

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE 269th ANNUAL REPORT



July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

2021 ANNUAL REPORT of the Town of NEWCASTLE, MAINE

July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 Financial Reports
June 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant



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Dedication



The 269th Annual Report of the Town of Newcastle is dedicated to Brian S. Foote. Brian didn't have the honor of being born in Newcastle, but he had the good sense to move here in the 1980's, living for a few years near Cowshit Corner, then on East Old County Road. Brian and his family found a home in Newcastle that suited them well.

Many in the community came to know Brian as a small business owner in Damariscotta or from his time at Miles Memorial Hospital, but less well known were the countless hours Brian gave to the Town of Newcastle over the years.

Nearly from the moment Brian arrived in town he began volunteering. He joined the Newcastle Fire Department and was an active member for many years. Later, Brian became involved in the town's finance committee in the 2000's, which ultimately inspired him to run for the Board of Selectmen in 2009. Since then, and

until this past January, Brian Foote served on the Board, with the vast majority of that time as the Board's chairman. Brian served as a selectman so long that he saw four Town Administrators come and go. While it is impossible to condense his entire town career here, just a few of the things Brian did were: he built, advocated for, and then witnessed the rise and fall of the bold Joint Public Works Department initiative; he worked for years on projects such as the Comprehensive Plan and new Code; he helped establish a robust road reconstruction and maintenance plan to address years of deferred road maintenance; helped transition to the Town Manager form of government; worked to establish numerous programs to build efficiency and raise transparency within our town government; painstakingly rebuilt the fund balance over the course of years, from virtually nothing to nearly \$2 million; and amazingly managed to hold the property tax MIL rate flat for the last five years.

Through it all, Brian always went above and beyond to answer the call of public service whether it was to help out in the town office with a computer issue, regularly sit through three to four hour meetings often several times a week, meet with state agencies, or answer questions from concerned residents with respect and with an open mind. Brian tackled the position of selectman with a level of professionalism and hard work rarely seen and he will be sorely missed. As the saying goes, though not often achieved, Brian certainly left it better than he found it.

We wish Brian and Bertha well on their cross-country adventure. Have fun but come home soon.

In Memory Of



The Town of Newcastle wishes to honor the life of Clayton V. Huntley Jr. in the 2021 Annual Town Report. Clayton served the Newcastle Fire Department and Taniscot Engine Company for over fifty years and was best known to so many residents for his over thirty-one years as Newcastle’s fire chief. Clayton grew up locally and met his high school sweetheart Margo, with whom he recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Clayton’s sons David and Matthew joined Margo in supporting Clayt through this challenging year of health struggles, and the support from family, friends, co-workers, and the fire company helped sustain Clayton through it all.

In 2021, the Town of Newcastle and the fire company collaborated in the naming of the fire station on River Road as the Clayton V. Huntley Jr. Fire Station. This honor surely would have embarrassed Clayton greatly, but it was a small token of appreciation for a man who provided so much to Newcastle and its residents. Clayton’s community focus, hard work, strong leadership and even his playful banter are missed greatly by all. However, Clayt trained all of us... the fire company, the town office staff, Newcastle residents... to be ready to follow his lead in making this community better tomorrow than it was today.

What a legacy to leave.



Directory of Municipal Officials

Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Joel Lind, Chair, Board of Selectmen & Assessors	2021
Rob Nelson, Member, Board of Selectmen & Assessors	2023
Tor Glendinning, Member, Board of Selectmen & Assessors	2023
Wanda Wilcox, Member, Board of Selectmen & Assessors	2021
Vacant	

Municipal Officials

Town Manager / Treasurer:	Jonathan Duke
Town Clerk / Tax Collector / Deputy Treasurer / Registrar of Voters:	Michelle Cameron
Deputy Clerk / Deputy Tax Collector / Deputy Registrar of Voters:	Cheryl "Shelly" Clifford Jodee Kelley
Animal Control Officer:	Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Office
Assessor's Agent:	James Murphy, Jr.
CLC Ambulance Service Representative:	Ellen McFarland
Code Enforcement Officer / Local Plumbing Inspector:	Ken Vinal
Emergency Management Director:	James Kaler, Jr.
Fire Chief / Fire Warden (Interim):	Casey Stevens
Deputy Fire Warden:	Robert Hatch
Deputy Fire Warden:	Vacant
General Assistance Administrator:	Michelle Cameron
Harbor Master:	Paul Bryant
Health Officer:	John M. Dickens, MD
Road Commissioner:	Seth Hagar
Shellfish Warden:	Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Office

Town Boards and Committees

Appeals Board:			
Lydia Crafts	2022	Scott Brooke	2021
Vacant		Merle Parise	2022
Vacant		Stephanie Stephenson	2021

Damariscotta-Newcastle Harbor Committee:

Newcastle Representative	David Lawrence	2023
Newcastle Representative	Eric Peters	2023
Newcastle Representative	Gisela Heimsath-Rhodes	2022
Harbor Master	Paul Bryant	2021
Damariscotta Representative	Bernie Delisle	2021
Damariscotta Representative	Michael Herz	
	(Chair/Deputy Harbor Master)	2023
Damariscotta Representative	Steven Hufnagel	2022

Damariscotta-Newcastle Shellfish Committee:

Ryan Fraser, Chairman	Damariscotta	2021
Robert Wallace, Vice-Chair	Newcastle	2023
Carroll Lincoln, Member	Damariscotta	2021
Vacant	Newcastle	
Blake Hay, Member	Damariscotta	2023
Heather Leslie, Member	Newcastle	2022

Finance Committee:

Member	Eva Frey	2022
Member	John Hartman	2022
Member	Ben Frey	2022

Fish Ladder / Alewives Committee:

Representative:	James Brinkler	2021
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Great Salt Bay Sanitary District Trustees:

Trustee	Allan H. Ray	2021
Trustee	Louis Rector	2022
Vacant		

Harriett Gertrude Bird Playground Committee:

Chair	Edna Verney	2023
Member	Carol Juchnik	2023
Member	James Mercer	2023
Member	David O'Neal	2023
Member	Christine Wajer	2023

L. C. Television Committee Director:

Director:	Christopher Doherty	2021
President	Larry Sidelinger	
Vacant		

Newcastle Historical Society-Selectmen Appointee:

Arlene Cole		2021
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Newcastle Historical Society Members:

Tim Dinsmore, President		2021
Christopher Rice, Vice President		2021
Karen Paz, Treasurer		2021
Karen Campbell, Secretary		2021
Betsy Evans, Trustee		2021
Nancy Hartley, Trustee		2021
Scott Brooke, Trustee		2021
Carolyn Watson, Trustee		2021

Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park Committee:

Ellen McFarland, Chair		2021
Betsy Evens, Member		2021
Calvert Hurdle		2021
Allan Ray		2021
Ann Houlton		2021

Planning Board:

Chair	Ben Frey	2023
Vice Chair	Nick Buck	2022
Member	David Hewitt	2021
Member	Kevin Houghton	2023
Member	Lee Emmons	2022
Alternate	Peter McNaughton	2022
Alternate	Vacant	

School Committee:

Member and Trustee	Joshua Jacobs	2021
Member and Trustee	Jesse Butler	2023
Member and Trustee	Stephanie Nelson	2022

Board of Selectmen

It is fair to say that 2021 has been a challenging year for everyone in Newcastle and across the world. Adjusting to a new normal and dealing with the uncertainties of operating during a global pandemic the town staff has had many hurdles to overcome. In spite of all of this the town has been able to rise to the challenge and continue operations and accomplish the goals that were set forth before the reality of the pandemic became clear to us in early 2020.

This year we were able to complete renovations to the town office that allowed for operation while keeping the safety of the staff and the residents at the forefront. Glass windows have been installed at the front desk along with an intercom system at the front door to provide appropriate social-distancing while being able to take care of the residents' needs. Offices have also been rearranged to allow adequate workspace for everyone to accomplish their tasks.

The Academy Hill reconstruction project was completed successfully. The drainage had been fully reconstructed from the top of the hill down. Issues with the water and sewer were addressed. A new safe sidewalk was built with lighting to address safety concerns. The project was not without its challenges and unexpected findings along the way, however; with the expertise of Gartley and Dorsky, the engineering team who designed and oversaw the project, along with the work of Hagar Enterprises, the end result is a high quality piece of infrastructure that will serve the town for many years to come.

Our Capital Roads maintenance program continued this year with completion of work on West Hamlet Road and North Newcastle Road. Tree cutting started on West Old County Road in preparation for work this summer.

The Selectboard has had to adjust to working remotely via Zoom for meetings. This process took some adjusting to, however; with the ability to broadcast the meetings live on YouTube and available archived on our website we have been able to keep the community involved as much as possible.

Throughout the summer the Selectboard worked with a newly formed committee to review and make needed changes to the Land Use Code. With the Board's support, and many meetings to work through the changes, we were able to present the town with the new ordinance. A socially distanced public hearing was held at the fire station to allow the residents to voice their opinions and concerns. Ultimately the ordinance was approved by the town via secret ballot in November. The code enforcement officer and the office staff have been working together to work with the new code as we transition to its new format.

The town wide revaluation was completed this spring by our assessors agent. Though we have seen a spike in property values over the past year, assessments have been set on a baseline valuation of years. Because of the added value to the town this year will see a drop in the mill rate.

Even with all of the uncertainties of this past year the town has been able to hold the budget stable with the only increase to the total budget being the bond payment for the Academy Hill reconstruction. The town is in strong financial health and on a good path to continue to hold a stable budget in the years to come.

Sadly this year the town of Newcastle and the greater community lost a very special person, our Fire Chief Clayton Huntley who passed away after a courageous fight. The town is a better place for all Clayton gave to the town from his work on the fire department to his support and dedication to the town as a whole. He will be sorely missed but his legacy will live on. A special thanks to the volunteer firefighters and Taniscot Engine Company for keeping the fire department running seamlessly throughout.

In closing the board would also like to thank Jon Duke for the work he has done over the last five years serving as Town Administrator /Manager. Jon will be moving on in July to serve as Town Manager in Rockport. While he will be missed by the residents, staff and board we wish him the best in his new endeavor. The board will begin our search for a new Town Manager over the coming weeks who will be able to continue the work and maintain the stability he has helped create during his time in Newcastle.

Respectfully submitted,
The 2021 Newcastle
Board of Selectmen

Independent Auditor's Report

Dear Citizens,

The Town of Newcastle contracted in July 2020 with William H. Brewer CPA for auditing services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Their office is located at 858 Washington St., Bath ME 04530.

Due to the pandemic, financial audits for a great number of municipalities were delayed due to the inability for firms to visit municipal offices. While the Town is awaiting the arrival of the final audited statements, Brewer's office was able to share a draft of Schedule A for your review. Once the complete audited statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 are available, these statements will be posted to the Town's website and available upon request at the Town Office.

JONATHAN DUKE,
Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Schedule A-4

	BALANCE FORWARD 7/1/19	APPROPRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	UNEXPENDED (OVER/DRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 6/30/20
EDUCATION:									
Elementary Education	\$ -	\$ 1,776,157.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,776,157.39	\$ 1,772,780.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,376.55
Secondary Education	207,580.41	1,129,481.25	217,602.44		1,554,664.10	1,271,274.32	5,436.99		277,952.79
Adult Education		6,595.00			6,595.00	6,595.39		(0.39)	
	\$ 207,580.41	\$ 2,912,233.64	\$ 217,602.44	\$ -	\$ 3,337,416.49	\$ 3,050,650.55	\$ 5,466.99	\$ (0.39)	\$ 281,329.34
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:									
Compensation	\$ -	\$ 253,848.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 253,848.00	\$ 235,302.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,545.24
Fringe Benefits		94,986.00			94,986.00	97,753.12		(2,767.12)	
Insurance		30,829.00	1,661.00		32,490.00	241,722.68		4,876.74	3,440.38
Assessor		19,700.00			19,700.00	19,700.00			
Janitor		4,050.00			4,050.00	4,692.04		(642.04)	
Operations/Services		89,063.04			89,063.04	85,424.65		3,638.39	
Town Office		10,654.00			10,654.00	18,699.58		(8,045.58)	
Parks and Playgrounds		3,614.00			3,614.00	2,889.63		724.37	
Planning Board	5,260.70	3,000.00	3,000.00		11,260.70	1,006.32	1,400.00		8,854.38
Interest			79,426.04		79,426.04		39,000.00		40,426.04
Excise Taxes				366,030.68	366,030.68		388,500.00	(22,469.32)	
Fees for Services			33,526.08		33,526.08		26,560.00	6,966.08	
Intergovernmental			275,525.31		275,525.31		244,116.56	31,408.75	
Supplemental Taxes			15,961.51		15,961.51			15,961.51	
Sale of Assets			5,448.65		5,448.65			5,448.65	
	\$ 5,260.70	\$ 809,744.04	\$ 414,545.59	\$ 366,030.68	\$ 1,295,531.01	\$ 489,640.78	\$ 699,576.56	\$ 75,523.47	\$ 30,840.20
PROTECTION:									
Animal Control		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,453.48	\$ -	\$ 2,546.52	\$ -
Waste Disposal		94,184.00			94,184.00				
General Assistance		3,000.00			3,000.00	100.00	1,000.00	1,900.00	
Ambulance		15,000.00			15,000.00	15,000.00			
Animal Shelter		1,752.00			1,752.00	2,014.80		(262.80)	
Fire Department		118,831.17			118,831.17	116,956.07		1,875.10	
Fire Station	8,407.00	12,200.00			20,607.00	18,753.81		1,853.19	
Shoreport Station	9,829.19	2,450.00			12,279.19	12,944.08		(673.17)	
Hydrants		48,660.00			48,660.00	49,333.17		(673.17)	
Street Lights		7,500.00			7,500.00	7,206.71		293.29	
Route One		400.00			400.00	220.40		179.60	
	\$ 18,236.19	\$ 308,977.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 327,213.36	\$ 307,522.52	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,854.54	\$ 12,836.30
PUBLIC WORKS:									
General Roads	\$ -	\$ 178,900.00	\$ 39,260.00	\$ -	\$ 218,160.00	\$ 220,810.49	\$ 35,000.00	\$ (37,650.49)	\$ -
Snow Removal		402,186.00			402,186.00	351,002.50		51,183.50	
	\$ -	\$ 581,086.00	\$ 39,260.00	\$ -	\$ 620,346.00	\$ 571,812.99	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 13,533.01	\$ -

	BALANCE FORWARD 7/1/19	APPROPRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	UNEXPENDED (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 6/30/20
DEBT	\$ -	\$ 27,084.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,084.00	\$ 27,083.04	\$ -	\$ 0.96	\$ -
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS: County Tax	\$ -	\$ 387,121.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 387,121.19	\$ 387,121.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UNCLASSIFIED:									
Cemeteries	\$ -	\$ 14,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 17,143.00	\$ -	\$ (2,643.00)	\$ -
Non-Profits		44,553.00			44,553.00	44,553.00			
Overly/Abateents		108,604.74			108,604.74		13,011.51	95,593.23	
Utilization of Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 85,761.28				85,761.28		85,000.00	761.28	
	\$ 85,761.28	\$ 167,657.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 253,419.02	\$ 61,696.00	\$ 98,011.51	\$ 93,711.51	\$ -
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS: Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ 554,750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 554,750.00	\$ -	\$ 554,750.00	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 316,838.58	\$ 5,448,653.78	\$ 671,408.03	\$ 366,030.68	\$ 6,802,931.07	\$ 4,895,527.07	\$ 1,393,775.06	\$ 188,623.10	\$ 325,005.94

Municipal Election Results: 7/14/2020

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 781

Article 2: Selectmen/Assessor (Vote for 2)

Glendinning, Tor: 503
Nelson, Robert: 439
Wilcox, Roger: 233
Blanks: 387

GSB School Committee

Butler, Jesse: 580
Blanks: 201

Article 3: Secondary Education Budget

Yes: 605
No: 142
Blanks: 34

Article 4: Allow Interlocal Agreement with CLC Ambulance

Yes: 696
No: 49
Blanks: 36

Article 5: Fund Town Government:

Yes: 585
No: 147
Blanks: 49

Article 6: Grant Authority to Board of Selectmen

Yes: 582
No: 103
Blanks: 96

Article 7: Waive foreclosure tax:

Yes: 583
No: 102
Blanks: 96

Article 8: Interest rate on uncollected taxes

Yes: 498
No: 203
Blanks: 80

Article 9: Authorize Tax Collector to accept prepayments

Yes: 635
No: 60
Blanks: 86

Article 10: Authorize Board of Selectmen to expend funds from Town Reserve accounts for Unbudgeted major expense:

Yes: 455
No: 236
Blanks: 90

Article 11: Allow Board of Selectmen to transfer 2% of total budget request

Yes: 474
No: 224
Blanks: 83

Article 12: Authorize the Board Of Selectmen to regulate River herring fishing

Yes: 589
No: 102
Blanks: 90

Municipal Election Results: 7/14/20 GSB Budget Validation

TOTAL VOTES CAST: 779 * Discrepancy is due to ballots not returned in absentee envelopes

Question 1: Shall Great Salt Bay CSD appropriate the sum of \$5,707,935.01 and raise the sum of \$4,596,166.21 for the 2020-2021 school budget?

Yes: 609

No: 133

Blanks: 37

Question 2: Shall the Great Salt Bay CSD School Committee be authorized to establish Reserve Funds, in the following cost centers, for unexpected costs; to transfer the amounts noted from available Fiscal Year 2020 fund balances to said Reserve Funds; and to expend said Reserve Funds, up to and as noted, to pay any unexpected costs during the 2020-2021 school year?

Yes: 611

No: 105

Blanks: 63

Question 3: For Fiscal Year 2021 only, in addition to the statutorily allowed 5% transfer of funds between budget cost centers, shall the Great Salt Bay School Committee be allowed to transfer an additional 10% (for a total of 15%) between budget cost centers as necessary in the best interest of the Great Salt Bay CSD, provided that such transfers will not increase the total budget of the Great Salt Bay CSD?

Yes: 607

No: 111

Blanks: 61

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT AND
SECRET BALLOT ELECTION**

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

To Mark Doe, a resident for the Town of Newcastle, in the County of Lincoln, State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Fire Station building at 86 River Rd on Tuesday, the 8th day of June, A.D. 2021 at 8:00 am, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 11 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 am until 8:00 in the evening;

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by secret ballot, in accordance with the vote of the town, the following offices:

1. Two (2) Selectmen/Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for a three-year term
2. One (1) Selectmen/Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a one-year term
3. One (1) member of the Great Salt Bay School Committee for a three-year term
4. One (1) trustee of the Great Salt Bay Sanitary District for a three-year term

ARTICLE 3: SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOOL BUDGET - Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$1,644,453.10 on Secondary Education for the FY2022 school year?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the town raise & appropriate for \$ 2,629,042.13 for municipal government?

EXPLANATION: Below is an accounting of the impact of the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 municipal, education, and county budgets and tax commitment.

	FY 21	FY 22
Municipal Expenditures	2,246,477.00	2,629,042.13
County Tax	417,337.09	423,047.41
Education Expenditures (Secondary and GSB)	3,251,374.16	3,237,271.35
Revenues	1,319,461.54	1,360,153.17
Overlay	75,000.00	10,000*
Total Raised	4,670,726.71	4,929,207.72
Valuation	256,000,000.00	342,450,355.00*
Mil Rate	17.90	15.70*

**Estimated*

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town grant the following authorities to the Board of Selectmen from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022?

A. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept prospective gifts and donations providing the Board place these funds in appropriately designated reserve accounts and only used for the intended purposes stated or in the best interests of the Town?

B. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend, on behalf of the town, any State and Federal funds which may be received from time to time in the form of grants and funds from any source deemed appropriate by the municipal officers during the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 or act on anything relative thereto?

C. Authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of the taxes thereon and to execute quitclaim deeds for said property, in accordance with appropriate state law and procedures?

D. Authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any surplus equipment owned by the Town in accordance with appropriate State law and procedures?

- E. Direct the Board of Selectmen to establish the dates on which this year's taxes shall be due and payable?
- F. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to fund abatements by expending overlay, and in the event the overlay is depleted, authorize funding abatements through the unassigned fund balance?
- G. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts on behalf of the Town?
- H. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry unexpended funds forward to the next fiscal year within the existing budget line items?
- I. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish and appoint the members of standing and/or ad hoc committees of the Board of Selectmen to advise the Board regarding the administration and operations of the town government?
- J. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to reduce the total amount of taxes to be collected by the FY 2022 total amount of estimated revenue (TBD) including use of surplus?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944 upon a finding by the Board of Selectmen that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the town instruct the Tax Collector to charge interest at the rate of 6 % per annum on all uncollected taxes and authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish the date on which interest starts to accrue, except for those taxpayers enrolled in the tax club before June 1, 2021 and have made all payments on time and to date?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments on taxes not yet committed, and to pay interest at a rate of 0% (zero percent) as a courtesy to taxpayers who wish to pay some or all of their uncommitted taxes?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from any Town Reserve account for an unbudgeted major expense: (Note: “major” is defined as any cost not included in a corresponding operating budget)?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the town allow the Board of Selectmen to transfer an amount not to exceed 2% of the total annual budget request from one category to another without prior approval of a special town meeting?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to regulate river herring fishing in all streams in which the town has an interest in accordance with the plan filed with and approved by the Commissioner of Marine Resources?

Given under our hands at Newcastle, Maine this 3rd day of May 2021.

JOEL LIND, Chairman
TOR GLENDINNING
ROBERT NELSON
WANDA WILCOX
VACANT

A true and attested copy by: Michelle Cameron, Town Clerk

**SPECIMEN BALLOT
TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE
LOCAL ELECTION
JUNE 8, 2021**

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor 1yr
for a term of one (1) year
Vote for one (1)

- Yes **ARTICLE 3: SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOOL BUDGET** - Shall the Town be authorized to expend \$1,644,453.10 on Secondary Education for the FY2022 school year?
- No

Abbott, Jacob

- Yes **ARTICLE 4:** Shall the town raise & appropriate for \$ 2,629,042.13 for municipal government?
- No

Levesque, David

EXPLANATION: Below is an accounting of the impact of the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 municipal, education, and county budgets and tax commitment.

..... **Write-in**

	FY 21	FY 22
Municipal Expenditures	2,246,477.00	2,629,042.13
County Tax	417,337.09	423,047.41
Education Expenditures (Secondary and GSB)	3,251,374.16	3,237,271.35
Revenues	1,319,461.54	1,360,153.17
Overlay	75,000.00	10,000*
Total Raised	4,670,726.71	4,929,207.72
Valuation	256,000,000.00	342,450,355.00*
Mill Rate	17.90	15.70*

Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor 3yrs
for a term of three (3) years
Vote for two (2)

**Estimated*

Doherty, Christopher

Lind, Joel

Parise, Merle

Paz, Karen Leavitt

..... **Write-in**

..... **Write-in**

Great Salt Bay Sanitary District Trustee
for a term of three (3) years
Vote for one (1)

Ray, Allan

..... **Write-in**

Great Salt Bay School Board Member
For a term of three (3) years
Vote for one (1)

Anderson, Dennis

..... **Write-in**

Yes **ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town grant the following authorities to the Board of Selectmen from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022?**

No

A. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept prospective gifts and donations providing the Board place these funds in appropriately designated reserve accounts and only used for the intended purposes stated or in the best interests of the Town?

B. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend, on behalf of the town, any State and Federal funds which may be received from time to time in the form of grants and funds from any source deemed appropriate by the municipal officers during the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 or act on anything relative thereto?

C. Authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of the taxes thereon and to execute quitclaim deeds for said property, in accordance with appropriate state law and procedures?

D. Authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any surplus equipment owned by the Town in accordance with appropriate State law and procedures?

E. Direct the Board of Selectmen to establish the dates on which this year's taxes shall be due and payable?

F. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to fund abatements by expending overlay, and in the event the overlay is depleted, authorize funding abatements through the unassigned fund balance?

G. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts on behalf of the Town?

H. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry unexpended funds forward to the next fiscal year within the existing budget line items?

I. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish and appoint the members of standing and/or ad hoc committees of the Board of Selectmen to advise the Board regarding the administration and operations of the town government?

J. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to reduce the total amount of taxes to be collected by the FY 2022 total amount of estimated revenue (TBD) including use of surplus?

Yes **ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944 upon a finding by the Board of Selectmen that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.

No

Yes **ARTICLE 7:** Shall the town instruct the Tax Collector to charge interest at the rate of 6 % per annum on all uncollected taxes and authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish the date on which interest starts to accrue, except for those taxpayers enrolled in the tax club before June 1, 2021 and have made all payments on time and to date?

No

Yes **ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments on taxes not yet committed, and to pay interest at a rate of 0% (zero percent) as a courtesy to taxpayers who wish to pay some or all of their uncommitted taxes?

No

Yes **ARTICLE 9:** Shall the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from any Town Reserve account for an unbudgeted major expense: (Note: "major" is defined as any cost not included in a corresponding operating budget)?

No

Yes **ARTICLE 10:** Shall the town allow the Board of Selectmen to transfer an amount not to exceed 2% of the total annual budget request from one category to another without prior approval of a special town meeting?

No

Yes **ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to regulate river herring fishing in all streams in which the town has an interest in accordance with the plan filed with and approved by the Commissioner of Marine Resources?

No

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

**SPECIMEN BALLOT
TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, MAINE
GREAT SALT BAY
CSD BUDGET VALIDATION
JUNE 8, 2021**

Instructions to Voters

◆ Vote "yes" or "no" by completely filling in the oval to the left of each question, like this: ●.

- Yes
 - No
- Question 1: Do you favor approving the Great Salt Bay CSD budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest district budget meeting?

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING



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Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Worksheet

Due to the challenges of operating an annual town meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Newcastle Board of Selectmen have elected to have the voters approve the municipal budget via referendum. This allows the voters to have their say via the ballot box and in a manner, which is safe for all. Below is a breakdown of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Town Manager Jon Duke or the members of the Board of Selectmen.

This is the question on the June 8th ballot voters will decide upon...

ARTICLE 4: Shall the town raise & appropriate for \$ 2,629,042.13 for municipal government?

EXPLANATION: Below is an accounting of the impact of the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 municipal, education, and county budgets and tax commitment.

	FY 21	FY 22
Municipal Expenditures	2,246,477.00	2,629,042.13
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Mil Rate	17.90	15.70*

*Estimated

Though expenditures are up in the proposed budget over Fiscal Year 2021, nearly the entire increase is due to the initial bond payment on the Academy Hill Road project approved by voters in 2019. Revaluation underway provides a significantly lower mil rate for 2022, but that number remains an estimate until the tax rate is set in late July.

Admin & Operations	FY 20 Actual	FY21 Budget	FY 22 Selectmen
Compensation Subtotal	218,831.29	236,025.00	242,772.00
Fringe Benefits Subtotal	98,009.34	97,023.00	130,884.56
Insurances Subtotal	24,172.68	29,750.00	30,400.00
Contracted Service Subtotal	19,700.00	57,700.00	57,400.00
Operations Subtotal	42,070.75	67,710.00	64,397.00
Leases Subtotal	2,887.55	3,000.00	3,000.00
Town Office Building Subtotal	18,699.58	15,100.00	15,900.00
Harriet Bird Clubhouse Subtotal	2,026.15	3,470.00	2,900.00
Cemetery Maintenance Subtotal	17,143.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Veteran's Park Subtotal	863.48	800.00	1,000.00
TOTAL	457,415.33	525,578.00	563,653.56

Increases for the upcoming year largely relate to the likely increased health insurance costs due to the hiring of a new fire chief and town manager.

Public Services	FY 20 Actual	FY21 Budget	FY 22 Selectmen
Waste Disposal Subtotal	94,184.00	96,481.00	113,407.00
Services Subtotal	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Provider Agency Subtotal	51,149.00	51,149.00	58,858.00
Planning and Development Subtotal	22,341.45	24,300.00	24,000.00
TOTAL	116,525.45	174,930.00	199,265.00

The Selectmen's budget includes an increase in the town's contract with the Nobleboro-Jefferson Transfer Station and continued funding for provider agencies.

Public Safety	FY 20 Actual	FY21 Budget	FY 22 Selectmen
Compensation Subtotal	68,719.36	71,337.00	82,100.00
Fire Department Subtotal	45,079.17	49,290.00	51,210.00
Animal Control Services	4,913.61	7,690.00	6,278.00
Emergency/Health Services	15,000.00	28,925.00	31,349.00
Infrastructure Subtotal	56,762.28	59,690.00	58,900.00
Fire Station Subtotal	14,805.81	14,150.00	13,700.00
Sheepscoot Station Subtotal	1,294.08	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL	206,574.31	233,582.00	246,037.00

The Selectmen's budget includes the increases to prepare for the hiring of a new fire chief, higher stipends for the officers, and a slight increase in cost from the CLC Ambulance.

Public Works	FY 20 Actual	FY21 Budget	FY 22 Selectmen
Operations Subtotal	0.00	5,750.00	5,500.00
Facilities Subtotal	455.34	6,600.00	1,500.00
Winter Operations Subtotal	349,390.50	389,345.00	396,106.00
Annual Operations Subtotal	79,388.70	96,500.00	115,550.00
General Contractor Subtotal	141,818.75	138,250.00	23,440.00
Equipment Subtotal	5,214.20	12,500.00	8,000.00
TOTAL	576,267.49	648,945.00	550,096.00

The Public Works budget proposed for FY 22 is down over last year as the Selectmen preferred to move all projects outside of routine maintenance into the capital budget which is funded through the capital roads reserve. The increases in annual operations listed above relate to additional gravel required on the town's dirt road grading program.

Reserves	FY 20 Actual	FY21 Budget	FY 22 Selectmen
1 Harriet Bird Clubhouse	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
2 Veteran's Park	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
3 Highway Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Roads Capital Projects	530,000.00	546,354.00	686,734.00
5 Computer Reserve	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
6 Municipal Building Reserve	0.00	25,000.00	75,000.00
7 Revaluation Reserve	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
8 Alewife Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00
9 Fringe Benefit Reserve	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
10 Harbor Management Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	554,750.00	597,104.00	799,484.00

The majority of the reserve department of the budget is centered around the Roads Capital Projects reserve. The budget for this reserve includes funds to complete the Stonebridge Circle project with finish paving, reclaim/ditch/replace culverts on West Old County Road, install guardrails on East Old County Road, reclaim/base/finish pave 1000' on Academy Hill near Timber Lane, reclaim/grade/base/finish pave High Street, and reclaim/base pave/install curbing at the Sheepscoot Fire Station.

Debt Service	FY 20 Actual	FY21 Budget	FY 22 Selectmen
1 Loan Payment – Lynch Road	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Loan Payment – Fire Truck	27,083.04	27,084.00	27,084.00
3 Loan Payment – Town Office	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Loan Payment – Academy Hill Road	0.00	39,254.00	243,422.57
Total	27,083.04	66,338.00	270,506.57

The increase in this section of the budget is entirely related to the initial bond payment on Academy Hill Road.

Newcastle Secondary School Budget Explanation

The following is an explanation for the Secondary Education Budget figure, \$1,644,453.10, which is in Article 3 on the June 8, 2021 Municipal Referendum ballot.

1. To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

2. To see if the Town will appropriate **\$99,243.17** for Adult Education and raise **\$6,595.39** as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

Requested Local Share	\$6,595.39
Selectmen Recommend	\$6,595.39

3. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

School Committee Recommends	\$1,275,631.90
Selectmen Recommend	\$1,275,631.90

4. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends	\$251,208.32
Selectmen Recommend	\$251,208.32

5. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends	\$200.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$200.00

- 6.** To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

- 7.** To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends	\$3,498.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$3,498.00

- 8.** To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends	\$41,246.63
Selectmen Recommend	\$41,246.63

- 9.** To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

- 10.** To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends	\$72,668.25
Selectmen Recommend	\$72,668.25

- 11.** To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

- 12.** To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

- 13. To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$0.00

14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

- 14. To see what sum the Town will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, from the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, \$15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends	\$1,644,453.10
Selectmen Recommend	\$1,644,453.10

15 THROUGH 16 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

<u>School Budget Funding Explanation</u>	
15. Required Local (EPS) Raise Amount	\$794,695.55
16. Additional Local Raise Amount	\$418,144.13
Total Local Funds Raised	\$1,212,839.68
Fund Beginning Balance	\$133,410.25
State Subsidy	\$298,203.17
Total School Budget Request	\$1,644,453.10

- 15. To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act **(School Committee Recommends \$1,092,898.72)** and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends	\$794,695.55
Selectmen Recommends	\$794,695.55

Explanation. The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

16. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$418,144.13**) which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$418,144.13**, as required to fund the budget recommended by the school committee.

The school committee recommends **\$418,144.13** for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$418,144.13**.

School Committee Recommends	\$418,144.13
Selectmen Recommends	\$418,144.13

Explanation. The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9 to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

17. Shall the Newcastle School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for education purposes provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee Recommends Yes

Selectmen Recommends Yes

Town Manager

As we begin to enter the summer, we are beginning to exit some of the more difficult portions of the global pandemic which has gripped our community, our state, and the entire world. The year 2020 provided an incredible amount of challenges we hadn't experienced as a society in a century, but the business of operating the Town of Newcastle proceeded accordingly. As you know, we completed a minor renovation of the Town Office interior to allow our staff to easily work through the protocols called for by the CDC in an effort to keep our residents and our staff safe. I am pleased to date that we were able to move through this past year without being forced to close our office due COVID-19 infection or contact tracing. Additionally, all of our staff have been able to receive the vaccine and thus our office is fully vaccinated. This is merely a reflection of our community which leads the state in percentage of adults vaccinated from COVID-19. This is just more evidence of how our community members care about their own health and the health of their friends, family, and neighbors.

Thanks to efforts by the Federal government, we will receive funds over the next 12 months which cover all of the Town's lost revenues and costs relating to the pandemic, including modifications to buildings to provide service through the pandemic.

In more mundane news, the revaluation has reached its completion which will have significant impacts on property assessments and the Town's mil rate. Letters were sent to property owners at a couple points over the past months to ensure an accurate picture of a property's value. Over the next month, Assessors' Agent Jim Murphy will work with property owners with questions regarding their new values. However, those who question the value listed are asked to provide evidence as to why the values listed will require adjustment.

The FY 22 budget proposed as part of the vote on June 8th is increased modestly over this present year's budget, but the largest impact comes from the initial bond payment for the Academy Hill

Road project which was approved by voters in June 2019. Without that new expenditure, the budget likely would have remained level for yet another year.

Lastly, this is my final report as your Town Manager, as I recently accepted a position as the Town Manager in my hometown of Rockport. Newcastle has been incredibly great to me since I arrived in July 2016. The Selectmen over that time (Brian Foote, Ben Frey, Carolyn Hatch, Chris Doherty, Joel Lind, Wanda Wilcox, Tor Glendinning, and Rob Nelson) have been outstanding leaders for this community have worked together like few other groups to make this Newcastle better today than yesterday. Our staff (Michelle Cameron, Shelly Clifford, Jodee Kelley, Ken Vinal, Seth Hagar, Jim Murphy, and the entire fire company) work exceedingly hard to provide excellent service to our residents and the successes we have found over my tenure are entirely a credit to their hard work. 2021-22 will be a year of change for Newcastle, but this town is well poised to build off of an outstanding foundation established over the past few years and I will be excited to follow the great things which will continue to happen here from afar. Thank you to all of the residents who have been so kind to me over the years, and I wish you all well as I move back closer to home.

JONATHAN DUKE,
Town Manager

Assessors

James Murphy, Jr., Assessors' Representative
Murphy Appraisal Services, Inc.

Revaluation. The updated values for the revaluation that will take effect as of April 1, 2021 are in your mailboxes by now.

I am going to repeat some of the insert you received, it is that important.

This revaluation is not based on this year versus last year values. Assessments are set on baseline valuation years. The baseline land valuation was last set in 2007 and the baseline building valuation was last set in 2004-2005. Markets have changed several times since then and this update is from those last reset baselines.

And then there is the 'Covid' market. Should it be used or ignored. It really does not matter since that market is not being ignored now! How? The town's yearly state assessing audit will not ignore it. If you are going to sell your house are you going to use the sale price comparison pre-Covid? I think not.

If you have refinanced in the past year did you ask the bank and appraiser to ignore the Covid market and use comparable sale prices from the pre 'Covid' market? Of course you did not. So why should the 'Covid' market be ignored now?

In Newcastle the 'Covid market' started in July 2020. The pre-Covid market started its increase 18 months before that. That is the data being used. That market increased 20 plus percent because reduced interest rate caused a 20% plus increase in buying power. Right now I am seeing some panic 'Covid' buying. That worries me, but I did not use those sales in the analysis.

But there are some sales from the fall of 2020 and the spring of 2021 that cannot be ignored. I would be professionally remiss if I did not analyze those sales. There are not many.

I will be very clear on the legal portion of the revaluation. The values are the values. I checked and rechecked and looked hard and reviewed, and there still might be something factually wrong.

Unless I hear back from you before June 30, 2021 showing me the valuation is incorrect using a different actual valuation conclusion

provided by a professional valuation specialist who analyzed the 2018-2020 market and completed a valuation for tax assessment purposes, the values will stand.

Judgments about minor details will not greatly change the values. Judgments can change, I can be incorrect. But the data tells me I have the overall picture of the Newcastle real estate market correct. There will be some corrections, but I really want those completed by June 30, 2021.

The Maine Homestead Exemption is available by application for those who qualify. Applications are available at the town office or on line through the state web site. Also available is the Veterans Exemption, Blind Exemption and other programs that can assist at the town and state level. Please call me at 563-3441 if you have a question. I am usually scheduled for the Newcastle Town office only on Monday's. You can also email me at newcastleassess@roadrunner.com

The Maine Homestead Exemption amount increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000. The increase in the exemption caused the decrease in taxable value.

ASSESSMENT STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

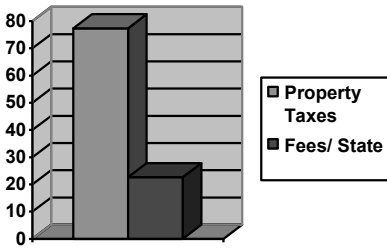
Total Taxable Valuation-Real Estate	\$ 254,507,400
Total Taxable Valuation-Personal Property	<u>1,687,300</u>
Total Taxable Valuation	\$ 256,194,700

2020-2021 Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 12,196,000
2019-2020 Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 10,214,100
2018-2019 Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$ 10,334,100

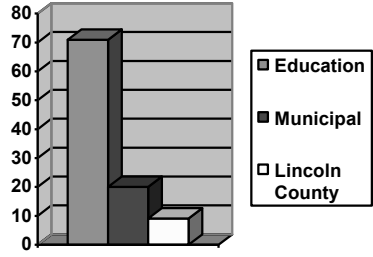
Commitment Date	July 27, 2020
Last day to appeal valuation	February 26, 2021
Tax (Mill) Rate	\$17.90 per \$1,000 of taxable value

2020-2021 Taxes to be raised	\$ 4,585,885.13
2019-2020 Taxes to be raised	\$ 4,628,077.22
2018-2019 Taxes to be raised	\$ 4,581,794.98
2017-2018 Taxes to be raised	\$ 4,602,071.32

MUNICIPAL REVENUES



Revenue received from....
Property Taxes 77.35%
Other Fees/State 22.65%



And Expenses for.....
Education 70.9%
Municipal 20.0%
County 9.1%

Road Commissioner

To the citizens of Newcastle,

It is with great pleasure that I present to the citizens of Newcastle the annual Road Commissioner report for this past year. Given all the complexities of this past year it is hard to believe that any progress in a positive direction was had. Despite the challenges and uncertainties at times, I am very pleased to report that monumental strides have taken place, and the support from the citizens of this great town made it all possible.

Academy Hill Project:

The town completed one of the largest capital projects ever undertaken with the completion of the Academy Hill Road project. This project provided for the following on one of our heaviest traveled roads:

1. New sub-surface drainage
2. New catch basins, frames, and grates
3. New granite curbing
4. New sidewalks both 5 and 6 feet wide
5. Addressed multiple safety concerns and provided for 2 crosswalks that incorporated new LED warning devices
6. Addressed long standing trouble spots that have caused travel and walking issues in the past.
7. New lighting was installed from the railroad tracks to the Lincoln Academy to address accessibility and safety concerns.



Figure 1A large concrete structure that was found in the roadway of Academy Hill. Items such as this were discovered up and down the roadway. Each one was addressed and corrected.



Figure 2A carpet that was found on Academy Hill, used as a patch on one of the old drainage lines. At some point there was a repair made and a rug was used to bridge the hole. This carpet was all that was preventing the road from collapsing

Multiple areas that we have been able to advance over this past year. North Newcastle Road has been the subject of much attention in the past as it is one of our largest roads and again it is very highly traveled. This past year we were able to apply a finish layer of pavement over the entire length of it to seal the road until such time that appropriate funds are available to address under lying issues with the road. This surface has accomplished sealing the top of the road and provided for a much-improved ride.

Our three-year road rotation cycle was also in full swing this past year. Stonebridge Circle received all new culverts, ditching, reclaiming and base pavement. West Old County Road entered the cycle receiving tree clearing in preparation of 2021 season. West Hamlet Road received its finish coat of

Multiple areas were found deficient and repair methods in the past were discovered that were not up to current standard. These issues were addressed as we moved through the project and I am very proud to present a project to the town that should last for many years to come and be a considerable improvement to our infrastructure.

In addition to Academy Hill there are several other areas that we have been able to advance over this past year. North Newcastle Road has been the subject of much attention in the past as it is one of our largest roads and again it is very highly traveled.



Figure 3 Crews working at the intersection of Academy Hill and Main St. Coordination with GSB Water Dist and MDOT was paramount on this project This picture shows new drainage being installed and new water line over the top of the drainage line.

pavement and shoulder material to finish that road in the cycle.

All our regular maintenance activities were completed, crack filling, sweeping, striping, catch basin cleaning and the addition of new lighting at the sand and salt location on Mills Road.

I am positive that I have forgotten some part of the program that I would love to fill you all in on. One item that I cannot overlook is passing along a very heart felt thank you to all of the people of Newcastle and especially the town staff. Without all of you, your support and never-ending assistance and positivity we would never be able to accomplish so much and improve our great town. To all of you, I hope you all safe, healthy, and looking forward to a better 2021.

Please feel free to reach out at any time with any comments, questions or concerns as I am always here to help!

roadcommissioner@newcastlemaine.us

Respectfully,
SETH HAGAR,
Road Commissioner

Tax Collector's Report

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of 05/05/2021

Name	Amt. Due	Name	Amt. Due
ALDEN, RAYMOND M SR	1,247.18	CORSON, ANDREW	515.52
ANDERSON, LESTER A	949.59	CROWELL, DAVID A	2,447.82
BAILEY, DESIREE	91.29	DAHMEN, JANE M	8,166.88
BARRETT, ROBERT S.	3,773.32	DAIUTE, JESSE C	3,189.78
BATES, ANN C	1,270.00	DAIUTE, MARK H	687.36
BATES, ANN C	3,102.96	DAMIAN, JOHN G	392.90
BENNER, NORAN & ANN	1,316.24	DEVIN, LAURA W	146.93
BERKOWITZ, GLEN A	1,358.08	DINSMORE, LISA W	978.85
BILLINGS, PHYLLIS C.;		DITRAPANI, SUSAN S.	3,639.07
DEVISES OF	1,915.30	DODGE, EDWARD T	810.87
BLAIR, JONATHAN H	1,810.58	DOHERTY, CHRISTOPHER C	2,417.40
BLAKE, ROBERT E	1,461.53	DRAKE, JEFFREY; TRUSTEE	2,987.51
BLASHKE, EDWARD J	564.46	DRAKE, JEFFREY; TRUSTEE	349.05
BOLINT, HEATHER H	433.18	DUMONT, THEODORE J	3,714.25
BOWERS, CHARLES R	2,534.64	DUMONT, THEODORE J	107.40
BOWERS, LISA K	3,125.34	DWYER, GLENN J	2,759.29
BRINKLER, MICHAEL J	3,278.39	E & H BREWER LLC	555.22
BROOKS, JOHN E	2,596.40	EDELSON, HARRY	795.65
BUEHNER, CHRISTIAN L	1,751.28	EDGECOMB, VICTOR A	1,648.59
BURGOON, HARRIET	429.17	EDMUNDS, HANNAH	8.34
BUTLER, ROISEN	1,871.35	ESTEY, JAMES R	589.08
BUTTERFIELD, MOIRA W	422.36	ESTEY, JAMES R	300.84
CAMPBELL, JOSHUA R	863.68	FAUX, GEORGE F	2,685.80
CARLSON, MATTHEW S	4,432.09	FAUX, GEORGE F	349.94
CARON, JENNIFER M	2,215.57	FERRANTE, DAVID J	1,570.73
CARROLL, JOHN O., JR.	1,232.41	FORD, ROBIN L	1,696.03
CARROLL, JOHN O., JR.	136.04	FORTIER, BERNICE M.;	
CARROLL, JOHN O., JR.	1,073.55	DEVISEES OF	3,343.72
CHAPMAN, HEATHER A	2,673.37	FOWLER, DOUGLAS T	3,561.21
CHAPMAN, JOHN A	1,381.07	FREEMAN, GEORGE M	5,981.29
CHENEY, PAUL M	200.00	FREEMAN, GEORGE M	588.91
CLARK, GORDON M	241.65	FREESE, GEORGE W	2,192.62
CLARK, GORDON M	961.23	GAGNON, ADAM W	41.97
CLAYTER, STEPHANIE L	1,066.84	GLASIER, SUSAN E	1,308.49
COASTAL RIVERS		GRAF, DOROTHY L	9,001.02
CONSERVATION TRUST	239.86	GRAY, LAURIE J	323.39
COIT, MARGARET G	853.83	GREGORY, SHAWN S	4,827.92
COIT, MARGARET G	18.78	HAMLYN, ROBERT T	3,332.09
COLBY, CHARLES III	1,780.16	HAYWARD, KYLE	1,585.04

Name	Amt. Due	Name	Amt. Due
HEABERLIN, RICK L	1,683.94	MCSHERRY, STEPHANIE	2,219.04
HEMINGWAY, SALLIE	1,609.21	MEADE, FRAZIER	1,818.19
HEWITT, DAVID & MARY; TRUSTEES	14.32	MISIEWICZ, JANET C.; TRUSTEE	2,167.69
HEWITT, DAVID E	2,671.13	MORSE, NAHUM	861.89
HILTON TIMBER MANAGEMENT LLC	1,149.18	MORTIMER, KAREN E	7.88
HINGSTON, SAMUEL R	4,348.80	MUNROE, WESTLEIGH	2,260.77
HINGSTON, SAMUEL R	1,519.71	NELSON, BETTY J	4,670.81
HOFFMAN, MARK R	5,045.12	NELSON, JOHN W	272.08
HOFFMAN, MARK R	1,066.84	NEWCASTLE VENTURES, LLC	11,389.77
HOLME, CHRISTOPHER B.; TRUSTEE	1,941.25	NICOLL, GORDON	791.18
HOMAN, JOHN W	1,619.95	NUTTING, GLENN E	1,302.85
HUNT FARM, LLC	0.01	ONEAL, DAVID E	1,543.43
HUNT, ROBERT E. & KENDAL J., TRUSTEES	527.58	PATTEN, JAMES C	281.97
HUNTLEY, CLAYTON V	1,781.50	PERCE, ROBERT M	994.79
INGRAHAM, RICHARD JR	454.66	PETERMAN, JAMES R	3,533.91
J&R SCHUMACHER, LLC	1,039.99	PHILBRICK, ALLEN	1,192.14
JANE, THOMAS C	1,345.19	PHILBRICK, ELAINE B	1,914.41
JUCHNIK, FRANK	2,383.83	POOR, DEBORAH	4,326.59
KELLY, MELISSA J	1,377.40	POPE, JOHN T	533.42
KIVINIEMI, BARBARA	2,766.00	POPP, STEPHEN J	3,939.79
KRAH, DONNA J	415.70	QUINTERO, EMILIO C	477.98
KRUK, LOUISE G	854.84	RATNER, RONALD	1,059.68
LEE, HENRY G	5,097.92	READINGER, CHARLES J	447.50
LEE, LAWRENCE R	5,966.97	REED, JACKLYN D	439.44
LEE, WHITNEY; TRUSTEE	4,836.58	REED, JACOB S	691.56
LEEMAN, DAVID M	2,565.96	RIPLEY, RICHARD L	205.85
LIBBY, DONDRA L	1,269.98	RIPPY, NICHOLAS J.	1,381.88
LIBBY, HARLOW J JR	1,103.53	ROSS, BONNIE J	1,799.84
LIBBY, VIVIAN C	1,504.50	RUSSELL, ANNE A	1,896.95
LIBBY, VIVIAN C	5,466.66	RUSSELL, ANNE A	1,703.19
LUDWIG, DOUGLAS P	3,160.25	RUSSELL, DONNA L	353.52
LYNDAKER, LUKE A	2,079.53	SABINA, RENDON J	215.66
MALINOWSKI-WRIGHT, E LUCIA M	73.39	SANDNER, JEFFREY R	447.50
MALONEY, LYNN P	3,324.02	SCHUMACHER, JOHN M	2,166.35
MCCLURE, JULIA	202.27	SIDELINGER, DAVID L	623.81
MCGREGOR, ELIZABETH M	2,226.76	SIMONDS, CYNTHIA J	2,855.95
MCGREGOR, ELIZABETH M	2,263.45	SKENE, JR., ALEXANDER J.	3,320.45
MCPHETRES, TERRY J	2,268.38	SMITH, JAMES M	461.36
		SMITH, JAMES M	2,293.81
		SMITH, WENDI M	645.61
		SPEAR, MARISHA	1,043.57

Name	Amt. Due	Name	Amt. Due
SPEERS, GARY G	297.14	WEAVER, MATTHEW D	2,945.89
STEVENS, CASEY T.; TRUSTEE	1,584.15	WELCH, BENJAMIN M JR	3,724.10
STRAW, LEE R	2,894.24	WELCH, BENJAMIN M JR	4,014.97
TAYLOR, JAMES E	965.78	WELCH, BENJAMIN M JR	533.42
TAYLOR, RAYMOND G	2,143.98	WELCH, MICHAEL H	278.51
TOSCANO, KIMERLY J	1,145.04	WHELAN, MARIELLEN F	3,002.73
VAN ABSHOVEN, MICHELLE M	935.27	WILLIAMS, BARBARA H	1,633.37
VERNEY, DERIC N	223.75	WOOD, ERIC M	741.06
WEAVER, MATTHEW D	970.18	YOUNG, JONATHAN R	2,439.03
WEAVER, MATTHEW D	319.51	ZAHNER, DONNA K	1,745.25
WEAVER, MATTHEW D	486.88	ZAIDI, TASNEEM HAYAT	413.41
WEAVER, MATTHEW D	68.02	ZAUGG, VERENA	133.14

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes for Year 2019

Name	Amt. Due	Name	Amt. Due
BROOKS, JOHN E	1,929.37	LIBBY, VIVIAN C	1,690.86
CAMPBELL, JOSHUA R	1,032.00	LIBBY, VIVIAN C	5,758.27
COIT, MARGARET G	495.27	LUDWIG, DOUGLAS P	3,438.60
DOHERTY, CHRISTOPHER C	2,381.55	MCCLURE, JULIA	275.06
DWYER, GLENN J	3,001.54	MORSE, NAHUM	1,023.19
EDGECOMB, VICTOR A	409.74	MUNROE, WESTLEIGH	1,668.72
FORD, ROBIN L	1,896.82	NELSON, JOHN W	331.53
FORTIER, BERNICE M.; DEWISEES OF	3,532.08	NEWCASTLE VENTURES, LLC	11,912.77
FOWLER, DOUGLAS T	3,827.78	NICOLL, GORDON	879.98
FREEMAN, GEORGE M	6,356.15	POPP, STEPHEN J	4,335.52
FREEMAN, GEORGE M	676.78	RATNER, RONALD	1,158.96
GLASIER, SUSAN E	892.19	SANDNER, JEFFREY R	529.86
HINGSTON, SAMUEL R	1,448.98	SIDELINGER, DAVID L	775.84
HINGSTON, SAMUEL R	831.98	SPEAR, MARISHA	1,142.22
HOFFMAN, MARK R	5,383.46	STEVENS, CASEY T.; TRUSTEE	1,703.89
HOFFMAN, MARK R	1,166.40	WELCH, BENJAMIN M JR	567.03
JANE, THOMAS C	1,382.75		
LEE, LAWRENCE R	6,233.29		

Unpaid Personal Property Taxes

Tax Year 2019		Tax Year 2020	
Name	Amt. Due	Name	Amt. Due
COASTAL MAINE		COLBY AUTO CENTER	128.88
WOOD FLOORS	50.12	FAUX, GEORGE F	134.25
COLBY AUTO CENTER	128.88	MCFARLAND, ELLEN M	59.07
MIKE'S PLACE	19.02	MIKE'S PLACE	35.80
MJP FORESTRY	8.95	MJP FORESTRY	17.90
NEWCASTLE PRE-SCHOOL	16.11	NEWCASTLE POTTERY DESIGN	14.32
NEWCASTLE PUBLIC HOUSE	179.00	NEWCASTLE PRE-SCHOOL	16.11
SANDNER, JEFFREY &		NEWCASTLE PUBLIC HOUSE	179.00
BRENDA DBA	375.90	SANDNER, JEFFREY &	
SIMONDS ORIGINALS		BRENDA DBA	375.90
FIBER ART	21.48	SHADIS, PATRICIA	
STONE EDGE FARM	8.95	LAW OFFICE	35.80
STRAW, LEE R	41.17	SIMONDS ORIGINALS	
TAXMAN INC.	13.86	FIBER ART	21.48
TRUE NORTH SURVEYING		STONE EDGE FARM	8.95
SERVICES	48.33	STRAW, LEE R	32.22
ADP, DEALER SERVICES, INC.	12.53	TAXMAN INC.	23.27
COASTAL MAINE		TRUE NORTH SURVEYING	
WOOD FLOORS	50.12	SERVICES	48.33

**List of taxpayers and full commitment book is available on the
Town's website**

Town Clerk

2020 Births-Our Newest Residents – 12 recorded births Number and Location of Births

Damariscotta - 3; Brunswick - 4; Lewiston - 1; Augusta - 1; Portland - 3

2020 MARRIAGES – Our Newest Couples

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
*Reported in last year's Town Report: Toscano, Kimberly Joan/Mills, Jason John	01/11/2020
LaVerdiere, Susan Elaine/Nadeau, Peter Mark	08/01/2020
Verney, Paige Elizabeth/Woods, Nicholas Stephen	10/24/2020
Dupee, Megan Elizabeth/Keizer, Timothy Richard	10/17/2020
Fitzpatrick, Elaine Lillian/Morgan, Jacob Matthew	11/04/2020
Gregory, Timothy Martin/Lane, Hillary Justine	12/31/2020
Hilgendorf, Michael Elmer/Eckhoff, Irene Cornelia	01/09/2021
Sommo, Anna/Kleene, Evan Cole	03/05/2021
Kolln, Mae Desirase/Corson, Andrew Ames	05/08/2021

2020 DEATHS – Our Losses

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Andrews, Evan Goddard	33	Newcastle	1/15/2021
Booth, Anne Curtis	98	Newcastle	11/3/2020
Cameron, Philip J. Jr.	91	Newcastle	1/22/2021
Caron, Sara Lee	69	South Bristol	9/17/2020
Carver, Eleanore B.	95	Damariscotta	3/23/2021
Cobey, Katherine Edgar	82	Newcastle	12/5/2020
D'Angelo, Laurie Ann	69	Newcastle	9/23/2020
Duffy, Nancy Ellis	68	Newcastle	4/24/2021
Hartley, Nancy J.	91	Newcastle	11/25/2020
Huntley, Clayton V. Jr.	69	Rockport	4/5/2021
Jansson, Marjukka Leena	67	Boothbay Harbor	1/19/2021
Kiviniemi, Jan A.	76	Portland	6/3/2020
Miller, Kathlyn Jo.	75	Newcastle	8/3/2020
Morkeski, James F.	73	Newcastle	9/4/2020
O'Donnell, Eleanor Jean	90	Newcastle	12/27/2020

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Severance, Joanne A.	83	Damariscotta	1/12/2021
Smit, Jeremy Robert	42	Newcastle	4/11/2021
St. Cyr, Jennifer L.	40	Nobleboro	8/14/2020
Starr, Karen Louise	74	Damariscotta	1/8/2021
Tallberg, Lynne H.	64	Newcastle	9/28/2020
Thayer, Joseph Trevanion III	71	Togus USVA	7/7/2020
Traina, Hilda F.	99	Newcastle	9/3/2020
Trentin, Marcia Mercedes	90	Rockport	11/1/2020
Ward, Virginia	98	Newcastle	10/28/2020
Wong, Janet Fung	94	Newcastle	9/7/2020
Total			25

Land use (Building) Permits

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Date	Permit #	Applicant/Owner	Map/Lot	Location	Type/Reason for Permit	Fee
1						
2	1/6/2020	20-1 Jeffrey Burke	07A-049	77 Stonebridge Circle	Addition - Mudroom	\$150.00
3	2/26/2020	20-2 Richard Casey/Daxland	004-006	33 Sheepsfoot River Wy	New Single Family Home	\$833.00
4	3/5/2020	20-3 Rob & Amanda Blake	07A-010	12 Timber Lane	Demolition - Sunroom	\$50.00
5	3/12/2020	20-4 Wendy Nichols/G.Lee Prop	002-010-00B	65 Island Rd	Addition	\$83.00
6	3/18/2020	20-5 Rob & Andrea Blake	07A-010	12 Timber Lane	Addition	\$85.00
7	3/24/2020	20-6 Thomas Kostenbader	04-063-0B	58 Shattuck Mill Rd	Demolition - Old House	\$50.00
8	4/15/2020	20-7 Steven & Sylvania Ward	08-03A	231 N Dyer Neck Rd	Garage - Unattached	\$75.00
9	4/22/2020	20-8 Mark & Crystal Plummer	020-018	12 The King's Hwy	Back Deck, 400sq ft Hen House	\$105.00
10	4/29/2020	20-9 Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts	002-023-00A	19 Brick Hill Road	Accessory Building	\$153
11	5/12/2020	20-10 Wendy Strothman	003-075-00A	100 Bradley Shore Rd	Accessory Building	\$49
12	5/12/2020	20-11 Magrogen/Corscaden	004-079	61 Lewis Hill Road	Accessory Building	\$67.00
13	5/26/2020	20-12 Emilio Quintero	007-052F	231 Academy Hill Rd	Accessory Building	\$97.00
14	6/4/2020	20-13 Angus Fake	002-027	35 Cochran Rd	Accessory Building	\$155.00
15	6/21/2020	20-14 Robert & Carolyn Hatch	007-064	211 Academy Hill Rd	New Single Family Home	\$92.00
16	6/15/2020	20-15 Charles & Debra Colby	003-013	852 Route 1	Addition 24x24	\$110.00
17	6/25/2020	20-16 Bruce Benner	002-051	1 Campground Rd	Accessory Building	\$375.00
18	5/26/2020	20-17 B Porter & G Zeitler	005-021-001	Route 1, Next to 4 Hopkins Hill Rd	Sign	\$30.00
19	7/1/2020	20-18 Collin ("Arnie") Hall Jr.	008-074	530 N Newcastle Rd	Barn	\$414.00
20	7/1/2020	20-19 Margaret Sprout	003-008	116 Lynch Rd	Accessory Building	\$85.00
21	7/2/2020	20-20 Alison Maloney Brewer	004-028B	309 Sheepsfoot Rd	Accessory Building	\$40
22	7/27/2020	20-21 Lynne Petrillo	009-019-008	76 Milliken Island Rd	Accessory Building	\$103
23	7/27/2020	20-22 Jesse Ferreira	007-052K	29 Bayview Rd	12'x16' deck	\$44.00
24	7/28/2020	20-23 Terri Baker	017-009	36 Nob Hill Rd	Stairway	\$36.00
25	8/3/2020	20-24 Bill Mook	006-08C	270 S Dyer Neck Rd	Accessory Building, Boatshed	\$95.00
26	8/4/2020	20-25 Wendy Nichols/G.Lee Properties	002-010B	65 Island Rd	Front Porch/Roof	\$66.00
27	8/18/2020	20-26 David Merrill	004-73A	149 Indian Trl Rd	New Single Family Home & Deck	\$286.00
28	8/18/2020	20-27 Charles & Chelsea Bowers	008-064	625 N Newcastle Rd	New Single Family Home	\$634.00
29	8/25/2020	20-28 Jennifer Hayes	012-009-003	3 Hall St	Sign & DR Application	\$30.00
30	8/25/2020	20-29 Tenant/Revision Energy	019-001	65 The King's Hwy	Solar Array Ground Installation	\$79.00
31	8/17/2020	20-30 George Faux for Maia Hart	005-067	Giddens St	Deck, Ramp & Float	\$95.00
32	9/2/2020	20-31 Lowes/Towie	004-081C	112 Lewis Hill Rd	Stairs/Landing	\$30.00
33	9/3/2020	20-32 Wendy Nichols	002-010B	65 Island Rd	Deck	\$70.00

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
34	9/9/2020	20-33	Richard Simon	013-022-2	Stewart St	New Single Family Home	\$176.00
35	9/14/2020	20-34	Glen Kessler	007-048	25 Mills Rd	Addition (12'x18') to Garage	\$82.00
36	9/11/2020	20-35	Deric Verney	004-045	127 W Old County Rd	New Single Family Home	\$493.00
37	9/15/2020	20-36	Perez/Wajler	006-012-G	Lucky Lane	New Single Family Home	\$371.00
38	10/5/2020	20-37	James & Linda Mercer	004-047-00C	98 W Old County Rd	Demo of Old Barn/New Barn 30'x24'	\$169.00
39	10/6/2020	20-38	B Bradford & E Hampton	013-031	5 Mills Rd	Decking 4'x12', 16'x13', 8'x6'6"	\$53.00
40	10/6/2020	20-39	Norman C Hunt	09-40A	Hunt Acres	New Single Family Home/Porch & Patio	\$363
41	10/26/2020	20-40	Randy Butterfield	009-046-004	20 Deer Meadow Rd	Addition Screened Porch 240 sq ft	\$49
42	11/24/2020	20-41	Bruce Benner	002-051	1 Camground Rd	Storage Bldg w/2 Apartments	\$185.00
43	11/24/2020	20-42	Steve Williams/Preservation Timber	007-033	35 Pond Rd	Demolition - Existing Bldg	\$169.00
44	12/15/2020	20-43	Kris G Waalen	004-026-00A	332 Sheepscoot Rd	New Single Family Home	\$326.00

2020 Plumbing Permits

2020 Permits	Permit	Customer/Property Owner	Type	Location		Street Address
			S(Septic)	Map	Lot	
			I(Interior)			
			T(Tank)			
	2020					
1/2/2020	20-01	Patti Montana	I	13	32	9 Mills Rd
1/10/2020	20-02	Bruce Bradford	I	13	31	15 Mills Rd
*12/16/2019	19-41	Melissa Gerbert *Processed 1/15/19	S(Septic)	8	60	Jones Woods (portion)
1/27/2020	20-03	George Santa Cruz	I	6	7	223 S Dyer Neck Rd
1/28/2020	20-04	Kerry Cushing	S(Septic)	7	52J	26 Bay View Rd
2/4/2020	20-05	Doug Beardsworth	I	12	42	24 Barroll Point Rd
3/9/2020	20-06	44 Degrees North LLC	S(Septic)	11	12	Snead Spur
3/10/2020	20-07	Steve Harvey	I	12	22	48 Main St
3/12/2020	20-08	Wendy Nichols	I	2	10B	65 Island Rd
3/17/2020	20-09	Pamela Farnsworth	I	18	51B	240 Jones Woods Rd
3/25/2020	20-10	Eugene Vogt	I	4	58A	275 Sheepscot Rd
4/13/2020	20-11	Alex Landau	S(Septic)	8	18-10	High Ground Lot 10
5/15/2020	20-12	Steve Langdon	I	5	49	127 Academy Hill Rd
6/5/2020	20-13	Justin Wood	S(Septic)	2	63	269 Lynch Rd
6/9/2020	20-14	Emilio Quintero	I	7	52F	231 Academy Hill Rd
6/22/2020	20-15	John Tyler Pope	S(Septic)	7	31	70 Pond Rd
6/12/2020	20-16	Thomas Angus Fake	S(Septic)	2	27	Cochran Rd
6/11/2020	20-17	Tom & Terry Fairhurst	S(Septic)	8	38	227 Ridge Rd
6/30/2020	20-18	Paul Garber	I	1	7	River Rd
7/21/2020	20-19	Thomas Seigars	I	6	41F	428 N Newcastle Rd
7/13/2020	20-20	Timothy Keizer	S(Septic)	7	62	203 Academy Hill Rd
7/11/2020	20-21	Greg Gerbi	I	5	27	23 Hillcrest Rd
9/8/2020	20-22	Paul Sidelinger	S(Septic)	12	9-002	7 Hall St / Suite 16
9/1/2020	20-23	Wayne Farrin	I	12	9-003	3 Hall St
9/1/2020	20-24	Bruce Benner	I	2	51	1 Campground Rd
9/10/2020	20-25	Richard Simon	S(Septic)	13	22-2	Stewart Street
9/10/2020	20-26	Richard Simon	I	13	22-2	Stewart Street
10/1/2020	20-27	Brooke Perez/Ethan Wajer	I	6	12G	Lucky Lane
9/15/2020	20-28	Brooke Perez/Ethan Wajer	S(Septic)	6	12G	Lucky Lane
10/1/2020	20-29	Alex Landau	I	8	18-10	High Ground Lot 10
10/8/2020	20-30	Norman C Hunt	S(Septic)	9	40A	30 Hunt Acres
10/15/2020	20-31	O.W. Holmes (Mobius)	S(Septic)	7A	27	55 Timber Lane
10/29/2020	20-32	Joseph Delano	S(Septic)	18	3	31 Stafford Circle (Repla
10/29/2020	20-33	Ron Welter	I	5	L11-1	146 River Rd
11/15/2020	20-34	Karl Daxland	I	4	6	33A Sheepscot Way
11/10/2020	20-35	Jim & Brenda Donovan	S(Septic)	3	65-1	17 Old Field (Replacem
11/24/2020	20-36	Bruce Benner	S(Septic)	2	51	1 Camp Road
12/3/2020	20-37	Timothy Keizer	S(Septic)	7	62	203 Academy Hill Rd
12/8/2020	20-38	Steve Gaskin	S(Septic)	6	12	52 N Newcastle Rd
12/22/2020	20-39	John & Linda Mills	I	3	6-H	95 Castlewood Rd

Planning Board

The past year has been an interesting time for the Planning Board for several reasons. The first, and somehow less impactful to the Board and its operations, was the COVID-19 global pandemic which moved our meetings from in-person to the online video conferencing system 'Zoom'. Additionally, due to the town and much of the country being effectively shut down or operating under reduced conditions, the Planning Board did not need to meet to review any applications from July through most of December of 2020.

The second reason, and certainly the most impactful, is the town's adoption of the Core Zoning Code. The transition from the old Land Use Ordinance to the new Code, which took effect on January 1, 2021, has been relatively smooth. It has, however, highlighted issues with some of our other town ordinances, particularly the Shoreland Ordinance, which will need to be addressed and brought up to date and into compliance with current state standards. In a strange confluence of events, the Planning Board reviewed two separate applications for cellular towers since January, not having reviewed one for many years, and in so doing discovered the need to modernize and update that ordinance as well.

Lastly, the Planning Board has had changes in membership. With our heartfelt thanks for their years of dedication and service to the town, Bonnie Stone, David Bailey, and Jim Brinkler decided to retire from the Board this past year. Their collective knowledge and experience on the Planning Board will be missed. The Board has added two new members, Ben Frey, and Kevin Houghton, and welcomed back Lee Emmons for another term, having served previously. Our remaining members Nick Buck, Peter McNaughton, and David Hewitt bring the experience of their many years of service and perspective through the transition from our old ordinance to learning about and working with the new one.

Respectfully submitted,
BEN FREY
Planning Board Chair

Design Review Committee

Permit No.	Applicant	Location	Project Description	Date Reviewed	Approved/ Declined	Referred to Attorney
20-1	Susan Korthals	35 N Newcastle Rd 006-011-001	Outbuilding 10' x12'	6/4/2020	Approved w/ Roofing Option	n/a
20-2	Richard Simon	Stewart Street 013-022-002	New Home Construction	8/6/2020	Approved 9/3/2020	n/a
20-3	Steve & Nancy Williams	35 Pond Road 007-033	Ell Remodel & Addition (Kavanagh House)	8/6/2020	Approved w/Conditions	n/a
20-4	Revision Energy - Paul Tenan	65 The King's Hwy 019-001	Installation of Solar Array	8/6/2020	Approved 8/6/2020	n/a
20-5	Jennifer Hayes - Coastal Nutrition & Energy	3 Hall Street 012-009-003	Sign for Business Location	9/3/2020	Approved 9/3/2020	n/a
20-06	Barbara Warner	3 Pond Road 015-006	Railing for Deck	9/3/2020	Tabled	n/a
20-07	Steve & Nancy Williams	35 Pond Road 007-033	Outbuilding Site Plan Changes	11/5/2020	Tabled	n/a

On January 1, 2021, the Town enacted a new Core Zoning Code that replaces the Newcastle Land Use Ordinance for which the Design Review Ordinance was a part of. The Design Review Committee no longer exists due to this change.

Respectfully Submitted,
TOR GLENDINNING - Chair

Veterans Memorial Park Committee

The Veterans Memorial Park has had a lot of use in 2020-2021. People have gathered there for peaceful protests and for celebrations. Tapestry Singers sang holiday songs while masked and holding flashlights. Hopefully before too long it will again be a fine spot to watch parades.

The Chamber of Commerce set up a huge Christmas tree again for 2020 and decorated it beautifully. It becomes a focal point for the holidays.

The crocus, daffodils and tulips bloom reliably every spring thanks to Renys Department Store donations. In late May the volunteers plant the annuals and mulch all the gardens. Allan Ray, as a volunteer, mows the lawn every week and sometimes more often. Allan has done this since the Park was created 28 plus years ago.

We are fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer crew made up of neighbors and other locals. We welcome anyone who would like to help out from time to time. If you leave your name and contact information at the Newcastle Town Office we would be delighted.

Thank you to The Old Bristol Garden Club for past grants, to taxpayers for their support and to the cheerful volunteers. All make it possible to honor our service men and women with the Veterans Memorial Park beauty.

BETSY EVANS
ELLEN MCFARLAND
ALLAN RAY

K-12 Education Report

Craig Jurgensen, Superintendent of Schools, AOS 93

In January and February – and well into March 2020, students and teachers at all AOS 93 schools were engaged in rich and varied learning activities. At Bristol Consolidated School students were enjoying “Winter Kids Winter Olympics” and at Jefferson Village School “Winter Palooza” was celebrated. Nobleboro Central School and Great Salt Bay Community School students were at Coastal Rivers Education Center and students from South Bristol School were continuing their weekly boat building course at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath. Eighth grade students across the district were planning visits to secondary schools and preparing their high school course selections. Students and teachers in all schools district were completing mid-year NWEA reading and math assessments. The CLCSS Administrative Team worked together in a day-long workshop “Using Data to Inform Instruction and Improve Student Achievement”; all staff were reviewing digital security and safety protocols as follow up to trainings provided in November by AOS 93 technology director. It was a great start to the second half of another school year in mid-coast Maine. Then, on March 19, we closed the doors of all five schools, sent teachers and students home, and implemented the first phase of our remote learning plan in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

This unprecedented change to all aspects of school operations was challenging. We began a review of the essential components of our public school educational system: Physical Health and Safety (facilities and transportation);-Social, Emotional, Behavioral, and Mental Health, Academic Programs and Student Learning, and the Foundations for Remote Instruction and Learning. From our review and using a decision making tool provided by the CDC we started planning for the reopening of our schools, anticipating that we would be back to our normal routines and schedules before the end of spring, certainly before the end of the school year. Unfortunately, this did not happen. Instead we continued our contingency planning

looking at three broad options for September 2020: a return to “normal” school; a hybrid model of “normal” school and remote learning, and a continued but more rigorous and well-planned remote/distance learning for all students. We continued to plan for the future educational opportunities provided to our students and the operations of our schools.

Budgets and funding were significant concerns but all of our member towns provided the support our schools needed to plan for and provide for student and staff needs. Staff layoffs and/or furloughs were discussed as we addressed adjustments and accommodations to instructional and class size recommendations. Paradoxically, however, smaller class sizes pointed to the need for more staff due to the need for increased attention social distancing, containing students in instructional pods and the essential needs related to medical considerations and facilities cleaning. Additional custodial hours were added in all schools and every school extended nursing coverage. The support of our Lincoln Health nurses and their supervisors has been a critical component in our understanding of how to address and respond to specific issues and concerns regarding appropriate personal protective equipment, symptom monitoring, contact tracing, and quarantining, as well as interpreting, understanding and effectively using local and regional data about the pandemic.

Each of our schools – Jefferson Village, Nobleboro Central, Great Salt Bay Community, Bristol Consolidated, and South Bristol – worked with its Coordinated Planning Team to discuss the implementation of enforcement of standard operating procedures and educational supports to meet the needs of their community of learners as they returned to school in the fall. Each CPT adhered to the basic charge of creating a back-to-school plan but they tailored their planning to fit the needs of their students, staff, and school facilities. The work was intense, sometimes controversial, and often done without clear direction from state and national experts. We learned quickly about the importance of making decisions but also the essential awareness that the decisions we made were not always permanent and that all decisions needed flexibility to respond effectively and quickly to new situations.

All schools opened in September with most, if not all, instruction being in person and five days per week. A remote online option was made available to families whose personal circumstances prevented their students from returning to in-person instruction. Throughout the spring and fall, AOS teachers and staff continued their professional development engagement using Zoom or completing online classes. Professional learning communities, committees, and grade level teams continued to meet regularly. The district's Administrative Leadership Team met weekly for status updates related to the pandemic but more importantly to address topics concerned with special education, instruction, assessment and finance. All staff upheld the highest professional standards and commitment to all aspects of their work and commitment to our students, families, and one another.

School budgets provide the backdrop for telling the story of every school. How a school appropriates and uses its available funding translates to and defines what is important to the administration, teachers, support staff and the community because it represents what these groups want and need to provide for their students. Budget preparation is a complicated process. From one budget year to another, school administrators work with local officials and community members to ensure that each school budget is adequate, equitable, and predictable and that it is developed with input from all stakeholders in a clear and transparent process.

The AOS 93 School Board which includes a representative from each member town (Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Jefferson, Newcastle, Nobleboro, and South Bristol) initiated a revision of the interlocal agreement that defines the operational structures and relationship of the seven towns that form the Central Lincoln County School System. At the AOS 93 Central Office in Damariscotta there were several staffing changes:

Michelle Miller was hired in January as the new Food Services Director. Michelle had previously worked at Jefferson Village School as the Cafeteria Manager.

Kelly Stokes was hired in as the Director of Special Services. Kelly previously worked for MSAD #6 in Buxton, Maine.

Lynsey Johnston was hired as the Assistant Superintendent, Business Manager for AOS 93. Lynsey had previously worked as the Jefferson Village School Principal. Lynsey was replaced at JVS by Lauren Arnold.

Our work together in the schools and communities is complex, challenging, and unquestionably essential and rewarding. Together we make a positive difference in the lives of our students, their families, and the communities in which we live and work. We are increasingly coming together as a learning community to engage in expanding our shared commitment for improving the education we provide to our children. The pandemic did not distract us from our mission. I encourage you to visit the AOS 93 website (www.aos93.org) for current news and information about our students and school activities, as well as school policies, School Committee meeting agendas and minutes. This website will also provide you with links to individual school websites and to useful information from numerous resources.

Maine law recognizes the critical role schools have in the lives of our children: “Compulsory education is essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people and the continued prosperity of our society and our nation. Maintaining regular student attendance is necessary to achieve the goal of an educated citizenry.” The vibrancy of our local communities and their support for our CLCSS schools is essential for the attainment of student aspirations and success.

Respectfully Submitted by,
CRAIG JURGENSEN
Superintendent of Schools

Great Salt Bay Community School

Great Salt Bay Community School is a vibrant K - 8 learning community committed to providing its students with a rigorous and engaging 21st century education. Our dedicated team of educators and staff are guided by the mission of the school, which is to provide a nurturing, safe, and enjoyable environment in which all children are challenged and inspired to pursue excellence in all aspects of their education, research-based educational best practices, and the Maine learning standards.

In the 2019/20 school year, the enrollment was 433 students, which included twenty-six tuition, fifteen open enrollment, and three superintendents' agreement students. The school-wide goals focused on maintaining and improving school climate and developing a framework for social and emotional learning (SEL).

Between September 2019 and early March 2020, students had the opportunity to benefit from the traditional Great Salt Bay School educational experience. In addition to learning in their classroom, our students participated in experiential and interdisciplinary learning with our community collaborators, which include Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust, Farms Kitchen, Hidden Valley Nature Center, Kieve, Miles of Friends, Skidompha Library, the Twin Villages Food Bank and the CLC YMCA. At the end of the school day, our middle school students participated in numerous co-curricular and extracurricular programs, such as jazz band, math team, 8th grade girls' group, soccer, cross country, field hockey, golf, basketball and cheerleading. In the evenings, the school building was used for Adult Education, community events, PTO and Board Meetings, and musical concerts.

Friday, March 13th, was the last in-person school day for students and staff. Over the weeks following that date, the school transitioned to full remote instruction. Learning packets and computers (72 iPads for grades K-2, 132 Chromebooks for grades 3-6, and 125 MacBooks for grades 7-8) were distributed. In collaboration with Healthy Lincoln County, meals were passed out or delivered to

families. Teachers and educational technicians worked with students via Zoom sessions, Google Classroom, and SeeSaw. The parents and other family members of our students became co-teachers and transformed family rooms, kitchens and bedrooms into mini-classrooms. Recognizing the importance of traditions, especially during times of disruption, the school held virtual “Spirit Weeks,” “Bike Rodeos,” “Field Days,” and “End of Year Variety Show.” The culminating event of the 2019/20 school year was the multi-day “socially distanced” graduation program for the sixty-six students of the Class of 2020.

During the summer of 2020, the school staff, especially the Collaborative Planning Team, focused on developing a plan that ensured compliance with the Maine DOE’s six requirements for the reopening of schools. With the approval of this plan by our School Board and the tireless efforts of the staff, our students were able to return to school on September 8th. The enrollment for the 2020/21 school year was 385 students, which included seventy-five virtual academy, thirteen tuition, nineteen open enrollment, and three superintendents’ agreement students. During the month of September, the students transitioned from a two-day to a four-day in-person hybrid model. By January 4th, instruction was increased to five days for all students.

To assist schools with unanticipated costs associated with COVID-19, Great Salt Bay School received free PPE from the state and hundreds of thousands of dollars in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF) and Covid Relief Funds (CRF). These funds have been used to cover the cost of additional staff members, educational resources, supplies, technology, van, and facilities upgrades to improve ventilation and hands-free plumbing.

Even with all the changes that have been necessary due to safety and health requirements, the essence of the Great Salt Bay education has remained the same. Our students are receiving a high quality education.

On behalf of the Great Salt Bay staff, I would like to extend our deepest appreciation of the community’s continued support of our K - 8 learners. To learn more about your school, please visit our website at greatsaltbayschool.org

School Enrollment

	Pre-K	Kdgn.	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	TOTAL ELEM.
Bristol	19	26	15	15	20	22	18	15	19	21	190
Open Enrollment		3	2						1		6
Bristol Total	19	29	17	15	20	22	18	15	20	21	196
Bremen		8	5	6	7	4	5	6	11	8	60
Damariscotta		14	16	18	15	17	18	21	16	17	152
Newcastle		11	11	12	10	9	18	16	21	22	130
Open Enrollment		1		1		2	5	1	4	6	20
Superintendent's Agree			1						1	1	3
Public Tuition			2	1		1	3	2	2	4	15
GSB, CSD Total		34	35	38	33	34	48	46	54	58	380
Jefferson		23	22	22	19	23	20	27	23	23	202
Open Enrollment										1	1
Superintendent's Agree		1		1	1	1			1		5
Jefferson Total		24	22	23	20	24	20	27	24	24	208
Nobleboro		14	12	11	11	13	12	14	14	15	116
Open Enrollment		1		1	1	1		3		1	8
CAL (from out of NCS)										1	
Public Tuition											
Superintendent's Agree										1	
Nobleboro Total		15	12	12	12	14	12	17	14	18	126
South Bristol	4	2	4	3	6	6	4	6	9	5	49
Superintendent's Agree					1				1		2
Open Enrollment	1	1		1	1	1	3	1	4		13
So. Bristol Total	5	3	4	4	8	7	7	7	14	5	64
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	24		90	92	93	101	105	112	126	126	869

SECONDARY ENROLLMENT and home school

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	TOTAL SEC.
Bremen	8	7	8	12	35
Bristol	18	31	22	18	89
Damariscotta	27	24	21	18	90
Jefferson	27	24	23	24	98
Newcastle	29	29	20	16	94
Nobleboro	15	21	20	16	72
South Bristol	8	7	12	3	30
TOTAL SECONDARY	132	143	126	107	508

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Lincoln Academy

To the Residents of Newcastle:

Greetings from Lincoln Academy, where, like schools around Maine and the world, we have had a most unusual year. I am currently in my second year as Head of School, and what a tenure it has been! Despite the many challenges of 2020 and 2021, I am happy to report that we continue to deliver a top-notch education to our 534 students from 25 towns in Maine and nine countries around the world.

Last March in accordance with recommendations by the Maine Department of Education, we closed campus and moved to remote learning. Using Canvas, our Learning Management System, and a new schedule, we completed the 2019-20 school year with incredible innovation, quick learning by our faculty and staff, and hard work under imperfect conditions by our students. Starting the week we closed in March, the LA dining services team prepared and delivered food to any LA family that requested it. In June we graduated the Class of 2020 in a series of mini commencement ceremonies on Clark Field in a celebration we'll never forget.

We spent the summer improving campus safety and remote teaching methods, and opened in September with a hybrid learning schedule that keeps us on campus with students at half capacity, completing academic work through a combination of in-person and remote classes and assignments. We completed a full academic trimester and a shortened, masked, and spectatorless fall sports season before moving to four weeks of remote learning around the holidays. This pause in daily campus traffic allowed time to install an upgraded ventilation system throughout the main building to further improve our campus safety. I am happy to report that in January of 2021 we are back on campus for hybrid learning and a modified winter sports season.

In the last year we have learned that our strength as a community comes from our willingness to support one another, our belief that together we can confront even the most complex challenges, and

that humility in the face of difficult times provides reassurance and comfort to all of our constituents.

There have been changes to our campus footprint this year. We consolidated the Alternative Education and IDEAL programs and Special Education offices into Hall House. We balanced this move by consolidating the boarding program into a single building, Kiah Bayley Hall. It has been wonderful to have all of our students on our central campus, and even in our hybrid schedule we have seen the benefits.

Other bright spots this year include the professional development and collaboration faculty undertook to improve their teaching. Necessity compelled innovation: music teachers taught outside under two “learning tents” well into the fall, and our theater program experimented with recorded and live streamed performances. Teachers retooled lab experiments and art projects for completion at home, and the math department is helping students work remotely together in small peer groups. This winter students are partnering with Bigelow scientists to build a device in the Applied Technology and Engineering Center (ATEC) that will allow them to count and identify organisms in the Damariscotta River.

As we approach our 220th anniversary as an independent, comprehensive town academy serving students from the midcoast region, we appreciate the support of all of our sending towns. We look forward to a full return to campus in the fall of 2021. We feel confident in a bright future for Lincoln Academy, and we cannot do it without your support.

Sincerely,
JEFFREY S. BURROUGHS,
Head of School

Adult and Community Education

Despite the onset of a world-wide pandemic and periodic closures of our program for safety reasons, your CLC Adult & Community Education nonetheless managed to provide services to nearly 700 people in 2020. It was a year like no other and we are still trying to adapt to the change in delivery systems and to the recruitment of enrichment instructors who are comfortable with technology and delivering content remotely. As you might imagine, we took a huge financial hit due to the pandemic and the forced closures we experienced. Our enrichment program, which funds the bulk of our academic programs along with the AOS 93 town contributions, was hit drastically. We typically bring in \$12,000-\$15,000 in enrichment fees each fall but this past fall that number was reduced to \$4,000! We hope to secure enough donations to cover the significant revenue loss we experienced due to the pandemic but that remains to be seen. One significant cost cutting measure we have taken is to no longer print and distribute two thirty page brochures each year. Beginning January 2021 we will send only postcards to all area residents directing them to our website where they can access the brochure on our web page. All of our academic programs are FREE to Maine residents and we hope we will be able to keep the lights on and the learning going despite the loss in revenue.

Between 2018–2020 we served 35 learners in our high school equivalency program. Due to the pandemic, we had only one student able to complete his studies this past June and obtain his high school equivalency diploma. However, that one graduate's accomplishment was noteworthy in that he became the first person in his family to ever earn a high school diploma! The celebration of our graduate's achievement was joyful beyond all imagining! Anyone who is sixteen years or older, out of school and without a diploma, should contact us to explore options and develop a plan to acquire a high school equivalency diploma. Our dedicated staff is ready and eager to provide instructional support and ongoing encouragement to help each learner reach his or her goals.

Throughout 2018-2020, 46 learners accessed our college transition courses and services. Many of these are now enrolled in college or in a workforce training program of some kind. Anyone seeking support in navigating the college transition process, meeting the academic placement requirements for college acceptance, determining college and/or career goals, or understanding and completing college related paperwork/forms should contact us. Our college transition coordinator and instructional staff are ready to help with all of the above.

More than 600 community members accessed one or more of our low cost, high impact community enrichment offerings between 2018-2020. Our partnership with the other adult education programs in Sagadahoc, Knox, and Waldo counties along with our partnerships with LincolnHealth, the YMCA, the National Digital Equity Center, the American Academy of Medical Professions, and the Learning Resources Network allows us to provide offerings that we typically would not be able to provide. Fortunately, most of the offerings through these partnerships can be accessed remotely. We will likely be relying more and more on remote classes even when the pandemic is no longer an issue. However, once the health landscape looks brighter, we hope to see a return to in-person learning and some of our long standing enrichment favorites such as ballroom dancing, bird identification, juggling, and jewelry making. Fingers crossed that we get to have a nice balance of in-person and on-line offerings in the future!

Despite all that has happened this past year, the desire to learn and grow is alive and well in Lincoln County and in all the counties across Maine. Your CLC Adult & Community Education program is proud to be helping people make their dreams come true! For more information about any of our programs and services, please visit our website at: <http://clc.maineadulted.org>

Respectfully submitted,
PAMELA J. SPERRY
CLC Adult &
Community Education Director

Skidompha Library

The events of the past year have brought seismic changes to our community and to the Skidompha Library. In response, the Library has effectively pivoted in response to the pandemic and modified its service model to continue to provide needed services and resources to the community. Principally we have strived to continue library services where safe and reasonable, and create a robust and varied selection of online and virtual programming. Newcastle's contribution remains critical to maintaining the level of services we provide.

It has been Skidompha's philosophy during the Pandemic to proceed with a cautious response; to be proactive and alter our practices to help prevent widespread community spread rather than be reactive to such a situation. We believe this philosophy best supports schools remaining open and reduces the viral risk and caseload in our community.

Over 2019 and 2020, we provided library resources to our community via our traditional service model. When the pandemic arrived, we then successfully pivoted to curbside delivery. We circulated over 51,000 items and fulfilled more than 3,400 interlibrary loans. We delivered books to congregate care facilities and to house-bound individuals. We stayed connected to children and young adults by offering free programming, virtual story time, and free take-and-make craft kits. We offered reader services to our patrons and access to our downloadable ebook collections. We provided a diverse mix of adult online programming opportunities to enrich, educate, entertain, and heal during this difficult time. And of course we continued to offer the critical clerical services of WiFi, printing, faxing, scanning, and copying to our patrons as well.

During the Pandemic, I have found Skidompha to be an even more critical resource for our community. Patrons describe in detail the importance of access to books and other media. Many share how the weekly personal contact involved in visiting the Library is central to their happiness. Others have told us that having access to free online groups to discuss books, poetry, and meditation have

helped them to stay connected to their neighbors when they would have otherwise been isolated. This has been a difficult time for all but I am intensely proud of our library staff and how they have stepped up and responded to these difficult circumstances and to the needs of our community.

Among our many achievements in 2019/2020 the Library has:

- Adapted its service plan to provide safe library service during the pandemic.
- Continued to provide exceptional adult programming opportunities despite the hardships presented by the pandemic. In 2020 we have adapted and shifted from our traditional in-person programming to offer online virtual programs such as:
 - o Twice-weekly mindfulness meditation instruction
 - o Weekly poetry club
 - o A monthly book club for adults
 - o A digital photography summer workshop
 - o Stand-alone creative writing workshops
 - o A career skill building workshop
- Continued to offer genealogical consultations, access to The Lincoln County News Digital Archive, and free access to ancestry.com
- Continued to provide the Hoopla digital resource circulation service, offering online digital books and music to our patrons. March through June of 2020 saw a 62% increase in overall Hoopla circulation as compared to the prior four months, and an almost 200% increase in Hoopla ebook circulation.

Skidompha's Children's and Young Adult Librarians continues to play a vital role in providing services to our community's youth.

- o Our Children's Librarian transformed her usual in-person story time to a virtual environment and read 100s of picture books to children.
- o She also worked with local school librarians and teachers to get library cards to students for access to our entire print and digital collection
- o Our Young Adult Librarian aggressively pursued continuing education opportunities, and received certification in bibliotherapy and recovery coaching basics.

- o She also offered access on the Young Adult Facebook Group to information on trusted resources for distance learning, mental health resources, local opportunities for youth, crafts, and a monthly list of new YA books added to our collection.

Like many other institutions, Skidompha has been profoundly affected by the Pandemic. Undaunted, we have adapted our response to this new reality, made significant changes so that we might continue to serve our community during this difficult time, and support literacy, promote education, and keep our services accessible to our Lincoln County community. We could not achieve all of these things without your support. We are grateful as we maintain these essential and unique community programs and offerings.

With thanks,
MATTHEW GRAFF,
Executive Director

Newcastle Fire Company Taniscot Engine Company

The Newcastle Fire Company is ready to respond to your emergencies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The last year has provided all of us many challenges. From a pandemic and the illness and death of our Fire Chief Clayton Huntley, Jr. We have always been here for you because you have always been there for us. Without your trust and support we would not be able to provide the high level of service that we do day in and day out, and for that we are thankful.

We responded to a total of 161 calls in 2020. (20) Structure Fires, (30) Alarms, (35) Utility, (10) Woods/Brush Fires, (22) Motor Vehicle Accidents, (1) Car Fire, (3) Rescues and (40) Service/Other.

Training is one of the most important functions at the fire station. Due to the pandemic our training was limited and held at the fire station when we could do so safely. We were not able to attend training sessions with neighboring towns or out of the county. We are looking forward to being able to do joint training with our mutual aid fire companies again this year. The Fire Company meets on Tuesdays at 7pm, the regular training schedule is two Tuesday evenings a month, the first Tuesday is our business meeting and the last Tuesday is our maintenance night.

The motorized equipment in the fire stations is in good serviceable order and is constantly being assessed by the Fire Company, Mechanics, and Pump Service Mechanics for reliability and service life. Fortunately, none of our equipment has required any major service in 2020. We take great pride in the maintenance and care of our equipment to ensure the longest service possible. Our next capital purchase will be the replacement of Engine 8, a 1974 Ford Pumper.

The Fire Company still has 9-1-1 address signs available to our residents upon request. These signs are blue reflective backing with white reflective numbers. They can be one or two sided and mounted

on a post or building. There is a charge of \$10.00 for each sign to recuperate the cost. Placing these signs on your house or business greatly helps the Fire, Police, and Ambulance responders locate the address in need of assistance. If you would like one, please call the fire station at 563-3888.

The fundraising efforts of the Newcastle Fire Company Inc. are always on going. Our most recent fundraising goal for the year 2020 was for monies to pay for safety equipment for our Rescue Task Force members that are trained to respond to violent traumatic incidents to help victims while supporting EMS and Law Enforcement. Our goal was reached, and the equipment will soon be ordered, we still need to complete some required training that was held back by the pandemic before we order the safety equipment. Our current fundraising project is to raise enough funds to replace one of our utility vehicles, a 1993 International that is used for water rescue calls and firefighter rehab. We purchased this vehicle used about 15 years ago and have made good use of it. Your donations are greatly appreciated and really help reduce our fund requests through taxes. Donations can be made to Newcastle Fire Company P.O. Box 270 Newcastle, ME 04553.

Lastly, I would like to reflect on the loss of our Fire Chief Clayton Huntley, Jr. We miss him, we miss his love and care for us and this town, we miss his vast knowledge and experience having served this Fire Company for 50 years, and we are so thankful for everything he did for us. He left us in good order, well equipped, and in a strong position. In recognition of his 50 years of service we are proud that the fire station on River Rd will forever be named the Clayton V. Huntley Jr. Station.

Very Respectfully,
CASEY STEVENS,
Interim Fire Chief



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Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

Greetings,

This past year has certainly been full of challenges related to the current pandemic and various social justice issues. As we put 2020 behind us, it is a good time to look back and think about what we have done right and where we could improve. For those of us in the law enforcement world, it has been a world of challenges and a good time to talk about how we are addressing some of these issues head on. For the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, it is about giving people the skills they need to be successful. A Sheriff's office is charged with protecting all members of the public. As more and more law enforcement has come under scrutiny, we have chosen to add new hires and increase training.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, much of our training was primarily conducted online. Our office choose to add 14 additional classes to our already robust training program. We added training on implicit human bias, de-escalation tactics and crisis management, power authority and discretion, how to respond to people with disabilities and awareness of transgender issues.

2020 also provided some opportunities with the addition of four new deputies to our office. These new employees bring new opportunities for new perspectives and replace employees who have retired or sought other career options during the past year. It is these new perspectives that are more important now than ever before.

Much of the past year has been spent reflecting on ways we can provide law enforcement services and to consider ways to improve these services thru clearer communication and transparency.

In 2021, we have plans to begin this process of improving our communication and transparency. Please take the time to view our website www.lincolnso.me to view updated information on our agency and the work we are doing each day. We are all looking

forward to the New Year, to continuing our work with you and to keep building your trust - so remember, if you need us we will be there.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Sheriff. Please reach out to me at any time if I can be of assistance to you.

Respectfully Submitted,
TODD B . BRACKETT, Sheriff

Great Salt Bay Sanitary District

Great Salt Bay Sanitary District (GSBSD) is a publicly owned, quasi-municipal utility organized to provide safe drinking water in Damariscotta and Newcastle, and to provide wastewater treatment services in the Towns of Damariscotta, Newcastle, and Nobleboro. The District currently has 1428 water customers and 713 wastewater users. Scott Abbotoni is the Water Division Manager and LeeAnna Libby is the Wastewater Division Manager.

Our mission is to provide safe drinking water, adequate fire protection and effective wastewater treatment. The District is committed to public health, customer service and environmental protection.

The Drinking Water Division's water supply is "Little Pond" a pristine 77-acre spring fed pond with an ultraviolet light water treatment system as a primary disinfectant and Sodium Hypochlorite as a secondary disinfectant.

The Welton Tank on Standpipe Road in Damariscotta and the Academy Hill Tank in Newcastle feed the Twin Villages water for fire suppression and quality drinking water.

In 2017 the Water Division replaced 1600 feet of 120-year-old cast iron pipe with new 8-inch H.D.P.E. pipe from Main Street to Lewis Point Road. This will help with water quality and increased fire flows throughout the water system.

The Wastewater Division's treatment facility for Damariscotta and Newcastle consist of three aerated lagoons with a capacity of eight million gallons.

In 2012 the lagoons were cleaned; aeration system was upgraded and the lagoon liners were inspected.

In 2016 an upgrade to the Plant's office, electrical and blower system was finished. In 2018 an equipment storage garage was erected at the Main plant..

The Damariscotta Mills area of Newcastle and Nobleboro has a small sand filter fed by septic tanks which are maintained by the District.

The Great Salt Bay Sanitary District's operations are carried out by five full-time employees and are overseen by an elected six-member Board of Trustees. Representing Damariscotta are William Brewer, John Gallagher, and Lewis Cameron. Newcastle Trustees are Alan Ray and Clayton Huntley and representing Nobleboro is Robert Whear. The Trustees meet the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. at the District office located at 121 Piper Mill Road in Damariscotta. The public is encouraged to attend.

Office hours are; Monday – Friday 7:00am -3:00pm, for more information, please contact our Water Division at 563-3010 or our Wastewater Division at 563-5105.

Respectfully submitted,
SCOTT L ABBOTONI,
Water Division Manager
LEEANNA LIBBY,
Wastewater Division Manager

Nobleboro-Jefferson Transfer Facility

The Transfer Station, operated by Nobleboro and Jefferson, and under contract with Bremen, Damariscotta and Newcastle, provides for the disposal of most types of solid waste generated in the five towns. In 2020 our household waste, construction, demolition, and bulky waste all went to Waste Management in Norridgewock, Me. We use the services of Lincoln County Recycling to recycle cardboard, newspaper, plastic and many other products. We also recycle our universal hazard waste (televisions, computer, fluorescent light bulbs, mercury switches and rechargeable batteries)

2020 has seen some changes in our staff. In June, Barry Howell semi-retired and we hired Ernest "Allen" Oliver to take over as manager. It was a smooth transition. This comes with the help from Brandon Achorn-assistant manager and Glenn Daiute-transfer station attendant, and of course Barry Howell. They have done a great job keeping the facility running during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been able to keep it opened with no interruptions. Allen has done a great job taking over for Barry as he has kept the same standards of safety and appearance. We hope your trip to the Transfer Station continues to be a positive experience.

I would like to thank everyone who takes the time to recycle. This effort really helps us save money in the long run. We do have programs for recycling paint, food waste, metals, electronics, paper and cardboard. In 2020 we had a hazardous waste day for people to get rid of their hazardous chemical and other hazardous materials. We hope to do the same again this year. We will be advertising for this so be watching for it.

The outlook for 2021 is we hope to continue our efforts to recycle whenever we can. The attendants are more than willing to help you recycle. Everything you recycle helps reduce the amount it costs to put items in the mainstream trash.

For 2021 our budget went up close to 8% to the towns. In the past, we had been using some built-up surplus to keep costs down. This year we didn't have as much surplus, so we had to raise the cost to all the towns. Hopefully in 2022 we can hold the line and not go up again.

The Transfer Station is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The front gate is closed at 3:50 p.m. each night to allow time to close out the computer. We are closed on Sunday and Monday. This allows our staff to have two days off in a row.

We will continue to review our operations in effort to provide good service and the most efficient Transfer Station possible. We are interested in your comments and recommendations and will attempt to incorporate them whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD SPEAR
Transfer Station Agent

Fish Agent

Springtime at the fish stream was busy in 2020. By the time the Alewives arrived, the many projects started in 2019 had been completed. The new conveyor was in place and the adjacent bridge had been replaced. A new railing had been installed from the harvest area, extending all the way to the corner of the fish house. Finally, a large concrete deck had been poured, creating plenty of room for loading bait into trucks and for watching fish make their way upstream. The Check Office even had a new foundation and floor. There was so much to see!

But, the spring of 2020 was unlike any other. As a result of COVID-19, the Town of Nobleboro decided to restrict public access to the area to only those harvesting or buying Alewives. The harvesters came up with a plan which enabled them to do their work yet remain safely socially distanced from their customers. This led to an anxious spring, but we all made it through in good health.

With the price of lobster continuing to tumble before and during the harvest season, we certainly didn't see some of the usual cast of characters in search of bait. But some lobstermen continued to fish, and a few others stockpiled bait by freezing or salting Alewives in hopes of better days to come. This was the case with the South Bristol Fisherman's Coop, to whom we sold a steady stream of Alewives. In the end, we had a very good year selling fish, harvesting and selling 2200 bushels of Alewives. This amounts to 132,000 pounds of bait. With one exception, that represents the most fish harvested in one season in the past 39 years. The fine harvest wouldn't have been possible without the commitment of the harvesters - Kurt Oehme, Jim Brinkler, JB Smith, and Richard Powell. The number of hours these guys dedicate to the operation continues to increase each year, and 2020 was no exception. In addition to the challenges due to COVID-19, over 75% of the fish harvested were done with only one dipper operational. Special thanks to Richard Powell for taking on the challenges of the conveyor replacement project, which resulted in a desperately needed new piece of equipment that will

be in service for years to come.

1,069,488 Alewives passed up the ladder and into Damariscotta Lake to spawn in 2020. During the last four years, an average of over 1 million Alewives have successfully reached their spawning grounds. During the last eight years, an average of 944,000 Alewives have made the journey each spring. Based on the annual scale sample survey conducted by MDMR and data provided by the harvesters, the overall health of the Alewife run in Damariscotta Mills continues to improve each year due to our efforts to provide safe passage for the adults and juvenile fish as they pass up and down the fish ladder between the Gulf of Maine and Damariscotta Lake. The balance of conservation and careful harvesting has been working well at Damariscotta Mills, as indicated by the number of fish returning each spring.

Thank you to Deb Wilson, Jim Brinkler, Richard Powell, and Joel Lind of the Fish Committee for their continuing dedication to Alewives, Fish Ladder, and related infrastructure. Thank you as well to Kurt Oehme and Leigh Morrell for all the time and effort that they continue to contribute each year towards the maintenance of the ladder, and a long list of chores that often go unnoticed.

Respectfully yours,
MARK BECKER,
Fish Agent,
Nobleboro and Newcastle

Newcastle Historical Society

The Newcastle Historical Society is committed to collecting, preserving and displaying the cultural history of Newcastle. Since its inception in 1998, NHS has amassed a myriad of items that tell the stories of our past - from Native American artifacts dating back to the middle Archaic Period (7,500-6,000 B.P.) to historic items related to shipbuilding, brick making and the alewife fisheries at Damariscotta Mills - to name but a few. We also house a large collection of negatives gifted to the NHS from the former Pictorial Studio which are collectively known as the Dinsmore-Flye Historic Photo Collection. Over recent years we have been designing various ways to show off our collections of local history to area residents and visitors alike. We have employed various venues to bring our collections to the people including our regular summer opening of the museum at Taniscot Engine House and by providing lectures and photographic exhibits - including one hugely successful exhibit titled *People, Place and the Everyday*. We have also co-hosted several presentations with the Damariscotta, Edgecomb and Nobleboro historical societies and the Frances Perkins Center. NHS also provides a yearly scholarship to a graduating Lincoln Academy student. We produce a bi-annual newsletter and articles are often shared in The Lincoln County News. As with other organizations, the COVID-19 pandemic has temporarily muted our ability to have public meetings and has forced us to close our museum doors. We are hopeful that this summer things will improve to the point where we can once again share our history in-person - look for upcoming announcements!

This past year, as well as recently, we were saddened to lose two active NHS members who were devoted to our society - Nancy Hartley and Newcastle Fire Chief Clayton Huntley. Nancy not only greeted and assisted visitors to the museum, co-authored along with Geraldine Hanley the book, *Cemeteries in Newcastle, Maine 1758 to 2004*, but also responded to numerous genealogical inquiries. Clayton was instrumental in past negotiations between the Town

of Newcastle, NHS and the Newcastle Fire Department in securing the Taniscot Engine House for museum purposes. Clayton was particularly protective and proud of the restoration of the original Taniscot hand pumper and various other fire department items that are displayed at Taniscot. Their past devotion to NHS will live on in their deeds.

While NHS has several on-going projects, we are particularly focused on scanning and producing an inventory of the massive Dinsmore-Flye Photo Collection negatives that number around 60,000. To this end we are in the middle of a fundraiser to purchase updated computer equipment, acid-free envelopes and storage boxes and fire-proof cabinets. We are also in the middle of planning future exhibits at Taniscot that are representative of all periods of Newcastle's history. As always, we encourage membership and volunteerism to help NHS move forward with our many objectives.

Once it is safe to open our museum doors again, we encourage Newcastle residents to stop in for a visit and view our shared history - a history that transcends both time and place.

Finally, we would like to extend our gratitude to town manager Jonathan Duke, selectpersons and the staff that operate the town office for their continued support of NHS.

Respectfully submitted,
TIMOTHY S. DINSMORE
President

Harriet Gertrude Bird Playground Report

The Playground Committee did not meet in person in the past year due to COVID restrictions and due to those restrictions, the property has not been rented since November of 2020.

The Following improvements were made during the past year:

- Windows, windowsills, woodwork, and kitchen cabinets were painted.

- The basement was cleaned.
- Grounds were weeded, weed whacked, and mowed.
- Shrubs were pruned and flower planters planted.

We are pleased to report that the Farm League and T-ball youth baseball teams are currently using the field as well as several neighborhood families. A good sign that life is beginning to get back to normal.

The committee would like to thank Vern Verney for mowing the grounds.

If you are interested in renting the building, please contact Edna Verney at: 586-5442.

Respectfully Submitted,
EDNA VERNEY (Chair)
CHRISSE WAJER
DAVID O'NEAL
JIM MERCER
CAROL JUCHNI

Lincoln County Television (LCTV)

As Lincoln County Community Television (LCTV) begins its 32nd year as the local community television station, THANK YOU to the residents of the Lincoln County communities who have financially supported our station throughout these years.

Originally the station was managed and funded by the municipalities of Damariscotta, Newcastle, Nobleboro, Waldoboro, and Wiscasset. In addition, community media service is provided to Alna, Bristol, Dresden, Edgecomb and Westport Island. In recent years we have received money from Bristol, Edgecomb, and Alna and many local businesses. We appreciate and thank the towns for their continued support!

Beginning as a totally volunteer organization, there is a need to keep up with changing technology. In 2004, the first part-time manager (5 hours week) was hired. Increasing services to our Towns requires additional advanced equipment and paid personnel. Today LCTV has a full time station manager, full time videographer, and two part time technicians, as well as a three quarters time social media director to keep up with the ever growing demand for information to our community.

We fulfilled one of our long-time goals in 2019 with an emergency back-up generator which will protect our equipment and ensure that we will be providing 24-hour broadcasting. We have done extensive upgrades to equipment but we look to improve even more in 2021.

We look toward 2021 as a banner year for Lincoln County Television (LCTV)! We see a bright future. A change in leadership, an engaged Board of Directors, and some exciting new programming show great promise; these will add to our existing community bulletin board, local government meetings, high school basketball games, and the yearly coverage of the Pumpkinfest Parade and Regatta. Locally produced shows are: weekly COVID-19 updates from Miles health, Wuzzup, Spotlight on Seniors, Community Conversations, Historical programming highlighting the State of Maine's bicentennial, and many more community oriented shows.

LCTV is committed to forging new, stronger relationships with the Towns who support us. We have opened the lines of communication with Town leaders and welcome input and suggestions. In addition, to the ongoing support of the Towns, there are plans for some fundraising event in the future depending COVID restrictions.

Our primary goal for 2021 is to identify how we can better serve you, the community. We are committed to showcasing our vibrant communities and their amazing history.

Currently, Town Government and other locally produced programs are also available streaming and as video on demand at www.lctv.org and broadcasting on Channel 1301 for Spectrum customers and Channel 7 for Tidewater customers. Community members may contact LTV's station via lctv1@lctv.org by writing to LCTV, 29 Sheepscot Road, Newcastle, ME 04553 or by phone 563-6338. The schedule of events on Channel 1301 or 7 is found weekly on the television page of the Lincoln County News.

Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust

Caring for the lands and waters you love in the Damariscotta-Pemaquid Region

Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust is your community land trust, caring for the lands and waters of the Damariscotta-Pemaquid region by **conserving special places, protecting water quality, creating trails and public access, and deepening connections to nature.**

For the benefit of all Newcastle residents, in 2020 we provided:

- **Public access to trails, open space and shoreline** on Coastal Rivers' many nature preserves. We maintain over 48 miles of hiking trails for low impact use in the Damariscotta-Pemaquid region, including the accessible Rhoda and Leon Cohen River Trail at Round Top Farm in Damariscotta. In Newcastle, Mills Overlook, Salt Bay Preserve, Marsh River Bog, Baker Forest, and the Carolyn O'Brien Preserve are open to the public for low impact recreation on the trails.

Studies show that spending time in nature has a significant impact on health and wellness, and we've heard from many people during this pandemic year that the trails have meant a lot to them. We invite you to find trails to explore at coastalrivers.org.

- **Ongoing conservation and stewardship of 14 properties in Newcastle.** Four of these are voluntary landowner agreements, or conservation easements, on private land. In addition to opportunities for recreation, these conservation lands serve to keep wildlife habitat intact, protect water quality, and help mitigate the effects of a changing climate. In addition, Coastal Rivers co-manages two properties in partnership with the state of Maine. One is Dodge Point Public Land, owned by the Bureau of Parks and Lands and one of their most highly visited properties. Coastal Rivers assists with keeping trails clear of blowdowns and maintaining infrastructure such as culverts, bridges, walkways, and the public dock. The other property is Sherman Marsh, owned by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW).

In 2020, Coastal Rivers permanently protected two properties in Newcastle: the 70-acre Schaller Preserve on River Road, inherited

from the estate of Ken Schaller, and a three-acre parcel adjacent to Sherman Marsh, which was later transferred to MDIFW.

- **The River~link Trail and wildlife corridor** stretching from Dodge Point in Newcastle to Zak Preserve in Boothbay. This multi-partner project has created a large connected block of land that supports diverse wildlife including large animals such as moose, bear, and bobcat. The trail makes it possible to hike over 5 miles without crossing a road. Coastal Rivers has a goal to extend this corridor further north into Newcastle. Look for three additional properties to be added to this corridor in 2021-2022.
- **Estuary water quality monitoring**, at seven points along the Damariscotta River Estuary, including at the town landing and in the harbor. Twice a month from May through October, volunteers test for transparency, dissolved oxygen, salinity, temperature, and total nitrogen. These data help us understand changes in water quality and habitat conditions over time.
- **Coastal Rivers nature education programs** that connect people of all ages with nature. In February, we hosted 5th graders from Great Salt Bay Community School (GSB) for a week at Nature School at Coastal Rivers' Round Top Farm. The students learned survival skills, built shelters, kept nature journals, explored and played outdoors, wrote forest management plans, conducted experiments on carbon sequestration, counted species, did art projects, and more.

From March 2020 on, our programs have taken the form of online workshops, trainings, and discussions, many of which are available to watch at coastalrivers.org. New this year, we have created trainings and resources for teachers, many of whom have moved classes outdoors in the interest of health and safety. Great Salt Bay Community School hosted our mobile Wabanaki Fair in November and 179 students participated, learning about Wabanaki culture through interactive activities.

School group offerings and teacher resources, including recorded trainings, can be found on our website at coastalrivers.org/events-programs/for-schools-groups.

- **Information and resources**, including boating and fishing regulations, boating safety materials, lead tackle exchange, and loon habitat information.

Formerly Damariscotta River Association and Pemaquid Watershed Association, Coastal Rivers is a nationally accredited land trust. We are pleased to report our accreditation was renewed in 2020 after rigorous peer review. This distinction signifies we meet the highest standards of financial management, ethical conduct, responsible governance, and lasting stewardship.

Coastal Rivers' work is made possible by support from the community, including many members and volunteers who reside in Newcastle. To become a member or volunteer, please visit coastalrivers.org/get-involved.

We welcome your comments and questions.

Contact us at 207-563-1393 or info@coastalrivers.org.



Salt Bay Preserve in Newcastle.

Governor Janet T. Mills

Dear Friends:

When I took the oath of office as Maine's 75th governor, I never imagined that we would face a deadly pandemic. But that is our reality, and it is my responsibility to guide our state through this time, to keep Maine people safe and healthy, and to put our economy on a path to recovery.

COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on our national economy, dealing heavy losses to businesses of all sizes, and leaving millions of people unemployed. Here in Maine it has taken the lives of hundreds of people and sickened many more. Since the arrival of the first vaccines in December 2020, we have been working to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly and efficiently as possible.

While our spirits are lifted and we share in a collective sense of relief, particularly for frontline health care workers who are exhausted and have been working around the clock to save lives, it will take months to administer the vaccine to all Maine people and we must keep our guard up.

In the coming months, I look forward to working with you in fully opening our schools and businesses across the state. We will hasten our state's recovery if we wear our masks, watch our distance, avoid gatherings, and wash our hands.

My Administration, in collaboration with public health experts and business leaders across the state, developed a plan to gradually and safely restart Maine's economy. We also formed an Economic Recovery Committee charged with assessing the economic impacts of the pandemic on Maine's economy and providing recommendations for policy changes to deal with these impacts. Together, drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, we will rebuild and strengthen our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge to be a stronger, better state than ever.

I continue to be amazed by the strength and courage of the Maine people and businesses who have found different ways to do business and the brave first responders in your town and in our health care facilities. Thank you to the people of Maine who have demonstrated patience, kindness, and compassion during this difficult time.

Please take care,
JANET T. MILLS
Governor

P.S. For the latest information and guidance on Maine's response to COVID-19, as well as resources for assistance during this time, please visit www.maine.gov/covid19/.

U.S. Senator Angus S. King Jr. **Washington, DC**

Dear Friends,

2020 was a year unlike any in our lifetimes. Our state and nation dealt with unprecedented challenges--the coronavirus pandemic, ensuing economic fallout, and a prolonged, heavily divisive campaign season each took a significant toll on all of us. The worst part? In order to protect each other, we had to face these challenges in isolation. But a new year represents new possibilities; a chance to take stock of what we're grateful for and focus on the opportunities in front of us. As we reflect back on 2020, we will remember heartbreak and loss – but we cannot forget the shining rays of hope that broke through the darkness, reminding us all that better days are ahead.

Throughout the pandemic, my top focus has been on bridging the partisan divide in Washington in order to deliver desperately-needed relief for Maine people. Joined by colleagues last March, we pushed for bipartisan negotiations to produce a strong bill that helped fellow Mainers, businesses, and institutions weather this storm. In the weeks and months after the CARES Act passed, our team stayed in close contact with people throughout the state to determine how we should adjust our response to best support our citizens. Unfortunately, the aid provided by the CARES Act lapsed without Congressional action, leaving too many families and businesses in limbo. I never stopped pushing for a bipartisan relief bill and, after extensive negotiations, we ended the year on a good note by breaking the gridlock and passing new relief legislation. This new bill isn't perfect; in fact, it should just be the start our renewed response. As we enter 2021 with a new administration and new Congress, we must fight for additional legislation to help restore stability to our working families and rebuild our economy and public health infrastructure.

In the midst of this crisis, Congress did manage to accomplish a few successes that will outlast this awful pandemic. Among these was the Great American Outdoors Act, a bipartisan bill which was

enacted into law in August 2020 and will help address a \$12 billion backlog at our national parks so future generations of Americans can enjoy these beautiful lands and create lifelong memories. Also, as we learn more about the recent hacks of our nation's networks, there is help on the way: 27 of the cybersecurity recommendations made by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission – which I co-chair with Republican Congressman Mike Gallagher– made it into this year's defense bill. While there is no guarantee that these provisions would have prevented the massive hack, they will certainly improve our cyber defenses.

Despite the challenges, I'm hopeful for the future. Vaccines are being distributed across our state – starting with our healthcare heroes, who have sacrificed so much throughout this unprecedented catastrophe and deserve our eternal gratitude. If there can be a silver lining from these challenges of 2020, maybe it will be this: I hope that, in the not-so distant future, we will be able to come together physically and we will be reminded of our love for each other. We have differences, without a doubt. But as Maine people stepped up to support each other, we saw again and again that our differences pale in comparison to the values we share. We are one state, and one community – and there is nothing we cannot or will not do for each other. Mary and I wish you a happy and healthy 2021. We can't wait to see you soon.

Best Regards,
ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senator

U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to reflect on 2020, an incredibly challenging year for Maine families, small businesses, and communities.

When the pandemic struck, our country faced the specter of an overwhelmed health care system and devastation to our small businesses and the millions of people they employ. I immediately worked with Republicans and Democrats to pass multiple laws allocating approximately \$3 trillion to respond to this public health and economic crisis, including more than \$8 billion directed to Maine to support testing, schools, the economy, and other purposes - that is nearly double Maine's annual state budget.

I am especially proud of the bipartisan Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) I co-authored. This program has provided three out of four Maine small businesses with nearly \$2.3 billion in forgivable loans, which has helped sustain more than 250,000 Maine jobs. I have met thousands of Maine small employers and employees in all 16 counties who are surviving because of the PPP. As one small business owner told me, the PPP provided "exactly what we needed at exactly the right time." The PPP also allowed employers to maintain benefits, such as health care, during this challenging time. Another round of PPP is needed to sustain small businesses and their employees.

While the pandemic continues across Maine, our nation, and the world, I thank the first responders, health care professionals, teachers, grocery store employees, factory workers, farmers, truck drivers, postal employees, and so many others who continue to stay on the job during this difficult time. With the deployment of the first vaccines, better tests, and the incredible speed with which these life-saving responses were developed, I am hopeful we can emerge from this crisis in the next few months.

While providing relief to American families was my focus throughout 2020, other accomplishments include the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provides full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and addresses the maintenance backlog at our national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. As Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, in 2020 alone, I secured \$132 million to improve Maine's roads, bridges, airports, buses, rail, ferries, and seaports. Finally, as Chairman of the Aging Committee, I led the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which funds programs that improve the well-being, independence, and health of our nation's seniors and their caregivers, and I authored laws to reduce the cost of prescription drugs and protect individuals with Alzheimer's disease.

As the end of 2020 is approaching, I have cast more than 7,535 votes, never having missed one. In the New Year, my focus remains to work with colleagues to find common ground on policies to help support the health and safety of Mainers and the safe, responsible opening of our communities. If ever I or my staff can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact one of my state offices. May the coming year be a successful one for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,
SUSAN M. COLLINS,
United States Senator

U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree

Dear Friends,

2020 has been a year of unconscionable loss and hardship. The COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged our nation, magnifying long-unaddressed inequities. I hear daily from constituents whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. As we navigate these ongoing challenges, my top priority in Congress has been to advocate for the resources Maine residents, businesses, and institutions need to weather this crisis.

In March, the CARES Act was signed into law, providing much-needed relief to Mainers, including expanded unemployment benefits, stimulus checks, grants and loans for small businesses and nonprofits, and funding for health care providers on the front lines of this crisis. As this crisis wore on, I saw increased need; that's why I voted for the Heroes Act in May and again in October to provide further support. I'm relieved we passed another relief package at the end of December, but I know another round of support is still much needed in the coming year.

The pandemic isn't the only crisis we face. Climate change threatens Maine's environment and industries. This summer, the Gulf of Maine recorded its hottest day, and we experienced the longest, most severe drought in 20 years. Maine farms continue to be stymied by climate change, but they can also play a crucial role in combatting it. In February, I introduced the Agriculture Resilience Act to ensure American agriculture is net-zero by 2045. The release of Maine's Climate Action Plan is a major step in the fight against climate change. I will continue to work with state leaders to ensure they have federal support to achieve this agenda.

2021 will offer different challenges. We must distribute a vaccine to millions, restore jobs, uplift the economy, and repair the divisions that undermine our ability to make meaningful change. I look forward to working with the incoming presidential administration to meet these challenges and emerge as a stronger, more resilient nation.

As always, the needs of Mainers guide my work as we recover from this crisis. If there is anything my office can do to help, please reach out.

Sincerely,
CHELLIE PINGREE
Member of Congress

State Senator Chloe Maxmin

Dear Neighbors in Newcastle,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine Senate; I am truly humbled that you have chosen me to be your voice in Augusta, especially during this unprecedented time.

Since the pandemic arrived in Maine in March 2020, we have been faced with many challenges that few of us could have predicted. This public health crisis has brought with it economic and personal consequences that have touched every person in our state. Though there is hope that a vaccine means we are nearing the end of the worst of the pandemic, our challenges are far from over. The next couple of years will be critical to building a path forward into a bright future for our state.

In the Legislature, I have been appointed to serve on the Marine Resources Committee and the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee. I am excited work on these committees, which directly impact life for so many in our communities. These committees oversee matters that involve many of our heritage industries, including farming and fishing, and we know that the coming years will present these industries with real challenges if we do not prepare. These industries are critical to our culture and our economy. We need to be proactive in finding ways they can continue to operate and grow sustainably in a changing climate. Maine's natural resources are absolutely essential to our way of life and protecting them is our responsibility.

Over the next couple of years, I look forward to working on these important issues and more. The pandemic has highlighted several areas where we have made progress in recent years, but we also see that we must keep working to improve. All Mainers need access to quality health care and to reliable, high-speed internet, which has become a necessity. We must also support the workers and small businesses, which form the backbone of our economy, as we strive to rebuild in the coming years.

I know many in our community are still struggling, and I want to remind you that I'm here as a resource for you and your family. If you need help securing unemployment benefits, putting food on the table, connecting with a state agency, or just want to talk something through, I'm here to help. You can email me at Chloe.Maxmin@legislature.maine.gov or call me on my cell phone (207) 200-6224. I really mean it when I say reach out anytime.

These difficult times are going to require cooperation and creativity from all of us. I am committed to working with and for everyone in our community, listening to all perspectives, and finding common ground to heal our state.

Sincerely,
CHLOE MAXMIN
State Senator

State Representative Lydia Crafts

Dear Newcastle Residents,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Maine Legislature. I look forward to providing responsive constituent services, advocating for you in Augusta, and passing measures to improve the quality of our lives.

This new legislative session looks quite different from any other because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. We were sworn in at the Augusta Civic Center, and much of our early work has taken place remotely, with both legislators and the public participating via the internet.

We are as determined as ever to continue to do the work you elected us to do accessibly and transparently. All our work is available to access online, either live or after the fact, and I encourage you to visit www.legislature.maine.gov if you are interested. Please contact me with any questions about how to stay informed about our proceedings.

Our major work in the upcoming session will be the creation of a balanced two-year state budget, and public hearings on this legislation are underway as of this writing. One of my goals for this budget includes making sure our recovery from the economic fallout of the pandemic leaves nobody behind. I am pushing to make sure the budget adequately funds our schools, strengthens our health care and behavioral health resources, provides help to local governments and property taxpayers, and strengthens our efforts to address the climate crisis.

Another critical area of work will be our economy, particularly considering how difficult the pandemic has been for our working families and entrepreneurs. We will also need to continue to improve access to broadband, augment workforce training and invest in Maine's large infrastructure network. And, given the experience of so many constituents last year, we will need to address the serious shortcomings in our unemployment insurance system that were brought to light by the current situation.

Some of my own bills include efforts to help volunteer first responders, strengthen services for students on the autism spectrum, improve training for school counselors, expand local access to drug courts and more.

Like my predecessor, Rep. Devin, I am serving on the Marine Resources Committee, where we will continue to advocate for the working waterfront, emerging industries like aquaculture and the continued health of our oceans and our coastline.

Through both my committee work and other legislative business, I am committed to working with all my colleagues, regardless of party, to advocate for our community and move our state forward.

Please contact me if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is lydia.crafts@legislature.maine.gov and my phone number is 593-2664.

Respectfully,
LYDIA CRAFTS
State Representative

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