environment and public health; 3) a \$1,000,000 USEPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant, which will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund, from which the City could provide funds to remediate brownfield properties, in the form of loans to for-profit entities and grants to public or non-profit entities; 4) \$1,500,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending, to be used towards the costs of constructing a future Public Safety Building to house its Ambulance, Fire, and Police Departments; and 5) a \$100,000 CDBG Public Service Grant on behalf of Penobscot Community Health Care, to assist them in establishing a new dental clinic within their recently-purchased campus. Since this department was established in June of 2010, it has played a lead role in securing \$16,703,487 in various sources of grant funding.

COMPARATIVE FISCAL STATISTICS AND TRENDS

Looking at the readily available economic indicators to evaluate the Belfast economy, during the period of July 2022 to July 2023, Belfast's unemployment rate decreased from 3.0% to 2.8%, and ranged from 2.5% to 4.0% during this time period. In comparison, during this same time period, the unemployment rate for Waldo County remained unchanged at 2.6% (though during those 13 months it ranged from 2.3% to 3.7%), the unemployment rate for Maine also remained unchanged, at 2.5% (though it also ranged during those 13 months, from 2.2% to 3.1%), and the unemployment rate for the United States also remained unchanged, at 3.8% (though it also ranged during those 13 months, from 3.1% to 3.9%). (None of these unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted.) Belfast is known to be a net importer of jobs, meaning that there are more people who work in Belfast but live outside it, than those who live in Belfast but work outside it; in 2020, there were 5,041 of the former versus only 1,257 of the latter (a ratio exceeding 4 to 1). While this could be attributable to relative lower property tax rates in the communities that surround Belfast, this could also be attributed to a lack of quality workforce housing within Belfast (forcing lower-wage workers to commute to their jobs).

Regarding the poverty rate, Belfast's poverty rate had managed to decrease for five straight years (decreasing from 27.1% in 2010-2014 to 13.5% in 2015-2019), but then that progress stalled, as the rate remained at 13.5% for 2016-2020, and then backslid to 18.8% in 2017-2021. Belfast's poverty rate remains currently higher than that of Waldo County (16.4%), the State of Maine (13.6%), and the United States (15.4%).

Looking at taxable retail sales, during the time period of the 2nd quarter of 2022 to the 2nd quarter of 2023, total quarterly taxable retail sales for the Belfast Economic Summary Area (the smallest geographic area for which taxable retail sales data is available, and which is comprised of the municipalities of Bayside, Belfast, Belmont, Brooks, Jackson, Knox, Liberty, Monroe, Montville, Morrill, Northport, Searsmont, Swanville, and Waldo) went from \$73,195,444 to \$74,349,848, representing an increase of 1.6%. However, this lagged the State of Maine's rate, whose total quarterly taxable retail sales experienced a larger increase of 2.9% during that same time period. Specific categories of the Belfast Economic Summary Area's taxable retail sales to be noted for their significant increases and/or increases relative to the State of Maine include:

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building supplies, which increased by 1.7% (compared to a decrease of 0.1% for the State of Maine); and general merchandise, which increased by 4.1% (compared to a decrease of 0.4% for the State of Maine). Restaurants (which increased by 4.7%) experienced a not-insignificant increase, but still lagged behind the State of Maine (where it increased by 6.5%). Only three of the Belfast Economic Summary Area’s categories of taxable retail sales experienced a decrease during this time period, but in each of those cases, those same categories experienced increases for the State of Maine: business operations, which decreased by 5.0% (compared to an increase of 6.1% for the State of Maine); other retail, which decreased by 3.7% (compared to an increase of 2.4% for the State of Maine); and lodging, which also decreased by 3.7% (compared to an increase of 2.2% for the State of Maine).

FUTURE TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

At the level of the department, there are a number of challenges that need to be met, including the following: 1) an increase in the demand for services and in the level of service expected to be provided (though the City of Belfast is hopeful that with the recent addition of its second full-time staff person, this can now be addressed more effectively); 2) a lack of available funding sources for both the City of Belfast and for its businesses; and 3) accurately measuring the benefits and impacts of the department on the economy of the community.

More importantly, at the level of the community, there are a number of challenges that need to be met, particularly the following: 1) reduction of the poverty level, through the attraction and creation of quality (i.e. livable wage) jobs; 2) reduction of the City’s property tax (mil) rate, through expanding its base of taxable property; and 3) increasing the supply of housing, especially year-round rental housing, across the continuum from heavily subsidized/affordable through market rate.

Respectfully offered,

Thomas Kittredge
Economic Development Director, City of Belfast

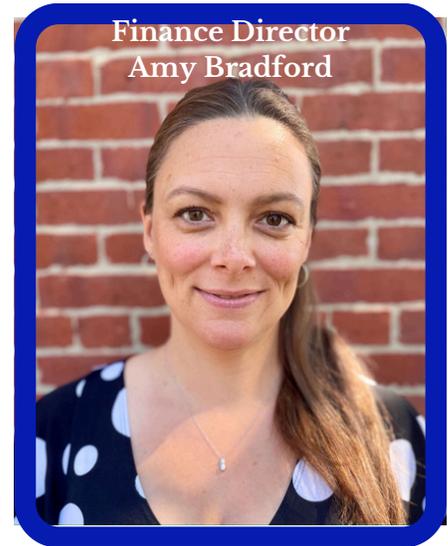


FINANCE

The Finance Department is dedicated to serving all Belfast Citizens and City Departments. The Department oversees and administers the City's financial and accounting systems, including the collection and disbursement of all monies for the City. The Department is responsible for ensuring that funds are budgeted, expensed, and collected accurately and efficiently.

The total Municipal Budget for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023:

	Fiscal Year 2022-2023
Gross Budget	\$12,159,551
Less Estimated Revenues	(\$5,788,800)
Net Budget (Taxpayers)	\$6,370,751



The Department is also responsible for all cash reconciliation as well as investing the City's funds to ensure proper cash flow and maximum security and liquidity. The Finance Director works closely with the City Manager on the budget process and is responsible for the annual estimate of revenue and preparing a balanced budget, in addition to preparing the financial statements and all subsequent notes and schedules. The full financial statements from Fiscal Year 2021 are available at City Hall or on the City's website, www.cityofbelfast.org. The audit was performed by: C. H. Dorr & Company out of Brewer Maine.

In addition to the Gross Budget figure above, the Taxpayers also fund a share of the School and County Budgets. The School Appropriation for FY22-23 was \$10,387,816 and the County Tax for FY22-23 was \$1,631,789.

The Finance Department has begun auditing past financial practices to improve our efficiency and transparency.

Submitted,

Amy I Bradford, Finance Director/Treasurer
Brittany Harris, Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Fire Department Association

The members of the Fire Department also have the Belfast Fire Department Association which is responsible for the museum located on Main Street next to the Fire Station. In this museum is a wide variety of antique fire apparatus and equipment. It is open to the public during the summer months. Donations to keep this facility and the antiques maintained are graciously accepted through the Belfast Fire Department Association.



Services

Services offered by the Fire Department are fire safety inspections, chimney and wood stove inspections, carbon monoxide tests, public safety inspections and our smoke detector program. Belfast residents may also acquire burn permits at the Fire Station either over the phone or in person. Online burn permits may also be obtained through the Maine State Forest Service at Maine.gov. Burn Permits are required for any outdoor fire here in the City. As a reminder, fireworks are not permitted in the City of Belfast.

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Equipment

The Belfast Fire Department has the following apparatuses;

- Engine 4, 2016 Metal Fab with a Freightliner commercial cab. 1,000 gal water and a 1,250 gpm pump. 2041 projected replacement date.
- Engine 2, 1993 Spartan custom cab. 700 gal of water and a 1,250 gpm pump. 2022 projected replacement.
- Tanker 1, 1999 Metal Fab with a Freightliner commercial cab. 3,000 gal of water and a 1,250 gpm pump. 2024 projected replacement.
- Tanker 5, 2005 Metal Fab on a Freightliner commercial cab. 2,000 gal of water and a 1,250 pump. 2030 projected replacement date.
- Tower 3, 2003 American Lafrance 93' Tower- Platform. 300 gal of water and 2,000 gpm pump. 2033 projected replacement.
- Engine 6, 2006 Chevrolet 5500 4x4 mini pumper/ utility truck. 400 gal water and a 750 gpm pump. 2031 projected replacement.
- 2004 Heavy rescue on international chassis. Jaws of Life extrication equipment, cold water/ice rescue and technical rescue.
- 1997 Polaris 6x6 UTV. Used for wild fires and off road rescues.
- 1993 Yamaha Snowmobile and rescue sled, used during the snow season for off road rescue.
- 1994 Lund 17' side console boat. Water rescue and fire suppression.

If you think that this career may be something you're interested in, we are always accepting applications for "Volunteers" on the Call Department. We will provide the training if you don't have any.

As always, don't hesitate to call us for anything. Often times people don't want to bother us until it's too late. Early action is the best action, and no one is ever a bother!

FIRE & AMBULANCE

New Hires

Full time:

Firefighter/Paramedic Riley Peterson. Firefighter Peterson has 8 years of experience and lives locally. Firefighter Peterson is an asset to the City and Department with his knowledge of Paramedicine and ability to teach others.

Firefighter/EMT Jackson Winslow. Firefighter Winslow has served on the call division for a period of time. He has 2 years' experience in the fire service and has a wealth of knowledge in the harbor. Firefighter Winslow also lives locally and has deep roots within the department. Long serving EMT Bob Winslow is Firefighter Winslow's grandfather.

An Additional 6 new members were hired of the Fire Department call division, the roster includes Firefighters Bryan Young, Brandon Waterman, Bobby Banks, Kyle Payson, Kayden Richards, and Oli Tarbox.



Photo Credit: Belfast Fire & Ambulance

Recent News

A new Public Safety Building is being discussed and combining the Police, Fire and EMS departments in one building. This may be a cost-effective approach to building maintenance as well as address some current issues that all emergency agencies mentioned are facing. The Fire and EMS Dept. needs a 24 hour facility with accommodations for on duty crew such as showers, restrooms/locker rooms, private sleeping quarters, Emergency operations center, additional offices, medical supply, gear and equipment storage, exhaust ventilation and security. We have received support from several congressional delegates for this need.

AFG grant has been applied to for the replacement of 22 SCBA Airpacks, compressor fill station, 3 auto load units and 1 power stretcher for the rescues.

A Forestry Grant was received to update radios and forestry equipment.

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Ambulance Services Offered

With 3 fully equipped Ambulances, we Service the City of Belfast as primary coverage area as well as contracted coverage to the towns of Northport, Swanville, Belmont, Morrill, Waldo.

We have 2021 Ford Type III-Ambulance
2016-Ford Type III-Ambulance
2019 Ford Type III-Ambulance

Total Calls for this coverage time is 2,387 calls and increasing. Total miles covered was 28,510 miles. Local Calls 1,398 calls and Out of Town calls 666.

206 Paramedic Intercepts to other services that do not have a Paramedic available were: Lincolnville, Searsport, Stockton Springs, Liberty, Unity, Brooks, Winterport, Islesboro

Training

Training is mandated by Maine EMS and National Registry requirements.

Paramedic Training Requirements: 72 hours per 3 years Maine EMS or 60 hours per 2 years National registry

Advanced EMT Training: 56 hours Maine EMS per 3 years or 50 hours per 2 years National Registry

Basic EMT Training: 52 hours per 3 years or 40 hours per 2 years-National Registry

Mandated training would include the follow topics: Airway, Breathing, Cardiac, Patient Assessment, Medical, Trauma, Obstetric, Pediatrics, BLS/ALS Skills

Annual Training includes Fit Testing for masks, Hazmat, Blood borne Pathogens, SOPP, Fire Extinguishers,

CPR Training every 2 years and Advanced Cardiac Life Support/Pediatric Advanced Life Support every 2 years.

Instructor Coordinator Hours are 24 hours every 3 years on top of the EMS requirements.

Quality Insurance and Improvement with the Service and Hospitals

FIRE & AMBULANCE

We have 8 New American Heart Association CPR instructors. There is a high demand for CPR classes.

New Training for Belfast Ambulance included TECC- Tactical Response Training for active shooter Incidents.

Sonja Salvatore completed the Advanced EMT training successfully.
Colby Robbins is currently enrolled in the Paramedic program.

Community Paramedic Program

This program was started here in Belfast that reaches the need of individuals that cannot get Home Health in their home. They can still get out to do their shopping but need that little extra help to stay at home and not in a nursing home or assisted living home. The program started in 2016. The enrollment numbers increase and decrease as the needs are met and pt's move on to care for themselves. Paramedics visit when available during the day.

Public Medical Equipment Storage

During the Pandemic there was a severe shortage of durable medical equipment. The public was donating no longer used good clean medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, etc. Free of charge to anyone, these items were given to anyone needing equipment. VERY POPULAR!!!

Community Involvement Events

Touch a Truck
Halloween at the Waldo County YMCA
CPR Classes
Vaccination Clinics
Career Day the Belfast Area High School
Senior Day at the Boat House
Belfast Street Fair
Track Meet standby
Football Standby
Car seat Safety Check Station

Preceptor Program

Clinical experience for EMS students at all levels.

Recent Hire

Sarah Adelberg- Advanced EMT
Tyler Johnstone-Basic EMT
Cindy Joseph-Basic EMT
Riley Peterson-Paramedic
Andy Willigar-Basic EMT
Jackson Winslow-Basic EMT
Desiree MacArthur-Paramedic
Lottie Rolfe-Basic EMT
David Walsh-Paramedic

FIRE & AMBULANCE

On behalf of the members of the Belfast Fire and Ambulance Department, it is my privilege to submit our Annual Report for the fiscal year (FY) 2022-2023.

The Belfast Fire Dept. presently has 4 full-time employees, including the Chief, Deputy Chief and 2 full-time Firefighter/Emt's. The Call Department presently has 24 Paid Volunteers on the roster. The Fire Dept. responds to approximately 414 calls for service per year and provides the first due response for the 7,000 residents of Belfast over 38 sq miles and the 1,400 residents in the neighboring Town of Swanville over 22 sq miles. The Belfast Fire Department also provides automatic mutual aid for the Towns of Northport, Belmont and Waldo. Mutual aid, when requested by the other 20 towns in Waldo County, is provided as well.

The structure of the Department consists of; 1 Chief, 1 Deputy Chief, 2 Assistant Chiefs, 2 Captains, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Safety Officer and 22 Firefighters. Of those currently on the roster, 10 Firefighters hold a Maine EMS license. 5 are Paramedics, 2 are Advanced-Emt's and 3 are Basic-Emt's.

Training

Over the course of the year the Belfast Fire Dept. responds to a wide variety of calls. The majority of our calls consist of motor vehicle accidents. This requires many hours of specialized training on various aspects of a motor vehicle accident. It starts with scene safety and traffic control, triage of multi vehicle accidents, extrication equipment and methods and Hazmat control, containment and clean up. Other calls that we respond to are fire alarm activations, Carbon monoxide alarms, odor complaints, Structure fires, Automobile/equipment fires, dumpster fires, wildfires, Hazmat incidents, EMS assists, elevator rescues and public assists. Many more hours of training are required to be able to respond to these as well. Training throughout the year includes blood borne pathogens, hazard communication, lock out tag out policy, new and updated SOP's, Hazmat operations level response, CPR/first aid, Ice rescue, cold water rescue, building construction, chimney fire response, gas detection, pumps, driver operator, hydrant, hose lays/rolls, ladders, search and rescue and forestry response. Twice a month the Fire Dept members gather to perform a training exercise or a local building walk through. We hold a monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of every month.



Photo Credit: Belfast Fire & Ambulance

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Fire	Roster
Patrick Richards	Terry Cook
Christopher Kulbe	Joel Prescott
Bob Richards	Terry Sawyer
Keith Pooler	Everett Leathers
Donald Hahn	Drew Long
Corey Seekins	Harold Dyer
Russell Stickney	Jacob Fairbrother
Thomas Nelligan	Roland Littlefield
Herman Barr	Whitney Brown
Edgar Spaulding	Brittany Whittlesey
Brandon Peasley	Joe Donovan
Brian Spaulding	Riley Peterson
Hayden Bradford	Bryan Young
Frank Short	Kayden Richards
David Murray	KJ Payson
Bobby Banks	Oli Tarbox
Brandon Waterman	

Ambulance	Roster
Patrick Richards	Colby Robins
Christopher Kulbe	Sarah Adelburgh
Debby Heath	Joel Prescott
Alicia Prescott	Robert Richards
Michael Sealy	Robert Winslow
Brittany Whittlesey	Cindy Joseph
Riley Peterson	Lottie Rolfe
Joseph Donovan	Tyler Johnstone
David Walsh	Andy Willigar
Desiree MacArthur	Jackson Winslow
Drew Long	Russell Stickney
Jennifer Buttery	Edgar Spaulding
Terry Cook	Brian Spaulding
Sonja Salvatore	Brandon Peasley
Gabby Rossignol	Brandon Waterman

GENERAL ASSISTANCE



General Assistance Administrator
Kristi Osgood

The General Assistance Program is a State-mandated, municipally administered financial assistance program. It was designed to be the program of last resort for residents of the community who are unable to provide for their own basic needs (food, shelter, heating fuel, electricity, burial/cremation)

Eligibility is governed by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine State Statutes Title 22, and the standards of eligibility as provided within the City Ordinance. In the event an applicant is ineligible for assistance, every effort is made to provide the individual with other potential resources.

We work closely with area case workers, Waldo County Action Partners, New Hope, Belfast Police Department and The State to help applicants in crisis find resources they are eligible for.

The General Assistance Program is refunded 70% by The State. Assistance given throughout the fiscal year is shown in the table shown.

*625 Applications processed through the General Assistance Office in total

Submitted:
Kristi Osgood, General Assistance Administrator

Assistance Type	Applications	City Balance	State Reimbursement
Burial/Cremation	5	\$1,320.00	\$3,080.00
Diapers	7	\$135.39	\$315.92
Food	44	\$1882.58	\$4,392.70
Heating	57	\$3,838.58	\$8,956.70
Housing	186	\$63,987.01	\$149,303.02
Medical	1	\$175.50	\$409.50
Other	14	\$130.36	\$304.18
Personal/Household	61	\$839.62	\$1,959.12

HARBOR

The City of Belfast Harbor Department is fortunate to serve the very important role in helping to maintain public access to beautiful Belfast Harbor and Penobscot Bay. Whether it's taking care of the City's boater facilities, promoting safer navigation, managing the mooring field for close to 300 vessel owners, or emergency response, the crew at the Belfast Harbor Office interacts daily with the many various harbor users, members of our community, as well as with visitors to Belfast.

The Harbor Department consists of 2 full time positions, the Harbor Master and Deputy Harbor Master, and generally 3 - 4 seasonal full time dock-attendant positions in the summer. The Harbor Master and Deputy Harbor Master are annually trained in State and Federal maritime law, emergency response, rules of the road, and public relations.

The Harbor Department is responsible for managing all the tidal waters within the jurisdiction as defined in the City of Belfast Marine Activities Ordinance. This ordinance outlines the local regulations to manage these tidal waters, but all waters below mean low water (MLW) to three miles from the mainland, are owned and regulated by the State of Maine, with certain regulations from the Federal Government.



Our primary duties in the summer include running the slip facility at the City Landing for transient boater traffic and some charter vessels. We sell both non-ethanol gasoline and diesel fuels and ice. Our slips have electricity and water and we have ice, showers, and other services for visiting boaters. Managing the mooring field in the summer is also a priority, placing new moorings, being sure inspections and permits are current, and assisting the mooring services providers with information. We also are responsible for emergency response on the water which usually is towing in vessels broken down, but in some cases involves searches and medical emergencies. We work very closely with the Belfast Police Department and Fire & Ambulance Service.

HARBOR

Belfast Harbor for many years has been a destination in large part because of its diversity and close proximity to the downtown. Provisions, various services, and amenities are all within walking distance of the harbor, which is a notable attraction for boaters. In addition to the recreational boaters, fishermen - including those with aquaculture interests, vacationers, home-buyers, and numerous others who wish to be on or near the water, are enjoying the harbor in larger numbers every year.

The demand for seasonal slip rentals remains high in the harbor, and those that offer slips, the City's Thompson's Wharf facility, Front St. Shipyard, and Belfast Marina, all have wait lists. This may be due to the aging boating community in general, but also is just preference for many boaters. Mooring numbers have stayed steady, shifting between 280 and 300 mooring permits issued in Belfast Harbor since 2011. The boats on average are getting larger though, which takes up more space in the mooring field so moorings are farther out than they were years ago. However, unlike many harbors south of Belfast, we are still allowing new moorings to be set. Along with larger vessels on the moorings, come larger tenders, or dinghies that the mooring owners need to get to their boats. The space on the City's dinghy docks is increasingly crowded, and coming up with a cost-effective solution to berth more dinghies is an issue many harbors face.

Last summer in Belfast Harbor was an especially good season for avid fishermen. The Menhaden, or 'Pogies' were back in large schools, which not only helped provide bait for the fishermen, but provided food for a number of larger fish, such as the Striped Bass, or 'Stripers', and Mackerel - both very good sport fish. These fish also provided food for many birds and animals which were seen in larger than usual numbers in the harbor, such as Osprey, Great Blue Herons, Eagles, Loons, a variety of seals and Harbor Porpoise. On occasion a sturgeon is spotted, and otters are often seen swimming between the City Landing and Front St. Shipyard or causing mischief on the docks and boats. A wide array of wildlife is also frequently seen up the Passagassawakeag River, an estuary at the head of Belfast Harbor, and appropriately called 'The Head of Tide', which is a favorite place to paddle for many of the growing number of kayakers, canoeists, and rowers because of being protected and quiet with less power vessel traffic.

With climate change and environmental conditions becoming increasingly unpredictable, there has been more local interest in weather research and obtaining important data such as tidal changes, water temperature, and salinity. The Climate Change Committee has installed a weather station at the harbor and the information can be viewed by the public on the internet on two different sites which can be found on the City's website under the Harbor Department. Educational marine programs have allowed local schools to get students involved with collecting data as well as aquaculture studies. A small sugar kelp farm was planned, permitted and placed in our outer harbor by some local high school students this past winter with the help from a local fisherman. The students have recently been harvesting the kelp and appear to have a lot of interest and satisfaction with their success. Other local volunteers work with both the Climate Change Committee and the students to help set up sensors to collect various important data regarding local conditions on the harbor. All the way around the community involvement has been amazing and the student motivation is good to see.

HARBOR

Harbor Issues Items in 2022	Total
Recreational Mooring Permits	245
Commercial Mooring Permits	55
Belfast Resident Launch Stickers	16
Non-Resident Launch Stickers	71
Belfast Resident Dinghy Stickers	60
Non-Resident Dinghy Stickers	55
Belfast Resident Kayak Storage	46
Non-Resident Kayak Storage	3

The Belfast Harbor Advisory Committee has been working on several projects that address the increasing number of vessels and various users in Belfast Harbor. One project involves creating a facility to berth smaller rowing vessels for the increasing number of people that enjoy rowing on the harbor - year-round. Again, as with the dinghy facility, the goal is to find a solution that is cost-effective, safely provides adequate space for a large group of harbor users, and considers options for funding to build and maintain such a facility so tax-payer dollars are not used. Another project currently being worked on includes a management plan for the tidal area above the Armistice Bridge, and looking at options for the future of the breakwater at the City Landing. In light of predicted sea level rise, storm surge, and the changing weather patterns, protecting our waterfront infrastructure is an increasingly important issue to consider. Public access, our working waterfront, shorefront businesses and residents depend on it.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Given
Harbor Master



HUMAN RESOURCES



The Human Resource position is new to the city this year. The Human Resource Office is operated by one staff person.

Some of the responsibilities of the Human Resource Administrator include guidance on the employee lifecycle including developing action plans and training opportunities, overseeing employee benefits, compensation and payroll, the hiring and exit process, business compliance with both federal and state regulations, policy creation, and performance management.

Human Resources champions the city's diversity and inclusion program providing support to the City of Belfast by providing organizational structure for addressing employee needs.

During the 2021-22 fiscal year the Human Resource Office focused on the following items:

Recruitment and Employment: During this fiscal year, the City's full-time workforce grew from 98 with 26 being female, to 118 with 39 being female. This included the addition of one new position in the Code and Planning Department, a Deputy Harbor Master, a Deputy Economic Development Director, a Deputy City Manager, and a Human Resources Administrator.

Additionally, we filled the positions of an assistant to the Assessor, a City Clerk, a Deputy Clerk, a Parks and Recreation Director, a Finance Director, Wastewater Treatment I, Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Paramedics and EMT's.

Pandemic Response Team: The City's Pandemic Response Team consists of the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, and Fire Chief. Thank you to all the members of the Pandemic Response Team for all their efforts throughout the pandemic! As part of the Pandemic team, coordination of efforts for scheduling vaccines, staff communication, contact tracing and creating and updating policies as things evolved.

Contact HR

Nancy Driscoll, HR Administrator

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BELFAST FREE LIBRARY

2022 was a year for the library to find its way back to normal after COVID's massive disruption in the previous two years. In many ways, the library found itself in a new normal with people's altered expectations about being in public spaces and the increased use of digital resources and hybrid (in person and Zoom) meetings.

Circulation at the library increased 12% in 2022 over the previous year. Library program attendance increased by 38%. The door count increased by about 39%, once again (as always in the pre-COVID recent past) registering over 100,000 visits to the library for the year.

Two new staff members joined the library in 2022. Crystal Vaccaro stepped in as the new Teen Library Assistant, and Jane Beers became the new Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant.

Many thanks, as always, to the wonderful Friends of the Library for all they do to support us. This year, they purchased new tables, chairs, and a puppet theater for the children's floor!

Thank you to the Belfast Garden Club, too, for their amazing labors to keep the library's grounds gorgeous!

Brenda Harrington continued another year of programs in the All of Belfast Climate Dialog (ABCD) project. She teamed up with Belfast's Climate Crisis Committee to convene a Waldo County Climate Symposium. In April, she spoke about the ABCD project at a Fireside Chat at Waterfall Arts. Also in April, she arranged a Kramer Gallery juried art display—"The Art of Re-Climation." In September, she hosted a Community Climate Conversation on the topic of "Building Resilience to Big Storms and Flooding," and she presented a program with Efficiency Maine covering rebate programs for homeowners who want to switch to electric heat systems like heat pumps. In December, she hosted another Community Climate Conversation on "Modernizing Our Buildings"—a special focus of this program was funding opportunities available from the State's Climate Resiliency Partnership.

Brenda also hosted the annual Belfast Poetry Festival in October at Troy Howard Middle School.

And Brenda coordinated the monthly art exhibits in the Kramer Gallery in the library's entryway. An especially noteworthy exhibit was Rita Swidrowski's "Locally Grown," sketches of local farmers and gardeners.

The library offered ukelele lessons with Ando Anderson in the Abbott Room.; co-hosted with Left Bank Books the launch of Elizabeth Garber's new memoir; and presented a concert in the Abbott Room by the musical duo Me & Martha.

BELFAST FREE LIBRARY

Children's Librarian (and storyteller extraordinaire) Stephanie Holman recommenced regular Baby and Toddlers programs and preschool storytimes. Stephanie also worked with the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce to set up a storywalk for Holiday on the Harbor (thanks to Norm, Poirier of the Parks & Recreation Department for his help); spoke to a Senior College class about Banned Books; started monthly "Music Together" programs in the Abbott Room; created a collection of pop-up books for in-library engagement for youngsters with the help of a grant from First National Bank; and worked with Waterfall Arts in March to collect artwork from students in RSU71 and RSU3 in order to install a collaborative youth art exhibit.



The library with the Belfast Flying Shoes and other organizations co-sponsored three shows at the Colonial Theatre of King of Ragtime: The Story of Scott Joplin, a multi-media presentation led by former Belfast resident Stephen Costanza based on his children's book of that title. Two of the shows were presented free of charge to local school students who were bused in for the shows.

Another grant from the Anonimo Foundation allowed the library to continue providing Take and Make activity kits for children and teens.

In less welcome news, mold that had grown rapidly in the third floor Archives Room was discovered in the fall. The problem there was remediated by ServPro in November.

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A bid was awarded in September for a study of the library's HVAC and energy efficiency. Thank you to Thomas Kittredge and Amy Bradford for their help in navigating the bid process. The study was conducted by DuBois & King in December. Any actions recommended by the study will be discussed and decided on in the coming years.

Reference and Special Collections Librarian Sharon Pietryka continued to provide expert information guidance to patrons and was active on the Board of the Maine Library Association, as she furthered the Belfast Free Library's tradition of being a leader among libraries statewide.

Steve Norman was the Minerva consortium's representative to the Maine Infonet Board and, starting in July, served as President of the Infonet Board.

Naturally, the library still provides books. One example: a young reader (age seven) came to the desk on the children's floor. He was uninspired, "looking for something like Pokemon." The staff person there recommended the graphic novel versions of the Wings of Fire series. The child's eyes lit up and he clutched the book. He began to shake with delight and exclaimed, "This is the one I really wanted!" Said the staff person, "You would have thought I gave him a puppy!"

Respectfully submitted, Steve Norman

Staff:

Steve Norman, Director

Brenda Harrington, Assistant Director

Stephanie Holman, Youth Services Librarian

Sharon Pietryka, Reference & Special Collections Librarian

Jane Beers

Vicky DePersiis Vona

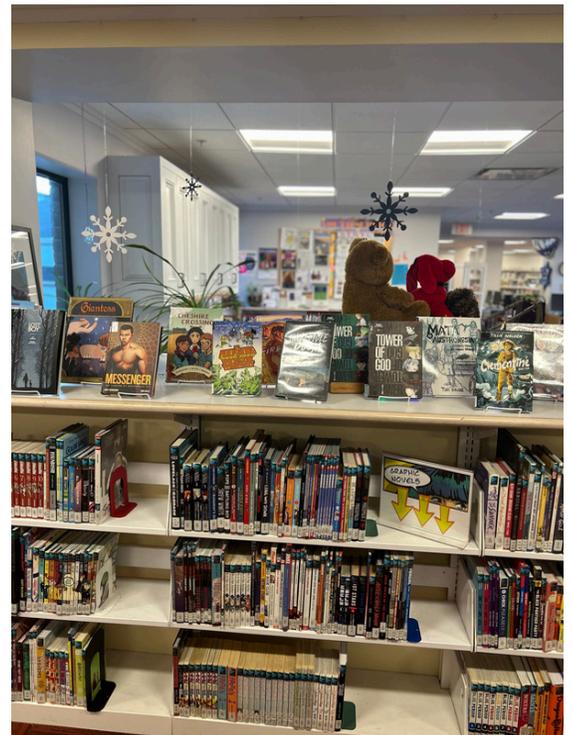
Kelly Lange

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PARKS & RECREATION



The Belfast Parks and Recreation Department is proud of its park system and the response from the community, its many visitors as to the beauty and condition of the parks. The over 11 City parks are key components for improving public health, increasing physical activity, and reconnecting youth/families with nature and enhancing quality of life. The 2022 season proved just how valuable our parks, trails and natural resources are to people.

Capitalizing on these trends were the 7,000+ people at City Park this summer season enjoying tennis, pickle ball, basketball, the playground, two disc golf baskets, the Park Pool and the pavilion. The Belfast City Park is extremely popular due to the many activities and adventure for families and friends. The Park also hosts the City Arboretum with more than 200 varieties of tree species. Pick up one of the brochures in our Park kiosk !

Evidence of the parks and programs bringing people to Belfast was validated by the absence of some key events such as the Maine Celtic Celebration held in July. An estimated 3,000 people attended the annual Arts in the Park at Steamboat Landing Park which was held in late June. Our Summer Nights Concert Series continues to draw large crowds and provides people with great entertainment every Thursday in a wonderful waterfront setting. The Belfast Harbor Fest and the Maine Wiener Fest returned with great crowds and excellent opportunities for people to experience the heritage of our harbor during August and of course one of the favorite dogs with the dauschund in September.

The aspect of each park is for it to have its own “parksonality” that helps create lasting impacts upon users. The creation of a community gardens and walkway in Wales Park along with the pollinator garden provides the area with real beauty. The popularity of the dog park at the Walsh Field complex continues to provide hundreds of dog owners an important outlet to socialize at a safe distance and recreate with their pets. The dog park stays busy all year round.



PARKS & RECREATION

The continued improvements of planted beds and maintenance of the landscaping demonstrated the effectiveness of a committed and focused work force this year with the excellent workmanship provided by the Parks ground crew. The inclusion of the Harbor Walk and the Rail Trail is a welcomed challenge for the crews to maintain as their popularity of use continues to grow.

The 'old ski slope' now named Pendelton Park offers a new trail and bridges courtesy of the local Belfast Chapter of NEMBA and is excellent for mountain biking.

The identification of capital improvement projects provides an excellent road map toward meeting the Department's stated mission of strengthening and improving services, facilities and programs. Last year work progressed on the City Park Pool and will be completed this spring with the re-surfacing project completed. A few of the high priority areas for future improvements include the City Park restrooms and the re-development of a skate park which would create a park environment with a skate facility as part of the park.

The Belfast Parks and Recreation Department is committed to expanding the services provided with the addition of senior activities and working closely with senior groups / organizations in 2022.

As in the past, two dedicated groups continue to support all our efforts - the Parks & Recreation Commission and Friends of Belfast Parks. Within both groups, we are always looking for more involvement by the general public. If you have an interest in volunteering within the parks contact the Department for more information of how to get involved.

The Belfast Parks and Recreation Department wants all residents and visitors to enjoy your parks and public lands - get outdoors and recreate safely !

Norm Poirier, Director
Belfast Parks and Recreation Department



PLANNING & CODES

The most recognizable function of the Department is the review and issuance of permits required by City Ordinances. The Department, through its Code Enforcement Officer, issued the following permits between May 3rd, 2022 and May 1, 2023:

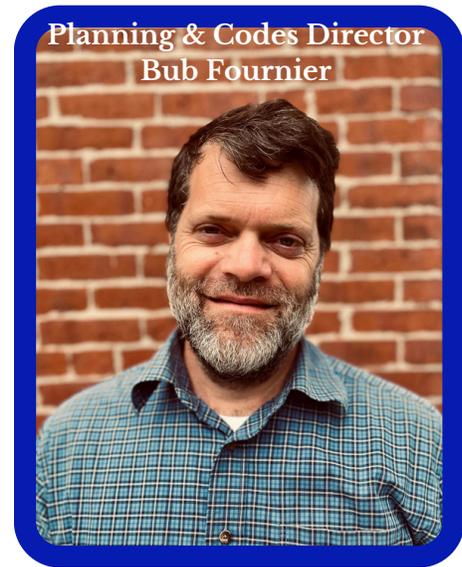
Permit Issued	Total
Building Permits for one- and two-family homes	14
Other Building Permits for all types of construction	301
New Mobile Home Permits	12
Electrical Permits	324
Plumbing Permits	102
Subsurface Wastewater Permits	30
Sewer Connection Permits	15
Shoreland Zoning Permits	18
Sign Permits	25
Use Permits	17
Flood Hazard Development Permits	7

The number of building permits issued for new one and two-family homes are the same as last year. Similar to most years, the most frequently issued building permit was for renovations to existing houses and the construction of accessory structures, such as sheds, decks and garages. The Department collected approx. \$282,000 in fees associated with the above-mentioned permits, some of which goes to the State and other entities.

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The Code Enforcement Officer conducts inspections associated with all the above permits as well as Curbside Belfast, Lunch Wagons, and Junkyard Permits. The CEO also has been active in enforcing the City's Code of Ordinances and reviewing minor site plans under his jurisdiction. The CEO responded to 23 newly logged ongoing complaints, property maintenance cases and stop work orders in Belfast since last May.



Department staff regularly provides assistance to the City Council, Belfast Planning Board and Intown Design Review Committee and occasionally to the Harbor Committee regarding their respective reviews of projects to ensure compliance with requirements in the City Code of Ordinances.

Staff supported the Planning Board meeting 27 times since last May 1, 2022. Various development reviews were completed, and the Board completed a major overhaul of Outside Rural zoning ordinances.

Staff supported the Intown Design Review Committee 8 times since last May 1, 2022, including the review of the extensive renovations at the Belfast Co-Op building at 123 High St. Overall 14 Intown Design Review Permits were issued.

The Department often works with the Council and other City Committees on non-Zoning projects, as well as preparing amendments to the City Code of Ordinances. Some of the more notable projects over the past year include:

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·Improvements on Wight Street. Staff collaborated with the community, the Economic Development Director, the City Manager, the City Engineer and property owners to bring a final design forward that went out to bid this Spring with work expected to be completed in the 2024 construction season.

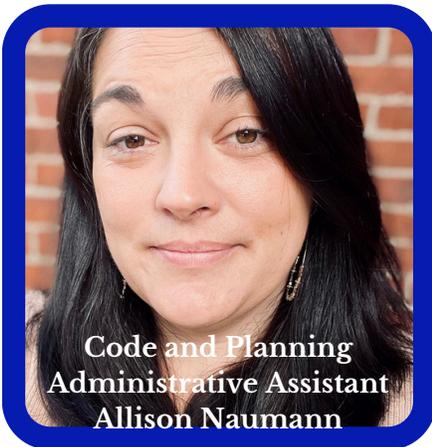
·Congress Street housing. Staff collaborated with various other Departments as well as the developer, Developers Collaborative, and their contractors to see this project through to recent groundbreaking. The project will bring 48 additional affordable dwelling units inside the Route 1 bypass area and is expected to be completed sometime in 2024.

·City Code of Ordinance amendments that were adopted with the help of Department staff included a comprehensive restructuring of zoning district use and dimensional tables as well as incorporation of “flex housing” into almost all districts outside the bypass. Long awaited clean up, clarity, and consistency work was completed on Nonconformance, Shoreland Zoning, Contract Rezoning, Home Occupations, Planned Unit Development, Signs and Marine Activities.

FY 2022 was another busy year for the Department. Increased development pressure due to an influx of people wanting to make Belfast their home as well as a hot real estate market resulted in an uptick in inquiries in the office from developers and potential real estate buyers.



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During this past year, the Department has continued to provide a high level of service while maintaining a responsible budget. A high volume of developers and other community members continue to express interest in projects in Belfast. Due to pressure on real estate, high material costs, the housing crisis, contractor availability issues and further fallout from over two years of the pandemic, the Department continues to experience a difficult development landscape that has added increasing work to already full staff schedules. In May of 2023, the Department is looking forward to hiring new staff for the Admin. Assistant position.

The Department provides a diverse range of services to residents and property owners in Belfast. All of our staff, Steve Wilson, Code Enforcement Officer, Jon Boynton, City Planner, Wayne Marshall, Project Planner and Bub Fournier, Department Director, hope that our collective efforts have served the City well. Although Project Planner Wayne Marshall is expected to be completing his long career in the Planning and Codes office, we are also preparing to bring on two additional staff in the coming weeks. If you have questions or comments about the Department, you can call us at 338-3370 x 125, or by email at directorplanning@cityofbelfast.org.

Respectfully submitted, Bub Fournier, Director of Code and Planning



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Department

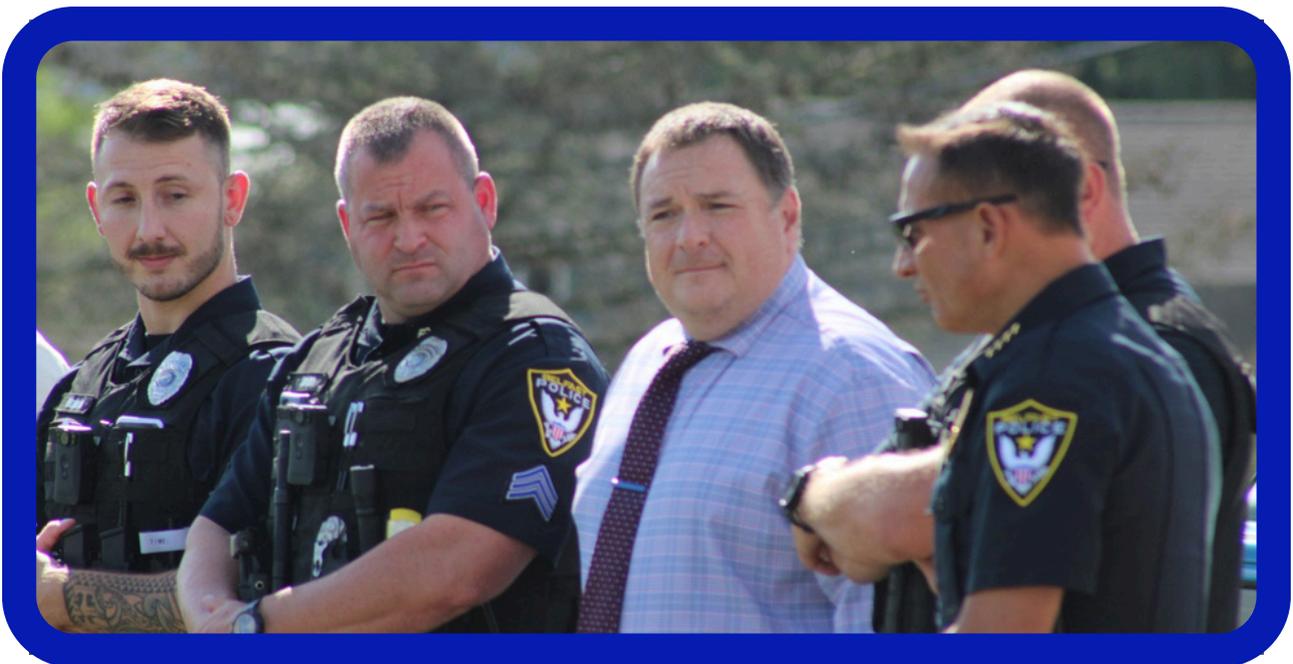
The fiscal year 2022 - 2023 was my first full year with the Belfast Police Department. My top priority focused on hiring and restoring the department to a full-staff capacity. When fully staffed, the department operates with 16 full-time Police Officers, 5 part-time and reserve Officers and 4 civilian staff members in our compliment. We succeeded in this goal, bringing on board both new Officers and Officers with years of valuable training and experience. Two of the new Officers completed their field training program and attended the 18-week Police academy.



Current and Future Programs:

School Resource Officer

Officer Kevin Littlefield joined our department in 2022 and after an extensive SRO specific selection search and background process, Kevin came out #1 in the process and began as our new SRO last fall. With all his experience and knowledge of RSU 71, Officer Littlefield was able to easily transition into his new role and has been doing a great job. Sgt. Rick Smith, who had been the School Resource Officer for the past four years returned to patrol during 2022 and has taken on many new roles with the department, including oversight of the SRO program.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls For Service

In 2022, our officers responded to 8153 calls for service. These calls for service included but are not limited to the following:

Homicide	0
Rape	0
Citizen Dispute	209
Citizen Assist	337
Domestic Violence Assault	7
Burglary	16
Fraud	24
Harassment	101
Threatening	50
Vandalism (Criminal Mischeif)	76
Theft	43
Overdose Deaths	1

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls For Service

In 2022, our Officers responded to 5,733 calls for service. These calls for service included but are not limited to the following:

2022 Crime Statistics

Rape	3
Aggravated Assault	5
Simple Assault	45
Domestic Violence Assault	56
Burglary	16
Fraud	30
Harassment	116
Threatening	45
Criminal Mischief	79
Criminal Theft	66
Theft	142
Overdose Deaths	10

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Host Training Program

We now host annual law enforcement training courses for our Officers as well as Officers from agencies across the state and beyond. We bring in some of the country's best subject matter experts to deliver the training, covering a wide variety of topics such as crime scene investigations, leadership and managing critical incidents to name a few. This additional training increases their capabilities and gives Officers the skills, knowledge, and abilities to provide the community with a higher level of service and professionalism. Training is imperative and we want to make sure our Officers are getting the most up to date and relevant training available.

2022 Traffic-Related Incidents

In 2022, our officers responded to about 310 traffic related incidents. These traffic incidents included but are not limited to the following

Property Damage	202
Personal Injury	46
Operating Under the Influence	11



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Explorers

Over the last year we have been able to initiate several exciting new programs. We started the process to establish a new Police Explorer Post, Post#27, which will be available to students between the ages of 14-20 in Belfast and surrounding communities. The Explorer post teaches youth about a career opportunity in Law Enforcement, leadership skills and the importance of giving back to their community. Sgt. Smith will be leading this program and has several Officers assisting him with it.

LEAD

In 2022, the department trained several Officers and teachers in the new educational program called LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs). Team taught by Police Officers and Teachers working together, LEAD brings an evidence-based program to our school students, focusing on drug and violence prevention. We are starting out with our primary focus on middle school students who are at a pivotal point in development where making good decisions is so important.

Internships

We also began an internship program which partners our department with area colleges and universities. Each semester, college students will have the opportunity to do an internship with our department while gaining colleges credits and it is our hope to consider a career with the Belfast Police Department when they graduate. Our current partnering schools include Thomas College and Husson University.

K9 Program

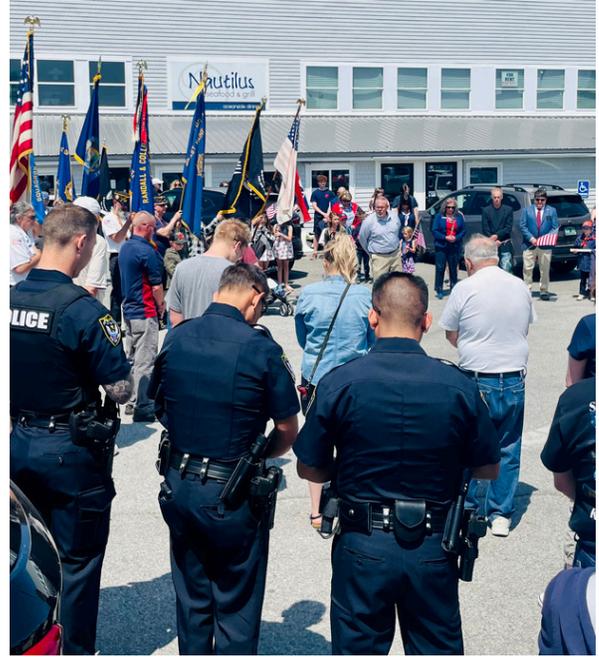
The K9 program with Officer Jonathan Guba and K9 SPUD is off to a great start in the community. They successfully completed a 12-week certification program and are now active in the field. K9 SPUD is a 2-year-old black lab certified in narcotic detection and serves as a resource to patrol when working on drug investigations. They also have the ability to assist with searches for lost or missing persons. Additionally, Officer Guba and K9 SPUD visit the schools and attend community events. Being a black lab, SPUD enjoys being around people and interacting with kids.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Future Community Events and Partnerships

Now that the department is fully staffed, I look forward to introducing more community-oriented programs like “Coffee with a Cop”, ice cream socials, and movies in the park. We also anticipate partnering with several local organizations such as Our Town Belfast, The Game Loft, and the Belfast Soup Kitchen as well as several service clubs to enhance their ongoing community efforts. In addition, we’ll continue to deepen our partnership with Special Olympics by assisting with “Tip A Cop”, torch runs, and plunge events to raise awareness for people with intellectual disabilities. Our first plunge event at the city boat launch this March was a huge success and we’re eager to host many more similar events.



Please feel free to stop by our station anytime to say “hello”, meet with me or speak with any of my Officers or dedicated civilian staff if you need anything. Also, if you see us out and about, please stop us to say hi and introduce yourself. Our Officers love the community that they serve and would be happy to meet and speak with you.

Lastly, the Belfast Police Department is committed to working diligently to always ensure that we provide the absolute best quality of police services possible. Our Officers are truly dedicated to their work and profession and ready to respond to any emergency or community need that arises.

Sincerely yours,

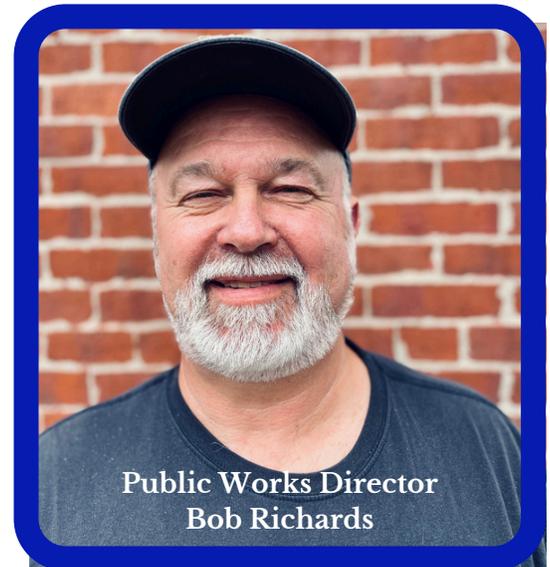
Chief Robert Cormier



Police Chief Robert Cormier

PUBLIC WORKS

In January we had six snow (26") events and three rain events. February brought us five snow (13") events, one rain event and one sleet (3") event. The department hauled in an extra 716 yards of sand this year. In March we had four rain (6") events and three snow (7") events. No more snow was recorded after March 15th. The year of 2022 ended with 1 snow (1") event and 5" of rain in the month of November. In December we had two snow (3") events and four rain events. The mild weather continued through the month. We accumulated 211 hours overtime with these events. The Public Works Department used approximately 2,600 yards of sand and 1,085 tons of salt. The Airport runway and ramps was plowed 8 times this year. We used the snow blower at the Airport around the lights and for safety concerns only once this year.



Public Works Director
Bob Richards



PUBLIC WORKS

Projects that were done by the Public Works Department in the summer of 2022:

1. We ditched on Swan Lake Avenue (2.26 mi.), Old Searsport Ave. (3,460'), Mill Lane (1,090') Robbins Rd. (3,590'), Patterson Hill Rd. (4,300')
2. We continued to set up / remove the barricades, cement barriers and cones for outdoor dining in the downtown area at eight locations.
3. We replaced / installed some driveway and crossover culverts at 23 various locations. Culvert sizes were: 12" – 64', 15" – 680', 18" – 80', 24" – 130'.
4. The annual roadside mowing, street sweeping; we painted the bike, pedestrian icons, parking spaces, crosswalks; Spring debris and Fall leaf pickup, Airport mowing, landfill mowing and the installation / removal of the city floats and ramps.
5. The annual installation / removal of benches (8), bike racks (10), rubbish containers (53) flower pots (12) and crosswalk signs (14).
6. We rebuilt and repaved some sidewalks on Miller Street (3,800') from Lincolnville Avenue to Church Street, on Congress Street (2,600') from Main to Grove Street and School Street from Miller Street to the end.
7. This year's street paving project consisted of Church, High, Peach, Pine, Park, Pearl, Miller, Spring, Starret, Green Streets, Lincolnville Avenue and Park Hill Rd. Approximately (2.4 miles). The milling and paving (3,522 Ton) was \$ 407,511.
8. Installation of a crosswalk lights at the intersection of Main Street and Alto Street with Reynolds Electric and another at Main and Lincolnville Avenue.
9. We rebuilt 850 feet of the Harbor Walk from Heritage Park to the Boathouse. This consisted of removing the old cement, regrading a ten foot wide surface, placement of asphalt by Discount Paving and the department loaming /seeding.

PUBLIC WORKS



The Public Works Department which consists of 13 summer employees and 16 winter employees maintains the streets, sidewalks, sewer lines, storm water, public parking lots, fleet vehicle and equipment maintenance for the city. We maintain 57 miles of roads in the summer and 66 miles of roads in the winter which consists of seven snow removal routes, 18 miles of sidewalks which is maintained with 2 snow removal machines, and 22 public and municipal parking areas.

The Public Works Department has approximately 25 big and medium size pieces of equipment which include dump trucks, loaders, backhoe, excavator, grader and street sweeper. The department also has about a dozen smaller pieces of equipment which are a couple of sidewalk machines, two sewer line maintenance machines, hay mulcher, roller, small tractor for roadside mowing and a wood chipper. The plow trucks we try to replace every 10-12 years. The heavy equipment machines are replaced in the 18-20 year range. All other equipment is replaced as needed. This year the city purchased a new Pickup truck with a plow, two ten foot dump bodies for replacement on a 2005 and a 2010 truck. The truck that was ordered in July of 2021 finally arrived in December.

Submitted,
Bob Richards, Public Works Director



TAX COLLECTOR

Real Estate Taxes: The tax mil rate decreased for this year, from \$22.00 in 2021 to \$21.40 for 2022. The interest rate was set by the City Council at 4% for 2022, which is a decrease from 6% in 2021.

On September 6th, 2021, a total of \$17,871,967.10 was committed to Brittany Harris by the Interim Assessor, Avis Winchester. The first installment was due 11/15/2022 and the second installment was due 3/1/2023. The foreclosure date for the 2020 Real Estate Taxes was January 22nd, 2023, this year there were no Foreclosures.

On August 18th, 2022, liens were placed on 148 accounts for unpaid 2021 Real Estate Taxes. These lines have a foreclosure date of January 2024.



Motor Vehicles: Excise tax collected for the Year 2022 was \$18,884.48, which is a decrease of \$1,220,355.28 from 2021. Agent fees collected were \$25,584.00. We are pleased to offer an email reminder for registration renewals. If you have a current email and are interested in receiving a reminder notice, please stop by or call our office with your registration or plate number and we will set that up for you. This notice provides you with the expiration of your registration as well as the cost for renewal. We also offer online registrations through the State of Maine through the Rapid Renewal Program, this can be accessed on the cityofbelfast.org website under "How do I?", "pay taxes".

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife: Our office processed 329 boat registrations with \$6438.20 collected in boat excise. We also issued 101 ATV registrations and 55 snowmobiles. A total of \$1,133.75 was collected in agent fees for all Inland Fisheries and Wildlife transactions.

Sewer Department: The sewer charges for the first half of 2022 (January – June), were billed on August 1st, 2022, with a commitment of \$497,487.15 with 1415 accounts in the system. The second half of 2022 (July – December), was billed on February 8th, 2022, with 1468 accounts and a commitment of \$647,722.36.

Total charges for the calendar year 2022 were \$1,145,209.51, a decrease of \$1,223,956.96 from 2021.

Airport Hangars: The Tax Office collected \$18,884.48 for hangar lease payments, which is a decrease of \$29,325.25 from 2021.



Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Harris, Tax Collector & Angie Crosby, City Clerk & Sewer Clerk

OUTSTANDING TAXES

Acct	Name ----	Year	Tax	Adjustments	
4633 R		2022	\$3,535.28	\$1,767.64	\$1,767.64
2942 R	1852 WORDING PRESERVATION LLC	2022	\$8,759.02	\$17.29	\$8,741.73
278 R	202 EAST SEARSPORT AVENUE LLC	2022	\$15,495.74	\$0.00	\$15,495.74
1981 R	240 HIGH STREET LLC	2022	\$4,352.76	\$0.00	\$4,352.76
207 R	2PEOPLE1LIFE, LLC	2022	\$8,179.08	\$5,951.53	\$2,227.55
2084 R	333 HIGH STREET, LLC	2022	\$2,779.86	\$0.00	\$2,779.86
3047 R	68 MILLER STREET, LLC	2022	\$5,065.38	\$0.00	\$5,065.38
2967 R	74 HIGH STREET, LLC	2022	\$1,981.64	\$0.00	\$1,981.64
2985 R	87 CHURCH STREET PROPERTIES, LLC	2022	\$7,010.64	\$0.00	\$7,010.64
4615 R	ABRONS, EMILY	2022	\$1,022.92	\$511.46	\$511.46
114 R	ALLEN, CLAUDE K	2022	\$1,737.68	\$0.00	\$1,737.68
849 R	ALLEY, FRANK A	2022	\$1,087.12	\$0.00	\$1,087.12
1481 R	ANDREWS, ERROLDEAN L	2022	\$3,008.84	\$1,504.42	\$1,504.42
4596 R	ANELLO, KATE H	2022	\$635.58	\$635.05	\$0.53
715 R	ARMSTRONG, JENNIFER A	2022	\$3,081.60	\$2,313.71	\$767.89
2128 R	ASHE, DONNA D	2022	\$682.66	\$0.00	\$682.66
3363 R	BACHELDER, DANA	2022	\$635.58	\$0.00	\$635.58
488 R	BAILEY, VERA A	2022	\$1,825.42	\$0.00	\$1,825.42
2260 R	BARR, TAMMY	2022	\$1,271.16	\$0.00	\$1,271.16
3948 R	BARTLETT, PENSON N JR	2022	\$3,995.38	\$0.00	\$3,995.38
2846 R	BATES, MELDON L w/Tony Bates (LE),	2022	\$941.17	\$0.00	\$941.17
1181 R	BELDEN, PAUL D. AND LORI J.	2022	\$2,009.46	\$0.00	\$2,009.46
2058 R	BELFAST BAY HLDGS LLC	2022	\$6,088.30	\$0.00	\$6,088.30
4319 R	BELFAST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	2022	\$3,334.12	\$3,333.19	\$0.93
4351 R	BELLE POINT COMMERCIAL, LLC	2022	\$1,797.60	\$1,777.63	\$19.97
4141 R	BENNER FAMILY TRUST, MELANIE A	2022	\$815.34	\$407.67	\$407.67
188 R	BLACK, JAMES A	2022	\$3,254.51	\$0.00	\$3,254.51
484 R	BLODGETT, PAULINE, HEIRS OF	2022	\$2,296.22	\$0.00	\$2,296.22
3509 R	BLODGETT, WENDELL R	2022	\$511.46	\$0.00	\$511.46
2280 R	BOVEY, DIANTHA S	2022	\$2,080.08	\$0.00	\$2,080.08
2636 R	BROOKINGS, JACK M	2022	\$5,416.34	\$2,147.31	\$3,269.03
478 R	BROWN, MITCHELL	2022	\$2,150.70	\$1,075.35	\$1,075.35
1241 R	BRUNETTE, PETER	2022	\$787.52	\$785.64	\$1.88
1186 R	BRYANT, DEANNA	2022	\$2,381.82	\$0.00	\$2,381.82
42 R	BUCKLIN, TIMOTHY	2022	\$136.96	\$0.00	\$136.96
4656 R	BUCKLIN, ZACHERY	2022	\$2,818.38	\$2,395.40	\$422.98
4583 R	BUILDING 6, LLC	2022	\$56,403.98	\$28,201.99	\$28,201.99
3414 R	CARBONE, LOREN E	2021	\$534.60	\$533.80	\$0.80
3414 R	CARBONE, LOREN E	2022	\$971.56	\$0.00	\$971.56
1630 R	CARCHIDE, RICHARD A	2022	\$68.48	\$0.00	\$68.48
983 R	CARROLL, LISA D	2022	\$3,682.94	\$982.81	\$2,700.13
690 R	CASH-SMITH, RUTH	2022	\$2,180.66	\$2,178.12	\$2.54
2352 R	CASSIDA, SAMUEL E	2022	\$4,521.82	\$0.00	\$4,521.82
4662 R	CCRB PROPERTIES LLC	2022	\$1,866.08	\$933.04	\$933.04
3220 R	CECERE, JULIAN D	2022	\$1,470.18	\$0.00	\$1,470.18
3572 R	CERAMI, LEONARD	2022	\$858.14	\$856.84	\$1.30
2891 R	CLANCY, MARY ANNE	2022	\$4,735.82	\$4,728.19	\$7.63
2113 R	CLAPP, JONATHAN W	2022	\$13,289.40	\$6,644.70	\$6,644.70
3889 R	CLARK, ALAN G	2022	\$528.58	\$0.00	\$528.58
2387 R	CLARK, JOHN D	2022	\$9,172.04	\$9,169.49	\$2.55
1537 R	CLARK, PHILIP M	2022	\$2,163.54	\$1,992.20	\$171.34
2130 R	CLARKE, DAVID H	2022	\$1,093.54	\$0.00	\$1,093.54
16 R	COBB, JONATHAN	2022	\$124.12	\$0.00	\$124.12
4376 R	COBB, JONATHAN	2022	\$308.16	\$0.00	\$308.16
951 R	COLDEST BROOK, LLC	2022	\$6,931.46	\$0.00	\$6,931.46
135 R	COLLINS, BRIAN	2022	\$1,316.10	\$0.00	\$1,316.10
2855 R	COREY FAMILY REALTY TRUST THE	2022	\$3,794.22	\$1,907.11	\$1,887.11
927 R	COREY, ANDREW M	2022	\$57.78	\$0.00	\$57.78
2020 R	COREY, WAYNE	2022	\$4,207.24	\$2,103.62	\$2,103.62
3241 R	COREY, WAYNE	2022	\$772.54	\$0.00	\$772.54
4129 R	COREY, WAYNE J	2022	\$751.14	\$0.00	\$751.14
2805 R	CRABIEL, DAVID J	2022	\$5,870.02	\$2,935.01	\$2,935.01

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2978 R	CRAWFORD, ANNIE COGGAN	2022	\$3,849.86	\$0.00	\$3,849.86
3421 R	CUNNINGHAM, MICHAEL	2022	\$2,101.48	\$0.00	\$2,101.48
4171 R	CURRY, GLENN E	2022	\$5,125.30	\$2,562.65	\$2,562.65
1393 R	CURTIS, EVERETT	2022	\$327.42	\$0.00	\$327.42
797 R	CURTIS, EVERETT H	2022	\$3,522.44	\$0.00	\$3,522.44
1439 R	CURTIS, EVERETT H	2022	\$873.12	\$0.00	\$873.12
1440 R	CURTIS, EVERETT H	2022	\$813.20	\$0.00	\$813.20
1441 R	CURTIS, EVERETT H	2022	\$708.34	\$0.00	\$708.34
1442 R	CURTIS, EVERETT H	2022	\$575.66	\$0.00	\$575.66
1637 R	DAKIN, CHRISTOPHER	2022	\$2,000.90	\$494.55	\$1,506.35
3624 R	DANCHAK, CINDY LEE	2022	\$3,028.10	\$1,668.81	\$1,359.29
557 R	DAVENPORT, RAYMOND L	2022	\$2,903.98	\$1,451.99	\$1,451.99
1584 R	DEGRAFF, JAMES L	2022	\$5,641.04	\$3,998.45	\$1,642.59
730 R	DELANO, EDNA	2022	\$862.42	\$431.21	\$431.21
1423 R	DOAK, STEPHEN H	2022	\$359.52	\$358.86	\$0.66
3297 R	DOAK, STEPHEN H	2022	\$136.96	\$136.71	\$0.25
1528 R	DOLE, PATRICK	2022	\$258.94	\$0.15	\$258.79
4422 R	DOODY, JEFFREY	2022	\$10,306.24	\$0.01	\$10,306.23
1125 R	DOUGHTY, HEIDI M	2022	\$410.88	\$0.00	\$410.88
3141 R	DRAKE, KASEY	2022	\$64.20	\$0.00	\$64.20
1391 R	DUBBA, LLC	2022	\$8,427.32	\$4,213.66	\$4,213.66
1779 R	DUBBA, LLC	2022	\$83,581.98	\$41,790.99	\$41,790.99
1783 R	DUBBA, LLC	2022	\$1,911.02	\$955.51	\$955.51
4115 R	DUBBA, LLC	2022	\$47,112.10	\$23,556.05	\$23,556.05
1861 R	DUBLIN, LUCY MAE	2022	\$2,880.44	\$16.43	\$2,864.01
1479 R	DUDLEY, MICHAEL A	2022	\$1,363.18	\$736.79	\$626.39
3738 R	DUDLEY, MICHAEL A	2022	\$440.84	\$220.42	\$220.42
1242 R	DYER, BELINDA	2022	\$2,047.98	\$0.00	\$2,047.98
1606 R	DYER, CHRISTOPHER D	2022	\$656.98	\$0.00	\$656.98
4236 R	DYER, DAVID	2022	\$286.76	\$0.00	\$286.76
4464 R	DYER, EMILY E	2022	\$224.70	\$0.00	\$224.70
314 R	EASKEY RIGHT LC	2022	\$7,860.22	\$7,856.73	\$3.49
1678 R	EAST COAST RESIDENTIAL, INC	2022	\$5,549.02	\$4,157.55	\$1,391.47
1466 R	EHMAN, FREDERICK C (dcd)	2022	\$1,138.48	\$0.00	\$1,138.48
3610 R	ELLIOTT, WILLIAM C	2022	\$2,251.28	\$0.00	\$2,251.28
292 R	ERHARDT, FAITH A	2022	\$9,683.50	\$4,841.75	\$4,841.75
1153 R	EWALD, DAVID C	2022	\$2,272.68	\$0.00	\$2,272.68
3183 R	FISHMAN, ALAN	2022	\$5,260.12	\$5,260.06	\$0.06
1749 R	FIVE-THIRTY, LLC	2022	\$5,910.68	\$918.57	\$4,992.11
136 R	FLETCHER, ROSE MARIE (dcd)	2022	\$3,023.82	\$0.00	\$3,023.82
3234 R	FLOOD, RANDALL	2022	\$273.92	\$0.00	\$273.92
3860 R	FLOOD, RICK H SR	2022	\$667.68	\$145.47	\$522.21
1564 R	FORD, DANIEL	2022	\$445.12	\$222.56	\$222.56
4395 R	FRANCIS, DAVID J	2022	\$7,517.82	\$7,517.18	\$0.64
1761 R	FRENCH, LINDA	2022	\$3,049.50	\$2,980.34	\$69.16
1590 R	GARDINER, LOWMAN JR	2022	\$1,121.36	\$2.98	\$1,118.38
3010 R	GARDNER, DOROTHY F	2022	\$12,557.52	\$12,555.52	\$2.00
4436 R	GARTON, SHAE	2022	\$408.74	\$0.00	\$408.74
4128 R	GAWLER, EDITH	2022	\$1,583.60	\$0.00	\$1,583.60
1874 R	GIBNEY, FRANK B JR	2022	\$3,794.22	\$293.73	\$3,500.49
1170 R	GILMORE, MYNDEE	2022	\$3,291.32	\$1,645.66	\$1,645.66
223 R	GOOSE RIVER OCEAN FRONT LLC	2022	\$4,917.72	\$4,887.62	\$30.10
591 R	GORMAN, MICHAELA A.,Trustee	2022	\$7,526.38	\$0.05	\$7,526.33
2922 R	GOTTSHALL, BETH	2022	\$5,281.52	\$5,277.41	\$4.11
1848 R	GREEN, NATALIE	2022	\$4,744.38	\$0.00	\$4,744.38
2968 R	GREEN, RENE P	2022	\$4,294.98	\$0.00	\$4,294.98
1356 R	GRINDLE, SHANNA	2022	\$1,217.66	\$0.00	\$1,217.66
3480 R	GROSS, DEBBIE L	2022	\$442.98	\$441.84	\$1.14
2607 R	HALL, CRAIG A & DEBRA L & THIBAudeau, ANDR	2022	\$6,640.42	\$6,635.62	\$4.80
1329 R	HALL, MONROE B, HEIRS OF	2022	\$7,109.08	\$7,104.34	\$4.74
244 R	HARBORVIEW BELFAST, LLC	2022	\$5,343.58	\$0.00	\$5,343.58
746 R	HARRIMAN, DIANNE M	2022	\$1,095.68	\$0.00	\$1,095.68
3879 R	HAWTHORNE, ALEX S	2022	\$5,739.48	\$0.00	\$5,739.48

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4477 R	KONESNI, ERWIN A	2022	\$1,266.88	\$0.00	\$1,266.88
1146 R	LADD-SPEARS, MARCIA E	2022	\$7,912.00	\$0.00	\$7,912.00
2283 R	LADY SLIPPER ENTERPRISES, LLC	2022	\$1,508.70	\$0.00	\$1,508.70
21 R	LANDCO HOMES, INC	2022	\$190.46	\$0.00	\$190.46
454 R	LEADBETTER, JOHN H	2022	\$1,358.90	\$0.00	\$1,358.90
1449 R	LEROYER, PATRICIA	2022	\$1,311.82	\$399.20	\$912.62
1580 R	LESAN, RICKIE A	2022	\$1,613.56	\$1,589.47	\$24.09
855 R	LEVANGIE, MARGARET L., HEIRS OF	2022	\$3,614.46	\$3,593.50	\$20.96
3682 R	LEVANGIE, MARGARET L., HEIRS OF	2022	\$3,064.48	\$0.00	\$3,064.48
416 R	LEVI FARRELL TRUST u/d/t May 28, 2019	2022	\$898.80	\$0.00	\$898.80
234 R	LEWIS, JOHN	2022	\$13,330.06	\$0.00	\$13,330.06
3713 R	LINDELOF LIVING TRUST, TRACEY L	2021	\$2,211.00	\$2,209.14	\$1.86
3713 R	LINDELOF LIVING TRUST, TRACEY L	2022	\$2,193.50	\$0.00	\$2,193.50
1244 R	LIPPMAN, STEPHANIE	2022	\$1,485.16	\$0.00	\$1,485.16
2748 R	LISA, JOHN J	2022	\$4,958.38	\$3,964.14	\$994.24
1548 R	LITTLEFIELD, DANIEL K	2022	\$676.24	\$0.00	\$676.24
368 R	LODS, CHARLES	2022	\$3,151.79	\$297.41	\$2,854.38
2233 R	LUCAS, JAMIE M	2022	\$896.66	\$644.84	\$251.82
2129 R	MAINE B & H INVESTMENTS LLC	2022	\$1,729.12	\$58.98	\$1,670.14
1862 R	MANK, JOHN O	2022	\$3,907.64	\$3,907.42	\$0.22
4265 R	MARESH, ISRAEL	2022	\$877.40	\$0.00	\$877.40
4520 R	MARESH, JAIME L	2022	\$796.08	\$0.00	\$796.08
2216 R	MARTIN, WANDA (DEWISEE)	2022	\$635.58	\$0.38	\$635.20
357 R	MARTINELLI, DAVID F	2022	\$885.96	\$884.96	\$1.00
12 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$316.72	\$158.36	\$158.36
14 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$151.94	\$75.97	\$75.97
17 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$344.54	\$172.27	\$172.27
18 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$254.66	\$127.33	\$127.33
25 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$355.24	\$177.62	\$177.62
26 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$353.10	\$176.55	\$176.55
29 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$214.00	\$107.00	\$107.00
30 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$295.32	\$147.66	\$147.66
39 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$214.00	\$107.00	\$107.00
49 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$154.08	\$77.04	\$77.04
50 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$115.56	\$57.78	\$57.78
51 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$154.08	\$0.00	\$154.08
3500 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$151.94	\$75.97	\$75.97
3502 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$211.86	\$105.93	\$105.93
3503 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$218.28	\$109.14	\$109.14
3510 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$151.94	\$0.00	\$151.94
3513 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$201.16	\$100.58	\$100.58
3514 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$139.10	\$69.55	\$69.55
3516 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$141.24	\$70.62	\$70.62
3517 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$149.80	\$74.90	\$74.90
3518 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$192.60	\$96.30	\$96.30
3519 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$158.36	\$79.18	\$79.18
3520 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$149.80	\$74.90	\$74.90
3521 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$160.50	\$80.25	\$80.25
3522 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$160.50	\$80.25	\$80.25
3523 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$151.94	\$75.97	\$75.97
3524 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$186.18	\$93.09	\$93.09
3526 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$186.18	\$93.09	\$93.09
4096 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$134.82	\$0.00	\$134.82
4143 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$235.40	\$117.70	\$117.70
4203 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$329.56	\$164.78	\$164.78
4249 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$389.48	\$194.74	\$194.74
4374 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$51.36	\$25.68	\$25.68
4608 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$445.12	\$222.56	\$222.56
4609 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$361.66	\$180.83	\$180.83
4610 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$361.66	\$180.83	\$180.83
4611 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$361.66	\$180.83	\$180.83
4612 R	MCI BELFAST MHP, LLC	2022	\$445.12	\$222.56	\$222.56
1038 R	MCINTIRE, JEFFREY W	2022	\$920.20	\$0.00	\$920.20

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736 R	HAY, JASON M	2022	\$3,094.44	\$0.00	\$3,094.44
3541 R	HEMLEY, KAYLA	2022	\$6,071.18	\$3,040.00	\$3,031.18
1363 R	HEROUX, PHILIP D (HEIRS)	2022	\$1,793.32	\$0.00	\$1,793.32
4170 R	HEWS, KEVIN	2022	\$2,056.54	\$1,487.89	\$568.65
4213 R	HILLS, GARY G	2022	\$618.46	\$310.00	\$308.46
1262 R	HIPOS, ALEXANDER P	2022	\$119.84	\$0.00	\$119.84
4430 R	HODGDON, DAVID	2022	\$1,468.04	\$0.00	\$1,468.04
4577 R	HODGDON, NICHOLAS	2022	\$665.54	\$0.00	\$665.54
703 R	HOEFER, RUSS	2022	\$1,191.98	\$1,191.18	\$0.80
164 R	HOLLAND, GLENN C	2022	\$1,288.28	\$0.00	\$1,288.28
3794 R	Holland, Glenn C & Catherine S (TR)	2022	\$4,350.62	\$0.00	\$4,350.62
347 R	HOLLAND, JAMES A	2022	\$828.18	\$0.00	\$828.18
1782 R	HOLMES, JOHN W	2022	\$10,417.52	\$5,208.76	\$5,208.76
2402 R	HOYT, ELIZABETH	2022	\$18,431.82	\$18,431.39	\$0.43
2168 R	HUGHES, III, ROBERT A	2022	\$2,895.42	\$1,973.95	\$921.47
68 R	HURLEY, PATRICK D	2022	\$3,143.66	\$1,562.22	\$1,581.44
206 R	HUTCHINGS, DAVID C	2022	\$5,904.26	\$2,952.13	\$2,952.13
2059 R	IRFAN, MUHAMMAD	2022	\$1,919.58	\$959.79	\$959.79
315 R	ISTEERO, SUSANNE ALBERT	2022	\$6,246.66	\$0.00	\$6,246.66
972 R	JACKSON, PATRICIA ANNE	2022	\$868.84	\$0.00	\$868.84
1865 R	JASKOLD, SALLY	2022	\$2,854.76	\$1,427.38	\$1,427.38
3035 R	JOHNSON, ARTHUR	2022	\$5,358.56	\$3,689.89	\$1,668.67
1567 R	JOHNSON, EDWIN III	2022	\$468.66	\$0.00	\$468.66
2127 R	JOHNSON, GEORGIA, HEIRS OF	2022	\$663.40	\$0.00	\$663.40
2066 R	JOHNSON, JAMES A., SR	2022	\$1,694.88	\$0.00	\$1,694.88
3271 R	JORDAN, GEORGE, REVOCABLE TRUST	2022	\$719.04	\$2.63	\$716.41
3249 R	JORDAN, GEORGE, TRUSTEE	2022	\$5,230.16	\$11.48	\$5,218.68
596 R	KANDRA, MONIQUE M	2022	\$9,007.26	\$0.00	\$9,007.26
2265 R	KB REALTY, LLC	2022	\$1,690.60	\$0.00	\$1,690.60
4457 R	KB REALTY, LLC	2022	\$378.78	\$0.00	\$378.78
940 R	KBI, INC	2022	\$10,922.56	\$133.21	\$10,789.35
4377 R	KEENE DAIRY FARM, INC.	2022	\$2,799.12	\$0.00	\$2,799.12
691 R	KEENE DAIRY FARMS INC	2022	\$6,751.70	\$0.00	\$6,751.70
694 R	KEENE DAIRY FARMS INC	2022	\$864.56	\$0.00	\$864.56
1260 R	KEENE, CYNTHIA	2022	\$297.46	\$0.00	\$297.46
4247 R	KEENE, CYNTHIA	2022	\$344.54	\$0.00	\$344.54
22 R	KEENE, CYNTHIA B	2022	\$579.94	\$0.00	\$579.94
1264 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$252.52	\$0.00	\$252.52
1288 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$378.78	\$0.00	\$378.78
1293 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$92.02	\$0.00	\$92.02
1301 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$74.90	\$0.00	\$74.90
2220 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$492.20	\$0.00	\$492.20
3131 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$485.78	\$0.00	\$485.78
3721 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$107.00	\$0.00	\$107.00
3932 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$357.38	\$0.00	\$357.38
4021 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$913.78	\$0.00	\$913.78
4100 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$132.68	\$0.00	\$132.68
4121 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$541.42	\$0.00	\$541.42
4122 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$85.60	\$0.00	\$85.60
4145 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$286.76	\$0.00	\$286.76
4439 R	KEENE, DANA	2022	\$338.12	\$0.00	\$338.12
838 R	KEENE, DANA L	2022	\$301.74	\$0.00	\$301.74
2289 R	KEENE, DANA L	2022	\$999.38	\$0.00	\$999.38
3758 R	KEENE, DANA L	2022	\$107.00	\$0.00	\$107.00
4181 R	KEENE, DANA L	2022	\$532.86	\$0.00	\$532.86
2245 R	KEENE, DANA TRUSTEE	2022	\$1,040.04	\$0.00	\$1,040.04
2254 R	KEENE, DAVID E	2022	\$6,762.40	\$0.00	\$6,762.40
3783 R	KEENE, DAVID E. & SEEKINS, NANCY	2022	\$1,523.68	\$0.00	\$1,523.68
693 R	KEENE, JEFFREY E	2022	\$2,540.18	\$0.00	\$2,540.18
2263 R	KEENE, LOWELL E (TRUSTEE)(DCD)	2022	\$4,384.86	\$0.00	\$4,384.86
4047 R	KELLETT, CHRISTINE F	2022	\$883.82	\$438.18	\$445.64
2344 R	KENT, J. THOMAS, JR	2022	\$10,312.66	\$15.92	\$10,296.74
1205 R	KNAPP FAMILY TRUST	2022	\$2,865.46	\$1,432.73	\$1,432.73

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1009 R	MCKY, RANDI T	2022	\$5,236.58	\$3,346.47	\$1,890.11
3132 R	MCLAUGHLIN, KIMBERLY L	2022	\$2,268.40	\$0.00	\$2,268.40
1215 R	MENDE, AUGUST W III	2022	\$1,923.86	\$1,921.62	\$2.24
1856 R	MERRILL, DAWN M	2022	\$1,928.14	\$0.00	\$1,928.14
1480 R	MERRY, ASTIN L	2022	\$51.36	\$0.00	\$51.36
1574 R	MERRY, DELORES H (L/E)	2022	\$1,121.36	\$0.00	\$1,121.36
1720 R	MILAREPA INC	2022	\$6,225.26	\$0.00	\$6,225.26
590 R	MILLER, DAN	2022	\$1,247.62	\$623.81	\$623.81
3142 R	MILLER, DAN	2022	\$10,085.82	\$5,042.91	\$5,042.91
4454 R	MOODY, JANICE	2022	\$697.64	\$0.90	\$696.74
1728 R	MOORES, LORI A	2022	\$1,844.68	\$0.00	\$1,844.68
2944 R	MORROW, ROWLAND A JR	2022	\$14,314.46	\$7,157.23	\$7,157.23
2790 R	MOSHER MOSES, LISA	2022	\$3,552.40	\$0.00	\$3,552.40
1798 R	MOSHER, LISA	2022	\$4,119.50	\$2,059.75	\$2,059.75
1799 R	MOSHER, LISA	2022	\$7,674.04	\$3,837.02	\$3,837.02
367 R	MURI, JANET H	2022	\$2,600.10	\$1,329.69	\$1,270.41
213 R	MUSHRALL PROPERTIES LLC	2022	\$8,598.52	\$4,299.26	\$4,299.26
4088 R	NELLIGAN, THELMA J HATCH	2022	\$3,914.06	\$2,384.45	\$1,529.61
4331 R	NESTER FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC	2022	\$2,028.72	\$2,027.92	\$0.80
4462 R	NESTER FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC	2022	\$12,227.96	\$12,223.18	\$4.78
4178 R	NORDIC AQUAFARMS, INC	2022	\$430.14	\$429.03	\$1.11
3838 R	OCONNOR, JAMES	2022	\$11,853.46	\$11,850.17	\$3.29
266 R	OLSEN, JUSTIN	2022	\$4,996.90	\$2.90	\$4,994.00
1652 R	OTIS, CHAD E	2022	\$2,683.56	\$0.00	\$2,683.56
4013 R	OXTON, BRANDON	2022	\$19.26	\$0.00	\$19.26
3926 R	PAIGE, PAUL	2022	\$297.46	\$37.80	\$259.66
3824 R	PARENT, NEAL	2022	\$5,717.65	\$2,983.69	\$2,733.96
825 R	PARSONS, NORMAN JR	2022	\$2,011.17	\$1,399.99	\$611.18
3339 R	PATTEN, BETH A	2022	\$2,082.22	\$1,390.60	\$691.62
109 R	PATTERSON, BETTY MARIE ESTATE	2022	\$562.82	\$299.01	\$263.81
980 R	PENOBSCOT COMM HEALTH CTR	2022	\$242,986.30	\$56,706.18	\$186,280.12
1459 R	PERITO, DIANNE F	2022	\$291.04	\$177.41	\$113.63
1489 R	PERKINS, ANDREW	2022	\$2,608.66	\$0.00	\$2,608.66
3299 R	PERKINS, DEANE M	2022	\$2,732.78	\$2,732.02	\$0.76
3964 R	PERRY, DYLAN W	2022	\$147.66	\$0.00	\$147.66
3818 R	PETERS, UNIQUE	2022	\$2,619.36	\$0.00	\$2,619.36
1497 R	PETERS, UNIQUE S	2022	\$663.40	\$0.00	\$663.40
275 R	PETERSON, MARGARET I	2022	\$3,235.68	\$1,617.84	\$1,617.84
1775 R	PETERSON, MARGART I	2022	\$1,162.02	\$581.01	\$581.01
1565 R	PHILBROOK, KRISTI	2022	\$682.66	\$0.00	\$682.66
3852 R	PHILBROOK, KRISTI S	2022	\$2,306.92	\$0.00	\$2,306.92
1643 R	PIKE, CHERYL	2022	\$1,097.82	\$0.00	\$1,097.82
1538 R	POOLER, CATHY A	2022	\$5,660.30	\$2,830.15	\$2,830.15
3135 R	PORTER, THOMAS E	2022	\$415.16	\$0.00	\$415.16
2398 R	POTTLE, IAIN	2022	\$3,344.82	\$3,343.33	\$1.49
2796 R	PRESTON, DAWN M	2022	\$2,820.52	\$0.00	\$2,820.52
2604 R	PULS, RICHARD J	2022	\$5,942.78	\$2,971.39	\$2,971.39
182 R	PUORRO, JOEL	2022	\$3,103.00	\$0.00	\$3,103.00
3463 R	PUORRO, JOEL	2022	\$2,379.68	\$0.00	\$2,379.68
167 R	PUORRO, JOEL M	2022	\$3,197.16	\$0.00	\$3,197.16
1612 R	RAMSEY, SHIRLEY	2022	\$644.14	\$325.00	\$319.14
1619 R	RAY, MAYNARD	2022	\$269.64	\$0.00	\$269.64
2560 R	RAYMOND, LESLIE	2022	\$4,265.02	\$4,257.20	\$7.82
2774 R	RAYMOND, LESLIE	2022	\$3,687.22	\$3,680.46	\$6.76
3400 R	REYNOLDS, MICHAEL, HEIRS OF	2022	\$796.08	\$0.00	\$796.08
3627 R	RICE, NANCY A (TRUSTEE)	2022	\$2,745.62	\$0.00	\$2,745.62
2 R	RICHARDS, DOUGLAS B., JR	2022	\$881.68	\$0.00	\$881.68
709 R	RICHDALE, THOMAS	2022	\$1,384.58	\$0.00	\$1,384.58
382 R	RIPLEY, AMBER	2022	\$455.82	\$0.00	\$455.82
1662 R	RODGERS, JESSE	2022	\$1,607.14	\$803.57	\$803.57
766 R	RODGERS, JESSE J	2022	\$1,741.96	\$870.98	\$870.98
2834 R	RODGERS, ROY A (DEVISEES)	2022	\$5,339.30	\$5,334.55	\$4.75
542 R	ROE, ANTHONY HR	2022	\$4,780.76	\$0.00	\$4,780.76

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1649 R	WARMAN, TERRY	2022	\$1,249.76	\$937.62	\$312.14
3319 R	WATTS, PENNECIA L	2022	\$3,160.78	\$0.00	\$3,160.78
251 R	WENTWORTH EVENT CENTER, LLLP,	2022	\$22,367.28	\$11,183.64	\$11,183.64
3941 R	WHALEN, DONNA	2022	\$357.38	\$0.00	\$357.38
2279 R	WHALEN, DONNA S	2022	\$2,692.12	\$3.57	\$2,688.55
771 R	WHITE, FRANCIANA R	2022	\$1,517.26	\$0.00	\$1,517.26
119 R	WHITNEY, KENT S	2022	\$2,255.56	\$937.72	\$1,317.84
2396 R	WICK, PHILIP C	2022	\$5,951.34	\$0.00	\$5,951.34
848 R	WIGHT, ROY N	2022	\$6,454.24	\$0.00	\$6,454.24
2132 R	WOODS, PAUL ALAN	2022	\$2,347.58	\$2,346.54	\$1.04
1150 R	YEATON, FLORENCE	2022	\$956.58	\$813.12	\$143.46
1152 R	YEATON, RICHARD	2022	\$853.86	\$361.30	\$492.56
2044 R	YORK, WALTER R. & WINSTON H.(TRSTS)	2022	\$1,664.92	\$0.00	\$1,664.92
445 R	ZEILOR, JOHN D SR	2022	\$6,462.80	\$3,231.40	\$3,231.40
189 R	ZOCCHI, JUDITH M	2022	\$4,797.88	\$0.00	\$4,797.88
2737 R	ZOCCHI, JUDITH M	2022	\$4,881.34	\$0.00	\$4,881.34
2084 L	333 HIGH STREET, LLC	2021	\$2,962.90	\$0.00	\$2,962.90
2967 L	74 HIGH STREET, LLC	2021	\$2,161.25	\$1,825.11	\$336.14
849 L	ALLEY, FRANK A	2021	\$902.68	\$0.00	\$902.68
2846 L	BATES, MELDON L w/Tony Bates	2021	\$694.34	\$0.00	\$694.34
2352 L	CASSIDA, SAMUEL E	2021	\$4,831.40	\$0.00	\$4,831.40
3889 L	CLARK, ALAN G	2021	\$566.29	\$160.73	\$405.56
2130 L	CLARKE, DAVID H	2021	\$1,168.67	\$0.00	\$1,168.67
16 L	COBB, JONATHAN	2021	\$180.67	\$0.00	\$180.67
4376 L	COBB, JONATHAN	2021	\$376.91	\$0.00	\$376.91
951 L	COLDEST BROOK, LLC	2021	\$7,446.30	\$0.00	\$7,446.30
135 L	COLLINS, BRIAN	2021	\$682.90	\$0.00	\$682.90
1497 L	CRAGIN, DEREK MICHAEL	2021	\$763.00	\$0.00	\$763.00
2985 L	CROWE, MARTIN J	2021	\$7,530.73	\$0.00	\$7,530.73
1393 L	CURTIS, EVERETT	2021	\$412.10	\$0.00	\$412.10
797 L	CURTIS, EVERETT H	2021	\$3,758.49	\$0.00	\$3,758.49
1439 L	CURTIS, EVERETT H	2021	\$979.29	\$0.00	\$979.29
1440 L	CURTIS, EVERETT H	2021	\$915.40	\$0.00	\$915.40
1441 L	CURTIS, EVERETT H	2021	\$803.60	\$0.00	\$803.60
1442 L	CURTIS, EVERETT H	2021	\$662.12	\$0.00	\$662.12
3141 L	DRAKE, KASEY	2021	\$124.11	\$0.00	\$124.11
1153 L	EWALD, DAVID C	2021	\$2,355.20	\$429.93	\$1,925.27
4436 L	GARTON, SHAE	2021	\$297.81	\$274.77	\$23.04
4128 L	GAWLER, EDITH	2021	\$1,698.53	\$0.00	\$1,698.53
1848 L	GREEN, NATALIE	2021	\$5,114.34	\$0.00	\$5,114.34
2968 L	GREEN, RENE P	2021	\$4,635.16	\$2,388.73	\$2,246.43
1356 L	GRINDLE, SHANNA	2021	\$1,301.02	\$63.69	\$1,237.33
244 L	HARBORVIEW BELFAST, LLC	2021	\$5,745.90	\$0.00	\$5,745.90
1363 L	HEROUX, PHILIP D (HEIRS)	2021	\$1,960.45	\$0.00	\$1,960.45
4430 L	HODGDON, DAVID	2021	\$1,567.99	\$0.00	\$1,567.99
347 L	HOLLAND, JAMES A	2021	\$885.74	\$323.36	\$562.38
315 L	ISTEERO, SUSANNE ALBERT	2021	\$6,670.50	\$2,709.09	\$3,961.41
972 L	JACKSON, PATRICIA ANNE	2021	\$929.09	\$0.00	\$929.09
2066 L	JOHNSON, JAMES A., SR	2021	\$1,855.49	\$46.32	\$1,809.17
596 L	KANDRA, MONIQUE M	2021	\$8,842.38	\$0.00	\$8,842.38
2265 L	KB REALTY, LLC	2021	\$1,850.92	\$795.48	\$1,055.44
4457 L	KB REALTY, LLC	2021	\$452.21	\$0.00	\$452.21
4477 L	KONESNI, ERWIN A	2021	\$1,406.47	\$0.00	\$1,406.47
454 L	LEADBETTER, JOHN H	2021	\$1,497.25	\$0.00	\$1,497.25
3682 L	LEVANGIE, MARGARET L., HEIRS OF	2021	\$3,330.48	\$906.08	\$2,424.40
416 L	LEVI FARRELL TRUST u/d/t May 28, 2019	2021	\$1,006.67	\$0.00	\$1,006.67
1548 L	LITTLEFIELD, DANIEL K	2021	\$769.37	\$0.00	\$769.37
4265 L	MARESH, ISRAEL	2021	\$963.80	\$0.00	\$963.80
4520 L	MARESH, JAIME L	2021	\$904.47	\$0.00	\$904.47
1038 L	MCINTIRE, JEFFREY W	2021	\$1,029.49	\$0.00	\$1,029.49
1856 L	MERRILL, DAWN M	2021	\$2,065.90	\$0.00	\$2,065.90
1489 L	PERKINS, ANDREW	2021	\$2,798.83	\$0.00	\$2,798.83

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3818 L	PETERS, UNIQUE	2021	\$2,841.21	\$0.00	\$2,841.21
3135 L	PORTER, THOMAS E	2021	\$252.50	\$213.34	\$39.16
2 L	RICHARDS, DOUGLAS B., JR	2021	\$988.42	\$0.00	\$988.42
542 L	ROE, ANTHONY HR	2021	\$5,145.80	\$0.00	\$5,145.80
1134 L	SAGGESE, ANNE K	2021	\$1,824.51	\$0.00	\$1,824.51
4524 L	SKINNER PROPERTIES, LLC	2021	\$2,074.54	\$0.00	\$2,074.54
4532 L	STAPLES, ELIJAH	2021	\$233.64	\$0.00	\$233.64
913 L	STEPHENS, DUSTIN M	2021	\$1,469.87	\$0.00	\$1,469.87
1604 L	SWEETLAND, TIMOTHY C	2021	\$641.59	\$0.00	\$641.59
3595 L	TENOFF, DIANE M	2021	\$3,365.67	\$879.83	\$2,485.84
1262 L	TROTT, AERES	2021	\$176.11	\$0.00	\$176.11
771 L	WHITE, FRANCINA R	2021	\$1,627.79	\$0.00	\$1,627.79
848 L	WIGHT, ROY N	2021	\$6,899.17	\$0.00	\$6,899.17
2044 L	YORK, WALTER R. & WINSTON H.(TRSTS)	2021	\$1,052.30	\$0.00	\$1,052.30
2283 L	ZOCCHI, JUDITH M	2021	\$1,664.30	\$4.86	\$1,659.44
189 L	ZOCCHI, JUDITH M.	2021	\$5,164.06	\$0.00	\$5,164.06
2737 L	ZOCCHI, JUDITH M.	2021	\$5,253.04	\$0.00	\$5,253.04
					\$1,061,820.72

TRANSFER STATION

The Belfast Transfer Station manages the disposal of waste and for residents and non-resident municipal disposal. The Transfer Station also undertakes the responsibility of oversight for recycling materials. Waste disposal is offered through a Pay-As-You-Throw Program. Over the years, as the population of Belfast grows and supply and demand increases, the department has seen a steady influx in Transfer Station usage from residents in every type of material.

The Belfast Transfer Station is able to accept the following materials for disposal:

Corrugated Cardboard: brown paper bags, corrugated cardboard

Mixed Papers: cereal boxes, shoe boxes, paper tubes, non-corrugated poster board, envelopes, cracker boxes, paper towel, non-corrugated cardboard, copier paper, shredded paper

Newspaper: catalogs, magazines, flyers, phone books, newspaper

Glass: bottles, jars, jugs, clear/brown/green glass

Cans: aluminum, steel

Plastics: milk jugs, (some) shampoo bottles, laundry detergent bottles, food containers, yogurt containers, plastic egg containers, salad dressing containers, lids, caps, butter tubs, cleaning product containers

*Please check the bottom of the container for the #1, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 on the inside of the recycle logo on the bottles.



The Transfer Station is unfortunately unable to accept styrofoam, bubble wrap, plastic bags, and motor oil containers at this time. The Station is also unable to recycle plastic buckets, milk/soda crates, laundry baskets, lawn furniture, toys, landscape and microwave trays, plastic drums, shelving, dish drainers, flowerpots, automotive materials (plastic bumpers, bed-liners, grills, hub-caps, etc.) and garbage cans. These items must be dropped off at the demolition pile for disposal at this time.

TRANSFER STATION

The department continues to educate residents on what can and cannot be recycled, and what must be disposed of as waste. Residents are encouraged to ask department employees for education and guidance for recycling and waste disposal solutions if there is any question or uncertainty when it comes to particular items. The Belfast Transfer Station is also pleased to offer a donation box to lessen the impact on apparel disposal, accepting clothing and shoes from residents who wish to donate. Another recycling and waste disposal alternative that the department encourages is the practice of composting organic materials, as much household and yard organic materials do not have to be thrown in the trash.

Since July 2022, we have hauled off 1709 tons of demolition. The driving force behind ,much of this increase in demolition has been due to the spike in building activity across our city the last two years or so. This increase will not adversely affect our operations from a financial or workload perspective.

The municipal Solid Waste (household trash) is at 201.78 tons for the year. Our estimate was 200 tons for the year. At this rate of disposal, the projection is close to that number by the end of June 2023.

Transfer Station employees work hard to provide an absolutely vital service to the Belfast Community. Our employees work to process all recycled material by hand, and they are faithful and prideful in their work. Staff also work diligently to keep the facility and the grounds clean and orderly and the equipment maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

Lottie Rolfe
Transfer Station Manager



WASTE WATER

During the 2022 season, there were not any final effluent exceedances and the facility operated efficiently within its permit limitations.

2022 Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pump Stations Operations Review

The City WWTF staff maintains and operates the central WWTP and eighteen pumping stations and their associated equipment. The wastewater treatment plant treated a total of 226.09 million gallons of wastewater or an average of 619,414 gallons per day. The strength of the wastewater is measured with two tests which have limits based on the City's DEP Wastewater Discharge Permit. The final effluent Total Suspended Solids (TSS) averaged 8.1 mg/l compared to an average limitation of 30 mg/l. The TSS percent removal averaged 98 percent compared to the permit limitation of 85%. The final effluent Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) averaged 16 mg/l compared to the average limitation of 30 mg/l. The BOD percent removal averaged 95 percent compared to the permit limitation of 85%. The facility processed about 749 Tons of dewatered solids or sludge which was removed for composting at Casella Organics at their Hawk Ridge Facility in Unity.

Combined Sewer Overflows

The City continues to be required by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to continue implementing Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) abatement projects based on the schedule in the City's ongoing updates to its CSO Master Plan. In 2019, the City updated its CSO Master Plan and submitted it to MEDEP for review. In 2020, we responded to DEP's letter commenting on the City's Master Plan update and schedule. To date, it appears that the overall CSO abatement program has been successful in reducing overflows but more work will be needed to get below the thresholds required by the DEP. The City has two CSO locations - at the end of Miller Street (CSO No. 002) and at the end of Condon Street (CSO No. 003). In 2022, the City experienced 215,256 gallons of wastewater discharged at CSO No. 002 and 228,834 gallons discharged at CSO No. 003. Significant funds have been spent in efforts to reduce these overflows with another estimated \$5.1 million of added work identified in the 2019 Master Plan Update. The City is underway with implementing these improvement projects with a portion of grant and loan funds. We expect that the first phase of this project will be bid in 2023 with the second phase bid in 2024.

WASTE WATER

Projects and Other Updates

2022 saw major upgrades to the WWTF as part of its Energy Improvements Project. This project has seen the installation of two pellet boilers to provide heating for the entire facility as part of the City's commitment to green energy. Other highlights include the installation of a dewatering screw press and the refurbishing of treatment tank #1. The screw press uses a much more efficient process for dewatering biosolids than the previous method, thereby reducing rising disposal costs. This project started in 2021, and is expected to be completed in the summer of this year. This project will also bring the City into compliance with the DEP's requirement to implement year-round disinfection and meet year-round limits for bacteria. The City also completed the Mayo Street CSO project. This project saw immediate improvements during high flow events at the associated pumpstation and adjacent CSO. As noted above, the City still has CSO discharges and will continue working to complete major additional improvements to its sewer system identified through the City's Collection System Maintenance Program.

This year saw the addition of Kyle Barton to the WWTF staff. Kyle was hired in anticipation of Terry Kenny's approaching retirement in 2023. This decision provided hands-on training as well as the passing of important institutional knowledge during this transition period. We would like to commend the entire Wastewater Treatment Plant staff for their excellent work and commitment to keeping the treatment plant and the eighteen pumping stations well maintained. They are essential in protecting the public health and pristine environment for the residents of Belfast and its many visitors. If anyone has any questions regarding any aspect of the treatment plant operations, please feel free to contact us at 338-1744.

Respectfully Submitted,

Travis Jones, WWTP Superintendent
Annaleis Hafford, WWTP Superintendent
Fern Barton, Chief Operator
Terry Kennedy, Facility Operator
Bruce Richardson, Facility Operator
Kyle Barton, Facility Operator



CITY COMMITTEES

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7 MEMBERS 3 YEAR TERMS

Kenn Ortmann
Lynn Carlin
William Ryan
Duke Tomlin

Jonathon Plengey
David Aldrich
Jim Truxes

BELFAST WATER DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5 MEMBERS 5 YEAR TERMS

Stephen Hall
Bruce Osgood
Chad Otis

Jill Goodwin
Kenneth Colby Horne

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW 4 MEMBERS & 1 ALTERNATE 3 YEAR TERMS

BROADBAND COMMITTEE UNLIMITED MEMBERS 2 YEAR TERMS

Thomas Kittredge
Mary Mortier

Zafra Whitcomb

CEMETERY TRUSTIES 4 MEMBERS & 1 ALTERNATE 3 YEAR TERMS

Joyce Fenner
Darrell Gillman
Megan Pinette
Leigh Wilcox

Paul Hamilton
Joanna Curtis
Amanda Munson

CLIMATE CRISIS COMMITTEE 8-10 MEMBERS 1 YEAR TERM

Jon Beal
Barbara Bell
Fred Bowers
Bernard Baker

Beverly Roxby
Gerald Brand
Elizabeth Sterner

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE 1 MEMBER PER WARD + 2 AT LARGE MEMBERS - TERM UPON COMPLETION OF PLAN

Anne Saggese
Jill Goodwin
John L. Carrick III

Syrena T. Gatewood
Thomas Fowler
Jonathan Beal

ENERGY COMMITTEE 6 MEMBERS STAGGERED 2&3 YEAR TERMS

Jon Fullford
Andre Carpenter
Matt O'Malia

Eric Sanders
Mike Hurley

CITY COMMITTEES

HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6 MEMBERS 2 YEAR TERMS

Joanne Moesswilde
Gerry Brand
Kathy Given
Andrew Peters

Dan Miller
John B. Turner
Robert Winslow

IN TOWN DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE 12 MEMBERS NO TERMS

Dominic Mercandante
Gianne Conard
Jim Duff
Gail Savitz
Mark White

Tangie Abercrombie
Pegi Miller
Declan O'Connor
Barry Brindle
Dorothy Odell

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTIES 5 MEMBERS 3 YEAR TERMS

Steve Norman
Kay Zegel
Dorothy Havey

Dick Swain
Laura Baker

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION 7 MEMBERS & 1 ALTERNATE 3 YEAR TERMS

Larry Theye
Molly miler
Heather Hay-Brackett
Norm Poirier

Carol Good
Cathy Gleeson
Rafe Blood

PEDESTRIAN, BIKING & HIKING COMMITTEE 5 MEMBERS 1&2 YEAR TERMS

David Loxtercamp
Glenn Montgomery
Cara Harshman

Bill Durkin
Bruce Snider

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS 5 MEMBERS & 2 ALTERNATES 5 YEAR TERMS

Hugh Townsend
Geoff Gilchrist
David Bond
Gianne Conard

Wayne Corey
Philipia Jollie
Lewis Baker

RAIL TRAIL AND HARBOR WALK UNLIMITED MEMBERS NO TERMS

Jack Shaida
Joseph Slocum
Mike Hurley

Bob Richards
Norm Poirier

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 5 MEMBERS & 1 ALTERNATE 3 YEAR TERMS

Peter Nesin
Roger Pickering
Dana Keene

Lewis Baker
Douglas Smith
Bub Fournier

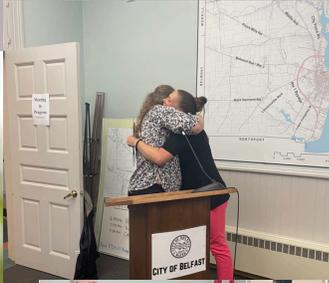
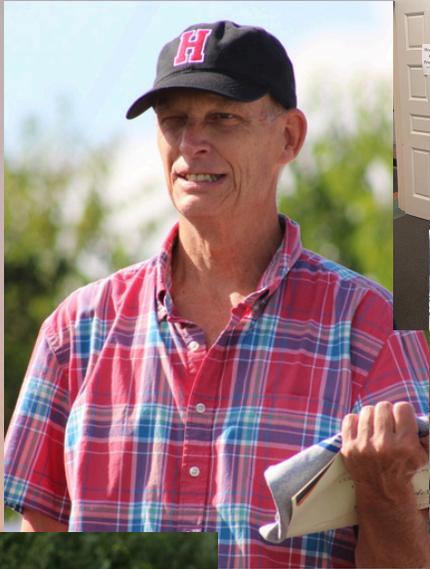
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Cemetery	(207) 338-2264
Clerk's Office	(207) 338-3370 ext. 114
Economic Development	(207) 338-3370 ext. 116
Fire & Ambulance	(207) 338-2420
Finance	(207) 338-3370 ext. 111
Harbor	(207) 338-1142
General Assistance	(207) 338-3370 ext. 120
Belfast Free Library	(207) 338-3884
City Manager's Office	(207) 338-3370 ext. 110
Parks & Recreation	(207) 338-3370 ext. 127
Planning & Codes	(207) 338-3370 ext. 125
Police	(207) 338-2420
Public Works	(207) 338-2375
Tax Collector	(207) 338-3370 ext. 132
Transfer Station	(207) 338-1817
Waste Water	(207) 338-1744

LAST YEAR'S PHOTO CONTEST WINNER



From Chausa Tra:

"Children naturally live in the moment and they allow that moment to be what it is; magical and beautiful in every way. This moment was taken of my son, Xander, last year at the age of 3 enjoying what was left of the summer weather."



SUSAN M. COLLINS

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DEAR FRIENDS:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust that Mainers have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments for our state.

Last year, I secured more than \$500 million for 285 projects from Aroostook County to York County that will promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; improve public safety, infrastructure, and community resources; and protect our environment. To address the crisis of soaring inflation and high energy prices, I led efforts to provide \$2 billion in supplemental funds to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. In the new Congress that begins in 2023, I expect to be the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and will continue to champion investments to support Maine's communities and families.

Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations that jeopardize our lobster fishery's very existence. Another ongoing threat to Maine's small businesses is the shortage of workers. That's why I led an effort to push the Administration to nearly double the number of H-2B visas that are critical to our hospitality industry. Additionally, when the Administration proposed to cut the construction of a destroyer to be built by Bath Iron Works, I restored this funding to protect Maine jobs and our national security.

When Maine Veteran's Homes announced last year that it planned to close its facilities in Caribou and Machias, I opposed that decision which would have had such a devastating effect on rural veterans and their families. I am glad that the decision was reversed, and I have secured \$3 million to help with upgrades to these facilities. My *AUTO for Vets Act* also became law, which will help disabled veterans maintain their independence by supporting the purchase of a new adaptive vehicle once a decade.

This past year, Congress demonstrated how effective it can be on behalf of the American people when both parties work together. A few of the bipartisan achievements that I was involved in include the *Respect for Marriage Act*, which will provide certainty to millions of loving couples in same-sex marriages while protecting religious liberties, and the *Electoral Count Reform Act*, which establishes clear guidelines for our system of certifying and counting electoral votes for President and Vice President.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have honored that work ethic by showing up for every vote. During my Senate service, I have cast more than 8,500 consecutive votes, never having missed one. I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2023. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends,

I've often thought that Maine is just one big small town connected by long roads. Well, in the past year or two, those roads have gotten steeper and bumpier as we dealt with an unprecedented pandemic and the resulting economic troubles.

As we faced the historic challenges, something impressive happened. We came together and lent a hand to our neighbors wherever we could to keep things running and spirits high.

Down in Washington, Congress tried to help Maine communities get through this struggle, so that our state would come out stronger. To do that, we put in the work and set some things into motion that are already helping Maine people. That's why you hired us, after all.

The pandemic made something we'd known for a while clear: those roads and networks that connect our big town needed repair, improvements, and expansion – from bridges to broadband. So, while Maine was uniting towards a common purpose, Congress came together to pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – legislation that makes generational investments in physical infrastructure, broadband connections, harbors, and the energy grid. These efforts will lay the foundation for Maine's 21st century economy and make sure even the most rural areas aren't left behind.

Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed the American Rescue Plan in 2021, which enabled Governor Mills and the state of Maine to better meet the health and economic difficulties of the pandemic. At a critical moment it expanded healthcare efforts to confront COVID and invested in the state to keep the economy in far better shape than most others nationwide.

Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy. The bipartisan CHIPS Act will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones to microwaves to cars – and in doing so reduce prices and create good American jobs. We also passed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to lower healthcare costs, allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, and cut energy bills with new rebates for things like heat pumps and solar panels.

Beyond these major investments, we also passed vital legislation to improve the day-to-day lives of Maine people and Americans nationwide. On a bipartisan basis, we expanded health care for veterans exposed to toxins, strengthened protections for marriage equality, supported Ukraine as it fought off a bloody Russian invasion, secured our elections and the peaceful transfer of power, and delivered millions in federal investments to projects up and down our state.

So, as Maine worked to get through hard times, Congress took steps to support our state – and we're already starting to see brighter days ahead. I'm proud to have played a small part down here; it's a true privilege to listen to you, work with you, and build a brighter future for all the incredible people up and down the roads that connect our big small town. Mary and I wish you a happy, and safe 2023.

Best Regards,

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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I've been working on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District.

In August, I voted for the Inflation Reduction Act because it represented a dramatic turnaround from misguided efforts to pass sweeping, ill-designed legislation that tried to accomplish too many things through budget gimmicks, setting up problematic fiscal cliffs in numerous programs and refusing to make the difficult decisions to allow for a fiscally responsible bill.

The Inflation Reduction Act, which was signed into law by the president, was fiscally responsible and targeted four key priorities: reducing our national debt and putting our country back on a more sustainable path, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, and making health care more affordable, investing in an all-of-the-above energy strategy to significantly increase oil, gas, and renewable energy production to lower energy costs for Americans, and cracking down on the tax avoidance of billion-dollar multinational corporations. This bill was the first major legislation in the last decade to use the reconciliation process to create a fiscally responsible budget to reduce deficits. The Congressional Budget Office estimated it would reduce deficits by approximately \$300 billion.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I also helped pass the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, which among other things, included key wins for Bath shipbuilders, UMaine, and servicemembers and their families. For shipbuilders, the bill secured authorization for a third DDG-51 destroyer; established a new contract for up to 15 DDG-51 destroyers over the next five years, many of which will be built at Bath Iron Works; and included funding for shipyard infrastructure. The bill also authorized over \$25 million for defense research programs, including UMaine's large-scale manufacturing program. Finally, the bill authorized a 4.6% pay increase to help servicemembers and their families deal with rising costs due to inflation.

Additionally, at the end of 2022, Congress passed a spending bill to fund the government through September of 2023. The bill funds nearly \$27 million in funding for community projects across the Second Congressional District, a lifeline for our lobster industry that freezes any regulatory action for at least six years, and secures millions in additional funding for the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help Mainers heat their homes.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help answer questions about and navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

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I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2023. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden

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Dear Friends and Residents of Belfast,

Thank you for the opportunity to once again serve as your State Senator. I'm incredibly proud to represent our communities in Augusta, and I promise to work as hard as I can on your behalf. Now that we are through the worst days of the pandemic, I am excited for lawmakers and the public to return like normal to the State House.

My career as an educator, academic advisor, and youth development advocate has been driven by a calling to help people of all ages reach their highest potential.

For the 131st Legislature, Swearing-In Day was Wednesday, December 7, 2022. I'm honored to share that I continued to serve as Senate chair of the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee. We are responsible for looking at a wide range of issues, including supporting and uplifting Maine's workforce, strengthening local businesses, and encouraging economic development. Our work is critical to planning Maine's economic recovery. I also continue to serve on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, which focuses on enabling and promoting the safe enjoyment of Maine's outdoors and conservation duties to protect our wild resources.

On the first day of the 131st Legislature, I'm proud to share that my colleagues and I voted to support LD 1, a bill that would have provided immediate heating and housing relief for Mainers. Despite initial setbacks, we were determined to find a solution. We successfully passed a nearly identical bill, LD 3, which took effect immediately and provides much-needed assistance for Maine Families.

Please remember that I am a resource for you all year. If you need to contact a state agency or department or want to share a comment, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can email me at Chip.Curry@legislature.maine.gov or call my legislative office at (207) 287-1515. I know that the winter can be challenging for families, but please don't be afraid to ask for help. After all, I'm here to serve you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Neighbors,

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta, and I am looking forward to working alongside my colleagues to find thoughtful solutions for the many challenges facing our community and our state.

As I write this, we are preparing to begin the first session of the 131st Legislature that starts in January 2023. We have a lot of work to do in the coming months, from addressing the rising cost of living and the threat of climate change to improving access to affordable housing and health care. I am ready to get started.

Our most significant priority will be the creation of a balanced two-year state budget, which will play a critical role in shaping the direction of our state in the near future. I am pushing to ensure the budget works to improve the lives of all Mainers, including our most vulnerable and historically marginalized neighbors. Some of my other top goals for the budget include broadband access, animal welfare and increasing benefits for retirees. I will also continue to be a member of the gun safety caucus.

This session, I will again be serving on the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee where we will work to support our teachers, students and school support staff. We also oversee the state Department of Education, along with the university and community college systems, the Maine State Library and the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.

Please feel free to contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you or your family, or if you would like to discuss or testify on any upcoming legislation. My email is jan.dodge@legislature.maine.gov, and my phone number is 207-338-1626. I also send out monthly email newsletters that provide insight into our work at the State House, offer helpful information and resources and aim to connect you with your state government. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

I am so thankful that you have again entrusted me with this great responsibility, and I look forward to connecting with you over the next two years.

Sincerely

Jan Dodge

State Representative

