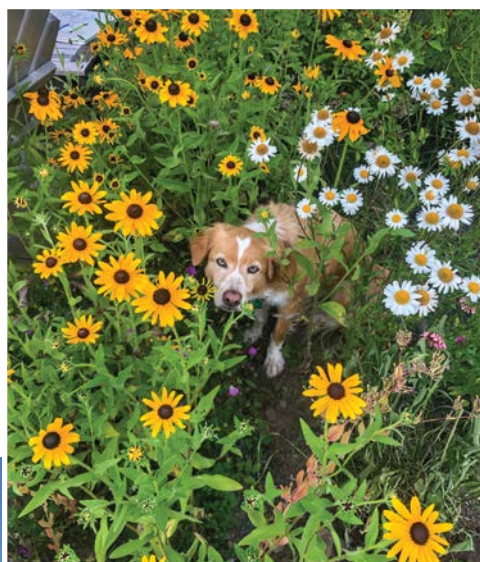


Freeport

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Dedication

Edward M. Bonney, April 5, 1933 – September 12, 2021



Ed's life was marked by a strong devotion to public service and political activism. Both he and his wife Betty first became active in the 1960s, heeding President John F. Kennedy's call to "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." He lived by this principle right up until his passing in September 2021.

Born in Buckfield, Maine, in 1933, Ed and his family moved to Freeport in 1947. He graduated from Freeport High School in 1951, then attended Emerson College

in Boston before enlisting in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. In the Air Force, Ed was an Air Operations Specialist and spent most of his enlistment in Base Operations at Perrin Air Force Base in Sherman, Texas.

After being honorably discharged in 1956, Ed returned to Freeport, working first at the Freeport Lace Company and later operating two local dance halls. In the summer of 1957, he married Betty Joyce Smith, the love of his life. The Bonneys relocated to Queens, New York, for a short time while Ed worked as an air traffic controller at Idlewild Airport (now John F. Kennedy International Airport). In 1960, Ed and Betty decided that they wanted their children brought up in Maine and came home to Freeport.

Ed was committed to the Democratic Party and its ideals and became actively involved in the party at both state and local levels. In 1965, he was appointed to be the Executive Director of the Maine Democratic Party. He held this position until 1973 when he was appointed Executive Director of the Maine State Bar Association, a position he held until his retirement in 1998.

Ed was chair of the Freeport Democratic Town Committee as well as the Cumberland County Democratic Committee. He helped coordinate Ken Curtis' successful campaign for Maine governor in 1965 and served as the Executive Director of the Maine Democratic State Committee during the eight years Curtis was in office. As Executive Director, Ed oversaw arrangements for the Maine delegations to the Democratic Conventions in Chicago, Illinois, in 1968 and Miami, Florida, in 1972. At one of the many demonstrations during the Chicago Convention, he and Betty were tear gassed. Ed had an opportunity after the convention to work on the Humphrey-Muskie presidential campaign.

Ed was very active in Freeport, serving on the boards of several groups including the Jaycees, the Freeport Community Combination Blood Bank, the Freeport Budget Committee, and the Freeport Superintending School Committee. He represented Freeport on the Greater Portland Council of Governments and served as the group's first Treasurer. Ed was a familiar figure to Freeport voters, serving as an election clerk, warden, and deputy warden of the polls. He

also served Cumberland County at large, working for nine years as a Trustee of the Cumberland County Civic Center as well as serving on the Building Committee for the new Cumberland County Correctional Facility.

In the early 1970s, Ed was asked by the selectmen in Freeport to chair a committee to study other forms of municipal governments in Maine. At this time, there was concern on the part of many citizens that Freeport had grown too big to be well-served by a Town Meeting form of government. The Government Study Committee, composed of a cross section of citizens, spent a year reviewing the many types of municipal governments used in Maine. Ed also chaired the Charter Commission that was created to craft the proposal for Freeport's new government. As a result, the town now has a Town Council made up of seven councilors who enjoy full legislative and budget powers, along with a full-time professional manager.

Ed was elected to serve on the first Freeport Town Council, seated in 1973. He was elected to two more terms and served on many other town committees and boards. In the 1990s and 2000s he chaired the Train Committee that worked to bring Amtrak's Downeaster service to Freeport. He served on the Capital Campaign Committee that raised funds to build the Freeport Community Center, something he was very proud of.

For more than 20 years, Ed hosted two Freeport Cable Access TV programs: "Freeport Perspectives" with co-host Bob Harnett and "Conversations with Ed Bonney." He was very proud of the four-program series of conversations with World War II veterans. Ed also served as a member of the Maine Public Broadcasting's Community Advisory Board from 1996-2003.

Ed was instrumental in establishing the Freeport Merchants Association. He was a member of the Freeport Townscape Committee and helped raised funds for a study to determine how Freeport could reinvent itself to compensate for the loss of the many shoe shops that had closed. This effort helped create the thriving retail presence Freeport has today. In the 1980s, he brought together 50 Freeport citizens and businesses and formed the Freeport Economic Development Corporation. For several years, he served as its President.

Ed also helped found the Greater Freeport Chamber of Commerce and served as its first President. He was honored by the Chamber in 2013 with the creation of the Edward M. Bonney Community Contribution Award. The award is given annually to a member of the community who has made a significant contribution of time and energy for the betterment of Freeport. Fittingly, Ed was the award's first recipient.

Ed's hard work and commitment to community resulted in other honors. In 1993, he received the Bolton Award for Professional Excellence. This is the highest honor given by the National Association of Bar Executives. In 2000, he received the Freeport Citizen of the Year Award. Other recognitions include awards from the Freeport Historical Society, Freeport Merchants Association, and Freeport USA.

Ed will be missed by all of Freeport.

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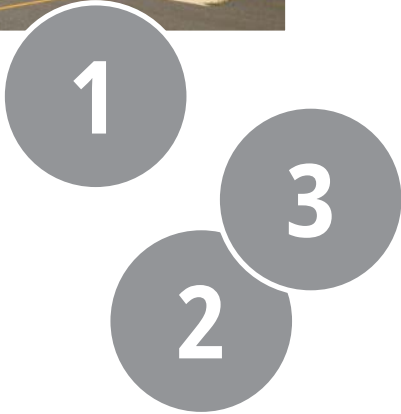
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Your Photos

We love to see what you see in Freeport—a beautiful scene, town staff at work, details that could only be Freeport. If you are a town resident, send your original photos to rdoak@freeportmaine.com or cwolfe@freeportmaine.com and you might see them in the next annual report. Please include only photos taken in Freeport (we like other towns, but this report is all about us). Include your full name for the credit, and if you would like photos to be considered for the quiz on the last page, be sure to include the location so we can let quiz-takers check their answers.



Freeport by the Numbers

On most pages of the annual report you will notice prominent numbers that provide information about what each department costs the median taxpayer as well as staffing levels for the department. The hope is that this will give the reader a quick overview of the scope of the department. Please keep in mind that the numbers are based on the median assessed value of all residential properties for Fiscal Year 2022, which was \$300,000. If your property is assessed higher or lower, then your contribution to each department would be different. The number does not take into account revenues generated by the department. Staffing levels indicated are shown in a full-time equivalent (FTE) unless otherwise noted, which does not take in to account the actual number of employees, but rather the total employee hours budgeted for that department and how many full time employees that would equal. There are expenses in the Town’s budget that are non-departmental, and therefore they are not broken down on a page, and would total \$213 dollars on the median tax bill. This includes expenses such as utilities, insurance, promotions, miscellaneous and contingency, employee benefits, overlay, and debt service.

Citizen of the Year: Katrina Van Dusen

The Citizen of the Year Award is given annually to a Freeport individual or group that has substantively contributed to the quality of the Town, the well-being of the citizens, and the reputation of Freeport. The 2021 Citizen of the Year was Katrina Van Dusen, a long-time Freeport resident and someone who has worked to make Freeport a great place to live.

Personal Biography:

- Freeport resident since 1985
- Worked in the State Planning Office, Augusta
- Executive Director, Freeport Conservation Trust 2010-2021

History of Civic/Community Involvement:

- Coastal Waters Commission, late 1980s
- Co-chaired Freeport's Comprehensive Plan Committee, early 1990s
- Tireless volunteer in Freeport schools
- Destination Imagination coach and Community Soccer coach, 1990s and 2000s
- Wolf Neck Club, annual plant sale chair and past president; organizes Wolf Neck roadside spring cleanup
- Freeport Conservation Trust, volunteer, trustee, and president, prior to 2010
- Volunteered at election day polls for at least the past 15 years

Katrina has been involved in many of these community activities year after year, including the Wolf Neck Club's annual plant sale that helps fund two scholarships for high school students, as well as volunteering at the polls and for our local land trust.

In recent years in particular, Katrina has had a significant impact on the improvement and expansion of opportunities for Freeport res-

idents (and visitors) to become acquainted with Freeport's open spaces and trails. This has never been so apparent as during the past year and a half when the pandemic led people to seek ways to get out in the fresh air and enjoy Freeport's natural surroundings.



During Katrina's decade as Executive Director of Freeport Conservation Trust, she led efforts to add more than six miles of new trails and constantly encouraged residents to get outdoors. She led countless walks and published a suite of trail maps covering all areas of town, including town-owned lands. Links to these maps can be accessed from the town web site.

Katrina's efforts have resulted in increased participation in the annual Freeport Trail Challenge. This challenge encourages children and adults to hike four Freeport trails. The challenge has grown with more than 300 participants completing the challenge and many more completing less than four of the hikes. This healthy outdoor activity has been pursued by school children and seniors alike. The many, many comments of appreciation received from participants highlights the positive impact that simply getting outdoors to explore and enjoy Freeport's natural surroundings has on the community's well-being during challenging times.

Past Citizen of the Year Recipients

- Jim DeGrandpre - 2020
- Maryellen Carew and Pauline (Sam) Hunneman - 2019
- Beth Edmonds - 2018
- Fred Palmer and John Paterson - 2017
- George Denney - 2016
- Kate and Jonas Werner - 2015
- Freeport Community Services Founding Mothers - 2014
- Edward Bradley - 2013
- Thomas Wright - 2012
- Vicki Lowe - 2011
- Bob Stevens - 2010
- Rod Regier - 2009
- Barbara Gifford - 2008
- Dr. Jonathan Strout - 2007
- Mary Sauer & Jon Hoy - 2006
- Betsy Ruff - 2005
- Edgar Leighton - 2004
- E. Ann Westervelt - 2003
- Louis Marstaller - 2002
- Vaughndella Curtis - 2001
- Edward Bonney - 2000
- Frank Small - 1999
- Frank Garland - 1998
- Fred Fernald & Edward Bueter - 1997
- Paul Powers - 1996



Committees, Boards & Community Agencies as of June 2022

Board of Appeals

Pamela Leone
Phil Wagner
Shannon Garrity, Chair
Chalmers Hardenbergh
Pamela Mancuso
Preston Noon, Vice Chair
STAFF PERSON: Nicholas Adams

Board of Assessment Review

Chris Grimm
R. McAllister Lloyd
Clint Swett
Vacancy
Vacancy

Cable TV Regulatory Board

Wayne Jortner
RSU5 Liaison, Vacant
Vacancy (3)
STAFF PERSON: Tom Pierce
Jay Somers, Comcast Senior
Manager of Government &
Community Relations

Coastal Waters Commission

Jeff Stenzel
Dayton Benway, Secretary
Peter Polovchik
D. Scott Gleeson
Mark Morrissey, Chair
Tod Yankee
Laurie Orlando
STAFF PERSON: Charles Tetreau

Complete Streets Committee

Doug Leland, Dist 3, Vice Chair
Phil Wagner
Nathaniel Goodman, Police Chief
Andrew Seymour, LL Bean
Representative
Gregory Michaud, Dist 4, Chair
Sally Walsh
Barbara Guffin
Elizabeth McDonald
Henry Lawrence, Council Liaison
STAFF PERSON: Adam Bliss

Conservation Commission

Ryan Burke, Chair
Benjamin Shepard
Anna Cudmore

Margaret Gerber
Matt McLaughlin
John Stroud
Catherine Carroll
Dan Piltch, Council Liaison

Emergency Preparedness

Paul Conley, Fire Rescue Chief
Nate Goodman, Police Chief
Earl Gibson, Highway Supt
Peter Joseph, Town Manager
Leland Arris, Sewer District
Dr. Becky Foley, RSU5 Supt
Vacant, FCS Representative
Michael Tausek, Gen Asst
Charles Tetreau, Harbormaster

Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee

Dave Intravasato, Dist 3
Phil Wagner, Dist 1
R. McAllister Lloyd
Conservation Comm, Vacant
Nelson Larkins
John Egan, Council Liaison
Craig Sickles, RSU5
Representative
STAFF PERSON: Adam Bliss

Library Board of Trustees

Jenn Guenette
Leslie Hallock
Andrew McDonnell
Mary Gallie
Sally Martin
Katie Maicher
Kim Swett
Jonah Bissell
Darryl Uy
STAFF PERSON: Courtney Sparks

Planning Board

Sam Kapala, Chair
Rose Mary Burwell
Robert Ball, Vice Chair
Andy Arsenault
Mitchell Rouda
Wayne Jortner
Anna Child
STAFF PERSON: Caroline Pelletier

Police Advisory

Joyce Clarkson Veilleux
Edwin Boutin
Mark Devine
Elizabeth Ring
Martin Graver
Conrad Anderson, student
Kate Tracy, student
Dan Piltch, Council Liaison

Project Review Board

James Monteleone
Ford Reiche
Tod Yankee
Lynn Hamlen
Guy Blanchard, Chair
Linda Berger
Jason Donahue
STAFF PERSON:
Caroline Pelletier

Freeport RSU5 Board of Directors

Madelyn Vertenten
Maura Pillsbury
Colin Cheney
Dung Nguyen
Valy Steverlynck
Susana Hancock

Sustainability Advisory Board

Josh Olins, Chair
Susana Hancock
Megan Shore
Howie Berger
Valy Steverlynck, Vice Chair
Mandana MacPherson
Kristen Dorsey
Jake Daniele, Council Liaison

Sewer District Trustees

Sara Randall, Chair
Thomas Hudak, Treasurer
Michael Ashby
Earle Rowe, Jr.
Sally Leland, Clerk
Adam Morse

Shellfish Conservation Commission

Gina Leduc-Kuntz
Jason Doyle
Nelson Larkins
Chad Coffin, Chair

Sarah Warren
Sara Randall, Vice Chair
Darrell Fournier, Council Liaison
STAFF PERSON: Charles Tetreau

Freeport Water District Trustees

Chad Coffin
Jonathan Gagne
Jason Crowell

South Freeport Water District Trustees

Jeffrey Stenzel, Chair
Melanie Ferrucci, Secretary
Eric Horne
Paul Beem

Winslow Park Commission

Susan Hazzard, Chair
Fred Reeder
Bradford Williams
Pierre Shevenell
Martin Fosburg
Bill Ross
Gerald Kennedy
Anne Richie
Matthew Pillsbury, Council
Liaison
STAFF PERSON: Neil Lyman



Town Council

This has been an exciting and eventful year in Freeport. We have seen a renewed interest in growth and development, welcomed many new temporary and permanent residents, and hosted a great many visitors. Freeport has undergone many changes through the years, with prior reputations as a source of lumber, a quarry, a shoe manufacturing center, and a retail hub. The Town Council is looking forward to steering the town through its next transition.

One of the most heartwarming events of this past year has been our community's reaction to the hundred-plus residents that were in temporary housing here. In many cases, they came from environments where they were unsafe or persecuted and found themselves welcomed eagerly by our town. Acting cooperatively with other municipalities, nonprofits, and the State government we provided food, shelter, and services for these new residents and welcomed their children into our schools. The outpouring of goodwill and support from longtime Freeporters was heartening and helped guide our decisions at the Town Council to continue to provide support where it was most needed.

The town we welcomed them into is one that continues its rise and revitalization. The quietness in the streets during the depths of pandemic-induced lockdowns gave us time to work with the community on a new vision for our downtown. This work hit a high note in May of 2022 when the Principle Group presented its final Downtown Vision Plan, which was enthusiastically greeted by a crowd offering applause. This was a proud moment for us all, and it was wonderful to see our Council Chambers so full.

We're now faced with the difficult work of making this Vision a reality with our limited resources. I'm optimistic about this work as there continues to be a spirit of dedication and collaboration that has already broken through barriers that we have struggled with for years. Look for more activity and more projects to spring forth from this incredible Vision.

All of this work needs to be put in the context of our surrounding region and our environment. We know that our climate is changing, and while we cannot legislate the weather, we can be thoughtful about how we mitigate our own impact on the climate, and how we plan for its impact on our town. We have made significant progress on a Climate Action Plan and have secured a grant of over \$100,000 to help fund a new Sustainability Coordinator to navigate the complex challenges ahead.

This year saw more investment in our dedicated Public Safety Department, with funding for a new Social Services Liaison to work alongside our police officers as well as additional equipment for our Fire Rescue Department. It's always heartwarming when our Chiefs come to Council meetings to share tales of recent lives that were saved—emotionally or literally—by the work of their teams.

We are also fortunate to have a solid working relationship with our state legislators, continuing a strong tradition of having former Freeport Town Councilors represent us in Augusta, bringing with them a thorough knowledge of how municipal operations and finances are impacted by decisions in the State House. Thanks to their efforts, we saw an increase in revenue sharing and in education funding.



Dan Piltch prepares for October's Downtown Vision Plan presentation and meeting



John Egan



Darrel Fournier



Jake Daniele



Daniel Piltch



Edward Bradley



Matthew Pillsbury



Henry "Chip" Lawrence

Freeport is one of the most financially-secure communities in Southern Maine, with significant reserves and very little debt. This means that more of our tax dollars can go towards providing services, rather than to paying interest on loans. Even with the significant investments we made in our town, our tax rate continues to be among the lowest in the area. This was a particular challenge in times of high inflation. The Council takes seriously its role as the steward of our budget and thoughtfully questions any new expenditures.

In the year ahead, we look forward to growth on several fronts. The number of visitors continues its healthy climb as we hosted a new Oyster Festival, an increasingly popular Fall Festival, and the many entertaining public activities sponsored by L.L. Bean. Thanks to the renewed interest in Freeport, we're seeing new businesses in town, which in turn is encouraging interest in the development of new housing.

Freeport continues to be among the leaders in the region in providing housing opportunities. We have a significant amount of affordable housing for a town of our size, and continually look for opportunities to add to this strong base as the demand for affordable housing is acute. The Council established a new Task Force to make recommendations on how to generate solutions for our area's ongoing housing shortage, and we are looking forward to acting quickly and decisively to encourage new development.

None of this would have happened without the countless hours spent by the staff and volunteers whose names appear in this Annual Report. We are lucky to have such dedicated and enthusiastic individuals guiding our Town. If you've ever thought about getting more involved, Freeport provides a very welcoming and well-run community to do so. Whether you volunteer to serve on a board or committee, or just watch or attend any of the public meetings, we're glad to have you be a part of our collective success.

Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$13



Municipal Phone Directory

Animal Control

Freeport Police 865-4800

Tax Assessor

Quang Minh Le 865-4743 x140

Cable TV

Tom Pierce 865-4743 x114

Code Enforcement

Nick Adams 865-4743 x102

Freeport Economic Development Corporation

Brett Richardson 865-4742 x117

Finance Director

Jessica Maloy 865-4743 x115

Fire Rescue Chief & Emergency Prep

Paul Conley 865-3421

General Assistance (at Freeport Community Services)

Mike Tausek 865-3985 x205

Harbormaster

Charles Tetreau 865-4546

Library

Courtney Sparks 865-3307

Marine Resource Conservation Officer

Charles Tetreau 865-4800

Police Chief

Nathaniel Goodman 865-4800

Public Works Superintendent

Earl Gibson 865-4461

Recycling Facility

Suzanne Duplissis 865-3740

RSU5 Superintendent

Jean Skorapa 865-0928 x5

Town Clerk & Registrar of Voters

Christine Wolfe 865-4743 x123

Town Engineer

Adam Bliss 865-4743 x106

Town Manager

Peter Joseph 865-4743 x121

Town Planner

Caroline Pelletier 865-4743 x107

Train & Information Center 869-5310

Winslow Park Manager

Neil Lyman 865-9052

Winslow Park Gatehouse (May-Oct) 865-4198

Town Manager

Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22), running from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, was a busy and exciting year for the Town of Freeport. The lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on daily life, travel, and tourism mixed with a multitude of forward-looking projects, productive energy, and growth and change in Town, resulting in a busy rollercoaster of a year that ended up moving in an overall positive direction.

Many exciting projects were undertaken during FY22. The Town continued to move forward with the implementation of the first phase of early action projects from the Downtown Vision Plan. As a result, residents saw many pop-up projects like skateparks, outdoor seating areas, and parklets appear throughout the downtown for the summer and fall months. The second phase of the Downtown Vision Plan began over the fall and winter of '21/'22 and included "Downtown Design Week," where consulting planners and Town staff spent many hours talking to residents and business owners in group meetings to begin to synthesize a vision for the future of Freeport's downtown village area. The resulting Downtown Vision Plan was formally adopted by the Town Council in May 2022. The implementation of many of the items contained in this plan is expected to start in Fiscal Year 2023 and extend for several years into the future.

In FY22, the Town of Freeport continued to deal with the impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The daily habits of residents, visitors, and businesses continued to be disrupted to a lesser extent, but there was a sense by many throughout the year that life was slowly returning to the pre-pandemic "normal." The Town responded to the continued presence of COVID-19 by making the 2020 outdoor seating, food truck, and signage provisions permanent through the summer of 2021.

During the fall of 2021, the newly formed Police Advisory Committee met for the first time to begin their work. This committee was formed as a response to the past several years of nationwide unrest surrounding policing in general in the United States. Town staff is extremely appreciative of the work that the Committee has taken

on during FY22, as they worked closely with the leadership of the Freeport Police Department to better understand the challenges facing the Department, and to make recommendations to my office and the Town Council as to the future needs of the Department.

FY22 also saw quite a few changes to the senior Town staff as four department directors decided to step away from their Town duties and take advantage of their well-earned retirement(s). In August, Fire Chief Charlie Jordan retired after five years leading the Freeport Fire Rescue Department. Although Charlie hung up the Chief's helmet, he hasn't completely given up firefighting and rumor has it that he can sometimes be found responding to fire calls as a volunteer in his nearby hometown. We wish Charlie the best in his semi-retirement!

In September, General Assistance Administrator Johanna Hanselman retired after 24 years with the Town. Johanna's original retirement plans were put on hold in part due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we were all happy for her when she was able to retire and relocate closer to her children and grandchild in South Carolina. Johanna served the Town not just as General Assistance Administrator, but also as an extremely able assistant and "jack of all trades" here in the Town Manager's Office. Her numerous contributions to the smooth operation of Town business were mostly behind the scenes, but her work in the Town Manager's Office as well as with the Town Council and with many of the Town's boards and committees were crucial during her tenure with the Town.

In December 2021, there were two notable retirements of long-serving Department Directors. Town Assessor Robert Konczal retired after 21 years of service to the Town. Bob was a friendly face to many at the Town Hall and always did a great job making



Peter Joseph receives a Certificate of Appreciation from the Donate Life organization after hosting an Organ Donation Awareness event.

Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$57

Judy Hawley, Assistant to the Town Manager



Peter Joseph, Town Manager

2.18
Full-time Employees

the sometimes uncomfortable issue of property taxation stress free whenever residents came to him with questions or concerns.

Finally, also in December 2021, Library Director Arlene Arris retired after a particularly notable career working in the Freeport Libraries. Arlene began working at the Bartol Library on Main Street on a part time basis in 1975, and continued working with the Library throughout the years as it moved up Main Street to the current Freeport Community Library building, and transitioned from a non-profit library into a Town department. Arlene ended her career in 2021 as the Director of the Freeport Community Library after *forty-six* years of service between the two libraries. To the best of the knowledge of those here in the Manager's Office, this is a record for length of service by a Town employee, at least since modern employment records have been maintained by the Town! Arlene is still quite active in the Freeport/Pownal area, so make sure to thank her for her service if you get the chance.

In response to the retirements listed above, I was thrilled to be able to make the following appointments as Department Directors, who were all subsequently confirmed by order of the Town Council:

- Lieutenant Nate Goodman, a long-time veteran of the Freeport Police Department, was confirmed as Freeport's next Chief of Police, after serving as Interim Chief for several months following the departure of Chief Susan Nourse in FY21.
- Deputy Fire Rescue Chief Paul Conley, a long-time veteran of the Freeport Fire Rescue Department, was confirmed as Fire Rescue Chief after serving as interim Chief for several months.
- Assistant Library Director Courtney Sparks was confirmed as the Director of the Freeport Community Library, also serving as interim Director for several months.
- Quang Minh Le was confirmed as Freeport's Town Assessor. Minh previously served as the Assistant Tax Assessor for the City of Biddeford, and also has a background as a small business owner and combat veteran.

I know I speak for all of the Department Directors here at the Town when I say that we are absolutely thrilled that Nate, Paul, Courtney, and Minh chose to join our team and commit their time, skills, and energy to the service of the Town. Welcome!

I would like to close by taking a few moments to thank two specific groups of people. The first are the employees of the Town. I spent a lot of time above talking about changes to the Town's roster of Department Directors, but there are nearly 200 other employees who put in work day in and day out to keep the Town's Departments functioning. None of what we do would be possible without their dedication, and they deserve most of the credit for the accomplishments of the Town during the previous year.

Finally, the dozens of volunteers who staff the various Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions donate countless hours of their personal lives to conduct meetings, hold hearings, and undertake the sometimes contentious work of the governance of the Town. Freeport has a long history of civic engagement and service, and the work undertaken by the Town's numerous volunteers bears this out.

As always, I wish you all of the best over the coming year. If there's anything that I can do for you, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Buildings & Grounds

Trivia question: Who are two of the hardest-working staff employed by the Town?

Clue: They take great pride in their work and are extremely good at their job.

Answer: Brent Moon and Kenny Stilkey!

Brent and Kenny's jobs are highly visible, yet the pair are often only noticed when something is out of place. They maintain Main Street, Town Hall, the Train Station, cemeteries, and our municipal parks and facilities. They always rise to the challenge, whether there's inclement weather to be dealt with or when Public Works and the Transfer Station need an extra hand.

Brent and Kenny's pride and dedication are showcased all around Town. The finely-cut lawns and beautiful flower gardens, as well as the Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and winter holiday decorations are all examples of their hard work. Please show your appreciation to them when you see their red vehicles around Town by giving them a wave or horn honk.



Ken Stilkey, Brent Moon

3.35
Full-time Employees



Town Clerk

In September 2021, we welcomed Carrie Weeman to our office as the new Deputy Clerk. Carrie was previously employed by the Town of Kennebunk where she worked as Deputy Clerk for five years. Carrie is active with the Maine Town and City Clerks Association and serves on their Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). She was also elected to serve on the Legislative Policy Committee for Maine Municipal Association representing Freeport and Harpswell.

In a conscious effort to make Freeport more business friendly, the Town Council repealed the Victualer License Ordinance in the spring of 2022. The process which was timely, costly, and sometimes restrictive was able to be repealed upon discovery that required criteria were being duplicated by the Town and State Agencies responsible for licensing, specifically the Department of Health and Humans Services and Liquor Licensing.

The Clerk's Office took over the responsibility of issuing Food Truck Licenses following the Zoning Ordinance amendment in January 2022. The amendment's intention was to also simplify the process and offer different pricing options for a three-day permit (\$50) and a full-year permit (\$200).

The Town Clerk also took on the added responsibility of being the new Town Council Secretary when long time secretary, Sharon Coffin, decided to relinquish the position after filling the role since 1998.

The Clerk's Office is responsible for the administrative portion of the Short-Term Residential Registration process. The first annual renewals of Short-Term Residential Rentals were processed in March 2022.

Christine Wolfe,
Town Clerk



Carrie Weeman,
Deputy Clerk

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Full-time Employees



Election News

New this year, voters may visit [Maine.gov](https://maine.gov) and not only order their absentee ballot but also track every aspect of their ballot's path. In October of last year, we started providing the Accessible Absentee Voting feature that allows voters with print disabilities to use a standard screen reader software that allows them to vote from home. Another exciting new software technology advancement is Automatic Voter Registration at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). When you apply for or renew a driver's license you can register to vote at the DMV. This should reduce voter registration lines at the polls on Election Day.

The other new feature is Vote411.org. One of the biggest challenges we have is the request for information on candidates which we are unable to provide due to voting restrictions. Vote411.org reaches out to candidates at the state and local levels and asks them to submit biographies or answer questions. The town website, updated every election, will have links to everything outlined above.

November 2, 2021

STATE

The State Referendum ballot included the passage of a citizen's initiative banning the CMP corridor, a \$100,000,000 transportation bond, and a food sovereignty Constitutional Amendment. Total ballots cast for this election were 3,682, giving Freeport a 47% voter turnout. Absentee ballots were requested by 1,321 voters, making up 34% of ballots cast for this election.

MUNICIPAL

The annual election of officers saw the following elected officials:

- Councilor-At-Large: Darrel Fournier
- Councilor District 3: Matthew Pillsbury
- Councilor District 4: Henry "Chip" Lawrence
- RSU Board of Directors: Dung Nguyen and Colin Cheney
- Sewer District Trustee: Michael Ashby, Sara Randall, and Adam Morse
- Water District Trustee: Jonathan Gagne (write in)

June 14, 2022

STATE

This primary ballot saw very few contested races, therefore, the turnout for this election was especially low. The two contested races included Republican Representative to the Legislature District 102 (James Finnegan, winner, and Gina Kuntz-LeDuc) and Democratic District Attorney District 2 (Jonathan Sahrbeck and Jacqueline Sartoris, winner).

MUNICIPAL

Voters in Freeport overwhelmingly approved the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 RSU5 Operating Budget at \$37,111,151, with 886 affirming and 279 opposed. Question Two approved the current budget process for an additional three years. In all, 1,189 ballots were cast making a 15% voter turnout.

Council Agendas

Number of Town Council meetings held: 21
Number of work sessions held: 3

Registered Voters 7,572 (as of June 30, 2022)

3,633 Democrat
2,241 Unenrolled
1,480 Republican
207 Green Independent
3 Libertarian
8 Other
7,572 total

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses Issued: 50
Resident Births: 81
Resident Deaths: 106
Burial Permits Issued: 10
Certified Copies Sold: 565

Municipal Licensing and Other Services

Automobile Junkyard Licenses: 2
Catering and BYOB Permits: 17
Commercial Passenger Boat Licenses: 3
Dog Licenses: 1,562
Food Peddler Licenses on Public Property: 2
Hunt/Fish Licenses (includes all types and authorities): 245
Liquor Licenses: 22
Special Amusement Permits: 6
Victualer's Licenses: 34
Short-Term Rentals:
• Active registrations as of June 30, 2022: 66
• 2021 Short-Term Rentals not renewed: 6
Commercial Shellfish Licenses:
• Resident Commercial: 39
• Resident Senior Commercial: 7
• Resident Student Commercial: 5
• Non-resident Commercial: 5
• Non-Resident Student Commercial: 1
Recreational Shellfish Licenses:
• Resident Recreational: 86
• Non-Resident Recreational: 20

Please be advised that many services are available online and can save you a trip to the Town Office. Please visit our website at www.freeportmaine.com for information on how to register a dog or obtain hunting and fishing licenses online, as well as other information regarding elections, vital records, municipal licensing, and other services we provide.



Carrie Weeman is re-certified by the Maine Town and City Clerk's Association

Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$10



Town Engineer

The Town Engineer manages the Town's physical assets and natural resources. Our assets include facilities on public property and municipal roadways. Our natural resources include streams, wetlands, woodlands, and open space, all protected for the public to enjoy. The Town Engineer also manages public infrastructure projects, several of which are described below.

Public Safety Radio Communication Project

The radio project wrapped up in 2022 with the installation of new equipment at four communications sites that link to the dispatch center in Brunswick. The conversion from analog to digital equipment provides significantly better coverage throughout the Town and allows for quicker response times.

Town Hall Site Beautification Project

The Town Hall Site Beautification project received permit approvals in 2022, and Public Works will construct outdoor enhancements in Spring 2023. The improvements include walkways and building entrances that are ADA-compliant and support aging in place. The steps to all doors will be removed and replaced with granite block retaining walls and walkways graded at a gentle 1% slope.

The front lawn area will feature new walkways that converge at a 20' diameter circle designed to encourage patrons to sit, rest, and chat over a cup of tea or coffee. Three radial granite benches with back supports will surround the sitting area, and four rain gardens will envelop the sitting area. These ponds will be planted with lush, vibrant shrubs, grasses, and perennials appropriate for sun and partial shade conditions. The shallow depressions within the ponds will retain stormwater for approximately 24 hours before infiltrating into the ground. The infiltration process and root uptake of water and nutrients help filter the stormwater before discharge to Concord Gully Brook. The ponds will be dry for most days of the year.

A granite block seat wall will be installed between the Main Street sidewalk and the planted pond areas. The seat wall was requested and endorsed by Town Committees and the Town Council. Its purpose is to provide additional seating for small community gatherings and events at Town Hall. An art display is proposed along the walkway from the corner of Grove and Main Street. Five street trees are also proposed to fill the space between the seat wall and Main Street sidewalk. The flagpole and Armed Services monument will be relocated closer to the parking lot entrance for better visibility in honoring those who served.



Construction at the Desert Road bridge

Desert Road and Mallett Drive Bridges

The bridge construction projects broke ground in early 2022. These projects are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2025, but there is hope to finish them sooner. The schedule is dependent on the weather. Each bridge will feature a 12-foot-wide pedestrian pathway. The Town Engineer is working with the Complete Streets Committee and Connect Freeport on how the bridge paths will connect to Main Street and Town-owned land across the highway. The Maine DOT holds weekly construction progress meetings to address any issues that arise. The Maine DOT also maintains a Project website and photo gallery here: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/projects/freeport295>.

The Town Engineer is involved with many other projects, including the Downtown Vision Plan, the Mallett Drive Shared-Use Path, Concord Brook Trail, Cousin's River Multi-Use Path, and the Route One Off-Road Multi-Use Path. Feel free to drop me a line about how you can become involved with these projects. My email address is abliss@freeportmaine.com.

The Town Engineer is responsible for managing the Town's Municipal Stormwater Permit. This permit authorizes the Town to discharge clean water to water bodies regulated by the Maine DEP. Clean water management minimizes metals, oils, and nutrients from entering the stormwater system and waterways. The Town works with the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District to ensure clean water discharge by promoting healthy yardscaping practices, participation in the Urban Runoff 5k Walk/ Run Event, and an annual educational presentation in the elementary school classrooms.

Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$12



The Town Engineer also directs the Solid Waste and Public Works Departments. Day-to-day operations are managed well by Suzanne Duplissis and Earl Gibson, respectively. The Engineer's roles in these departments include policy, personnel, budget, and capital project management. The department is responsible for many other engineering and administrative duties as well as special projects as requested by the Town Manager. Other duties include staff support to the Complete Streets Committee, Connect Freeport Work Group (formerly Active Living Committee), and Hunter Road Fields Committee.

The Complete Streets Committee is represented by six at-large seats filled by resident volunteers and three seats filled by a Town Council liaison, the Police Chief, and an L.L. Bean representative. The Committee worked on many projects described in their Workplan during 2020 and 2021. Examples include a resident inquiry flowchart, bicycle and pedestrian paths, a revamped website, and a Complete Streets Policy. Appreciation is given to all Complete Streets Committee and Connect Freeport members for their commitment

and dedication to these projects. Special mention is given to Greg Michaud, Doug Leland, Liz MacDonald, and Andy Spaulding as Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

The Town Engineer enjoys working with the many volunteers, Committees, and other Town employees that help make Freeport a special place to work and live. These collective efforts help maintain and improve the quality of life for Freeport residents.



Attendees view renderings at the Downtown Vision Plan presentation and community meeting



Artist's sketches of planned Town Hall modifications, including ADA-compliant entrances



Adam Bliss,
Town Engineer

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Full-time Employees



Solid Waste & Recycling

Solid Waste & Recycling

The Transfer Station accepts resident and non-resident waste and recycling. While only residents can dispose of municipal solid waste (MSW) at the Transfer Station, other waste (e.g. bulky, wood, metal, and electronic) and recycling are accepted from Durham, Pownal, and North Yarmouth residents. The facility has seen a steady uptick in users for the past six years, and with the increase in users, there has been an increase in the volume of every type of material coming into the Transfer Station.

Municipal Solid Waste

The Transfer Station received 38% of the 1,728 tons of all MSW taken to ecomaine. The remaining 62% represents MSW collected by private haulers.

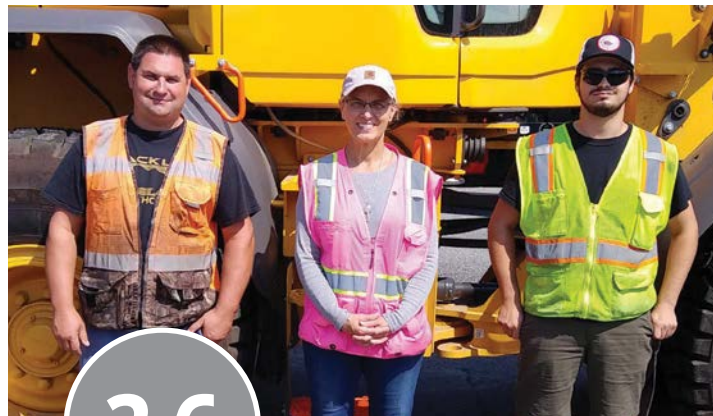
Recycling

The Transfer Station received 33.8% of the 778.89 tons of all recycling taken to ecomaine in FY22. The remaining 67% represents recyclables dropped off in the two “silver bullet” recycling containers in town as well as those collected by private haulers.



Bulky Waste

The Transfer Station received a total of 671.07 tons of bulky waste in FY22, making it the biggest year ever. An additional 2.15 tons of material in was received and processed compared with FY21.



Josh Harriman, Suzanne Duplissis,
Dylan Durisko



Recycling

The Transfer Station and ecomaine staff continue to educate residents on what can and cannot be recycled. The single-sort compactor at the Transfer Station has extremely low contamination rates, averaging 2%. The contamination rates for the silver bullet containers on West Street and Hunter Road have improved. They have decreased from rates as high as 35% to between 5% and 10%. The most common contaminants continue to be plastic bags, bubble wrap, padded mailers, shrink wrap, and Styrofoam.

Plastic bags containing recyclables are frequently placed into the containers. These bags are then rejected at ecomaine because they bind the gears and sorting mechanisms. The best practice is to place only loose recyclable materials into the appropriate containers. It is important that everyone educate themselves on what is and is not recyclable. ecomaine has a webpage titled Recyclopedia to help people determine if an item is recyclable. Recyclopedia can be found on the ecomaine website or by following the link on the Town website under the Recycling Facility tab. Residents are encouraged to visit the Town website, ecomaine's Recyclopedia webpage, or ask Transfer Station staff for guidance. As a last resort, the adage “when in doubt, throw it out” is the best solution to uncertainty.



Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$40

Below: One of the overhead garage doors replaced with a fixed wall, standard door and transaction-style slider window.



Recycling Tonnages

Throughout Fiscal Year 2022, residents recycled 778.89 tons of material, down from 845.95 tons during FY21. This figure includes material from the two silver bullets, the Transfer Station single-sort compactor, and the pick-up of residential recyclables by private haulers. Since January 2019, ecomaine will only accept loads of recyclables with less than 25% contamination. Loads that are more than 25% contaminated are also assessed a surcharge as they are transferred to incineration rather than recycling. In FY22, 2.29 tons of recyclables collected in Freeport did not meet the cleanliness level and were subsequently sent to the incinerator as solid waste, making the net recycled tonnage 776.6. These contaminated loads were not from the Transfer Station or the silver bullets but were loads collected from private haulers. Transfer Station staff continue to monitor recycling to ensure contamination levels remain as low as possible.

Food Scrap Diversion

The food scrap drop-off program at the Transfer Station continues to be popular with residents. Tonnages are unavailable as the company was sold midyear. The food scraps were diverted from ecomaine's incinerators and were taken to Agri-Cycle. The drop-off program, offered at no charge, provides residents an opportunity to reduce their solid waste even if they are unable to compost at home.

Spring Cleanup

This year, the Spring Cleanup was changed to a Monday and Tuesday to better manage the influx of material without having to manage residents bringing in their regular weekly waste. To accommodate residents who work during the week, the Transfer Station remained open until 7pm both days. Because of the limitations placed on the event by container capacities, hauler scheduling, and the hours of the waste receiving facilities, it is a challenge to be able to provide residents with this opportunity. However, by holding Cleanup when the Transfer Station is regularly closed, managing the tremendous amount of waste was made a little easier. It also helped with the staffing problem Cleanup presents as two employees from Public Works were able to assist in helping residents unload.

Building

Two of the three overhead garage doors were replaced with fixed walls which included standard doors and windows. Of the four windows installed, two are transaction-style slider windows. These windows allow staff to more easily conduct sales transactions with residents. This upgrade also improves visibility, making it easier for staff to observe activity on site.

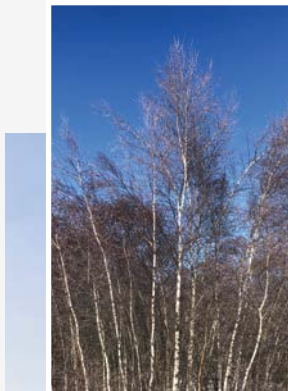


Hunter Road Fields

The Hunter Road Fields Recreational Facility continues to receive excellent regional and state-wide attention for the quality of the athletic fields. The high-quality facility is used for sports such as Youth Soccer, Youth Softball, Little League Baseball, RSU Community Recreation, and RSU5 school sports. The Town continues to invest in the facility with equipment storage sheds, new soccer nets, and enhanced parking measures.

The fall season draws competitive state and regional soccer tournaments in October and early November. The Town is proudly represented by the Freeport United Soccer program during the spring and fall. Spring usage also draws softball and baseball events. The Middle and High School sports programs use the facility for practices and an occasional game. The Clerk's Department and the Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee deserve credit for proactively scheduling practices and games to avoid field conflicts.

Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$9



Public Works Department

The Public Works Department would like to announce the promotion of Robert Bradley to Crew Leader and to welcome the following new employees to our team: Kimberly St. Pierre, Johnathan Hart, Hal Baston, and Luke Chapman. Our department has done an outstanding job on construction projects, maintenance projects, and winter snow removal. Despite several COVID-19 outbreaks, our crew was able to pull together to maintain our roads and sidewalks with no shutdown of operations. We had one major snow storm event (17" at the end of January); the rest of our storms fell in the 1" to 5" range, with several turning into icy road events.

Capital Improvement Projects

The Public Works Department purchased a new street sweeper this fiscal year, with delivery expected sometime this summer or early fall.

Road Paving Projects

Due to COVID-19's effect on staffing, resulting in scheduling issues for our paving contractor, no road paving was completed this fiscal year. Pavement overlay projects fall under the Operating Budget.

Road and Street Cross Culvert Replacements

The replacement and upgrade of driveway/drainage culverts is always an ongoing project for our department.

Road and Street Maintenance

Roadside mowing, striping, upgrades and replacement of street signs and lights, street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, and drainage maintenance of our town roads are tasks we complete on an annual basis.

Kelly Gorham, Jacob Thoits, Hal Baston, Daniel Libby, Johnathan Hart, Jeffrey Goldrup, Luke Chapman, Howard Dyer, Tammy Morrissey, Robert Bradley, Alan Walsh, Earl Gibson (not pictured: Kimberly St. Pierre)



Special Projects

The Public Works Department is responsible for the hanging of the flags and holiday lights in the downtown area and the set up of elections for the town. We have taken over the responsibility for the maintenance of all town-owned street lights. We also set up the skateboard park at the train station and the parklets in town.

Winter Season

The Town had 31 snow storms or icy road events this year. We used 1,235 yards of road salt, 1,768 yards of winter sand and 16,666 gallons of road surface treatment.

Many thanks to the citizens of Freeport, the Town Council and other Town Departments for their continued support of the Public Works Department!

Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$118



13.9
Full-time Employees

Finance Department

The Finance Department is dedicated to serving all Freeport Citizens and Town Departments. The Department is responsible for ensuring that funds are budgeted, expensed, and collected accurately and efficiently. We oversee and administer the Town's financial and accounting systems, including the collection and disbursement of all monies for the Town. We are responsible for all property and excise tax collection for approximately 4,500 real property and 500 personal property accounts, federal and state grants, parking tickets, various permit and license fee collections, and vehicle registrations. Other functions of the department include weekly payroll processing for the Town's 70 full-time and 75+ part-time employees, paying all of the Town's invoices, and billing for any receivables.

The Town of Freeport accepts debit and credit card payments. For citizens who wish to use this form of payment, there is an additional fee of \$1 for transactions up to \$40 or a 2.5% fee for transactions over \$40. This charge covers the cost of the processing fees from our third-party processor and is collected directly by them at the point of sale. Debit and credit card payments are accepted both online and over the counter, as well as at the Recycling and Public Works Facilities.

The Department is also responsible for all cash reconciliation as well as investing the Town's funds to ensure proper cash flow and maximum security and liquidity. The Finance Director works closely with the Town Manager on the budget process and is responsible for the annual estimate of revenue and preparing a balanced budget, in addition to preparing the financial statements and all subsequent notes and schedules. Several important financial statements are located at the end of this annual report. The full financial statements from Fiscal Year 2022 are available at Town Hall or on the Town's website, www.freeportmaine.com. The audit was performed by Runyon Kersteen Ouellette of South Portland, Maine.



For FY22, the Finance Department issued 5,051 tax bills and completed 10,972 vehicle registrations. For accounts payable, we processed 1,575 checks, 216 wires, and 830 EFT's.

Many of the services we offer, including re-registrations for automobiles, trailers, ATVs, snowmobiles and boats can be done online; please visit our website at www.freeportmaine.com.

If any member of the public has questions regarding the Finance Department, please call Finance Director Jessica Maloy at 865-4743 ext 115.

Important Tax Info

- Freeport's tax year starts July 1 each year and ends June 30 the following year.
- If you have recently purchased or sold property in the Town of Freeport, please notify the Assessor's Office and the Finance Office with the correct name, address, & mortgage holder(s) so that tax bills may be sent to the proper person(s).
- Please direct any questions about the valuation of your property to the Assessor's Office

Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$35



Full-time Employees
5



Robin Doak; Ellen Penley; Gail Moody; Jessica Maloy, Finance Director; Debra Reeder

Outstanding Taxes

Real Estate

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
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2020

CHASSE, MICHAEL W	01809000A000	\$1,774.79
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2021

APPLEYARD MANAGEMENT LLC	02605100B000	\$4,411.50
BREWER, DANIEL	017088000000	\$8,030.28
BREWER, SCOTT S	01905300B000	\$3,379.95
BURNETT, KERIN O	018006000000	\$75.35
BURNS, MARY LOU & KEN-NETH J	02100100A000	\$834.76
CAMDEN NATIONAL BANK	811107000000	\$464.50
CHASSE, MICHAEL W	01809000A000	\$1,836.19
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A002000000	\$595.63
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A007000000	\$6,152.05
CLIFFORD, SUSAN F, PR	021080000000	\$3,637.61
CORDNER, KRISTA L	026049000000	\$3,773.84
CRAWFORD, STEVEN J	022019000000	\$968.56
CURIT JR, ROBERT E	01707700C000	\$4,168.03
DEHAHN, LAWRENCE & JUDY, HEIRS OF	020059000000	\$2,379.60
DENNIS, RITA M	01702800C001	\$46.71
DURAND, CHARLES L	01702300A000	\$1,676.78
EVERETT, SAMUEL T & CULVER, DONALD W	817028F-N019	\$221.43
HOWARD, MICHAEL A & JAMES A	022059000000	\$754.97
LAROCHE, KEVEN R	021059000000	\$1,997.13
LEYNE, LAURIE K	0BE128000000	\$62.99
MAIER, JACK W	011088000000	\$1,175.24
MCCARTHY, ELAINE	02203100C000	\$110.32
MCGETTIGAN, MARIANNE	005071000000	\$443.89
NORTON, JOYCE E, HEIRS OF	01804200I000	\$1,639.09
NORTON, JOYCE E, PARTY IN POSSESSION	022020000000	\$3,104.29
PUCKETT, BONNIE JEAN	01707900D000	\$981.40
RATHEAU, YALI T	01904400A000	\$3,617.32
RUMERY, JEREMIAH	018048000000	\$718.39

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
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SEYMOUR, EDITH D & GEORGE T	021019002000	\$2,966.60
SUMMERS, ASHLEY L	01801700A000	\$2,170.33
THE BUZZ LLC	02504100B003	\$29,318.32
THIBODEAU, MICHAEL J	02302500A000	\$2,247.28
VICKERSON III, RANDALL A	01907600F000	\$1,005.77

2022

46 MALLET DRIVE LLC	012037000000	\$2,531.16
ADLERSTEIN, LARRY J	004018000000	\$37.64
APEX LUXURY RENTALS	013048000000	\$11.42
APPLEYARD MANAGEMENT LLC	02605100B000	\$4,344.09
ARRIS JR, LELAND J	02100200G000	\$1,686.77
BAEK, KYUNG-SUN	02002100B000	\$1.22
BAKER, PETER S	02602000G000	\$0.27
BAKER, SCOTT	022020000000	\$3,079.85
BAKER, WARREN F	0BD03300AETC	\$5.11
BALON, ANDREW & PAIGE	005071000000	\$782.31
BARLOW, STEPHEN	817028C0023	\$303.05
BATES, JONATHAN P	013099000000	\$882.91
BENWAY, C DAYTON	01703700F000	\$1,274.93
BERRY, JASON P	017021008000	\$3.11
BFI LLC	025004000000	\$7.54
BISHOP, JOHN W	24A010000000	\$93.34
BISSON JR, JEAN PAUL	01802100A000	\$1,213.52
BOLDUC, DAVID	01802900A000	\$910.47
BOLDUC, DAVID	01802900B000	\$1,198.83
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018025000000	\$1,120.07
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018029000000	\$3,645.89
BOLDUC, DAVID A	011804900G000	\$1,317.65
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018056000000	\$2,856.90
BOLDUC, DAVID A	01802600A000	\$1,148.10
BOYLAN, ALMA E	002087000000	\$300.29
BREWER, BRADLEY	021098000000	\$522.62
BREWER, DANIEL	017088000000	\$7,943.25

Real Estate, continued

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
BREWER, SCOTT S	019053000000	\$2,322.90
BREWER, SCOTT S	01905300B000	\$3,357.53
BRIGGS, LOGAN	029013000000	\$2,904.96
BROWN, RICHARD K	012045000000	\$2.62
BURNETT, KERIN O	018006000000	\$16.02
BURNS, MARY LOU	02100100A000	\$772.97
CAMELIO, JOHN S	05A015000000	\$7,222.35
CARRIER, BEVERLY I	008001007000	\$0.43
CAVANAUGH-REYNOLDS	02109700DETC	\$1,651.39
CHABOT, CONNIE V	01907600J000	\$1,102.71
CHASSE, MICHAEL W	01809000A000	\$1,771.55
CIARANELLO, ROSALIE	00901200C000	\$1,418.72
CLARK, KEVIN C	003028ETC000	\$8,354.38
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A002000000	\$616.77
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A003000000	\$6,844.55
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A007000000	\$6,654.98
CLIFFORD, SUSAN F, PR	021080000000	\$3,569.79
COFFIN, WALTER J	019068000000	\$1,960.45
COLEMAN, MELISSA	009034000000	\$10.00
CORDNER, SANDRA J	026049000000	\$3,700.62
CORLISS, RAYMOND H	017034010000	\$1,051.31
CRAWFORD, STEVEN J	022019000000	\$1,881.02
CROCK, ALICE E B	0BE00IETC000	\$867.75
CROCK, ALICE EB	0BA005ETC000	\$6,204.95
CROCK, ALICE EB	0BA008ETC000	\$826.37
CROCK, ALICE EB	0BA064000000	\$81.44
CRONE, DONALD PR	022060000000	\$1,782.89
CURIT JR, ROBERT E	01707700C000	\$4,091.78
CUSTOM PROPERTY & DEVELOPMENT	025012000000	\$13,341.32
D A B INC	018026000000	\$4,480.26
DANFORTH, ELAINE R	020008000000	\$1.32
DAVIS, DAVID M	021031002000	\$1,312.31
DEHAHN, LAWRENCE & JUDY, HEIRS OF	020059000000	\$2,316.23

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
DENISE L VAN GEYTE	825063015000	\$2.85
DENNIS I PROCTOR ST	01708800A000	\$3,155.94
DIEKMANN, KAREN LA-BAUGH	02206300A000	\$1,057.93
DLBC ASSOCIATES LLC	02306400A000	\$10.54
DOANE, DONNA M	018019000000	\$3.19
DORAN, DANTE	817028FN020	\$327.08
DUPLISSIS, BENJAMIN	017023000000	\$1,636.71
DURAND, CHARLES L	01702300A000	\$1,648.73
DURAND, CHARLES L	01702300B000	\$683.12
DURRELL, KAREN A D	01701600E000	\$18.27
DWINAL, PHILIP	018037000000	\$1,818.94
DWINAL, PHILIP	01803900A000	\$1,287.61
DWINAL, PHILIP	818037000000	\$1,682.10
EAMES, ANTHONY S	00206300A000	\$12,880.08
EVERETT, SAMUEL T & CULVER, DONALD W	817028F-N019	\$14.69
FAULKNER, CAROLINE	01809000L000	\$1,648.49
FILLMORE, MARK A	018041000000	\$54.73
FLETCHER PROPERTY GROUP	02600400A004	\$1,999.36
FRANCIS, AARON T	023087004000	\$3.41
FRASER, CYNTHIA & TEMPLE, EDWARD	81702800CO-5	\$159.53
GAUTHIER, CHERYL	0BA069000000	\$11.10
GILBODY, DAVID	008008000000	\$164.87
GILBODY, DAVID	008010000000	\$196.91
GORDON, NATHAN H D	017076010000	\$6,840.54
GORMAN, SHAWN O	02306800B003	\$3.23
GORMLEY, CHRISTOPHER	02602500A000	\$1.24
HALL, DANIEL G IV	008001030000	\$1,314.97
HALL, DENNIS C	008001014000	\$372.36
HARRISON, RICHARD P	021051000000	\$2.80
HARRISON, RICHARD P	02201000E000	\$3.07
HOLDEN, JASON D	02102900D000	\$1.00
HOWARD, MICHAEL A & JAMES A	022059000000	\$1,343.01

Outstanding Taxes, continued

Real Estate, continued

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
JOHNSON, CHARLES E	0BA057000000	\$897.20
KANGAS, ERIK	01705500A000	\$3,540.42
KENNEDY JR, JOSEPH A	02602200B000	\$117.97
KENNEY, RICHARD & LOLITA	01703300A000	\$1,175.56
KLEIN, GREGORY M	023021000000	\$3.47
LAROCHE, KEVEN R	021059000000	\$3,318.81
LAWRENCE JR, H LLOYD	01204100A000	\$13.17
LEIGHTON, PORTER D	01309500A000	\$2,531.83
LETTER STREETS LLC	026045001000	\$2,300.21
LEVESQUE, PETER M	02100200H000	\$5,865.99
LEVINE, ARLENE H	00512800D000	\$6,957.77
LEVINE, ELAINE E	002042000000	\$3,372.88
LEWIECKI, MARISA M	01701500B003	\$589.37
LEYNE, LAURIE K	0BE128000000	\$76.10
LITTLE ANCHOR LLC	00101600B000	\$2.52
LUX LLC	01304800B000	\$9.95
MAIER, JACK W	011088000000	\$2,320.23
MAY, JACK W	002029000000	\$4,285.35
MCCARTHY, ELAINE	02203100C000	\$2,254.82
MCFARLAND, GRACE	01702800B000	\$256.20
MCLAUGHLIN, STEVEN R	02600300F000	\$1,728.83
MOON, BLAINE	021061000000	\$1,052.65
MORRISON, JEFFREY	01701400A003	\$1,380.39
MORRISON, JEFFREY W	021084000000	\$1,575.30
NORTON, JOYCE E, HEIRS OF	01804200I000	\$1,577.97
NOVICKI, CARMEN G	02201300F000	\$2.75
PACE, JOLENE W	02301700A000	\$1,481.93
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PUCKETT, BONNIE JEAN	01707900D000	\$5,311.97
PUSHARD, BRIAN	021092000000	\$1,256.24
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PUSHARD, WILLIAM L, HEIRS OF	008005000000	\$1,571.30
PUSHARD, WILLIAM L, HEIRS OF	008006000000	\$2,444.39

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
RATHEAU, YALI T	01904400A000	\$3,548.43
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ROMAC, CHRISTOPHER W	018070030000	\$2,094.62
RTE 1 FREEPORT SOLAR	0263049000000	\$3,131.24
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RUMERY, JEREMIAH	018048000000	\$1,351.02
SARAH JUENEMANN FAMILY	020094000000	\$4,789.98
SAWYER, BRUCE R	02600300B004	\$1,662.07
SCHWENK, JOHN F	02005800B000	\$4,036.19
SCRIBNER, CATHERINE	825063023000	\$412.52
SEYMOUR, EDITH D & GEORGE T	021019002000	\$2,953.02
SEYMOUR JR, PAUL J	017085002000	\$1,471.14
SEYMOUR JR, PAUL J	017085001000	\$1,201.50
SHEPARD, HELEN L	02302400300A	\$1,931.74
SHETTERLY, CAITLIN & DAVIS, DANIEL	020040000000	\$4,858.07
SHIELDS, SIMONE A	0BB02200B000	\$10.33
SIMPSON, MACKENZIE	05A063000000	\$10,554.51
SIMPSON, MACKENZIE	024031000000	\$6,963.36
SIMS, ANDREW F	003019000000	\$2.92
SOULE, MICHAEL D & BILLIE M	01809600A000	\$726.75
SULLIVAN, MARTINA	001030000000	\$3,577.39
SUMMERS, ASHLEY L	01801700A000	\$2,463.08
SUNOX FOUNDATION INC	025032000000	\$2,884.42
TAKACS, TINA E	00900600B036	\$1,756.86
THE BUZZ LLC	02504100B003	\$29,244.51
THEODORE J SAMUEL REVOCABLE TRUST	002019000000	\$36.36
THIBODEAU, MICHAEL J	02302500A000	\$3,465.66
THREE BONNEY STREET	02307200A000	\$1.10
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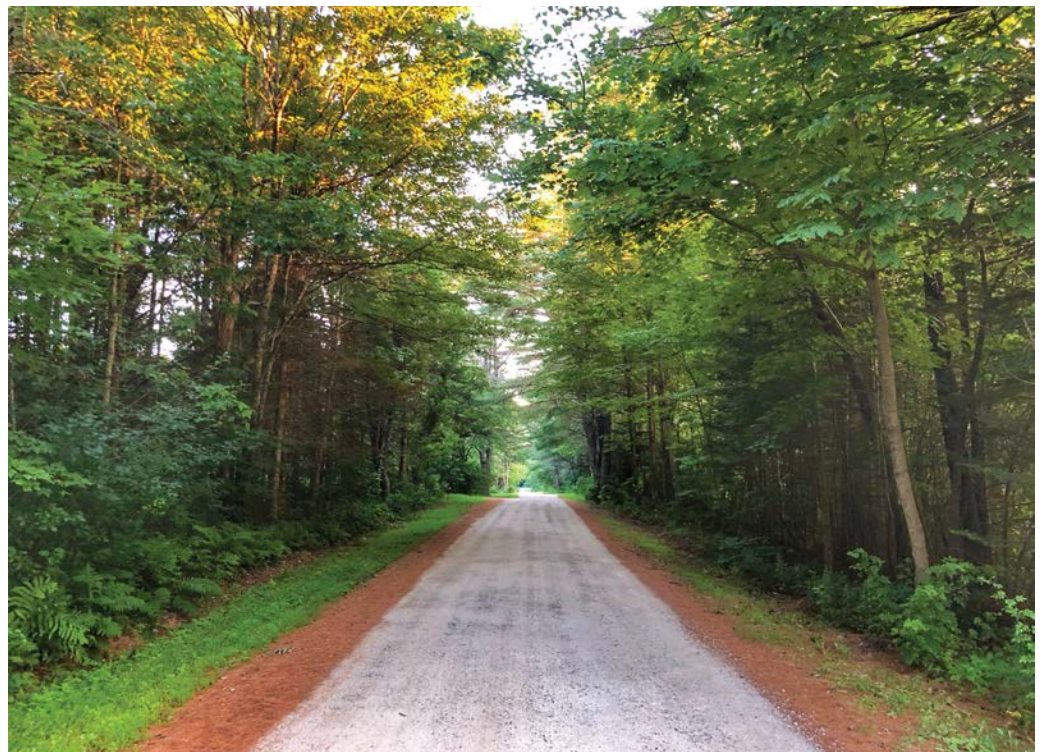
Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
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WAPPLER, PETER R	01905400D000	\$9,549.26
WARDTOWN MOBILE HOME	81702800C0E	\$78.10
WHITEHOUSE, JOHN T	02008000A000	\$2.45
WILLIAMS, WARREN C J	021003002000	\$2,409.68
WINSHIP, DANIEL L	01805300B000	\$1,295.52
WOERTER, CAROLYN A	017069000000	\$69.42
WOERTER, CAROLYN A	017070000000	\$2,212.34
WOERTER, CAROLYN A	017071000000	\$1,013.93

Personal Property

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
2020		
WASHO, MIKE	924	\$16.24

2022

442 GROUP LLC	536	\$14.82
BURNS, DANIELLE	1308	\$21.76
CRAZY LOCO CORN LLC	1415	\$332.29
CRONIN, SARAH & NIKI	1338	\$22.49
DAB USED AUTO SALES	13	\$245.85
FRANCESCA'S OPERATION	1339	\$3,225.79
FREEMPORT INTEGRATED HEALTH	667	\$102.11
GREAT PACIFIC IRON WORKS	190	\$11.47
GRONDIN, FRANK	1114	\$387.15
LANDMARK FREEMPORT LLC	1269	\$1,370.24
MAINE DISTILLERIES LLC	899	\$25.08
POWER ENGINEERS INC	1086	\$50.87
PREMIER TECHNOLOGIES	1416	\$184.23
STARS & STRIPES BREWERY	1368	\$13.68



Tax Assessor

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

Valuation History

This Office regularly updates valuations to keep assessments in line with the market and to maintain tax equity. Currently, the real estate market remains very active, with median home prices continuing to rise due to the limited supplies of available properties on the market. The Town now certifies a 100% assessment ratio with Maine Revenue Services for this year.

Valuations committed on September 15, 2021:

Taxable Real Estate	\$2,067,067,634
Taxable Personal Property	61,027,813
Total taxable valuation	\$2,128,095,447

Tax Rate

The tax rate has remained steady over the past several years. The Fiscal Year 2022 mill rate was \$.01335.

Homestead Exemption

If you owned a home in Maine for 12 months before April 1, you may apply for this program. Forms are available at the Tax Assessor's office and on the Town's website at www.freeportmaine.com. If you have already applied, there is no need to reapply. If eligible, one's property valuation was reduced by \$25,000.

Veteran's Exemption

A property owner may obtain a reduction in the valuation of their property up to \$6,000 if they are a veteran who was not dishonorably discharged and is over 62 or is an un-remarried widow/widower of a qualifying veteran. If the veteran is under 62 but is 100% disabled due to a service-connected disability, they might likewise qualify. Applications for these exemptions are available in the Assessor's Office and on our website at www.freeportmaine.com

State Property Tax Deferral Program

The State has passed The State Property Tax Deferral Program, 36 M.R.S. §§ 6250-6266. This law allows qualifying individuals to defer payment of the property taxes on their homesteads until they pass away, move, or sell their property. To be eligible, as of April 1 the applicant must meet both of the following:

1. The applicant is at least 65 years old or is unable to work due to disability, and;
2. Meet income and asset requirements.

Applications should be submitted to our office between January 1 and April 1.

Miscellaneous

This Office also coordinates the Town tax maps and E911 addressing and acts as the Town's Census liaison.



Quang Minh Le,
Assessor



Louise Thibeault,
Assistant Assessor

2
Full-time Employees

Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$16



Code Enforcement

During Fiscal Year 2022, the Code Enforcement Department continued to educate and enforce the Town Ordinances for residents, contractors, and other related parties.

Staff

The department is staffed by part-time administrative assistant Bonnie Guerrette and Codes Enforcement Officer (CEO) Nicholas Adams, Building, Electrical, and Plumbing Inspector. The CEO conducted 1,103 inspections for FY22.

Permits and Revenue

The main source of revenue for the department is through the permitting process. Permits are required for several different Land Use activities; the most common permits include Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Sign, and Food Truck permits. Halfway through FY22, the Town Clerk's office began issuing Food Truck permits. The estimated cost of work of all building permits for FY22 was approximately \$47,831,381.75. Below is a list of the permits issued and the revenues for FY22.

Permit Type	Total	Revenue Type	Total
Building Permits	329	Building Permit Fees	\$154,361.55
Electrical Permits	308	Electrical Permit Fees	\$24,743.30
Plumbing Permits	196	Plumbing Permit Fees	\$30,710.00
Sign Permits	30	Sign Permit Fees	\$3,584.00
Temporary Activity	33	Temp. Activity Fees	\$455.00
Food Truck	19	Food Truck Fees	\$4,240.00
Total Permits	915	Total Revenue	\$218,093.85

Building Permit Types

There were 292 residential building permits and 37 commercial building permits issued for FY22. The number of one- and two-family dwelling units increased to 62 permits total from last year. Of those permits issued, 42 were for single-family dwellings, five were for duplexes, and 10 were for accessory apartments.

Commercial Construction Permits

Of the 37 commercial permits issued, several were for remodel/interior alterations and new commercial buildings. Some of the larger permits were for the following:

- Desert of Maine Mini Golf and Seasonal Cottages, 95 Desert Road
- Wolfe's Neck Center (Smith Center for Education and Research), 184 Burnett Road
- PetMedic, 200 Lower Main Street
- L.L. Bean Phase 3 Main Office, 1 Casco Street

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals had an average year for requests. The Board held seven meetings/hearing. There were three setback reductions/variances, and two administrative appeals.

Fiscal Year 2023

The State of Maine is looking to adopt new Building, Electrical, Energy, Fire, Mechanical, and Ventilation Codes, and the Town will be digitizing all land-use records in early 2023. The FEMA Flood Maps may be adopted in 2023 or 2024.



Nicholas Adams,
Codes Enforcement Officer

2
Full-time Employees

Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$9



Bonnie Guerrette, Codes
Enforcement Clerk

Planning Department

The Planning Department serves many functions for the Town of Freeport, including providing staff assistance to the Planning Board, Project Review Board, Staff Review Board, and other municipal committees on an as-needed basis. The Department is staffed by a Town Planner and an Assistant Town Planner.

The Planning Board conducts both short-term and long-range planning for the community. Topics can come to the Board in different ways: They can be initiated by the Board, the Town Council, or applicants.

In 2022, the Board spent time making general updates to municipal ordinances. This included completing its portion of the public process for updating municipal ordinances to comply with the State of Maine Shoreland Zoning Requirements; amendments to the Coastal Waters Ordinance, Freeport Zoning Ordinance, and the official Zoning Map; and the creation of a new stand-alone Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The Board also completed other general ordinance updates including language pertaining to the Board of Appeals; language pertaining to non-conforming structures; amendments to clarify the standards of the Freeport Village Overlay District; and updates to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances to reflect updates to the Town of Freeport Loitering, Curfew, and Noise Ordinance.

The Board spent some time reviewing the Town of Freeport's Emergency Ordinance that was adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic and allowed our local business community flexibility in their opera-

tions. This led to the Planning Board considering and recommending amendments to the Freeport Zoning Ordinance regarding Temporary Activity Permits, Food Trucks, and the creation of new text to allow for seasonal, accessory, and outdoor seating if certain conditions can be met.

At the request of the Freeport Town Council, the Board began the process of reviewing the standard of Section 602, the Site Plan Review of the Freeport Zoning Ordinance. The Board also began discussions on creating land use standards for the possible uses of cannabis cultivation and cannabis manufacturing and including appropriate zoning districts for allowing such uses. These discussions will continue into the coming fiscal year.

The Planning Board also began reviewing the parking requirement for multi-family residential units in the Village Commercial I Zoning District. This discussion began as a result of the recent completion of the Freeport Downtown Vision Plan and the desire for multi-family housing in the downtown area. This discussion will also continue into the coming year.

Similar to many other municipal Boards and Committees, the Planning Board adopted a Remote Participation Policy. Going forward, the Planning Board will offer hybrid meetings (as technology allows) so that the Board and the public may participate in meetings virtually or in person in certain circumstances. We hope this will increase participation in the public process.

The Project Review Board reviews development proposals for the Town of Freeport. This includes applications for Site Plan Review, Subdivision Review, and Design Review. The Board had a decrease in the number of applications reviewed, reviewing 31 applications this year, down from 50 the year before. As in years past, many applications included multiple reviews conducted simultaneously.



Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$11



Caroline Pelletier, Town Planner;
Cecilia Smith, Assistant Planner

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Full-time Employees

The Board reviewed multiple applications for Change of Uses and accessibility changes to structures downtown. Two of the larger projects that started the review process were a proposed solar farm (in the area of US Route One South) and site alterations at the Desert of Maine which included adding cabins, a barn restoration, and a mini-golf course.

The Board continued to see a decrease in applications for residential subdivisions, but did review preliminary plans for a proposed 80-unit (40 duplex structures) residential subdivision on US Route One and reviewed conceptual plans for the Freeport Station Apartments, a proposed multiple family dwelling housing project proposed in downtown Freeport.

Like the Planning Board, the Project Review Board also adopted a Remote Participation Policy. The Board will continue to offer hybrid meetings (as technology allows) which will allow the Board and the public to participate in meetings virtually (in certain circumstances) or in person.

The Staff Review Board reviews smaller development proposals. This Board was created to help expedite the review and approval of smaller commercial projects where minimal changes are proposed. In the past year, the Board reviewed five applications: two for changes of use, two for residential fill permits, and one site plan amendment.

The Department continued to be involved in the Freeport Downtown Vision Planning Process and a draft of the Downtown Vision Plan was presented to the Council in May 2022. The Department and associated Boards will now shift their roles to Plan implementation and working to amend our Ordinances and processes to reflect some of the ideas resulting from the vision planning process. In the coming fiscal year, the Department will also be involved in the development of a Climate Action Plan for Freeport and the updating of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Staff is always available to help residents and business owners understand municipal ordinances and how they pertain to the community and individual properties. As always, we welcome all members of our community to reach out with land use questions, if you want to get involved in Planning Department initiatives, or if you have your own ideas on how to keep Freeport a great community to live, work and play!

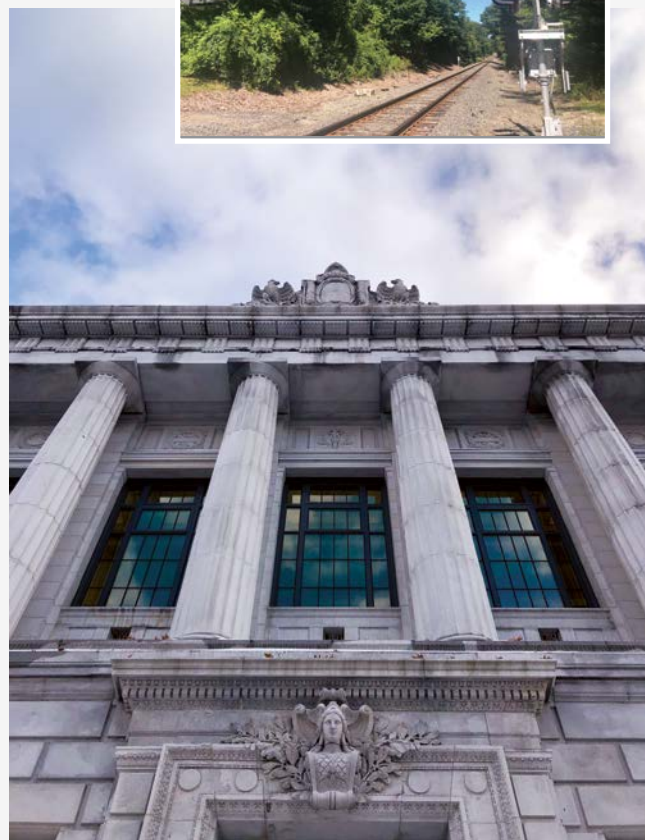


Cumberland County

The Town of Freeport calendar year 2022 County tax was \$1,288,252. Cumberland County provides the Town of Freeport services such as Cumberland County Jail, Sheriff, District Attorney, Probate Office, Registry of Deeds, Regional Communications Center, and Emergency Management Agency. In 2021, Commissioner Stephen Gorden represented District 3, which includes the Town of Freeport, as one of five chief elected officials of the County.

For 2022, Freeport's valuation increase was below the average for the county. Countywide valuation increased 6.49%, and Freeport was 2.7%. As a result, the town's warrant went up 0.17%, well below the 3.87% countywide average. In 2010, the Town of Freeport represented 3.7% of the overall countywide property valuation. In 2014, Freeport had dropped to 3.5%. As a result of multiple years of growth, Freeport now is at 3.6% of overall countywide valuation in 2022.

Maine Cumberland County



Police Department

Fiscal Year 2022 saw many staff changes at the Police Department.

- We recently received approval from the Town Council and Manager to hire a Mental Health Liaison worker. This full-time career position will assist officers when dealing with people with all forms of mental health crises, homelessness, drug addiction, and non-criminal issues where navigation through the social services and medical realm is imperative to assisting people with getting the help they need. This staff position will also assist officers as they navigate through the daily stress of dealing with all manner of traumatic events.
- Retirement of Officer Michael McManus after 36 years of service.
- Promotion of Officer Malcolm Marshall to School Resource Officer.
- New hire of Officer Matthew McCormick, a native of Freeport and recent graduate of the University of Southern Maine. Matt is also an emergency medical technician.
- Addition of K-9 Kyra, a two-year-old Belgian Malinois. Kyra is trained in tracking lost or missing people, crowd control, article searches, and officer protection. She will be assigned to Sgt. Moorhouse and work primarily evening shifts.

Please join us in welcoming our newest officers to Freeport!

Our capital budget item for the Radio Communication system went online this past spring. The voter-approved communications upgrade has taken the past few years to build and install, resulting in a robust radio system that allows us to virtually eliminate any prior "dead spots" in town through the use of a new digital microwave ring. Results so far have been outstanding.

Freeport PD continues to work with Brunswick PD by having five officers trained in "Project Lifesaver." This program uses special radio transmitters to help locate people with Alzheimer's, dementia, autism or anyone predisposed to wandering. We encourage anyone interested in this program to reach out to Lt. Powers for more information. We have added several new subscribers to our safety list since last year.



Officer/School Resource Office Michael McManus retired from the department after 36 years of service



Nathaniel Goodman, Chief of Police

We again partnered with Casco Bay CAN for several Drug Take Back Days where citizens can drop off unwanted or unused prescription drugs for proper disposal. We maintain a drug take back recycle container in the Public Safety lobby for this purpose. It can be accessed anytime during regular business hours.

As always, if citizens have unwanted firearms or ammunition they want to get rid of, the police department will take these items back during normal business hours. We also have a supply of free gun locks we will gladly hand out to anyone who would like them.

Freeport officers are each tasked with completing a dozen online courses each year through JPMA. These courses include: New case law (Maine), Constitutional law, implicit bias, de-escalation tactics, low-speed emergency vehicle operations, firearms, first aid, intoxicalyzer, situational use of force, domestic violence, and crisis conflict management. We also work hard to bring in trainers and experts to help us better understand and deal with the many challenges officers face on a daily basis.

Freeport PD participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Maine. Left to right: Officer Keith Norris, Officer Mark Dorval, Officer Beck Rice, Sgt. Matthew Moorhouse in cruiser, and Officer Malcom Marshall holding the torch.



Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$121

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Full-time Employees

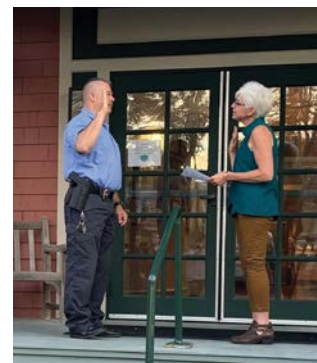
including local public safety reception, not including Brunswick dispatch



K-9 Kyra



Swearing in of Nathaniel Goodman as Chief of Police



Swearing in of Paul Powers as Lieutenant

Fire Rescue Department

Fiscal Year 2022 presented the Fire and Rescue Department with many challenges, especially with the variety of COVID-19 protocols affecting us. The ever-changing dynamics of the COVID virus challenged how we conducted business. On a positive note, our staff remained healthy throughout this pandemic, with only a few episodes of employees becoming ill. One of the biggest obstacles was the supply-chain issue. We faced challenges in obtaining adequate supplies but were able to work through cooperative channels to successfully meet our needs. We found ways to adapt and still conduct required trainings by utilizing technology and limiting the number of personnel to small groups.

This year the department saw a change in the Fire Rescue Chief position. Chief Charles Jordan, who served Freeport Fire Rescue for the past five years, announced his retirement in September. The department extends well wishes to him on his future endeavors. With this change in leadership, Deputy Chief Paul Conley was appointed Fire Rescue Chief in December. Chief Conley has served the department for the last 26 years in leadership.

During FY21, the department took delivery of a new ambulance, switching to a Dodge Ram Cab and Chassis with 4-wheel drive capability. We also placed an order for a combination Pumper Tanker to replace Engine One and Tank Two; we expect delivery of this unit in the winter of 2023.

Work continues with the development of the Town's Emergency Operations Plan with the assistance of the Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency. The development of this plan involves many town departments and non-governmental agencies.



The Department's new ambulance with Dodge Ram Cab and Chassis and 4-wheel drive capability



Paul Conley, Fire Rescue Chief



Swearing in of Paul Conley as Fire Rescue Chief



Peter Joseph and his son view rescue equipment on display in a fire truck at October's Police/Fire Rescue open house



RSU5 Superintendent of Schools

We want to thank all the residents for the passage of our current budget. The adopted budget for 2022-2023 is \$37,223,151. The majority of the expenditure increases included additional costs in the following areas: contractual salary and benefits, funding for additional support staff, two additional elementary teachers due to increased enrollment, one additional bus driver/custodian position, the establishment of an early intervention team consisting of a speech teacher, occupational therapist, physical therapist, and increased hours of the athletic trainer to support our athletes. We are excited that our students will receive in-person instruction for five days a week without restrictions for the first time in three years.

We are grateful for the individuals willing to volunteer and serve on the RSU5 Board of Directors. Current Board members from Durham are Candace deCispkes, Jen Galletta, and School Board Chair Michelle Ritcheson; members from Freeport are Susana Hancock, Maddy Vertenten, Colin Cheney, Valy Steverlynck, Maura Pillsbury and Kara Kaikini; and members from Pownal are Jill Piker and Vice-chair Elizabeth Munsen. Our current student representative on the Board is Piper Williams.

All Board goals aim to ensure every student has an engaging, student-centered education, and graduates ready to enter college or the workforce. In June, 156 students graduated from Freeport High School, ready to venture into their post-graduation lives. We are very appreciative of all the financial contributions for scholarships to support our students in post-secondary education.

We have an extremely dedicated, qualified staff serving our students. We educated 1,990 students during the 2021-2022 school year, which was an increase of 41 students from the October 1st enrollment in 2020. We believe this increase was due to a combination of new housing available to families, students returning from homeschooling after the pandemic, and the enrollment of new Mainers. Currently, the non-certified enrollment is 2,100. If this remains stable, this will be an increase of 110 from last year's October 1st certified enrollment.

Through the collective efforts of our staff, parents, students, and community members, we strive to provide a quality education for all of our students. As we strive "to inspire and support every learner by challenging minds, building character, sparking creativity, and nurturing passions," we appreciate your support and involvement in educating our students in RSU5!

Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$2,958



Jean Skorapa,
Superintendent of Schools

Freeport Cable TV3

The Town of Freeport hired a new Manager for Freeport TV3 at the beginning of 2022. Tom Pierce is the new Director of Technology for the town and is providing technical support for all town departments as well as the operations of TV3. He has spent the last 35 years traveling the globe as a Television Technical Director and Broadcast Engineer for international television production companies and broadcast networks, helping produce documentaries, live sports, news and entertainment shows, corporate events, as well as video support on oceanographic research vessels. But Tom's roots are here in Maine. He grew up working in his family's marine business in Boothbay Harbor, has worked for many of the television organizations in Maine, and has called Freeport his home for the last 19 years.

Tom took over for John Goran, who was the interim Manager of TV3. John has worked for TV3 for the past eight years, and continues to help out. John and Brian Lougee, our long-time camera operator and Technical Director for our meetings, help keep TV3 running smoothly. We've also been joined part-time by Gerard Wark, a Broadcast Engineer from Westbrook; Cam Lopez, an Audio Engineer from Auburn; Jason Pierce, an Audio Engineer from Rockport; and Karl Munroe, an Audio/ Visual Technician from Freeport. Thanks to all of them for their dedication and support for the Town of Freeport.

The recording and archiving of municipal meetings remain our focus, but we are striving to record as many local events of interest to our community as we can, and provide them online for all to see at their leisure on our website. We are partnering with groups like Freeport Speech, FreeportCAN, Meetinghouse Arts, Freeport Public Library, Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG), and the Sustainability Advisory Board to record local events, performances, and lectures from authors including Heather Cox Richardson, Colin Woodard, and Senator Angus King.

Along with local events and municipal meetings, we offer a wide variety of programming for all viewers: live news, music videos, lifestyle and do-it-yourself shows, movies, documentaries, informative videos, talk shows, and much more. Some of the programs offered are produced here in Maine, and many are produced at local community TV station from all over the country.

FCTV3 serves the residents of Freeport on Comcast Cable Channel 3, and as a live stream on our website. Our programming is also available on the streaming devices Roku TV, Amazon Fire TV, and Apple TV; and on the free Cablecast Screenweave App, where our station is listed as Freeport TV3. Our Video-on-Demand (VOD) ser-

vice is an archive of municipal meetings and local events, as well as our YouTube Channel, listed under #Town of Freeport Maine. You may access all of our services at: freeporttv3.com.

Daily and weekly programming schedules are also available online, and our program offerings change at the beginning of each month. Our bulletin board runs 24 hours every day, when programming is not running. We offer all our residents and organizations the ability to post announcements of interest to the community. There is also a wide variety of information available on the bulletin board, such as up-to-date news, sports, weather, and more. We welcome suggestions for programing and postings for the bulletin board. Please get in touch: fctv3@freeportmaine.com 207-865-4743 x114

FCTV3 Statistics for FY22

Total number of shows/meetings played on TV3: more than 6500

Total hours of programming: more than 6000 hours

Total number of municipal meetings recorded: 50

- Town Council: 25
- Planning Board: 12
- Project Review Board: 13

Total number of meeting replays: 635

- Town Council: 275
- Planning Board: 180
- Project Review Board: 180

Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$8



Jason Pierce, Thomas Pierce,
Brian Lougee

2.12
Full-time Employees

Freeport Community Library

We want to thank all residents and library patrons for their continued support and renewed excitement for all that the library has to offer. FY 22 was a year of recovery and growth for the library. We said goodbye to our director, Arlene Arris, in December. Arlene started working for the Town in 1975 and held several positions during her tenure. Her legacy will be noted in myriad ways, but most notably in the faces you now see today; the consistency of service from one leader to the next; and how she quietly championed the health and safety of her staff and the public throughout the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While no one can ever replace Arlene, Courtney Sparks was selected to be the next library director in January 2022. Hired in 2016, Courtney managed Lending Services and was appointed Assistant Director in 2019. A new leadership team was created from familiar faces: Meghan Fogg and Kim McClelland were promoted to Adult Services Librarian and Lending Services Librarian; joining them in their longstanding roles are Robin Lowell, Technical and Systems Librarian, and Mary Lehmer, Youth Services Librarian. Once staffing was settled, we immediately began working on our community partnerships, looking for ways to be of service throughout town, and increase awareness of all that Freeport has to offer. We started by adding a Community Partners page to our website to highlight and support local organizations and groups with similar missions like Freeport CAN, Tri-Town Equity and Inclusion Coalition, Meeting-house Arts, and Freeport Community Services to name a few.

If pandemic service pivots taught us anything at all, it was that library users want more variety. While physical books and movies continue to circulate strongly, users also want to be able to access

services from home. Using a combination of funds including Annual Appeal donations, FCL added several new digital offerings to our line-up: Mango languages, ComicsPlus, and Kanopy films. We also connected with Freeport Community Television (FCTV3) to increase digital and at-home accessibility of library programs. The addition of outdoor café tables and chairs, donated by the Friends of FCL, created another space for library users to comfortably work from home using our greatly improved and expanded outdoor Wi-Fi.

Staff continued to provide popular and entertaining Grab-and-Go/ Take-and-Make kits. Some highlights include:

- Spice Club - an adult take-and-make kit comprised of ground spice, cultural background, and printed recipe suggestions.
- Boho Garland - Teens selected colors of wool balls to make a decorative garland.
- Spiced Snowflakes - Kids took home a kit to combine cinnamon and applesauce to make an ornament.
- Neighborhood Forest - We gave away 66 tamarack trees for kids to plant for Earth Day in April.

In-person programming resumed in the fall of 2021 with outdoor storytime and has continued to be well attended. Our January 2022 Frosty Fun Scavenger Hunt was a huge success and fun for all ages. The winning team, Bokoblins Cat Squad, won four snowshoe packages courtesy of L.L. Bean. In April 2022, adult programming returned with author talks by Ed Robinson and Andrea Lani. When the Ukrainian invasion began, Freeporters Matt and Maura Pillsbury came to the library to shed light on Ukrainian culture as well as the history that led to the current conflict. Kids and families of all ages had fun with our Alien Scavenger Hunt outside the library, and Henna Tattoos returned in May.

These are just a few of the wonderfully creative, timely, and informative programs FCL staff provides to the community. We hope you were able to enjoy some! Our priority remains having our library be a welcoming place for everyone who walks through our doors, both real and virtual, seeking information and enrichment of all kinds.



8.95
Full-time Employees

Meghan Fogg, Stephanie Brown, Mary Lehmer, Kim McClelland, Robin Lowell, Taylor McCafferty, Courtney Sparks, Brandi Lemieux, Heather Shirley, Andrew Hutchinson



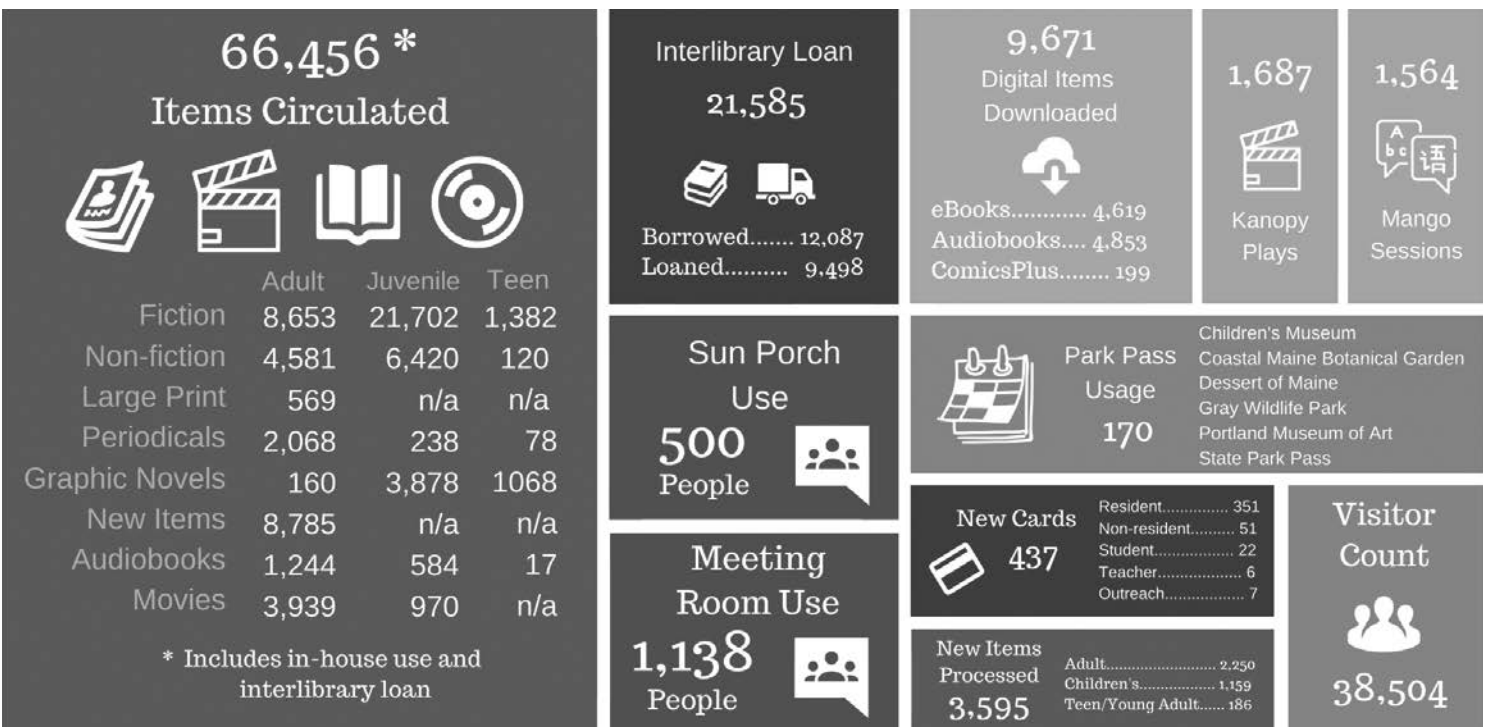
Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$36



Retiring Library Director Arlene Arris accepts a certificate of recognition from State Representative Melanie Sachs to recognize her 46 years of service to the Town



Courtney Sparks is sworn in as the new Library Director



General Assistance

The General Assistance Program (GA) is a state-mandated, municipally administered financial assistance program. It was designed to be the program of last resort for residents of the community who are unable to provide for their basic needs (e.g., food, shelter, heating fuel, and electricity). Since September 2021, the General Assistance office has partnered with Freeport Community Services and continued to meet with and support not only Freeport residents but also new Mainers by providing basic necessities. COVID-19-related challenges continued into this fiscal year, causing an expected financial impact.

GA overall maximum levels of assistance, which are set by the state, are extremely low and many of those in need are over the income guidelines for the General Assistance Program. In an effort to successfully meet the needs of various households without exceeding the GA budget, many residents were supported through services provided by Freeport Community Services. For example, 87 households were offered heating assistance through the **Carol Kaplan Fuel Fund**. Additionally, the **Freeport Heating Assistance Fund** was made available to various households above and beyond the Kaplan Fund.

General Assistance continues to administer the **Arthur L. Gould Medical Trust Fund**. The Gould Fund was established in 1968 through a gift to the town as bequeathed by Arthur L. Gould, M.D., a former resident and practicing physician of Freeport. The earned income of this fund was designated to be used by eligible Freeport residents for necessary medical attention and hospitalization. In FY22 the Gould Fund assisted more than 40 residents with their medical expenses.

General Assistance was also fortunate to be able to establish the **Anne Dorsey Loth Assistance Fund** in December 2019 through a generous gift to the town as bequeathed by Anne Dorsey Loth, a former Freeport resident and dedicated social worker. This fund is intended to assist Freeport residents when their critical needs cannot be met on their own or by any other existing resources and when the inability to meet these needs may compromise the health or welfare of the household or interfere in their ability to sustain a reasonable level of existence. This gift of cash is safely invested, with the earned income to be used annually by the General Assistance director, ensuring that this gift will continue to benefit Freeport residents in perpetuity.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how fortunate Freeport is to have so many dedicated and generous individuals, businesses, and organizations who work together to support Freeport residents. Through their generosity, households were able to shelter

in place, warm their homes, share holiday gifts with their loved ones, and experience a Thanksgiving meal at home or at the Freeport Community Center. Although the pandemic has been an extremely difficult time for all of us, it has also been a time which has illustrated the compassion and commitment this community and residents have for one another. It is truly an honor and delight to work with and for the Freeport community.

Please Note: For more information or to schedule an appointment to apply for General Assistance please contact the Mike Tausek, the Manager of Programs at Freeport Community Services at 865-3985 x205.



Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$8



Mike Tausek, Manager of Programs
at Freeport Community Services





Human Services Agencies

Agency Information and Services Offered	# Freeport Residents Served Annually	FY 2022 Support
Freeport Community Services PO Box 119, Freeport (207) 865-3985 Food Pantry; financial assistance (gas, heat, school supplies, camp scholarships, CMP, clothing), referrals, and information; holiday helpline; Thanksgiving meal; school backpack program; General Assistance; transportation for medical appointments; free community lunch; community center with public meeting space, etc.	varies by program	\$21,000.00
Port Teen Center 17 West St, Freeport (207) 865-6171 Teen center, special events, educational opportunities, ESOL Program, Adult Learning Lab	varies by program	\$8,250.00
Freeport Elders 53 Depot St, Freeport (207) 865-3985 x 219 Senior center, fitness programs, information & educational programs, community support, trips	varies by program	\$6,500.00
Freeport Dental Program - Alta Dental 348 US Route One, Freeport (207) 865-1900 Routine dental care, fluoride & sealants, restorative work for school age children	41	\$1,800.00
Oasis Free Clinic 66 Baribeau Drive, Brunswick (207) 721-9277 Free quality medical, dental and mental health services and prescription assistance program	19	\$750.00
Agency on Aging 136 US Route 1, Scarborough (207) 396-6500 Meals on Wheels, Maine Senior Games, information and resources, health insurance counseling, etc.	117	\$1,000.00
Through These Doors PO Box 704, Portland (207) 767-4952 Cumberland County Maine's domestic violence resource center providing a full array of services to people experiencing domestic abuse and related issues. Offering community education, prevention, and training on domestic abuse to Cumberland County and engaging in efforts to reduce domestic violence and hold perpetrators accountable.	33	\$500.00
	Total	\$39,800.00

Please note: The above information was self-reported by the respective agencies during the budgeting process.

Harbormaster

The Harbormaster's Office deals with a wide range of issues within Freeport's coastal waters including assisting mariners; recovering lost, stolen, or sunken vessels; and ensuring all vessels are operating with the proper safety equipment. The Harbormaster provides emergency transportation for the Freeport Police and Fire Departments as well as other neighboring agencies. The Harbormaster ensures that all public boat landings are operating safely and efficiently and plays a vital role in enforcing state laws as well as the Freeport Coastal Waters Ordinance.

The Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormaster work with the Freeport Shellfish Commission in keeping Freeport's waters clear of any pollutants that will directly impact the health of marine life. With more than fifty commercial shellfish license holders, we continue to take routine water samples for the Department of Marine Resources to monitor the health of Freeport's waters. We inspect vessels that hold marine sanitation devices to ensure all "Y" valves are in the locked position while in Freeport waters. Transient vessels are also informed and educated that Freeport's waters are a shellfish protection zone and no overboard discharge is tolerated.

Freeport's waters are constantly changing and remain a resource for many different fisheries as well as recreational uses. The Harraseeket River supports marinas, commercial fishermen, boaters, kayakers, and much more. With over 35 miles of coastline, Freeport is currently home to more than 50 aquaculture sites. To view specific aquaculture lease locations please visit: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/aquaculturemap.html>.

The Harraseeket River holds more than 350 moorings and the demand for one of these moorings continues to grow. The current number of boaters waiting for a mooring in the Harraseeket river is 154. To apply for a mooring within the anchorage, please visit: <https://my.onlinemooring.com/FreeportME/home.aspx>.

The Coastal Waters Commission remains very busy dealing with a variety of waterfront issues along with ordinance updates and changes. The Commission is always looking for new members, and anyone interested in serving is encouraged to apply. Application forms are available in the Town Clerk's Office at the Freeport Town Hall and on the Town's website.

Looking ahead, it is important that Freeport continues to manage its waters to ensure a productive working waterfront, as well a safe place to recreate.

Charles Tetreau,
Marine Resource
Conservation Officer
and Harbormaster



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Full-time Employees



Marine Resource Conservation

The shellfish industry continues to be a vital yet fragile industry. During the past year, the Shellfish Commission and harvesters worked together to maintain open and productive flats. Soft shell clam landings for Freeport in 2021 were 435,151 pounds representing a value of \$1,584,388, an increase from 2020 (346,979 pounds, \$876,552).

There are many variables that influence the ability to maintain open harvesting and a healthy environment for shellfish. To ensure protection of the quality of the water, the Harraseeket River has been designated as a “no discharge zone” for all boats. The Shellfish Commission, along with the Harbormaster and personnel at the local boat yards, continue to educate boaters about the effects of overboard discharge and direct them to pump-out sites at Brewer and Strouts marinas. Local boaters are educated on an annual basis about boat usage and discharge systems, and random inspections are completed by the Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormaster. Several signs have been placed at boat yards and docks indicating the no discharge area.

This year the Freeport Shellfish Commission continues to focus on maintaining and improving Freeport’s water quality. The Shellfish commission also works on locating pollution sources and educating Freeport’s residents on the importance of cleaning up after their pets. The Shellfish Commission continues to assist the Freeport Middle School’s annual field trip to Winslow Park, where students examine shellfish predation and early stages of shellfish recruitment.

Working together with the Food and Drug Administration and the Maine Department of Marine Resources, we maintain a year-round water quality monitoring schedule of all tidal areas in Freeport. The town’s water quality continues to test very well, thus maintaining the ability to keep our flats open. The status of our clam flats is monitored and revised continually by the State. Current conditions may be found on the DMR web site <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/index.html> or by calling the State Hotline at (800) 232-4733.

Access to the shoreline is limited, and without the cooperation of businesses and private landowners, access would be even more difficult. On behalf of the commercial and recreational harvesters, thanks are extended to all who have made access possible. In addition to the efforts of the Shellfish Commission and the local harvesters, we must recognize and thank all the other groups and individuals that help support and protect this important resource. Among these are the local boat yards, the Harraseeket Yacht Club, the Harbormaster, Wolfe’s Neck Farm, and all of the responsible dog owners.

The Freeport Shellfish Commission is always looking for new members who have a passion for promoting the health of Freeport’s waters and sustaining a working waterfront. Anyone who is interested in serving is encouraged to apply. Applications are available online and at the Town Clerk’s Office at the Freeport Town Hall.

Cost to the Median Taxpayer
\$7

for combined Harbormaster
and Marine Resource
Conservation Position



Stephen Rosenfeld



Winslow Park

The summer of 2021 brought the return of nearly-normal operations at Winslow Park. After the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on the 2020 summer, 2021 was a bit of a relief. Large gatherings and events were still restricted and a number of campsites were blocked off, but all in all it was a busy year.

The 2021 season once again saw record income despite still having some campsites closed. The sites that were open were completely booked for the peak season and saw more usage in the off-peak weeks than normal. The waterfront campsites were completely booked from opening day until close. Day use saw steady numbers on par with previous years. Park entry remained free for seniors and young children. Harb Cottage was fully booked for the duration of the summer. The cottage was not rented over the winter so that park staff could perform repairs.

Large events were not held at the park over the summer of 2021. Due to continued concern about COVID, all large gatherings and events were cancelled for the season.

The campground continued to offer extensive discounts and free camping weeks to Freeport residents. RSU5 schools continue to use the park free of charge for school functions. Other area schools are offered a large discount.



Neil Lyman, Winslow
Park Manager

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Full-time Employees

Harb Cottage saw aesthetic upgrade work over the winter of 2021-22 as well as new appliances. A new ADA accessible walkway to the beach was also installed near the boat ramp.

Going into the 2022 season all restrictions were lifted, campsites were all available for rent, shelters were available for group rental for the first time in more than two years and the game room was opened. Pre-opening saw a large increase in campsite rentals and group rentals. School groups returned in larger numbers for their end of the year field days as well.

The park staff, Winslow Park Commission, and the Town of Freeport would like to thank the community for their support as well as cooperation through the last couple years. It was a challenge, but we are happy that we were able to remain open through it all and provide a much-needed outlet to get out and recreate.

Costs are
completely
supported by
user fees



Bustins Island

The Bustins Island 2022 season was a big success as all of our public buildings were open and we had record turnouts for many of our typical island events. Our island community was almost completely “back in action” for the 2022 season, but still used precautions due to ongoing effects of COVID-19 and its variants. Our island ferry, the *Lilly B*, operated with its regular pre-pandemic schedule. After a couple of years' postponement, we were able to hold two celebrations, finally giving recognition to our beloved ferry captain Archie Ross by renaming the Public Landing in his honor, as well as our celebration of our now 102-year-old Community House. Both events were enjoyed by islanders with long awaited speeches, food and celebration.

We were delighted to host a group of Freeport representatives at our annual Freeport Dinner this year. After a two-year hiatus from holding this event, we were glad to have the opportunity to have Freeport return to Bustins for this long-standing get-together. The *Lilly B* brought the group to the island and we had a reception in our Ships Inn Museum. After refreshments there, we made our way to the Community House where we enjoyed dinner and desert before returning the group to the mainland on a special evening cruise. Many islanders were in attendance and a good time was had by all.

Our annual meeting was held on August 6. One Overseer, Craig Allard, was re-elected for a second three-year term, with Alison Bushman having been elected for a first three-year term, filling a spot previously held by Tanya Sweatt, who faithfully served two three-year terms, holding the positions of Chair and Vice Chair during her tenure. Our warrant proved to keep us in line with our standard annual meeting proceedings.

As always we remain grateful for the support from Freeport and its town officials, especially the Freeport Police, Fire Rescue, and Harbor Patrol for their consistent presence and support. In particular, their ongoing support of the Bustins Public Safety Committee and the island's public safety day, as their support is critical given our unique situation.



4th of July Parade



Approximately 60% of taxes paid are returned to the island



Above: 4th of July Parade prize readings at the Community House



Below: Polar Bear Swim in May



Kids' square dance

State Senate



Mattie Daughtry, State Senator

Dear Friends and Residents of Freeport,

Thank you for the opportunity to continue serving as your State Senator. I'm incredibly proud to represent our communities in Augusta, and I promise to work as hard as I can on your behalf. Now that we are through the worst days of the pandemic, I am excited for the activities and operations at the State House to return to normal.

For the 131st Legislature, Swearing-In Day was Wednesday, December 7, 2022. I'm honored and humbled to share that I will be serving as Assistant Senate Majority Leader for another term. In that capacity, I will continue to advocate for the priorities that I've heard from you all in the community. Also, growing up here and being a Millennial woman who co-owns a brewery, I am aware that I can help lift up the voices of younger Mainers, women, and small business owners. Lastly, I'll be serving on the Legislature's Labor and Housing Committee, where I will collaborate with my colleagues to make Paid Family and Medical Leave a reality and promote affordable, workforce housing.

Looking ahead, it's clear that we need to build on our work from the 130th Legislature and continue to address the heating and housing crises that affect our community. On the very first day of the 131st Legislature, I'm proud to share that my colleagues and I voted in support of LD 1, which was a bill that would have provided immediate heating and housing relief for Mainers. Although the bill did not get a two-thirds vote in the Maine Senate, we did not give up. We held a public hearing for a nearly identical bill - LD 3 - before the winter holidays. That way, we were able to debate and vote on LD 3 when the Legislature reconvened on January 4, 2023. Fortunately, LD 3 received a two-thirds vote and took effect immediately.

However, LD 3 was a one-time action. I want to remind you that I am a resource for you all year. If you need to contact a state agency or department or want to share a comment, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can send me an email at Mattie.Daughtry@legislature.maine.gov, or you can call my legislative office at (207) 287-1515. I know that the winter can be a challenging, hard time for families, so please don't be afraid to ask for help. After all, that's why I'm here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mattie".

Mattie Daughtry
State Senator

State House of Representatives



Melanie Sachs
State Representative

Dear Freeport Neighbors,

It has been my great joy and honor to serve you for the past two years in the Maine House of Representatives. I served on two committees in the 130th Legislature: Taxation Committee and the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee. In addition to committee work, I also served on the Maine Climate Council's Building, Infrastructure and Housing Working Group.

In Taxation, we passed bills that increased retirement benefits for teachers and state employees, fully funded municipal revenue sharing to decrease pressure on local property taxes, supported tax breaks for small businesses, and expanded Maine's student loan tax credit.

In the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee, we passed legislation to protect public safety facilities from sudden utility service disconnection, required the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to establish new accountability standards for utility reliability and customer service, and set new goals for state and local fleets to transition to electric and zero-emissions vehicles.

I am also pleased to report that my bill to establish the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority is in effect and has received awards from GrowSmart Maine, the Maine Association of Planners and the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association. The Land Bank will help communities bring abandoned, environmentally compromised and/or functionally obsolete properties into productive use (often affordable housing or green spaces) by leveraging federal and technical resources.

As we move into a new session, I have the honor of serving as the House Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs for the 131st Legislature. I look forward to working with all members of the Legislature in this role.

Please know that you can reach out to me with questions, ideas, and concerns. I welcome your opinions and feedback on current legislation, future bill proposals, and the issues that matter to you. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the 131st Legislature. It is truly an honor to serve our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie', written over a faint background of the Seal of the State of Maine.

Melanie Sachs
State Representative

U.S. Senate



Susan Collins,
United States Senator

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan M. Collins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

U.S. House of Representatives



Chellie Pingree,
United States Representative

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is my honor and privilege to serve the people of Maine's First District in Washington, DC, and I appreciate the opportunity to share this annual update with you.

This past year, our state faced unprecedented challenges, mirroring the difficulties experienced by communities across the nation. High inflation rates, a rapidly changing climate, aging infrastructure, and increasing energy costs were among the top concerns I heard while home in the district. Keeping these in mind, I was proud to work with my colleagues in the Maine Delegation to pass historic legislation to bring federal dollars back to our communities.

One of the ways we delivered for Mainers was through the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) in August. This law provides much-needed assistance to struggling families. With the help of the IRA, Americans will save an average of \$800 per year on health insurance and Medicare beneficiaries will have increased access to medication.

Additionally, the IRA offers billions of dollars to expand rebate programs for Americans who wish to make their homes more energy efficient. Homeowners can now receive up to a 30 percent tax incentive for the cost of home solar installations and a 30 percent incentive when investing in a heat pump. Over the next decade, these rebates will offer Mainers thousands of dollars in savings while decreasing fuel costs for winters to come.

In 2022, Congress also passed meaningful legislation to help create skilled jobs in the construction, manufacturing, and engineering sectors. The Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) Act will allow the U.S. to advance its leadership in the development of semiconductors used in the manufacturing of computers, cell phones, cars, and numerous other technologies we rely on. By developing this industry at home, we can bolster our national security and lessen our reliance on foreign technology.

As I look toward this Congress, I am excited to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to improve the lives of Maine people. It is critically important that we continue to take action to increase job growth, decrease inflation, take measures to promote our national security and invest in our health care and education systems.

Each year my office receives over 40,000 calls, letters, and emails from Mainers. I recognize the tremendous trust you place in having me represent you in Washington and by sharing your stories, thoughts, and concerns. Please rest assured, I will continue to fight for the interests of Mainers in Congress, and my staff and I will do everything we can to ensure your needs are met.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chellie', written over a faint background of the U.S. House of Representatives seal.

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

Statement 1

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2022

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Component Unit FEDC
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,893,341	-	21,893,341	72,901
Investments	6,038,293	-	6,038,293	-
Receivables:				
Accounts, net	208,371	46,751	255,122	5,827
Due from other governments	4,301	-	4,301	-
Taxes receivable	275,302	-	275,302	-
Tax liens	87,246	-	87,246	-
Lease receivable	1,824,316	-	1,824,316	-
Prepaid items	653,854	-	653,854	-
Internal balances	91,204	(91,204)	-	-
Inventory	16,233	-	16,233	-
Other long-term assets	170,576	-	170,576	-
Receivable - RSU #5 debt service payments	215,000	-	215,000	-
Capital assets, not being depreciated	2,925,000	-	2,925,000	-
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	16,370,451	11,774	16,382,225	-
Total assets	50,773,488	(32,679)	50,740,809	78,728
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	1,098,859	-	1,098,859	-
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	195,873	-	195,873	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	1,294,732	-	1,294,732	-
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	1,951,384	-	1,951,384	2,479
Accrued wages and benefits payable	172,199	989	173,188	4,015
Accrued interest	1,790	-	1,790	-
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Liabilities due in one year	287,400	-	287,400	-
Other long-term liabilities	560,122	-	560,122	-
Other postemployment benefits liability	1,079,012	-	1,079,012	-
Bonds due in more than one year	570,600	-	570,600	-
Total liabilities	4,622,507	989	4,623,496	6,494
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	2,330,573	-	2,330,573	-
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	207,901	-	207,901	-
Deferred inflows of resources related to leases	1,801,841	-	1,801,841	-
Total total deferred inflows of resources	4,340,315	-	4,340,315	-
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	19,295,451	11,774	19,307,225	-
Restricted for:				
Grants and other programs	2,410,716	-	2,410,716	-
Nonexpendable trust principal	1,585,729	-	1,585,729	-
Expendable trust - income portion	72,304	-	72,304	-
Unrestricted	19,741,198	(45,442)	19,695,756	72,234
Total net position	\$ 43,105,398	(33,668)	43,071,730	72,234

Statement 2

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

		Program Revenues			Net (expense) revenue and changes in net position			
					Primary Government			Component Unit
Functions/programs	Expenses	Charges for services	Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	Governmental activities	Business-type activities	Total	FEDC
Primary government:								
Governmental activities:								
General government	\$ 3,259,735	735,536	152,873	-	(2,371,326)	-	(2,371,326)	-
Public safety	4,313,594	342,196	62,920	-	(3,908,478)	-	(3,908,478)	-
Public works	3,284,612	282,555	137,492	-	(2,864,565)	-	(2,864,565)	-
Community services	1,500,386	602,155	35,911	-	(862,320)	-	(862,320)	-
Community development	1,274,489	-	-	-	(1,274,489)	-	(1,274,489)	-
Education	19,919,982	-	-	-	(19,919,982)	-	(19,919,982)	-
Unclassified	810,956	-	22,595	-	(788,361)	-	(788,361)	-
Interest on debt	3,458	-	-	-	(3,458)	-	(3,458)	-
Total governmental activities	34,367,213	1,962,442	411,791	-	(31,992,980)	-	(31,992,980)	-
Business-type activities:								
Nonemergency Transportation	104,237	117,087	-	-	-	12,850	12,850	-
Total business-type activities	104,237	117,087	-	-	-	12,850	12,850	-
Total primary government	\$ 34,471,450	2,079,529	411,791	-	(31,992,980)	12,850	(31,980,130)	-
Component Unit:								
Freeport Economic Development Corporation	84,260	-	120,827	-	-	-	-	36,567
General revenues:								
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					\$ 28,566,488	-	28,566,488	-
Motor vehicle excise taxes					2,234,991	-	2,234,991	-
Interest and lien costs					46,537	-	46,537	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:								
Homestead exemption					339,938	-	339,938	-
BETE reimbursements					603,841	-	603,841	-
State Revenue Sharing					1,087,616	-	1,087,616	-
Other State aid					116,643	-	116,643	-
Unrestricted investment earnings (loss)					(899,299)	-	(899,299)	10
Miscellaneous revenues					90,786	-	90,786	-
Total general revenues					32,187,541	-	32,187,541	10
Change in net position					194,561	12,850	207,411	36,577
Net position - beginning					42,910,837	(46,518)	42,864,319	35,657
Net position - ending					43,105,398	(33,668)	43,071,730	72,234

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 3

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2022

	General	Capital Projects Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and equivalents	\$ 16,514,358	3,396,033	1,982,950	21,893,341
Investments	395,668	3,978,652	1,663,973	6,038,293
Receivables:				
Accounts net of allowance of \$116,277	34,940	163,903	9,528	208,371
Due from other governments	4,301	-	-	4,301
Taxes receivable	275,302	-	-	275,302
Tax liens	87,246	-	-	87,246
Prepaid items	-	653,854	-	653,854
Interfund loans receivable	-	4,441,960	3,251,354	7,693,314
Inventory	16,233	-	-	16,233
Receivable - RSU #5 debt service payments	215,000	-	-	215,000
Total assets	\$ 17,543,048	12,634,402	6,907,805	37,085,255
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	206,262	16,778	18,915	241,955
Accrued wages and benefits	167,139	-	5,060	172,199
Interfund loans payable	6,682,547	591,414	328,149	7,602,110
Development escrows	957,234	-	-	957,234
Other unearned revenues	-	-	752,195	752,195
Total liabilities	8,013,182	608,192	1,104,319	9,725,693
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	182,020	-	-	182,020
Unavailable revenue - ambulance receivables	-	25,474	-	25,474
Unavailable revenue - RSU #5 debt service payments	215,000	-	-	215,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	397,020	25,474	-	422,494
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	16,233	653,854	1,585,729	2,255,816
Restricted	-	-	2,483,020	2,483,020
Committed	2,086,523	11,346,882	1,734,737	15,168,142
Assigned	675,000	-	-	675,000
Unassigned	6,355,090	-	-	6,355,090
Total fund balances	9,132,846	12,000,736	5,803,486	26,937,068
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 17,543,048	12,634,402	6,907,805	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	19,295,451
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	
Lease receivables	1,824,316
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	182,020
Unavailable revenue - ambulance billings	25,474
Unavailable revenue - RSU #5 debt service payments	215,000
Deferred inflows/(outflows) related to pensions	(1,231,714)
Deferred inflows/(outflows) related to OPEB	(12,028)
Deferred inflows related to leases	(1,801,841)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(2,328,348)

Net position of governmental activities	\$ 43,105,398
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 4

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2022

	General	Capital Projects Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 29,449,598	-	1,443,053	30,892,651
Licenses, permits and fees	355,686	-	-	355,686
Intergovernmental	2,351,790	-	152,873	2,504,663
Charges for services	282,855	468,240	828,898	1,579,993
Fees and fines	28,063	-	-	28,063
Gifts and donations	-	-	53,866	53,866
Unclassified	91,345	-	-	91,345
Investment income (loss)	(1,786)	(289,267)	(632,115)	(923,168)
Total revenues	32,557,551	178,973	1,846,575	34,583,099
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,890,137	-	-	1,890,137
Public safety	3,147,346	-	15,612	3,162,958
Public works	2,143,859	-	-	2,143,859
Community services	786,179	-	360,995	1,147,174
Community development	-	-	1,274,489	1,274,489
Education	19,919,982	-	-	19,919,982
Insurance and fringe benefits	1,901,944	-	-	1,901,944
County and transit tax	1,368,958	-	-	1,368,958
Unclassified	286,005	31,262	40,721	357,989
Capital outlay	-	1,016,444	242,005	1,258,449
Debt service	38,269	-	-	38,269
Total expenditures	31,482,678	1,047,706	1,933,823	34,464,207
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,074,873	(868,733)	(87,248)	118,892
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers from other funds	450,000	555,000	-	1,005,000
Transfers to other funds	(600,000)	-	(405,000)	(1,005,000)
Bond Proceeds	-	634,000	-	634,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	(150,000)	1,189,000	(405,000)	634,000
Net change in fund balances	924,873	320,267	(492,248)	752,892
Fund balances, beginning of year	8,207,973	11,680,469	6,295,734	26,184,176
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 9,132,846	12,000,736	5,803,486	26,937,068

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 5

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2022

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (from Statement 4)	\$	752,892
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Statement 2) are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation.	(402,304)
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(21,325)
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	465,548
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Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which proceeds exceeded payments.	(369,000)
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The Town has bonds that were originally issued for School purposes. These amounts will be funded by Regional School Unit #5 when the debt service payments are due. The Town has recorded a long-term receivable for the amount that will be paid by the School Unit for these bonds. The amount of the receivable at year end was \$215,000 with principal amounts paid off during the year totaling \$231,250.	(231,250)
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Change in net position of governmental activities (see Statement 2)	\$	194,561
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 6

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
General Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2022

		Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
		Original	Final		
Revenues:					
Taxes	\$	28,717,065	28,717,065	29,449,598	732,533
Licenses, permits and fees		296,400	296,400	355,686	59,286
Intergovernmental		1,878,800	1,878,800	2,351,790	472,990
Charges for services		208,500	208,500	282,855	74,355
Fees and fines		29,800	29,800	28,063	(1,737)
Unclassified		48,600	48,600	91,345	42,745
Investment earnings		15,000	15,000	25,299	10,299
Total revenues		31,194,165	31,194,165	32,584,636	1,390,471
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government		2,037,340	2,037,340	1,890,137	147,203
Public safety		3,243,285	3,243,285	3,147,346	95,939
Public works		2,449,885	2,449,885	2,143,859	306,026
Community services		867,470	867,470	786,179	81,291
Education		19,919,982	19,919,982	19,919,982	-
Insurance and fringe benefits		2,060,600	2,060,600	1,901,944	158,656
County tax		1,368,958	1,368,958	1,368,958	-
Unclassified		292,050	292,050	284,649	7,401
Debt service		34,595	34,595	38,269	(3,674)
Total expenditures		32,274,165	32,274,165	31,481,322	792,843
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		(1,080,000)	(1,080,000)	1,103,314	2,183,314
Other financing sources (uses):					
Use of unassigned fund balance		600,000	600,000	-	(600,000)
Transfers from other funds		480,000	480,000	450,000	(30,000)
Transfers to other funds		-	-	(600,000)	(600,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)		1,080,000	1,080,000	(150,000)	(1,230,000)
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis		-	-	953,314	953,314
Fund balance, beginning of year - budgetary basis				7,571,131	
Fund balance, end of year - budgetary basis				8,524,445	
Reconciliation to GAAP basis:					
Committed reserve funds fund balance				608,401	
Fund balance, end of year - GAAP basis		\$		9,132,846	

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Exhibit A-1

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Comparative Balance Sheets - General Fund
June 30, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,514,358	17,429,581
Investments	395,668	343,152
Accounts receivable	34,940	33,315
Due from other governments	4,301	171,530
Taxes receivable	275,302	285,986
Tax liens	87,246	103,325
Inventory	16,233	14,896
Receivable - RSU #5 debt service payments	215,000	446,250
Total assets	\$ 17,543,048	18,828,035
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	206,262	155,797
Accrued wages and benefits	167,139	179,314
Interfund loans payable	6,682,547	7,439,216
Development escrows	957,234	2,172,830
Total liabilities	8,013,182	9,947,157
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	182,020	226,655
Unavailable revenue - RSU #5 debt service payments	215,000	446,250
Total deferred inflows of resources	397,020	672,905
FUND BALANCE		
Nonspendable	16,233	14,896
Committed - Stabilization Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000
Committed - other	478,122	483,316
Committed - reserves	608,401	636,842
Assigned	675,000	600,000
Unassigned	6,355,090	5,472,919
Total fund balance	9,132,846	8,207,973
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 17,543,048	18,828,035

Exhibit A-2

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
Year ended June 30, 2022

(with comparative actual amounts for the year ended June 30, 2021)

	2022		Variance positive (negative)	2021 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 26,691,065	27,168,070	477,005	26,192,432
Excise taxes and registration fees	2,001,000	2,234,991	233,991	2,297,320
Interest and lien costs	25,000	46,537	21,537	67,406
Total taxes	28,717,065	29,449,598	732,533	28,557,158
Licenses, permits, and fees:				
Building, plumbing and electrical permits	153,000	213,474	60,474	337,993
Town clerk licenses and fees	25,100	30,008	4,908	32,807
Moorings and other harbor fees	75,000	81,405	6,405	82,433
Solid waste permits	1,300	1,375	75	1,375
Shellfish licenses	10,000	11,781	1,781	11,201
Alarm permits	32,000	17,643	(14,357)	27,145
Total licenses, permits, and fees	296,400	355,686	59,286	492,954
Intergovernmental:				
State tree growth reimbursement	48,000	61,422	13,422	51,176
State general assistance	10,000	5,844	(4,156)	499
State revenue sharing	725,000	1,087,616	362,616	759,639
State homestead exemption reimbursement	300,000	339,938	39,938	453,466
State BETE reimbursement	600,000	603,841	3,841	685,975
State road assistance	125,000	136,192	11,192	126,352
Public safety contributions	47,300	61,716	14,416	53,748
Other intergovernmental	23,500	55,221	31,721	27,332
Total intergovernmental	1,878,800	2,351,790	472,990	2,158,187
Charges for services:				
Planning	20,500	19,590	(910)	14,857
Transfer station and recycling	163,000	237,982	74,982	249,136
Parking lot	-	10,148	10,148	6,175
Engineering	20,000	13,835	(6,165)	25,203
Hunter Road Fields	5,000	1,300	(3,700)	5,000
Total charges for services	208,500	282,855	74,355	300,371
Fees and fines:				
Police parking and other fines	20,000	17,790	(2,210)	3,215
Library fines and fees	6,000	7,916	1,916	4,360
Alarm and other fire fees	3,800	2,357	(1,443)	1,621
Total fees and fines	29,800	28,063	(1,737)	9,196

Exhibit A-2, continued

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued

	2022		Variance positive (negative)	2021 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Revenues, continued:				
Unclassified	\$ 48,600	91,345	42,745	52,082
Investment earnings	15,000	25,299	10,299	15,984
Total revenues	31,194,165	32,584,636	1,390,471	31,585,932
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Town council	174,500	172,407	2,093	183,884
Town manager	136,005	132,823	3,182	126,485
Finance and treasury	475,760	424,667	51,093	439,803
Assessing	191,090	200,084	(8,994)	165,436
Code enforcement	119,615	122,665	(3,050)	108,516
Town clerk and elections	143,550	129,595	13,955	141,483
General administration	205,510	144,818	60,692	152,221
Municipal buildings	439,160	413,195	25,965	374,043
Planning	152,150	149,882	2,268	125,375
Total general government	2,037,340	1,890,137	147,203	1,817,246
Public Safety:				
Police department	1,438,240	1,475,841	(37,601)	1,314,933
Special enforcement	100,205	93,076	7,129	80,363
Fire department	769,700	760,330	9,370	770,043
Rescue	497,890	388,689	109,201	428,269
Reception	222,250	218,005	4,245	187,925
Hydrant rental	185,000	188,373	(3,373)	164,747
Street lights	30,000	23,032	6,968	23,032
Total public safety	3,243,285	3,147,346	95,939	2,969,312
Public Works:				
General road operations	998,650	875,907	122,743	892,682
Summer roads	433,000	250,914	182,086	376,111
Winter roads	171,500	171,245	255	113,731
Tree program	20,000	6,997	13,003	19,627
Solid waste	552,500	566,865	(14,365)	589,136
Engineering	150,100	149,149	951	140,998
Hunter Road Fields maintenance	124,135	122,782	1,353	107,384
Total public works	2,449,885	2,143,859	306,026	2,239,669

Exhibit A-2, continued

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued

	2022			2021 Actual
	Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	
Expenditures, continued:				
Current, continued:				
Community services:				
Human services agencies	\$ 39,800	29,750	10,050	39,800
General assistance	114,440	84,434	30,006	107,008
Public library	493,720	488,505	5,215	443,785
Cable TV	106,040	102,902	3,138	55,190
Promotions	11,200	11,949	(749)	12,104
Shellfish commission	3,500	-	3,500	-
Amtrak station operations	79,020	54,134	24,886	63,564
Other	19,750	14,504	5,246	8,174
Total community services	867,470	786,179	81,291	729,625
Education	19,919,982	19,919,982	-	19,125,015
Insurance and fringe benefits:				
Employee benefits	1,955,600	1,800,784	154,816	1,730,243
Insurances	105,000	101,160	3,840	101,532
Total insurance and fringe benefits	2,060,600	1,901,944	158,656	1,831,775
County and transit tax	1,368,958	1,368,958	-	1,321,552
Unclassified:				
Bustin's Island Corporation	243,000	243,721	(721)	228,847
Miscellaneous and contingency	24,050	23,053	997	31,913
Abatements	25,000	17,874	7,126	57,360
Total unclassified	292,050	284,649	7,401	318,120
Debt service	34,595	38,269	(3,674)	98,363
Total expenditures	32,274,165	31,481,322	792,843	30,450,677
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,080,000)	1,103,314	2,183,314	1,135,255

Exhibit A-2, continued

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued

	2022		Variance positive (negative)	2021 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Other financing sources (uses):				
Budgeted utilization of surplus	\$ 600,000	-	(600,000)	-
Transfers in	480,000	450,000	(30,000)	555,001
Transfers out	-	(600,000)	(600,000)	(1,350,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,080,000	(150,000)	(1,230,000)	(794,999)
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis	-	953,314	953,314	340,256
Fund balance, beginning of year - budgetary basis		7,571,131		7,230,875
Fund balance, end of year - budgetary basis		8,524,445		7,571,131
Reconciliation of fund balance to GAAP basis:				
Committed reserve funds fund balance		608,401		636,842
Fund balance, end of year - GAAP Basis	\$	9,132,846		8,207,973

Exhibit B

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Reserve Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2022

	Fund Balance June 30, 2021	Charges for Services	Revenues Interest	Expenditures	Transfers in (out)	Fund Balance June 30, 2022
Capital Project Reserves						
Administration - general	\$ 277,431	-	(11,349)	447	(72,500)	193,135
Boards and commissions	143,730	-	(6,110)	293	-	137,327
Building maintenance	896,657	-	(37,905)	1,770	(137,500)	719,482
Cable TV equipment	225,741	119,619	(9,778)	508	(144,000)	191,074
Energy savings	43,845	-	(1,864)	89	-	41,892
Fire equipment	445,721	-	(18,949)	908	(62,000)	363,864
Hedgehog mountain	24,674	-	(1,049)	50	-	23,575
Land purchase	149,726	-	45	-	-	149,771
Land trust	28,658	-	(1,218)	58	-	27,382
Municipal parking lot	520,801	10,147	(22,150)	13,066	-	495,732
Police equipment	350,191	-	(14,863)	707	-	334,621
Public infrastructure	1,956,967	-	(83,549)	4,083	42,625	1,911,960
Public works equipment	975,124	-	(41,626)	2,033	(127,000)	804,465
Recycling equipment	40,256	-	(1,745)	91	30,000	68,420
Rescue equipment	879,117	275,652	(37,157)	1,734	(290,932)	824,946
Total capital project reserves	6,958,639	405,418	(289,267)	25,837	(761,307)	6,287,646
General Fund Reserves						
Unemployment compensation fund	515,086	-	(21,909)	1,107	-	492,070
Other	121,756	-	(5,176)	249	-	116,331
Total general fund reserves	636,842	-	(27,085)	1,356	-	608,401
Total Reserve Funds	\$ 7,595,481	405,418	(316,352)	27,193	(761,307)	6,896,047

Exhibit C

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Capital Project Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2022

	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2021	Charges for Services	Revenues Bond Proceeds	Interest	Expenditures	Transfers in (out)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2022
Police Department Capital Project Funds:							
Communication upgrade	\$ 83,327	-	-	-	67,891	-	15,436
Bullet proof vests & protective equipment	(2,327)	12,160	-	-	-	-	9,833
Building enhancements	108	-	-	-	-	-	108
In-Car cameras	702	-	-	-	-	-	702
K-9 training & recruitment	12,000	-	-	-	12,000	-	-
Boat and motor replacement	8,615	-	-	-	-	-	8,615
Vehicle replacement	91,735	-	-	-	10,543	100,000	181,192
Total police department	194,160	12,160	-	-	90,434	100,000	215,886
Fire Department Capital Project Funds:							
Protective clothing	8,104	-	-	-	-	-	8,104
Engine/tanker apparatus	800,000	-	-	-	-	-	800,000
Engine five	980	-	-	-	-	-	980
Engine three	14,863	-	-	-	-	-	14,863
EMP portable Digital Signs	10,092	-	-	-	-	-	10,092
Communication upgrade	82,295	-	-	-	82,295	-	-
Service vehicle	(12,918)	16,594	-	-	-	-	3,676
SCBA bottles and fill station	-	-	-	-	-	137,000	137,000
Total fire department	903,416	16,594	-	-	82,295	137,000	974,715
Rescue Department Capital Project Funds:							
Vehicle exhaust ventillation system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ambulance replacement	80,196	-	-	-	53,718	-	26,478
Communication upgrade	152,793	-	-	-	134,986	19,000	36,807
Rescue equipment	2,906	-	-	-	-	-	2,906
Dormitory Renovations	11,603	-	-	-	4,571	-	7,032
Total rescue department	247,498	-	-	-	193,275	19,000	73,223
Public Works Capital Project Funds:							
Grader repair	1,096	-	-	-	-	-	1,096
Dump truck replacement, sander & plow	(779)	-	-	-	490	227,000	225,731
Loader	18,770	-	-	-	-	-	18,770
Sidewalk plow-shared with TIF	7,668	-	-	-	-	-	7,668
Pick-up truck replacement	7,163	-	-	-	792	-	6,371
Oil/Water separator	60,000	-	-	-	60,000	-	-
Street sweeper	140,000	-	-	-	-	-	140,000
Backhoe/Excavator	22,081	-	-	-	-	-	22,081
Total public works	255,999	-	-	-	61,282	227,000	421,717
Recycling Capital Project Funds:							
Landfill closing	123,450	-	-	-	-	-	123,450
Containers	6,849	-	-	-	-	-	6,849
Loader	2,987	-	-	-	-	-	2,987
Facility lighting	37,500	-	-	-	-	-	37,500
Other	100,900	-	-	-	31,262	70,000	139,638
Total recycling	271,686	-	-	-	31,262	70,000	310,424

Exhibit C, continued

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Capital Project Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2022

	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2021	Charges for Services	Revenues Bond Proceeds	Interest	Expenditures	Transfers in (out)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2022
Comprehensive Town Improvement Funds:							
Arnold Road reconstruction	\$ -	-	-	-	-	250,000	250,000
ADA compliance work	-	-	-	-	-	75,000	75,000
Train Station improvements	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	80,000
Percy, Pratt and Pownal Road reconstruction	120	-	-	-	-	-	120
Road condition survey - Asset management planning	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	25,000
Cousin's River Bridge - (PACTS)	140,000	-	-	-	-	-	140,000
Cousin's River Bridge - Bike/Pedestrian Connector	127,822	-	-	-	5,140	-	122,682
Lower Main Street paving overlay	39,450	-	-	-	-	(39,450)	-
Main St. paving and drainage match	28,494	-	-	-	-	-	28,494
DOT bridge work	-	-	634,000	-	-	-	634,000
Spar Cove Road rebuild	450,000	-	-	-	332,272	-	117,728
US Route 1 South (PACTS)	45,736	-	-	-	-	-	45,736
Concord Gully Brook watershed restoration	(42,253)	9,068	-	-	2,833	96,933	60,915
Greenspace project	16,000	-	-	-	-	-	16,000
South Street project	153,011	-	-	-	-	-	153,011
Desert Road match	19,393	-	-	-	-	-	19,393
US Route 1 North (PACTS)	134,991	-	-	-	-	-	134,991
South Freeport Road (PACTS)	38,062	-	-	-	-	(38,062)	-
Desert Road business park	235,000	-	-	-	-	-	235,000
Grant Road reconstruction	140,114	-	-	-	-	(140,114)	-
Freeport fields and trails project	140,537	-	-	-	-	-	140,537
Culvert replacement	33,434	-	-	-	-	-	33,434
Other	38,159	-	-	-	-	-	38,159
Total comprehensive town improvement	1,818,070	9,068	634,000	-	340,245	229,307	2,350,200
Municipal Buildings and Other Improvement Funds:							
Computer system upgrade/connectivity town-wide	117,979	25,000	-	-	30,185	125,000	237,794
Dunning boat yard	31,445	-	-	-	-	-	31,445
Cable TV	104,915	-	-	-	-	24,000	128,915
Valuation update	50,713	-	-	-	-	7,500	58,213
Building winterization	133,562	-	-	-	8,065	-	125,497
Public safety renovation (sallyport, flooring, etc.)	1,119	-	-	-	1,119	-	-
Town hall exterior	43,388	-	-	-	-	-	43,388
Town hall upgrades	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	25,000
Red Light upgrade	-	-	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
Copier replacement	14,937	-	-	-	-	-	14,937
Library building exterior	30,000	-	-	-	20,685	50,000	59,315
Vehicle replacement	4,998	-	-	-	4,998	-	-
Other	196,428	-	-	-	49,845	222,500	369,083
Total municipal buildings and other	729,484	25,000	-	-	114,897	484,000	1,123,587
Boards and Committees Improvement Funds:							
Directional signage	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	15,000
Downtown revisioning study	108,179	-	-	-	108,179	-	-
Historic society archiving	1,387	-	-	-	-	-	1,387
comprehensive plan update	100,000	-	-	-	-	50,000	150,000
Florida Lake bridge replacement	448	-	-	-	-	-	448
Quiet zone study	66,732	-	-	-	-	-	66,732
Hedgehog Mountain bridge replacement	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Withdrawal committee	7,827	-	-	-	-	-	7,827
Other	944	-	-	-	-	-	944
Total boards and committees	301,517	-	-	-	108,179	50,000	243,338
Capital Reserves - See Exhibit B for Details	6,958,639	405,418	-	(289,267)	25,837	(761,307)	6,287,646
Total capital project funds	11,680,469	468,240	634,000	(289,267)	1,047,706	555,000	12,000,736

Exhibit E-2

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the year ended June 30, 2022

	Tax Increment Financing Funds						Bartol Building Lease Fund	Tower Lease Fund	Town Grants & Programs	Leon Gorman Park	Totals 2022
	Winslow Park	TIF II Desert Road Phase II	TIF IV Destination	TIF V Hotel	TIF VI Housing	TIF VIII Quarry Ridge					
Revenues:											
Property taxes	\$ -	1,070,058	267,000	75,532	12,129	18,334	-	-	-	-	1,443,053
Charges for services	381,434	-	-	-	-	-	5,695	313,916	127,853	-	828,898
Gifts and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,866	-	53,866
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	152,873	-	152,873
Investment earnings/(losses)	1,409	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,767)	(4,358)
Total revenues	382,843	1,070,058	267,000	75,532	12,129	18,334	5,695	313,916	334,592	(5,767)	2,474,332
Expenditures:											
Current:											
Community services	257,924	-	-	-	-	-	20,257	-	36,668	2,779	317,628
Community development	-	1,070,058	192,302	-	12,129	-	-	-	-	-	1,274,489
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,612	-	15,612
Unclassified	-	-	20,319	-	-	-	-	-	19,525	-	39,844
Capital	89,132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	152,873	-	242,005
Total expenditures	347,056	1,070,058	212,621	-	12,129	-	20,257	-	224,678	2,779	1,889,578
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	35,787	-	54,379	75,532	-	18,334	(14,562)	313,916	109,914	(8,546)	584,754
Other financing sources (uses):											
Transfer to other funds	-	-	-	(5,000)	-	-	-	(300,000)	(100,000)	-	(405,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	(5,000)	-	-	-	(300,000)	(100,000)	-	(405,000)
Net change in fund balances	35,787	-	54,379	70,532	-	18,334	(14,562)	13,916	9,914	(8,546)	179,754
Fund balances, beginning of year	706,240	56,388	490,514	2,935	-	-	520,449	842,385	1,211,245	135,543	3,965,699
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 742,027	56,388	544,893	73,467	-	18,334	505,887	856,301	1,221,159	126,997	4,145,453

Exhibit E-3

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Town Grants and Programs
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the year ended June 30, 2022

	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2021	Inter- governmental	Revenues Gifts and donations	Charges for services	Expenditures	Revenues over (under) expenditures	Other sources and (uses)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2022
Town Grants and Programs:								
Road Impact Fees	\$ 352,297	-	-	98,400	-	98,400	(100,000)	350,697
Stormwater Connection Fees	57,032	-	-	1,678	-	1,678	-	58,710
Sandy Beach Stairs/SHIP Grant	22,722	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,722
Maine Arts Commission	2,022	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,022
Project Canopy Grant	8,657	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,657
CDBG-Elders Bus	2,139	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,139
Regional Efficiency grant	1,249	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,249
CDBG-Weatherization	7,357	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,357
ARPA	-	152,873	-	-	152,873	-	-	-
CDBG-Habitat for Humanity	455	-	-	-	-	-	-	455
Police Speed Enforcement/Seat Belt	11,774	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,774
Village Open Spaces	31,630	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,630
FEMA	61,085	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,085
Shellfish Water Testing	30,849	-	-	2,035	-	2,035	-	32,884
Fuel Assistance Fund-Freeport	25,181	-	17,880	-	382	17,498	-	42,679
Freeport Housing Trust Rental Assistance Grant	3,043	-	-	-	1,155	(1,155)	-	1,888
COVID Relief Grant Fund	5,474	-	-	-	5,474	(5,474)	-	-
Fire and Rescue Annual Appeal Donations	75,134	-	1,204	-	15,612	(14,408)	-	60,726
Library Donations	96,216	-	12,187	-	18,164	(5,977)	-	90,239
Fire Department Burn Building Donations	4,387	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,387
Police Donations	2,556	-	150	-	-	150	-	2,706
Rescue Donations	458	-	-	-	-	-	-	458
Library Book Donations	1,017	-	19,085	-	16,568	2,517	-	3,534
Public Works Donations	2,088	-	1,035	-	399	636	-	2,724
Dollars for Scholars	1,779	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,779
Soule School Lease	222,336	-	-	17,825	9,407	8,418	-	230,754
Dunning Boat Yard Lease	135,256	-	-	7,915	1,376	6,539	-	141,795
Other	47,052	-	2,325	-	3,268	(943)	-	46,109
Total Town Grants and Programs	\$ 1,211,245	152,873	53,866	127,853	224,678	109,914	(100,000)	1,221,159

Exhibit F-2

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Permanent Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2022

		Principal Revenues		Unexpended Income					
	Fund Balance	Unrealized/Realized	Fund Balance	Fund Balance	Interest		Fund Balance		
	June 30, 2021	Gains (Losses)	June 30, 2022	(deficit)	Income	Expenditures	(deficit)	Total	
				June 30, 2021			June 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	
Cemetery Care:									
Perpetual Care:									
850 Burr	\$	205,579	(24,332)	181,247	(12,201)	3,346	386	(9,241)	172,006
851 Grove		80,066	(9,600)	70,466	(3,771)	1,320	152	(2,603)	67,863
852 Webster		22,161	(2,693)	19,468	(761)	370	43	(433)	19,035
853 Woodlawn		31,693	(3,648)	28,045	(2,706)	502	58	(2,262)	25,783
854 South Freeport		80,937	(9,906)	71,031	(2,207)	1,362	157	(1,002)	70,029
855 Flying Point		11,649	(1,371)	10,278	(750)	189	22	(583)	9,695
856 Town maintained		3,986	(582)	3,404	644	80	9	715	4,118
802 Davis Mausoleum		1,628	(298)	1,330	739	41	5	775	2,105
803 Carrie Thomas		890	(135)	755	185	19	2	201	956
804 A.O. Woodard		18,109	(2,770)	15,339	3,906	381	44	4,243	19,582
Total Cemetery Funds		456,698	(55,336)	401,362	(16,922)	7,609	877	(10,191)	391,172
Library Funds:									
710 Albert Conley		67,302	(11,067)	56,235	19,984	1,433	182	21,235	77,470
711 Paul and Emma Bennett		29,388	(3,766)	25,622	317	488	202	603	26,224
712 Eleanor Brewer		13,750	(2,081)	11,669	2,665	269	34	2,900	14,569
713 Bartol Association		68,919	(6,226)	62,693	(16,154)	935	120	(15,339)	47,355
714 Grace Ritchie		4,683	(580)	4,103	(109)	75	10	(43)	4,060
758 Loth Library		95,312	(12,313)	82,999	1,793	1,594	202	3,185	86,184
757 Jane Hall		236,582	(30,658)	205,924	5,550	3,982	2,945	6,587	212,511
Total Library Funds		515,936	(66,691)	449,245	14,046	8,776	3,695	19,128	468,373
School Scholarship Funds:									
720 Fitts Award		4,887	(4,887)	-	464	18	482	-	-
721 Salomon Plummer		16,047	(16,047)	-	556	55	611	-	-
722 Wallace True		9,966	(9,966)	-	375	34	409	-	-
723 Millard and Enid Crooker		47,774	(47,774)	-	1,172	163	1,335	-	-
724 Alice Pollock		21,056	(21,056)	-	1,653	75	1,728	-	-
725 Auldis Foster		3,795	(3,795)	-	515	14	529	-	-
726 Kenneth Thompson		15,049	(15,049)	-	950	54	1,004	-	-
742 Christine Small Cushing		305,784	(305,784)	-	27,222	1,112	28,334	-	-
Total School Scholarship Funds		424,358	(424,358)	-	32,907	1,525	34,432	-	-
Benevolent Funds:									
740 George Davis		22,012	(3,177)	18,835	3,039	411	52	3,398	22,233
741 Arthur L. Gould		742,185	(99,245)	642,940	42,630	12,924	4,993	50,560	693,500
743 Dorsey Loth		95,273	(11,735)	83,538	(2,127)	1,540	196	(782)	82,755
Total Benevolent Funds		859,470	(114,157)	745,313	43,542	14,875	5,241	53,176	798,489
Total		\$ 2,256,462	(660,542)	1,595,920	73,573	32,785	44,245	62,114	1,658,033

Where in Freeport?

These scenes are all distinctly Freeport—some we've seen a hundred times. Can you name where to find each?
Get the answers at www.freeportmaine.com/home/news/2022-annual-report-quiz



Test Your Knowledge of Freeport

If you don't already know the answers to these questions, you can find them in this report.
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1. In 2022 where was a new outdoor workspace created for with café tables and expanded Wi-Fi?
A. Freeport Town Hall
B. Freeport Community Library
C. Freeport Town Wharf
2. True or False: the Planning Department is looking into standards for using land to grow cannabis.
3. Which Freeport department serves as the Town's Census liaison?
A. Tax Assessor
B. Police Department
C. Town Clerk
4. What breed of dog is K-9 Kyra?
A. German Shepherd
B. Belgian Malinois
C. Bloodhound
5. How many households were offered heating assistance through the Carol Kaplan Fuel Fund in 2022?
A. 12 B. 53 C. 87
6. At which website can Freeport voters track every aspect of the ballot they cast?
A. FreeportMaine.com
B. Maine.gov
C. Vote.org
7. At which town property will rain gardens be installed in 2023?
A. Freeport Community Library
B. Town Hall
C. Hunter Road Fields
8. What kind of safety device does the Police Department hand out for free?
9. Of this list, only three items can be recycled at the silver bullet containers. Which three?
Paper, styrofoam, aluminum, milk jugs, plastic bags, bubble wrap, padded mailers, shrink wrap
10. Through These Doors is an organization helping Freeport residents with which topic?
A. Aging
B. Domestic violence
C. Dental, medical, and mental health
11. The Fire Rescue Department's new ambulance has what helpful capability?
12. True or False: discounts and free-camping weeks are available at Winslow Park to Freeport residents.



Freeport Community Library

10 Library Drive (off Main Street)

Monday, Thursday, and Friday: 10am – 5pm

Tuesday and Wednesday: 10am – 7pm

Saturday: 10am – 2pm*

*Closed on Saturdays from Memorial Day through Labor Day and holiday weekends

Freeport Recycling Facility

Hedgehog Mountain Road (off Pownal Road)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8am – 4pm

Saturday: 9am – 4pm

Town Hall

30 Main Street

Monday – Thursday: 7:30am – 6pm

Friday: Closed

Online Services

www.freeportmaine.com

- Re-registrations for Car/ATV/ Trailer/Snowmobile
- Hunting/Fishing/Dog Licenses
- Request Municipal Vital Records
- View and Pay Property Taxes online
- Renew and Pay Moorings and Mooring Waitlist
- Video on Demand

