

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE 270th ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

The image shows the exterior of a building with a grey shingled roof and light-colored siding. A sign on the wall reads "BOAT COMPANY" in large, dark blue letters. Below the sign is a row of three windows with white frames. To the left of the windows is a white door with a window. The building is set against a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The foreground shows a patch of green grass.

BOAT COMPANY

2022 ANNUAL REPORT of the Town of NEWCASTLE, MAINE

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 Financial Reports
June 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant



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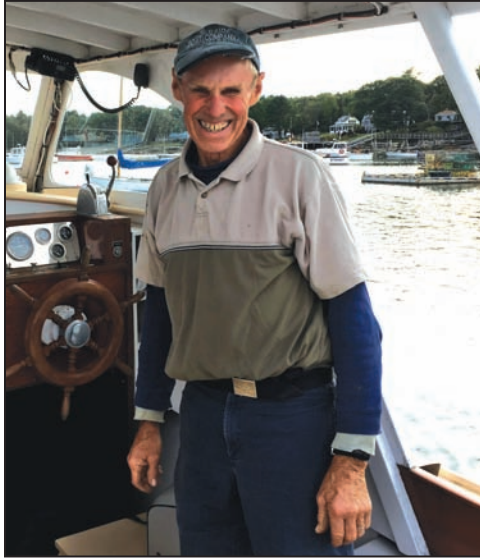
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Dedication



Paul Bryant

A true Newcastle resident; born and raised. A deep-rooted family history since the 1700's, the Bryant family roots of shipbuilders began on the Damariscotta River waterfront. Paul's father, Creston Bryant, built wooden sailboats and skiffs at the family shipyard known as Riverside Boat Co. located on Liberty St. here in Newcastle. This is where Paul worked alongside his dad after he graduated from Lincoln Academy in 1961 and until his father's death in 1971, at which time Paul took over the business and carrying on the Bryant legacy of wooden boat building. Paul currently works alongside his son Nat, a sixth-generation boat builder and Paul's wife Linda, who herself is a crafted boat painter.

Paul has given his time as Newcastle's Harbormaster for 50 years, during the early 2000's he also took on the role as Damariscotta's Harbormaster. For his time as the twin town's Harbormaster, he refused any pay, stating that he grew up here and felt an obligation rather than require receiving payment. He was Fire Chief of

Newcastle for 15 years, he's stated, "that was due to some kids and a grass fire that got away from them, they needed some help!" He was then talked into the role as Chief!!

If you've ever had the good fortune to speak with Paul, his pride of family, his love of boats and boat building, the river, and the community in which he lives shows through in his eyes and his signature ear to ear smile.

The Town of Newcastle is so fortunate to have had such a committed and conscientious man not only to care for our river waterway, but as a life-long resident of our town. Thank you, Paul, for your 50 years of service to the town and the river that you love so dearly.

In Memory Of



Ken Vinal

This year we honor and remember our friend and Code Enforcement Officer, Ken Vinal who passed away after a long battle with cancer in December. For 8 years Ken served faithfully to the townspeople of Newcastle, giving them guidance on their homes, whether it be them building a new home or on an existing one. He knew the answers to their tough questions regarding municipal code, zoning, local and State ordinances. Ken was a man of quick-wit and shared his vast knowledge to those of us just learning the ropes. He was a great guy who could make you laugh at the drop of a hat. He shared many family stories about growing up on the North River with his family and his antics with his Aunt Kay, which were by far the best!!

Ken was raised in Norwell, Mass., where he was a commercial fisherman. He moved to Bremen with his family in 1997, where he “picked up” carpentry and established Bayview Builders. He ended the business and decided to use his knowledge of homebuilding to take up Code Enforcement; where he became the CEO of Newcastle, Edgcomb, and Jefferson.

Our hearts go out to Abbey, his wife and his loved ones who remain. He will certainly be missed and remembered as someone who had a significant impact on our community and all of us here at the Town Office.

Directory of Municipal Officials

Selectmen and Tax Assessors

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Joel Lind, Chair, Board of Selectmen & Assessors	2024
Rob Nelson, Vice Chair, Board of Selectmen & Assessors	2023
Tor Glendinning, Member, Board of Selectmen & Assessors	2023
Karen Paz, Member, Board of Selectmen & Assessors	2023
David Levesque, Board of Selectmen & Assessors	2022

Municipal Officials

Town Manager/Treasurer:	Sarah Macy
Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar/Deputy Treasurer:	Jodee Kelley
Deputy Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Registrar, Deputy Treasurer, BMV Agent, CEO Asst.,	
Secretary: Appeals/Planning Boards:	Shelly Clifford
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:	George Chase
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:	Sarah Macy
Harbor Master:	Eric Peters
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	
Vacant	
Merle Parise	2022
Vacant	
Stephanie Stephenson	

Damariscotta-Newcastle Harbor Committee:

David Lawrence	Newcastle Representative
Eric Peters	Newcastle Representative
Gisela Heimsath-Rhodes	Newcastle Representative
Eric Peters	Harbor Master
Bernie Delisle	Damariscotta Representative
Michael Herz (Chair)	Damariscotta Representative
Steven Hufnagel	Damariscotta Representative

Damariscotta-Newcastle Shellfish Committee:

Ryan Fraser, Chairman	Damariscotta
Carroll Lincoln, Vice-Chair	Damariscotta
Blake Hay, Member	Damariscotta
Sandy Paulsen, Member	Newcastle
Blake Hay, Member	Damariscotta
Heather Leslie, Member	Newcastle

Damariscotta- Newcastle Shellfish Warden:

Heather Leslie, 2022	Newcastle
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Finance Committee:

Eva Frey, Member
John Hartman, Member
Gates Torrey, Member
John Mills, Member
Tom Ruggerio, Member

Fish Ladder / Alewives Committee Representative:

James Brinkler 2021

Great Salt Bay Sanitary District Trustees:

Alan H. Ray 2024

Louis Rector 2022

Harriett Gertrude Bird Playground Committee:

Edna Verney, Chair

Carol Juchnik

James Mercer

David O'Neal

Christine Wajer

L. C. Regional Planning Committee Representative:

Mal Carey

George Parker

L. C. Television Committee Director:

Larry Sidelinger, President

Christopher Doherty

Newcastle Historical Society- Selectmen Appointee:

Arlene Cole 2022

Newcastle Historical Society Members:

Tim Dinsmore, President

Christopher Rice, Vice President

Karen Paz, Treasurer

Karen Campbell, Secretary

Betsy Evans, Trustee

Nancy Hartley, Trustee

Scott Brooke, Trustee

Carolyn Watson, Trustee

Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park Committee:

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

Planning Board:

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

School Committee:

Dennis Anderson, Member and Trustee	2024
Jesse Butler, Member and Trustee	2023
Stephanie Nelson, Member and Trustee	2022

Federal and State Officials**Senator Susan Collins**

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Augusta, ME 04330	(202) 224-5344
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Governor Janet T. Mills

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www.maine.gov/legis/house	

Board of Selectmen

This year has been a busy one and full of change here in Newcastle. We welcomed new faces and said farewell to others. In August we completed our search for town manager and were fortunate to hire Sarah Macy for the position. Sarah grew up in Belfast and recently received her Master's in Public Management. The town is fortunate to have her expertise and leadership as we navigate the changing needs and challenges that face our community. Right out of the gate Sarah has risen to managing the day to day challenges in town. We look forward to accomplishing more of our long-term goals with Sarah over the coming year.

We welcomed two new members to the Selectboard this year. Karen Paz, won the three year seat position. Growing up in Bristol, Karen has since moved back to settle in the Damariscotta Mills neighborhood. She is a member of the Newcastle Historical Society and serves as treasurer. David Levesque, a long-time resident and local attorney won the one year seat for the remainder of Brian Foote's term. David also serves as chair to the local broadband committee. Both new members have provided great insight and dialogue to the Board.

In December we sadly lost our longtime code enforcement officer Ken Vinal. Ken served as CEO for the last eight years. He helped citizens navigate our previous land use ordinance and aided in the transition to our new Core Zoning Code. Ken was an invaluable resource for the town and much-loved coworker for the rest of the town staff. We will all miss him and know that the town is better for the service he provided.

George Chase was hired in February and appointed as the Newcastle Code Enforcement Officer. George is a resident of Edgcomb and also serves as CEO there. He has hit the ground running familiarizing himself with the Core Zoning Code, successfully picking up where Ken left off.

After five decades serving as Newcastle/Damariscotta Harbor Master, Paul Bryant stepped down. Several candidates were interviewed by the Board who ultimately appointed Eric Peters to the position. Eric owns Norumbega Oyster which operates in the Damariscotta River. Eric was a member of the Harbor Ordinance Committee which helped define rules and management use in the river.

As for infrastructure, a Capital Roads Maintenance Program continues this year with finishing paving on West Old County Road. Year two of work to Station Road will begin with ditching, ledge removal, culverts and base pavement.

Many thanks to the Broadband Committee. Their work secured grants for an engineering study to identify where high speed internet exists in town along with areas that are under served and unserved. The committee members did a substantial amount of work gathering information and surveying residents on their current internet availability and speed. It is this kind of dedication to community that helps move our goals to a reality. We greatly appreciate all of their hard work.

After much dialogue and discussion, a group composed of Newcastle Fire Company Inc. representatives, two members of the Selectboard, and the Town Manager worked together to create the Taniscot Fire and Emergency Services Ordinance. It clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of the Town, Officers and the Newcastle Fire Company. This ordinance will provide maximum protection for the firefighters. As always we are very thankful for the hard work and dedication of our firefighters and the time they volunteer for training, planning and responding to emergency events.

As we enter the next fiscal year we look back to remember familiar faces that we came to know and look forward to the new. Newcastle is as vibrant as ever. We thank you for your support and continued stewardship of our beautiful town.

Respectfully submitted,
THE 2022 NEWCASTLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Independent Auditor's Report

Dear Citizens,

The Town of Newcastle contracted with William H. Brewer CPA for auditing services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. 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. The Town of Newcastle is still awaiting the arrival of the final audited statement. Once the audited statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 are available, they will be posted to the Town's website and available upon request at the Town Office.

SARAH MACY,
Town Manager

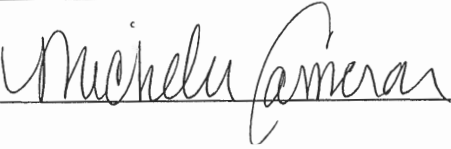
ELECTION RESULTS

Municipal Referendum Election, June 8, 2021

TOTAL VOTES CAST:	336
Article 2: Selectmen/Assessor 1 Year Term; 1 Candidate Elected	
Abbott, Jacob	140
Levesque, David	178
Write In w/ most votes	1 Joel Lind
Blanks	17
Article 2: Selectmen/Assessor 3 Year Term: 2 Candidates Elected	
Doherty, Christopher	103
Lind, Joel	184
Parise, Merie	116
Paz, Karen Leavitt	194
Write In w/ most votes	0
Write In w/ most votes	0
Blanks	75
Article 2: GSB Sanitary District Trustee: 3 Year Term	
Ray, Allan	281
Write In w/ most votes	1 Henry Gastaldo
Blanks	54
Article 2: GSB School Committee: 3 Year Term	
Anderson, Dennis	268
Blanks	66
Write In w/ most votes	2 August Avantaggio
Article 3: Secondary Education Budget	
Yes	256
No	72
Blanks	8

Article 4: Fund Town Government	
Yes	245
No	76
Blanks	15
Article 5: Grant Authority BOS	
Yes	263
No	46
Blanks	27
Article 6: Waive Foreclosure Tax	
Yes	275
No	44
Blanks	17
Article 7: Interest Rate on Uncollected Taxes	
Yes	227
No	91
Blanks	18
Article 8: Authorize Tax Collector to Accept Prepayments	
Yes	292
No	26
Blanks	18
Article 9: Authorize BOS to Expend Funds from Reserve Accounts	
Yes	210
No	106
Blanks	20
Article 10: Allow BOS to Transfer 2% of Total Budget Request	
Yes	240
No	78
Blanks	18

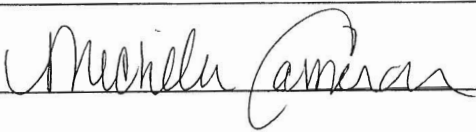
Article 11: Authorize BOS to Regulate River Herring Fish	
Yes	275
No	43
Blanks	18

Signed: 

ELECTION RESULTS

GSB Budget Validation, June 8, 2021

Question 1: Do you favor approving the Great Salt Bay CSD budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the last district budget meeting?	
Yes	276
No	56
Blanks	4

Signed: 

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

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 AND Tuesday, June 21, 2022

To R. Benjamin Frey, 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 Road on Tuesday, the 14th day of June, A.D. 2022 at 8:00 am, then and there to act upon Article 1 - Article 4 by secret ballot as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 am until 8:00 in the evening; Articles 5-28 are to be voted on at open Town Meeting to be held Tuesday, the 21st day of June, A.D. 2022 at 7:00 in the evening to meet at 81 Academy Hill Road, in the Lincoln Academy gymnasium.

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. One (1) Select Board Member/Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a three-year term
2. One (1) member of the Great Salt Bay School Committee for a three-year term
3. One (1) member of the Great Salt Bay Sanitary District Committee for a three-year term

ARTICLE 3: SECONDARY SCHOOL VALIDATION - Do you favor approving the NEWCASTLE SECONDARY education budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Newcastle Special Town Meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

ARTICLE 4: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VALIDATION - Do you favor approving the GREAT SALT BAY, cso ELEMENTARY education budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Great Salt Bay, C.SD Annual Budget Meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

OPEN TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:00 pm

For Fiscal Year 2023: July 1, 2022 - June 30,2023

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Lincoln Academy Gymnasium in said town on Tuesday, the 21st day of June 2022 A.D., at 7:00 in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 5 through 28 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 5: Shall the town utilize remote electronic keypad voting as the method of voting for all articles at this Town meeting, the June 21, 2022, Annual Town Meeting?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town adopt the Taniscot Fire & Emergency Services Ordinance as presented? For a digital copy, please visit the Towns website at newcastlemaine.us or visit Town Office for a paper copy.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Administration & Operations as follows:

Admin & Operations		FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY 23 Select Board
1	Select Board	15,500.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
2	Town Manager & Treasurer	88,559.37	91,000.00	70,200.00
3	Town Clerk, Registrar, Tax Collector	57,245.73	58,350.00	56,650.00
4	Part-Time Deputy	28,199.00	29,053.00	30,252.83
5	Election Workers	1,032.79	1,200.00	1,200.00
6	Full-Time Deputy	46,870.21	47,669.00	50,057.28
7	Harbormaster	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
8	Overtime Compensation	1,946.15	500.00	1,000.00
	Compensation Subtotal	239,353.25	242,772.00	227,360.11
9	FICA (SS &) Medicare	24,922.89	27,000.00	15,671.03
10	Health Insurance	52,333.54	70,784.56	80,662.72
12	Retirement	24,922.89	25,000.00	17,690.73
13	TM Cafeteria Style Benefits	5,766.34	6,100.00	1,000.00
14	Short Term Disability	1,866.47	2,000.00	2,000.00

	Fringe Benefits Subtotal	109,812.13	130,884.56	117,024.48
15	Property Casualty Liability Insurance	19,263.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
16	Unemployment	267.12	1,000.00	1,000.00
17	Workers Compensation	7,218.15	9,400.00	8,600.00
	Insurances Subtotal	26,748.27	30,400.00	29,600.00
18	Assessors Agent	24,870.66	24,000.00	25,200.00
19	Legal Fees	23,000.00	23,000.00	28,000.00
20	Payroll Company	2,552.65	2,400.00	2,400.00
21	Audit Services	0.00	8,000.00	9,000.00
	Contracted Service Subtotal	50,423.31	57,400.00	64,600.00
22	MMA Annual Dues	3,176.00	3,272.00	3,357.00
23	Postage & Envelopes	5,035.54	5,000.00	5,000.00
24	Election Supplies	2,250.71	2,400.00	2,400.00
25	Computer Support	0.00	1,000.00	7,000.00
26	Computer Hardware	629.78	750.00	750.00
27	Computer Software	35,090.83	24,375.00	33,000.00
28	Website	9,166.12	200.00	2,500.00
29	Tax Maps	3,300.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
30	Town Report	2,310.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
31	Records Restoration	0.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
32	Advertising	1,570.67	2,000.00	2,000.00
33	Mileage	0.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
34	Professional Development & Fees	270.00	2,400.00	2,700.00
35	Video Recordings	0.00	0.00	4,200.00
36	Registry of Deeds Recordings & Printings	2,187.80	3,500.00	3,500.00
37	Office & Other Supplies	8,208.83	9,000.00	9,000.00
	Operations Subtotal	73,196.28	64,397.00	85,407.00
38	Copier/Printer Lease & Supplies	3,628.19	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Leases Subtotal	3,628.19	3,000.00	3,000.00
39	Town Office – Heating Fuel	837.04	1,000.00	1,000.00
40	Town Office – Electricity	1,927.63	2,100.00	2,100.00
41	Town Office – Water & Sewer	805.03	800.00	800.00
42	Town Office – Maintenance & Repairs	2,025.45	5,000.00	5,000.00
43	Town Office – Telephone	2,380.32	2,700.00	2,700.00
44	Town Office – Janitorial	4,203.19	4,300.00	4,300.00
	Town Office Building Subtotal	12,230.76	15,900.00	15,900.00
45	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Heating Fuel	0.00	600.00	600.00
46	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Electricity	212.74	300.00	300.00
47	Harriet Bird Clubhouse – Maintenance & Repairs	597.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Harriet Bird Clubhouse Subtotal	809.74	2,900.00	2,900.00
48	Cemeteries - Maintenance	251.40	3,000.00	3,000.00
49	Cemeteries - Mowing Contract	14,519.00	12,000.00	14,400.00
	Cemetery Maintenance Subtotal	14,770.40	15,000.00	17,400.00
50	Veteran's Park Maintenance	291.46	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Veteran's Park Subtotal	291.46	1,000.00	1,000.00
51	Contingency	0	0	\$15,000.00
52	Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00
	CATEGORY TOTAL	531,263.79	563,653.56	579,191.59

ARTICLE 8: Shall the town raise & appropriate for the Public Services as follows:

Category: Public Services		FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY 23 Select Board
1	Septic Waste Disposal	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
2	Solid Waste Disposal	100,223.80	111,107.00	119,325.15
	Waste Disposal Subtotal	102,523.80	113,407.00	121,625.15
3	General Assistance	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Services Subtotal	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
4	American Legion	450.00	450.00	450.00
5	Coastal Kids	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
6	Midcoast Conservancy	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
7	Ecumenical Food Pantry	500.00	500.00	500.00
8	Healthy Kids	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
9	LCTV	5,205.00	10,205.00	13,500.00
10	Maine Public Broadcasting	100.00	100.00	100.00
11	Midcoast ME Community Action	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,500.00
12	New Hope Midcoast	830.00	500.00	830.00
13	Skidompha Library	27,612.00	27,612.00	27,612.00
14	Spectrum Generations	1,756.00	1,756.00	1,756.00
15	Adult Education	6,596.00	9,635.00	6,595.39
	Provider Agency Subtotal	51,149.00	58,858.00	59,543.39
16	CEO/LPI Compensation	17,539.90	18,000.00	18,000.00
17	Planning Services	0.00	3,000.00	53,000.00
18	Harbor Master Cell Phone	0.00	0.00	500.00
19	Planning Board	2,728.42	3,000.00	3,000.00
20	Broadband Capacity	0.00	0.00	35,000.00
	Planning and Development Subtotal	20,268.32	24,000.00	109,500.00
CATEGORY TOTAL		173,941.12	199,265.00	293,668.54

ARTICLE 9: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Public Safety as follows:

Category: Public Safety		FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY 23 Select Board
1	Fire Chief	50,713.26	60,000.00	12,000.00
2	Fire Department Officers	2,060.00	6,100.00	16,350.00
3	Firefighters	14,835.25	16,000.00	16,000.00
	Compensation Subtotal	67,608.51	82,100.00	44,350.00
4	Phones	1,859.55	2,520.00	2,520.00
5	Dues	414.00	850.00	0.00
6	S.C.B.A	1,878.20	6,620.00	7,282.00
7	Communications	3,817.26	3,200.00	7,500.00
8	Training	1,149.91	2,000.00	4,000.00
10	New Equipment	3,687.86	6,000.00	6,600.00
11	Equipment & Vehicle Maintenance	13,800.22	10,500.00	12,550.00
12	PPE - Turn Out Gear	10,773.00	9,960.00	10,960.00
13	Administration & Office Supplies	2,888.94	3,560.00	4,000.00
14	Vehicles Gas & Oil	3,235.11	6,000.00	6,600.00

	Fire Department Subtotal	43,504.05	51,210.00	62,012.00
15	Animal Control Services	812.42	3,000.00	3,000.00
16	Lincoln County Animal Shelter	2,277.60	2,278.00	2,540.40
17	Wild Animal Control Officer	750.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Animal Control Services	3,840.02	6,278.00	6,540.40
18	Emergency Medical Services	27,975.00	30,399.00	82,702.86
19	EMA Director	1,700.00	850.00	850.00
20	Health Officer	200.00	100.00	100.00
	Emergency/Health Services	29,875.00	31,349.00	83,652.86
21	Hydrants	45,223.90	51,000.00	51,000.00
22	Street Lights	5,062.54	7,500.00	4,000.00
23	Traffic Lights	248.10	400.00	400.00
	Infrastructure Subtotal	50,534.54	58,900.00	55,400.00
24	Fire Station – Heating Fuel	4,838.85	5,500.00	7,000.00
25	Fire Station – Electricity	1,583.68	1,900.00	3,000.00
26	Fire Station – Water & Sewer	806.08	800.00	800.00
27	Fire Station – Maintenance & Repairs	9,610.46	4,000.00	4,000.00
28	Fire Station - Janitorial	1,736.23	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Fire Station Subtotal	18,575.30	13,700.00	16,300.00
29	Sheepscot Fire Station – Heating Fuel	382.74	1,200.00	1,000.00
30	Sheepscot Fire Station – Electricity	222.10	300.00	300.00
31	Sheepscot Fire Station – Maintenance & Repairs	313.65	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Sheepscot Station Subtotal	918.49	2,500.00	2,300.00
	CATEGORY TOTAL	214,855.91	246,037.00	270,555.26

ARTICLE 10: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Public Works as follows:

Category: Public Works		FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY 23 Select Board
1	Road Commissioner	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Technical Assistance	0.00	5,500.00	30,000.00
	Operations Subtotal	0.00	5,500.00	30,000.00
3	Electricity - Sand/Salt Shed	373.95	500.00	600.00
4	Maintenance - Sand/Salt Shed	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
5	Maintenance - Public Landing	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
	Facilities Subtotal	5,373.95	1,500.00	5,600.00
6	Roads - Snow Removal	263,953.42	269,234.00	277,311.00
7	Main Street & Downtown – Snow Removal	49,391.00	50,872.00	52,144.00
8	Permits - Snow Removal	2,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
9	Miscellaneous Winter Operations	1,595.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
10	Winter Salt	68,958.10	70,000.00	88,000.00
	Winter Operations Subtotal	386,397.52	396,106.00	423,955.00
11	Cold Patch	557.69	2,000.00	2,000.00
12	Gravel - Grading	10,500.00	22,000.00	28,800.00
13	Grading	35,000.00	38,050.00	42,000.00
14	Roadside Mowing	2,400.00	4,500.00	5,000.00
15	Catch Basin Cleaning	4,000.00	6,500.00	7,000.00
16	Catch Basin Repair	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
17	Catch Basin Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00
18	Line Striping	9,560.19	9,000.00	10,000.00

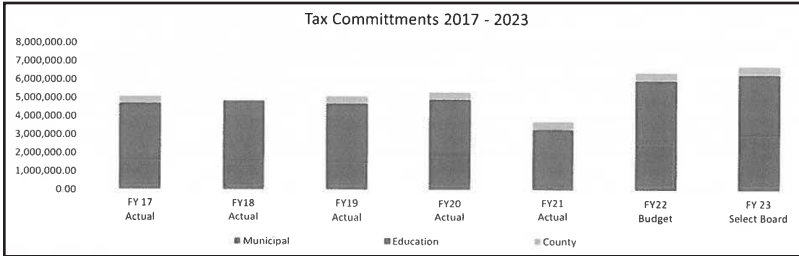
19	Street Sweeping	6,000.00	6,000.00	7,000.00
20	Tree Work	14,175.80	20,000.00	25,000.00
21	Crack Filling	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,850.00
	Annual Operations Subtotal	87,193.68	115,550.00	134,650.00
22	Labor	21,330.00	4,320.00	6,500.00
23	Equipment	60,642.25	4,320.00	8,000.00
24	Culverts	3,752.00	14,800.00	23,100.00
25	Material	0.00	0.00	12,500.00
	General Contractor Subtotal	85,724.25	23,440.00	50,100.00
26	Traffic Control Equipment	758.80	1,000.00	1,000.00
27	Street Signs	4,108.26	5,000.00	4,000.00
28	Traffic Signs	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
29	Miscellaneous Signage	895.08	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Equipment Subtotal	5,762.14	8,000.00	7,000.00
CATEGORY TOTAL		570,451.54	550,096.00	651,305.00

ARTICLE 11: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Reserve Accounts as follows:

Category: Reserves		FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY 23 Select Board
1	Harriet Bird Clubhouse	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
2	Veteran's Park	1,250.00	1,250.00	250.00
3	Highway Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Roads Capital Projects	546,354.00	686,734.00	855,530.00
5	Computer Reserve	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
6	Municipal Building Reserve	25,000.00	75,000.00	50,000.00
7	Revaluation Reserve	20,000.00	20,000.00	15,000.00
8	Alewife Reserve		0.00	0.00
9	Fringe Benefit Reserve		12,000.00	12,000.00
10	Firetruck Reserve			50,000.00
11	Harbor Management Reserve		0.00	0.00
CATEGORY TOTAL		597,104.00	799,484.00	987,280.00

ARTICLE 12: Shall the town raise & appropriate for Debt Service as follows:

Category: Debt Service		FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY 23 Select Board
1	Loan Payment - Lynch Road	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Loan Payment - Fire Truck	27,084.00	27,084.00	27,084.00
3	Loan Payment - Town Office	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Loan Payment - AH Road	-1,943,476.96	243,422.57	243,422.57
CATEGORY TOTAL		-1,916,392.96	270,506.57	270,506.57



ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board 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?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board 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, 2022 to June 30, 2023 or act on anything relative thereto?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, 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?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, 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?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town direct the Select Board to establish the dates on which this year's taxes shall be due and payable?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to fund abatements by expending overlay, and in the event the overlay is depleted, authorize funding abatements through the unassigned fund balance?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into multi-year contracts on behalf of the Town?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to carry unexpended funds forward to the next fiscal year within the existing budget line items?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to establish and appoint the members of standing and/or ad hoc committees of the Select Board to advise the Board regarding the administration and operations of the town government?

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to reduce the total amount of taxes to be collected by the FY 2023 total amount of estimated revenue (TBD) including use of surplus?

ARTICLE 23: 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 Select Board that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.

ARTICLE 24: Shall the town instruct the Tax Collector to charge interest at the rate of 6% per annum on all uncollected taxes and authorize the Select Board to establish the date on which interest starts to accrue, except for those taxpayers enrolled in the tax club before June 1, 2022 and have made all payments on time and to date?

ARTICLE 25: 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 26: Shall the town authorize the Select Board 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)?

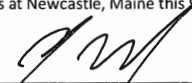
ARTICLE 27: Shall the town allow the Select Board to transfer an amount not to exceed 2% of the total annual budget request from one category to another without prior approval of a special town meeting?

ARTICLE 28: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board 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?

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Town vote to allocate \$186,623.12 from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the following projects?

- Premium Pay to Town Employees
- Town Hall Safety Renovations In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Fire Station Community Room Air Quality Improvements
- Town Hall Air Quality Improvements
- Chamber of Commerce - Economic Support
- Broadband Expansion Match to State and Private Contributions
- Central Lincoln County YMCA — Social Services Support

Given under our hands at Newcastle, Maine this 9th day of May 2022.

Joel Lind, Chair 

Tor Glendinning 

Robert Nelson 

Karen Paz 

David Levesque 

A true and attested copy by: 

Jodee Kelley, Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting May 23, 2022

To R. Benjamin Frey, of Newcastle, in the County of Lincoln and the State of Maine

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in the town affairs, to meet at the Community Room in the Fire Station building at 86 River Rd. on Monday, the 23rd day of May, A.D. 2022 at 6:30 p.m., then and there to act upon Article 1 thru 16 as set out below.

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

Article 2: To see what sum the Town will be authorized expend for Regular instruction.

School Committee Recommends	\$1,472,375.00
Selectboard Recommends	\$1,472,375.00

Article 3: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

School Committee Recommends	\$228,369.18
Selectboard Recommends	\$228,369.18

Article 4: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

School Committee Recommends	\$200.00
Selectboard Recommends	\$200.00

Article 5: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Other instruction.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectboard Recommends	\$0.00

Article 6: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

School Committee Recommends	\$1,945.60
Selectboard Recommends	\$1,945.60

Article 7: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

School Committee Recommends	\$49,768.17
Selectboard Recommends	\$49,768.17

Article 8: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectboard Recommends	\$0.00

Article 9: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

School Committee Recommends	\$74,556.50
Selectboard Recommends	\$74,556.50

Article 10: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Facilities maintenance.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectboard Recommends	\$0.00

Article 11: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for Debt service and other commitments.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectboard Recommends	\$0.00

Article 12: To see what sum the Town will be authorized to expend for all other expenditures.

School Committee Recommends	\$0.00
Selectboard Recommends	\$0.00

ARTICLE 13 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 13 (Recorded Vote): To see what sum the Town will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, from the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from grade 9-12 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, unexpected balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends	\$1,827,214.45
Selectboard Recommends	\$1,827,214.45

**ARTICLES 14 THRU 15 RAISE FUNDS
FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

School Budget Funding Explanation	
Article 14: Required Local (EPS) Raise Amount	\$805,527.82
Article 15: Additional Local Raise Amount	<u>\$451,773.85</u>
Total Local Funds Raised	\$1,257,301.67
Fund Beginning Balance	\$134,006.00
State Subsidy	<u>\$435,906.78</u>
Total School Budget Request	\$1,827,214.45

Article 14 (Recorded Vote): To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education for grade 9-12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act **(School Committee Recommends \$1,241,434.60)** 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 Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statues, Title 20A, section 15688.

School Committee Recommends	\$805,527.82
Selectboard Recommends	\$805,527.82

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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.

Article 15 (Written ballot required): To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds **(Recommend \$451,773.85)** which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **\$451,773.85**, as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends \$451,773.85 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$451,773.85:

School Committee Recommends	\$451,773.85
Selectboard Recommends	\$451,773.85

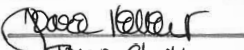
Article 16: Shall the Newcastle School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for education purposes provided that such grants, programs, or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

School Committee Recommends: Yes

Given under our hands at Newcastle, Maine this 9th day of May, 2022.

 _____ Joel Lind, Selectboard Member, Chair	 _____ Tom Glendinning, Selectboard Member
 _____ Robert Nelson, Selectboard Member	 _____ Karen Paz, Selectboard Member
 _____ David Levesque, Selectboard Member	

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 Dana Walker
 Town Clerk

Town Manager

During my first year in Newcastle a common theme emerged: Balancing innovation and newness with tradition and tenure.

Internally at Town Hall, we have seen several staff changes and one well-deserved promotion. Jodee Kelley, who has been with us for the past year, has been promoted to Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Additionally, we are in the process of hiring for a part time Deputy-Clerk position. We have a new Code Enforcement Officer, George Chase, a new Harbor Master, Eric Peters, and I began work with the Town of Newcastle in August as Town Manager. New staff naturally carry with them fresh ideas and added diversity in experience. Luckily for us, we have several other tenured staff members such as Shelly Clifford our Deputy Clerk, Jim Murphy, our Tax Assessor, Seth Hagar, our Road Commissioner, and a fantastic group of Select Board, Planning Board and Fire Company members to lean on for institutional knowledge and history. Thank you to all staff and volunteers for the contributions you make to the Town daily. Any successes we experience are the direct result of your commitment and care.

Despite widespread cost increases, we are projected to have a modest budget increase for this coming fiscal year. The largest changes seen are the results of increased costs for materials and labor as it pertains to roads and capital projects. Similarly, to businesses and individuals everywhere, local governments are not exempt from increased costs for services.

The Town and representatives from the Fire Company have been working together over the past several months to craft a mutually agreeable ordinance titled “The Taniscot Fire & Emergency Services Ordinance”. This is ultimately aiming to define the long-standing relationship between the two entities. I am extremely proud of the work that has been done by everyone involved to navigate this process with kindness, understanding, and sensitivity. The final result is an ordinance well-tailored to both the Town and Fire Company, preserving the rich history of the Fire Company

while simultaneously increasing compliance with state statutes and preserving current day to day operations. The largest benefit from the Town's perspective is that this ordinance increases available protections for our firefighters as it pertains to municipal insurance coverage and the Tort Claims Act. The Taniscot Fire & Emergency Services Ordinance maintains the customary budgeting process and builds clarity surrounding appointment procedures for staff. The final product could not have been possible without Fire Company members, Jim Kaler, Bob Hatch, Jake Abbott and Lucas Kostenbader as well as Select Board members, Joel Lind and Tor Glendinning. This ordinance will be voted on and discussed at the upcoming Town Meeting. We are looking forward to a productive year ahead, working together.

While this year has been filled with internal and external change, the strong foundation already laid by those before us and those with tenure enabled stability during a period of flux. Here's to another year of balance. I am looking forward to seeing many of you this year on June 21st at 7PM in the Lincoln Academy gymnasium for our first in person Town Meeting in two years.

SARAH MACY
Newcastle Town Manager

Assessor's Report

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

Another valuation update? Yes, probably effective April 1, 2024. Newcastle just did a revaluation in 2021, why is this going to happen again?

The real estate market in 2020 and early 2021 was a good starting point as it turns out. I really wish I could have forecasted the increase in the real estate market in 2021. Turns out no one else got this right either. Most real estate analyses reported that just in 2021 market values for most properties increased over 20%. Scary.

I do not think that kind of increase is sustainable. As of the date I put pen to paper for this report, the interest rates had just been increased a quarter of a point and inflation was around 7 to 10%. I researched overall nationwide consumer debt and found that the consumer debt amount has risen dramatically in the last year. And some of the edge lenders, those lenders on the margin of the market with higher interest rates, are reporting a 25% delinquency rate.

There was a reduction of overall consumer debt in 2020 after the start of the pandemic. The last time I saw this kind of action was in 2006-2007. Sound familiar? It should, since a year later in 2008-2009 the Great Recession was upon us.

I do think there is going to be a real estate market correction. In 2008-2009 the market relaxed about 7-9% based on what I found in the towns where I am the Assessor's Agent. I do wish I knew when and by how much this market is going to adjust.

By virtue of the April 2021 revaluation, Newcastle is poised as well as it can be for the valuations used for taxation. The town's assessing is up to date and is being maintained. Issues are few and typical of an active municipality.

There are many towns around Newcastle who have not kept pace with the market and their town's average valuation to market value is headed for 60 or 70%. That means those towns are going to have a reduced Homestead Exemption and decreased other reimbursements from the state.

What else is new? Solar panel arrays are being placed on homes, businesses and out on the land. For solar arrays under 5KW there is a State Exemption from taxation. The town then is reimbursed 50% of the tax loss and there is no tax bill to the property owner.

Sounds like typical state legislative action that results in more paperwork. And in more training by the assessor! But it will help out the town if you complete the one-time application and return it to me.

That’s about it for the highlights. If you have any questions or comments email is a great way to contact me. Or on Mondays, usually.

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 website. 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 Mondays. You can also email me at newcastleassess@roadrunner.com

The Maine Homestead Exemption amount is \$25,000.

ASSESSMENT STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

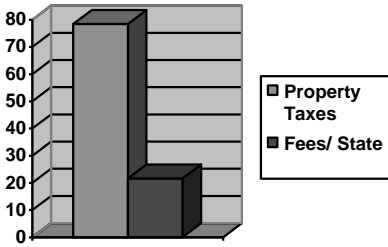
Total Taxable Valuation-Real Estate	\$329,577,400
Total Taxable Valuation-Personal Property	1,649,200
Total Taxable Valuation	\$331,226,600

2021-2022 Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$12,196,000
2020-2021 Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$12,196,000
2019-2020 Homestead Exemption Valuation	\$10,214,100

Commitment Date	July 26, 2021
Last day to appeal valuation	February 25, 2022
Tax (Mill) Rate	\$15.30 per \$1,000 of taxable value

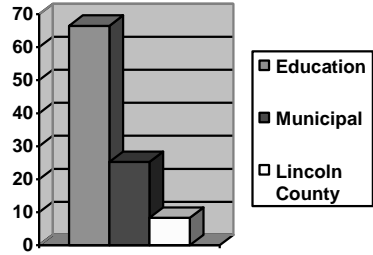
2021-2022 Taxes to be raised	\$5,067,766.98
2020-2021 Taxes to be raised	\$4,585,885.13
2019-2020 Taxes to be raised	\$4,628,077.22

MUNICIPAL REVENUES



Revenue received from....

Property Taxes	78.4%
Other Fees/State	21.6%



And Expenses for.....

Education	66.5%
Municipal	25.2%
County	8.3%

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. As we continue to take constant steps of improvement in re-building our infrastructure, it is equally important to maintain what we have accomplished. Every year we strive to take steps in both directions and this past year was no exception. Admittedly the past year has been one of the most difficult ones that the roads program has seen in recent history with product delays, staffing issues and wild costs from suppliers. I am proud to report that we continued on our plan and were able to accomplish all of our major goals, despite these complications.

West Old County Rd.

The roads maintenance plan called for West Old County Road to be reconstructed this year. This road has a history of washouts, non-conformance to DOT standards, failing drainage and overall very poor condition. We completed the following on this road:

1. New sub-surface drainage
2. Ledge removal
3. Ditching / tree removal
4. Increased width to allow safe passage and compliance with MUTCD.
5. Eliminated steep elevation changes
6. Built a turnaround at the end for public safety, buses and plow equipment.
7. New base pavement was installed.
8. While working in the area, the pavement was replaced at the Newcastle Fire Dept, Sheepscot Station, and the intersection drainage and parking lot was improved.



Crews working on West Old County Rd. installing a new 36 inch culvert to eliminate a trouble area that has caused road damage due to flooding and eliminated safety issues due to lack of access in the past.



Spring in Maine brings some unique challenges, especially for our dirt roads. Shown above is South Dyer Neck Rd. A little yankee ingenuity has resulted in a home-made sign warning of the mud. We have made some great strides on our dirt roads; however, we still have more to do.

to simply apply a surface treatment and not a full re-construction. Academy Hill continues to be one of the busiest roads in town and subject to a large amount of use.

Happy Valley Road at the intersection of Rt. 194 received some drainage Improvements, paving and erosion control. All other dirt roads received their bi-annual road grading. This is one area that we are looking to improve upon next year, as we struggle with the dirt road every spring, and this is an area of concern for the town.

Once again, all our regular maintenance items were completed: catch basin cleaning, sweeping, and striping all took place. We continue to work on

In keeping with our plan, Station Road entered the program, having all the large trees removed and limbs removed throughout the span of the road. In anticipation of the budget being passed for next year, this work will allow this road to have the second step taken in the re-build process.

Surface pavement was installed on Stonebridge Circle, which completed the replacement plan for this road.

Academy Hill continued to receive a section of it receiving a reclaim and re-pave. This road was the subject to a rebuild several years ago, thus the need



The above picture shows a plastic culvert that was replaced. This culvert snapped (as shown in the picture) from the weight of the material above it. This the need to replace materials with the proper replacement. This culvert shouldn't have needed to be replaced, however due to the wrong application, a pre-mature replacement was necessary.

sign replacement both private and public roads.

As another year passes and we all feel the effects of that time, I know that I have omitted or forgotten something as my mind ages!!! A lot of work continues to be done every year as we strive to make Newcastle the best possible place to live and work. I could not perform the functions of this position without the wonderful staff that we have in the office and newly hired Town Manager, Sarah Macey! Thank you to every member of this team for another fantastic year and the citizens of this great town for all your continued support.

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

Respectfully,
SETH HAGAR
Road Commissioner
roadcommissioner@newcastlemaine.us

Tax Collector's Report

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of 04/26/2022

Name	Amt. Due
206 THE KINGS HIGHWAY LLC	27.07
260 THE KINGS HIGHWAY LLC	3.28
ACADEMY HILL LLC	7.03
ALDEN, RAYMOND M SR	1,184.12
ALLENDER, HEATHER MICHELLE	2.00
BAILEY, DAVID	2,845.80
BAILEY, DESIREE	71.83
BARSTOW, CHRISTOPHER R	4,384.21
BARTH, NICHOLAS	154.53
BATHE, INGRID D	3,671.23
BEAVIS, ERIC A	5,442.21
BEGIN, L DAVID	2,448.00
BENNER, BRUCE	141.53
BENNER, BRUCE	5,471.28
BERGMAN, LARRY V, TRUSTEE	1.53
BERKOWITZ, GLEN A	22.96
BERRY, DONNA M	931.77
BILLINGS, STANLEY C	1,246.95
BILLINGS, STANLEY C	933.30
BILLINGS, STANLEY C	459.00
BLAKE, ROBERT E	1,875.01
BONENFANT, KAREN	1,413.79
BOOTH, ANNE C	30.60
BOOTH, ANNE C DEVISES OF	3,425.67
BOWDOIN, ANN M	215.73
BOWERS, FREDERIC	1,364.76
BOYD, KENNETH L	1,829.88
BRANSON, DAVID A	742.05
BREWER, RICHARD V	1,248.56
BRINKLER, MICHAEL J	4,536.45
BROOKE, SCOTT	2,742.52
BROWN, MARY ANN	2,994.97
BROWN, VIRGINIA	1,237.77
BURKE, JEFFERY, TRUSTEE	6.69
BUTLER, ROISEN	5,284.62

Name	Amt. Due
BUTTERFIELD, BRET J	1,462.68
BUTTERFIELD, RANDY, TRUSTEE	459.00
BYERS, WILLIAM, TRUSTEE	68.85
BYERS, WILLIAM, TRUSTEE	608.17
CAPITAL12, LLC	2,006.59
CARLSON, MATTHEW S	5,231.07
CARROLL, JOHN O, JR.	1,179.73
CARROLL, JOHN O, JR.	118.57
CARROLL, JOHN O, JR.	1,094.71
CARTER, SHAWN W	1,621.71
CARVER, DONNA, PERCIVAL, KRIS	6.41
CASH, RICHARD M	252.44
CASH, RICHARD M	1,393.41
CLARK, HEIDI L	682.38
CLAUSON, JOANNE M	6.28
CLAYTER, STEPHANIE L	936.36
COASTAL RIVERS CONSERVATION TRUST	6,800.85
COBURN, RUTH	263.92
COFFIN, GARRETT S	5,685.48
CONCORD TRUST CO., LLC, TRUSTEE	5.70
COOPER, CHRISTOPHER	1,103.13
CORSCADEN, PATRICIA	292.23
CRAFTS, JEFFERY H	7.65
CROWELL, DAVID A	3,402.72
DAINS, LYNN B	540.86
DAIUTE, JESSE C	3,502.17
DAIUTE, MARK H	3,653.79
DAIUTE, MARK H	500.31
D'AREZZO, ARLENE	117.05
DAVIS-JOYAL, HEATHER	761.94
DENRAY, LLC	8,916.84
DERUITER, NORMAN H. JR.	6.33
DERUITER, NORMAN H. JR.	6.43
DICHTER, MEGAN K	2,996.63
DODGE, EDWARD T	283.81
DOE, MARK L	1,406.07
DOE, MARK L	1,176.57
DOE, MARK L	133.11
DOE, MARK L	986.08
DOHERTY, CHRISTOPHER C	2,089.98
DUFFY, LEONARD R	0.76
DUFFY, LEONARD R	252.45
DUFFY, LEONARD R	90.27
DUMONT, THEODORE J	3,699.54

Name	Amt. Due
DUMONT, THEODORE J	91.80
DWYER, GLENN J	3,266.55
EDELSON, HARRY	998.32
EDGECOMB, VICTOR A	1,767.59
ESLIN, M. HEIRS OF NELSON, M & SMITH, G ET AL	273.38
FAKE, THOMAS W	2,289.64
FAKE, THOMAS W	1,796.98
FARNSWORTH, PAMELA J	1,757.37
FAUX, GEORGE F	49.33
FERRANTE, DAVID J	2,083.04
FERRANTE, DUANE H	1,188.04
FORD, ROBIN L	1,826.82
FORTIER, BERNICE M, DEVEISEES OF	3,451.68
FOWLER, DOUGLAS T	4,251.87
FOX, FAITH A	2,998.01
FREESE, GEORGE W	856.08
FROST, MARY E	2,117.52
GAGNON, ADAM W	3,795.93
GAGNON, STEPHEN R	1,550.35
GARBER, PAUL M	1,891.08
GARBER, PAUL M	3.07
GAUDET, LORENZO	3.06
GENTHNER, LARRY H	372.55
GLASIER, SUSAN E	1,207.17
GLENDINNING, PRISCILLA C	1,162.03
GREGORY, KEVIN W	527.08
GREGORY, KEVIN W	530.14
HAMLIN, ROBERT T	3,489.93
HEMINGWAY, JENNIFER A	2,851.92
HERVOCHON, GEORGE F III	1,058.76
HEWITT, DAVID & MARY, TRUSTEES	0.03
HEWITT, DAVID E	7.39
HILTON, ELAYNE G	227.97
HILTON, ELAYNE G	2,497.36
HILTON, JOHN R, TRUSTEE	2,276.64
HILTON, JOHN R, TRUSTEE	1,599.61
HILTON, JOHN R, TRUSTEE	275.40
HILTON, JOHN R, TRUSTEE	232.56
HOFFMAN, MARK R	5,465.16
HOFFMAN, MARK R	1,568.25
HOLME, CHRISTOPHER B, TRUSTEE	2,589.52
HOLMES, NANCY C	1.92
HOMAN, JOHN W	2,190.96
HUDSON, SCOT I	1,670.76

Name	Amt. Due
HUFFMAN, RICHARD L, TRUSTEE	2,146.59
HULSIZER, MARY	4,361.26
HUNT, FORREST C	287.39
HUNT, FORREST C	507.98
HUNT, FORREST C	163.11
HUNT, SUE ANNE	2.98
HUNTINGTON, KATHLEEN A	2,353.14
HUTCHINSON, TAMARA M	3.06
J&R SCHUMACHER, LLC	1,636.33
JANE, THOMAS C	2,015.01
JUCHNIK, FRANK	2,405.16
KELLER, THOMAS E	2,272.82
KING, FRANK P	713.74
KINZER, ELLEN B	2,062.44
KNOWLTON, LAURIE	3,857.13
KRUK, LOUISE G	459.00
LANE, PATRICIA J	1,997.41
LAURENCELL, SUZANNE, TRUSTEE	560.64
LEE, HENRY G	5,933.34
LEE, WHITNEY, TRUSTEE	4,507.38
LEEMAN, DAVID M	3,771.45
LENZYCKI, PAUL R	1,141.38
LIBBY, HARLOW J, JR	771.12
LIBBY, VIVIAN C	1,721.25
LIBBY, VIVIAN C	6,118.47
LIZOTTE, KATHERINE A	3,408.84
LORING, SARAH L	13.30
LUDWIG, DOUGLAS P	3,150.27
LUDWIG, JANE	322.83
LUTSK, BRUCE M	2,617.83
MADDOX, MATTHEW R	2.52
MALINOWSKI-WRIGHT, E LUCIA M	64.26
MCCLURE, JULIA	189.72
MCFARLAND, HARVEY W	1,845.95
MCGREGOR, ELIZABETH M	4,211.32
MCGREGOR, ELIZABETH M	2,359.26
MCGREGOR, ELIZABETH M	2,260.57
MCLELLAN, KIMBERLY B	1,732.42
MCPHERSON, RYAN M	3,672.00
MCSHERRY, STEPHANIE	2,513.01
MILLER, CAROL B	40.00
MILLS, KIMBERLY J	1,479.51
MOONSTONE HOLDINGS, LLC	1,914.03
MOORE, LEE A	2,078.50

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Name	Amt. Due
MORSE, NAHUM	699.21
MORTIMER, KAREN E	3.03
MSP, LLC	2,407.45
NEILL, STEPHEN M	1,716.66
NELSON, JOHN W	235.62
NEPTUNE-BENNER, CASANDRA L	619.65
NEWCASTLE VENTURES, LLC	15,811.02
NORRIS, LYNNE M	1,067.85
NORWALK, JAY F	3.71
O'BRIEN-MERRILL, JULIA	556.92
O'TOOLE, DIANA O	3,211.06
PEARSON-BLOOR, MERRILL	2,070.85
PEASLEE, GUY F	255.02
PEREZ, BROOKE A	1,631.74
PHILBRICK, ALLEN	3.69
PHILBRICK, ELAINE B	2,311.83
PHILLIPS, GRACE B	1,495.06
POPP, STEPHEN J	3,985.65
POST, FREDERICK F	1,685.29
QUINLAN, ALICE D	1,135.26
QUINTERO, EMILIO C	703.80
RATH, STEPHEN D	3,626.86
REED, JACOB S	1,430.87
RHODES, ERIN N	9.18
RUSSELL, DONNA L	309.56
SANDNER, JEFFREY R	413.10
SCANLAN, CHRISTOPHER J	2,102.22
SCHUMACHER, JOHN M	2,243.74
SHADIS, PATRICIA V	2,698.15
SHIELDS, HELEN M	1,759.50
SHIPYARD, LLC	5.93
SHOTT, SCOTT T	2,694.33
SIMONDS, CYNTHIA J	3,947.40
SKENE, ALEXANDER J., JR.	3,519.00
SMITH, JAMES M	1,095.48
SMITH, JAMES M	4,157.01
SPEAR, MARISHA	885.87
SPEERS, GARY G	253.98
SPERRY, BEVERLY M	2,050.20
SPINNEY, GEORGE R, JR.	6.06
SPROUL, MARGARET A	1,459.23
STEELE, PAULINE J	5.05
STEELE, PAULINE J	0.86
STETSON HOUSE LLC.	20.76

Name	Amt. Due
STEVENS, CASEY T, TRUSTEE	1,462.68
STRAW, LEE	4,409.46
STROTHMAN, WENDY J	6,708.96
STUDLEY, DONNA LYNN & MODUGNO, JULIANNE, TRUSTEES	567.61
SZCZEPANSKI, JOHN E	475.83
TAYLOR, JAMES E	1,952.28
TOZLOSKI, DENNIS C	6.91
TRAILS END, LLC	4,476.01
TWIN VILLAGE, LLC	265.45
VAN ABSHOVEN, MICHELLE M	1,671.46
VERTEX TOWERS, LLC	3,060.00
WALTZ, GERARD S	2,459.02
WELCH, BENJAMIN M JR.	3,471.20
WELCH, BENJAMIN M JR.	7,058.30
WELCH, BENJAMIN M JR.	4,916.65
WELCH, BENJAMIN M JR.	459.00
WELCH, CHRISTINE A	443.70
WICKSON, CHRISTINE	1,043.46
WILLIAMS, BARBARA H	1,501.69
WILSHIRE, TAYLOR G	1,471.86
WILSON, JAMES M	3,564.13
WOOD, ERIC M	526.32
WOODRUFF, BRICE A	1,346.40
YOUNG, JONATHAN R	2,069.75

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes for 2020

CLAYTER, STEPHANIE L	1,161.64
DOHERTY, CHRISTOPHER C	2,558.80
DWYER, GLENN J	2,919.48
FORD, ROBIN L	1,819.54
FORTIER, BERNICE M, DEWISEES OF	3,517.08
FOWLER, DOUGLAS T	3,742.07
GAGNON, ADAM W	107.78
GLASIER, SUSAN E	1,372.62
HEMINGWAY, SALLIE	1,705.32
HOFFMAN, MARK R	5,291.18
HOFFMAN, MARK R	1,161.64
JANE, THOMAS C	1,463.60
LIBBY, VIVIAN C	1,614.40
LIBBY, VIVIAN C	5,713.26
LUDWIG, DOUGLAS P	3,334.28
MALINOWSKI-WRIGHT, E LUCIA M	133.92

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Name	Amt. Due
MCCLURE, JULIA	67.93
MORSE, NAHUM	949.62
NELSON, JOHN W	339.47
POPP, STEPHEN J	4,067.43
RIPLEY, RICHARD L	281.83
SANDNER, JEFFREY R	520.94
SPEAR, MARISHA	1,137.58
STEVENS, CASEY T., TRUSTEE	1,696.80
STRAW, LEE R	2,999.28

**Unpaid Personal Property Taxes
TAX YEAR 2020**

ADP, DEALER SERVICES, INC.	12.53
COASTAL MAINE WOOD FLOORS	50.12
COLBY AUTO CENTER	128.88
MIKE'S PLACE	35.80
MJP FORESTRY	17.90
NEWCASTLE POTTERY DESIGN	14.32
NEWCASTLE PRE-SCHOOL	16.11
NEWCASTLE PUBLIC HOUSE	179.00
SANDNER, JEFFREY & BRENDA dba	375.90
STONE EDGE FARM	8.95
STRAW, LEE R	32.22
TAXMAN INC.	19.31
TRUE NORTH SURVEYING SERVICES	48.33

**Unpaid Personal Property Taxes
Tax Year 2021**

ADP, DEALER SERVICES INC.	10.71
CENTRAL MAINE POWER	1,477.98
COASTAL MAINE WOOD FLOORS	42.84
COLBY AUTO CENTER	110.16
MCFARLAND, ELLEN M	25.24
MIKE'S PLACE	30.6
MJP FORESTRY	15.30
NEWCASTLE POTTERY DESIGN	12.24
NEWCASTLE PRE-SCHOOL	13.77
NEWCASTLE PUBLIC HOUSE	153.00
SANDNER, JEFFREY & BRENDA dba	321.3
SHEEPSMOTT VILLAGE DAY CARE	9.18
STONE EDGE FARM	7.65
STRAW, LEE R	21.42
TAXMAN INC.	19.89
TIPSY BUTLER B&B	2.57
TRUE NORTH SURVEYING SERVICES	41.31

Town Clerk

2021 Births-Our Newest Residents – 11 recorded births Number and Location of Births

Damariscotta - 3; Brunswick - 2; Augusta - 1; Portland - 5

2021 MARRIAGES – Our Newest Couples

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Coleman, Jennifer Anne/Cheney, Joshua Paul	07/29/2021
Colby, Jonathan Michael/Connelly, Meghan Ruth	08/07/2021
Amos, Ashley/Balch, Thomas Matrai	10/02/2021
Brodeur, Rochelle Leanne/Welch, Michael Henry	10/10/2021
Spinney, Patricia Lynn/Gifford, Joseph Levi	10/23/2021
Straw, Aran/Conley, Kandi Ann	10/23/2021
Zeitz, William Andrew/Corcoran, Victoria Suzanne	12/10/2021
Simpson, Yvonne, Erica/Ebanks, Peter St. Aubyn	04/17/2022

2021 DEATHS – Our Losses

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Angell, Leslie Estelle	79	Newcastle	09/28/2021
Atticks, Thomas B.	76	Newcastle	07/24/2021
Bathgate, Melanie M.	70	Newcastle	12/12/2021
Brewer, Richard Vernon Sr.	81	Rockport	11/23/2021
Brooks, John Edward	68	Portland	01/23/2021
Caton, Dianne Ruth	85	Damariscotta	03/04/2021
Conlin, Christopher Francis	55	Rockport	04/20/2021
Farnsworth, Earl C.	78	Bristol	01/14/2021
Hatch, Janet Simmons	73	Damariscotta	08/28/2021
Heady, William D.	80	Newcastle	01/17/2022
Hingston, John P.	43	Newcastle	01/05/2022
Hudson, James Topping	90	Damariscotta	09/08/2021
Neidhamer, Julia J.	98	Newcastle	03/16/2022
Puckey, Priscilla P.	81	Portland	09/10/2021
Racz, Evelyn Elizabeth	94	Newcastle	02/25/2022
Reid, Patricia Ann	85	Camden	09/24/2021

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Russell, Anne A.	91	Damariscotta	03/02/2022
Sidelinger, David Louis	64	Rockport	03/24/2022
Sidelinger, Warren L. Jr.	70	Augusta	11/22/2021
Unruh, Eric Neal	53	Damariscotta	03/09/2022
Welch, Benjamin M. Jr.	86	Rockport	03/30/2022
Wynne, Edward J. Jr.	89	Newcastle	08/23/2021
Total Deaths	22		

Land use (Building) Permits

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Date	Permit #	Applicant/Owner	Map/Lot	Newcastle Location	Type/Reason for Permit	Fee	CEO Approval Date	Planning Board Approval	Appeals Board Approval
1	1/2/2021	Alex Obregon - Paul Yarmey	M2/L17	21 Island Rd	Installation of Shed Roof	\$25.00	1/12/2021	n/a	n/a
2	1/12/2021	Bridgette McCarthy	M5/L15-C	19 Sheepscoot Rd	Business Sign	\$30.00	1/11/2021	n/a	n/a
3	1/1/2021	Alex Braley	M15/L19	12 Old Austin Rd	Addition - Shed 8x10	\$35.00	2/1/2021	n/a	n/a
4	2/3/2021	Revision Energy - Garret Benson	M13/L26	33 Mills Rd	Solar System on Barn	\$75.00	2/4/2021	n/a	n/a
5	2/3/2021	Revision Energy - Graham & Riesenberg	M4/L2	30 Carney Rd	Solar System on House	\$75.00	2/4/2021	n/a	n/a
6	2/4/2021	Anne Upton	M6/L11	57 N. Newcastle Rd	Replace - Barn	\$125.00	2/4/2021	n/a	n/a
7	2/9/2021	Maryanne Ward	M11/L33	19 Pleasant St	Build Sunroom on Existing Deck	\$25.00	2/9/2021	n/a	n/a
8	2/18/2021	Alex Landau	M8/L18/5	High Ground/Bluff Dr	Single Family Home	\$125.00	2/18/2021	n/a	n/a
9	3/11/2021	Attila & Jessica Delisle - Tippy Butler	M12/L12	11 High St	Solar Array - Roof Top	\$75.00	2/25/2021	n/a	n/a
10	2/25/2021	Artley & Dorsky - Kavanagh House	M7/L33	39 Pond Rd	Reconstruct an existing Ell & frame	\$75.00	3/11/2021	n/a	n/a
11	3/11/2021	Rob Nelson	M13/L44	10 Pleasant St	Replace Pier / Dock Ramp/Float	\$50.00	3/12/2021	Yes	n/a
12	3/12/2021	Ross Wollen	M17/8-A	312 Lynch Rd	Outdoor Pavilion	\$50.00	3/24/2021	n/a	n/a
13	3/24/2021	William Balch & Patricia Matral	M4/L1	48 The Kings Hwy	Hoop House	\$75.00	3/24/2021	n/a	n/a
14	3/24/2021	William Gomez	M3/L3	34 Klin Rd	Screened Porch	\$0.00	3/24/2021	n/a	n/a
15	4/1/2021	Luc Levenson	M13/L42	24 Pump St	Dormer / Refurbish Kitchen	\$0.00	4/1/2021	n/a	n/a
16	4/1/2021	Luc Levenson	M33/L4-41-8	47 Chase Farm Rd	Garden Shed Replacement	\$0.00	4/6/2021	n/a	n/a
17	4/6/2021	Rendon & Cynthia Sabina	M6/L20-C	20 Paradise Rd	30x40 Bldg w/12x40 Lean-to	\$75.00	4/6/2021	n/a	n/a
18	4/6/2021	Kensell Krah II	M5/L63	269 Lynch Rd	Demolition Delay / Historic	\$50.00	4/15/2021	n/a	n/a
19	4/15/2021	E.M. Wood/Debbia Snyder	M8/L39-B	129 Forest Rd	Change of Use - Farming/Ag	\$100.00	4/20/2021	Yes	n/a
20	4/20/2021	Mathew Morgensbesser/Janice Rheyem	M5/L44	27 Bailey Lane	24x36 Storage Bldg	\$0.00	4/20/2021	n/a	n/a
21	4/20/2021	Erica Berman	M13/L83	68 Main St	Expansion of patio / Comm. Pergola	\$25.00	4/20/2021	Yes	n/a
22	4/20/2021	Brendan Parsons	M8/L2	230 N Dyer Neck Rd	Replacing Modular w/Double wide & garage	\$175.00	4/27/2021	n/a	n/a
23	4/27/2021	Luc Levenson	M4/L63-D	15 Shattuck Mill Rd	New Home w/Attached Garage	\$100.00	4/28/2021	n/a	n/a
24	4/28/2021	Luc Kostensbader	M15/L18	8 Old Austin Rd	Screened Porch	\$25.00	4/27/2021	n/a	n/a
25	4/27/2021	Jay Zoller	M12/L17	51 Main St	Installation of Cell Tower/Mobile Facility	\$550.00	2/11/2021	Yes	n/a
26	2/11/2021	Bell Atlantic/S&I Communications LLC	M4/L53-A	126 W Old County Rd	32x44 Garage	\$100.00	5/12/2021	n/a	n/a
27	5/11/2021	Logan Krah	M5/L54	94 Mills Rd	Addition - Lean to Existing Storage Bldg	\$50.00	5/7/2021	n/a	n/a
28	5/7/2021	Mark Doe	M18/L18-A	129 Perkins Point Rd	Single Family Home	\$125.00	5/10/2021	n/a	n/a
29	5/10/2021	Ryan McPherson	M3/L65-3	70 Stefford Circle	Demolition - Mobile Home	\$50.00	5/11/2021	n/a	n/a
30	5/11/2021	Richard & Mauna Sullivan	M4/L52	153 W Old County Rd	Shed / Playhouse	\$100.00	5/14/2021	n/a	n/a
31	5/14/2021	Richard Sweeney	M3/L7	144 Lynch Rd	Wood-framed Concrete Slab	\$100.00	6/16/2021	n/a	n/a
32	6/16/2021	Justin Wood	M4/L59-1	356 E Old County Rd	12x18' Single Shed / 10x14 Deck	\$100.00	6/22/2021	n/a	n/a
33	6/22/2021	Jeffrey Nickerson	M13/L17	8 Mills Rd	4' fence along sides / back property	\$50.00	6/24/2021	n/a	n/a
34	6/24/2021	Ellen B Kinser	M17/L11	26 Nob Hill	Moving deck extend railings	\$50.00	6/28/2020	n/a	n/a
35	6/28/2021	Jennifer B Hauber	M13/L42	24 Pump St	Sm Project - Interior Renovations	\$35.00	7/1/2021	n/a	n/a
36	7/1/2021	Luc Levenson	M13/L42	24 Pump St	6' Wood Fencing	\$25.00	7/1/2021	n/a	n/a
37	7/1/2021	Luc Levenson	M7/L5	38 Timber Lane	Addition - Bedroom	\$100.00	7/2/2021	n/a	n/a
38	7/2/2021	Red Milanson/Danielle Young	M13/L20	28 Mills Rd	Fencing - Picket & -Wire ea 4'	\$50.00	7/6/2021	n/a	n/a
39	7/6/2021	Andrew & Suzanne Robb	M4/L90B-1	685 US Rte One	Renewal of Existing Site Plan	\$500.00	5/3/2021	Yes	n/a
40	5/3/2021	S&A Towers X, LLC	M17/L25	161 Milliken Rd	Jack, Support, Level Existing Cottage	\$ 100.00	7/7/2021	Yes	n/a
41	7/7/2021	Mark Barry	M8/L31	30 Thistle Way	Slab w/18' Walls add 2' fr deck	\$175.00	7/27/2021	n/a	n/a

2021 Plumbing Permits

2021 Permits	Permit	Property Owner	Type	Location		Street Address
			S(Septic) I(Interior) T(Tank)	Map	Lot	
	2021					
1/8/2021	21-01	Raymond Taylor	I(Interior)	12	13	21 High Street
2/24/2021	21-02	Alex Landau	S(Septic)	8	18-005	Jones Woods Rd
3/9/2021	21-03	Claire Karoff	I(Interior)	5	1	241 River Rd
3/23/2021	21-04	Steven & Eva Frey	S(Septic)	5	15-00A	597 Rt. 1, Ste 1
4/12/2021	21-05	Karl Daxland	S(Septic)	4	6	33 Sheepscot River Way
4/29/2021	21-06	Nat Bryant	I(Interior)	11	39	29 Liberty St
4/29/2021	21-07	St Andrews Church	I(Interior)	13	68	11 Glidden St
5/10/2021	21-08	Paul Chamberlain	S(Septic)	18	4	33 Stafford Circle
5/11/2021	21-09	Liu Ching	I(Interior)	7	52-00K	20 Bay View
5/25/2021	21-10	Ryan McPherson	S(Septic)	3	65-003	129 Perkins Pt
5/25/2021	21-11	Margie Yates	I(Interior)	14	17	4 Hillcrest Rd
6/4/2021	21-12	Kenneth Taylor	S(Septic)	4	66	Indian Trail
6/10/2021	21-13	Josh Beers	S(Septic)	8	40	156 Ridge Rd
6/10/2021	21-14	Luc Levensohn	I(Interior)	13	42	24 Pump St
6/29/2021	21-15	Bruce Benner	S(Septic)	2	51	1 Camp Rd
7/1/2021	21-16	John Schumacher	S(Septic)	7	56	184 Mills Rd (Replacement)
7/1/2021	21-17	Luc Levensohn	I(Interior)	13	42	24 Pump St
7/8/2021	21-18	Lucas Kostenbader	I(Interior)	4	63-00D	15 Shattuck Mill Rd
8/10/2021	21-19	Sylvia Guido	S(Septic)	2	65	307 Lynch Rd
8/10/2021	21-20	Mal Briggs	I(Interior)	3	61-00E	50 Castlewood Rd
8/10/2021	21-21	Steven Gaskin	I(Interior)	6	12	52 N Newcastle Rd
8/10/2021	21-22	Bruce Benner	I(Interior)	2	51	1 Camp Rd
8/10/2021	21-23	Jon Poland	I(Interior)	5	1	241 River Rd
8/17/2021	21-24	Jeffrey Nickerson	I(Interior)	4	59-001	356 E Old County Rd
9/7/2021	21-25	Michael Libby	S(Septic)	8	47-00A	305 Jones Woods Rd
9/8/2021	21-26	Ian Bowers	S(Septic)	5	33	100 East Old County Rd
9/13/2021	21-27	Mike Webster	S(Septic)	8	32-00B	32B Estey Road
9/21/2021	21-28	Arthur Roberts	S(Septic)	13	8	54 Mills Road
9/28/2021	21-29	Michael Burke	S(Septic)	20	21	676 Sheepscot Rd
9/29/2021	21-30	Steve Langdon	I(Interior)	5	49	127 Academy Hill Rd
10/5/2021	21-31	Marcia Rath	I(Interior)	5	47	8 Middle Way
10/5/2021	21-32	Mobius Inc	I(Interior)	7A	27	55 Timber Lane
10/19/2021	21-33	765 LLC	I(Interior)	3	28	765 Route One
10/28/2021	21-34	Robert Bickle	I(Interior)	1	5-003	88 Dodge Cove Lane
10/26/2021	21-35	Eric Marko	S(Septic)	3	41	264 River Rd
11/9/2021	21-36	Adelle & Jamie Carter	S(Septic)	11	35	7 Pleasant St (Replacement)
11/29/2021	21-37	Florence Hull	S(Septic)	7A	20	110 Timber Ln (Replacement)
12/7/2021	21-38	Ryan McPherson	I(Interior)	3	65-003	129 Perkins Pt
12/7/2021	21-39	David Stetson	S(Septic)	6	7-00F	351 South Dyer Neck Rd
12/7/2021	21-40	David O'Leary	I(Interior)	07A	25	120 Timber Ln
12/7/2021	21-41	Seth Wilkinson	I(Interior)	3	65-002	125 Perkins Point Rd

Planning Board

The Planning Board has been meeting regularly this year and regaining some sense of normalcy after the impact COVID-19 had on everything last year. This year has seen an increase in larger scale projects over last year. As a result, these applications have been voluminous, detailed, well researched, and more often prepared by a consultation firm in conjunction with the applicant. The Planning Board has used the Pre-submittal Meeting process several times for these larger projects, and to good effect, as it provides both the applicant and the Planning Board an opportunity to identify areas within the project scope that might require specific review criteria before the final application is submitted.

Over the course of the year, The Core Zoning Code the town adopted in 2021 has been easy to work with in the review of permit applications. There has been a demonstrable difference in the improvements to many processes and the simplification of reviewing standards over the previous Land Use Ordinance. As anticipated, small issues have been identified within the Code, however, all have been minor and did not impact the processing of applications or applicant's ability to work with the town to accomplish their desired projects. When enough changes have been gathered, the Planning Board will propose a list of updates to the Code.

Additionally, the Planning Board has been working on updating the Permit Application forms and creating a simple one-page guide to the Core Zoning Code for new applicants to easily familiarize themselves with the layout of the Code as well as the method to quickly access the information most pertinent for their project.

Respectfully submitted,
BEN FREY
Planning Board Chair

Veterans Memorial Park Committee

The Veterans Memorial Park has had a beautiful facelift with asphalt sidewalks installed. This work has provided easier access for everyone and well placed benches offer comfortable seating.

We thank The Old Bristol Garden Club for their grant of money to help with fertilizers and plants for the perennial garden. Renys Department Store has again donated tulip and daffodil bulbs. Volunteers got the bulbs in the ground last autumn so we can look forward to plenty of blooms soon.

The Park looked lovely over the holidays with a large decorated evergreen and lights in the crabapple trees. Thank you Chamber of Commerce for your dedicated work making the Park look so festive.

Huge thanks go to Allan Ray and Cal Hurdle for their careful mowing and weed whacking. We want to thank the Congregational Church members for pruning the hedge so carefully.

We are fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer crew made up of neighbors and local gardeners. When called on to help with spring cleanup, planting, watering and fall cleanup they arrive at the Park with tools and smiles. We welcome anyone who might be interested in lending a hand so leave your name and contact information at the Newcastle Town Office.

Thank you to taxpayers for your continued support of The Veterans Memorial Park which honors our service men and women.

BETSY EVANS
ELLEN MCFARLAND
ALLAN RAY

K-12 Education Report

Craig Jurgensen, Superintendent of Schools, AOS 93

The Central Lincoln County School System – aka “AOS 93” – serves seven towns: Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Jefferson, New Castle, Nobleboro, and South Bristol. There are five schools: Bristol Consolidated, Jefferson Village, Nobleboro Central, South Bristol and Great Salt Bay (serving Bremen, Damariscotta and Newcastle) with over 800 students attending PreK to eighth grade. CLCSS does not operate a high school, each AOS 93 town pays tuition to a local public or private high school. In 2021 there were 527 students attending area public high schools or private academies. There are nine school boards with one for each of the seven communities, one for GSB and an AOS 93 board. It is a complicated school system but one in which strong community support, parent involvement, and a highly skilled and committed staff is focused and actively engaged in providing rich and robust learning opportunities for all students.

2021 was a year of challenge and change in AOS 93 schools.

The primary challenge was, of course, the impact of the pandemic on students, staff, and families. During the spring we continued our emphasis on keeping students healthy and, to the extent possible, learning in their classrooms and interacting with their friends and teachers. Although a distance learning option was available for families to choose, we emphasized and focused on our in-person instruction knowing how important the contact and interaction was for learning, as well as for emotional development and wellbeing. We worked diligently to approach school as “business as usual” even as we followed the mandates, recommendations, and guidelines that directed our prevention and mitigation strategies.

With the start of the 2021-22 school year in September, we returned with renewed optimism, an emphasis on maximizing our in-person instruction, and revised recommendations for our standard operating procedures. School planning teams and school boards diligently and conscientiously reviewed and laid out the best plans possible for each school’s opening plans based on the

few remaining mandates and many recommendations focused on developing and implementing an effective response to the prevention and mitigation strategies needed to support student and staff health and contain and limit spread of the virus in our schools. Although each of our schools found it necessary for short periods of time to move to a remote instructional model either as an entire school or for particular classrooms, our emphasis and goals was to continue to support student learning in the classroom. All of us worked together, thoughtfully collaborating to problem solve and respond to each new and unique situation. Communication and collaboration were the keys to keeping schools open with teachers and students engaged in teaching and learning. As we approached the end of 2020, schools increased their use of onsite COVID testing and offered vaccination clinics with help from Lincoln Health to deploy new tools to respond to the pandemic.

Without question, the challenges of 2021 brought many operational changes to AOS 93. Other changes were evident too. At South Bristol School, Scott White, after 13 years as the school principal, moved to Union Elementary School. In his place, Charles (Chuck Hamm), having worked in Belfast and Islesboro, was hired as the SBS principal. Jason Adickes transitioned from a long and successful tenure at GSB to assume the school leadership position of principal at Jefferson Village School. Returning to AOS 93, Ira Michaud, after four years as the principal at Edgecomb Eddy School in AOS 98, was hired to lead Nobleboro Central School. These new principals along with Jennifer Ribeiro at Bristol Consolidated School and Kim Schaff and Assistant Principal Kami Peaslee at Great Salt Bay Community School, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Lysney Johnston, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Ann Hassett, and Director of Special Services, Kelly Stokes, CLCSS has the strongest and most dedicated professional administrative leadership team I have had the privilege to work with as a public-school administrator.

Other changes included the hiring of many new staff in different roles in each school. An upgrade and refinement of a new AOS 93 website was launched in November. At the December AOS 93 board meeting, a revised Interlocal Agreement was unanimously

approved. The new agreement updates the original 2008 agreement that brought the seven towns together to form CLSCSS. While some operational changes were included, the majority of the updates resulted in a more concise and clearer document. Both the 2008 original and the 2021 revision are available on the AOS 93 website. School board meetings that moved from the traditional well-established face to face format to fully remote Zoom meetings in 2020 returned to in-person meetings with a remote option in September 2021. This change, coupled with an asynchronous YouTube viewing option, broadened community access and participation in the monthly school board meetings. Enhanced remote instruction capabilities and the refined online tools available to teachers accessed due to the pandemic provided with us with remote instructional options to use as an alternative to full closures due to weather related events. Receiving substantial federal funds through ESSR and CARES supported significant upgrades to school ventilation, facilities improvements to enable social distancing requirements, and staffing increases that provided smaller student-staff ratios, increased attention to cleaning protocols, and significant improvements to educational technologies.

Since March 2020 our primary instructional focus in AOS 93 has been supporting students, families, and educators through pandemic learning, and at the same time we have continued to make progress in other areas of curriculum, instruction, and assessment. This work has included ensuring instructional continuity during periods of school closing and disrupted learning, providing an alternative for students who were unable to attend school when we reopened in September 2020, supporting continued staff learning with an initial day of training for new employees and both remote and in-person professional development focused on best instructional practices and the physical and emotional safety of all of our students. In July and August 2021, we partnered with Central Lincoln County YMCA to offer a full-day summer school program of academics, enrichment, and social/emotional learning for students in all AOS 93 schools.

In Special Education, we are appreciative for the commitment of all staff who support students with disabilities despite a shortage of staff in many areas. Several of our staff (speech/language therapists,

special education teachers, and educational technicians) took advantage of an opportunity to obtain professional development from the Maine DOE this year in Lindamood-Bell curriculum. The Lindamood-Bell curriculum is effective and evidence-based methodology that uses a unique sensory and cognitive based approach. Many school districts across the country have adopted these programs which have demonstrated very good results in student progress. We have already put the training into implementation and are excited about the differentiation it provides to students who need it most.

At South Bristol School, changes in school operations included the creation of a Leadership Team that works with the principal to review, assess, and intervene where changes and improvements are needed, as well as recognizing the school's strengths and success. A Multiple Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) was implemented to help educators provide academic and behavioral strategies for students with various needs. Staff have implemented a school-wide plan of enrichment opportunities. The middle school level has hosted several volunteer presentations and short trips off campus, including a week-long Witch Island experience.

Bristol Consolidated School completed nine years of PreK education. A portable classroom was installed in the summer to provide additional learning space in response to a rapid enrollment increase. Space, however, continues to be an issue the school and community are working to address. The school has a new well and other upgrades throughout that to improve the physical plant and grounds. The new softball field was fabulous last spring.

Jefferson Village School continues to offer a number of enrichment activities for students, in conjunction with their academic instruction and learning. The 8th grade students participated in a service project for Veterans Day that included raking leaves at the Maine Veterans Cemetery in Augusta. The entire student body helped produce a video thanking Veterans for their service. Kindergarten students sang Christmas Carols, while outside, to residents of the Lincoln Home. JVS students collected and donated nonperishable items to the Jefferson Food Pantry to help families in need. Fifth through eighth grade students participated in hiking and fat tire bike

riding at Hidden Valley Nature Center and the JVS Library held its annual Holiday Bizarre Fundraiser.

Nobleboro Central School students enjoyed playing soccer and basketball again after returning to in-person instruction in September. Chess club and homework club started up again. Sewing club and cheering club were new additions to extracurricular programming. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) classes started up again for the 7th and 8th graders this fall. Fourth grade has enjoyed getting out to Hidden Valley Nature Center, CAL learned about the Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railway at their site in Alna. Third and sixth grade classes have enjoyed FARMS Kitchen at the YMCA again, and the sixth grade held a food drive and delivered contributions to recipients.

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 especially given the uncertainties and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 has not distracted 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.

October 2021 Enrollment

	Pre-K	Kdgn.	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	TOTAL ELEM.
Bristol	12	26	23	18	16	17	22	16	11	21	182
Open Enrollment		1	2	1							4
Superintendent's Agree		3									3
Tuition Agreement									1		1
Bristol Total	12	30	25	19	16	17	22	16	12	21	190
Bremen		0	9	4	4	7	4	5	8	11	52
Damariscotta		23	17	21	22	15	26	21	20	20	185
Newcastle		12	12	10	12	13	9	18	20	19	125
Open Enrollment		1	2	0	0	0	2	5	2	5	17
Superintendent's Agree									0	1	1
Public Tuition		1	0	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	14
GSB, CSD Total		37	40	37	40	37	42	51	52	58	394
Jefferson		26	28	25	24	21	22	18	24	26	214
Open Enrollment										1	1
Superintendent's Agree		1		1	1	1			1		5
Jefferson Total		27	28	26	25	22	22	18	25	27	220
Nobleboro		21	19	12	13	11	12	15	14	14	131
Open Enrollment			1		1	2	1		3		8
CAL (from out of NCS)											
Public Tuition											
Superintendent's Agree											
Nobleboro Total		21	20	12	14	13	13	15	17	14	139
South Bristol	7	2	2	2	4	5	5	8	6	8	49
Superintendent's Agree		2				1				1	4
Open Enrollment	4	1	1		2	1	2	2	1	6	20
So. Bristol Total	11	5	3	2	6	7	7	10	7	15	73
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	23	120	116	96	101	96	106	110	113	135	1016

SECONDARY ENROLLMENT and home school

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	TOTAL SEC.
Bremen	9	5	8	6	28
Bristol	20	20	30	22	92
Damariscotta	22	22	26	18	88
Jefferson	25	26	22	22	95
Newcastle	27	31	30	20	108
Nobleboro	21	17	20	21	79
South Bristol	11	7	12	7	37
TOTAL SECONDARY	135	128	148	116	527

AOS 93 Total pre-K-12 1543

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 2021 fulfilling our mission to provide a nurturing, safe, and enjoyable environment took on new challenges due to COVID-19. Throughout the year the school community used the guidance from the CDC and Maine's Department of Education to provide daily in-person instruction. Thanks to the efforts of our students, their parents and guardians, and our staff, it was only necessary to transition to school-wide remote instruction eight days in 2021 with only some classes and grades having periods of remote learning due to the requirement of close contacts to quarantine.

While COVID-19 presented challenges, it also presented new opportunities. Teachers and students gained a greater appreciation for our vast outdoor campus. Under tents and in the wooded areas of the campus, teachers held classes. Eating snacks, and lunch and taking walking breaks outside became the norm. In June, the appreciation for our outdoor campus culminated when the school held its first outdoor graduation ceremony and end-of-the year celebrations.

A significant highlight of 2021 included the completion of the greenhouse. The greenhouse was donated to the school by the Friends of Great Salt Bay Greenhouse Committee. The goal of the greenhouse program is four-fold: expanding our community collaborations with FARMS and the Twin Village Food Bank, providing more opportunities for K-8 community service, enhancing our curriculum, and including school-grown produce into our school meals. Unique programs, such as this, demonstrate the

school's commitment to offering our students a curriculum that is challenging, exploratory, integrative, diverse, and inclusive of our community partners. Our community collaborations with Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust, Darling Center, Farms Kitchen, Hidden Valley Nature Center, Kieve, the Twin Villages Food Bank and the CLC YMCA greatly enrich the learning experience for our students, for which we are grateful.

In addition to offering enriching and engaging programming during the school day, Great Salt Bay School recognizes that co-curricular and extracurricular programs are an integral part of the total educational program. The co-curricular programs include Drama Club, 8th grade Girls' Group, Jazz Band, Outing Club, Student Council, and Yearbook. Our student athletes can participate in archery, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, field hockey, golf, soccer, softball, track & field, and volleyball.

As with every year, the Great Salt Bay Community School strives to make the educational experience stronger for its students. Our goal is to "Be Better Than Our Best." Our students are blessed to live in a community that recognizes that supporting its public school is one of the most important investments of all. Together we are making our future stronger as a community and as a nation by educating our children. Thank you for your support of Great Salt Bay Community School.

Lincoln Academy

To the Residents of Newcastle:

Greetings from Lincoln Academy, where, like schools around Maine and the world, we continue to face the daunting task of keeping school open during a pandemic. I am currently in my third 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 585 students from 20 towns in Maine and ten countries around the world. In our most recent graduating class of 114 graduates in the Class of 2021, 64 are enrolled in 4-year colleges, 14 in 2-year colleges, 35 entered the workforce, and two entered the military. This year's senior class of 2022 is significantly larger, with 136 students.

After a year of hybrid learning in 2020-21, we moved to full-time, five-days-a-week learning in September of 2021. We are grateful to have Kerri Lilly, RN BSN as our new Director of the LA Health Center. In partnership with Lincoln Health, our Health Center has developed a school-wide plan that includes an indoor mask mandate and weekly COVID testing for 30% of our student body, starting with athletes and residential students. We also hosted three Lincoln Health vaccination clinics on the LA campus in May, 2021 and January, 2022. It has truly been a community effort.

Despite the ongoing interruptions caused by occasional COVID cases, we completed a fall sports season, put on a fully-staged production of *Oklahoma*, and hosted in-person winter band and choir concerts. Our sports teams are currently in their winter season, where all indoor practices and competitions (with the exception of swim) are masked. We continue to offer performing arts programs and over 40 clubs and extended learning opportunities as part of our new Focused Learning Block, a feature of the academic schedule introduced in September of 2021.

Improvements to our campus this year include a completely updated network to ensure the fastest possible internet connectivity for students and staff, continued ventilation updates to improve air quality, and the acquisition of a seasonal outdoor stage we call the Performing Arts Pavilion. It was wonderful to utilize this space for some of our senior week festivities last spring as well as theater and music performances.

More than 30 current and former trustees and friends have contributed to our “Bridge to Sustainability” fund, which continues our efforts toward fiscal sustainability. This restricted endowment will be used to offset debt payments in the annual budget. We are grateful for the generous support and vote of confidence for our leadership team as they continue to pursue other areas of growth to meet Lincoln’s financial needs.

In addition to the fund itself, our long-term investments in sustainability include a fiscally responsible energy strategy. Utilizing best practices shared by other independent schools operating in aging buildings, the board’s Buildings and Grounds Committee and the LA facilities team conducted an energy audit of our campus, which is shaping a multi-pronged plan for maintaining our facilities in the most economically and environmentally effective ways possible.

We appreciate the support of all of our sending towns. We are proud to celebrate a 220 year tradition of educating students from the Midcoast and beyond.

Sincerely,
JEFFREY S. BURROUGHS,
Head of School

Adult and Community Education

I do not think any of us expected that the pandemic would impact us for a second year but it most definitely has! In the spring as we watched infection numbers drop and vaccinations rise, we were confident we would be back to life as normal in the not-too-distant future and that all of our classes would once again be face-to-face. However, as the Delta variant took hold, we realized our safety precautions needed to remain in place and that we needed to continue to make remote options available whenever possible. So that is what we did and despite all the ups and downs, we managed to assist five students with attaining their high school equivalency diplomas this past year! Our graduation ceremony, which was held at the Lincoln Theater, was our most moving one yet. Between our graduates' personal stories of obstacles overcome and a mesmerizing musical performance by one of them, most everyone present was brought to tears and filled with gratitude for all that our students had accomplished.

Between 2018 – 2021 we have served sixty-four students from our AOS 93 towns in our high school equivalency program and successfully graduated thirty-three of them! Sixty seven people accessed our college transitions services during that same time period and seven hundred thirty-five community members participated in one or more of our in-person or on-line enrichment activities! 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 Academy of Medical Professions, and the Learning Resources Network, allows us to put forward offerings we typically would not be able to provide. Fortunately, most of the offerings through these partnerships can be accessed remotely which is especially beneficial during these uncertain times.

Last year, we lost almost a third of our revenue due to cancelled enrichment classes because of the pandemic. Thankfully, the Burns Family Foundation provided us with a grant to cover our losses and we were able to keep our doors open. I want to publicly thank them for their generous donation. It was a life saver for our program and we will always be grateful.

Finally, despite all the craziness and stress of this past year, Central Lincoln County Adult & Community Education has continued to make an impact in our communities and a real difference in people's lives. Thank you to all the AOS 93 communities for your ongoing support of our work. We are the "Learning for Work & Life" team and we are here for YOU!

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

Skidompha Library

The continuation of the pandemic during 2020 and 2021 allowed little respite for our community and the Skidompha Library. However, we have used the funds Newcastle provides to expand our services, programming, and hours, while maintaining a safe and supportive environment for our patrons. Newcastle's contribution remains critical to maintaining the level of services we provide, and I am thankful to the Town of Newcastle for its ongoing support.

To this day, Skidompha continues to proceed cautiously with respect to the pandemic and how we continue to support literacy, promote education, expand collaboration, and keep our services accessible to our community. We believe this philosophy best supports the health and safety of our community and the prevention of wide community spread.

Through our measured caution we have come back far stronger than the prior year. We applied for and won a number of significant grants bringing needed funds to improve and diversify our collection, offer new programming, and continue publication of our EPOCH teen magazine. To maintain safe and convenient access to physical resources we started curbside pickup service, subsequently expanded our hours of operation, and transitioned to a combination of curbside and in-person browsing/borrowing model. We continued to deliver books to congregate care facilities and to house-bound individuals. We stayed connected to children and young adults by offering free, regular and interactive virtual programming and free take-and-make craft kits. We expanded our diverse mix of adult online programming opportunities to enrich, educate, entertain, and heal during this difficult time. We offered reader services to our patrons and access to two downloadable ebook collections, and our critical clerical services of open public WiFi, printing, faxing, scanning, and copying remained available. And as ever, we continued our commitment to being a source of compassionate human connection to our patrons.

For as long as the pandemic remains a threat to public health Skidompha will remain flexible and agile at providing its services, and will react accordingly to the changes in risk. My second full year as Executive Director, while challenging, was profoundly fulfilling, and I am both proud and privileged to work with such extraordinary people as the Skidompha Library staff. Their work makes Skidompha the bright, vibrant, and necessary resource it is.

We are grateful for your continued support.

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. 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 141 calls in 2021; this number is down compared to recent years, most likely due to the pandemic.

Training is one of the most important functions at the fire station. We were able to do our regular monthly training for most of the year, and do some training with our mutual aid departments. 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. We are always looking for new members, if you are interested feel free to stop by the fire station on a Tuesday at 7pm to ask questions and get to know us. You will learn a lot and it's very rewarding work.

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. Our tanker did develop a leak and got repaired under warranty even though the warranty was expired. The manufacturer of the tanker and our pumpers (KME) has always treated us well with good quality apparatus and great service. 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. As always, we try to replace equipment with grant funds and donations first before requesting funds from the town.

The Fire Company 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 and leave a message, we will return your call.

The fundraising efforts of the Newcastle Fire Company Inc. are always ongoing. Our current fundraising project is to replace our Unit 12, a 1993 International. Unit 12 is a large ambulance type vehicle that we use for firefighter rehab, water rescues and an incident command post. We purchased this vehicle used from Westbrook Fire Department about 15 years ago for \$5,000 and it now needs replacement, it has served us well. We really appreciate your donations; they help reduce our fund requests through taxes. Donations can be made to Newcastle Fire Company P.O. Box 270 Newcastle, ME 04553.

Lastly, Newcastle Fire Company has recently developed a partnership with the Red Cross smoke detector program. If anyone needs a smoke detector, we have some available at the fire station and can install them for you if needed at no cost. The Red Cross will discuss fire safety and planning with you after the installation. If you or someone you know, needs a smoke detector please call the station and leave a message 563-3888. Smoke detectors are your best defense at surviving a fire please please make sure yours are always working and if you need one call us.

Very respectfully,
CASEY STEVENS, Chief
Newcastle Fire Company



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Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

Greetings,

As I begin my 20th year as your Sheriff, I look back at 2021 as a year of planning and I look forward to 2022 as a year of action.

During the past year, my team and I began closely tracking our crime and crash locations with an emphasis on enhancing our patrols in the areas reporting high totals in both. Based on a national model for data driven policing we plan, in early 2022, to focus some of our patrols in three areas of the County, identified by our data. Our goal is to use the data to enhance the location and time of day of some of our patrol activity. Our hope is to see a reduction in both crash and crime as a result.

Additionally in 2021 we began a more formal process to track our use of force reports. This data for 2021 will be available for viewing on our website (www.lincolnsos.me) in January of 2022 with plans to update the data each quarter in 2022. The decision to share this information is based solely on our goal to improve communication and transparency. It is simply a window into what we do and how often we do it with regard to the use of physical force. Take a look, you may find it interesting and certainly if you have any questions or concerns, let me know.

We also put in place the building blocks for a citizen's advisory committee (CAC) last year. As it develops, the group will provide me community perspective and opinion on a wide range of issues including policy review. The CAC will be diverse in every way and serve a vital role during our plan to be one of the first Sheriff's Offices in the State of Maine to receive accreditation thru the Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program sponsored by the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. The accreditation process is underway, with a goal of reaching accreditation in early 2023.

Many law enforcement agencies both locally and nationally have struggled to fill their vacancies and we too have struggled. I am happy to report I have hired five new deputy sheriffs since late 2021. These new deputies are diverse in many ways including the first full-time female Patrol Deputy in over 10 years. We do still have some openings, three in fact as of the date of this letter. If you know someone who is looking for a unique opportunity to serve our community, please have them reach out to me or any of my staff.

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 1,428 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 1,600 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 consists 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.

2016 an upgrade was done to the Plant's Office, electrical and lagoon blower system.

2018 an equipment storage garage was erected at the Main Plant.

2021 the District connected to a new collection line put in by Chase Construction for the town of Damariscotta. The new eight-inch line runs through the waterfront parking lot, replacing the District's sagging collection line and outdated clay tile service lines to the businesses.

The Damariscotta Mills area of Newcastle and Nobleboro has a small sand filter fed by septic tanks which are maintained by the District. Wastewater Manager LeeAnna Libby, Code Enforcement Officer Stan Waltz and George Mason worked to get toilets at the Mills swimming hole.

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 Lewis Rector 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 2021 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)

2021 has seen some changes in our staff. Ernest "Allen" Oliver was our manager until he was in a motorcycle accident in May. We want to thank him for his time he put into the transfer station.

We had to make a decision and we decided it was best to move Brandon Achorn up to manager. He has done a great job with help of Glenn Daiute. They kept the facility running & running it smoothly. A big thank you to them for all the hard work and time they put in to keep it up and running.

We hired a part time person, Kevin Nunes to help out at the station. We also hired a 32-hour person Ed McCabe on January 1, 2022. We now have a full staff to ensure everyone is being served. We want to take a moment to thank everyone for keeping their masks on during COVID-19 and keeping our staff safe. We know it has been a trying time for everyone. We were able to keep the station up and running all year without any interruptions. 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 2021 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 2022 is that 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 2022 our budget was up 3%. This is due to the increase in household trash. With the pandemic, more households found themselves cleaning more and throwing more trash away.

We are looking to keep things the same in 2022. We try to be efficient as possible to save taxpayers money. Thank you for your cooperation with the staff. They enjoy working with you.

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

Alewives arrived in Damariscotta Mills early this spring, starting their journey up the fish ladder to Damariscotta Lake in late April. It was another amazing run, with the ladder full of fish day after day, and 1,047,918 Alewives successfully reaching the lake. Since 2017, an average of over a million fish have climbed the ladder annually to their spawning grounds, resulting in clouds of juvenile Alewives pouring back downstream from early July until November whenever there is enough flow to move them along. Having the opportunity to safely move downstream around the falls by way of the fish ladder is equally as important as going upstream for the overall health of the resource.

The annual Alewife harvest had another banner year, continuing to be an important source of bait for the lobster and halibut fisheries. Local fishermen from the area and Co-op's from South Bristol and Tenents Harbor are the main recipients of the Alewives, but we also get fishermen from DownEast, the islands in Penobscot Bay, as well as peninsulas to the south coming to buy their bait in Damariscotta Mills. We sell the fish for a set price per tray or crate and based on our total income of \$76,880 this spring, we sold 1,540 trays, or approximately 92.4 tons of Alewives.

Part of the Town's Harvest Plan, as mandated by the Department of Marine Resources, is the collection of scale samples. During the run, we remove a few scales from 100 randomly selected Alewives, which are submitted to DMR at the end of the run. By examining those scales, they are able to determine the age of the each fish, and thereby determine the number of fish that have returned to spawn multiple times. The presence of repeat spawners is a key indicator of a healthy Alewife population, and the results from our 2021 scale samples show that the Damariscotta Mills fishery is in good shape. In their report, DMR summarized by stating that "Overall the population and commercial harvest at Damariscotta Lake continues to be one of the best managed and monitored sites along the coast." It's taken quite an effort to get the Damariscotta Mills Alewife run

to where it is today, and everyone who has been involved over the years should be proud of the achievement.

The harvester crew expanded this year with the addition of two new members, Leigh Morrill of Newcastle, and Tom Curtis of Nobleboro. Their infusion of good humor and hard work were wonderful, and I hope they continue to help out at the stream for many springs to come. Thanks also to Kurt Oehme, Jim Brinkler, J.B. Smith and Richard Powell for their continued efforts in the harvest and all things fish ladder related. Kurt, as the operator of the hydro facility, chief fish counter, one of the caretakers of the Fish Ladder, and harvester, burns many candles at both ends come springtime, and I appreciate all of his efforts. Thanks also to the Fish Committee: Deb Wilson, Jim Brinkler, Richard Powell, and Joel Lind as they continue to work toward ensuring that this fishery, fish ladder, and related infrastructure remains a vital part of this community and region for a long time to come.

Charlie Huntington of Newcastle volunteered to tackle a few projects at the Fish Stream this spring and summer which included a new roof on the check office, repairing the loading box, and the donation and installation of a mirror at the top of the conveyor.

While there is no way of knowing what the spring of 2022 will bring to Damariscotta Mills, I hope the river is again black with Alewives... thick enough to walk on... and that folks in Nobleboro and Newcastle stop by and have a look... it's quite a sight.

Respectfully yours,
MARK BECKER
Fish Agent for
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 varied past—including Native American artifacts dating from the middle Archaic Period (7,500-6,000 B.P.) to historic items related to shipbuilding, brick making, harvesting of alewives at Damariscotta Mills, as well as preserving items of the everyday. We continue to display our collections within the historic 1877 Taniscot Engine Fire House—a building shared with the Newcastle Town Office—located at the juncture of Pump and Main Streets. On occasion we also set up temporary exhibits at off-site locations—last year we displayed historic photos from our collections in the Newcastle Park north of the Second Congregational Church. NHS provides informative lectures during summer months regarding various aspects of local history and in past years have co-hosted several presentations with the Damariscotta, Edgecomb and Nobleboro historical societies and the Frances Perkins Center, and we aim to continue doing so. NHS proudly awards a yearly scholarship to a graduating Lincoln Academy student who attends a college or university with preference given to students majoring in history, American studies, archaeology or related studies. For details on eligibility and application deadline please contact NHS or inquire at Lincoln Academy. NHS also produces a bi-annual newsletter to members and articles are often shared with the Lincoln County News. Books, maps and historic prints are for sale at our museum store and online through our website.

For a second year (2020-2021) the COVID-19 pandemic prevented us from holding public business meetings and in-person presentations and our museum remained closed. However, this year we plan on opening the museum on summer weekends and on select special occasions including Memorial Day, July Fourth and the Pumpkin Festival. After a two-year hiatus we look forward once again to sharing Newcastle's history with the public. Keep an eye in

the local newspaper for NHS announcements including special one-day photographic exhibits, talks and brief business meetings.

At NHS we have focused much of our attention on several ongoing projects. One particular focus has been on the continued scanning of our massive Dinsmore-Flye Historic Photo Collection that consists of some 60,000 negatives. The digitization of the negatives is gradually making the photos accessible to researchers as well preserving the images for future generations. We are also developing new exhibits that are representative of various periods of Newcastle's history—several of which we hope to have completed this year. Another focus at NHS has been on documenting and restoring a relatively small cemetery located off Pleasant Street in Newcastle where two Revolutionary War veterans and early Damariscotta Region shipbuilders Nathaniel Bryant and George Barstow are buried.

The Newcastle and Damariscotta Historical Societies are currently conducting a feasibility and interest study to possibly bring Museum in the Streets to the Twin Villages. Museum in the Streets have been successful in many towns throughout Maine including Wiscasset, Thomaston, Searsport, Hallowell, Belfast, and Bar Harbor. The project would entail erecting illustrated panels throughout Main Street highlighting points of historical interest. To be successful, this collaboration between the two historical societies will require the endorsement of the Towns and businesses and a sizeable fundraising event. Look for updates as planning progresses.

Finally, we very much would like to expand our membership base and encourage anyone interested in Newcastle's history to become an active member. To become a member please visit our website at: <https://nhsmaine.org> or mail us at: Newcastle Historical Society, P.O. Box 482, Newcastle, Maine 04553.

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.

We are pleased to report that the Farm League and T-ball youth baseball teams have continued to use 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 JUCHNIK

Lincoln County Television (LCTV)

Lincoln County Community Television (LCTV) enters its 33rd year as the local, non-profit community media station with thanks to the Newcastle community for financially supporting your station and for your continuing support.

As the pandemic continues to affect our community, meeting online has become necessary and essential. LCTV has risen to the challenge of helping citizens access municipal meetings, community events, public health updates, sports, and cultural offerings.

We have expanded how we deliver local, fast, and trustworthy information to Lincoln County citizens with upgraded equipment and services, additional part-time staff, and new shows for broadcast and online viewing. One new service specifically for municipalities is technology advising. We are helping Lincoln County municipalities upgrade their remote meeting equipment for more robust citizen access.

In 2021, we broadcast and archived 149 municipal meetings from all over Lincoln County.

LCTV has produced, broadcast, and provided On Demand viewing for over 50 COVID-19 updates for all our citizens in partnership with health experts at Miles LincolnHealth, and 3 COVID-19 community shows in partnership with the CLC-YMCA featuring our neighbors' experiences.

For Newcastle, we are proud to partner with the Town to broadcast and provide on-demand viewing for your Select Board and Broadband Committee meetings. In 2021, this included 9 Select Board and 1 Broadband Committee meetings. From January-April 2022, we have broadcast 6 Select Board and 2 Broadcast Committee meetings.

For 2021 original programming, we produced 52 Wuzzup News Shows, 44 Chamber Chats featuring local businesses, 22 essential Community Conversations with host Marva Nesbit, 12 Talkin' Town Talks that brought you people and places you should know more about, 31 "Between the Bookends" storytelling shows, specials

covering the Wiscasset Schooner Fest and the Damariscotta Pumpkin Fest, dozens of high school basketball games, and an online bulletin board for community non-profits.

Starting in 2021, we introduced broadcasts of our live-streamed high school basketball games on channel 7, for viewers who prefer to watch on their televisions rather than a computer. And for times when our local high school sports teams played at the same time, we offered multiple LCTV.org live streams simultaneously. Our connections to the community grew with increased presence on social media.

LCTV finished 2021 with a solid year of accomplishments, service to our communities, and increased capabilities. We are very grateful to our Board of Directors, including four new members, and to all the towns, businesses, and individuals who help us thrive.

We look forward to the rest of 2022 with ambitious plans for fundraising and more quality programming for our communities. We are motivated to connect more meaningfully to our broadcast and online viewers, to strengthen community partnerships, and to find the resources to replace our aging broadcast servers. We are committed to showcasing our vibrant communities and their amazing history, through this pandemic and beyond.

All our productions are available on channel 7 for Tidewater/Spectrum customers, streaming and on-demand viewing at LCTV.org, and also streaming services Roku, Amazon Fire TV, and Apple TV. Community members are invited to contact us at info@lctv.org, by writing to LCTV, 29 Sheepscot Road, Newcastle, ME 04553, and by phone at 563-6338. LCTV's channel 7 schedule is found weekly in *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 2021 we provided:

- **Public access to trails, open space and shoreline** on Coastal Rivers' many nature preserves. We maintain a growing network of over 51 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 Newcastle, Baker Forest, Marsh River Bog, Mills Overlook Preserve, and Salt Bay 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 the pandemic that the trails have meant a lot to them. We invite you to find trails to explore at coastalrivers.org.
- **Strategic land conservation and stewardship.** Coastal Rivers owns 10 properties in Newcastle, all open to the public for low impact recreation and enjoyment of the natural world. 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. We also monitor 4 voluntary landowner agreements, or conservation easements, on privately owned land. In addition, Coastal Rivers co-manages Dodge Point Public Land, owned by the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands, and Sherman Marsh Wildlife Management Area, owned by the State of Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

- **The River~Link Trail and wildlife corridor.** Coastal Rivers is one of 13 organizational partners behind the River~Link Trail and wildlife corridor spanning from Newcastle through Edgecomb to Boothbay. The partnership includes land trusts, towns, and state and federal agencies. The trail, over 5 miles long, offers a rare deep-woods experience right here in midcoast Maine. Two recent additions of land along River Road in Newcastle, one gift and one purchase, have added 150 acres to River~Link and extended the conserved area north of Dodge Point toward downtown Newcastle.
- **Prime agricultural land for Twin Villages Foodbank Farm (TVFF).** Our partners at TVFF grow nutrient-dense vegetables for donation to the Damariscotta/Newcastle Ecumenical Food Pantry plus six other Lincoln County food pantries, school backpack programs, and other low-income food programs. Coastal Rivers provides farmland for TVFF at Salt Bay Farm at no cost as well as administrative support and a home for TVFF's Community Food Storage Hub. Last year, TVFF grew and donated 45,000 pounds of food and distributed an additional 25,000 pounds of food through the Food Storage Hub.
- **Water stewardship.** Coastal Rivers water quality initiatives have two main goals: protecting water quality and preventing the introduction of invasive aquatic plants. Programs include:
 - **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.
 - **Fresh water quality monitoring,** in support of Lake Stewards of Maine. Volunteers check for changes in water quality in Pemaquid, Biscay, and Muddy Ponds that might lead to algal blooms or other conditions that could have an effect on wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, or property values.

- o **Swim beach monitoring.** Water samples were taken weekly at Pemaquid Beach all summer long to check for bacterial contamination. In 2021 the weekly water quality numbers were extremely good, with no safety alerts issued.
- o **The Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) program** at the Pemaquid Pond boat landing, which seeks to keep aquatic invasive plants out of our lakes and ponds. Invasive plants can have a devastating impact on water quality, recreation, and property values. As part of the CBI program, friendly interns talk to Pemaquid Pond boaters about invasive plants and, with permission, look over boats and trailers for any sign of invasive plants before they are launched. Coastal Rivers inspectors spent 101 hours at the boat landing over the summer and completed 117 boat inspections. CBI is the first line of protection from invasive aquatic plants for the entire Pemaquid river system and its beautiful ponds.
- o **Information and resources.** These include water quality resources for waterfront homeowners, boating and fishing regulations, boating safety materials, lead tackle exchange, and loon habitat information.
- o In collaboration with **Maine Audubon's Loon Count**, volunteers participated in the annual loon count on all our local fresh-water ponds and lakes. Coastal Rivers hosted the volunteer breakfast at which the data sheets were collected and volunteers regaled each other with stories of sightings and observations about local loons.
- **Coastal Rivers nature education programs** that connect people of all ages with nature, growing the community of people who care about our landscape and natural resources.
 - o In the 2020-2021 school year we provided over 3,567 in-person student hours of outdoor education programming to all AOS93 schools for grades K-12.

- o During the current school year, Coastal Rivers is providing on-going program support to guidance classes at Great Salt Bay Community School. A series of field trips engaged 7th and 8th grade students with outdoor living skills, games, and exploration. We also provided a special series of classes to the GSB STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program for 5th and 6th graders that explored the role of forests in addressing climate change.
- o We offer outdoor classes, trainings, boxed exploration kits and other resources for teachers, many of whom have moved classes outdoors in the interest of health and safety. School group offerings and teacher resources, including recorded trainings, can be found on our website at coastalrivers.org/events-programs/for-schools-groups. All teacher support and outdoor education classes are free of charge to AOS93 schools.
- o We lead a weekly program with students from Lincoln Academy's edLab and IDEAL programs, for whom the traditional classroom has not been a good fit. Our outdoor classes together delve into a range of topics, from Wabanaki studies to invasive plants and animal tracks and signs.
- o For people of all ages, we offer year-round in-person guided hikes and family programs that are open to the public and free of charge. We also host online workshops, trainings, and discussions on a variety of topic. Find our calendar of events and programs at coastalrivers.org/events. Recordings of past programs are available on our website at coastalrivers.org/category/recorded-workshops-trainings.

Formerly Damariscotta River Association and Pemaquid Watershed Association, Coastal Rivers is a nationally accredited land trust. Our accreditation was renewed in 2020 after rigorous peer review. This distinction signifies we meet the highest standards of financial management, ethical conduct, responsible government, 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.



The River~Link Trail extends from Newcastle into Boothbay.

Governor Janet T. Mills

Dear Friends:

For three years it has been my privilege to guide our great state, working with the Legislature to keep Maine people safe and put our economy on a path to recovery.

Since the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccines in December 2020, we have worked hard to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly as possible. In the last year, more than a million Maine people have gotten fully vaccinated from COVID-19. It is thanks to them that our state has one of highest vaccination rates and one of the lowest death rates from COVID-19, despite having a much older population than other states. People are coming to Maine because we are one of the safest states in the nation.

Following the recommendations of the Economic Recovery Committee, our economy has not only fully recovered, but has surpassed pre-pandemic projections and unemployment claims have dropped to pre-pandemic levels. And, last year, I was pleased to sign a balanced, bipartisan budget that finally achieves the State's commitment to 55 percent education funding, fully restores revenue sharing, and expands property tax relief for Maine residents.

Maine can be proud of our nation-leading progress, but our work is far from done. Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we will continue to address our longstanding workforce shortage, the expansion of broadband, education and job training opportunities, housing, child care, and transportation. Drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, together we will rebuild our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge a state that is stronger than ever.

In 2022, I will be focused on our economy, on our climate, on our kids, on keeping people safe and on the health and welfare of all Maine people. We have persevered, and, while challenges remain, we will get through them together. I am proud of the people of Maine, and I am proud to be your Governor.

Thank you,
JANET T. MILLS, Governor

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

Dear Friends,

On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged this crisis and created new risks for Maine people. The challenges raised tension levels to boiling points during the fallout of the 2020 presidential election and the January 6th Capitol attack. But despite that, Congress was able to deliver for a nation gripped by an unprecedented pandemic. As we reflect back on the year, we see the important action that will make a difference for Maine people – as well as work still unfinished.

As COVID-19 continued to impact communities across our state and the country, Congress's first priority this year was to confront the pandemic's health threats and economic toll. We immediately got to work on the *American Rescue Plan*, crafting an emergency bill to meet the moment and get our nation back on stable footing. The legislation delivered essential support to businesses facing crises, households in need, and the medical professionals on the front lines of this fight. The funds helped get vaccine shots in arms, while also confronting the damage done to our economy. All told, the *American Rescue Plan* is bringing billions of dollars to Maine, helping the state continue to push through this crisis and bounce back stronger than ever.

After passing the *American Rescue Plan*, Congress turned its attention to a longstanding but unfulfilled priority: infrastructure. Through hard work and compromise, both parties came together to pass a bipartisan bill that finally addresses key infrastructure needs. For Maine people, the bill means an estimated \$1.5 billion to repair crumbling roads and out-of-date bridges, \$390 million to improve access to clean drinking water, and more. I am most excited about the significant funding for broadband – because, as we have seen

during the pandemic, broadband is a necessity to succeed in the 21st century economy. The historic investments in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, combined with additional funding I pushed for in the *American Rescue Plan*, will bring an estimated \$400 million for broadband home to Maine. These funds will be nothing short of transformational, creating new opportunities across our state.

These two bills have made and will continue to make a real difference for Maine people, helping to both address the challenges of COVID-19 and lay a foundation for long-term success. I am proud of what we've accomplished this year – but I know there is still a lot of work to do and that the road ahead is challenging. Even still, I am filled with optimism because I know the true nature of our citizens, though challenged, has not changed. Despite every hardship, people in towns and communities have stepped up with strong local leadership, a willingness to help, and a Maine 'neighborhood' spirit. It is why I truly believe we can and will get through anything together. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2022.

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

U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins

Dear Friends:

It I am deeply honored to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of the areas I have been working on over the past year.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose enormous challenges for our state and our country. When the pandemic began, I co-authored the Paycheck Protection Program that helped small businesses remain afloat and keep their employees paid. In Maine, our small businesses received more than 47,000 forgivable loans totaling \$3.2 billion. I also led efforts to provide relief for loggers, lobstermen, and bus companies.

In addition, I helped secure \$700 million to assist Maine's overwhelmed hospitals and nursing homes, and a new law I led prevented Medicare payment cuts to help further ease the financial strain on our hospitals. I also urged the CDC to update its recommendations so that our students and teachers could safely return to their classrooms, and I pressed the Administration to end the closure of the U.S.-Canada border.

While addressing the pandemic has been a major focus, I've also worked hard to ensure Maine's other needs are met. A group of 10 Senators, of which I was a part, negotiated the landmark bipartisan infrastructure bill that was signed into law in November. I co-authored the section of the bill that will provide Maine with as much as \$300 million to expand high-speed internet in rural and underserved areas.

Soaring inflation is another crisis, particularly when it comes to the cost of heating oil. I have strongly supported federal programs that help Maine families stay warm. In November, Maine was awarded \$35 million to help low-income Mainers pay their energy bills. And the bipartisan infrastructure bill included \$3.5 billion to help families make energy efficiency improvements that would permanently lower their heating costs.

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I have supported investments in Maine's communities. This year's funding bills include \$265 million I championed for 106 projects across Maine. These projects would help create jobs, improve workforce training, address the opioid crisis, and increase access to childcare and health care services. In addition, I worked to reverse proposed cuts to our Navy in order to help protect America and keep the skilled workers at Bath Iron Works on the job. The bills also include \$475 million for the construction of a new dry dock at Maine's Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that will allow the Navy to continue to carry out its submarine missions. I will keep working to get these important bills enacted.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,000th consecutive vote, becoming the only Senator in history to do so without ever having missed a roll call vote. The Lugar Center at Georgetown University once again ranked me as the most bipartisan Senator for the eighth year in a row.

In the New Year, I will keep working to solve problems and make life better for the people of Maine and America. May 2022 be a happy, healthy, and successful one for you, your family, and our state.

Sincerely,
SUSAN M. COLLINS,
United States Senator

U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is an honor to represent you and your family during these challenging times, and I am thankful for the opportunity to update you on my work in Washington and Maine.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause challenges for people in Maine and across the country. Please know that the health and safety of you and your loved ones, as well as the economic recovery of our communities, remains the driving force behind legislation I have pushed for in Congress.

In early 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan, historic legislation that makes investments to crush the virus, create millions of jobs, provide direct relief to working families, and help schools remain safely open. Not only did this legislation give 90 percent of American households a stimulus check, but it also helped local and state governments better respond to the pandemic, put food on families' tables, got more vaccine shots into arms, cut child poverty in half through the expanded Child Tax Credit, and so much more. The American Rescue Plan is one of the most important pieces of legislation Congress will ever pass, and I'm so proud to have supported it from the beginning. You can read more about this piece of legislation here: <https://pingree.house.gov/covid>.

Our economic recovery from the pandemic will be accelerated even more thanks to the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which Congress passed in November. This legislation marks the most expansive infrastructure investment since the construction of the interstate highway system. From funding to repair our aging roads, bridges, and ports to high-speed broadband expansion and legacy pollution clean-up, this law is a once-in-a-generation investment in our future.

In addition to working on COVID-19 relief legislation, my Congressional colleagues and I are also collaborating on legislation that addresses the climate crisis, supports voting rights, and—through my role on the House Appropriations Committee—supports programs important to Maine.

After seven years on the House Appropriations Committee, I took the gavel and lead the subcommittee that oversees discretionary spending for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, US Forest Service, and several agencies related to the arts and humanities. In my new role as Chair, I have fought to secure significant funding for Maine’s tribes, environmental preservation programs, our cultural economy, and our forests.

I will keep pushing legislation to support America’s long-term care needs, lower prescription drug costs, expand Medicare benefits, cut taxes for working people, make our workforce competitive with the world, and fight climate change.

So, as we reflect on 2021, let us welcome 2022 with a renewed sense of optimism. There is a lot to fight for, and I assure you I will continue to fight for Maine in Congress. I want you to know that my staff and I are doing all we can to support Mainers through this public health crisis and all the challenges that come with it. If you are unsure of the resources available to you, are having difficulty accessing resources, or if you’d just like to share a thought or opinion, please do not hesitate to 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 chose me to be your voice in Augusta during this unprecedented time.

In our first session, the Legislature focused on laws that would make a real difference in the lives of all Maine people. We passed laws to help improve access to affordable, high-quality medical care and lifesaving medications like insulin. We invested in senior living and nursing facilities and in our direct care workers, who have been so vital during the pandemic. We passed a two-year bipartisan budget that, for the first time, meets the state's obligation to fund 55% of K-12 public education. We also restored municipal revenue sharing and increased property tax relief programs, all of which will help reduce property taxes for Maine people.

In the Legislature, I have been appointed to serve on the Marine Resources Committee and the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee. These committees are responsible for overseeing matters that directly impact our communities and heritage industries, like farming and fishing. We know that the coming years will present these industries with real challenges if we do not prepare, and the survival of these industries is essential. Protecting our environment and natural resources is a priority for me because of the impacts it has on our health, our culture and our economy.

On January 5, 2022, the Legislature began the second regular session, which is scheduled to continue until mid-April. Our committee work will be conducted remotely for the time being, but we will be meeting in person at the State House to vote on legislation. Every committee meeting is streamed live and archived at www.legislature.maine.gov, and you can also testify during public hearings from the comfort of your own home. The State House is open to visitors, and I encourage you to visit any time.

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 finding resources, sorting out an issue with a state agency, or just want to talk something through, please reach out any time. You can call me on my cell phone at (207) 200-6224 or email me at Chloe.Maxmin@legislature.maine.gov. I really mean it when I say reach out anytime.

Sincerely,
CHLOE MAXMIN,
State Senator

State Representative Lydia Crafts

Dear Newcastle Neighbors:

It continues to be an honor to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta.

In 2021, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to deliver big victories for the people of Maine. We passed a two-year state budget with overwhelming bipartisan support that will stabilize property taxes, keep free breakfast and lunch available to all students, and protect our natural resources. We took steps to make health care more accessible, made much-needed investments in our infrastructure, and allocated federal relief funds to help small businesses, fill workforce shortages, and expand access to child care.

As I write this, we have recently begun the second year of the two-year term in January 2022. In the coming months, I will be working to build on these successes and focusing on the areas where more work is needed. That includes expanding access to affordable housing, combatting the opioid epidemic, tackling climate change, preserving the health of our land and water, and strengthening our workforce, among other issues.

I continue to serve on the Marine Resources Committee, where we work to strengthen our fisheries and make sure that future generations can continue to earn a living from Maine's coastal waters. Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I will continue to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we are doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance or if you would like to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is lydia.crafts@legislature.maine.gov and my phone number is 207-593-2664. I also send out periodic email newsletters. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,
LYDIA CRAFTS,
State Representative

Town of Newcastle Contacts

Emergency Calls Fire, Ambulance, Police – 911

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