

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
FOR THE  
TOWN OF ALTON, MAINE  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED  
2021**

**AND**

**ARTICLES  
FOR THE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
SATURDAY  
MARCH 26, 2022  
10:00 AM**

**Please bring this book to the town meeting**

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**TOWN OFFICE DIRECTORY**

**altonadmin@midmaine.com**

**Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor:**

John Belding, Chairman (2024) H-394-3065  
James Braley (2022) H-394-2179  
Brenda Kennedy-Wade (2023) H-394-2236

**Tax Collector, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Registrar:**

Paulette Borja 394-2601

**Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Registrar**

Rebecca Borja 394-2601

**Clerk, Registrar, Deputy Tax Collector,  
Administrator to the Selectmen, FOI Officer, E911 Coordinator  
General Assistance Administrator:**

Ronald F. Borja 394-2601

**Office Staff**

Kay Webb 394-2601

**Fire Chief:**

Mark Wade H-394-2236

**Assistant Fire Chief:**

Mark King 944-3724

**Plumbing Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer:**

Philip Stevens, Jr LPI & CEO 1-774-276-0854

**Sexton:**

Nelson Feero (2022) 394-4501

**Animal Control Officer:**

Bonnie Anderson 943-3983

**Local Health Officer: (3 Year)**

Amanda Willey 212-6489 (2022)

**RSU#34 SUPERINTENDENT**

David Walker 827-7171 ext. 1

**RSU#34 Director: (3 Year)**  
Laura Sanborn 394-4401 (2024)

**Budget Committee (1 year)**

Deborah Gibbs	(2022)	394-2601
Matt McDonald	(2022)	394-2601
Harry Sanborn	(2022)	394-2601
Dan Pelletier	(2022)	394-2601
Shannon Pettit	(2022)	394-2601

**Planning Board: (3 year)**

Amy Jones, Chairwoman	(1/30/2021)	394-3065
Mark Eastman	(4/1/2022)	394-2905
Daniel Pittman	(5/9/2022)	394-2166
vacant		394-2601
Matt McDonald	(06/19/2021)	949-6456
Vacant (Alt.)		

**Cemetery Committee: (1, 2, 3 Year Terms)**

Nelson Feero	(5/1/2022) 3 Year	394-4501
Laura Sanborn	(5/1/2024) 3 Year	394-4401
Mabel Foster	(5/1/2023) 3 Year	394-2800

**Board of Appeals: (3 Years)**

Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant

**JRL Citizens' Advisory Committee:**

Laura Sanborn 394-4401  
Dana Snowman 827-7344

**Election Warden: (1 Year - Due 5/1/2022)**

Ron Borja

**Ballot Clerks: (2 Year - Due May 1, 2022 in Even Years)**

D-Iva Copeland	R-Colby Spencer
D-Margaret Earley	R-Bettina Willey
D-Harriet Jefferson	R-Joan Pimentel
D-Reginald Earley	
D-Amanda Reid	
D-Scott Reid	R-Natalie Storman
U-James Hamm	U-Michelle Freeman
U-Paulette Borja	U-Debra Hamm

## **MEETINGS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Selectmen**

Meets every other Tuesday at 6:00 PM at the Alton Municipal Building.  
The Public is Welcome.

### **Planning Board**

Meets as needed – On Call Basis -3rd Wednesdays 6:30 PM  
at the Alton Municipal Building.  
The Public is Welcome.

### **Fire Department**

Meets at the Fire Station: the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 PM

For Fire Permits contact:  
Brian Ouellette Sr 207-951-3061  
Rick Doughty 207-659-8885

### **Town Office**

#### **Office Hours**

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Phone # 394-2601 FAX # 394-3271

Registrations, Tax Payments, Dog Licenses, Vital Statistics

**DID YOU KNOW: The Excise Tax you pay on a vehicle stays in the Town and helps reduce Property Taxes. So if you are an Alton resident you need to be registering your vehicle in the Town of Alton.**

### **Trash Pick Up**

Trash pick up is every Monday. Please have out by 7:00 AM.  
Effected Monday Holidays are NONE for 2022  
Maine Waste - Neil Bonneville 659-2381

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for updates and reminders!**

**Town of Alton**

Town of Alton  
Annual Select Board Report  
Feb 22, 2022

To the Citizens of Alton,  
This is the 178<sup>th</sup> edition of the annual report of the Town of Alton.

As we write this letter to the town it is hard to believe that another year of COVID has passed and there might be a light at the end of the tunnel where things can get back to normal. Everything except inflation, unfortunately. During this time of rising prices we recognize the financial strain it puts on everyone and will continue to do our best managing the town's resources and to keep any tax increases to a minimum. We would like to take time to recognize Jim Braley. Jim started on the select board 6 years ago and has been instrumental in working to improve the town roads and assisting with many projects. Jim has expressed his desire to retire from the board this year and allow someone new to take his place. Please consider running or nominating someone that can help guide the town into the next 3 years. Without a robust select board and office staff we would not have all the important services everyone relies on. The Board would also like to thank and recognize Jackie Wilcox, she worked as office staff in various rolls since 2017 she retired this past year.

One other big change you will see in the office this year, is that Paulette and Ron Borja have announced they will retire at the end of this summer. In preparation for this we have hired two new staff members, Becky Borja, Treasurer, and Kay Webb, Tax Collector. We have not found a candidate to fill the Clerk position yet, but will continue our search. If you or someone you know has an interest in this position, please have them contact the town office. The board would like to thank Ron and Paulette for their tireless dedication to the town of Alton for 40 years. They will be greatly missed.

As part of our ongoing Community Agreement with Juniper Ridge Landfill, the town received \$252,180.37 (\$209,413.70 more than budgeted) last year which continues to enable us to maintain a stable tax base. On December 7<sup>th</sup> 2021, during a special town meeting, the town approved an article to appropriate \$90,618.36 in Federal ARPA funds to begin the design and estimating process to modify the municipal building and expand the fire station. This expansion will better accommodate the needs of the Fire Department and can be used as an emergency shelter with locker rooms, showers and standby generator. We are currently getting quotes for the project and will report back to the town with updates. Additional projects completed this year were brush clearing along the Argyle and Tannery road, re-roofing of the salt shed, and the launch of the town's new website, <https://www.altonmaine.org/>. Please check it out. It was created as service for you.

We continue to work on roadside brush clearing and culvert replacement. We will continue to budget JRL funds to do this over the next 2 years.

The town had another robust year for excise taxes and tax reimbursement from the state. With inflation continuing to rise, we anticipate some modest increase in expenses and salaries. At this time, we are not sure if we will need to increase property taxes but will mitigate any increases as best we can.

Please note there are still openings on both the Planning Board and Board of Appeals that need to be filled. It is critical we fill these vacancies so the important and needful work of the town can continue. Additionally, we like so many towns in the state, are in dire need of new firefighters. Please consider donating some time to your Alton fire department. We have some of the best equipment around but need your help to fill the seats and assist your neighbors in their time of greatest need. If we are not able to fill the open positions, we will not be able to respond to emergencies, especially during the day.

In closing, we would like to thank and extend our appreciation to the Town Office Staff, Planning Board, Appeals Board, the members of our on-call Fire Department, the members of the Juniper Ridge Landfill Committee, and Laura Sanborn, our RSU 34 Representative, for their faithful service to the Town.

We, as your Select Board, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and wish you all the best in 2022.

Respectfully,  
Alton Board of Selectmen,  
John Belding, Chair  
Brenda Kennedy-Wade  
Jim Braley

**ANNUAL CLERK'S REPORT  
JANUARY 1, 2021 to DECEMBER 31, 2021**

\*\*\*\*\*VITAL STATISTICS\*\*\*\*\*

**TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS - 12**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS - 5**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF MARRIAGES – 2**

**CENSUS**

1990 – 771

2000 – 816

2010 - 890

2020 - 829

\*\*\*\*\*DOG LICENSES\*\*\*\*\*

**INDIVIDUAL DOG LICENSES**

Male / Female - 33

Spay / Neuter - 157

**KENNEL LICENSES – 0**

Number of Dogs in Kennels – 0

**TOTAL NUMBER OF DOGS LICENSED IN ALTON - 190**

***If you no longer have your dog or move please notify the Town Office - 394-2601***

Licenses for the following year are available October 15<sup>th</sup>, a late fee of \$25.00 begins on February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like an e-mail reminder, e-mail me at

[Altonadmin@midmaine.com](mailto:Altonadmin@midmaine.com).

Dogs that have reached the age of 6 months are required by the State to be licensed.

\*\*\*\*\*E-911\*\*\*\*\*

New Addresses Assigned – 0

Total Number of Public Roads in Alton – 5

Total Number of Private ways in Alton - 32

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Ronald F. Borja, Clerk/Registrar

Greetings from the Alton Fire Chief

In 2012, the Alton fire department responded to 65 calls

We responded to calls for fires, car accidents, medical assistance, downed power lines and trees and provided mutual aid to our neighboring towns. We continued with our regular training and keep up with our truck maintenance. This year budget has increased because of the increase in minimum wage.

As a reminder the fire department is always looking for new members if interested in joining we meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month

To obtain fire permits from a town fire warden please call

Brian Ouellette Sr at 207-944-2088

Rick Doughty at 207-659-8885

Permits can also be obtained online from the Maine Forest Service website

Thank you for your continued support of the fire department

Respectfully

Chief Mark W Wade





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

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

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.

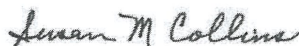
Soaring inflation is another crisis, particularly when it comes to the cost of heating oil. I have strongly supported federal programs that help Maine families stay warm. In November, Maine was awarded \$35 million to help low-income Mainers pay their energy bills. And the bipartisan infrastructure bill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

ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
MAINE

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 3, 2022

COMMITTEES:  
ARMED SERVICES  
CHAIRMAN, STRATEGIC FORCES  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
BUDGET  
ENERGY AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PARKS  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
INTELLIGENCE  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear Friends,

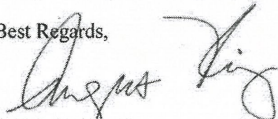
On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged this crisis and created new risks for Maine people. The challenges raised tension levels to boiling points during the fallout of the 2020 presidential election and the January 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

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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress



Paul T. Davis, Sr.  
Senator, District 4

130<sup>th</sup> MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

January 14, 2022

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

After serving in the Maine Legislature for a total of 22 years, this will be my final year serving as your elected representative at the State House. I cannot thank you enough for placing your trust in me all these years to be a voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta.

The 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature began unlike any other. Public hearings and work sessions took place virtually online and the Legislature convened for the first time in person at the Augusta Civic Center in March. While most legislators participated in hearings from home, I felt it was important that I be at the State House where I tuned in online from the Legislature's Appropriations and Financial Affairs committee room, where I serve as the ranking Republican.

Before adjourning on July 19, 2021, the Legislature passed a supplemental budget and determined how the federal American Rescue Plan funds should be appropriated. We also passed Republican-led legislation to send \$150 million in surplus revenue back to taxpayers as a one-time payment of \$285. That money was distributed to hard-working Mainers between November and December 2021.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Session began January 5, 2022 and I am glad to be back to work helping Mainers and small-businesses who have struggled as a result of the pandemic. I will continue to serve on the Appropriations and Financial Affairs committee over the next year where we will be reviewing any changes included in the Governor's expected supplemental budget. I also look forward to working with my colleagues to find solutions to the numerous issues including inflation, energy costs, and accessible health care.

Again, thank you for the tremendous honor of serving as your State Senator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul T. Davis, Sr.".

Paul T. Davis, Sr.  
State Senator



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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### Gary Drinkwater

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January 2022

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

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

This past session I served on the Joint Standing Committee for Labor and Housing where many bills concerning the COVID 19 impact on employers, employees, tenants and landlords were discussed and voted upon. Also during the session, education in the State of Maine for the first time, was funded at 55 percent and revenue sharing was increased for municipalities.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always welcome. With the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are more accessible than ever. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: **Legislature.Maine.Gov**, you will find access to Zoom meetings and YouTube videos. I also send a weekly email with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at [Gary.Drinkwater@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Gary.Drinkwater@legislature.maine.gov) and we will gladly add you to our list.

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

Sincerely,

Gary A. Drinkwater  
State Representative

District 121 Alton, Corinth, Hudson and Milford, plus the unorganized territory of Argyle Township

TOWN OF ALTON  
 COMMITMENT AND MILL RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR  
 2021

MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION FROM TAXES				\$67,000.00
SCHOOL APPROPRIATION FOR REMAINING JAN 1, 2021 TO JUN 30, 2021	\$	519,012.72	FY 20/21 x6/12	\$259,506.36
SCHOOL APPROPRIATION FOR 6 MONTHS JUL 1, 2021 TO DEC 31, 2021	\$	523,949.53	FY 21/22 x6/12	\$261,974.76
TOTAL ADJUSTED SCHOOL APPROPRIATION				\$521,481.12
COUNTY TAX				\$74,125.00
SUBTOTAL				\$662,606.12
PLUS OVERLAY				\$2,390.93
TOTAL BEFORE STATE REVENUE SHARING				\$664,997.05
LESS STATE REVENUE SHARING				(\$65,000.00)
LESS STATE HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENT				(\$49,246.05)
LESS BETE REIMBURSEMENT				(\$2,027.50)
LESS OTHER REVENUES (JUNIPER RIDGE FUND)				\$0.00
TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED				\$548,723.50

VALUATION: APRIL 1, 2021

LAND AND BUILDINGS	\$	43,439,560.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$	458,320.00
TOTAL VALUATION		\$43,897,880.00

MILL RATE BASED ON TAXES TO BE RAISED \$12.50 EFFECTIVE RATE  
 AFTER STATE HOMESTEAD

ONE MILL GENERATES \$43,897.88 IN TAX REVENUE

INCREASE COMPARISON

	LAST YR	THIS YR	INCREASE	%OF INCR PER LINE ITEM
MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$56,800.00	\$67,000.00	\$10,200.00	15.22%
SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS	\$520,753.08	\$521,481.12	\$728.04	0.14%
COUNTY TAX	\$68,553.00	\$74,125.00	\$5,572.00	8.13%
OVERLAY	\$12,635.37	\$2,390.93	(\$10,244.44)	-81.08%
STATE REVENUE SHARING	(\$60,000.00)	(\$65,000.00)	(\$5,000.00)	0.00%
HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENT	(\$48,981.80)	(\$49,246.05)	(\$264.25)	0.54%
BETE REIMBURSEMENT	(\$2,446.80)	(\$2,027.50)	\$419.30	0.00%
OTHER REVENUE (JUNIPER RIDGE FUND)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL TAX	\$547,312.85	\$548,723.50	\$1,410.65	0.26%
TOTAL VALUATION	\$43,785,028.00	\$43,897,880.00	\$112,852.00	0.26%
MILL RATE	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$0.00	0.00%

MILL RATE FOR FY 10/11	\$9.75 PER THOUSAND OF VALUE
MILL RATE FOR FY 11/12	\$9.75 PER THOUSAND OF VALUE
MILL RATE FOR FY 12/13	\$9.75 PER THOUSAND OF VALUE
MILL RATE FOR FY 13/14	\$9.75 PER THOUSAND OF VALUE
MILL RATE FOR 2014	\$9.75 PER THOUSAND OF VALUE
MILL RATE FOR 2015	\$10.00 PER THOUSAND OF VALUE
MILL RATE FOR 2016	\$11.00 PER THOUSAND OF VALUE
MILL RATE FOR 2017	\$12.00 PER THOUSAND OF VALUE
MILL RATE FOR 2018	\$12.50 PER THOUSAND OF VALUE
MILL RATE FOR 2019	\$12.50 PER THOUSAND OF VALUE
MILL RATE FOR 2020	\$12.50 PER THOUSAND OF VALUE
MILL RATE FOR 2021	\$12.50 PER THOUSAND OF VALUE

2021 APPROVED APPROPRIATION						
FISCAL YEAR 2021	CARRIED	SURPLUS	EXCISE TAXES	RAISED PROPERTY TAXES	OTHER SOURCES/RESERVES	TOTAL APPROPRIATION
AMBULANCE ACCOUNT			\$ 22,000.00			\$22,000.00
ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE	\$2,281.53		-			\$2,281.53
ARPA FUNDS-BLDG RENOVATIONS					ARPA \$ 90,618.36	\$90,618.36
ASSESSING-CONTRACTED				\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00
CEMETERY COMMITTEE					CEM \$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00
CEMETERY CARE			\$ 5,500.00			\$5,500.00
EASTERN AREA ON AGING			\$ 300.00			\$300.00
FIRE PROTECTION			\$ 51,450.00			\$51,450.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			\$ 500.00			\$500.00
MUNICIPAL BLDG EXP		\$16,000.00				\$16,000.00
PENQUIS CAP		\$500.00				\$500.00
REFUSE ACCOUNT			\$ 64,000.00			\$64,000.00
SALT SHED EXPENSE		\$ 500.00				\$500.00
SALT SHED PROJECT	\$15,000.00				JRL \$ 3,766.67	\$18,766.67
SNOW REMOVAL				\$52,000.00		\$52,000.00
TOWN OFFICE EXPENSE		\$23,000.00				\$23,000.00
TOWN OFFICE SALARY		\$60,000.00				\$60,000.00
TOWN ROADS			\$ 5,000.00			\$5,000.00
TOWN ROAD DITCHING/CULVERTS					JRL \$ 39,000.00	\$39,000.00
TUITION EXPENSE	\$269.72		\$ -	\$8,000.00		\$8,269.72
VETERAN'S PARK	123.26					\$123.26
TOTALS	\$17,674.51	\$100,000.00	\$ 148,750.00	\$67,000.00	\$ 134,385.03	\$467,809.54



TOWN OF ALTON

SUMMARY OF REVENUES  
For Fiscal Year 2021

	COLLECTED	APPROPRIATED	BALANCE TO SURPLUS
PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	\$ 547,874.57	\$ 548,723.50	\$ (848.93)
EXCISE TAX VEHICLES	\$ 163,354.04	\$ 148,750.00	\$ 14,604.04
EXCISE TAX WATERCRAFTS	\$ 1,236.40		\$ 1,236.40
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	\$ 4,724.71		\$ 4,724.71
INTEREST & COST ON LIENS	\$ 6,413.37		\$ 6,413.37
SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY	\$ 70.41		\$ 70.41
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 722.00		\$ 722.00
TOWN FEES	\$ 7,025.80		\$ 7,025.80
COUNTY FIRE COVERAGE	\$ 11,000.00		\$ 11,000.00
STATE-SNOWMOBILE	\$ 12,177.06	\$ 12,177.06	\$ -
STATE- TREE GROWTH	\$ 31,552.09		\$ 31,552.09
STATE - VETERANS EXEMPTIONS	\$ 312.00		\$ 312.00
STATE- GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$ -		\$ -
STATE- BETR REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 2,030.00	\$ 2,027.50	\$ 2.50
<b><u>TOTAL SURPLUS</u></b>			<b><u>\$ 77,663.32</u></b>

<b>CONTROLLED ACCOUNTS</b>	BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDITIONS REVENUES	DEDUCTIONS APPROPRIATED	ENDING BALANCE
STATE REVENUE SHARING	\$ 58,885.76	\$ 81,850.69	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 75,736.45
STATE LOCAL ROADS	\$ 13,386.00	\$ 7,244.00	\$ -	\$ 20,630.00
STATE HOMESTEAD REIMBURSED	\$ (1,712.06)	\$ 48,982.00	\$ 49,246.05	\$ (1,976.11)
SCHOOL TUITION	\$ 269.72	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,770.58	\$ (500.86)
<b>SPECIAL RESERVES</b>				
CARRIED BALANCE	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
VETERANS' PARK	\$ 123.26			\$ 123.26
FIRE TRUCK FUND	\$ 785.36		\$ 785.36	\$ -
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 708.54			\$ 708.54
JUNIPER RIDGE	\$ 807,035.53	\$ 252,180.37	\$ 42,766.67	\$ 1,016,449.23
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 2,281.53	\$ 464.00	\$ 2,129.93	\$ 615.60
CEMETERY COMMITTEE	\$ 2,926.75	\$ 720.00	\$ 484.20	\$ 3,162.55
ARPA FUNDS		\$ 90,618.36		\$ 90,618.36

**TOWN OF ALTON**  
**NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS**  
**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**  
**ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

<u>CEMETERY TRUSTS</u>	<u>DESIGNATED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>WITH-</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>1/1/2021</u>	<u>EARNED</u>	<u>DRAWALS</u>	<u>12/31/2021</u>	
LAURA AVERY	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.42	\$ 0.12		\$ 200.54	
HAROLD BARNES SR	\$ 250.00	\$ 744.91	\$ 0.43		\$ 745.34	
COTTLE, MCNEAR, & HUNTER	\$ 400.00	\$ 725.88	\$ 0.42		\$ 726.30	
GERRY CORSON	\$ 200.00	\$ 667.31	\$ 0.39		\$ 667.70	
FREMONT HATCH	\$ 100.00	\$ 342.99	\$ 0.20		\$ 343.19	
JOHN & CORA HATCH	\$ 250.00	\$ 544.13	\$ 0.32		\$ 544.45	
WILLIAM HORACE HINCKLEY	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 3,114.54	\$ 1.81		\$ 3,116.35	
EVELYN LEAVITT	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,191.27	\$ 0.69		\$ 1,191.96	
FRANK NOBLE	\$ 100.00	\$ 206.35	\$ 0.12		\$ 206.47	
WALLACE STORMANN	\$ 200.00	\$ 698.69	\$ 0.40		\$ 699.09	
LILLIAN YOUNG	\$ 300.00	\$ 528.86	\$ 0.31		\$ 529.17	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,800.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,965.35</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5.21</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 8,970.56</u></b>	
<b>PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND</b>		<b><u>\$ 570.32</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.33</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 570.65</u></b>	

# Treasurer's Report

## Beginning Cash Balance January 1, 2021

Cash on Hand	\$	100.00
BSB Checking	\$	10,000.00
The First Checking	\$	1,088,591.34

**\$ 1,098,691.34**

## Receipts:

2022 Property Taxes	\$	2,705.61
2021 Property Taxes	\$	507,358.47
2020 Property Taxes	\$	36,785.12
2020 Tax Liens	\$	11,014.24
2019 Tax Liens	\$	18,884.32
Town Property	\$	478.07
Bounced Check Fee	\$	50.00
Investm	\$	4,724.71
Agent Fees	\$	5,317.00
Interest & Cost on Taxes & Liens	\$	4,867.33
Auto Excise	\$	163,354.04
Boat Excise	\$	1,236.40
Argyle Fire-Penobscot County	\$	11,000.00
Building Rent	\$	520.00
Dog License Town Share	\$	464.00
Vitals-Town Share	\$	690.80
Online Fire Permit	\$	112.00
Tax Maps & photocopies	\$	6.00
Building Permits	\$	320.00
Juniper Ridge Income	\$	252,180.37
Cemetery Lots	\$	720.00
Received from the State:		
LA Sledders - Grant	\$	11,760.00
LA Sledders - Refund	\$	417.06
Tree Growth	\$	31,552.09
Veterans Exemption	\$	312.00
Homestead Exemption	\$	48,982.00
DOT Local Roads	\$	7,244.00
General Assistance	\$	752.50
BETE Reimbursement	\$	2,030.00
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$	81,850.69
Received from Federal Gov:		
ARPA Funds	\$	45,309.18
Reimbursements, Direct Credits:		
Fire Protection	\$	2,000.00
Heat Pump Rebates	\$	2,385.00
Town Office	\$	30.00
Refunds	\$	732.00

MRC	\$	1,756.15
Flow Tru:		
IFW/BMV Escrow	\$	12,038.31
Plumbing Permits	\$	630.00
Dog License-State Share	\$	725.00
Vitals - State Share	\$	87.20
Municipal Building Deposit	\$	200.00
<b><u>Total Treasurer's Receipts</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,273,581.66</b>

Variance

			<u>\$ 2,372,273.00</u>
<b><u>Total Selectmen's Warrants</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,012,683.49</b>	
			<b>\$ 1,359,589.51</b>
Deposits in transit:			
<b><u>Ending Cash Balance December 31, 2021</u></b>			
Cash on Hand	\$	294.96	
BSB Checking	\$	10,000.00	
The First Checking	\$	1,349,294.55	
			<u>\$ 1,359,589.51</u>

**OUTSTANDING 2020 TAX LIENS****\*\*Paid in full after 12/31/21**

60	CABLE, DAVID J.	\$955.71
63	CARROLL, CHRISTIAN	\$93.14
64	CARROLL, LESLEY	\$586.48
73	CLARK, PEGGY	\$997.91
74	CLARK, PEGGY	\$478.52
75	CLARK, PEGGY	\$489.03
83	COTA, RONALD	\$203.57
108	DEWITT, KURT	\$3,245.00
128	ELLIS, GARY, ESTATE OF	\$270.37
129	ELLIS, GARY, ESTATE OF	\$786.61
130	ELLIS, GARY, ESTATE OF	\$1,854.07
131	ELLIS, GARY, ESTATE OF	\$368.46
157	ENGSTROM, MARGARET, ESTATE OF	\$589.52
236	HATCH, ARTHUR HEIRS OF	\$398.99
322	MACCABE, ANNA M. ET ALS	\$569.18
338	MARSHALL, ERIN	\$338.12
411	OGDEN/HESSELTINE	\$603.43
423	PATTERSHALL, CRAIG	\$1,296.28
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		\$14,124.39

## 2021 OUTSTANDING REAL ESTATE TAXES

\*\* Paid in full after December 31, 2021

20 ANNIS, DOUGLAS	\$628.63
26 BAKER, TIMOTHY	\$688.75
28 BANK OF AMERICA	\$538.75 **
33 BARNES, CYNTHIA	\$1,133.00
42 BOOBER, MELISSA	\$350.50
52 BUCK LLC	\$388.75
53 BUCK LLC	\$155.63
58 BURNS, RICHARD	\$46.13
59 CABLE, DAVID J.	\$400.88
60 CABLE, DAVID J.	\$853.38
63 CARROLL, CHRISTIAN	\$113.75
64 CARROLL, LESLEY	\$502.38
72 CHAPMAN, RYAN	\$387.50
73 CLARK, PEGGY	\$893.50
74 CLARK, PEGGY	\$399.75
75 CLARK, PEGGY	\$409.75
83 COTA, R. & HENDERSON, M.	\$138.38
100 WILLIAM DAVIS, HEIRS OF	\$460.13 **
104 DEMONT, NICOLE	\$985.75
105 DENNISON, ALBERT	\$1,345.00
108 DEWITT, KURT	\$3,029.63
112 DOUCETTE, RICHARD	\$643.50
114 DOWLING, MARY	\$348.00
120 DRP ENTERPRISES LLC	\$412.50 **
128 ELLIS, GARY, ESTATE OF	\$201.88
129 ELLIS, GARY, ESTATE OF	\$692.63
130 ELLIS, GARY, ESTATE OF	\$1,707.38
131 ELLIS, GARY, ESTATE OF	\$295.13
145 ELLIS, MARK	\$468.75
157 ENGSTROM, MARGARET, ESTATE OF	\$865.50
158 ENGSTROM, MARGARET, ESTATE OF	\$294.63
201 FRASER, RONALD	\$1,252.25
232 HAMM, TYLER L.	\$2,436.00
236 HATCH, ARTHUR HEIRS OF	\$317.50
411 HESSELTINE, ARIEL	\$518.50
292 KNOTTY PINE INVESTMENT, LLC c/o KEVIN H	\$1,107.61
293 KNOTTY PINE INVESTMENT, LLC c/o KEVIN H	\$370.50
309 L'HEUREAUX, DAVID	\$263.38
314 LORING, JUSTIN	\$708.75
322 MACCABE, ANNA M, GARY M, DEBRA ANN, & .	\$1,383.00
323 MACCABE, GARY	\$387.25
338 MARSHALL, ERIN	\$259.63
353 MCLAUGHLIN, SHANA	\$353.63 **
364 MICHAUD, DAVID	\$115.75 **
365 MICHAUD, DAVID	\$518.38 **
366 MICHAUD, DAVID	\$212.50 **
387 MOULTON, NICHOLAS	\$1,432.25
408 NILES, CRYSTAL	\$2,767.63
410 O'BERRY, CHARLES E, KAYTEE A,	\$953.38 **
423 PATTERSHALL, CRAIG	\$1,177.13
428 PELLETIER, KATHRYN	\$460.25
449 QUIRK, DOROTHY	\$3.68
605 SANBORN, EARLE	\$401.80

469 SARR, LEONARD H/O-MARTHA SARR	\$253.27
482 SOUCIER, CHRISTINE	\$100.00
490 ST. LOUIS, VINCENT	\$102.38
523 THORNTON CONSTRUCTION, INC	\$1,025.00
529 TRINGALE, CHARLES	\$493.36
563 WHITE, BRENDA	\$552.63
575 WILLIAMS, ROBIN	\$323.25
577 WILSON, JEREMY	\$169.63
586 YOUNG, HAROLD & HARRIET	\$394.13
590 YOUNG, WELDON	\$391.75 **
591 YOUNG, WELDON	\$2.50 **
	<u>\$40,988.47</u>

**2021 OUTSTANDING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

10 FIRSTLIGHT	\$60.00
22 VIASAT	\$15.00
	<u>\$75.00</u>

**TOWN OF ALTON, MAINE**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
**January to December 2021**

Expense	Jan - Dec 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget
AMBULANCE ACCOUNT	21,961.88	22,000.00	-38.12
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>			
ACO-INSURANCE	521.00		
DISPOSAL FEE	15.00		
MILEAGE	265.44		
SHELTER FEE	975.00		
TAXES FICA EXP	22.49		
TRAINING	30.00		
WAGES-AC OFFICER	294.00		
WORK COMP-ACO	7.00		
ANIMAL CONTROL - Other	0.00	2,281.53	-2,281.53
Total ANIMAL CONTROL	2,129.93	2,281.53	-151.60
ASSESSORS' AGENT	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
<b>CEMETARY COMMITTEE</b>			
CEMETARY FICA TAX	214.20		
WORKER COMP PREMIUM	270.00		
CEMETARY COMMITTEE - Other	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total CEMETARY COMMITTEE	484.20	1,000.00	-515.80
<b>CEMETERY CARE</b>			
CEMETERY EXPENSE	2,700.00		
CEMETERY WAGE	2,800.00		
CEMETERY CARE - Other	0.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00
Total CEMETERY CARE	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
COUNTY TAX	74,125.00	74,125.00	0.00
EASTERN AREA ON AGING	300.00	300.00	0.00
<b>FIRE PROTECTION</b>			
AIR PAC TESTING & REPAIRS	1,174.36		
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,196.20		
FD-OFFICE EXPENSE	95.00		
FD EQUIPMENT			
TURNOUT GEAR	287.50		
FD EQUIPMENT - Other	11,367.39		
Total FD EQUIPMENT	11,654.89		



FD TRAINING & SUPPLIES	1,108.38		
FIRE FIGHTER TESTING	822.00		
FUEL & OIL	1,821.08		
INSURANCE	4,017.50		
MEMBERSHIP DUES	407.27		
MISCELLANEOUS	29.60		
PAYROLL			
EXTRA HOURS	2,955.95		
FIRE CHIEF STIPEND	3,200.00		
FIREFIGHTER CALLS	3,809.06		
TRAINING HOURS	9,308.21		
TX FICA EXPENSE	1,474.39		
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	998.72		
W/COMP	2,855.75		
Total PAYROLL	24,602.08		
STATION MAINTANCE	505.79		
VEHICLE REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	2,930.29		
FIRE PROTECTION - Other	0.00	51,450.00	-51,450.00
Total FIRE PROTECTION	50,364.44	51,450.00	-1,085.56
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	1,347.50	500.00	847.50
LA SLEDDERS	12,177.06	12,177.06	0.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING ACCOUNT			
BLDG SUPPLIES	70.00		
BOILER CONTRACT	219.95		
CLEANING SUPPLIES	46.54		
ELECTRIC EXPENSE	2,086.93		
FICA TAX EXPENSE	90.23		
HEAT-PROPANE	4,512.23		
HEAT PUMP	1,302.00		
INSURANCE-PROPERTY	1,542.00		
JANITOR WAGES	1,179.58		
MOWING	825.00		
RENOVATIONS	708.21		
TELEPHONE	967.47		
WORK COMP	56.00		
MUNICIPAL BUILDING ACCOUNT - Other	0.00	16,000.00	-16,000.00
Total MUNICIPAL BUILDING ACCOUNT	13,606.14	16,000.00	-2,393.86
PENQUIS CAP	500.00	500.00	0.00
REFUSE ACCOUNT			
CLEAN-UP	1,250.00		
CURB SIDE PICKUP	39,000.00		

DUES-MRC	128.55		
E-WASTE	84.16		
MUNICIPAL REVIEW COMM. REFUNDS	-1,756.15		
TIPPING FEES	24,745.82		
REFUSE ACCOUNT - Other	0.00	64,000.00	-64,000.00
<b>Total REFUSE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>63,452.38</b>	<b>64,000.00</b>	<b>-547.62</b>
<b>SALT SHED</b>			
ELECTRICITY	165.75		
SALT SHED - Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00
<b>Total SALT SHED</b>	<b>165.75</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>-334.25</b>
<b>SALT SHED PROJECT</b>	<b>18,766.67</b>	<b>18,766.67</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>SCHOOL EXPENSES</b>			
RSU ASSESSMENT TAX	521,481.12		
SCHOOL EXPENSES - Other	0.00	521,481.12	-521,481.12
<b>Total SCHOOL EXPENSES</b>	<b>521,481.12</b>	<b>521,481.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>SNOW REMOVAL</b>			
INSURANCE-CONTRACTOR'S EQUIP	196.00		
SALT	1,908.61		
SNOWPLOWING	52,118.50		
SNOW REMOVAL - Other	0.00	52,000.00	-52,000.00
<b>Total SNOW REMOVAL</b>	<b>54,223.11</b>	<b>52,000.00</b>	<b>2,223.11</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE EXPENSE</b>			
ADVERTISEMENTS	54.75		
AUDIT FEE	5,300.00		
BOND INSURANCE	345.00		
DUES	3,010.65		
OFFICIAL LIABILITY INS	2,491.00		
PHOTOCOPIES	31.07		
POSTAGE	1,189.97		
SEMINARS	535.00		
SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,555.90		
SUPPLIES	861.62		
T/O FICA EXPENSE	4,573.18		
TOWN REPORTS	791.16		
TRAVEL	60.48		
W/COMP	264.00		
WEBSITES	1,328.32		
TOWN OFFICE EXPENSE - Other	0.00	23,000.00	-23,000.00
<b>Total TOWN OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	<b>22,392.10</b>	<b>23,000.00</b>	<b>-607.90</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE SALARY</b>			

CLERICAL ADMINISTRATOR.	14,519.08		
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	378.00		
ELECTION OFFICIAL	482.58		
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR	18,270.91		
OFFICE ASSISTANTS	14,849.57		
PLANNING BOARD	320.00		
SELECTMEN	11,000.00		
TOWN OFFICE SALARY - Other	0.00	60,000.00	-60,000.00
Total TOWN OFFICE SALARY	59,820.14	60,000.00	-179.86
TOWN ROADS			
GRADING	3,350.00		
OTHER EXPENSE	316.27		
SIGNS	88.48		
TOWN ROADS - Other	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
Total TOWN ROADS	3,754.75	5,000.00	-1,245.25
TOWN ROADS PROJECT	38,174.50	39,000.00	-825.50
TUITION EXPENSE	8,770.58	8,269.72	500.86

**TOWN WARRANT**

**PENOBSCOT ss**

**STATE OF MAINE**

**TO:** Mark Wade, the fire chief for the **TOWN OF ALTON**, in the County of Penobscot, State of Maine,

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Alton in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in the town affairs, to meet at the Municipal Building in said town on Saturday, the **26TH day of MARCH AD 2022 at 10:00** in the morning to act on the following articles, TO WIT:

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect one (1) person to carry out the duties of Selectmen, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for a term of three (3) years.

**ARTICLE 3.** To choose a Sexton for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 4.** To choose a five (5) member Budget Committee for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Ambulance Service. (Recommended: \$38,500. from Property Taxes)

**ARTICLE 6.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Animal Control Expenses. (Recommended: \$2,000. from Surplus)

**ARTICLE 7.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Assessors Agent (Recommended: \$9,000 from Excise Taxes)

**ARTICLE 8.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Cemetery Care: maintenance and repair shall be the responsibility of the Sexton. (Recommended: \$5,500 from Property Taxes)

**ARTICLE 9.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Cemetery expenses: (Recommended: \$1,000 from Cemetery Committee Acct)

**ARTICLE 10.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Eastern Area on Aging. (Recommended: \$300 from Surplus)

**ARTICLE 11.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Fire Department expenses. (Recommended: \$53,000 from Excise Taxes)

**ARTICLE 12.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for General Assistance. (Recommended: \$500 from Surplus)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Municipal Building Expenses. (Recommended: \$14,000 from Excise Taxes)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Penquis CAP, Inc. (Recommended: \$500 from Surplus)

**ARTICLE 15.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Refuse Account. (Recommended: \$70,000 from Excise Taxes)

**ARTICLE 16.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for snow removal. (Recommended: \$100,000 from Property Taxes)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Town Office Expenses. (Recommended: \$23,000 from Property Taxes)

**ARTICLE 18.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Town Office salaries. (Recommended: \$77,000 from Surplus)

**ARTICLE 19.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Town Roads. (Recommended: \$5,000 from Excise Taxes)

**ARTICLE 20.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for School Choice Tuition Account. (Recommended: \$15,000 from Property Taxes)

**ARTICLE 21.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate for Salt Shed Expenses. (Recommended: \$500 from Surplus)

**ARTICLE 22.** To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for Town Roads Improvements. (Recommended: \$75,000.00 from the Juniper Ridge Fund)

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to keep the Town owned highways cleared of snow, as provided in Chapter 227, Public Laws 1929.

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will authorize the release of Snowmobile Registration money to the L.A. Sledgers for the purpose of maintaining trails.

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will establish the date when taxes shall be due and payable, the date when interest will begin to accrue, and the rate of interest to be paid on all unpaid taxes and liens. (Recommended: Taxes Due October 1, 2022, Interest to begin on October 2, 2022 at a rate of 4%)

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon and execute quitclaim deeds therefore. The person or persons taxed for this property or his or her heirs to be given first chance to redeem this property within 30 days, or Selectmen may put the property up for bid. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S ss943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s). Selectmen have the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Also, to allow the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic lien foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the town.

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will accept State Funds in the following categories:

- Municipal Revenue Sharing
- Local Road Assistance
- Snowmobile Registration Money and Grants
- Veterans Exemption
- Tree Growth
- Homestead Reimbursement
- BETE Reimbursement
- General Assistance
- Fire Department

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will accept any non-matching grants or gifts obtained by all Town Departments.

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to donate or sell surplus equipment.

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to spend necessary amounts in each budget category for the period January 1, 2023 to the Annual Town Meeting in 2023.

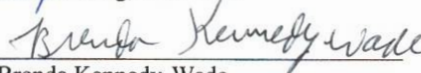
**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to increase permanently the property tax levy limit of \$67,000.00 established for the Town of Alton by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit. (Written ballot is required)

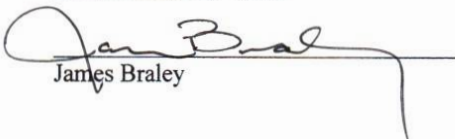
**ARTICLE 32.** Call for a motion to adjourn.

Registrar will be at the Municipal Building at 9:30am on the day of said meeting for the purpose of voter registration.

**ALTON SELECT BOARD:      DATED: 03 /1/2022**

  
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John Belding, Chairman

  
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Brenda Kennedy-Wade

  
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James Braley

# Maine Municipal Audit Services, PA

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Mindy J. Cyr, CPA

## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Alton  
Alton, Maine

### OPINIONS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Alton, Maine, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Alton, Maine's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Alton, Maine, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### BASIS FOR OPINIONS

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Alton, Maine, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of Alton, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on financial statements.

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In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Alton, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of Alton, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison schedule, on pages 5-6, and 20 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Alton, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements, schedule of property valuation, assessments, and appropriations, schedule of taxes receivable and schedule of departmental operations are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor financial statements, schedule of property valuation, assessments, and appropriations, schedule of taxes receivable and schedule of departmental operations are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Maine Municipal Audit Services, PA*

Levant, Maine  
February 2, 2022



Town of Alton, Maine  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2021

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents			1,369,131
Taxes receivable, net	\$ 1,359,590	\$ 9,541	\$ 1,369,131
Tax liens receivable	36,463	-	36,463
	14,124	-	14,124
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,410,177</b>	<b>\$ 9,541</b>	<b>\$ 1,419,719</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
<i>Liabilities:</i>			
Accounts payable	\$ 7,821	\$ -	\$ 7,821
<i>Total liabilities</i>	7,821	-	7,821
<i>Deferred inflows of resources:</i>			
Deferred property tax revenue	44,150	-	44,150
Prepaid property taxes	2,706	-	2,706
<i>Total deferred inflows of resources</i>	46,856	-	46,856
<i>Fund balances: see footnotes</i>			
Non-spendable - endowments	-	4,371	4,371
Restricted	20,630	-	20,630
Committed	1,111,554	-	1,111,554
Assigned	73,383	5,171	78,553
Unassigned	149,934	-	149,934
<i>Total fund balances</i>	1,355,501	9,541	1,365,042
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 1,410,177</b>	<b>\$ 9,541</b>	
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (Stmnt. 1) are different because:</i>			
Depreciable and non-depreciable capital assets as reported in Stmnt. 1			945,704
Deferred property taxes not reported on Stmnt. 1			44,150
<b>NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>			<b>\$ 2,354,896</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Alton, Maine  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 565,423	\$ -	\$ 565,423
Excise taxes	164,590	-	164,590
Intergovernmental revenue	230,210	-	230,210
Charges for services	19,528	-	19,528
Investment income	4,725	6	4,730
Other revenue	262,279	-	262,279
<i>Total revenues</i>	1,246,755	6	1,246,761
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
General government	102,818	-	102,818
Protection	75,242	-	75,242
Sanitation	63,452	-	63,452
Public works	115,085	-	115,085
County tax	74,125	-	74,125
Education	530,252	-	530,252
Cemetery	5,984	-	5,984
Social services	2,148	-	2,148
Recreation	12,177	-	12,177
<i>Total expenditures</i>	981,283	-	981,283
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	265,473	6	265,478
<i>Net change in fund balances</i>	265,473	6	265,478
<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING</b>	1,090,028	9,536	1,099,564
<b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING</b>	\$ 1,355,501	\$ 9,541	\$ 1,365,042

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Town of Alton, Maine  
 Schedule of Departmental Operations  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Balance 1/1/2021	Property Taxes	Other Revenues & credits	Fund Balance	Total Available	Expenditures	Transfers	Lapsed	Balances Carried
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
Town office salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 59,820	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180
Town office expense	-	-	-	23,000	23,000	22,392	-	-	608
Assessor's agent	-	7,000	-	-	7,000	7,000	-	-	-
Municipal building maintenance	-	-	-	16,000	16,000	13,606	-	-	2,394
<i>Total</i>	-	7,000	-	99,000	106,000	102,818	-	3,182	-
<b>PROTECTION</b>									
Fire protection	-	-	51,450	-	51,450	50,364	-	1,086	-
Ambulance	-	-	22,000	-	22,000	21,962	-	-	38
Fire truck fund	785	-	-	-	785	785	-	-	-
Animal control	2,282	-	464	-	2,746	2,130	-	-	616
<i>Total</i>	3,067	-	73,914	-	76,981	75,242	-	1,086	654
<b>SANITATION</b>									
Refuse account	-	-	64,000	-	64,000	63,452	-	548	-
<i>Total</i>	-	-	64,000	-	64,000	63,452	-	548	-
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>									
Town roads	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	3,755	-	1,245	-
Salt/sand shed - new roof	15,000	-	3,767	-	18,767	18,767	-	-	-
Salt/sand shed	-	-	500	-	500	166	-	-	334
Snow removal	-	-	-	52,000	52,000	54,223	-	(2,223)	-
Town roads improvements	-	-	39,000	-	39,000	38,175	-	-	826
<i>Total</i>	15,000	-	48,267	52,000	115,267	115,085	-	(644)	826
<b>COUNTY TAX</b>									
	-	74,125	-	-	74,125	74,125	-	-	-
<b>EDUCATION</b>									
RSU assessment	-	521,481	-	-	521,481	521,481	-	-	-
School tuition	270	8,000	-	-	8,270	8,771	-	-	(501)
<i>Total</i>	270	529,481	-	-	529,751	530,252	-	-	(501)

Town of Alton, Maine  
 Schedule of Departmental Operations  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Balance 1/1/2021	Property Taxes	Other Revenues & Credits	Fund Balance	Total Available	Expenditures	Transfers	Balances	
								Lapsed	Carried
<b>CEMETERY</b>									
Cemetery care	-	-	5,500	-	5,500	5,500	-	-	-
Veteran's park	123	-	-	-	123	-	-	-	123
Cemetery committee	2,927	-	720	-	3,647	484	-	-	3,163
<i>Total</i>	3,050	-	6,220	-	9,270	5,984	-	-	3,286
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>									
General assistance	-	-	500	753	1,253	1,348	-	(95)	-
Donations	-	-	800	-	800	800	-	-	-
<i>Total</i>	-	-	1,300	753	2,053	2,148	-	(95)	-
<b>RECREATION</b>									
Snowmobile	-	-	12,177	-	12,177	12,177	-	-	-
<i>Total</i>	-	-	12,177	-	12,177	12,177	-	-	-
<b>RESERVES</b>									
Juniper Ridge	807,036	-	244,414	-	1,051,449	-	(35,000)	-	1,016,449
ARPA funds	-	-	90,618	-	90,618	-	-	-	90,618
Capital improvement fund	709	-	-	-	709	-	-	-	709
<i>Total</i>	807,744	-	335,032	-	1,142,776	-	(35,000)	-	1,107,776
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 829,131	\$ 610,606	\$ 540,910	\$ 151,753	\$ 2,132,399	\$ 981,283	\$ (35,000)	\$ 4,076	\$ 1,112,040

## Notes