

# Town of Weston

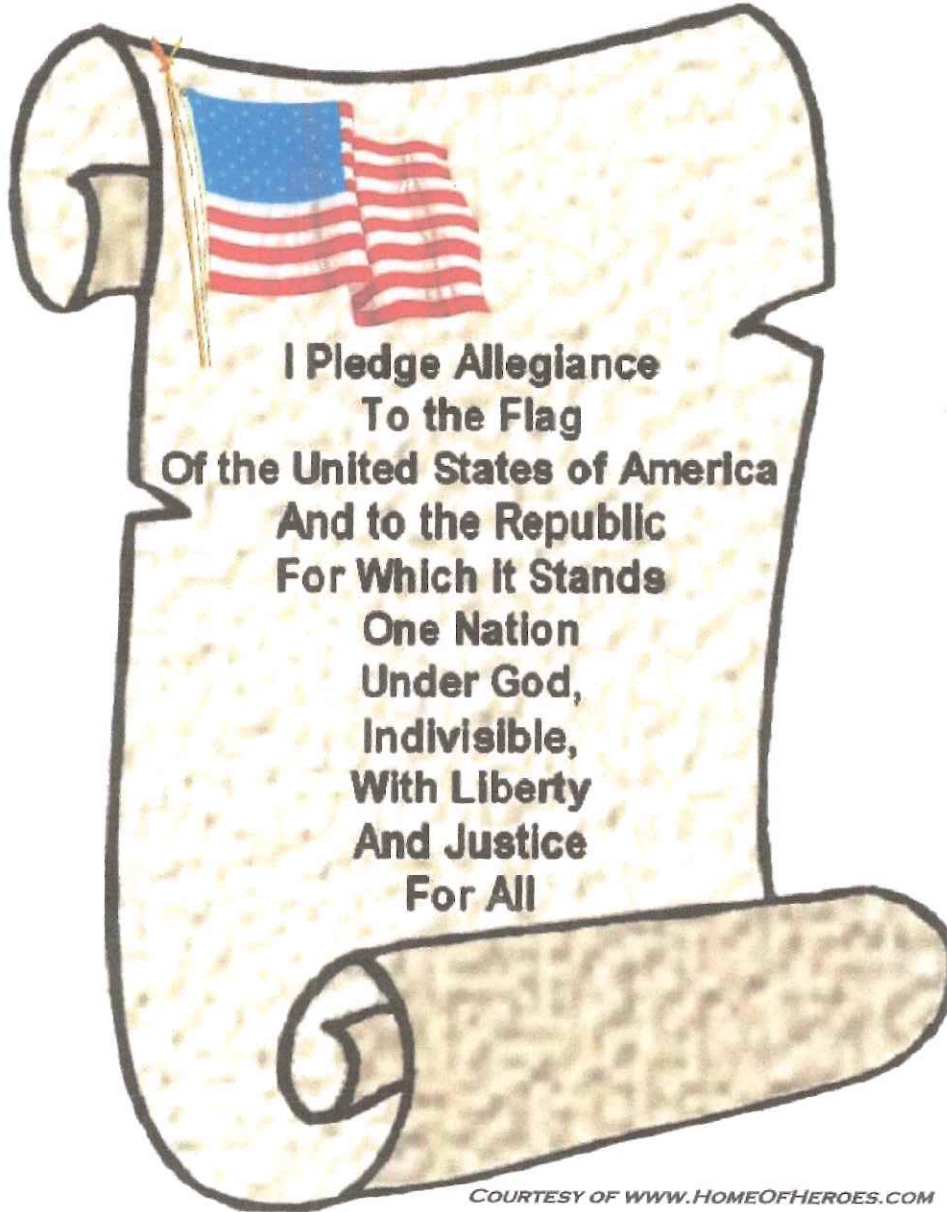
Annual Report for Year Ending

June 30, 2022



*In Memory of David Drysdale*

*1934-2021*



**I Pledge Allegiance  
To the Flag  
Of the United States of America  
And to the Republic  
For Which It Stands  
One Nation  
Under God,  
Indivisible,  
With Liberty  
And Justice  
For All**

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## NOTES OF PROCEDURE FOR TOWN MEETING

The **Moderator presides over Town Meeting** in accordance with MRSA Title 30-A §2524. The Moderator further facilitates the meeting in accordance with MMA's **Maine Moderators Manual**

Please observe separation of Voters from Non-Voters in as much as possible;  
**Registered Voters must check in with the Registrar and receive a colored card.**

- **Procedure:** The Moderator will read each article aloud and ask if someone will make a motion on the article; usually someone will respond "so moved", then "second". The Moderator will then open discussion on the motion. (*Note: it is best to avoid negative motions such as to defeat an article where "yes" means "no" - if you oppose an article; it's best to move the article and vote against it*)
  - **Amendments:** an amendment may be motioned and seconded to propose a change to an article; please note capped articles with specific monetary amount(s) contained in the wording are limited in that they can only be decreased (not increased). Ordinances cannot be amended from the floor; only pass or fail. If an amendment does not pass, then the original motion is voted upon.
  - **Voting:** The Moderator will ask for a show of hands, if required - please keep your hand raised until the Moderator (and his/her designees) have concluded counting. **Challenge:** A voter who wishes to challenge the Moderator's determination should immediately seek to be recognized and state "I doubt it"; if at least six other voters agree; the Moderator will make the determination more certain by using a designated other method of voting. **Written Ballots:** any voter can move an article to be voted on by written ballot any time before the article is voted upon, the motion must be seconded; no discussion is allowed before voting on the motion to vote by written ballot.
  - **If you wish to speak on an article:** wait until the Moderator has opened the floor to public comment discussion; raise your hand - when the Moderator has recognized you, proceed to the microphone:
    - State your name for the record & whom you represent if applicable.
    - Direct commentary or questions directly to the Moderator.
    - State your business in a brief & concise manner; relevant to the current article/motion.
    - The Moderator has the right to set a time limit for comments, and overall on a motion.
  - **Order, Prohibitions:**
    - The Moderator will not entertain public comment about specific individuals.
    - Personal or accusatory comments are *out of order*; comments should be respectful and courteous.
    - Profanity, and disorderly; conduct, language, or gestures at meetings are *out of order*.
    - At no time will the public be allowed to argue debate or introduce a topic that is not on the agenda.
    - Voters & attendees may not speak during Town Meeting unless recognized by the Moderator; the audience shall not disturb the proceedings by whispering, talking or other engaging in other distractions. Cellular phones must be turned off, with the exception of emergency responders.
    - If any person, after a *command for order* by the Moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the Moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the Moderator may have that person removed until the meeting is adjourned.
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# Town of Weston

## MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION

*The 2022 Weston, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors Varney H. Brackett and Garrett A. Cowger for commendable community service.*

*A Resolution by the Selectpersons of the Town of Weston as follows:*

*Whereas, Varney Brackett and Garrett Cowger have served on the Planning Board since 1988; and*

*Whereas, Varney Brackett and Garrett Cowger diligently attend to the planning needs of the community; and*

*Whereas, Varney Brackett and Garrett Cowger have assisted in the upgrading of the towns' zoning ordinances; and*

*Whereas, Varney Brackett and Garrett Cowger have stepped forward as stewards of the town's unique natural resources; and*

*Whereas, Varney Brackett and Garrett Cowger continue to demonstrate to the community the traits of leadership as examples to all;*

*Therefore, be it Resolved by the Selectpersons of the Town of Weston, in sincere gratitude and appreciation, that Varney Brackett and Garrett Cowger are hereby recognized for their exemplary citizenship and stewardship, with the 2022 Weston Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.*

*Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution shall be incorporated in the 2022 Town of Weston's Annual Town Report.*

*Selectpersons: Michael Cheetham, Karen Cummings, Dennis Clark  
Admin. Assistant: Dwayne Young*

TOWN OF WESTON

INTRODUCTION

LETTERS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

AND

TOWN INFORMATION



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

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet T. Mills".

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
MAINE

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904  
(202) 724-2529  
202) 724-7888 (FAX)

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

COMMITTEES  
APPROPRIATIONS  
HEALTH, EDUCATION,  
LABOR, AND PENSIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
ON CLIMATE

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

January 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

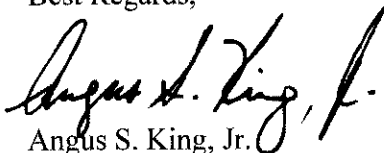
On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.  
United States Senator





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

Dear Friends,

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

This year, our small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, states, and towns continued to face challenges related to the coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health and our economy that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. While we are not yet out of the woods, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Still, I know there are many Mainers who will continue to need assistance getting through this pandemic. I am committed to making sure our communities' most urgent needs are met to get our economy back on track.

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

Another one of my priorities in Congress is protecting Maine jobs. For one, shipbuilders at Bath Iron Works are a vital part of our economy, and the ships they build are critical to our national security. Throughout 2021, I led the Maine congressional delegation in pushing back against the Biden Administration's proposed decrease in DDG-51 shipbuilding, a proposal that would have had serious consequences for the shipbuilding workforce at BIW, one of the two shipyards that produces these destroyers, and American naval capabilities around the world. We fought successfully to include authorization for construction of three new DDG-51 destroyers in the final National Defense Authorization Act. I will continue to work hard with my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee to ensure that we protect our national security and shipbuilding jobs in Maine.

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

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

I am especially glad to share that my wife Izzy and I were pleased to welcome our daughter, Rosemary, into the world this year. Mom and baby are happy and healthy, and we're so thankful for this blessing. We look forward to showing her the beauty of Maine in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared F. Golden".

Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress



Harold "Trey" Stewart III  
Senator, District 2

130<sup>th</sup> MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

December 2021

Dear Friends and Residents:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to be a voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta. Ensuring the desires of Northern Maine are heard, I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

The 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature began unlike any other. Public hearings and work sessions, traditionally held in filled committee rooms at the State House, took place virtually online. And the Legislature convened for the first time in person at the Augusta Civic Center in March. Given the unusual nature of how the Legislature met to accommodate safety considerations required by the pandemic, I was adamant that the balance in state government between the Executive and Legislative branches be restored, and that the public continues to have access in playing a critical role in the work of the Legislature.

I was very pleased when the Legislature was able to convene at the State House in June. Before adjourning on July 19, we passed a supplemental budget and determined how the American Rescue Plan funds should be appropriated. We also passed legislation to give back nearly \$150 million in surplus revenue to taxpayers as a one-time payment of \$285 that was distributed to hard-working Mainers. Despite being in a Democrat-controlled Legislature, 14 of the bills I sponsored became law. I am proud to say that this was the most of any Republican.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Session will begin in January. I am eager to get back to work supporting bills that help Mainers and small businesses alike who have struggled as a result of the pandemic. I will continue to serve as the ranking Republican on two committees – Energy, Utilities, and Technology as well as Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please feel free to contact me by phone at 287-1505 or at [trey.stewart@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:trey.stewart@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or need assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. If you would like to receive regular legislative updates, you may sign up to do so at [www.mesenategop.com](http://www.mesenategop.com). Finally, I encourage you to get involved and contact your local, state and federal representatives to let them know how you feel on various matters. Many things have changed during the pandemic that will have a lasting impact, and it is imperative your representatives know how you feel on these critically important issues.

Sincerely,

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Harold "Trey" Stewart III  
State Senator



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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**Tracy L. Quint**

318 Westford Hill Road  
Hodgdon, ME 04730  
Residence: (207) 217-4493  
Tracy.Quint@legislature.maine.gov

March 2022

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

With the snow now melting and the spring season settling in, I want to once again thank the good people of Weston for allowing me the opportunity to serve them at the State House. Challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and State finances continue to make daily headlines, while policymakers at all levels of government seek to restore some sense of normalcy by exploring available options to preserve constituents' overall wellbeing. By limiting government overreach and ensuring personal freedom, it is my hope that those whom I serve will find the means to recover and prosper. Maine's economy is weathering these unprecedented times satisfactorily, as revenue forecasters now project the State will collect over \$1.2 billion more than initially anticipated during the current two-year budget cycle ending in mid-2023.

The Second Regular Session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature began January 5. Legislators have been working virtually for the most part in an effort to finalize the various bills carried over from the First Regular and First Special Sessions, at the same time as taking into consideration new legislation deemed to be emergency in nature, dealing with budgetary matters, proposals from the Governor, initiatives submitted pursuant to statute, legislation submitted pursuant to authorized studies, and legislation submitted by direct initiative petition of the electors. With our statutory adjournment date of April 20 fast approaching, lawmakers are presently back at the capitol in person to fulfill our obligations.

If you wish to stay up to date on the latest State Government news, please provide me with your email address so that it can be added to my regular e-newsletter distribution list. You can also sign up to receive notifications via Maine.gov at <https://www.maine.gov/portal/subscriptions/email.html>. Maine.gov offers a convenient way to sign up for free email and SMS text notifications. It also allows you to sign up for email and wireless updates about topics relevant to your interests.

Again, thank you for the privilege of being your voice in Augusta. It is a responsibility I am honored to have and do not take lightly.

Sincerely,

Tracy L. Quint  
State Representative

District 144 Amity, Bancroft, Haynesville, Hodgdon, Houlton, Orient, Weston and Plantations of Cary, Glenwood, Macwahoc, and Reed, plus the unorganized territory of South Aroostook (including Benedicta, Molunkus and Silver Ridge Townships) and Block 4293 or Tract 952900 in the Penobscot River

## **REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

The past year has seen a return to something closer to normal as the State of Emergency for Covid-19 ended and CDC guidelines were relaxed. Visitors to the area increased and the real estate market skyrocketed.

This past year the town conducted business to include;

1. In person Annual Town Meeting.
2. In person Selectboard meetings twice a month.
3. In person Planning Board meetings.
4. Paving of Springer, Butterfield Landing and Dark Cove Roads.
5. The purchase of an abutting lot for the future relocation of the public boat ramp to gain water depth in late summer.
6. A public meeting to discuss the proposal for a recreation park on the 5.18 acres obtained from The Conservation Fund on Meetinghouse Cove.
7. The submission to Senators Collins and King and the Northern Border Region Commission for funding for the recreation parcel project.
8. Approval to reconstruct 2,700' of the Harris Hill Road.

On a personal level, I have continued, mostly through zoom meetings, to participate in the Maine Municipal Association's (I represent State Senate District 2) and Maine Town and City Clerks' (I represent the Northeast Region) Legislative Policy Committees to provide input to our State Legislators as they work through and vote on bills affecting municipalities and elections. I also took a volunteer position on the Maine Town & City Clerks' Association Executive Board this past winter. I currently co-chair the association's Annual Networking Day committee, our annual meeting in September. Thank you to the Selectboard for allowing me to serve on these committees and more.

In addition, I am deeply involved with the Greater East Grand Region Economic Council as a board member and chair of the Broadband Expansion Taskforce. The GEGREC is a citizen formed and run group aimed to enhance the existing businesses, attract or assist new businesses and make the area economically viable as to retain our youth and the return of those that have left.

We recently were granted 501c 3 non-profit status by the IRS and awarded several grants from multiple sources to aide us in capacity building and operations.

This year also saw the sale of First Settlers Lodge and the departure of the Smith's. Wayne and Denise will be deeply missed, not only for their committed involvement in the community, but as friends.

I look forward to seeing you both in and outside of the office and if you have concerns or ideas regarding the town, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Dwayne Young, Admin. Asst. to the Selectboard

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector

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**SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:**

**Karen Cummings, 3- year Term expires- June 2022**

**Michael Cheetham, 3- year Term Expires – June 2023**

**Dennis Clark, 3- year Term Expires- June 2024**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, duties include - TOWN CLERK, TREASURER,  
TAX COLLECTOR, REGISTRER OF VOTERS, AMBULANCE COMMITTEE  
REPRESENTATIVE, GENERAL ASSISTANCE, EMERGENCY MANAGER, and  
9-1-1 ADDRESSING OFFICER: Dwayne Young**

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS: - Board of Selectmen**

**LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER – Karen Cheetham**

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER- Catherine Vergie 592-8212**

**FIRE CHIEF, TOWN FIRE WARDEN**

**Eric Young 448-2327**

Alternate for fire permits only:

**Dwayne Young 448-2316, 538-8427**

**PLANNING BOARD:**

**Hal Brackett, Chairman, Garrett Cowger, Elizabeth Wilson, Mike  
McVicker & Elbridge Cleaves.**

**APPEALS BOARD:**

**Roger Black, VACANT, VACANT, Troy Fish, & Shirley Foss**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, LOCAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

**Michael F. Noble – home 207-794-2528 – cell 207-290-1538**

**Email – [mnoble@midmaine.com](mailto:mnoble@midmaine.com)**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:**

**Margaret White, 448-2882**

**SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

**Wayne Smith, term expires June 2022**

**Felicia Cowger, term expires June 2024**

**State and U.S. Representatives and Senators**

**U.S. Senator:** Susan Collins:  
(202)224-2523  
**Website:** <http://www.collins.senate.gov>

**U.S. Senator:** Angus King, Jr:  
**Website:** <http://www.king.senate.gov>  
[www.facebook.com/SenatorAngusSKingJr](http://www.facebook.com/SenatorAngusSKingJr).  
(202)224-5344

**U.S. Representative:** Jared Golden:  
**Website:** <http://www.golden.house.gov>  
**Twitter:** @REPGOLDEN  
(207) 429-6009 Caribou Office

**State Representative:** Tracy Quint  
**E-mail:** [Tracy.Quint@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Tracy.Quint@legislature.maine.gov)  
**Legislative Office:** (207) 287-1440

**State Senate:** Trey Stewart  
**State House:** (207) 287-1505  
**Email:** [Trey.Stewart@Legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Trey.Stewart@Legislature.maine.gov)  
**Website:** [mesenategop.com](http://mesenategop.com)

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**TOWN OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
Wednesday**

**8:00am to 4:00pm  
CLOSED**

**Website: [www.townofweston.net](http://www.townofweston.net)**

**Email: [townofweston@pioneerwireless.net](mailto:townofweston@pioneerwireless.net)**

The following boards will meet at the Weston Town Office as follows, unless posted otherwise seven (7) days in advance. (Emergency meetings exception)

**Selectmen: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month: 2:00 pm**

**Planning Board: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month: 6:30 pm (From May to October)  
They may meet from October to April if needed.**

All other boards and committees will meet as necessary.

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS:**

**Summer Hours – June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 am – 11:00 am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:00 pm – 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 am – 1:00 pm</b>

**Winter Hours – September 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>

**YOU WILL NEED A STICKER, WHICH YOU CAN GET AT THE TOWN  
OFFICE FOR \$2.00**

**CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS – New or renewal contact the Maine State Police  
at (207) 624-8775**

**OUTSIDE BURNING:**

Before burning outside please obtain a permit. Fire permits (free) can be obtained at the Town Office and online at <http://www.maineburnpermit.com>.



**ANIMAL CONTROL**

**A dog may not be kept within the limits of the State, unless the dog has been licensed by its owner or keeper in accordance with the laws of this State. Each owner or keeper of a dog at the age of 6 months or more, on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, shall obtain a license, from the clerk of the municipality where the dog is kept. If between January 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> of any given year a dog reaches the age of 6 months or more, they must be registered.**

**A municipal clerk may not issue a license for a dog until the applicant has filed with the clerk proof that the dog has been immunized against rabies in accordance with the rules adopted by the Commissioner of Human Services.**

**The registration fee for a dog capable of producing young is \$11.00. The registration fee for a neutered or spayed dog is \$6.00. Any owner or keeper applying for a license for a dog after January 31<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> shall pay a late fee of \$25.00 plus the annual license fee, unless they acquired the dog after January 1<sup>st</sup> of given year. Remember dogs are not allowed to run at large, they must be tied or properly confined to their own property. Any dog found off their premises can be picked up by the Animal control Officer and taken to the Animal Shelter at the owner's expense. The Town of Weston also has a "Dog Ordinance" on file at the Town Office, anyone wanting a copy may pick one up.**

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**

**Just a reminder if you have owned a home in Weston for a minimum of 12 months prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, it is your permanent place of residence, and you are a legal resident of the State of Maine, you are eligible for a Homestead Exemption. Applications can be picked up at the Town Office or are online at [www.state.me.us/revenue/propertytax/sidebar/exemptionshtm](http://www.state.me.us/revenue/propertytax/sidebar/exemptionshtm).**

VETERAN EXEMPTION

If you are Maine resident and a veteran or a widow of a veteran 62 years or age and a resident of Weston, you may be eligible for a tax exemption. “Veteran” means any person who was in active service in the armed forces of the United States; and who, if discharged, retired or separated from the armed forces, was discharged, retired or separated under other than dishonorable conditions. A veteran must have served during any federally recognized war period, including the Korean Campaign, the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf War.

**FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED WAR PERIODS ARE:**

WWI – April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918.

WWI – (service in Russia) – April 6, 1917 to March 31, 1920.

WWII – December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1945.

Korean Conflict – June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955.

Vietnam War – February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975. For the period, February 28, 1961 through August 4, 1964, federal law restricts the definition of Vietnam Era war period to relating to only veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam.

Persian Gulf War – August 2, 1990 to the date that the U. S. Government recognizes as the end of the Persian Gulf War. This period also includes Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn

**OTHER RECOGNIZED SERVICE PERIODS**

February 28, 1961 through August 4, 1964 (Maine property tax exemption applies to all veterans who served during Feb. 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975, regardless of where they served.

August 4, 1982 through July 31, 1984; and

December 20, 1989 through January 31, 1990

For information, that is more detailed see “Property Tax Bulletin No. 7,” Tax Exemption for Veterans. References, Title 36, MRSA §653, and c.396, PL 2001.

<http://www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax/sidebar/exemptions.htm>

**TOWN OF WESTON  
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**VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF WESTON  
ASSESSORS REPORT**

**FY 2021-2022**

Land Valuation	30,497,500.00
Building Valuation	16,610,400.00
Personal Property Valuation	148,111.00
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION</b>	<b>47,256,011.00</b>
Homestead Exemption x 0.7	2,125,000.00
BETE Exemption	394,900.00
Veteran Exemption	108,000.00
Blind Exemption	0.00
Municipality Exemption	248,400.00
State of Maine	401,200.00
Benevolent and Charitable	1,270,300.00
Houses of Worship	147,700.00
<b>TOTAL EXEMPT VALUATION</b>	<b>2,175,600.00</b>
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION</b>	<b>47,256,011.00</b>
Mil Rate	.01910
Difference from 2021-22	.00060
<b>2022 Tax Commitment</b>	<b>902,589.81</b>

**COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT**

Municipal Appropriations	298,803.58	
County Tax	74,829.00	
Education	<u>569,946.32</u>	
		\$943,578.90
Less:		
Revenue Sharing	22,000.00	
Other Revenue	<u>0.00</u>	
		\$921,578.90 Net
TTV Multiplied by mil rate	.01910=	\$902,589.81 Tax for Commitment
Plus:		
Homestead Exemption	28,411.25	
BETE Reimbursement	<u>3,771.30</u>	
		\$ 32,182.55
		\$934,774.36
Minus		
Net \$921,578.90= Overlay		\$ 13,195.46

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Municipal Appropriations – July 2021 – June 2022**

	Property Tax	Revenue	Undesignated Fund	Excise Tax	URIP
Town Officials	10,972.50	4,702.50			
Town Insurance	16,359.00	9,471.00		17,220.00	
Capital Building Fund	500.00				
Certified Assessor		4,000.00			
Town Roads	46,450.00				
Snow Removal	65,000.00				
Transfer Station	55,264.00				
Fire Protection (D)	6,000.00				
Houlton Septic	187.20				
Town Cemeteries/Public Lands	5,950.00				
MWSARA/Ambulance	16,200.00				
NMDC	921.02				
Danforth Library	150.00				
ACAP	45.60				
Cemetery Repair	750.00				
Orient Food Pantry	1,800.00				
Hope & Justice Project	200.00				
Summerfest	500.00				
Healthy Families of Aroostook	200.00				
Young People	1,000.00				
Servicemen's Graves	125.00				
AAAA	200.00				
Cary Library	600.00				
Sister Mary O'Donnell Shelter	350.00				
E G Snowmobile Club	40.00				
EG Chamber	100.00				
MMA Dues	1,494.00				
Northern ME Veteran Cemetery	100.00				
Community Health & Counseling	130.00				
Houlton Humane Society	700.00				
MPBN	100.00				
American Red Cross	300.00				
Lifelight of Maine	228.00				
SASWCD	100.00				
Capital Roads	50,000.00				
Revaluation	4,000.00				
General Government	7,465.10	15,290.20	21,406.28	32,109.42	
Special Projects- Broadband	4,000.00				
Capital Office Reserve	0	500.00	0	0	
Discounts/Abatements	0	0	0	0	
Unexpected Expenses	0	0	25,000.00	0	
General Assistance	0	0	3,500.00	0	
Office Renovation	0	0	0	0	
Capital Road Project/ LRAP	0	0	0	0	13,000.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>298,803.58</b>	<b>33,963.70</b>	<b>49,906.30</b>	<b>49,329.42</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>

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**Town of Weston  
- Bank Accounts**

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Bank</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Capital Road Account</b>	<b>LRAP MSB</b>	<b>88,842.63</b>	<b>05/02/2022</b>
<b>Butterfield Cemetery</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>271.14</b>	
<b>Capital Office Reserve</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>872.87</b>	
<b>Inc Trout Brook funds</b>			
<b>Checking Account</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>46,065.39</b>	
<b>Capital Building Reserve</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>13,405.75</b>	
<b>Municipal Cemetery Account</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>19,351.08</b>	
<b>ICS Account</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>491,669.99</b>	
<b>Revaluation/GIS mapping</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>54,278.01</b>	
<b>ARPA</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>11,094.21</b>	
<b>TOTAL Funds</b>		<b>725,851.07</b>	

# **TOWN OF WESTON**

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

CLERK'S REPORT 05/01/2021- 04/30/2022

BIRTH'S:

1- Houlton

DEATHS:

Dorr, Eric Marshall-73-10/20/2021-Weston  
Drysdale, David Thomas-87-12/08/2021-Houlton  
Faulkner, Charlene Noyes-92-08/08/2021-Houlton  
Lloyd, Vivian Louise-77-06/09/2021-Bangor  
Shemick, Ronald Earl-66-10/02/2021-Weston  
Wiles, James Edward-93-01/26/2022-Houlton

MARRIAGES:

Hutchinson, Morgan B & Rackliff, Christopher W-  
08/07/2021  
Foster, Bryanna R & Gilman, Kyle E-10/23/2021

DOGS LICENSED: 2022