



FREEPORT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Dedication

Carmen L. Footer (December 18, 1941 – March 8, 2023)

From 2001 through 2019, anyone who regularly drove or walked past the corner of Main and School Streets on Tuesday mornings came to know Carmen Footer by sight, if not by name. For nearly two decades, Carmen and her friends Elaine Green and Joann Miller—the Freeport Flag Ladies—stood vigil there. Every Tuesday, in fair weather or foul, in sunshine or in rain, sleet, and snow, the ladies waved the American flag to honor the men and women of the U.S. military. They also honored those who died during the 9/11 terrorist attacks by coming to the corner on the 11th day of each month. And when the United States declared war on Iraq, Carmen and her friends were out on the corner every day until the war ended.

Carmen was “a Maine girl through and through,” according to her friend Elaine. Born in Brunswick in 1941, she spent her adult life working at Brunswick hospitals as an X-ray technician, later becoming head of the ultrasound tech department at Midcoast Hospital. Carmen had two children, sons Peter and Matthew. In 1976, she moved to her home in Freeport, where she passed away in March surrounded by loved ones.

The actions of Carmen and her friends were recognized throughout the state, the nation, and around the world. The Flag Ladies were written up in newspapers and magazines and interviewed for public radio and network TV programs. The women were even the sub-

ject of a 2013 documentary film called “One Tuesday Morning.”

The Flag Ladies were often joined by groups of supporters that might include other Freeport residents, veterans from around the nation, and a famous face or two. Senators, representatives, mayors, and more came to stand and wave the flag with the ladies. The three women also visited wounded soldiers, sent care packages to those stationed overseas, attended military funerals, spoke to students, and traveled to Bangor to see off and welcome home U.S. troops.

Carmen had heart surgery in 2017, and two years later, the Flag Ladies retired. They made one final post-retirement appearance together on September 11, 2021, the twentieth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Carmen’s passing was noted in the Maine House and Senate. In a letter to the Portland Press Herald, U.S. Senator Susan Collins wrote that Footer represented the best of the United States and that, along with her fellow flag ladies, she inspired patriotism following the 9/11 attacks. “The trio’s legacy will endure in the hearts of the countless people they inspired and the many young people they taught to respect our flag and support our troops.



Photos courtesy of the Flag Ladies

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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 high-resolution 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.



Lucy Birkett photo

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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 2023, which was \$400,000. 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 into 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 \$314 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: Kathleen Sullivan

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.

Kathleen Sullivan was selected as the 2022 Freeport Citizen of the Year. Kathleen and her husband Bob Stevens moved to Freeport in 1978 and raised their two children here. Both have been very active in Freeport community life



In 2021/22, Kathleen founded Freeport CAN (FCAN), an initiative to mobilize Freeport citizens to ease climate concerns by “taking action right here right now.” FCAN operates with a grass roots model of focused, independent but interconnected action groups working on projects coordinated by a volunteer steering committee. These committees are wide ranging, touching on issues from food and consumerism to winterization and solarization

Under Kathleen's leadership as coordinator, FCAN has had a remarkable impact on the lives of Freeport residents in a very short time. One successful FCAN program is the seasonal Farmer's Market, a place where people can obtain locally sourced foods. Another success was Freeport's first-ever "Electrify Freeport" event at Freeport High School in September 2022, where over 350 local and regional attendees had the chance to experience using an electric car (27 different types were on site) as well as gaining information on weatherization, heat pumps, solar, and energy-saving, smart technologies.

Citizen of the Year Kathleen Sullivan and Town Councilor Ed Bradley



FCAN pushed for the passage of energy rebates for low-income Freeport residents. The group also encouraged the Town to hire a sustainability coordinator in partnership with Yarmouth. This hire was agreed to, and a coordinator, Meddy Smith, was brought on in June 2023. Other successes include a textile recycling donation bin, resource guides, a specialized community library, newsletters, symposiums, forums, and demonstrations of practical solutions aimed at healthy and green living.



A transportation project out of FCAN resulted in a campaign to encourage greater use of the Breez bus from Freeport to Portland and Brunswick. More than 200 free bus tickets were distributed at the Farmers' Market and other locations with a follow-up survey to determine the use of the bus as well as encourage greater use.

Additionally, Kathleen is also working with the Freeport Historical Society among other local organizations to form an initiative to research and outreach on indigenous peoples' history and culture for the purpose of better educating Freeport students and citizens.

In addition to her local activities, Kathleen is also involved in Maine and national leadership of Third Act, a nationally noted climate action organization for action-minded citizens over 60 years old. Group members use their life experience, skills, and resources to change the world for the better.

Past Citizen of the Year Recipients

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| • Katrina Van Dusen - 2021 | • Rod Regier - 2009 |
| • Jim DeGrandpre - 2020 | • Barbara Gifford - 2008 |
| • Maryellen Carew and Pauline (Sam) Hunneman - 2019 | • Dr. Jonathan Strout - 2007 |
| • Beth Edmonds - 2018 | • Mary Sauer & Jon Hoy - 2006 |
| • Fred Palmer and John Paterson - 2017 | • Betsy Ruff - 2005 |
| • George Denney - 2016 | • Edgar Leighton - 2004 |
| • Kate and Jonas Werner - 2015 | • E. Ann Westervelt - 2003 |
| • Freeport Community Services Founding Mothers - 2014 | • Louis Marstaller - 2002 |
| • Edward Bradley - 2013 | • Vaughndella Curtis - 2001 |
| • Thomas Wright - 2012 | • Edward Bonney - 2000 |
| • Vicki Lowe - 2011 | • Frank Small - 1999 |
| • Bob Stevens - 2010 | • Frank Garland - 1998 |
| | • Fred Fernald & Edward Bueter - 1997 |
| | • Paul Powers - 1996 |

Committees, Boards & Community Agencies as of June 2023

Board of Appeals

Pamela Leone
Shannon Garrity, Chair
Chalmers Hardenbergh
Linda Hines
Preston Noon, Vice Chair
Vacancy (2)
STAFF PERSON: Nick Adams

Board of Assessment Review

Chris Grimm
R. McAllister Lloyd
Clint Swett
Andrew Arsenault
Vacancy

Cable TV Regulatory Board

Wayne Jortner
David Webster
Jason Doyle
RSU5 liaison, Vacancy
Vacancy
STAFF PERSON: Tom Pierce
Jay Somers, Comcast Senior Manager of Government & Community Relations

Coastal Waters Commission

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

Complete Streets Committee

Kim True
Phil Wagner
Nate Goodman, Police Chief
Andrew Seymour, LL Bean Rep
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
Caroline Pelletier, Interim Town Manager
Leland Arris, Sewer District
Jean Skorapa, RSU5 Supt
FCS Rep, Vacancy
Marie O'Donnell, Gen Asst
Charles Tetreau, Harbormaster

Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee

Aaron Francis, Dist 3
Phil Wagner, Dist 1
R. Macallister Lloyd
Matt Walsh
Mark Guyer
Nelson Larkins
John Egan, Council Liaison
Craig Sickles, RSU5 Rep
STAFF PERSON: Adam Bliss

Library Board of Trustees

Jenn Guenette
Leslie Hallock
Donna Rice
Steve Thomas
Mary Gallie
Sally Martin
Katie Maicher
Kim Swett
Darryl Uy
STAFF PERSON: Courtney Spark

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
Warren Graver
Kate Tracy, Student
Student, Vacancy
Dan Piltch, Council Liaison

Project Review Board

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

Freeport RSU #5 Board of Directors

Madelyn Vertenten
Maura Pillsbury
Colin Cheney
Kara Kaikini
Valy Steverlynck
Susana Hancock

Sustainability Advisory Board

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

Sewer District Trustees

Sara Randall, Chair
Thomas Hudak, Treasurer
Michael Ashby
Kathryn Wallingford
Sally Leland, Clerk
Adam Morse
Chad Coffin

Shellfish Conservation Commission

Gina Leduc-Kuntz
Mike Ashby
Nelson Larkins
Kathryn Wallingford
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
Clyde Young

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



Bethany Camp photo

Town Council

Freeport is on the rise. This much is clear based on the continued interest we see in people who want to make a home in our town. As your Town Council, we are honored to be the stewards of the conditions that create that demand, and to ensure the success of the Town on all fronts including our commercial base, our natural resources, and the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors.

This has been an eventful year for Freeport. We continue to see healthy engagement from our dedicated and passionate residents. We hosted public discussions on building new recreational trails, encouraging new housing, and more. Although many discussions don't conclude with unanimous consent, they are a sign of a healthy democracy. We continue to hear that Freeport residents are more engaged than most other Maine towns when it comes to helping to determine the future direction of our Town. I view this as a wonderful attribute of our community.

One of our initiatives that attracted considerable attention in our community was the Downtown Vision Plan, which was presented in May 2022 to an ovation and a unanimous acceptance by the Council. We're now faced with the difficult work of making this Vision a reality. We prioritized 14 projects and created project charters for each one. As expected with a project of this magnitude, some are proceeding more rapidly than others, but we are making progress on them all and are now considering more projects to target as priorities in the coming year.

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 we have been proactive about how we mitigate our impact on the climate and how we plan for its impact on our town. We are nearing completion of our first Climate Action Plan, funded largely by grants, and have adopted aggressive targets for carbon reduction in Freeport.



This work cannot be done solely on the municipal level, and we are fortunate to have a solid working relationship with our State legislators who have similar outlooks on climate response and many other issues that affect us at a local and state level. We continue 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.

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, I look forward to growth on several fronts. We saw impressive visitation numbers posted for events such as the Freeport Oyster Festival, our Fall Festival, and the annual Sparkle Parade, all hosted by Visit Freeport, as well as several significant events hosted by LL Bean. Interest in Freeport is clearly on the rise which is generating demand for new development. The Council has been working aggressively to simplify our ordinances to make development more



Residences at Crosstree—the new apartments on Desert Road

predictable and understandable. We have a goal of promoting new housing of all types, with a focus on areas near the commercial core that are well served by transit options. Look for more emphasis on this in the year ahead.

One of the duties of the Town Council is to hire and oversee the Town Manager. After the departure of Peter Joseph, our long-serving and well-respected Town Manager, we were lucky enough to have our Town Planner, Caroline Pelletier, step into (and excel at) the job on an interim basis while we conducted a search for a permanent replacement. Although we learned that it is a difficult and competitive market for municipal leaders, we were fortunate to have found an outstanding candidate and will welcome Sophia Wilson to the post in December 2023. We look forward to a long and fruitful collaboration.

None of these achievements would have happened without the countless hours spent by all 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: **\$16**



Municipal Phone Directory

Animal Control	
Freeport Police.....	865-4800
Tax Assessor	
Quang Minh Le	865-4743 x140
Cable TV	
Tom Pierce	865-4743 x114
Codes Enforcement	
Nick Adams	865-4743 x102
Finance Director	
Jessica Maloy.....	865-4743 x115
Fire Rescue Chief & Emergency Prep	
Paul Conley.....	865-3421
Freeport Economic Development Corporation	
Brett Richardson	865-4742 x117
General Assistance (at Freeport Community Services)	
Marie O'Donnell	865-3985 x222
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
Sustainability Coordinator	
Meddy Smith	865-4743 x104
Town Clerk & Registrar of Voters	
Christine Wolfe	865-4743 x123
Town Engineer	
Adam Bliss	865-4743 x106
Town Manager	
Sophia Wilson	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



John Egan



Darrel Fournier

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Elected Councilors



Daniel Piltch



Edward Bradley



Matthew Pillsbury



Henry "Chip" Lawrence



Jake Daniele

Town Manager

It is with great pleasure that I submit the Annual Report concerning the Town of Freeport’s municipal activities for the fiscal operating period from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Reports from all of our municipal departments—as well as information on our municipal budget—also appear in this report. As in years past, each page will make reference to “Freeport by the Numbers.” This information will give you a glimpse at how much each department costs the average taxpayer (not taking into account revenues) and will show the budgeted full-time employee equivalent for staffing each department.

In the prior fiscal year, the Town filled multiple Department Head positions left vacant due to the retirements of many long-term employees. This year, new Department Heads settled into their new roles, and all of our Department Head positions were fully staffed. Like many municipalities, however, attracting and retaining staff in other positions continued to be a challenge in such departments as Fire-Rescue, Police, and Public Works.

One major staffing change the Town experienced was the resignation of long-time Town Manager Peter Joseph, who left employment with the Town in April 2023. Most recently serving in the role as Town Planner, in April 2023 I was appointed as Interim Town Manager while the Council worked to hire a permanent replacement for the position. This interim assignment was supported with the assistance of long-serving Assistant Town Manager Judith Hawley as well as Finance Director Jessica Maloy who guided the Council through the remainder of the budget process. The Town Council engaged the firm Baker Tilley to conduct a national search to find Freeport’s next Town Manager.

During this fiscal year, the Town Council considered 218 action items. These items were taken up during 22 regular and two special sessions, four workshops and a goal-setting workshop held in January. Many of the items taken up by the Town Council included items that were raised by staff, Board and Committee members, Town residents, and business owners. Some of the major topics the Council focused on included improving efficiency and transparency of public services and processes; implementation of the Downtown



Peter Joseph was the Freeport Town Manager until April 2023



2 Full-time equivalents

Cost to the median taxpayer:
\$75



Vision Plan; completing the transfer of the standpipes (water tanks) to Maine Water Company; and establishing new task forces to look at issues such as sewer funding and housing in Freeport.

The Town of Freeport is fortunate to have an active, engaged community with residents and business owners alike who choose to be actively involved in Town issues and contribute to the evolution of our community. We are also thankful to have a large number of residents that volunteer to serve on our many municipal Boards and Committees. I would like to thank all of our volunteers, engaged community members, and staff for their support and efforts during the past year to help make Freeport the wonderful community it is today.



Caroline Pelletier, Interim Town Manager



Judy Hawley, Assistant Town Manager

Caroline Pelletier is sworn in as Interim Town Manager by Town Clerk Christine Wolfe



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 during October and early November. The Town of Freeport is proudly represented through the Freeport United Soccer program during the spring and fall. Spring usage draws softball, baseball, and more Freeport United soccer 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.



Six new dugouts were constructed at Hunter Road Fields, replacing old, unsafe ones without roofs. The Town and Freeport Little League developed a community-driven partnership where locally purchased materials, contractor efforts, and volunteer labor helped make the dugouts possible.



Cost to the median taxpayer: **\$12**



Town Clerk

The Clerk's Office is always busy with activity, including providing many services for residents and non-residents alike. Much of the work we spend our workdays on happens behind the scenes as many of the functions we conduct involve little to no direct contact with the general public.

Our office assists residents with traditional clerk's office services such as dog licensing; voter registration and administering all elections; shellfish licensing; liquor licensing; issuing vital records; registering short-term residential rentals; notary and dedimus justice services, weddings, and the swearing in of town officials.

We are also closely involved with the Town's Boards and Committees and work with them hand in hand on the maintenance of permanent records such as minutes and agendas along with assistance in keeping their information current on the Town website. This year, we assisted in writing ordinance amendment language for the Shellfish Commission to address an unforeseen occurrence we encountered with the Student Commercial Shellfish Lottery this year. The situation involved the town having five student resident commercial licenses available, with only four licensees applying for the lottery. The Shellfish Ordinance, never anticipating this situation, gave us no guidance on how to proceed with the remaining unissued license. The Clerk wrote amendment language to add for a second lottery to be conducted.

The Clerks also maintain the Hunter Road Fields spring and fall athletics schedule for Freeport United Soccer, Tri-Town Little League, RSU Community Programs, and the RSU5 teams that may practice or play games on the fields. Outside organizations such as the Maine Waldorf School also use the fields, and schedule through our office.

Website maintenance is an area that we are spending increasing amounts of time on, ensuring that the public has current and accurate information available to them 24/7. Daily work keeping the



Christine Wolfe,
Town Clerk



Carrie Weeman,
Deputy Clerk

Cost to the
median taxpayer:

\$14

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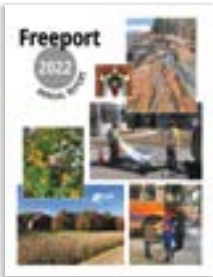
Full-time
equivalents

Central Voter Registration updated is required in order to keep the Freeport registered voter rolls as current and up to date as possible.

The Town Clerk is also secretary for the Town Council Appointments Committee, assisting this Town Council subcommittee by tracking which committee members are currently serving and their terms, as well as vacancies, interested applicants, agendas, and minutes.

Both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk attended Freedom of Access Act training in the summer. Deputy Clerk Carrie Weeman also attended the MTCCA Networking Day. We would like to thank the local businesses that generously donated items to the Town of Freeport's raffle basket. Tickets for the raffle raised money for the New England Conference we are hosting in 2025. Carrie also attended a De-escalation training conducted by NAMI Maine. She also continued her work with the Legislative Policy Committee to which she has a 2-year appointment. Her most stellar attribute is her ability to find an easier way to organize our data. Carrie continually contributes better ways for our office to operate efficiently and we appreciate her motto of "work smarter not harder."

We continue to assist with Town Report preparations, aiding Finance Clerk and BMV agent Robin Doak, who started taking over the bulk of this project with last year's report.



Election News

November 8, 2022

STATE

On November 8, 5,288 voters in Freeport cast ballots for the following races: Governor (Janet Mills); State Senator District 23 (Matthea Daughtry); Representative to the Legislature District 102 (Melanie Sachs); Judge of Probate Cumberland County (Paul Aranson); Sheriff Cumberland County (Kevin Joyce); District Attorney District 2 (Jacqueline Sartoris); and County Commissioner Cumberland District 3 (Stephen Gorden). Voters requested 2,370 absentee ballots with 2,288 being returned and accepted, accounting for 43% of all Freeport ballots issued. Voter turnout for Freeport was 68%, slightly higher than the 61.8% turnout for the State as a whole.

MUNICIPAL

The annual election of officers saw the following elected officials win and accept seats:

- Councilor-At Large: John Egan, 3-year term
- Councilor District 1: Daniel Piltch, 3-year term
- RSU5 Board of Directors: Maura Pillsbury and Kelly Sink, 3-year terms
- RSU Board of Directors: Kara Kaikini, 2-year term
- Sewer District Trustee: Kathryn Wallingford and Thomas Hudak, 3-year terms
- Water District Trustee: Clyde Young, 3-year term

June 13, 2023

RSU5 BUDGET VALIDATION

Voters convened on May 24 at the Durham Community School for the RSU5 Budget Meeting which sets and adopts the dollar amount to be voted at referendum for the upcoming school year's operat-

ing budget. The voters overwhelmingly approved the \$38,968,569 RSU5 Budget for the 2023-2024 school year at the June 13 referendum election. The turnout, while average for this type of election, was dismally low at 437 votes cast. This represents a 17.7% voter turnout. In all, 337 votes were cast in support of the budget, while 99 were opposed. Absentee ballots were issued to 47 registered voters, with 43 being returned.

Council Agendas

Town Council Meetings: 25
Town Council Workshops: 4

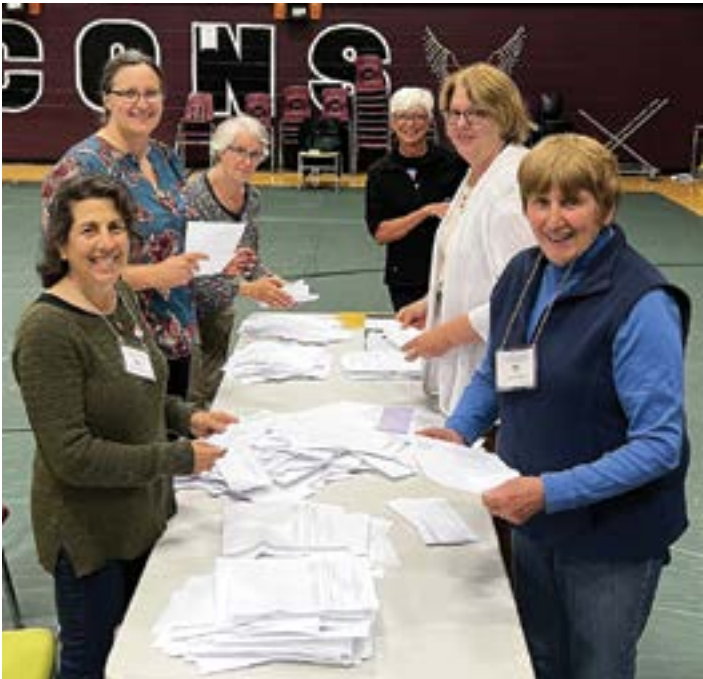
All Town Council meetings are available for viewing live on Zoom and FCTV3. Recordings can be viewed on the Town website and YouTube, normally within 24 hours.

Registered Voters 7,760 (As of June 30, 2023)

3,691 Democrat
2,311 Unenrolled
1,477 Republican
214 Green Independent
9 Libertarian
58 No Labels

In December 2022, three qualifying parties filed a "Declaration of Intent to Form a Party by Party Enrollment" with the Secretary of State's Office, pursuant to Title 21-A, section 303. Voters were able to opt into the Democratic, Republican, Green Independent, or Libertarian party prior to December 2022. The three new qualifying parties are the People's party, the Forward party and the No Labels party, who must garner 5,000 voter registrations to their party before January 2, 2024, to qualify.

Local volunteers help our clerks run Town elections smoothly



Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses Issued: 60 (The Town Clerk's Office provides wedding ceremony services for an additional fee.)
Resident Births: 76
Resident Deaths: 64
Burial Permits Issued: 10
Certified Copies Sold: 569

Municipal Licensing and Other Services

Automobile Junkyard Licenses: 1
Catering and BYOB Permits: 36
Commercial Passenger Boat Licenses: 5
Dog Licenses: 1,548
Food Peddler Licenses on Public Property: 2
Food Trucks: 27
Hunt/Fish licenses (includes all types and authorities): 193
Liquor Licenses: 34

- Special Amusement Permits: 9
- Sole Proprietor and Partnership filings: 16
- Notary Public: 234

Short Term Rentals:

- 2022 Active Short-Term Rental Registrations: 74 (As of June 30, 2023)
- Registrations renewed: 65 (5 late Short-Term Rental Registrations paid \$200 late fee)
- Registrations not renewed: 3
- New registrations: 9

Commercial Shellfish Licenses:

- Resident Commercial: 37
- Resident Senior Commercial: 8
- 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.

Town Engineer

A lot of exciting projects are in the pipeline. Capital projects fit into three stages of development: Planning, Design, and Construction. The Town Engineer manages and designs these public infrastructure projects, several of which are described below.

Cousin’s River Shared-Use Path

The Cousin’s River Shared-Use Path will connect the Cousin’s River Bridge at the Yarmouth town line to the Casco Bay YMCA. This project is nearing completion of the Design Phase. The final details are being specified, such as the physical barrier between path users and vehicles, retaining wall, and landowner outreach. The project is being coordinated with the Maine DOT’s bridge replacement project on Route 1. Both projects are scheduled to advertise for construction in winter 2023.

Concord Brook Trail

The Concord Brook Trail project is nearing completion of the Planning Phase. The Town Engineer has been working with the Complete Streets Committee and Connect Freeport, two bicycle- and pedestrian-minded groups in Town. The Concord Brook Trail is an off-road shared-use path that will connect Pine Street to Concord Road. The path route is planned to run parallel behind the businesses and parallel to Lower Main Street. The project will be designed according to national and East Coast Greenway guidelines during the Design Phase, which is expected to occur in 2024. The Town Engineer has been proactively working with the bike-pedestrian groups to procure grants for this transformative project.



East Coast Greenway images

Route 1 South Shared-Use Path

The Route 1 South Shared-Use Path is in the early planning stage. The Town Engineer procured a \$25,000 grant to study potential routes along U.S. Route 1. The segment will become part of the East Coast Greenway with regional connectivity to midcoast and southern Maine. The proposed path would be off-road and run parallel to Route 1. Some portions may need to be on-road due to various physical constraints. The grant aims to identify all environmental, topographic, and right-of-way constraints that will determine feasible route options.

Downtown Vision Plan

The Downtown Vision Plan identified many revitalization projects in the May 2022 study. The Town Engineer has been working with stakeholders and Council leadership to move the ideas forward. One of these projects was building a performance platform in Memorial Park. The platform provided opportunities for Meetinghouse Arts to schedule music performances on the first Saturdays of the month between June and September. The Public Works Department deserves many thanks for assembling and moving the platforms.

The Town Engineer also worked with the Complete Streets Committee and Connect Freeport to identify solutions for transforming Mallett Drive and Lower Main Street into a Complete Street. A Complete Street design accommodates all road users, including pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles, safely and efficiently. The Mallett Drive project will include a Safe Routes to School connection between the Middle School and High School. It will also have a shared-use path from the Exit 22 bridge to Main Street. This project is in the early design phase.

Lower Main Street is the southern entrance to the Downtown Village. This project is in the early Planning phases, which initially focuses on the Concord Brook Trail and the Lower Main Street Railroad Overpass bridge, as well as the connections to existing sidewalk infrastructure.

The Town Engineer provided support and guidance to the Accessibility Task Force and Freeport Conservation Trust with their Downtown Vision project that maps and rates accessibility around Town. The maps and trail guide will direct users to the wonderful, natural resources that Freeport offers.



Exit 20/22 Bridges

Construction of the Exit 20 and Exit 22 bridge replacement projects began in summer 2022. The project is owned and managed by the Maine DOT. The project is scheduled for completion by late 2025, though the contractor has stated they want to complete it earlier. Their approach is to maintain two-lane traffic at all times by constructing new lanes alongside each existing bridge. Traffic will swap over to the new lanes while the existing lanes are demolished. The Town Engineer/Public Works Director and Public Works Superintendent attend bimonthly meetings to represent the Town. Please visit <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/projects/freeport295/> for bridge project updates and photo gallery.

The Town Engineer continues to receive an excellent report from the Maine DEP on how well the Town complies with its municipal stormwater permit requirements. The Town Engineer manages this permit, which 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 Engineer manages the Town’s physical assets and natural resources. Our assets include facilities on public property as well as municipal roadways. Our natural resources include streams, wetlands, woodlands, and open space, all protected for the public to enjoy. Please visit <https://www.freeportmaine.com/about-freeport/pages/freeport-outdoors> for info on our outdoor open spaces.

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 Engineer performs many other engineering duties and special projects, as requested by the Town Manager. These duties include staff support to the Complete Streets Committee; Connect Freeport Work Group (formerly Active Living Committee); Hunter Road Fields Committee; Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation Group (PACTS); Downtown Vision Steering Committee; Freeport Economic Development Corporation; and the Interlocal Stormwater Working Group.

The Complete Streets Committee is represented by six at-large seats filled by resident volunteers and three other 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 FY23. 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 Liz McDonald, Barbara Guffin, Greg Michaud, and Andy Spaulding as Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

The Town Engineer enjoys working with the many volunteers, Committees, and 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.

Buildings & Grounds

Brent and Kenny continued to impress Freeport residents with their commitment to maintaining Main Street, Town Hall, the Train Station, cemeteries, and our municipal parks and facilities. They always rise to the challenge, whether during inclement weather 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 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



3.38
Full-time
equivalents



Cost to the
median taxpayer:
\$20
1
Full-time
equivalent

Adam Bliss, Town Engineer



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 (bulky, wood, metal, and electronic) and recycling are accepted from Durham, Pownal, and North Yarmouth residents.

Municipal Solid Waste

The Transfer Station received 38% of the 1,595 tons of all MSW taken to ecomaine from the Town. The remaining 62% represents MSW collected by private haulers.

Recycling

The Transfer Station received 35% of the 729 tons of all recycling taken to ecomaine in FY23. The remaining 65% represents recyclables dropped off in the two “silver bullets” in Town as well as those collected by private haulers.



Bulky Waste

The Transfer Station received 620 tons of bulky waste FY23, down from 671 tons in FY22.

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 been shown to have 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 are plastic bags, bubble wrap, padded mailers, shrink wrap, and Styrofoam. Unfortunately, plastic bags containing recyclables are frequently placed in recycling containers, and 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 in the container.

Josh Harriman, Suzanne Duplissis, Dylan Durisko



It is important that everyone educate themselves on what is and is not recyclable. ecomaine has created Recyclopeda, a recycling education website, to help people determine if an item is recyclable. Recyclopeda can be found on the ecomaine website or by following the link on the Town website under the Recycling Facility tab in the Departments dropdown. Residents are encouraged to visit these websites 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.

Recycling Tonnages

Throughout FY23, residents recycled 729 tons of material, down from 778 tons during FY22. This figure includes material from the two silver bullets in Town, the Transfer Station single-sort compactor, and the pick-up of residential recyclables collected by private haulers. Since January 2019, ecomaine only accepts loads of recyclables with less than 25% contamination. Contaminated loads of more than 25% are assessed a surcharge as they are transferred for disposal rather than recycling. Fortunately, none of Freeport’s loads were rejected in FY23.

Food Scrap Diversion

The food scrap drop-off program at the Transfer Station continues to be popular with residents. Food scraps are diverted from ecomaine’s incinerators and are taken to Agri-Cycle for conversion to renewable energy and compost. The drop off program, offered at no charge, allows residents to reduce their solid waste even if they cannot compost at home.

Spring Cleanup

Spring Cleanup was held in 2023. The schedule of Monday and Tuesday continued to work well for managing the tremendous influx of material. 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 the container capacities, hauler scheduling, and the hours of the waste-receiving facilities, it is a challenge to provide residents with this opportunity. However, by holding Cleanup when the Transfer Station is regularly closed, managing the influx of waste is made a little easier. An enormous debt of gratitude is owed to Adam Bliss, the Town Engineer, and Jeff Goldrup, an employee from Public Works, who both helped the Transfer Station staff manage the 594 participants in this year’s Spring Cleanup. Without their help, the event would not have been possible.

Cost to the median taxpayer:
\$55 **3.6**
Full-time equivalents

Public Works Department

I would like to compliment our Department for once again doing an outstanding job on construction projects, maintenance projects, and winter snow removal operations.

Capital Improvement Projects

The Public Works Department purchased a new single-axle plow truck this fiscal year.

Road Paving Projects

The paving of Arnold Road & Foggs Point Road 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

Town road tasks completed on an annual basis include roadside mowing; striping; upgrades; replacement of street signs & lights; street sweeping; catch basin cleaning; and drainage maintenance.

Special Projects

The Public Works Department is responsible for the hanging of flags and holiday lights in the downtown area as well as the setup of elections for the town. We have taken over responsibility for the maintenance of all town-owned streetlights. We also set up the skateboard park at the train station, the parklet on Main Street, and the multi-use stage at Memorial Park. This year, our crew installed a new wood post and rope fence at Porters Landing Cemetery.

13.94 Full-time equivalents

Kelly Gorham; Jacob Thoits; Hal Baston; Daniel Libby; Johnathan Hart; Jeffrey Goldrup; Luke Chapman; Howard Dyer; Tammy Morrissey; Robert Bradley; Alan Walsh; and Public Works Superintendent Earl Gibson



Winter Season

The Town had 30 snowstorms or icy road events this year. We had two major snowstorm events (both 12”, in January and early March), a few in the 5-6” range, and the rest of our storms were less than 3” with several turning into icy road events. In all, we had a total snow accumulation of approximately 74”. Public Works used 1,299 yards of road salt, 1,327 yards of winter sand and 17,389 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.



A freshly striped pedestrian walkway at Freeport Community Services



A street sweeper ready for action

Cost to the median taxpayer:
\$158

Finance Department

The Finance Department is dedicated to serving all Freeport Citizens and Town Departments. The Finance Department is responsible for ensuring 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 & license fee collection, and processing vehicle registrations. Other functions of the Department include the 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 cash, checks, and debit and credit card payments. For citizens who wish to use a debit or credit card 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 and 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 FY23 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 FY23, the Finance Department issued 4,987 tax bills and completed 11,767 vehicle registrations. For accounts payable we processed 1,543 checks, 194 wires, and 961 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.

We wish to acknowledge the passing of Gail Moody, a member of our Finance staff, who passed away unexpectedly in the spring of 2023. Gail started with the Town of Freeport in the summer of 2015, working at the finance counter registering vehicles and taking payments, until she was promoted to Accounting Assistant in 2022. She loved the town and its residents, and she always made time to visit with your dogs when you brought them in. Gail will be greatly missed at Town Hall.

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: **\$495** Full-time equivalents



Jessica Maloy is sworn in as Tax Collector by Town Clerk Christine Wolfe

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



Outstanding Taxes

Real Estate

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
2021		
BURNS, MARY LOU & KEN-NETH J	021-001-00A-000	\$842.58
2022		
ADLERSTEIN, LARRY J	004018000000	\$58.68
BAKER, SCOTT, PERSON IN POSSESSION	022020000000	\$3,219.69
BARLOW, STEPHEN & TAMMY	817028C0023	\$369.40
BENWAY, C DAYTON & TYLER, CATHRYN	01703700F000	\$1,367.01
BFI LLC	025004000000	\$48.00
BOYLAN, ALMA E	002087000000	\$361.04
BREWER, DANIEL	017088000000	\$7,250.87
BREWER, SCOTT S	01905300B000	\$3,504.72
BURNS, MARY LOU & KEN-NETH J	02100100A000	\$851.76
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A002000000	\$691.42
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A003000000	\$7,084.02
CLIFFORD, SUSAN F & PHILIP P SR	021080000000	\$3,722.60
CROCK, ALICE EB	0BE00IETC000	\$949.04
CROCK, ALICE EB	0BA005ETC000	\$6,426.88
CROCK, ALICE EB	0BA008ETC000	\$906.57
CROCK, ALICE EB	0BA064000000	\$141.93
CURIT JR, ROBERT E	01707700C000	\$4,258.40
DEHAHN, LAWRENCE & JUDY, HEIRS OF	020059000000	\$645.98
DURAND, CHARLES L	01702300A000	\$1,750.70
FAULKNER, CAROLINE & KEARNS, JOHN	01809000L000	\$1,749.64
FILLMORE, MARK A PR & FILLMORE, JON & LO	018041000000	\$113.69
FRASER, CYNTHIA & TEMPLE, EDWARD	81702800C05	\$219.70
GORDON, NATHAN H D	017076010000	\$7,079.91
HOWARD, MICHAEL A & JAMES A	022059000000	\$1,360.57
NORTON, JOYCE E HEIRS OF	01804200I000	\$1,678.06
PUCKETT, BONNIE JEAN	01707900D000	\$4,497.07
PUSHARD, BRIAN	021092000000	\$1,347.82
PUSHARD, BRIAN L	021093001000	\$1,158.64
RATHEAU, YALI T	01904400A000	\$3,700.67
ROMAC, CHRISTOPHER W	018070030000	\$2,208.38
RTE 1 FREEPORT SOLAR LLC	023049000000	\$3,225.60
RTE 1 FREEPORT SOLAR LLC	023064000000	\$2,099.40
SCRIBNER, CATHERINE D	825063023000	\$62.09
SEYMOUR, EDITH D & GEORGE T	021019002000	\$3,089.50
SEYMOUR, PAUL J	017085001000	\$1,546.69
SEYMOUR, PAUL J	017085002000	\$1,291.63
SIMPSON, MACKENZIE & MATTIE A	024031000000	\$7,205.97

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
SULLIVAN, MARTINA	001030000000	\$1,536.66
SUMMERS, ASHLEY L	01801700A000	\$2,504.34
THIBODEAU, MICHAEL J	02302500A000	\$1,931.48
VICKERSON III, RANDALL A	01907600F000	\$1,060.04
VICKI I CRAY LIVING TRUST	01805700D000	\$1,734.25
VICKI I CRAY LIVING TRUST	01804400A000	\$3,937.74
WILLIAMS, WARREN C JR	021003002000	\$569.89
2023		
100 DOMAIN DRIVE DD LLC	013041000000	\$6.21
100 DOMAIN DRIVE DD LLC	013060001000	\$0.05
100 DOMAIN DRIVE DD LLC	013061000000	\$0.07
100 DOMAIN DRIVE DD LLC	013062000000	\$0.08
100 DOMAIN DRIVE DD LLC	013063ETC000	\$0.18
100 DOMAIN DRIVE DD LLC	013065000000	\$0.12
100 DOMAIN DRIVE DD LLC	013066000000	\$0.17
100 DOMAIN DRIVE DD LLC	013067000000	\$0.18
103 SOUTH FREEPORT ROAD LLC	002080000000	\$3,805.99
21 MAIN STREET IRREVOCA-BLE TRUST	002047000000	\$9.63
24 BOW LLC	011115000000	\$5.52
27 BOW STREET LLC	013037000000	\$4,671.03
353 US ROUTE ONE LLC	02306800B001	\$0.21
42 MAIN LLC	011121000000	\$10.77
6 MILL LLC	011129000000	\$2.93
76 MAIN LLC	011108000000	\$8.09
8 VARNEY LLC	02305600A000	\$4,701.10
ABDALLAH, NORMAN J & GRAZIELLA M	01902500A000	\$3.84
ADLERSTEIN, LARRY J	004018000000	\$8,035.76
ANDERSON, KIM & RONEY JR, EDWARD F	817028C0016	\$434.07
APPLEYARD MANAGEMENT LLC	02605100B000	\$2,734.09
ARRIS JR, LELAND J	02100200G000	\$1,724.68
ASCANIO, MARIA	019029000000	\$4.43
BAIRD LANDING DEVELOP-MENT LLC	017076000CM1	\$1,724.00
BAKER, SCOTT, PERSON IN POSSESSION	022020000000	\$3,149.06
BAKER, WARREN F	0BD03300AETC	\$6.55
BALLOU, PETER G	002082000000	\$4.44
BARLOW, STEPHEN & TAMMY	817028C0023	\$309.86
BB ROYAL LLC	013023000000	\$1,361.42
BB ROYAL LLC	013001001000	\$768.49
BE HOSPITABLE LLC	025009000000	\$38,391.99
BEAULIEU, LEA & GAGNON, TYLER J	018002001000	\$1,146.81
BENWAY, C DAYTON & TYLER, CATHRYN	01703700F000	\$1,504.23
BERNSTEIN, DAVID P & DORS-EY-BERNSTEIN, K	02006300C003	\$1,642.33

Outstanding Taxes, continued

Real Estate, continued

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
BERNSTEIN, DAVID P & DORS- EY-BERNSTEIN, K	02006300C003	\$3,034.40
BERRY, JASON P & CHRISTINA M	017021008000	\$3.24
BFI LLC	025004000000	\$10,416.32
BISSON JR, JEAN PAUL	01802100A000	\$1,240.79
BOLDUC, DAVID	01802900A000	\$930.93
BOLDUC, DAVID	01802900B000	\$1,225.77
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018025000000	\$1,107.02
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018029000000	\$3,727.82
BOLDUC, DAVID A	01804900G000	\$1,347.26
BOLDUC, DAVID A	018056000000	\$2,921.10
BOLDUC, DAVID A	017047000000	\$5,656.63
BOLDUC, DAVID A	01802600A000	\$1,173.90
BOLDUC, DAVID A	017047001000	\$1,068.11
BONNY LLC	013001000000	\$2,452.04
BOYLAN, ALMA E	002087000000	\$17,057.04
BRADEEN PROPERTIES LLC	018060002000	\$1,262.63
BREWER, DANIEL	017088000000	\$8,131.75
BREWER, SCOTT S	019053000000	\$2,375.10
BREWER, SCOTT S	01905300B000	\$3,431.61
BROWN, MICHAEL R	02100200D000	\$3,420.16
BURNS, MARY LOU & KEN- NETH J	02100100A000	\$790.34
CAMELIO, JOHN S & PATRI- CIA L	05A015000000	\$47.42
CAROLYN R WHITE IRREVO- CABLE TRUST	24A011000000	\$3.01
CHAMBERS, TIMOTHY	017094000000	\$2,048.86
CHASE, BARBARA J & JEFFREY S	01800200D000	\$2,940.21
CHEER UP INC	01706100A000	\$1,801.80
CIARANELLO, ROSALIE	00901200C000	\$1,459.19
CIGRI PROPERTIES LLC	009002001000	\$2,263.17
CIGRI PROPERTIES LLC	011099000000	\$1,596.54
CIGRI, TINA	00901200G000	\$4,489.49
CIGRI, TINA L	01709100A000	\$58.15
CLARK, KEVIN C	003028ETC000	\$8,815.28
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A002000000	\$630.63
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A003000000	\$6,998.36
CLIFFORD, PHILIP P	05A007000000	\$6,804.53
CLIFFORD, SUSAN F	02108000A000	\$807.40
CLIFFORD, SUSAN F & PHILIP P SR	021080000000	\$3,650.01
COFFIN, WALTER J	019068000000	\$4,009.01
CORDICE, PATRICIA A	02000200F000	\$1,051.66
CORLISS, RAYMOND H	017034010000	\$1,074.94
COSKERY, ROLAND	019036001000	\$3,914.82
CROCK, ALICE EB	0BE001ETC000	\$887.25
CROCK, ALICE EB	0BA005ETC000	\$6,386.84
CROCK, ALICE EB	0BA008ETC000	\$850.40
CROCK, ALICE EB	0BA064000000	\$120.12
CRONE, DONALD PR	022060000000	\$1,338.58

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
CRONE, GARY R	02108800C000	\$1,450.66
CURIT JR, ROBERT E	01707700C000	\$4,183.73
D A B INC	018026000000	\$4,580.94
DEHAHN, LAWRENCE & JUDY, HEIRS OF	020059000000	\$2,368.28
DESCHAINES, JOHN J	02102000B000	\$726.18
DOANE, DONNA M	018019000000	\$834.07
DOTEN JR, HAROLD L	02108800E000	\$6,272.86
DURAND, CHARLES L	01702300A000	\$1,819.55
DURAND, CHARLES L & SU- SAN L &	01702300B000	\$703.29
DURRELL, KAREN A D	01701600E000	\$167.77
DWINAL, BRADFORD P	018039000000	\$29.10
EGAN, KRISTINA J & CARON, ALAN R	004011004000	\$12.83
EISENHAUER, ANDREW C & EISENHAUER, ANDREW C & ELLIS, RYAN	021077000000	\$827.46
	021077011000	\$5,237.18
	01709200A000	\$1,520.61
EMPIRE 37 LLC	02001300E001	\$597.19
FARLEY, SAMANTHA J	018022000000	\$46.82
FARM POND LLC	017029000CM1	\$1,339.07
FARRELL, JOSEPH	826022000000	\$849.70
FARRELL, LEONA	026022000000	\$1,254.76
FAULKNER, CAROLINE & KEARNS, JOHN	01809000L000	\$1,740.38
FITZGERALD, MATTHEW	008001004000	\$1,211.44
FLEURY, DAVID G & ELIZA- BETH A	813025000000	\$73.78
FLYING POINT VENTURES LLC	019073000CM2	\$1,365.00
FLYING POINT VENTURES LLC	019073000CM3	\$546.00
FP CAFE INC	025009001000	\$3.29
FREPORT HISTORICAL SO- CIETY	01102600A000	\$2.39
GABOR, LYDIA & DOBSON, BENJAMIN	02200800A000	\$2,605.10
GAMMON, STEVEN L	021098000000	\$534.14
GARFIELD A DREW TRUST	0BE080ETC000	\$0.18
GARFIELD A DREW TRUST	0BC019000000	\$3.20
GARREC, JEAN M	02405400A000	\$1,135.67
GAYTON JR, ROBERT J & WALKER, HEATHER B	01803400D014	\$129.68
GILBERT, SUSAN E	01700500C000	\$1,508.02
GILLIAM, MICHAEL L	02102100B000	\$1,733.12
GORDON, NATHAN H D	017076010000	\$7,267.26
GREYSTONE FREEPORT HOLDINGS LLC	023045000000	\$4.63
GREYSTONE FREEPORT LIV- ING LLC	023043000000	\$2.02
GROWING FAMILY FOODS LLC	019065000CM1	\$105.79
GT REALTY CORPORATION	026067000000	\$13.59
GYORGY, AGOSTON & AN- NAMARIA	02108700E000	\$4,674.44

Real Estate, continued

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
HALL, DENNIS C	008001014000	\$417.71
HARPER, DONALD & JULIE	825063025000	\$278.63
HARRIMAN, MARIE L, (LIFE ESTATE TENANT)	01809000H000	\$730.27
HARRISON, RICHARD P	021051000000	\$3.33
HARTNETT, BRIAN D	02700900J000	\$2,562.10
HINES, RICHARD G & LORD, DAUNE T	017023001000	\$2,405.13
HMP PROPERTIES LLC	01803500A000	\$2,544.61
HOWARD, MICHAEL A & JAMES A	022059000000	\$1,373.19
HUTCHINSON, CHRISTOPHER M	02104800A000	\$227.96
INTRAVERSATO, DAVID A	027009RST000	\$3,423.00
ISLAND ROVER FOUNDATION	005015000000	\$431.99
ISLAND ROVER FOUNDATION	005030000000	\$653.94
ISLAND ROVER FOUNDATION	005031000000	\$698.61
JACKLIN INC	01309500A000	\$2,588.72
JACKSON BUILT INC	018070010000	\$2,140.32
JARRETT, ISABEL N	02104300B000	\$3,796.07
JOHNSON, CHARLES E	0BC00M000000	\$39.59
JOHNSON, DAVID M & VIN- CENT, VIRGINIA F	025008007000	\$7,843.29
JORGENSEN, PETER F & SARAH	01809600D000	\$2.89
KAUFMAN, AARON & HO- HENSEE, MICHELLE	02106300E000	\$225.23
KENNEY, RICHARD & LOLITA	01703300A000	\$1,317.23
KING, DYLAN & GLEICIANE C	02502300A000	\$904.78
KNOCK, GLEN & SARAH L	005061000000	\$2.11
KONSTANTINO, STEVEN & VALERIE	017033014000	\$4.09
LAROCHE, KEVEN R	021059000000	\$1,696.66
LAVERTY IRREVOCABLE TRUST	005021000000	\$1,989.93
LAWRENCE, HENRY L III & JANET K	02201300C000	\$2,218.12
LEAVITT-GARREC, LAURIE	004022000000	\$2,057.59
LEDUC-KUNTZ, GINA	01804900N000	\$588.89
LERMOND JR, ROBERT F & MARJORIE ANN	026034000000	\$1,906.22
LETTER STREETS LLC	026045001000	\$1,175.95
LEVESQUE, LOUISE M	02206200CCM1	\$1,358.18
LEVESQUE, PETER M	02100200H000	\$2,998.90
LEVINE, ARLENE H	00512800D000	\$3,578.35
LEWIECKI, MARISA M & RU- BIN, JORDAN G	01701500B003	\$1,121.93
LIBBY, DEBORAH	02102000D000	\$1,504.91
LINCOLN, DAVID J & BRANDY N	0BA076ETC000	\$4.74
LINNEKEN, CYNTHIA P & MAY, JACK W	01708800A000	\$3,226.86
	002029000000	\$9.73
MH & RB LLC	023050003000	\$3.69

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
MILL STREAM ASSOCIATES LLC	01807000B000	\$6,075.62
MOORE, JOHNNIE S	01805300C000	\$1,570.98
MYSHRALL, LORRAINE E	021060000000	\$2,184.00
NANCY A LIGHTER IRREV TRUST 12/29/2011	02506400A000	\$2.87
NANCY A LIGHTER IRREV TRUST 12/29/2011	02506400A001	\$2.97
NASON, JESSICA C & WIN- KLER, RICHARD T	023019001000	\$2,193.55
NAVIC LLC	026041002000	\$5.46
NEUTS JR, RICHARD T	01809000C000	\$1,681.00
NORTON, JOYCE E HEIRS OF	01804200I000	\$1,613.43
ODONOGHUE, PATRICK	017033001000	\$2,418.78
PACE, JOLENE W	02301700A000	\$1,061.46
PENDEXTER, DAVID H & JENNIFER L	017075003000	\$1,629.13
PETERS, JEFFREY T	013018000000	\$3,122.41
PIELA, PATRICIA M	005093000000	\$2.31
PIKOR, KIMOTHY & FERRARI, GREGORY	027002000000	\$3,186.59
PORTA, JOSEPH	02407300A000	\$9,026.86
POWNAL ROAD LLC	021089000000	\$3,545.37
PUCKETT, BONNIE JEAN	01707900D000	\$5,431.34
PUSHARD, BRIAN	021092000000	\$1,258.53
PUSHARD, BRIAN L	021093001000	\$1,550.64
PUSHARD, WILLIAM L, HEIRS OF	008005000000	\$1,703.52
PUSHARD, WILLIAM L, HEIRS OF	008006000000	\$2,725.91
QUADRINO, JAMES A & GRA- ZYNSKI, BRIANNA N	022063004000	\$1,025.12
RATHEAU, YALI T	01904400A000	\$3,628.17
RIVER ROCK LANE LLC	025038003000	\$7,178.54
ROMAC, CHRISTOPHER W	018070030000	\$2,141.69
ROSENGREN, DONALD & EDNA	025026000000	\$1,818.18
ROUTE 888 LLC	00503500AETC	\$6.36
RTE 1 FREEPORT SOLAR LLC	023049000000	\$6,403.22
RTE 1 FREEPORT SOLAR LLC	0023064000000	\$4,126.40
RUNNING RIDGE LLC	01803400DCM1	\$23.15
SCRIBNER, CATHERINE D	825063023000	\$80.54
SEYMOUR, ARIANNE	017085003000	\$1,212.12
SEYMOUR, EDITH D & GEORGE T	021019002000	\$3,019.38
SEYMOUR, PAUL J	017085001000	\$2,863.77
SEYMOUR, PAUL J	017085002000	\$1,228.50
SEYMOUR, TONI J	01703900B000	\$792.38
SHETTERLY, CAITLIN & DAVIS, DANIEL	020040000000	\$4,967.24
SHIPLEY, LINDA J	023026000000	\$2,813.27
SHOPE, ALYSSA L	01703300G000	\$1,745.15

Outstanding Taxes, continued

Real Estate, continued

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
SIMPSON, MACKENZIE & MATTIE	05A063000000	\$10,791.69
SIMPSON, MACKENZIE & MATTIE A	024031000000	\$7,119.84
SIMS, ANDREW F	004004000000	\$39.54
SKIFFINGTON, DEIRDRE & MOGAVERO, JEN PR	023016000000	\$4,227.41
SKIFFINGTON, DEIRDRE & MOGAVERO, JEN PR	023017000000	\$50.51
SLOAT, JENNIFER & GORDON	01702400B000	\$2.73
SMITH & MUNIZ INC	24A02800B000	\$4,446.01
SMITH, GARRETT F & MC-CANN, CARRIE E	019072000000	\$2,215.39
SOULE, MICHAEL D & BILLIE M	01809600A000	\$398.64
SOUTHLAKE HOLDINGS LLC	02602200B000	\$1,666.67
STAMMEL, AARON A & CHARLOTTE	01702800C008	\$959.59
STAPLES, LORI L	017010001000	\$633.71
STAUFFER, JAMES B & CA-MILLE M	00900600A006	\$1,102.92
STEIN, LISA R	02200800C000	\$967.10
STRAWBRIDGE, ELIZABETH M MD	02008400C000	\$63.51
SULLIVAN, MARTINA	001030000000	\$4,780.23
SULLIVAN, STEVAN	01801200J000	\$2.33
SUMMERS, ASHLEY L	01801700A000	\$2,518.43
TAKACS, TINA E	00900600B036	\$1,864.59
TAKE TWO LLC	011116ETC000	\$12,548.45
TAYLOR, STEPHEN F & VAL-ERIE A	018010000000	\$1,872.78
TEDDY LLC	011053000000	\$4.58
THIBODEAU, MICHAEL J	02302500A000	\$3,543.54
TOLIN, TIMOTHY & MORGAN H	02600400A002	\$5,066.25
TOUTANT, MICHAEL J	005037ETC000	\$6,055.14
TURNER, RALPH	017046000000	\$2,640.75
VICKERSON III, RANDALL A	01907600F000	\$997.82
VICKI I CRAY LIVING TRUST	01805700D000	\$1,669.40
VICKI I CRAY LIVING TRUST	02105900E000	\$1,687.21
VICKI I CRAY LIVING TRUST	01804400A000	\$3,864.32
VICTOR, NICK & CHARITY	81702800FN7	\$738.47
VIFIADES, JASON A	018031000000	\$10.21
VORLICEK, CAITLIN	025010007000	\$66.94
W SQUARED PROPERTY GROUP LLC	018043000000	\$5.24
WAPPLER, PETER R	01905400D000	\$9,734.03
WHITEHOUSE, JOHN T	02008000A000	\$2.41
WILKINS, MELLISA & PETER C	02001100AETC	\$33.51
WILLIAMS, DAVID & GILL, SUSAN	825063022000	\$228.64
WILLIAMS, WARREN C JR	021003002000	\$2,463.83
WINTER HILL FARM LLC	017035000000	\$1,957.41

Property Owner	Property ID	Total Due
WINTER HILL FARM LLC	01703600A000	\$6,737.64

Personal Property

2022

BURNS, DANIELLE	1308	\$21.76
FRANCESCA'S OPERATIONS INC	1339	\$3,225.79
STARS & STRIPES BREWING LLC	1368	\$13.68

2023

ALTA DENTAL OF MAINE PC	1040	\$4,443.81
BE HOSPITABLE LLC	159	\$3,597.95
BOW STREET HOME LLC	1446	\$30.59
BRICKYARD HOLLOW BREW-ING COMPANY	1441	\$682.50
BURNS, DANIELLE	1308	\$20.41
CHILTON HOLDINGS	84	\$67.83
COFFIN, WALTER	525	\$199.43
CRAZY LOCO CORN LLC	1415	\$316.49
DAB USED AUTO SALES INC	13	\$838.11
DUBE, TOM	1284	\$3.00
FRANCESCA'S OPERATIONS INC	1339	\$2,962.76
FREEPORT INTEGRATED HEALTH CTR PA	667	\$101.24
FROZEN CUSTARD TREATS INC	962	\$261.77
FULCRUM FAMILY HEALTH LLC	1432	\$3,412.50
HEESTAND FAMILY HOLDING LLC	128	\$243.30
JUDD, TOM DVM	1212	\$5.05
LANDMARK FREEPORT LLC	1269	\$1,277.37
MAINE WOOLENS LLC	1250	\$29.37
MAINELY CHIROPRACTIC LLC PA	1435	\$3,412.50
POWERS & FRENCH PA	305	\$28.05
RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	318	\$3.99
ROCK, JOHN & SANDY	754	\$3.28
SONIFI SOLUTIONS INC	507	\$3.58
STARS & STRIPES BREWING LLC	1368	\$315.10
STIO MOUNTAIN STUDIO	1444	\$6.34
WANDERLUST JUICERY LLC	1389	\$27.78
WASHO, MIKE	924	\$13.51
WATERLOGIC USA INC	1408	\$4.40

Tax Assessor

The Town Assessor is an agent of the State and is legally charged with valuing real and personal property for taxation. To raise funds for the budget approved by the Town Council, the Assessor pre-pares a taxable valuation list of all properties and then commits the assessments to the Town Tax Collector for collection. The Assess-ing 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 annually updates valuations to keep assessments in line with the market and to maintain tax equity. In continuation of last year, the real estate market has remained active, generating a defi-cit in the housing supply and increasing the median home values. The increased market value contributed to the increase in property assessments. The Town is certified at 100% for their assessment ratio with Maine Revenue Services for this year.

Valuations committed on September 15, 2022:

Taxable Real Estate	\$2,111,691,650
Taxable Personal Property	\$59,189,052
Total Taxable Valuation	\$2,170,880,702

Tax Rate

The tax rate has remained steady over the past several years. The FY23 mill rate was \$13.65 per thousand of assessed values.

Homestead Exemption

You may apply for this program if you own a home in Maine for at least 12 months before April 1. 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.



Quang Minh Le,
Assessor



Louise Thibeault,
Assistant Assessor



Veteran 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 dishon-orably discharged and is over the age of 62 or is an un-remarried widow/widower of a qualified veteran. If the veteran is under 62 years of age but is 100% disabled due to a service-connected dis-ability, they might likewise qualified. Application for this exemption is available in the Assessor's Office and on our website at www.freeportmaine.com.

State Property Tax Deferral Program

The State Property Tax Deferral Program, 36 M.R.S §§6250-6266, 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. The applicant meets income and asset requirements.

Program qualification and approval is through the State, but the application should be submitted to the Assessing Office. The Town will forward the application to the State for further review and approval.

Miscellaneous

All properties are assessed based on their status as of April 1 each year. All exemptions must be submitted before April 1 for con-sideration for the upcoming tax year; otherwise, they will not be applicable until the following tax year.

Once the assessment has been committed and forwarded to the Tax Collector to collect the taxes, the taxpayer has 185 days from the date of commitment to contest the valuation of their property.

Cost to the
median taxpayer:
\$21
Full-time
equivalents

Code Enforcement

During FY23, the Code Enforcement Department continued to educate and enforce Town Ordinances for residents, contractors, and other related parties.

Staff

The Department is staffed by part-time Administrative Assistant Bonnie Guerrette and one Codes Enforcement Officer (CEO) Nicholas Adams, Building, Electrical and Plumbing Inspector. The CEO conducted 1,177 inspections for FY23.

Permits and Revenue

The main source of revenue for the Department is through the permitting process. Permits are required for several land use and construction activities; the most common permits include Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Sign Permits. The estimated cost of work of all building permits for FY23 was approximately \$57,381,563.67. Below is a list of the permits issued and the revenues for the year.

Permit Type	Total	Revenue Type	Total
Building Permits	330	Building Permit Fees	\$114,338.20
Electrical Permits	373	Electrical Permit Fees	\$34,815.41
Plumbing Permits	183	Plumbing Permit Fees	\$33,612.50
Sign Permits	26	Sign Permit Fees	\$3,564.90
Temporary Activity	21	Temp Activity Fees	\$505.00
Total Permits	933	Total Revenue	\$186,836.01

Building Permit Types

There were 304 residential building permits issued and 26 commercial building permits for FY23. The number of one- and two-family dwelling units decreased to 44 permits total from last year. Of those permits issued, 40 were for single-family dwellings, one was for a duplex, and two were for accessory apartments.

Cost to the median taxpayer: **\$12** Full-time equivalents **1.8**



Commercial Construction Permits

Of the 26 commercial permits issued, several were for remodel/interior alterations and new commercial buildings. Some of the larger permits were for the following:

- South Freeport Village Market, 97 South Freeport Road
- DaVinci Childcare, 204 US Route 1
- Maine Optometry, 407 US Route 1
- L.L.Bean Phase 1 & 2 Flagship Store, 95 Main Street

Board of Appeals

During FY23, The Board of Appeals held two meetings/hearings and heard one variance and one administrative appeal of a Project Review Board's approval. The variance was denied, and the administrative appeal was tabled to FY24.

Miscellaneous

The Town Council voted to adopt the State of Maine Stretch Energy code which is an unamended version of the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). With help from the Planning Department, all Land Use records for all parcels (except for subdivision records) in the Town were digitized.

Fiscal Year 2024

Although it was to happen in FY22, the State of Maine has informed municipalities they plan to adopt new Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Ventilation Codes in Early 2024.

The FEMA Flood Maps were again delayed for adoption by the State. Hopefully the new maps will be adopted before July 1, 2024.



Nicholas Adams,
Codes Enforcement Officer



Bonnie Guerrette, Codes
Enforcement Clerk

RSU5 Superintendent of Schools

We want to thank all the residents for the passage of our current budget. The adopted budget for 2023-2024 is \$38,968,569. The majority of the expenditure increases, in addition to contractual salaries and benefits, included costs in the following areas: Funding for an additional teacher of English for Speakers of Other Languages and a .2 physical education teacher due to increased enrollment; three .5 social work positions, a .5 guidance counselor, and a board-certified behavior analyst to support student wellness; an athletic trainer to better support our student athletes; and an assistant principal to support increased enrollment and specialized programming.

We are grateful for the individuals willing to volunteer and serve on the RSU5 Board of Directors. Current Board members from Durham are Candace deCshipkes, Danielle George, and School Board Chair Michelle Ritcheson. Members from Freeport are Colin Cheney, Susana Hancock, Kara Kaikini, Maura Pillsbury, and Maddy Vertenten. Members from Pownal are Malik Farlow and Vice-chair Elisabeth Munsen. Two student representatives from Freeport High School are selected each fall.

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, 169 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 2,066 students during the 2022-2023 school year, which was an increase of 76 students from the October 1st enrollment from 2021. We believe this increase was due to a combination of new housing available to families and the enrollment of new Mainers. Currently, the non-certified enrollment is 2,107. If this remains stable, this will be an increase of 41 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



Jean Skorapa,
Superintendent of Schools

Cost to the median taxpayer:

\$4,102



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!



Planning Department

The Planning Department serves many functions for the Town of Freeport, including providing staff assistance to the Planning Board, Project Review Board, Freeport Sustainability Advisory Board, and other municipal committees on an as-needed basis. Staff also plays an active role in the process of implementing the Freeport Downtown Vision Plan by participating in the regular meetings of the Freeport Downtown Vision Plan Implementation Task Force. The Department is staffed by a Town Planner, an Assistant Planner, and a Sustainability Coordinator (shared with the Town of Yarmouth).

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 FY23, a significant amount of the Board's time was spent finishing proposed land-use regulations for cannabis uses and on ordinance updates pertaining to new State laws: P.L. 2021, ch 672 (LD 2003) and P.L. 2023, ch. 192 (LD 1706).

LD 2003 and LD 1706 (as they are commonly known) were developed with the goal of removing regulatory barriers to create housing opportunities throughout the State of Maine. Municipalities needed to create or amend local ordinances to allow additional density for affordable housing developments, allow multiple dwelling units on lots that are designated for residential use, and allow for accessory dwelling units on the same lot as a single-family dwelling in areas where residential uses are permitted. The Planning Board held public workshops and reviewed draft language towards implementing these requirements. As the fiscal year ended, the Board was still working on the final Ordinance language with the goal to complete the public hearing process in the coming fiscal year.

Some of the other items that the Planning Board discussed and/or recommended zoning amendments for were: Section 602 Site Plan Review to clean up standards and further streamline the



development-review process; a reduction in the parking requirement for multiple-family dwellings; changes to standards for non-conforming buildings and non-conforming lots of record; and a discussion of updates to the Freeport Subdivision Ordinance.

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 an increase in the number of applications reviewed, reviewing 36 applications this year, up from 31 the year before. As in years past, many applications included multiple reviews conducted simultaneously; however, many applications were smaller in nature.

Due in part to the required updates made to the Town's Shoreland Zoning regulations in the last fiscal year, the Board started to review certain types of applications for Shoreland Zoning Permits—two for stream crossings and five for shoreland stabilization projects. With regards to applications for Design Review Certificates and/or Site Plans and Site Plan Amendments, some of the larger projects the Board reviewed were plans for the L.L.Bean Retail Campus on Main Street and for site alterations at the Freeport Town Hall. The Board also began reviewing four applications for subdivision projects—three proposed multi-family housing projects in downtown Freeport



Cost to the
median taxpayer:
\$23

3.93
Full-time
equivalents

Meddy Smith, Caroline Pelletier,
and Cecilia Smith



Stop in to see current Climate Action information at Town Hall

and one application for 40 duplex buildings on US Route 1 (North). It is expected that these reviews will continue in the coming fiscal year.

Both Boards continued to offer hybrid meetings under their Remote Participation Policies, allowing the public the option to participate in meetings either virtually 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 FY23, the Board reviewed two applications, both for change of use.

In FY22, the Town of Freeport began working with the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) toward completing the steps to enroll in the State of Maine Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future (GOPIF) Community Resilience Partnership. This fiscal year, the Town of Freeport enrolled in the program and submitted a joint application with the Town of Yarmouth for a Community Resilience Partnership Community Action Grant to fund the newly created position of a shared full-time Sustainability Coordinator, shared between the two Towns. The grant was awarded, and together the Towns began the process of hiring a Sustainability Coordinator to assist both Towns in developing climate action plans and proactive sustainability programs. Meddy Smith was hired for this position and started work in the Spring of 2023. In Freeport, Meddy assists the Freeport Sustainability Advisory Board in their work, and works closely with the Board (and the consultant, GPCOG) to develop a Climate Action Plan for the Town of Freeport.

Staff is always available to help residents and business owners understand municipal ordinances and how they pertain to the community and individual properties. We welcome all members of our community to reach out at any time with land-use questions, to get involved in Planning Department initiatives, or let us know if you have your own ideas on how to keep Freeport a great community in which to live, work, and/or visit!

Cumberland County

Some items of interest from the County's 2022 Calendar Year Report.

- At the end of calendar year 2022, the County Commissioners announced \$1.3 million in emergency heating funds to be distributed by town offices across the County.
- Beginning in 2023 and continuing for the next ten years, Cumberland County will receive about \$1.4 million per year from the Maine Prevention Network to oversee and implement strategies to prevent tobacco and substance use, and promote healthy eating and active living across Cumberland County. Managing data and coordination of public health services at the County level will help communities and service providers to collaborate, communicate, and deploy resources more effectively and fairly.
- In 2023, Commissioner Stephen Gorden represented District 3, which includes the Town of Freeport, as one of five chief elected official of the county.
- Newly-elected District Attorney Jacqueline Sartoris began her term in 2023.
- Beginning in 2023, the County will transition from a calendar year budget to a fiscal year budget.



Commissioner
Stephen Gorden



District Attorney
Jacqueline Sartoris



Police Department

The last year has brought with it many changes to Freeport as well as with our staff here at the Police Department. We welcomed several new additions to the team, including:

- Greg Mears, who comes to us with 21 years of experience from Brunswick PD. Greg will be working as our Assistant Harbor Master and Marine Warden to assist Warden Charlie Tetreau with our active waterfront, marine conservation, and fishing community. Greg is a certified Firearms instructor and MCJA lead instructor. He is a certified UAS pilot and his last post was commanding a busy Criminal Investigation division for Brunswick PD.
- Ryan Wagner comes to us from Cape Elizabeth and will be assigned one of our two open patrol positions. Ryan brings with him 10 years of police experience. He is an avid student and enjoys being involved with the community. He is a certified academy instructor in several disciplines and will jump in to assist with our in-house training.
- Officer Matthew McCormick graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy on May 19, 2023. He completed a rigorous 18-week Basic Law Enforcement Training Program and has finished his field training. Officer McCormick grew up in Freeport and is also a licensed Emergency Medical Technician.

When you see our new officers out and about, please introduce yourself to them!

We are starting up our bicycle patrol program again during busy periods this summer. Officer Will Brown has completed a bike patrol school held locally and has become a certified bicycle patrol officer. The bike program allows our officers to be more accessible to the populace as they shop, travel, and work around our town.

We continue working with our partners at Project Lifesaver to aid families with members who may be prone to wandering away from safety. Interested citizens can call us at 865-4800 and request to speak with an officer concerning Project Lifesaver and we will go through a short screening process and sign them up. This program utilizes an RFID chip placed on the loved one's clothing or jewelry that will help police locate those who are prone to wandering as quickly as possible.



Cost to the median taxpayer:

\$169

Officer Matthew McCormick celebrates his graduation with Chief Nate Goodman.



Officer Matthew McCormick's MCJA graduation in Vassalboro, Maine. From left, Officer Jason O'Toole, Chief Nate Goodman, Officer Matthew McCormick, Sergeant Matthew Moorhouse, and Lieutenant Paul Powers.

Officer Beck Rice was promoted from Patrol Officer to Detective. Detective Rice brings with him many years of experience with the US Coast Guard as well as working as a patrolperson here in Freeport.

Malcolm Marshall was recently assigned to the schools as our School Resource Officer. He is working into his second year with this assignment and we have received great feedback from parents, teachers, and administrators about his integration into our schools.

If any citizens wish to talk with a member of our Police Department about any topic, please feel free to call us and we will try and set you up with an officer knowledgeable in that area.



Nathaniel Goodman, Chief of Police

17.98
Full-time equivalents



Officer Ryan Wagner being sworn in as a member of the Freeport Police Department

Fire Rescue Department

FY23 continued to present us with many challenges in front-line staffing as the Fire Rescue Department continued to follow a variety of post-COVID era issues and protocols. The challenges are in the staffing of personnel who meet the required EMS licensing levels.

We have added a full-time staff position to each shift, providing a dedicated crew leader. We were able to replace the open Deputy Chief's position with Scott Smith NP, NRP, I/C, leading our EMS efforts.

Thank you to our generous community for supporting the Fire Rescue Department's annual donations campaign. The funds have been earmarked for the installation of technology to aid in the ongoing training of our staff.

We took delivery of a 2022 Pierce 2,000-gallon pumper tanker in June, replacing two pieces of apparatus, Engine 1 and Tank 2. Crews immediately began driver-operator training. The Town Council approved our next replacement ambulance with an expected delivery date of June 2024.

Last year, I reported that one of the biggest obstacles was the supply-chain issue. This hasn't changed. The supply chain still presents us with some lag time on delivery, and cost of supplies has increased.

Work continues with the development of the Town's Emergency Operations Plan with the assistance of the Cumberland County



Deputy Chief Scott Smith behind the wheel of the Fire Rescue Department's newest ambulance



Paul Conley, Fire Rescue Chief

Cost to the median taxpayer:

21.23
Full-time equivalents

\$127

Emergency Management Agency. The development of this plan involves many Town Departments and non-governmental agencies.

I would like to thank the citizens for their continued support and generosity with our donation campaign, and the Town Council.



The Department's new 2,000-gallon pumper tanker.

Freeport Community Library

FCL staff spent the year working closely with community partners, identifying and responding to community needs, and increasing or improving our services where we could. With the help from Friends of the Freeport Community Library, the Library Board of Trustees, our Annual Appeal, and community partners, we were able to:

- Launch a Library of Things with items like mobile hotspots, a Nintendo Switch, a dehydrator, and home safety and efficiency monitors.
- Improve our wireless printing service which you can use from home.
- Bring the museum and park pass booking online, as we increase our offerings with two Boston museums.
- Grow our cloudLibrary collection of adult fiction and non-fiction eBooks and audiobooks.

The library also welcomed new staff member Andrew Hutchinson in September. With an MLS and library experience under his belt, Andrew hit the ground running at the front desk as well as with the launch of Genealogy Hour and assisting Meghan with Ask a Librarian.



Adult Services

Adult Summer Reading 2022 saw 88 participants and 514 total submissions—a 60% increase in participation! In July, science buffs oohed and aahed at our James Webb Space Telescope launch event with retired teacher and NASA Solar Ambassador Jon Wallace. We had a packed house in January for Morgan Talty and his nationally bestselling short story collection, *Night of the Living Rez*. In the spring, the library paired up with the nonprofit Finding Our Voices to bring a domestic violence awareness poster campaign to Freeport. The Town Council supported this initiative with a proclamation declaring “Freeport Breaks the Silence of Domestic Abuse” for April 2023. We had 68 attendees for the film screening and survivor’s panel, including District Attorney Jackie Sartoris, and there was not a dry eye in the audience. To complement this season of growth, the library also completed its first planting of a certified Monarch Waystation pollinator garden on library grounds.

Our Spice Club adult take-and-make craft has a devout following and interest regularly exceeds our inventory. And with “willing worm worker” Jock Robie, we’ve held quarterly vermicomposting classes and loan out a vermicomposting harvesting kit via our burgeoning Library of Things collection.

Youth Services

The Summer Reading and Math Program, sponsored by L.L.Bean, was very successful this year, with 240 participants including 38 teens. Almost 4,500 books were read, 1,700 math problems were tried, and 36 prizes were awarded. Many thanks to the Freeport Elders who continue to sew hundreds of small bags for gems! We had lots of fun Grab & Go crafts for kids this year, but our in-person programs inside and outside the library were the stars. Highlights were:

- Mini Golf in the Library. Great fun spread out over a week to come in and test your golfing skills in the YS Room.
- Pokémon Day in the Library. Crafts for all ages, raffle prizes to win, and a Pokemon card to take home.
- Follow That Track! outside the library. A field guide for stations around the library let you discover and identify animal tracks.
- Pet-a-palooza in the library. A bird seed buffet, dog and cat craft, and a piggy toss, with a live dog to pet.

These are just a few of the wonderfully creative, timely, and informative programs FCL staff provides to the community. 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.

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



A full audience in January 2023 for nationally bestselling author Morgan Talty, winner of the distinguished PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize.

Cost to the median taxpayer:

\$49

9.03

Full-time equivalents



A library patron enjoys some canine company during the Paws and Read program



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). In September 2021, the Town of Freeport partnered with Freeport Community Services to administer the GA program. Since then, the program has continued to meet with and support those within Freeport by providing resources to address their basic needs. In FY23, 235 individuals were provided a total of \$228,641.44 in assistance through this program.

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, 70 Freeport households, or 155 individuals, 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 FY23, the Gould Fund assisted 15 residents with 32 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.

Freeport is very fortunate 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.

Thanksgiving meals, ready for delivery



Lesa Andreassen, Volunteer Coordinator and Jonas Werner, Organizer of the annual FCS Thanksgiving Meal event



Mike Tausek, Manager of Programs at Freeport Community Services



Cost to the median taxpayer:
\$4

Volunteers set up for and serve the annual FCS Thanksgiving dinner



Human Services Agencies

Agency Information and Services Offered	# Freeport Residents Served Annually	FY 2023 Support
Freeport Community Services <i>PO Box 119, Freeport (207) 865-3985</i> 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	varies by program	\$31,000
Freeport Elders <i>53 Depot St, Freeport (207) 865-3985 x 219</i> Senior center, fitness programs, information & educational programs, community support, trips	varies by program	\$6,500
Freeport Dental Program - Alta Dental <i>348 US Route One, Freeport (207) 865-1900</i> Routine dental care, fluoride & sealants, restorative work for school age children	numbers not available	\$1,800
Oasis Free Clinic <i>66 Baribeau Drive, Brunswick (207) 721-9277</i> Free quality medical, dental and mental health services and prescription assistance program	14	\$1,000
Agency on Aging <i>136 US Route 1, Scarborough (207) 396-6500</i> Meals on Wheels, Maine Senior Games, information and resources, health insurance counseling, etc.	117	\$1,000
Through These Doors <i>PO Box 704, Portland (207) 767-4952</i> 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.	35 or more	\$500
Total		\$40,800

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 50 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 holds more than 350 moorings and is home to marinas, commercial fishermen, kayakers, and much more. With more than 35 miles of coastline, Freeport is currently home to over 40 aquaculture sites. To view specific aquaculture lease locations please visit: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/leases/aquaculturemap.html>.

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



Assistant Harbormaster Greg Mears and Charles Tetreau, Marine Resource Conservation Officer and Harbormaster

The demand for a mooring in the Harraseeket River Anchorage 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>.

This year, the Harbormaster’s office would like to welcome Greg Mears who will be assisting the Harbormaster in various duties and responsibilities. Officer Mears recently retired from the Brunswick Police department after 22 years of service. He brings a wealth of knowledge to the waterfront and will be a great addition to the Freeport Police Department.

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. 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.

1.2

Full-time equivalents for combined Harbormaster and Marine Resource Conservation Position



Marine Resource Conservation

The shellfish industry continues to be a vital yet fragile industry. During the past year, the Shellfish Commission and harvesters have worked diligently to maintain open and productive flats. Soft shell clam landings for Freeport in 2022 were 304,208 pounds, representing a value of \$838,141, which is a decrease from 2021 (435,141 pounds, \$1,584,388).

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 located at Brewer and Strouts Point marinas. Local boaters are educated on an annual basis about boat usage and discharge systems as well as random inspections that are completed by the Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormaster. Several signs have been placed at boat yards and docks indicating the no discharge area.

Cost to the median taxpayer
for combined Harbormaster and Marine
Resource Conservation Position:

\$10



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 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 the Town of Freeport. Freeport’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, (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 those 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, as well as sustaining a working waterfront. Anyone that is interested in serving is encouraged to apply. Applications are available online and at the Town Clerk’s Office at the Freeport Town Hall.

Freeport Cable TV3

The Director of Technology provides technical support for all Town departments and oversees the operations of TV3. I am assisted by part-time Broadcast Engineer John Goran, who has worked for TV3 for the past nine years, and has an extensive background in telecommunications and broadcast engineering, as well as 25 years in Community TV. Along with Brian Lougee, our long-time camera operator and Technical Director for our meetings, John & Brian continue to 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, Connor Harris, an Audio/Visual Technician from Freeport, Aiyden Fenderson, an Audio/Visual Technician from Portland, Jacob Miller, an Audio/Visual Technician from Durham, and Harry Harris from Auburn, a former Photojournalist for WCSH 6 for 30 years. Thanks to all of them for their dedication and support in recording local events for the people of 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: freeporttv3.com. We are partnering with groups like Freeport Speech, FreeportCAN, Meetinghouse Arts, Freeport Public Library, Freeport Performing Arts Center, Freeport Community Center, Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG), and the Freeport Sustainability Advisory Board. We also record local events, performances, and lectures from authors including Heather Cox Richardson and Colin Woodard as well as Senator Angus King for those who are interested in learning something new, in and about our community.

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 stations like ours from all over the country.

Jason Pierce, Thomas Pierce, Brian Lougee



FCTV3 serves the residents of Freeport on Comcast Cable Channel 3 and as a live stream on our website: freeporttv3.com. 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 VOD (Video-on-Demand) service is an archive of municipal meetings and local events, as well as our Youtube Channel, under #Town of Freeport Maine. You may access all of our services at: freeporttv3.com.

Daily and weekly programming schedules are also available, and our program offerings change at the beginning of each month. When programming is not running, our bulletin board is always on. We offer all our residents and organizations the opportunity to post announcements of interest to the community. In addition, there is 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 FY23

Total number of Shows/Meetings played on TV3: more than 6,500
Total hours of programming: more than 6,000 hours

Total number of Municipal Meetings recorded: 46

- Town Council: 25
- Planning Board: 10
- Project Review Board: 11

Total number of Meeting replays:

- Town Council: 299
- Planning Board: 169
- Project Review Board: 156

Total number of Meetings viewed on VOD:

- Town Council: 2029
- Planning Board: 258
- Project Review Board: 442

2.25
Full-time
equivalents

Cost to the
median taxpayer:
\$13

Winslow Park

Winslow Park went back into full operation during the summer of 2022. The shelters were available for group rentals, group campsites were reopened, and all campsites were available for rentals. Record numbers of attendance both at the campground and the park were recorded as all restrictions from the pandemic were lifted.

During the summer of 2022 the campground was nearly completely booked for the peak season. The slower months also saw increased usage. The waterfront campsites were booked completely for the entire season. Pre-season bookings increased by nearly 30%. Park entry remains free for seniors and young children and veteran and military discounts were enacted. The Harb Cottage was rented fully for the summer weeks and rented monthly for the winter season.

Larger event rentals were allowed for the first time in over two years and the shelter areas saw heavy use for private functions, company picnics, and school groups.

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.

The spring of 2023 was very rainy and wet and caused several problems with campsites and parking. Park staff rushed to add gravel and extra drainage to combat the weather. Pre-bookings for the campground were on par with the previous year.



The park staff, Winslow Park Commission, and the Town of Freeport would like to thank the community for their support as well as their cooperation in previous years, especially when restrictions were required. We were all very happy to be back to normal operations this year.

Costs are completely supported by user fees



Neil Lyman, Winslow Park Manager

4.5
Full-time
equivalents



Bustins Island

This year, Bustins Islanders have been busy addressing changes of all sorts. This year we sent off to retirement some of our most dedicated island volunteers. Our first retirement celebration was in July for Crawford and Candy Taisey from Straight Edge Construction. Crawford has been tirelessly caring for Bustins as its superintendent for about a decade and a half. Then in September we celebrated the retirement of our treasurer of 14 years, Tony Debruyn, as well as our clerk of 26 years, Sue Spalding. A big thank you goes out to Crawford, Tony, and Sue for their dedication and love of Bustins Island. With so many retirements, the island overseers have been doing plenty of work around succession planning so that Bustins continues to function without a hitch.

Knowing that these folks were getting ready for retirement, we had been preparing to fill these critical roles. The island hired Crawford's son Phil Taisey as our assistant superintendent this past season, with the plans of Phil moving into the role of superintendent in 2024. Bustins has also found the need to create a new role of Island Administrator and hired Ken Barrows. Ken will be picking up a lot of the additional administrative work that has increased over the years, much of what has been historically done by volunteers, but is essential to keeping the Island running. Kevin Petrie was voted in at our annual meeting as our new clerk.

Another large project that Bustins focused on this year was the much-needed repair work on the Post Office building. The building received new siding, paint, green metal roof, windows, and skylights. We held another great Safety/Firewise Day this summer, educating islanders about the ins and outs of fire safety as well as emergency response on our island. We have continued appreciation for the partnership that we have with the Police and Fire Rescue staff at the Town of Freeport who support our efforts with emergency response during our season. This Fall we are in the process of applying for a grant that Maine Forest Ranger Kent Nelson recommended for the island, which would assist in forest protection and community wildfire defense.

Bustins Island looks forward to another wonderful season in 2024!

Islanders enjoy a community dinner at the Community House



Bustin's ferry, the Lilly B., heads for home

Cost to the median taxpayer: **\$26**



Fire department officials, Deputy Scott Smith and Chief Paul Conley, give a speech during Bustins Island Safety Day



A visitor enjoys a meadow on the north end of the island

State Senate

Dear Friends and Residents of Freeport,

Thank you for the opportunity to continue serving as your State Senator. I am honored and humbled by the responsibility of representing you, your families, and our community in Augusta.

For the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature, I continued to serve as the Assistant Senate Majority Leader. I also served on the Labor and Housing Committee, where my colleagues and I worked on my and Representative Kristen Cloutier's bill to establish Maine's statewide Paid Family and Medical Program.

After a decade of hard work and countless hours of debate and discussion, the Legislature voted – and the Governor signed – the bill into law. This program reflects the concerns of Maine businesses, workers, and families. In short, it is a true and honest compromise that will provide real benefits to Mainers when they are taking time off from work to take care of themselves or a loved one. I am also proud to share that the Legislature passed my bills to support municipal shellfish conservation committees, to improve school safety and preparedness, to help launch the Maine Spaceport on the Landing in Brunswick, and to strengthen absentee ballot voting.

In addition to working on these bills, I was proud to support bills and proposals that make Maine an even better place to live, work, raise a family, and eventually retire in. We increased the annual income tax pension deduction to \$35,000. We also increased the Property Tax Fairness Credit to \$2,000. We maintained the State's commitment to fund K-12 public education at 55%, ensuring that schools will have the resources they need to foster lifelong learning. Just as important, we continued to make school meals free for all students. We also extended free community college for two more years, which will help develop a skilled workforce.

As we head into the winter season, I want to remind you that I am a resource for you. If you need to contact a state agency or if you want to share a comment or concern, 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,

Mattie Daughtry

State Senator & Assistant Senate Majority Leader, Senate District 23
Brunswick, Freeport, Harpswell, Pownal, Chebeague Island, and part of Yarmouth

State House of Representatives



Melanie Sachs
State Representative

Dear Freeport Neighbors:

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

I currently serve as the House Chair of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, which oversees General Fund appropriations and general fiscal policy and constructs the biennial and supplemental budgets. As I write this, the Legislature has recently wrapped up the first session of the 131st Legislature. Our most significant priority was the creation of a balanced two-year state budget, which will play a critical role in shaping the direction of our state. This historic budget invests in our communities and addresses some of our state’s most pressing challenges, including increasing affordable housing, providing property tax relief, addressing the childcare shortage, bolstering our emergency medical services, and protecting our environment.

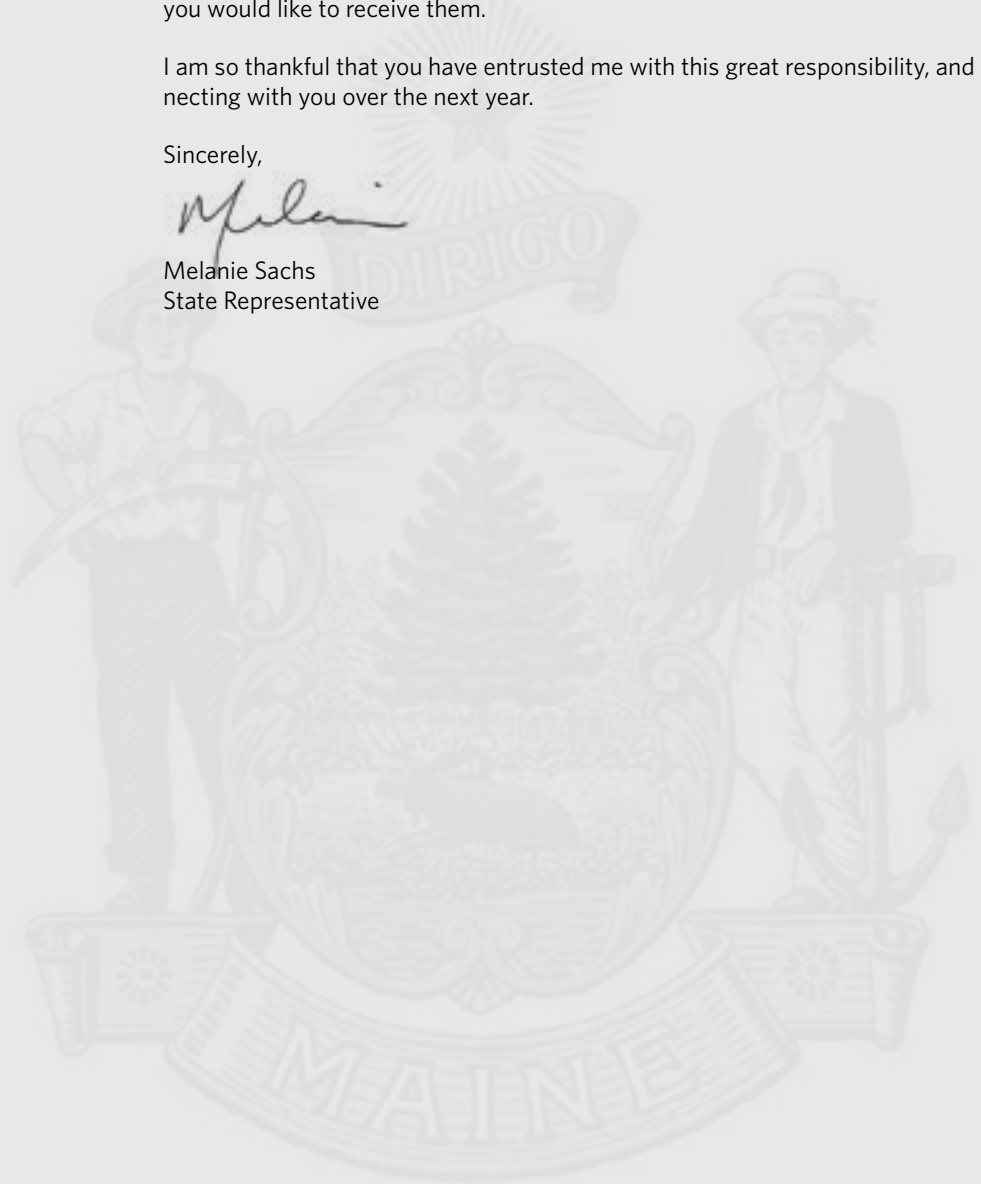
One of my most important jobs is connecting with you. Please get in touch if I can ever be of assistance to you or your family, or if you would like to discuss or testify on any upcoming legislation. My email is melanie.sachs@legislature.maine.gov and my phone number is (207) 299-6825. I also send out monthly email newsletters that provide insight into my work at the State House, offer helpful information and resources, and aim to connect you with your state government. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie Sachs".

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.

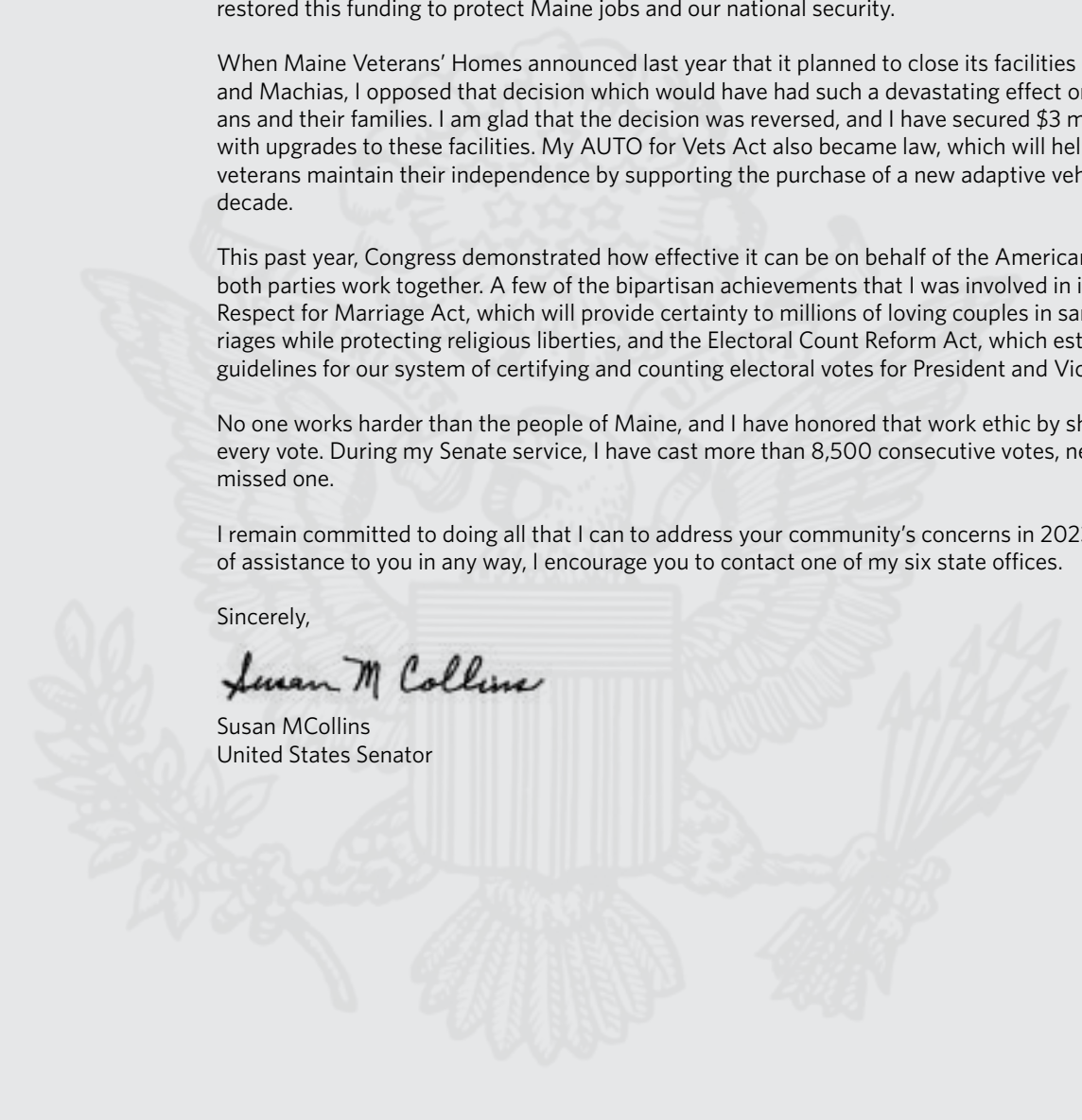
No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have honored that work ethic by showing up for every vote. During my Senate service, I have cast more than 8,500 consecutive votes, never having missed one.

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 dark ink, appearing to read "Susan M. Collins".

Susan M Collins
United States Senator



U.S. Senate



Angus King,
United States Senator

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator

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,

Chellie Pingree
United States Representative

Statement 1

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE				
Statement of Net Position				
June 30, 2023				
	Governmental	Business-type		Component Unit
	Activities	Activities	Total	FEDC
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,431,027	-	17,431,027	110,161
Investments	10,680,755	-	10,680,755	-
Receivables:				
Accounts, net	191,916	-	191,916	-
Due from other governments	134,780	-	134,780	-
Taxes receivable	522,030	-	522,030	-
Tax liens	92,790	-	92,790	-
Lease receivable	1,698,956	-	1,698,956	-
Prepaid items	-	-	-	667
Inventory	14,212	-	14,212	-
Capital assets, not being depreciated	3,012,518	-	3,012,518	-
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	18,375,510	-	18,375,510	-
Total assets	52,154,494	-	52,154,494	110,828
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	1,079,530	-	1,079,530	-
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	139,961	-	139,961	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	1,219,491	-	1,219,491	-
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	1,118,444	-	1,118,444	3,332
Accrued wages and benefits payable	234,408	-	234,408	13,725
Accrued interest	633	-	633	-
Noncurrent liabilities:				
Liabilities due in one year	98,212	-	98,212	-
Other long-term liabilities	1,996,254	-	1,996,254	-
Other postemployment benefits liability	1,015,098	-	1,015,098	-
Net pension liability	1,448,034	-	1,448,034	-
Bonds due in more than one year	507,200	-	507,200	-
Total liabilities	6,418,283	-	6,418,283	17,057
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	607,748	-	607,748	-
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	59,512	-	59,512	-
Deferred inflows of resources related to leases	1,649,137	-	1,649,137	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	2,316,397	-	2,316,397	-
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	19,422,549	-	19,422,549	-
Restricted for:				
Grants and other programs	2,663,978	-	2,663,978	-
Nonexpendable trust principal	1,720,990	-	1,720,990	-
Expendable trust - income portion	86,399	-	86,399	-
Unrestricted	20,745,389	-	20,745,389	93,771
Total net position	\$ 44,639,305	-	44,639,305	93,771

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 2

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE									
Statement of Activities									
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023									
Functions/programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (expense) revenue and changes in net position			Component Unit	
		Charges for services	Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	Primary Government		Total	FEDC	
					Governmental activities	Business-type activities			
Primary government:									
Governmental activities:									
General government	\$ 3,880,459	615,068	121,388	133,695	(3,010,308)	-	(3,010,308)	-	
Public safety	4,834,460	492,021	78,150	-	(4,264,289)	-	(4,264,289)	-	
Public works	3,304,159	280,594	141,394	-	(2,882,172)	-	(2,882,172)	-	
Community services	1,791,067	643,977	122,324	147,864	(876,902)	-	(876,902)	-	
Community development	1,437,005	-	-	-	(1,437,005)	-	(1,437,005)	-	
Education	20,513,344	-	-	-	(20,513,344)	-	(20,513,344)	-	
Unclassified	1,143,278	-	19,205	15,731	(1,108,342)	-	(1,108,342)	-	
Interest on debt	6,124	-	-	-	(6,124)	-	(6,124)	-	
Total governmental activities	36,909,896	2,031,660	482,461	297,290	(34,098,485)	-	(34,098,485)	-	
Business-type activities:									
Nonemergency Transportation	28,450	62,118	-	-	-	33,668	33,668	-	
Total business-type activities	28,450	62,118	-	-	-	33,668	33,668	-	
Total primary government	\$ 36,938,346	2,093,778	482,461	297,290	(34,098,485)	33,668	(34,064,817)	-	
Component Unit:									
Freeport Economic Development Corporation	120,675	-	140,000	-	-	-	-	19,325	
General revenues:									
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					\$ 29,793,455	-	29,793,455	-	
Motor vehicle excise taxes					2,395,302	-	2,395,302	-	
Interest and lien costs					34,289	-	34,289	-	
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:									
Homestead exemption					580,524	-	580,524	-	
BETE reimbursements					536,045	-	536,045	-	
State Revenue Sharing					1,264,703	-	1,264,703	-	
Other State aid					108,973	-	108,973	-	
Unrestricted investment earnings					772,220	-	772,220	10	
Miscellaneous revenues					146,881	-	146,881	2,202	
Total general revenues					35,632,392	-	35,632,392	2,212	
Change in net position					1,533,907	33,668	1,567,575	21,537	
Net position - beginning					43,105,398	(33,668)	43,071,730	72,234	
Net position - ending					44,639,305	-	44,639,305	93,771	
See accompanying notes to financial statements									

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement 3

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE				
Balance Sheet				
Governmental Funds				
June 30, 2023				
	General	Capital Projects Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and equivalents	\$ 14,489,027	1,079,778	1,862,222	17,431,027
Investments	783,653	8,067,583	1,829,519	10,680,755
Receivables:				
Accounts net of allowance of \$81,101	11,357	171,031	9,528	191,916
Due from other governments	134,780	-	-	134,780
Taxes receivable	522,030	-	-	522,030
Lease	1,698,956	-	-	1,698,956
Tax liens	92,790	-	-	92,790
Interfund loans receivable	-	6,289,116	3,575,373	9,864,489
Inventory	14,212	-	-	14,212
Total assets	17,746,805	15,607,508	7,276,642	40,630,955
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	160,603	9,631	169,709	339,943
Accrued wages and benefits	228,331	-	6,077	234,408
Interfund loans payable	7,498,056	1,966,031	400,402	9,864,489
Development escrows	323,596	-	-	323,596
Other unearned revenues	-	-	454,905	454,905
Total liabilities	8,210,586	1,975,662	1,031,093	11,217,341
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	265,585	-	-	265,585
Unavailable revenue - ambulance receivables	-	36,136	-	36,136
Deferred inflows related to leases	1,649,137	-	-	1,649,137
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,914,722	36,136	-	1,950,858
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	14,212	-	1,720,990	1,735,202
Restricted	-	-	2,750,377	2,750,377
Committed	2,192,339	13,595,711	1,778,315	17,566,365
Assigned	675,000	-	-	675,000
Unassigned	4,739,946	-	(4,133)	4,735,813
Total fund balances	7,621,497	13,595,711	6,245,549	27,462,756
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 17,746,805	15,607,508	7,276,642	
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.				21,388,028
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes				265,585
Unavailable revenue - ambulance billings				36,136
Deferred inflows/(outflows) related to pensions				471,782
Deferred inflows/(outflows) related to OPEB				80,449
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.				(5,065,431)
Net position of governmental activities				\$ 44,639,305

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, 2023				
	General	Capital Projects Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 30,423,701	-	1,715,780	32,139,481
Licenses, permits and fees	342,312	-	-	342,312
Intergovernmental	2,741,488	-	418,678	3,160,166
Charges for services	279,225	599,949	792,565	1,671,739
Fees and fines	12,897	-	-	12,897
Gifts and donations	-	-	103,880	103,880
Unclassified	169,356	-	-	169,356
Investment income (loss)	202,456	371,254	198,511	772,220
Total revenues	34,171,435	971,202	3,229,414	38,372,051
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	2,165,317	-	-	2,165,317
Public safety	3,476,111	-	62,125	3,538,236
Public works	2,414,727	-	-	2,414,727
Community services	1,006,835	-	328,434	1,335,269
Community development	-	-	1,437,005	1,437,005
Education	20,513,344	-	-	20,513,344
Insurance and fringe benefits	2,180,530	-	-	2,180,530
County and transit tax	1,374,422	-	-	1,374,422
Unclassified	330,376	69,350	46,204	445,930
Capital outlay	1,446,939	1,792,318	578,584	3,817,841
Debt service	70,681	-	-	70,681
Total expenditures	34,979,282	1,861,668	2,452,352	39,293,302
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(807,848)	(890,465)	777,062	(921,251)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Lease proceeds	1,446,939	-	-	1,446,939
Transfers from other funds	435,000	2,485,440	-	2,920,440
Transfers to other funds	(2,585,440)	-	(335,000)	(2,920,440)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(703,501)	2,485,440	(335,000)	1,446,939
Net change in fund balances	(1,511,349)	1,594,975	442,062	525,688
Fund balances, beginning of year	9,132,846	12,000,736	5,803,487	26,937,069
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 7,621,497	13,595,711	6,245,549	27,462,757

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, 2023		
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (from Statement 4)	\$	525,688
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 and reflects a loss on disposal of assets.		
		2,092,577
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
		71,752
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.		
		175,369
Bond and lease proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of bond and lease 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 of proceeds net of repayments.		
		(1,116,479)
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 \$0 with principal amounts paid off during the year totaling \$215,000.		
		(215,000)
Change in net position of governmental activities (see Statement 2)	\$	1,533,907
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, 2023				
	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 29,655,691	29,655,691	30,423,701	768,010
Licenses, permits and fees	352,400	352,400	342,312	(10,088)
Intergovernmental	2,319,500	2,319,500	2,741,488	421,988
Charges for services	223,500	223,500	279,225	55,725
Fees and fines	48,300	48,300	12,897	(35,403)
Unclassified	54,600	54,600	169,356	114,756
Investment earnings	50,000	50,000	170,947	120,947
Total revenues	32,703,991	32,703,991	34,139,926	1,435,935
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	2,243,375	2,243,375	2,165,317	78,058
Public safety	3,500,805	3,500,805	3,476,111	24,694
Public works	2,579,645	2,579,645	2,414,727	164,918
Community services	924,350	924,350	1,006,835	(82,485)
Education	20,513,344	20,513,344	20,513,344	-
Insurance and fringe benefits	2,326,300	2,326,300	2,180,530	145,770
County tax	1,374,422	1,374,422	1,374,422	-
Unclassified	331,050	331,050	328,619	2,431
Debt service	70,700	70,700	70,681	19
Total expenditures	33,863,991	33,863,991	33,530,586	333,405
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,160,000)	(1,160,000)	609,340	1,769,340
Other financing sources (uses):				
Use of unassigned fund balance	675,000	675,000	-	(675,000)
Transfers from other funds	485,000	485,000	435,000	(50,000)
Transfers to other funds	-	-	(2,585,440)	(2,585,440)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,160,000	1,160,000	(2,150,440)	(3,310,440)
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis	-	-	(1,541,100)	(1,541,100)
Fund balance, beginning of year - budgetary basis			8,524,445	
Fund balance, end of year - budgetary basis			6,983,345	
Reconciliation to GAAP basis:				
Committed reserve funds fund balance			638,152	
Fund balance, end of year - GAAP basis	\$		7,621,497	
See accompanying notes to financial statements.				

Exhibit A-1

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE Comparative Balance Sheets - General Fund June 30, 2023 and 2022			
	2023	Restated 2022	
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,489,027	16,514,358	
Investments	783,653	395,668	
Accounts receivable	11,357	34,940	
Due from other governments	134,780	4,301	
Taxes receivable	522,030	275,286	
Lease Receivable	1,698,956	1,824,316	
Tax liens	92,790	87,262	
Inventory	14,212	16,233	
Receivable - RSU #5 debt service payments	-	215,000	
Total assets	17,746,805	19,367,364	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	160,603	206,262	
Accrued wages and benefits	228,331	167,139	
Interfund loans payable	7,498,056	6,682,547	
Development escrows	323,596	957,234	
Total liabilities	8,210,586	8,013,182	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	265,585	182,020	
Unavailable revenue - RSU #5 debt service payments	-	215,000	
Deferred inflows related to leases	1,649,137	1,824,316	
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,914,722	2,221,336	
FUND BALANCE			
Nonspendable	14,212	16,233	
Committed - Stabilization Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Committed - other	554,187	478,122	
Committed - reserves	638,152	608,401	
Assigned	675,000	675,000	
Unassigned	4,739,946	6,355,090	
Total fund balance	7,621,497	9,132,846	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 17,746,805	19,367,364	

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, 2023 (with comparative actual amounts for the year ended June 30, 2022)					
	2023		Variance positive (negative)	2022 Actual	
	Budget	Actual			
Revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property taxes	\$ 27,579,691	27,994,110	414,419	27,168,070	
Excise taxes and registration fees	2,051,000	2,395,302	344,302	2,234,991	
Interest and lien costs	25,000	34,289	9,289	46,537	
Total taxes	29,655,691	30,423,701	768,010	29,449,598	
Licenses, permits and fees:					
Building, plumbing and electrical permits	208,000	186,406	(21,594)	213,474	
Town clerk licenses and fees	26,100	32,029	5,929	30,008	
Moorings and other harbor fees	75,000	81,643	6,643	81,405	
Solid waste permits	1,300	825	(475)	1,375	
Shellfish licenses	10,000	11,657	1,657	11,781	
Alarm permits	32,000	29,752	(2,248)	17,643	
Total licenses, permits and fees	352,400	342,312	(10,088)	355,686	
Intergovernmental:					
State tree growth reimbursement	50,000	61,724	11,724	61,422	
State general assistance	5,000	52,299	47,299	5,844	
State revenue sharing	1,150,000	1,264,703	114,703	1,087,616	
State homestead exemption reimbursement	350,000	580,524	230,524	339,938	
State BETE reimbursement	550,000	536,045	(13,955)	603,841	
State road assistance	125,000	135,444	10,444	136,192	
Public safety contributions	63,000	63,500	500	61,716	
Other intergovernmental	26,500	47,249	20,749	55,221	
Total intergovernmental	2,319,500	2,741,488	421,988	2,351,790	
Charges for services:					
Planning	20,500	23,094	2,594	19,590	
Transfer station and recycling	183,000	226,438	43,438	237,982	
Parking lot	-	11,588	11,588	10,148	
Engineering	15,000	12,155	(2,845)	13,835	
Hunter Road Fields	5,000	5,950	950	1,300	
Total charges for services	223,500	279,225	55,725	282,855	
Fees and fines:					
Police parking and other fines	40,000	1,372	(38,628)	17,790	
Library fines and fees	6,000	9,635	3,635	7,916	
Alarm and other fire fees	2,300	1,890	(410)	2,357	
Total fees and fines	48,300	12,897	(35,403)	28,063	

Exhibit A-2, continued

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE				
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes				
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued				
	2023			2022 Actual
	Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	
Revenues, continued:				
Unclassified	\$ 54,600	169,356	114,756	91,345
Investment earnings	50,000	170,947	120,947	25,299
Total revenues	32,703,991	34,139,926	1,435,935	32,584,636
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Town council	172,600	237,187	(64,587)	172,407
Town manager	135,005	123,058	11,947	132,823
Finance and treasury	531,120	513,225	17,895	424,667
Assessing	200,015	191,640	8,375	200,084
Code enforcement	131,875	130,684	1,191	122,665
Town clerk and elections	154,110	141,565	12,545	129,595
General administration	177,990	193,057	(15,067)	144,818
Municipal buildings	493,410	469,175	24,235	413,195
Planning	247,250	165,726	81,524	149,882
Total general government	2,243,375	2,165,317	78,058	1,890,137
Public Safety:				
Police department	1,586,150	1,477,156	108,994	1,475,841
Special enforcement	104,715	120,044	(15,329)	93,076
Fire department	863,700	1,083,489	(219,789)	760,330
Rescue	504,890	306,824	198,066	388,689
Reception	229,350	274,146	(44,796)	218,005
Hydrant rental	182,000	191,420	(9,420)	188,373
Street lights	30,000	23,032	6,968	23,032
Total public safety	3,500,805	3,476,111	24,694	3,147,346
Public Works:				
General road operations	1,064,430	991,955	72,475	875,907
Summer roads	434,500	285,957	148,543	250,914
Winter roads	181,000	181,080	(80)	171,245
Tree program	20,000	19,770	230	6,997
Solid waste	593,000	651,628	(58,628)	566,865
Engineering	160,600	151,326	9,274	149,149
Hunter Road Fields maintenance	126,115	133,011	(6,896)	122,782
Total public works	2,579,645	2,414,727	164,918	2,143,859

Exhibit A-2, continued

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE				
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes				
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued				
	2023			2022 Actual
	Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	
Expenditures, continued:				
Current, continued:				
Community services:				
Human services agencies	\$ 40,800	39,000	1,800	29,750
General assistance	42,000	248,132	(206,132)	84,434
Public library	525,620	500,927	24,693	488,505
Cable TV	144,710	125,324	19,386	102,902
Promotions	22,700	20,512	2,188	11,949
Shellfish commission	3,500	-	3,500	-
Amtrak station operations	83,770	61,022	22,748	54,134
Other	61,250	11,918	49,332	14,504
Total community services	924,350	1,006,835	(82,485)	786,179
Education	20,513,344	20,513,344	-	19,919,982
Insurance and fringe benefits:				
Employee benefits	2,218,300	2,075,165	143,135	1,800,784
Insurances	108,000	105,365	2,635	101,160
Total insurance and fringe benefits	2,326,300	2,180,530	145,770	1,901,944
County and transit tax	1,374,422	1,374,422	-	1,368,958
Unclassified:				
Bustin's Island Corporation	277,000	277,226	(226)	243,721
Miscellaneous and contingency	29,050	23,093	5,957	23,053
Abatements	25,000	28,300	(3,300)	17,874
Total unclassified	331,050	328,619	2,431	284,649
Debt service	70,700	70,681	19	38,269
Total expenditures	33,863,991	33,530,586	333,405	31,481,322
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,160,000)	609,340	1,769,340	1,103,314

Exhibit A-2, continued

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE				
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes				
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued				
	2023		Variance positive negative	2022 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Other financing sources (uses):				
Budgeted utilization of surplus	\$ 675,000	-	(675,000)	-
Transfers in	485,000	435,000	(50,000)	450,000
Transfers out	-	(2,585,440)	(2,585,440)	(600,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,160,000	(2,150,440)	(3,310,440)	(150,000)
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis	-	(1,541,100)	(1,541,100)	953,314
Fund balance, beginning of year - budgetary basis		8,524,445		7,571,131
Fund balance, end of year - budgetary basis		6,983,345		8,524,445
Reconciliation of fund balance to GAAP basis:				
Committed reserve funds fund balance		638,152		608,401
Fund Balance, end of year - GAAP Basis	\$	7,621,497		9,132,846

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, 2023						
	Fund Balance June 30, 2022	Revenues			Transfers in (out)	Fund Balance June 30, 2023
		Charges for Services	Interest	Expenditures		
Capital Project Reserves						
Administration - general	\$ 193,135	-	11,655	468	(117,500)	86,822
Boards and commissions	137,327	-	6,943	279	(32,172)	111,819
Building maintenance	719,482	-	39,212	1,574	(499,500)	257,620
Cable TV equipment	191,074	122,016	10,296	413	(125,960)	197,012
Energy savings	41,892	-	2,118	85	-	43,925
Fire equipment	363,864	-	27,699	1,025	540,979	931,517
Hedgehog mountain	23,575	-	1,192	48	-	24,719
Land purchase	149,771	-	1,023	-	-	150,794
Land trust	27,382	-	1,384	56	-	28,711
Municipal parking lot	495,732	11,588	25,112	14,008	-	518,423
Police equipment	334,621	-	20,761	790	-	354,593
Public infrastructure	1,911,960	-	111,087	4,281	498,691	2,517,457
Public works equipment	804,465	-	45,520	1,810	(136,000)	712,176
Recycling equipment	68,420	-	3,446	129	7,027	78,763
Rescue equipment	824,946	446,845	42,106	1,690	(666,000)	646,208
Total capital project reserves	6,287,646	580,449	349,554	26,655	(530,435)	6,660,559
General Fund Reserves						
Unemployment compensation fund	492,070	-	24,879	1,492	-	515,458
Other	116,331	-	6,629	266	-	122,694
Total general fund reserves	608,401	-	31,509	1,757	-	638,152
Total Reserve Funds	\$ 6,896,047	580,449	381,062	28,412	(530,435)	7,298,711

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, 2023							
	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2022	Charges for Services	Revenues Bond Proceeds	Interest	Expenditures	Transfers in (out)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2023
Police Department Capital Project Funds:							
Communication upgrade	\$ 15,436	-	-	-	219	-	15,217
Bullet proof vests & protective equipment	9,833	-	-	-	2,950	50,000	56,883
Building enhancements	108	-	-	-	-	-	108
In-Car cameras	702	-	-	-	-	-	702
Boat and motor replacement	8,615	-	-	-	-	180,000	188,615
Vehicle replacement	181,192	-	-	-	84,171	120,000	217,021
Total police department	215,886	-	-	-	87,340	350,000	478,546
Fire Department Capital Project Funds:							
Protective clothing	8,104	-	-	-	-	-	8,104
Engine/tanker apparatus	800,000	-	-	-	692,383	-	107,617
Engine five	980	-	-	-	-	(980)	-
Engine three	14,863	-	-	-	-	15,000	29,863
EMP portable digital signs	10,092	-	-	-	-	-	10,092
Service vehicle	3,676	-	-	-	-	-	3,676
SCBA bottles and fill station	137,000	-	-	-	107,838	-	29,162
Pressure fans	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Total fire department	974,715	-	-	-	800,221	34,020	208,514
Rescue Department Capital Project Funds:							
Vehicle exhaust ventilation system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ambulance replacement	26,478	-	-	-	-	450,000	476,478
Communication upgrade	36,807	1,500	-	-	19,870	-	18,437
Rescue equipment	2,906	-	-	-	205	-	2,701
Dormitory Renovations	7,032	-	-	-	-	16,000	23,032
Total rescue department	73,223	1,500	-	-	20,075	466,000	520,648
Public Works Capital Project Funds:							
Grader repair	1,096	-	-	-	215	-	881
Dump truck replacement, sander & plow	225,731	18,000	-	-	251,494	250,000	242,237
Loader	18,770	-	-	-	-	-	18,770
Sidewalk plow-shared with TIF	7,668	-	-	-	-	86,000	93,668
Pick-up truck replacement	6,371	-	-	-	7,250	-	(879)
Oil/Water separator	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Street sweeper	140,000	-	-	-	118,700	-	21,300
Backhoe/Excavator	22,081	-	-	-	-	-	22,081
Total public works	421,717	18,000	-	-	377,659	336,000	398,058
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	139,638	-	-	-	66,400	42,972	116,210
Total recycling	310,424	-	-	-	66,400	42,972	286,996

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, 2023							
	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2022	Charges for Services	Revenues Bond Proceeds	Interest	Expenditures	Transfers in (out)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2023
Comprehensive Town Improvement Funds:							
Arnold Road reconstruction	\$ 250,000	-	-	-	97,672	-	152,328
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	122,682	-	-	-	-	-	122,682
Mallett Drive/Durham Road reconstruction	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
Main St. paving and drainage match	28,494	-	-	-	18,200	-	10,294
DOT bridge work	634,000	-	-	21,700	-	-	655,700
Spar Cove Road rebuild	117,728	-	-	-	22,895	-	94,833
US Route 1 South (PACTS)	45,736	-	-	-	-	-	45,736
Concord Gully Brook watershed restoration	60,915	-	-	-	-	25,000	85,915
Greenspace project	16,000	-	-	-	-	-	16,000
South Street project	153,011	-	-	-	-	(6,595)	146,416
Desert Road match	19,393	-	-	-	-	-	19,393
US Route 1 North (PACTS)	134,991	-	-	-	-	-	134,991
Electric vehicle chargers	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	25,000
Desert Road business park	235,000	-	-	-	-	-	235,000
Flying Point Road reconstruction	-	-	-	-	-	400,000	400,000
Freeport fields and trails project	140,537	-	-	-	-	26,750	167,287
Culvert replacement	33,434	-	-	-	-	-	33,434
Other	38,159	-	-	-	1,508	91,595	128,246
Total comprehensive town improvement	2,350,200	-	-	21,700	140,275	1,061,750	3,293,375
Municipal Buildings and Other Improvement Funds:							
Computer system upgrade/connectivity town-wide	237,794	-	-	-	129,293	100,000	208,501
Dunning boat yard	31,445	-	-	-	-	-	31,445
Cable TV	128,915	-	-	-	18,409	25,960	136,466
Valuation update	58,213	-	-	-	-	7,500	65,713
Building winterization	125,497	-	-	-	3,050	-	122,447
Town hall exterior	43,388	-	-	-	-	-	43,388
Town hall upgrades	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	25,000
Red Light upgrade	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000	60,000
Copier replacement	14,937	-	-	-	12,777	-	2,160
Library building exterior	59,315	-	-	-	49,140	-	10,175
Town wharf work	122,500	-	-	-	8,680	7,500	121,320
Other	246,583	-	-	-	121,694	522,000	646,889
Total municipal buildings and other	1,123,587	-	-	-	343,043	692,960	1,473,504
Boards and Committees Improvement Funds:							
Directional signage	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	15,000
Ordinance work	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
Historic society archiving	1,387	-	-	-	-	-	1,387
comprehensive plan update	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	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	243,338	-	-	-	-	32,173	275,511
Capital Reserves - See Exhibit B for Details	6,287,646	580,449	-	349,554	26,655	(530,435)	6,660,559
Total capital project funds	12,000,736	599,949	-	371,254	1,861,668	2,485,440	13,595,711

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, 2023												
	Tax Increment Financing Funds							Bartol Building Lease Fund	Tower Lease Fund	Town Grants & Programs	Leon Gorman Park	Totals 2023
	Winslow Park	TIF II Desert Road Phase II	TIF IV Destination	TIF V Hotel	TIF VI Housing	TIF VII Concord Gully	TIF VIII Quarry Ridge					
Revenues:												
Property taxes	\$ -	1,092,443	273,000	92,691	12,402	226,169	19,075	-	-	-	-	1,715,780
Charges for services	419,026	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,485	243,981	119,073	-	792,565
Gifts and donations	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,880	-	103,880
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	418,678	-	418,678
Investment earnings/(losses)	10,049	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,070	6,486	23,605
Total revenues	429,075	1,092,443	323,000	92,691	12,402	226,169	19,075	10,485	243,981	598,701	6,486	3,054,508
Expenditures:												
Current:												
Community services	258,908	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,171	-	35,972	4,771	311,822
Community development	-	1,092,443	165,000	-	12,402	157,622	9,538	-	-	-	-	1,437,005
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,125	-	62,125
Unclassified	-	-	3,795	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,470	-	37,265
Capital	119,686	-	161,608	-	-	-	-	-	-	297,290	-	578,584
Total expenditures	378,594	1,092,443	330,403	-	12,402	157,622	9,538	12,171	-	428,857	4,771	2,426,801
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	50,481	-	(7,403)	92,691	-	68,547	9,537	(1,686)	243,981	169,844	1,715	627,707
Other financing sources (uses):												
Transfer to other funds	-	-	-	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	(225,000)	(105,000)	-	(335,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	(225,000)	(105,000)	-	(335,000)
Net change in fund balances	50,481	-	(7,403)	87,691	-	68,547	9,537	(1,686)	18,981	64,844	1,715	292,707
Fund balances, beginning of year	742,027	56,388	544,893	73,467	-	-	18,334	505,887	856,301	1,221,159	126,997	4,145,453
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 792,508	56,388	537,490	161,158	-	68,547	27,871	504,201	875,282	1,286,003	128,712	4,438,160

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, 2023								
	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2022	Revenues			Expenditures	Revenues over (under) expenditures	Other sources and (uses)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2023
		Inter- governmental	Gifts and donations	Charges for services				
Town Grants and Programs:								
Road Impact Fees	\$ 350,697	-	-	90,600	-	90,600	(105,000)	336,297
Stormwater Connection Fees	58,710	-	-	1,678	-	1,678	-	60,388
Sandy Beach Stairs/SHIP Grant	22,722	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,722
Maine Arts Commission	2,022	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,022
Sustainability Grant	-	121,388	-	-	13,930	107,458	-	107,458
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	-	297,290	-	7,070	297,290	7,070	-	7,070
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	-	-	-	8,665	(8,665)	-	52,420
Shellfish Water Testing	32,884	-	-	2,052	-	2,052	-	34,936
Fuel Assistance Fund-Freeport	42,679	-	5,900	-	-	5,900	-	48,579
Freeport Housing Trust Rental Assistance Grant	1,888	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,888
Fire and Rescue Annual Appeal Donations	60,726	-	14,650	-	62,125	(47,475)	-	13,251
Library Donations	90,239	-	14,125	-	12,311	1,814	-	92,053
Fire Department Burn Building Donations	4,387	-	-	-	922	(922)	-	3,465
Police Donations	2,706	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,706
Rescue Donations	458	-	100	-	-	100	-	558
Library Book Donations	3,534	-	15,685	-	23,352	(7,667)	-	(4,133)
Public Works Donations	2,724	-	744	-	309	435	-	3,159
Dollars for Scholars	1,779	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,779
Soule School Lease	230,754	-	-	8,913	-	8,913	-	239,667
Dunning Boat Yard Lease	141,795	-	-	15,830	5,530	10,300	-	152,095
Other	46,109	-	2,676	-	4,423	(1,747)	-	44,362
Total Town Grants and Programs	1,221,159	418,678	53,880	126,143	428,857	169,844	(105,000)	1,286,003

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE									
Permanent Funds									
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds									
For the year ended June 30, 2023									
		Principal		Unexpended Income					
	Fund	Revenues	Fund	Fund			Fund		
	Balance	Unrealized/	Balance	Balance	Interest		Balance	Total	
	June 30, 2022	Realized	June 30, 2023	(deficit)	Income	Expenditures	(deficit)	June 30, 2023	
		Gains (Losses)		June 30, 2022			June 30, 2023	June 30, 2023	
Cemetery Care:									
Perpetual Care:									
850 Burr	\$	181,246	662	181,908	(9,241)	14,361	4,380	740	182,648
851 Grove		70,466	1,246	71,712	(2,603)	4,681	1,566	512	72,224
852 Webster		19,468	641	20,109	(433)	1,022	439	150	20,259
853 Woodlawn		28,045	(787)	27,258	(2,262)	3,039	595	182	27,440
854 South Freeport		71,031	2,882	73,913	(1,002)	3,235	1,616	617	74,530
855 Flying Point		10,278	(94)	10,184	(583)	940	224	133	10,317
856 Town maintained		3,404	258	3,662	715	102	8	809	4,471
802 Davis Mausoleum		1,330	132	1,462	775	52	49	778	2,240
803 Carrie Thomas		755	60	815	201	24	22	203	1,018
804 A.O. Woodard		15,339	1,225	16,564	4,243	485	40	4,688	21,252
Total Cemetery Funds		401,362	6,225	407,587	(10,190)	27,941	8,939	8,812	416,399
Library Funds:									
710 Albert Conley		56,235	6,714	62,949	21,235	1,873	418	22,690	85,639
711 Paul and Emma Bennett		25,622	2,278	27,900	603	636	118	1,121	29,021
712 Eleanor Brewer		11,669	1,263	12,932	2,900	352	30	3,222	16,154
713 Bartol Association		62,693	4,104	66,797	(15,339)	1,145	6,273	(20,467)	46,330
714 Grace Ritchie		4,103	352	4,455	(43)	98	8	47	4,502
758 Loth Library		82,999	7,470	90,469	3,185	2,084	377	4,892	95,361
757 Jane Hall		205,924	18,514	224,438	6,587	5,169	5,111	6,645	231,083
Total Library Funds		449,245	40,695	489,940	19,128	11,357	12,335	18,150	508,090
Benevolent Funds:									
740 George Davis		18,835	1,928	20,763	3,398	538	46	3,890	24,653
741 Arthur L. Gould		642,940	60,237	703,177	50,560	16,811	4,060	63,311	766,488
743 Dorsey Loth		83,538	7,173	90,711	(782)	2,001	171	1,048	91,759
Total Benevolent Funds		745,313	69,338	814,651	53,176	19,350	4,277	68,249	882,900
Total	\$	1,595,920	116,258	1,712,178	62,114	58,648	25,551	95,211	1,807,389

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/pages/2023-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 Check your answers at www.freeportmaine.com/home/pages/2023-annual-report-quiz

1. What size grant was procured to study potential routes for the Route 1 South Shared-Use Path?
A. \$5,000
B. \$25,000
C. \$75,000

2. "Project Lifesaver" focuses on what safety topic?
A. Protecting loved-ones who wander
B. Boating and water safety
C. Halloween trick-or-treating routes

3. Freeport Town Clerk services include which of the following?
A. Dog Licencing
B. Catering Permits
C. Building Permits
D. Commercial Shellfish Licenses
E. All of the above
4. If you own a home in Freeport for at least 12 months before April 1 your property tax basis may be reduced by \$25,000. True or false?

5. Where can we find a display of information about Freeport's Climate Action Plan?
A. Town Hall
B. Freeport High School
C. Freeport Community Services

6. Who owns the two standpipes (water tanks) in Freeport?
A. Maine Water
B. Town of Freeport
C. Maine Water and the Town of Freeport

7. How many project charters have been created for the Downtown Vision Plan?
A. 6 B. 12 C. 14
8. In FY23, how many people were provided financial assistance for basic needs such as food, shelter, heating fuel, and electricity through through the General Assistance Program?
A. 157 B. 192 C. 235

9. Three applications for multi-family housing projects are being considered for which area of Freeport?
A. Pleasant Hill Road
B. Downtown Freeport
C. US Route 1 (North)

10. Which of these items are among those that can be borrowed from the Freeport Library's "Library of Things"?
A. A mobile hotspot
B. A worm-composting kit
C. A dehydrator
D. All of the above

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

