

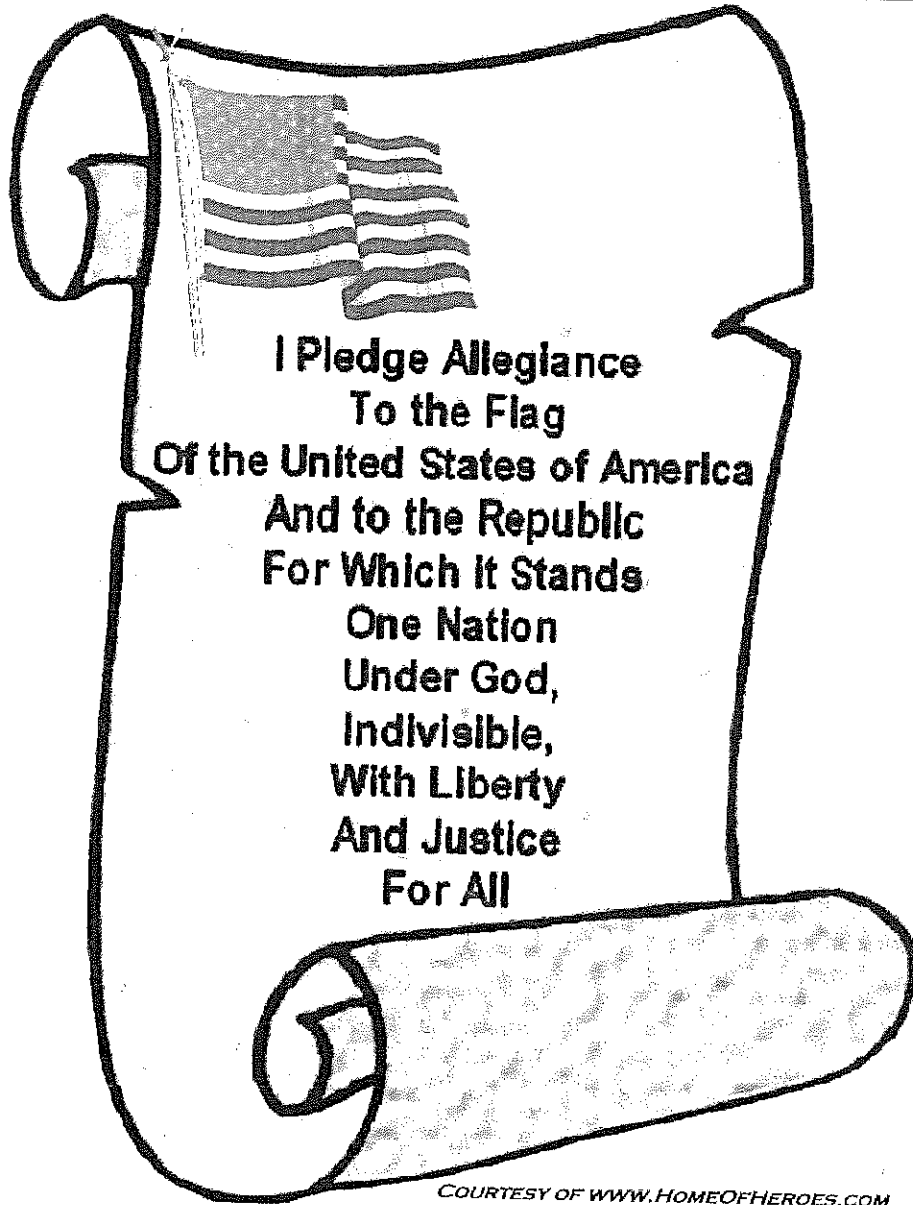
# Town of Weston

Annual Report for Year Ending

June 30, 2023



Smoke on the Water



**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 2023 Weston, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors Dennis P Clark and John H Ribe for commendable community service.*

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

*Whereas, Dennis P Clark and John H Ribe have both served on the Board of Selectpersons for multiple terms; and*

*Whereas, Dennis P Clark and John H Ribe diligently attended to the leadership of the community; and*

*Whereas, Dennis P Clark and John H Ribe have assisted in the future planning of the town through their work in regards to the development set-asides along the lake; and*

*Whereas, Dennis P Clark and John H Ribe have stepped forward as stewards of the town's unique natural resources; and*

*Whereas, Dennis P Clark and John H Ribe continue to demonstrate to the community the traits of leadership through volunteerism at multiple levels as examples to all;*

*Therefore, be it Resolved by the Selectpersons of the Town of Weston, in sincere gratitude and appreciation, that Dennis P Clark and John H Ribe 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*

*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  
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Dear Friends:

For four 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. Since the COVID-19 vaccine became available, more than a million Maine people have gotten fully vaccinated from COVID-19. It is thanks to them that our state has one of 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, we 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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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

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LABOR AND PENSIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
ON AMING

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the U.S. 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 Veterans' 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,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

January 1, 2023

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 21<sup>st</sup> century economy and make sure even the most rural areas aren't left behind.

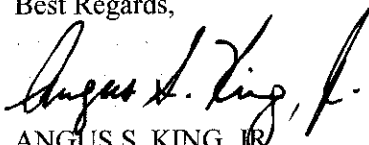
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed 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,



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'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:

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

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  
Member of Congress



Harold "Trey" Stewart  
Senator, District 2  
Senate Republican Leader  
January 1, 2023

131<sup>st</sup> MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you, your family, and the communities of District 2 in the Maine Senate. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of our region.

In addition to serving my second term in the Maine State Senate, I was recently elected as Senate Republican Leader. While some of the towns in District 2 have changed as a result of redistricting, I know many of the important issues to those in rural Maine remain the same.

With a struggling economy and the cost of groceries, gas, home heating oil and electricity increasing, Maine people and small businesses need relief from the high costs breaking their budgets. Addressing the policies that have led to many of these high costs is a priority of mine.

In addition to addressing the many important pieces of legislation that will be considered for enactment this session, there is one item the Legislature is required to pass according to the Constitution of Maine: a balanced, biennial budget. By June 30, 2023, the Governor must submit and the Legislature must enact a balanced budget. This will require careful review of current state spending and prioritizing our needs versus wants, just like you and I do with our own budgets. As your State Senator, I will be working to find ways to lower taxes and rein in state spending so that you can keep more of your hard-earned money.

Again, thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of representing your interests in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you or a member of your family is having difficulties navigating state bureaucracy. I can be reached by email at [trey.stewart@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:trey.stewart@legislature.maine.gov) or you can contact my office by phone at (207) 287-1505.

Sincerely,

Harold "Trey" Stewart III  
State Senator



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## Tracy L. Quint

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

January 2023

Town of Weston  
5 Church Ln.  
Weston, ME 04424

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I would first like to thank the residents of Weston for helping to elect me as your State Representative. I take this responsibility very seriously. With nearly 2,000 pieces of legislation submitted for the upcoming session, I know I will be very busy.

Legislative leadership has appointed me to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. Here, our committee will review new legislation relating to the Bureau of Revenue Services and State Board of Property Tax Review; state and local taxes, tax exemptions and credits; tax expenditure review; taxpayer relief programs; property valuation and assessment; tax increment financing; municipal revenue sharing; taxation of unorganized territories; and tree growth and other current use tax issues.

I was elected to the Maine Legislature on the promise to represent you, the people of District 8. To do this, I will be seeking your input regularly and want to hear from you with your comments and concerns. Please call me anytime at **(207) 217-4493** or email at [tracy.quint@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:tracy.quint@legislature.maine.gov) to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by signing up at the town office or emailing me directly with your request.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

Tracy L. Quint  
State Representative

# REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The past year was closer to normal than the several previous, but not without change. Visitors to the area increased and the real estate market settled down from the boom of the previous 2 years. Construction on and off the lakes stayed strong.

This past year the town conducted business to include;

1. The reconstruction of 2,700' of the Harris Hill Road.
2. The continued engineering for the relocation of the public boat ramp to gain water depth in late summer.
3. The successful awarding of a NBRC grant for \$57,000 for the waterfront park. Unfortunately, the board made the decision to not accept the grant after the extent of the strings attached became visible. The administrative costs would have been a burden on the Town. New sources of funding will be sought out and the park will become a reality.
4. The approval of a 10-lot subdivision on Chadwick Point.

On a personal level, I have continued, in person and 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 accepted a volunteer position on the Maine Town & City Clerks' Association Executive Board last year and after co-chairing the association's Annual Networking Day committee for our annual meeting last September, I am now co-chairing the Public Relations committee.

In addition to my involvement with the Greater East Grand Region Economic Council as a board member and chair of the Broadband Expansion Taskforce, I was involved with the Danforth Festival of Trees and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gingerbread House contest.

In regards to the broadband initiative; I'm happy to say that the Greater East Grand Region was awarded \$8.1 million dollars from the Maine Connectivity Authority in collaboration with CCI/Fidium Fiber. The build out of fiber should be noticeable this summer and fall and service should be available to most by June of 2024.

Thank you to the Selectboard for allowing me to serve on these committees and more.

This year also saw the opening of Trailside Cabins and Restaurant and several AirBnBs just in time for an active snowmobile and ice fishing season.

A conservation easement was granted to the State of Maine on 4,500 acres along the lake by The Conservation Fund. These lands will never be developed and will remain working forest open to traditional public usage.

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,

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 2025**

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

**Dennis Clark, VACATED, 1- 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:**

**VACANT, 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 – cell 207-290-1538 CURRENTLY VACANT**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:**

**Margaret White, 448-2882**

**SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

**Bradley Cowan, term expires June 2025**

**Felicia Cowger, term expires June 2024**

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**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  
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**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:** [townofwestonmaine@gmail.com](mailto:townofwestonmaine@gmail.com)

**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, MRS §653, and c.396, PL 2001.

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

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YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

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

**FY 2022-2023**

Land Valuation	30,620,220.00
Building Valuation	17,040,530.00
Personal Property Valuation	137,300.00
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION</b>	<b>47,798,050.00</b>
Homestead Exemption x 0.7	2,202,750.00
BETE Exemption	387,000.00
Veteran Exemption	118,800.00
Blind Exemption	0.00
Municipality Exemption	283,900.00
State of Maine	401,200.00
Benevolent and Charitable	1,268,900.00
Houses of Worship	147,700.00
<b>TOTAL EXEMPT VALUATION</b>	<b>2,220,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION</b>	<b>47,798,050.00</b>
Mil Rate	.01960
Difference from 2022-23	.00050
<b>2022 FY 23 Tax Commitment</b>	<b>936,841.78</b>

**COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT**

Municipal Appropriations	330,324.00	
County Tax	80,784.00	
Education	<u>565,510.00</u>	\$976,618.00
Less:		
Revenue Sharing	22,500.00	
Other Revenue	<u>0.00</u>	
		\$954,118.00 Net
TTV Multiplied by mil rate	.01960=	\$936,841.78 Tax for Commitment
Plus:		
Homestead Reimbursement	31,516.95	
BETE Reimbursement	<u>3,792.60</u>	
		<u>\$ 35,309.55</u>
		\$972,151.33.
Minus		
Net \$954,118.00= Overlay		\$ 18,033.33

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**Municipal Appropriations – July 2021 – June 2022**

	Property Tax	Revenue	Undesignated Fund	Excise Tax	URIP
Town Officials	11,182.50	4,792.50			
Town Insurance	16,188.00	9,372.00		17,040.00	
Capital Building Fund	0				
Certified Assessor		4,000.00			
Town Roads	46,450.00				
Snow Removal	65,000.00				
Transfer Station	64,850.00				
Fire Protection (D)	6,500.00				
Houlton Septic	187.20				
Town Cemeteries/Public Lands	5,950.00				
MWSARA/Ambulance	16,416.00				
NMDC	955.95				
Danforth Library	150.00				
ACAP	45.60				
Cemetery Repair	0				
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	579.00				
Sister Mary O'Donnell Shelter	350.00				
E G Snowmobile Club	60.00				
EG Chamber	100.00				
MMA Dues	1,540.00				
Northern ME Veteran Cemetery	100.00				
Community Health & Counseling	130.00				
Houlton Humane Society	684.00				
MPBN	100.00				
American Red Cross	300.00				
Lifelight of Maine	228.00				
SASWCD	100.00				
Capital Roads	30,000.00				
Revaluation	4,000.00				
General Government	7,844.08	15,688.20	21,963.20	32,945.22	
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	
Harris Hill Loan	35,516.00	0	0	0	
Capital Road Project/ LRAP	0	0	0	0	13,000.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>330,323.58</b>	<b>34,352.70</b>	<b>50,463.50</b>	<b>49,985.22</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>

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**Town of Weston  
- Bank Accounts**

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Bank</b>	<b>Balance according to MSB</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Capital Road Account</b>	<b>LRAP MSB</b>	<b>44,398.28</b>	<b>05/23/2023</b>
<b>Butterfield Cemetery</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>274.10</b>	
<b>Capital Office Reserve</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>1,000.93</b>	
	<b>Inc Trout Brook funds</b>		
<b>Checking Account</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>193,605.31</b>	
<b>Capital Building Reserve</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>13,540.12</b>	
<b>Municipal Cemetery Account</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>19,399.52</b>	
<b>ICS Account</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>397,124.76</b>	
<b>Revaluation/GIS mapping</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>49,930.24</b>	
<b>ARPA</b>	<b>MSB</b>	<b>22,249.55</b>	
<b>TOTAL Funds</b>		<b>745,573.40</b>	

# **TOWN OF WESTON**

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

CLERK'S REPORT 05/01/2022- 04/30/2023

BIRTH'S:

2- Bangor

DEATHS:

Bradford, Wayne -80-03/31/2023- Houlton

Cowan, Maurice -78-12/08/2022-Houlton

Grindea, Felicia -85-09/24/2022-Houlton

MARRIAGES:

Shaw, Madison M & Sotomayor, Drew F- 09/10/2022

Farrar, Randall H & Coe, Marlo-10/22/2022

DOGS LICENSED: 2023