

TOWN OF YORK, MAINE

2021-2022



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**130th
Legislature
Senate
of
Maine**

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January 11, 2022

Dear Friends and Residents of York,

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

Before I offer a legislative update, I want to encourage everyone, especially people under the age of 40, to get their COVID-19 vaccine or booster shots. Since November 2021, the State of Maine has been setting records for COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. This latest surge means we must do our part to slow the spread of the virus in our communities. Please get a vaccine or booster, and wear face masks when you are at work, in public, or around people of unknown vaccination status. To find a vaccine near you, please contact the Community Vaccination Line at 1-888-445-4111. You can also visit maine.gov/covid19/vaccines to find a vaccination site near you.

Earlier this month, the 130th Legislature reconvened for the Second Regular Session on January 5, 2022. The statutory adjournment date is April 20, 2022. During this session, we will be busy. The Legislature has over 575 bills, including carryover bills from the First Regular and Special Sessions in 2021, to work on. I introduced or sponsored [LD 1829](#), An Act To Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District. In this

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session, I also will continue serving as the Senate Chair of the Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology and a Member of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

If you have any questions or concerns, I am always available to listen and to help when I can. Please email me at Mark.Lawrence@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at (207) 287-1515. I also encourage you to sign up to my emailing list to receive my regular legislative updates. You can do so at www.mainesenate.org.

I look forward to working with you in 2022!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lawrence".

Senator Mark Lawrence

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RELATED AGENCIES
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS,
AND RELATED AGENCIES
HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEES:
BIOTECHNOLOGY, HORTICULTURE, AND
RESEARCH
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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.

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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,

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Chellie Pingree

Member of Congress

January 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

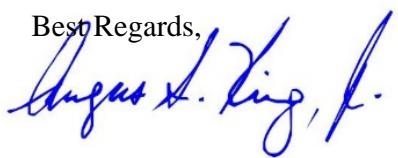
On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angus S. King, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Angus S." on the first line and "King, Jr." on the second line.

Angus S. King, Jr.

United States Senator



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Dear York Neighbors,

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 healthcare 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 childcare. These are big victories for the people of Maine.

As I write this, we are in the Second Session of the 130th Legislature, and I am working to build on our successes, focusing on the areas where more work is needed – expanding access to affordable housing, combating the opioid epidemic, pushing for more education around climate change and strengthening our workforce.

This year, I am proud to serve on both the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources. On both committees, we address concerns related to our state's natural resources, land zoning and climate change. I also chair the Coastal and Climate Action Caucus, working to find solutions to our most critical coastal concerns, from rising sea levels to acidification to shrinking marine resources.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance or if you would like to discuss or testify on any legislation. You can reach me at Lydia.Blume@legislature.maine.gov. I also send out periodic email newsletters, so please let me know if you would like to receive them.

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

Sincerely,

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

Lydia Blume

State Representative



EDITOR'S STATEMENT

The Town Report includes documentation required by Maine State Statute - MRSA 30A §2801.

This collection of reports has been submitted by the Town Manager, Department Heads, School Officials, the Water and Sewer Districts, the Library, and from those who volunteer on our Boards, Committees and Commissions. You will also find the financial statements from the Town and School Department's Auditors.



PHONE NUMBERS

MUNICIPAL

Animal Control	(207) 363-4444
Center for Active Living	(207) 363-1036
Code Enforcement	(207) 363-1002
Dispatch Center	(207) 363-4444
Finance Department	(207) 363-1004
General (Welfare) Assistance	(207) 363-5504
Parks and Recreation Department	(207) 363-1040
Planning Department	(207) 363-1007
Police Department	(207) 363-1031
Public Works Department	(207) 363-1010
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	(207) 363-1003
Town Manager's Office	(207) 363-1000
York Beach Fire Department	(207) 363-1014
York Village Fire Department	(207) 363-1015

SCHOOL

School Superintendent's Office	(207) 363-3403
York High School	(207) 363-3621
York Middle School	(207) 363-4214
Coastal Ridge Elementary School	(207) 363-1800
Village Elementary School	(207) 363-4870

STATE/COUNTY

Attorney General's Office	(207) 628-8800
District Attorney's Office	(207) 363-1230
State Police (Gray)	(207) 657-3030
York County Emergency Management Agency	(207) 324-1578
York County Registrar of Probate	(207) 324-1577
York County Registry of Deeds	(207) 324-1576
York County Sheriff's Office	(207) 324-1113

OTHER

Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce	(207) 363-4422
Waste Management	(800) 972-4545
York Community Service Association	(207) 363-5504
York Public Library	(207) 363-2818
York Sewer District	(207) 363-4232
York Water District	(207) 363-2265



GENERAL INFORMATION

Population: Approximately 15,000 year-round residents

Location: Longitude – Between 70 degrees 53 minutes (Bald Head Cliff) and 70 degrees 45 minutes (Western tip, Route 91 and South Berwick)

Latitude – Between 43 degrees 16 minutes (Northern tip, Shore Road and Ogunquit) and 43 degrees 6 minutes (Southern tip, Brave Boat Harbor Road and Kittery)

Approximate Distance From:	Boston, Massachusetts	60 miles
	Portsmouth, New Hampshire	9 miles
	Portland, Maine	45 miles
	Augusta, Maine (State Capitol)	105 miles

Beaches:	Harbor Beach	Route 1A, York Harbor
	Long Sands Beach	Long Beach Avenue, York Beach
	Short Sands Beach	Ocean Avenue, York Beach
	Passaconaway Beach	Shore Road, Cape Neddick

Tax Rate (Fiscal Year):

1990 \$37.00	1991 \$28.00	1992 \$13.20	1993 \$12.90	1994 \$12.80	1995 \$13.10
1996 \$13.10	1997 \$14.10	1998 \$14.60	1999 \$15.70	2000 \$17.10	2001 \$19.00
2002 \$10.25	2003 \$9.70	2004 \$8.75	2005 \$8.46	2006 \$8.14	2007 \$8.10
2008 \$8.23	2009 \$8.58	2010 \$9.10	2011 \$9.35	2012 \$9.96	2013 \$10.43
2014 \$10.70	2015 \$11.00	2016 \$11.15	2017 \$10.95	2018 \$11.15	2019 \$11.15
2020 \$11.15	2021 \$11.10	2022 \$9.95			

Voting Regulation: Any United States citizen of at least 18 years of age is entitled to vote. To be eligible to vote, you must first register with the Registrar of Voters at Town Hall or at any Motor Vehicle Office. You may also register at the polls with two forms of identification and proof of residency. In order to vote in a Primary Election, you must register as a member of one of the political parties. Absentee Ballots are obtained through the Town Clerk's Office.



TOWN AND SCHOOL BUILDING INFORMATION

Town Hall

186 York Street

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Town Clerk's Office 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Recreation Department

200 US Route One

Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Police Department

9 Hannaford Drive

Village Fire Department

1 Firehouse Drive

Beach Fire Department

18 Railroad Avenue

Public Works

115 Chase's Pond Road

Recycling and Composting Facility

65 Witchtrot Road

Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

York Public Library

15 Long Sands Road

School Central Office

469 US Route One

York High School

1 Robert Stevens Drive

York Middle School

30 Organug Road

Coastal Ridge Elementary School

1 Coastal Ridge Drive

Village Elementary School

124 York Street



ELECTED OFFICIALS

Selectboard and Overseers of the Poor

Todd A. Frederick
Robert E. Palmer, Jr.
Michael L. Estes
Marilyn McLaughlin
Kinley Gregg

Budget Committee

Marla Johnson
Heather Bridges Campbell
Michael Spencer
Christine Hartwell
Christine Brown
John D'Aquila

School Committee

David Herbein - Chair
Brenda Alexander – Vice Chair
Meredith Schmid
Dawn Belliveau
Tom Martine

Town Clerk

Lynn Osgood

Town Treasurer

Nancy Graves

Moderator

Wendy Anderson



TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR STATISTICS

Respectfully Submitted By: Lynn Osgood, Town Clerk

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS		DOG LICENSES	
PASSENGER CARS	9521	NON-NEUTERED	148
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	461	NEUTERED	1864
MOTORCYCLES/MOPEDS	796	KENNELS	2
TRAILERS	1032		
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS		VITAL RECORDS Jan.1 2021 - Dec.31 2021	
BOATS	920	BIRTHS	300
ATVS	274	DEATHS	186
SNOWMOBILES	131	MARRIAGES	440

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UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF 6/30/2021		
11 Stage Neck Road LLC	\$186.53	
4 YRH 35P FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	\$16,356.87	
422 US ROUTE 1 LLC	\$86.25	
422 US ROUTE 1 LLC	\$42.58	
5 YRL 47S FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	\$8,151.75	
5 YRL47S FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	\$1,770.36	
7 YOH 37P FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	\$10,395.06	
AFMTRUST	\$170.85	
AFMTRUST	\$16,395.72	
ALMEIDA PETER/PAULA	\$754.15	
AMES NORMA I	\$556.86	
ANDELLA JAMES TRUSTEE	\$5,572.11	
ANDERSON CATHY MARDEN	\$1,259.38	
ANDERSON KIMBERLY	\$132.55	
ANDERSON KIMBERLY	\$628.72	
ANDRADE MIKE/KAREN	\$53.74	
APPLE TRUST	\$38,857.68	
ATE LLC	\$3,505.67	
AUGUST REALTY INC	\$110.35	
BALLOU KAREN	\$680.73	
BALLOU KATHRYN 6	\$1,551.13	
BAURES PAUL/THOMPSON LISA	\$113.13	
BEAN ROBERT W ET AL	\$3,388.79	
BELIDA ROBERT/ELEANOR S	\$16.25	
BELL BRANDON	\$184.17	
BERNARD THERESE R	\$99.02	
BEVINS PETER M	\$205.28	
BRACY GERALD A	\$309.60	
BRIDGES LESLIE H/LAURINDA J B	\$1,699.87	
BROOKS EDWARD/MICHELLE	\$97.59	
CABRAL JOHN	\$108.71	
CAIN LEO H HRS	\$741.21	
CALLERY III JAMES	\$3,697.58	
CARDINALI MARIE	\$3,213.36	
CASCADE CORPORATION	\$288.51	
CASCADE CORPORATION	\$286.84	
CATCHICK CHRISTINE	\$213.03	
CHAMBERS MATTHEW R/JEFFREY	\$1,736.50	
CHENEY JOANN	\$168.63	
CHURCHILL CHARON L	\$1,026.10	
CHURCHILL CHARON L	\$1,792.56	
CHURCHILL COWBOY CAFE CORP	\$1,368.54	
CICERO MICHAEL R/TARA	\$3,328.24	
CICORIA NINA L	\$37.47	
CLARK ELLEN N	\$2,834.85	
CLOUTIER GERMAIN A SR	\$136.39	
COLLIANDERJOHN	\$452.79	
COLVIN MAUREEN E TRUSTEE	\$1,814.15	
CONANT TROY M	\$151.42	
CONCANNON JOHN/ANNE TRUSTEES	\$15.82	
CONCANNON JOHN/ANNE TRUSTEES	\$20.37	
CONLEY BRIAN M/LINDA E/ERIC W	\$1,808.10	
CONLEY BRIAN M/LINDA E	\$157.53	
CONLEY KEVIN/SYBIL	\$167.52	

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BLOOD DANIEL W	\$14,952.59	CONNELLY MARY JANE ET AL	\$1,881.53
BLUE RIDGE CORPORATION	\$464.44	COOLEY KIM H TRUSTEE	\$2,303.16
BOSSI JOHN J/D MICHELLE	\$4,257.87	COUGHLIN SCOTT	\$685.33
BOSSI JOHN J/D MICHELLE	\$4,195.71	COX MAUREEN E	\$56.43
BOYLE KEVIN/JOANNE D	\$2,131.11	CUNNIFF LYNN P TRUSTEE	\$3,402.06

DIXON CLYDE N JR	\$3,590.76
DEHART CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$1,374.64
DEHART CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$1,374.64
DEHART CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$648.70
DEHART JEROLD B	\$142.54
DELUCA STEVEN J	\$1,146.54
DELUCA STEVEN J	\$1,266.42
DENIS MARC/CHERYL	\$3,587.43
DENNIS GWENDOLYN E M TRUSTEE	\$435.59
DENNIS JUDITH	\$2,670.84
DENTREMONT DAVID P	\$3,125.67
DENTREMONT DAVID TRUSTEE	\$2,409.72
DENTREMONT GARY	\$1,248.66
DENTREMONT GARY	\$585.43
DESMARAIS VIRGINIA B	\$4,485.42
DESOTO MICHELE M TRUSTEE	\$1,663.80
DICKER NANCY A/THOMAS C	\$3,117.90
DIDONATO NICOLAS	\$147.54
DIXON CLYDE N JR	\$1,727.62
DIXON CLYOE N	\$704.76
DIXON CLYOE N JR	\$1,243.11
DIXON CLYOE N JR	\$2,395.29
DIXON MARGARET W	\$879.03
DIXON MARGARET W	\$1,618.29
DKL HOSPITALITY LLC	\$949.80
DLJ GROUP LLC	\$1,642.65
DLJ GROUP LLC	\$6,725.85

FIFTEEN RAILROAD ONE LLC	\$4,712.97
FITZGERALD DENNIS A	\$62.07
FLEET BANK OF MAINE	\$69.42
FORBES JASON	\$58.88
FREEMAN MARK	\$1,134.33
FREEMAN MARK E	\$1,063.29
FREEMAN MARK E	\$3,287.73
FREEMAN MARK TRUSTEE	\$1,583.88
FULLERTON JOHN J/BARBARA	\$3,284.40
GAFFNEY PAULINE M TRUSTEE	\$4,179.06
GAGNE KIMM	\$854.29
GAMMON JOSHUA M	\$4,237.89
GANEM SCOTT E	\$2,284.29
GANEM STEPHEN C	\$3,474.21
GANGEMI STEPHEN A	\$1,583.05
GAUTHIER RAYMOND C/MARY	\$10,660.35
GEARY EDWARD C/KAREN A	\$16.60
GELFUSO LOUIS J JR/MELISSA A	\$1,588.32
GEORGES KATHLEEN A	\$5,905.11
GLANCY ROBERT F JR	\$140.88
GOLDMAN EDWARD C/ANITA L	\$2,073.39
GOMEY MICHAELBETH	\$127.56
GOODWIN JENNIFER TRUSTEE	\$2,730.37
GOODWIN JENNIFER TRUSTEE	\$2,138.87
GRANT DEBRA	\$105.36
GRANT SCOTT/PANTAS JOAN/ANDREWS I	\$2,504.07
GREER TIMOTHY E/JENNIFER A	\$3,602.97

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DONNELL PATRICIA J	\$299.61	GREY GERALDINE H/JAN-HARRIMAN TRUMAN	\$450.57
DOREY FAYE D HRS OF	\$2,303.16	GREY GERALDINE H/JAN-HARRIMAN TRUMAN	\$3,059.07
DREW ROBERT C/SHEILA I	\$3,186.72	GRIFFETH CRAIG A	\$1,661.58
DULL WILLIAM M	\$4,081.38	GRIFFIN WILLIAM	\$122.01
ELDREDGE THOMAS P/DEBRA M	\$1,182.58	GRIGAS JOSEPH	\$9.79
FERREIRA MICHAELA/GAIL A	\$2,506.29		

HABAYEB ZIAD E TRUSTEE	\$4,699.65	LAMPESIS PETER/NANCY K	\$143.10
HACKETT WILLIAM J LIFE ESTATE	\$3,372.09	LANDRY DONALD J TRUSTEE	\$2,893.68
HAJJAR RICHARD/LAUREN	\$125.34	LANNI, RUTH E HRS OF	\$11,866.9
HALL ERIC	\$2,412.49	0	
HARBOR PINES LLC	\$16.99	LAUREN SARA HRS OF	\$4,741.83
HARDY TED/REBECCA	\$831.30	LE VAN ALICIA	\$3,256.65
HARDY TED/REBECCA	\$359.55	LEDGEWOOD PROPERTIES LLC	\$746.94
HARRINGTON TED	\$77.61	LEDGEWOOD PROPERTIES LLC	\$149.76
HARRIS LINDA L TRUSTEE	\$2,392.80	LENARD! JOSEPHINE	\$23.41
HERRIN JOHN C TRUSTEE	\$4,079.16	LEWANDOWSKI SCOTT A/JAMIE A	
HICKEY KEVIN/SUSAN	\$22.97	TRUSTE	\$1,413.49
HICKOK DANIEL	\$110.91	LOEFFLER MARK J/MEGAN A	\$1,945.74
HOLLY KATHRYN M	\$3,620.73	LYNCH LANNARAE	\$126.45
HUGHES CATHERINE H/JENNIFER M		LYNCH MARJORIE T	\$1,517.83
TRST	\$26.24	MACLELLAN ALLAN D JR	\$9.13
HUGHES PHILIP	\$211.92		
HUSS NATHAN A/ANGELA P	\$9,499.29	MACLELLAN ALLAN D JR	\$8.50
IANNACO ANGELO TRUSTEE	\$462.78	MAINELY DEL BOCA VISTA LLC	\$5,563.23
INNAMORATI ARTHUR/ MORAN		MANDRAVELIS ANTHONY M/PATRICIA T	
MARCI	\$69.84	TF	\$4,113.28
JOHNSON LARRY D	\$196.79	MARCOUILLIER WAYNE/MINDY	\$138.66
JOHNSON STEVEN W/THERESE A	\$1,946.26		
JUDGE JEN/PAT	\$102.03	MARINOV MARTIN	\$496.08
KEATING JOHN F	\$24.27	MARKHAM ADRIENNE L HRS OF	\$5,289.06
KEEFE KENNETH JR	\$112.02	MARSHALL DAVID F	\$3,630.01
		MARSHALL-COLBY JANIS	\$257.43
		MARSTON PHILLIP/LISA	\$136.44
		MCCARTHY MARC M	\$4,332.24

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KNIGHT NANCY HRS OF	\$38.84	MCCARTHY MARC M	\$1,399.62
KNIGHT RICHARD S JR/MICHELLE	\$311.82	MCCARTHY MARC M/ROBIN A	\$2,668.35
KOZLOWSKI STEVEN B	\$6,987.36	MCCARTHY MARC M/ROBIN A	\$1,374.09
LAMPESIS CAROLE	\$144.21	MCCARTHY MARC/ROBIN A	\$5,877.36
LAMPESIS DIANE M	\$147.54	MCCARTHY MARC/ROBIN A	\$4,038.09
LAMPESIS PETER T JR	\$143.10	MCCARTHY PATRICIA ROSE	\$1,395.47
LAMPESIS PETER T JR	\$143.10	MCCARTHY ROBIN A	\$1,676.01
LAMPESIS PETER/NANCY K	\$435.03	MCCLUSKEY, RENE	\$154.20
LAMPESIS PETER/NANCY K	\$439.47	MCDONALD MICHAEL J	\$1,588.32
LAMPESIS PETER/NANCY K	\$144.21	MCKIE ROBERT C/CHERYL R	\$1,845.84
LAMPESIS PETER/NANCY K	\$144.21	MCMAHON JAMES J/KATHERINE A	\$1,788.67
LAMPESIS PETER/NANCY K	\$443.91	MCNEIL JOHN TRUSTEE	\$4,150.20

MILLER JASON	\$6,695.43	RAGO NICHOLAS W/AMANDA	\$107.40
MN PROPERTIES LLC	\$4,054.18	RAHMAN SANDRA \$/HABIB	\$789.12
MOARATTY PETER S	\$1,176.51	RAINVILLE ROBERT L HRS OF	\$3,077.94
MORAN CASEY/BOYER MARK	\$108.69	RAMSDELL RONALD P	\$4,425.48
MORGAN HOLDINGS INC	\$3,863.82	RAZIN HEATHER	\$3,544.70
MOSMAN PAUUNANCY	\$122.01	REID ERIC	\$175.29
MURPHY JAMES F/ANNE L	\$3,525.88	REPUCCI GINA	\$1,458.45
MUSCARELLO ANGELO TRUSTEE	\$3,167.85	RICHARD MOODY & SONS CONSTRUCTIO	\$2,162.19
MY PLACE BY THE SEA LLC	\$4,800.66	RICKER FREDERICK E ET AL	\$9,259.53
NATIONSTAR REO SUB 1B LLC	\$3,545.25	RILEY JAMES/JOAN	\$501.63
NICHOLSON THOMAS	\$138.66	ROBBINS JANE	\$122.01
NORTH POINT REALTY LLC	\$7,063.95	ROCHE ANN M/PAUL E TRUSTEES	\$7,057.98
OLSEN EVERETT III/MICHELLE	\$118.68	ROSA DANIEL T/MARY R TRUSTEES	\$2,992.47
OLSON KENNETH J	\$1,183.17	RUCH HENRY J ESTATE OF	\$1,959.06
	\$28,677.8	RUCH HENRY J ESTATE OF	\$73.17
OWEN & SANBORN LLC	7	RUSSELL SCOTT J	\$2,537.37
	\$11,903.5	SANDERSON DANA N/PAUL	\$1,865.54
PAG FAMILY RENTALS LLC	5	SAYWARD DENNIS UCAROLYN M	\$1,408.50
PALMER-STOVER SHERRELL R	\$2,453.01		\$10,782.4
PAOLINI JAMES M	\$1,945.14	SCHAFER MICHAEL T TRUSTEE	5
PAOLINI JAMES M	\$1,945.74	SCHMIDT NEAL E/ALICE M	\$5,464.44
PARE ALBERT A III	\$9,263.97	SEWALL EILEEN M	\$1,515.06
PARSLEY GREGORY/MICHELLE	\$5,000.46	SHEERIN OLIVER K TRUSTEE	\$1,907.01
PEBBLEDENE TRUST	\$16,316.9		
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PELRINE JOHN JR/DEBRA LEE	\$42.97	SISK WENDY	\$149.76
PENDENZA ALESSANDRO/NICOLE	\$106.47	SMITH GARY E/JANE F	\$2,733.84
PEPEN EMILIA	\$1,181.50	SMITH JAMES D	\$21.11
PERIS RONALD/SUSAN M	\$1,190.94	SMITH KEITH F/SHAUNA L	\$2,020.66
PHILBRICK ETHEL HEIRS	\$855.72	SMOLA GREGORY/LINDA	\$64.29
PICARD LISA V/MICHAEL F	\$831.30	SPINGLAADELINE D/JENNIFER G	\$21.97
PICARD MICHAEL F	\$1,237.56	SWENSON JON A/JOYCE A	\$1,811.98
PICARD MICHAEL F/RAHMAN HABIB	\$742.50	SWETT JOHN FIA NN MARIE/LISA J/THEOD	\$956.27
PICARD MICHAEL F/RAHMAN HABIB	\$4,294.50	SYLVESTER LYNNE	\$4,156.86
PINE TREE STATE HOLDINGS	\$6,252.32	SZECHENYI SARA D	\$976.15
PLATNER BENJAMIN W/JOSHUA H TRUSTI	\$17,109.22	T ROZ INC	\$2,459.67
POTTER WARWICK	\$3,288.84	TARIS JENNIFER/JAMES	\$3,375.42
POWDERLY RICK HRS OF	\$469.44	TAYLOR PATRICIA O	\$6,098.25
PRITCHARD JEANNE M	\$3,471.99	TAYLOR PATRICIA O TRUSTEE	\$3,342.12

TAYLOR TIM	\$110.91		
THE BRACY HOUSE LLC	\$8,401.50		
THE DUFFY GROUP LLC	\$677.01		
THOMPSON JOANNE A	\$274.08		
THOMPSON ROSIE	\$115.35		
THOMPSON ROSIE	\$135.88		
TOMES M CAROLINE	\$5,749.71		
TRIDER MATTHEW J/KATHRYN A	\$1,460.67		
TULLY SCOTT	\$852.39		
UNKNOWN OWNERSHIP	\$171.96		
VANARIA TONY/TINA	\$98.70		
VIGLIONE STEPHEN J	\$34.86		
VILLAGER II TRUST	\$22,343.10		
WALSH FAMILY HOLDINGS LIMITED LIABIL	\$6,040.53		
WANGANDYQ	\$2,752.15		
WATERHOUSE PROPERTIES LLC	\$6,316.92		
WEARE PETER	\$2,545.14		
WEARE PETER	\$1,838.07		
WEARE PETER	\$2,720.52		
WEAVER RICHARD F	\$58.65		
WELCH CHARLES/SANDRA LEE	\$133.11		

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WELLS DAVID/ERNESTINE	\$553.80			
WILLIAMS LAUREL J	\$1,685.00			
WILLIS DANA J TRUSTEE	\$21,245.31			
WOOSTER ELICIA UKEVIN L	\$375.64			
YORK HARBOR MOTEL LLC	\$1,919.65			
YORK HARBOR MOTEL LLC	\$22,208.46			
YORK HARBOR MOTEL LLC	\$1,496.19			
YORK HARBOR MOTEL LLC	\$1,403.50			
YORK SPORTS & HEALTH CENTER LLC	\$5,342.95			
YORKTOWN OF	\$2,633.94			
YOUNG GLENN S	\$3,218.91			
YOUNGCLAUS EMILY M	\$63.62			
YOUNGCLAUS EMILY M	\$715.77			
ZEPF MICHAEL L	\$1,406.28			
ZEPF PATRICIAA	\$1,653.81			

UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF 6/30/2021		
NORTHPOINT REALTY LLC	\$225.66	
3RDGEN LLC	\$81.86	
ALLEN JERVIS	\$34.08	
ARAMARK REFRESHMENT SERVICES	\$7.22	
ARRA ROB	\$197.36	
ATE LLC	\$48.84	
B & B TRAP	\$40.29	
BOLDUC DAN	\$123.43	
BOULIER JEREMY	\$19.31	
BRITTON WILLIAM	\$53.17	
BROWN ALEC	\$285.16	
BROWN CARLE L	\$84.91	
BURRITO SHOP (THE)	\$254.75	
CAIN COREY	\$10.66	
CIAMPA HUMBERT/ISABEL	\$1,150.96	
CIAMPA RICHARD H JR	\$95.35	
CLARK NORMA/CURTIS	\$16.65	
LEEWARD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	\$4.27	
LONG AND SHORT OF IT LODGING I	\$78.53	
LONTINE LIFE & HEALTH	\$16.43	
MACWILLIAMS GLEN	\$14.59	
MANTER LEA	\$249.86	
MARCURI MICHAEL	\$1,354.87	
MARSHALL NATHANIEL III	\$199.80	
MASIELLO CHRIS	\$92.68	
MCCARTHY THOMAS J	\$26.64	
MCGRATH JOHN	\$45.29	
MCINNES ROBERT A	\$32.30	
MILLER JASON	\$222.00	
MILLER JASON	\$210.90	
MIRICK JOSH	\$55.50	
MIRICK RICHARD	\$20.31	
NEAL SEAN	\$199.80	
NGUYEN AMY	\$13.99	

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COLLINS HUW	\$112.44	PARSONS JOHN	\$68.15
COMEAU RICK	\$9.77	PRIMO WATER CORPORATION	\$26.09
CONANT SONJA	\$102.68	QUINN MARK	\$41.51
CORCORAN SHANE	\$71.48	QUINN MARK	\$141.52
COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS	\$21.65	RAMSDELL STONE & GRAVEL	\$94.24
DAVIDSON JEREMY	\$74.93	REARDON SEAN	\$115.55
DESARIO JOHN C	\$123.82	REGAN MAUREEN	\$106.56
DIXON CLYDE JR	\$176.27	ROCHE LISA	\$11.10
DONOVAN JIM	\$11.43	RODRIGUES RANDALL	\$14.99
DUFFY TATE	\$242.03	ROLLOCK CATHERINE	\$71.04
DUSSAULT JOSEPH H	\$240.20	ROY SEAN	\$280.50
EISEMAN WILLIAM PRESIDENT	\$79.59	RUSSEL HUME MASONARY CONT	\$19.09
EMMONS LISA	\$8.44	RUSSO JOHN	\$3.66
FEUER MARTIN/ANDERSON ARTHUR	\$29.75	RUTHERFORD JAMES	\$15.54
FLANAGAN EDWARD/DEBORAH	\$152.74	SCHMID ALLEN L	\$4.16
FREESTYLE SUNGLASSES	\$18.87	SCHRIEFER JUDITH/DONALD	\$27.53
GAMMON JOSHUA	\$477.30	SINCLAIR MICHAEL	\$199.80
GELLER ALLISON	\$6.55	SLEEPER BRIAN	\$124.32
GLAZEBROOK DAVID	\$9.32	STACY CHARLES	\$65.71
GREEN DEREK	\$532.80	STEPHENS SAMANTHA	\$72.15
HANSCOM JAIMEE/ROBERT	\$61.88	STRATER NICHOLAS	\$23.70
HART LINDA	\$102.34	SUCCI MICHELLE	\$47.73
HILBOURNE DALE	\$28.97	THOMPSON EVAN	\$149.85
HOPKINS STEPHEN G	\$66.54	TOMES M CAROLINE	\$29.08
HUBBARD TODD	\$199.80	TROY WILLIAMS	\$28.41
INTERNATIONAL VENDING MGT INC	\$5.99	UNICYN FUNDING	\$20.98
IRONS DEAN	\$40.74	WATERLOGIC USA INC	\$8.33
ITS A DOGS WORLD INC	\$2.00	WEGERBRUD	\$20.76
JENLEW ENT LLC	\$76.59	WHEELER NADINE/DIVITO TOSCA	\$7.10
JOHNSON THERESE/STEVEN	\$16.65	WHITE RUSSELL BATTY	\$8.38
KEENE RAYMOND	\$17.76	WILLIS PAUL	\$12.04
KENNEDY JAMES	\$94.79	WISWELL AARON	\$239.76
KEY FORD OF YORK	\$203.41	YORK VILLAGE HOTEL LLC	\$210.95
LAMPINEN BRENDA	\$53.28	YORKE KENNETH	\$44.96
LECLAIR ROBERT/SUSANA	\$113.77		



TAX ASSESSOR

2022 ASSESSOR'S REPORT

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The Assessor's Office is responsible for the valuation of all real and personal property in York. Other duties of the office include the maintenance of all property ownership records (deeds, addresses, etc.), property record cards, updating and maintaining the tax maps, administering exemptions, answering inquiries by property owners, appraisers, real estate agents and others from the public, and maintenance of E911 addresses.

The 2021/2022 taxable valuation for the Town of York is \$5,500,701,250. This includes taxable real estate with a total of \$5,478,745,100, and taxable business personal property with a total of \$21,956,150. The assessed value of exempt property is currently \$249,707,600. York's certified assessment ratio for 2021/2022 is 100%. York's 2021 State Valuation (2020 actual) of \$5,164,400,000, which is the State's estimated 100% valuation, ranks second in the State of Maine. York's land area is 56 square miles and is made up of 9,247 land parcels. York has 11,187 real estate accounts, 595 personal property accounts, and 269 exempt accounts.

York's current **tax rate is \$9.95** per thousand dollars of valuation. Annually, the Assessor's Office reviews valuations and makes adjustments to the valuations to include any additions and deletions. Part of the assessment process includes conducting an annual "sales ratio study", which compares the actual selling prices of properties to assessments. The most recent study, conducted for the state valuation purposes, indicated the assessed values to be, *on average*, at **97%** of market value. The average assessed value of improved single family non-waterfront residential properties that have sold during the twelve months prior to April 2, 2021 is \$567,400.

The average selling price for those same properties is \$601,399. The average assessed value for a single-family waterfront home sold during that same time period is currently \$1,535,395. The average selling price for those same homes is \$1,602,659. The average assessed value of unimproved lots that have sold during the twelve months prior to April 2, 2019 is \$253,781, with an average selling price of \$256,276.

The Assessor's Office is a clearing house of information such as building and land records, monthly sales transactions, and assessment valuation information used by other town departments, the public, and their representatives (appraisers, brokers, attorneys, surveyors, title companies, etc.). Reports are often generated from the commitment file for use by various town departments. The office is also the source for administering all street naming and numbering issues. Valuation reports containing assessment and ownership information, as well as individual tax maps are available upon request.

One very frequent taxpayer question is in regard to resident versus non-resident property ownership. For the 2021 tax year, resident owned properties made up 53% of the real estate tax base, while non-resident property owners made up the remaining 47%. Another question that often arises is comparing residential versus commercial properties. In 2021, residential property taxable valuation totaled \$5,020,445,900 (86%) and commercial property taxable valuation totaled \$770,264,500 (14%).

For more information, please visit the Town of York website at: <http://www.yorkmaine.org>

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS & PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

There are several forms of property tax relief available to York residents.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: The Homestead exemption reduces the property tax bill of all York resident homeowners who apply for the exemption by April 1st and who have owned and lived in their house for the prior 12 months. An exempt amount of \$25,000 is deducted from the property's total taxable value. Applications can be obtained in the Assessor's Office and must be filed on or before April 1st of the year it will go into effect.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION: Any York resident who was in active service in the armed forces of the US during a federally recognized war campaign period and, if discharged or retired under honorable conditions, may be eligible for a \$6,000 reduction in valuation. The veteran must have reached age 62 *or* be receiving a pension or compensation from the US Military for total disability. Applications can be picked up in the Assessor's Office and must be filed with discharge documents on or before April 1st of the year it will go into effect.

BLIND EXEMPTION: Any York resident who is certified to be legally blind by their eye care professional is eligible for a \$4,000 reduction in valuation.

These exemptions will be adjusted annually by the community's ratio of valuation to actual market sales. Forms are available in the Assessor's Office, or download online from the Assessor's page at: <http://www.yorkmaine.org>

AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

“Understanding Your Assessment”
“For the Property Owner Who Wants to Know”
Business Equipment Tax Rebate information

The Assessor's Office welcomes all taxpayers to visit or call with any questions pertaining to real estate assessments, or further information on any of the assistance programs.

To access the Assessor's database please visit the Vision Appraisal website at: <http://gis.vgsi.com/yorkme/>



PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation Department Town Report 2022

The Parks and Recreation Department's responsibilities include the operations and maintenance of public buildings, grounds, parks, beaches, and recreation facilities, as well as school and community athletic fields and green spaces. Public properties include the maintenance of veteran grave sites and ancient burial grounds located throughout Town, as well as oversight of the Cliff Walk.

As the stewards and managers of York's beaches, our goal is to provide a clean, well-managed, safe, enjoyable, family-friendly experience to the beach going public while working to sustain one of our most precious natural resources and economic drivers. Our overall approach is for sustainable beach management which focuses on environmental responsibility, staff safety, enforcement, and public relations. We will continue with beach raking and cleaning along with water quality monitoring. To compliment these programs, we will be entering our third season having a carry-in/carry-out trash policy. Thank you in advance for doing your part to help keep our public properties and beaches healthy and beautiful. In November 2021, voters approved a change to the beach ordinance, allowing for the regulation of tents & canopies on our beaches.

Our department provides the resources necessary to develop, market, implement and supervise community recreation programs and special events. Programs and Events are a means through which we promote and develop community. Our staff is community focused and committed to providing high quality recreational services that are safe, affordable, and meet the needs of the community. Our first priority is to provide the opportunity for the enhancement of well-being and the enrichment of lifestyle. Our community recreation program is primarily self-funded. The recreation operating budget is generated from program user fees, fundraising and sponsorship.

Mount Agamenticus has been discovered and is a well-known community resource, and popular destination. In response to the pandemic, more people than ever are enjoying the benefits of outdoor recreation, including at Mt. A. It is where people of all ages and abilities come to social distance, enjoy the views, explore trails of varying difficulty, and length and to connect with nature and appreciate a vast wilderness experience. Each year, an estimated 40,000 people enjoy a unique summit park with breathtaking scenery and views of the Atlantic seacoast, distant mountains, and inland ponds along with a network of 40 miles of well-marked and maintained

trails. This year we will complete parking lot and restroom upgrades designed to expand and provide for safer off-street parking, improved traffic flow, and much improved restroom facilities. Revenues are generated through tower leases, group and lodge use fees, grants, gift shop sales, and donations to include contributions from coalition members on the Mount Agamenticus Steering Committee, and, new this year, park use access fees.

The Center for Active Living also falls under our direction. Work at the Center is community focused and involves advocacy and program development for older adults. The Center is located in the lower level of the building at 36 Main Street. The primary space consists of the dining room/kitchen, activity room and card room. Activities at the Center vary from recreation and social to education, enrichment and health and well-being, as well as a meals program. The need for additional and updated space is evident and limits the staff's ability to expand upon current programs and add new ones. The exploration of a renovation and/or expansion of the Center is underway and will pave the way for the growth and development of new and exciting opportunities.

To date, 5 phases of the historic restoration project of the Cape Neddick Light Station have been completed. We are confident you will agree that the transformation of this historic gem is stunning. This summer, with voter approval, we will rebuild the boat ramp and make structural improvements to the boathouse, in addition to conducting routine maintenance and upkeep of the keeper's house and tower. All of the funds for the restoration project, and the operation of the park, are generated from the Sohier Park Gift Shop, which now includes an online store.

Team Parks and Recreation continues to be humbled by the responsibilities that are bestowed upon us. We thank you for your continued trust and support; allowing us to build community through recreation. Whether you take a stroll on the Big A. trail, meet your friends at the Center for Active Living, find solace in the view of the Nubble, dip your toes in the Atlantic, allow us to care for your children, enroll your children in one of our athletic or enrichment programs, hit the pavement in one of our road races, or join us for the Labor Day bonfire, our hope is that you get out and enjoy all that York has to offer. We'll see you out there!

Respectfully,

Robin Cogger
Parks and Recreation Director



POLICE DEPARTMENT

York Police Department

Fiscal Year 2022

Submitted by: Acting Chief Owen Davis

In 2021 we were still dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The COVID-19 Pandemic has made every citizen make significant sacrifices and changes to their daily lives. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the citizens of our community for the personal sacrifices they made. Across the country serious measures are still being taken during this national emergency to prevent and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. It is imperative that all our citizens, in all age groups, continue to follow guidelines set forth by the CDC, Federal, State and Local Governments. With all of the changes that occurred in 2020 and 2021, the York Police Department continued to operate at full capacity to protect our citizens and the community we serve.

I would also like to take this opportunity to commend the women and men of the York Police Department, both civilian and sworn, for their outstanding dedication to serving this community. The First Responders, Dispatchers and Administrative Assistants, show true commitment and dedication and service to ensure that your public safety needs are met. Our officers and Communication Specialists work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week ensuring the safety of our citizens and the community.

There were many challenges facing Law Enforcement in 2021. I am proud to say that due to the quality, professionalism, and training of the entire police department we were equipped and ready to face any challenge. The York Police Department has always been committed to training and the fair, impartial, and unbiased enforcement of the law.

Our department has always been committed to having highly trained officers, well versed in dealing with all types of situations to include high stress confrontations and low stress interactions with citizens in need of help. All our officers are trained in de-escalation techniques as well as dealing with individuals in a mental health crisis. Our officers have also received training in mental health first aid and nearly all our officers have completed the forty-hour certification course on Crisis Intervention. Lieutenant John Lizanecz serves as the Cumberland and York County Coordinator for the Post Traumatic Stress Management Team. We also have two officers assigned to the York County Peer Support Team.

In December of 2021 our department was extremely fortunate to welcome Patrol Officer Martin Monaco to the ranks. Martin previously worked for the Hyde Park, New York Police Department. He comes to us with over 13 years of law enforcement experience. Martin is an exceptionally hard-working, skilled officer, committed to community policing and having a positive impact.

In April of 2022 we were fortunate to hire on Riley Brown as our newest full-time patrol officer. Riley had been working for us for the past three years in a part-time capacity. She worked one summer as a Community Service Officer, then trained and worked as a Reserve Officer for the past two years. She is a native of Canton, MA with a law enforcement family dating back five generations. She will be attending the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in August of 2022 to complete her certification.

With the pandemic still holding on, we have seen an increase of impaired drivers and mental health cases. We have been using the proactive approach for both, recently teaming up with Kittery PD and Eliot PD to hire a Community Outreach Liaison. Our new liaison, Diana Minott, will be working with each department to identify and address the needs of our community as an additional resource. Diana will be following up with individuals to help them get the help they need.

You will also notice that our officers remain vigilant in making numerous building checks, neighborhood patrols, as well as being highly visible in high crash locations throughout the day and night. We strive to be visible and to be available when needed.

The York Police Department has always been, and always will be committed to the community policing philosophy. With businesses opening back up, our outreach efforts have continued within the community and in our schools. Our School Resource Officers continue to work with school administrators, faculty, and the students to address the needs of the community. We've continued with the community outreach programs. We were also able to host a Special Olympics Ice cream social at the River Landing.

We were able to hold our annual Christmas program, The Giving Tree. This program helped over 17 families in need. This was accomplished through generous donations from the community. The outpouring of support was so generous that we are still able to assist families that are experiencing emergency need for food, water, or shelter. Local companies and citizens also donated money for heating oil to help those in need.

The York Police Department is still partnering with York Hospital and other community members for the Serving Our Seniors group. This group or “S.O.S” was created to address the needs and issues faced by York’s aging population during this difficult time. We have been able to connect our elders with services and

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support systems designed to help them, as we recognize some of our residents are struggling with isolation and health concerns due to the threat of COVID-19. In addition to their medical needs, we have also focused on educating and informing our elders about activities and services that we can provide them, for example: medical identification cards, and salt buckets to reduce the risk of falls during the winter months. We also educate our senior population about current scamming trends.

The York Police Department also holds a seat on the York County Child Advocacy Centers Advisor Board. The Child Advocacy Center supports the needs of children who have been sexually and physically assaulted. The Advisory Board is working hard to make sure services are available to these most vulnerable of victims during this difficult time of limited opportunities and isolation. These services include, but are not limited to, forensic interviewing, counseling services, legal support, and medical services at no cost to the family.

2021 has been another challenging year, not only for our department, but for the entire community. I would like to thank the York community for their outpouring of support to our organization and to each other. It is an honor to serve the citizens of York. The women and men of the York Police Department are committed to providing the best service in a fair and impartial way.



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Report Fiscal Year 2022 Submitted by A/Chief Owen T. Davis

The York Communications Center is the vital link between the Citizens of York and our various Emergency Services providers. The Communications Center continues to serve as a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) receiving E 9-1-1 calls for York and several surrounding communities. Our Communications personnel are also responsible for handling a multitude of tasks which include receiving all types of calls for non-emergency services and assistance. They are charged with dispatching the appropriate agencies such as police, fire, ambulance, water, sewer, and highway department to handle those situations. This year the York Communication Center handled 15,857 E-9-1-1 calls which is an increase of 2,657 calls from last year. Our center also received an additional 28,695 non-emergency (not E-9-1-1) calls for service for the Town of York. These numbers do not include the hundreds of calls related to questions regarding the mask mandates, travel restrictions and COVID-19 testing. This year was unlike any other year due to the on-going pandemic. The York Communication staff was strained with unforeseen long term leave issues and the pandemic. The Communication schedule has 16 hours of built-in overtime which is required to maintain the required staffing levels. This year we trained two full-time police officers so that they could work in Communications to alleviate the burden on the rest of the staff. We are asking for an additional full-time Communications position in the next fiscal year to ease this burden and to reduce the overtime.

The York Communications Center is currently staffed by eight (8) full time and four (4) part time dispatchers. We are the regional PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) for the communities of York, Kittery, Eliot, Ogunquit, Wells, and Kennebunkport. As the regional PSAP center, our dispatchers receive and transfer all E 9-1-1 calls for the other communities listed above. State law requires all E 9-1-1 call takers to be EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatcher) and now EFD (Emergency Fire Dispatcher) certified so callers can be given appropriate instructions to aid the caller in handling specific emergencies until emergency personnel arrive on scene. These mandates also require our center to review 100% of these calls for quality assurance, and to ensure they are meeting the protocol standards. Dispatchers were also tasked this year with asking specific questions during calls to determine whether the caller or any household members had any of the symptoms of COVID-19 and then relaying this important information to responding personnel so that they could be prepared.

Communications personnel take part in community service efforts such as the “Good Morning Program” where senior citizens call in daily, so we know they are well and not in need of assistance. If a call from a registered senior is not received by a prescribed time, dispatchers send an officer to check their well-being. The program continues to be a huge success and has

created a wonderful opportunity to connect our senior citizens with members of our Communications staff and police.

We are also proud to announce that Communication Specialist Shivot McAfee received the Stork Award at the annual Maine NENA award night. The Stork Award recognizes telecommunicators who have delivered a baby through the Emergency Medical Dispatch pre-arrival instructions.

This year Communication Specialist Shivot McAfee was able to attend the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED) Navigator Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Specialist McAfee got the opportunity to attend several training classes on current trends and topics that effect the Communications Department. We feel it is extremely important to continue to send our staff to current training courses throughout the country so that they can continue to learn and grow in their profession.

Client Service continues to be one of the utmost important aspects of this job and our top priority. We are extremely proud of the exceptional level of service our center provides to the citizens of York and consider it an honor to also provide this service to the citizens of Kittery, Eliot, Wells, Ogunquit, and Kennebunkport.

The employees of the Communications Center would like to extend a sincere thank you to all our citizens for your continued support. As always, we are here to serve you. If anyone has a question regarding the Communications Center, please feel free to call us at 363-4444 or email Lt. John Lizzanecz at jlizzanecz@yorkpolice.org.



ANIMAL CONTROL

York Animal Control

Fiscal Year 2022

Submitted by Acting Chief Owen Davis

The Animal Control officers have had another demanding year, with calls for service continuing to increase. I would like to thank ACO Keith Bishop for his hard work over the past few months since our Assistant ACO, Forrest Brenske, took a new position as the new full time York Harbor Master. Patrol officers have been handling ACO calls when ACO Bishop is off duty. This is not an easy job giving the number and complex issues that they deal with day in and day out. With restrictions still in place with the pandemic, it has been challenging to say the least.

Another concern is for the diseases that wild animals and insects can carry in our area. Rabies, West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, and Lyme disease are topics we all must stay abreast of and plan for. It is essential that everyone continues to take precautions and educates themselves about these potential dangers and ways to prepare to minimize exposures to them.

In addressing our wildlife efforts, I would also like to recognize again the Center for Wildlife for all the support their organization provides to the Town regarding wild animals. Countless wild animals are cared for at their facility near Mount Agamenticus and rehabilitated through the services they offer free of charge. In years past, due to the lack of rehabilitative services in our area, many of these same animals would have been euthanized as there was no means to treat them humanely. We are grateful for the new facility the Center has created to expand its services.

As always, we would appreciate everyone's assistance in licensing their dogs each year and ensuring they are vaccinated for rabies. This past year we started sending out reminders for licensing issues. This requires a lot of time on the part of our Animal Control Officers that could be used to address other pressing issues. Please remember to make sure your dog wears its

license and rabies tags. Tags on your dogs help the Animal Control Officers to quickly identify lost dogs and reunite them with their owners.

Lastly, remember that everyone walking their dog must always have a means (i.e., plastic bag) with them to clean up after their animal(s). We will be doing patrol checks over the next few months as the weather improves to ensure that the issue of dog waste is taken care of.

I want to express gratitude to everyone for their support as we continue with our efforts to serve your needs better. As always, we are here to serve and help you. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any animal-related issues, please feel free to call us at 363-4444.

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York Animal Control Stats – 2020

Type of Contact:	2020	2019	2018	2017
ACO calls to dispatch	1,536	1,732	1,897	1,892
Calls handled by ACOs	1,269	1,388	1,513	1,464
Calls handled by Police Officers	267	344	384	428
Dog related calls:	762	1276	788	848
Dog attacks	32	37	39	42
Dog bite to a human	35	41	25	46
Dogs not under control	88	189	250	129
Barking dog	41	61	52	56
Aggressive dog complaints	22	31	27	49
Cruelty or neglect	18	21	49	14
Danger dog investigations	7	11	14	16
Dogs in a hot/cold vehicle	37	56	47	48
Dogs hit by vehicles	4	4	3	3
Dogs running at large	307	316	331	318
Dogs picked up	98	121	108	114
Dogs returned to owners	181	85	76	71
Dogs impounded at Kittery Creature Comforts	17	31	26	43
Dogs not located upon inv.	91	64	51	58
Dogs returned home on own – Spoke to the owner	67	57	44	42
Abandon dogs	1	0	0	1
Beach ordinance violations	218	151	133	118
Impoundment fees paid	\$135	\$150	\$400	\$600
Cat related calls:	228	104	162	132
Stray /feral/nuisance cats reported	48	30	41	31
Stray/feral/nuisance cats trapped – Public request	6	18	28	22
Missing cat reports taken	11	45	44	68
Stray cats picked up	18	20	26	21
Stray cats taken to Kittery Creature Comforts	18	20	23	21
Cats taken to Newington Emergency Clinic	0	0	0	2
Cat bite to human investigations	0	0	7	10
Quarantined cats	0	3	7	10
Dead cats	7	9	11	8
Cats hit by vehicles	7	9	11	8
Returned to owner	11	8	9	7
Cruelty or neglect	0	2	5	4
Other animal calls:	412	352	421	392
Wild animal calls	389	321	344	332
Calls related to other domestic animals, such as horses, roosters, chickens	41	31	51	46
Injured wild animals taken to Center for Wildlife	49	42	27	34

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Animals caught and removed by ACOs	58	38	28	31
Wild animal calls referred to animal damage control agent- Adam Stevens	0	0	33	49
Wild animal calls referred to Maine Wardens Service	9	19	17	46



PUBLIC SAFETY HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Report Fiscal Year 2022 Submitted by Acting Chief Owen Davis

The 2021 boating season brought many unique and challenging situations to the York River and surrounding shoreline. Harbormasters Drew Donovan, Joe Hogan, and Jerry Carr adapted to, and handled this “new normal” in a professional and courteous manner. The Harbormasters were still dealing with several issues including social distancing, quarantining of transient vessels, and public gathering limits. At the same time, the recurring issues of mooring assignments, vessel speed, vehicle parking, and paddle-craft usage were all managed without incident.

In June, July, and August, as the boating season was in full swing, the Harbormasters noticed a marked increase in calls for service, motor vessel traffic, and paddle craft usage. The harbor was very busy. The Harbormasters attribute this increase to more people spending more time enjoying outside activities.

During this summer, a typical week for the on-duty Harbormaster would include the following: multiple patrols throughout the harbor and up and down the river, answering calls about moorings and the mooring waitlist, maintenance on the Harbormaster vessels, maintenance on the town floats, Town Dock #1, and Town Dock #2, responding to calls for missing kayakers and paddleboarders, assisting the Coast Guard with disabled motor vessels, answering questions from first time users of the river, assigning overnight moorings to transient vessels, and more. All these tasks are performed with the goal of assuring safety to all who use the Harbor and York River.

September and October began to quiet down as the weather turned and boaters removed their boats for the season.

Now retired Harbormasters, Andrew Donovan and Assistant Harbormaster Jerome Carr have done an outstanding job providing essential services to the community in our harbor, river, and coastline areas. We are so lucky that they have agreed to stay on as part-time police officers and will help with staffing issues in the harbor in 2022.

We are so fortunate that Assistant Harbormaster Joe Hogan has stayed on with us and will assist our newest member of the team, Forrest Brenske. To better address the needs of York Harbor and the York River issues, we hired Forrest as a full-time Harbormaster for more consistency in the harbor. With the full-time

Harbormaster in place, we have eliminated one of the two part time positions to better serve the needs of the community.

Working tirelessly to locate the right deal with the town, Drew and Jerry located a new EdgeWater boat. With the trade, the Harbor Board, and the BOS approval, they were able to purchase the vessel which is in the process of being fully equipped to be ready for the summer of 2022.

We have also introduced a new software program, ONLINE MOORING, to assist with the administrative responsibilities. This new software allows customers the ability to apply, pay for, and track virtually all aspects of the Harbor. It is a very useful tool for both Harbormasters and customers.

The Harbormasters attended all the Harbor Board meetings during 2021. Some of the meetings were in person on Town Dock #1 and some meetings were via Zoom. Items discussed with the Harbor Board include: a monthly report from the Harbormaster office regarding activity and issues in the Harbor, potential Harbor Ordinance changes, budget items, and maintenance issues.

The Harbormasters would like to thank the members of the York Harbor Board: Chairman Mike Sinclair, Vice-Chairman Matt Donnell, Secretary Jeremy Reynolds, David Webber, Tim Greer, Alternate Danielle Somma, and Alternate Amanda Bouchard.



VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

YORK FIRE DEPT. ANNUAL REPORT

To The Citizens of The Town of York

Subject: Town Report Information

It is with great pleasure that I submit this annual report to you, together with a summary of responses made by our department. We are always interested in recruiting new volunteers for our call force. The act of volunteering and helping people in need gives great rewards.

Our response pattern is changing slightly. We have been experiencing increases in all types of emergency calls.

Our Emergency Medical Technicians have seen increases in medical related calls. Fire Alarm activations are also on the rise. Fire alarm systems need to be properly installed and maintained. In the case of battery-operated smoke detectors, please make sure fresh batteries are installed at all times.

Please make sure your home has a working smoke detector installed nearby each bedroom. Remember that an ounce of fire prevention is worth more than a pound of cure.

Address numerical labelling on the road facing frontages of homes is especially helpful in locating you in the event of an emergency.

Carbon Monoxide detectors are important devices for residential use because they can alert homeowners to potential dangers associated with home heating equipment that may be malfunctioning. We are pleased that the townspeople have supported our efforts in providing new equipment for us to work with. By supporting our fund-raising efforts, our members can work more effectively to help our neighbors in times of need. We have very recently purchased a set of battery powered extrication tools (jaws of life) from funds received through fund raising efforts. The tools we are now utilizing are state of the art life saving equipment we use to free trapped victims from auto accidents.

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Our people continue to train each week on a variety of topics. On-going firefighting training is offered repetitively for all of our people. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me for further information, or suggestions. Check out our website at www.yorkvillagefire.com or on face-book for call summaries and photos of all activities. It has been a pleasure to serve you again this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me with fire related concerns or suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Balentine,

Fire Chief

YORK VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT CALL LOG JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021													
CALL TYPE	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	Jun 2021	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	TOTAL YTD
Structure Fires	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	11
Mutual Aid To Other Depts.	6	3	4	1	4	11	5	1	1	4	4	2	46
Appliance Fires	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	7
Power Lines Arcing	3	0	14	3	2	4	2	1	2	4	4	8	47
Public Assists	5	2	5	3	2	5	4	5	5	7	4	6	53
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	6	7	6	9	16	10	8	8	5	9	6	96
Brush/Grass	0	0	4	4	6	4	4	5	2	2	1	4	36
Alarm Activations	6	8	8	8	14	13	20	13	16	15	9	12	142
Investigations (Smoke etc)	3	5	0	0	7	4	0	4	2	5	9	4	43
Medical Aid Calls	69	48	70	73	82	72	95	95	87	88	68	76	923
Special Rescue/Water Rescue Etc.	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	4	1	1	1	13
Vehicle Fires	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	0	0	1	1	1	12
HazMat												2	2
TOTAL CALLS	100	73	116	100	132	131	149	135	127	133	114	121	1431



BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Jeffrey J. Welch – Fire Chief, York Beach Fire Department.

On behalf of the members of York Beach Fire Department, I would like to thank the citizens of York for the continued support of our department. Over the past years we have been fortunate enough to have had great continued support from our citizens and consider ourselves grateful to be able to provide you with the services that we do day in and day out.

The York Beach Fire Department is made up of a combination of full time and call force firefighters. Staffing consists of 3 full time firefighters and emergency medical personnel that rotate shifts to staff our station 24/7/365. The call force firefighters and emergency medical responders are made up of a group of approximately 25 men and women. These individuals also spend countless hours volunteering their time to serve the community in ways outside of fire suppression and medical calls. I would like to thank each one of the staff at the York Beach Fire Department for their continued dedication and professionalism.

The York Beach Fire Department responded to a total of 1057 calls for service during 2021. Half of our calls for service were emergency medical calls. The remaining calls were fire related and ranged from structural fires, motor vehicle accidents, alarm activations, hazardous material investigations, water rescues and more.

While not responding to calls our staff is busy providing other fire protection services to the town. Annual inspections occur in many of the businesses in our fire protection district. We also have a fire prevention program that we support in the fall each year to help educate our school children in fire safety and best practices in the event of a fire related emergency.

If you or someone you know that lives in town are interested in becoming part of the call force group of fire fighters, we are always accepting applications. Please call the station at 207-363-1014 or email beachfire@yorkmaine.org

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our residents of the importance of having your street number clearly marked in an easy to find location for emergency responders. When seconds count the ability to easily identify your home or business is paramount.

In closing I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of York once again. Your continued support ensures that we can continue to provide you and your neighbors with the highest level of excellent service as we have in the past. If you have any questions regarding your home fire safety, please contact us. Connect with us on Facebook or our webpage www.yorkbeachfire.org for ongoing department news and updates. It is a pleasure serving you.

Dial 911 For Emergencies

Respectfully,

Jeffrey J. Welch, Fire Chief

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	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	Jun 2021	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	TOTAL YTD
<u>CALL TYPE</u>													
Alarm activation	8	14	8	7	11	12	18	29	8	16	11	18	160
Brush/Grass Fire	0	0	0	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Chimney Fire	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HazMat	5	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	12
Inspections	0	2	8	8	6	2	3	3	2	4	2	6	46
Medical Aid	48	32	30	26	36	60	75	54	47	42	32	28	510
Motor Vehicle Collision	0	3	0	4	1	4	6	4	5	6	1	5	39
Mutual/ Auto Aid	8	5	10	5	7	6	4	5	6	4	6	3	69
Power Lines	3	3	9	6	3	4	4	6	1	1	0	2	42
Public Assist	5	6	6	5	7	11	12	9	10	9	13	7	100
Search	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Still Alarm	5	3	1	6	7	7	8	6	4	3	2	2	54
Structure Fire	0	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	11
Water Rescue	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Vehicle Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL CALLS	82	73	73	70	82	111	135	119	84	86	69	73	1057



CODE ENFORCEMENT

April 25, 2022

The Code Enforcement Department provides Code Enforcement Officers, Local Plumbing Inspectors, a Health Officer, a Stormwater Manager, as well as floodplain management services to the Town. The staff consists of 5 full-time employees, a part-time position shared with the Assessing Department (Luke), and a part-time administrative position (Reenie). Amber Harrison is the Director of Code Enforcement, Local Health Officer, and CRS Coordinator. Luke Vigue, Leslie Hinz, and Heather Ross are Assistant Code Enforcement Officers. Kathy Newell is an Inspector, Emmelyn Huppe is the Administrative Assistant, and Reenie Johnson is a part-time Administrative Assistant who also supports the Board of Appeals, Historic District Commission, the Harbor Board and the Planning Board.

The Code Office deals with most land use, building construction, business licenses, special events, development and conservation issues facing our community. We also take a lead role addressing administrative, education and regulatory requirements of the Clean Water Act's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The MS4 budget is submitted separately (Department of Public Works). We also perform a similar role regarding FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS), and the educational and regulatory requirements of FEMA's current flood maps with regards to zoning, construction, and flood insurance. Because of our efforts implementing numerous floodplain management activities in the community, FEMA has determined the Town of York has decreased to a Class 7 in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), CRS which resulted in a 15 percent discount in the premium cost of flood insurance for NFIP policies. We have recently undergone a five-year audit with FEMA and have submitted amendments to the Floodplain Management Ordinance to keep our class 7 rating (these will be on the May 2022 ballot).

We have achieved getting all staff to be state-certified Code Enforcement Officers, Local Plumbing Inspectors, and Shoreland Resource Officers. This gives us greater flexibility in providing public assistance at the code counter, issuing permits, performing inspections, addressing complaints, enforcing land use codes, and representing the Town at Board of Appeals and Judicial hearings. During FY22 (up to 4/20/2022 only) the Code Office issued roughly 784 building permits (850 in FY21), (does not include septic, plumbing, shoreland, etc.); had 1,976 counter visits (2,107 in FY21); performed 1,830 inspections (1,911 in FY21); and accrued roughly \$494,897 in building permit fees (\$376,515 in FY21).

New Housing Units: As past reports have provided calendar year totals; I offer the same. Building permits were issued for 130 new housing units in 2021 (total of 78 permits with 1 permit issued for 52 units); 58 in 2020; 57 in 2019; 62 in 2018; 79 in 2017, 74 in 2016; 68 in 2015, and 61 in 2014.

In calendar year 2021 the Department has issued a total of 1,000 building permits (890 in 2020), performed 2,184 inspections (2,140 in 2020) and had 1,713 visits at the code counter (2,986 in 2020). These numbers indicate that despite the pandemic building activity is still steady.

Calendar Year CY21	1/1/2021-12/31/2021
New Housing Units Permitted	78
Building Permits Issued	1,000
Inspections Performed	2,184
Code Counter Visits	1,713

Fiscal Year FY22	7/1/2021- 4/20/2022
New Housing Units Permitted	44
Building Permits Issued	784
Inspections Performed	1,746
Code Counter Visits	1,976

I will continue to represent the Town at Board of Appeals and judicial hearings as well as present the updated FEMA PRE-FIRM maps to the community. I have completed another five-year audit with FEMA on our flood permitting and am actively working on getting an even better CRS score of 6 (potentially one of the only ones in the state and saving another 15% in flood insurance premiums for the Town).

Water quality and shoreland zoning continues to be a driver in the Department's work. The Town is under increasing scrutiny with respect to stormwater management and expects to have a Department of Environmental Protection audit this summer. MS4 work continues to grow with ditch inspections, infrastructure mapping, catch basin cleaning, and outfall inspections. Consistent utilization of GPS/GIS technologies and coordinated work with the Department of Public Works, has led to a more seamless management of the MS4 permit directives. Likewise, the upgrading of our GIS maps with new aerials and wetlands overlays has helped us to make even more accurate determinations for MS4 and shoreland permitting.

We continue to work closely with the Planner to update the zoning ordinance and collaborate on site visits, pre-construction meetings, and permitting for certain shoreland and Planning Board approved projects. We host a quarterly meeting with other departments to review supplemental ordinances and procedures that affect code and require interdepartmental collaboration (i.e., Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission, Special Events permits, etc.).

The Code Officers require a balance of time, split between reviewing applications and plans, assisting the public at the code counter, performing inspections, site visits and pre-construction meetings all while staying abreast of local land use code changes and maintaining knowledge and updates to State building codes and shoreland standards. The Code Department continues to strive to make timely inspections, respond to complaints, and provide follow-up during our busiest season while providing exceptional customer service to residents, contractors, and the public.

Respectfully Submitted By: Amber Harrison, Director of Code Enforcement



SCHOOL REPORTS

Superintendent's Budget Report

March 30, 2022

Dear York Community,

I am pleased to inform you that the York School Department's fiscal house sits on solid rock. Recent final audits have revealed the department's financial statements are complete and consistent. Our accounting policies, standards, principles, and procedures comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). We have an outstanding fund balance that has increased significantly over the past four years. The preliminary audited fund balance amount is \$2,895,662.

My office has been involved in the budget process since October of 2021. I work with my administrative team to develop the school budget and submit it to the York School Committee for review and approval. The York School Committee can make changes to the budget I bring forward. The York School Committee presents its approved budget to the town of York's Budget Committee.

The York Budget Committee can make changes to the York School Committee's budget. It makes the final determination on the budget to be proposed to the voters. The York Budget Committee, established by the Town of York Home Rule Charter (1991), adopts the proposed school budget to be presented to the voters in May of each year. The committee is composed of seven members elected at large by York voters.

Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 23) Proposed School Operating Budget To Be Approved By The Voters

The proposed FY 23 school operating budget approved by the York Budget Committee for the ballot is \$38,694,412. The total increase over the FY 22 adopted budget is \$823,197. The 2.17% increase was determined by applying surplus or fund balance from the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 21) budget cycle to the operating budget, tax relief, paying off debts, and adjusting for state revenue. The York School and Budget Committees **support** the overall budget and the eleven cost centers voters will be asked to approve individually.

More than 85% of the overall school budget is dedicated to contractual obligations, including but not limited to salaries, benefits, operational costs for facilities, debt service, and transportation. The remainder of the overall budget is for other items such as textbooks, supplies, equipment, and field trips.

A) Major increases to the FY 23 budget compared to the FY 22 budget include:

1) Salaries and Benefits: All cost items associated with the collective bargaining agreements between the York School Committee and two school unions as well as non-union employees. Other salary and benefits areas include retirement allocations, substitutes, and stipends for student athletics and activities as well as special education increases for additional ed techs to meet the learning needs of students as required under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education and Improvement Act (IDEIA). These items represent \$841,971.

2) Non-Personnel Expenses: Non-personnel expenses include Debt Service (\$86,543); Legal Fees (\$38,000); Propane (\$37,850); Building and Grounds (\$35,500); and Maintenance Projects (\$22,500).

B) The major decreases to the FY 23 budget compared to the FY 22 budget include:

- 1) Elimination or Reduction of Contingency Funds in the Amount of \$500,000.

Finally, I draw your attention to Article 43 in the warrant that you will be asked to approve. This article would allow the York School Committee to access \$200,000 of existing fund balance or surplus to help the school department address any financial emergencies that could arise in the upcoming school year (e.g., unanticipated building repairs, health and safety needs, and staffing concerns). Please note, this article **does not raise taxes** and is **supported** by the York School and Budget Committees.

Thank you to the school and central office administrators who worked with their assigned staff members to prepare the FY 23 budget. Thank you to the York School and Budget Committees for the fiscal oversight during the public vetting process required to bring a budget forward to the voters. I encourage all registered voters to exercise their civic duty and vote on the municipal budget, school budget, and election of town and school officials. Moreover, thank you to the York community for its continued financial support for our schools.



YORK LIBRARY

York Public Library

YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT

2021

As COVID numbers in York County ebbed and flowed, we adjusted building policies accordingly. The library was closed to the public the first few months of calendar year 2021, during which time we offered curbside service. We re-opened in March, though it wasn't until June, when 75% of the county had received both vaccines and boosters were well on their way, that many residents felt comfortable to return to the library and stay more than 5 minutes. The use of masks was dictated by science. With no vaccine for those under 12, masks remained mandatory for Youth Services for all of 2021. Mask requirements in Adult Services followed COVID trends in York County.

Visitors totaled 7,459 curbside and 18,554 inside for a monthly average of 2200 visits. Patrons collectively checked out or downloaded 67,000 items for a monthly average of 5600 items.

For our pint-sized patrons, the return to Library visits concluded on a sad note with the retirement of a legend in these parts. After 20 years, we said a collective goodbye to longtime Children's Librarian, Miss Kathleen; formerly retired Assistant Director but more recent part-time Librarian Sudie Blanchard retired (for real) in November. We wish them both all good things in their well-earned retirements.

Digital Resources

Use of Hoopla and Libby, our online platforms for streaming movies, music, and audiobooks as well as downloadable e-books, comics, and magazines, continued last year's climb into the stratosphere. The sheer volume of emails and notes of gratitude we received indicated just how critical a service these were to help kids, teens, and adults remain engaged – not to mention sane – when many were still working and schooling from home and/or avoiding indoor venues and social activities.

Thanks in part to an unexpected gift to do so, we purchased a high-quality scanner and by way of a student intern, began digitizing elements of our local history collection. We also created a plan to ensure what we scan will be collected and hosted through the Digital Maine Repository, a wonderful collection of local documents from all over the state.

Programs

We held a myriad of popular programs over the course of the year. All were held virtually/online until October, when we moved to a hybrid format and added an in-person component. In FY21, we hosted 179 programs which drew a combined attendance of 5250.

Storytime hit the road as Miss Katie and Miss Barb visited classrooms and summer camp; we also hosted several public-school field trips to the library. Along with grab-n-go crafts, families checked out “Story hour on the go” bags each of which included themed rhymes, songs, suggested activities and related items. Other programs included Misa’s Clean Kitchen, a virtual series teaching kids how to make easy, healthy treats and the ukulele series returned to the delight of many. We offered a “Library Skills” workshop for homeschool families and had such an excellent response we ended up with a waitlist. Summer Reading registration increased 55%.

For the adult crowd, New York bestselling author & Pulitzer Prize nominee Colin Woodard discussed his timely book, *Union: The Struggle to Forge the United States Nationhood*. Prize-winning journalist Bob Keyes presented his research for and experiences with famed Maine artist Robert Indiana in his book *The Isolation Artist: Scandal, Deception, and the Last Days of Robert Indiana*.

Once again, YPL participated in the world-wide Camden Conference series. This year’s theme was the *Geopolitics of the Arctic: A Region in Peril*. Our contributions to the series included a visit from photographer Peter Ralston who shared stories illustrated by his work from the West Coast of Greenland and the Northwest Passage. Additionally, we hosted a discussion with Jeff Thaler, an attorney and professor at University of Maine School of Law and the University’s Climate Change Institute, on “Comparing the Impacts of Climate Change upon Maine and Greenland.”

At the end of 2020, Adult Services Librarian Michele Bertolini created a video tutorial on how to make gingerbread houses; this year she followed up with a tutorial on making homemade pasta. To support each program, we purchased gingerbread cutter/mold kits and a pasta machine for patrons to check out. These items were the latest additions to our “Library of Things” which includes puzzles, a telescope, and a digital converter for 8mm/Super 8 films.

Facility

Several years ago, there was a large project to clean and restore the beautiful pond on Long Sands Road from the algae and invasive plants which had thoroughly overtaken it – only to be threatened once again by invasive phragmites and cattails working to clog the pond’s borders. We took mitigation measures, but the long-term health of the pond, under a conservation easement through York Land Trust, will need to be addressed. We have a surprising but lovely abundance of wildlife who call the grounds home - many of whom birth and raise their young in and around the pond. One can find snapping and painted turtles, frogs, mallard ducks, and even a family of green herons who return year after year to nest and raise their brood(s).

In an unexpected discovery, the footbridge leading from the lower lot over to the Bagel Basket was found to have serious structural issues necessitating a complete demolition and rebuild. Due to supply chain issues caused by COVID, it took several months - and more funds than anticipated - to complete the project.

We also made repairs to the balcony wall overlooking the pond; minor masonry repairs on the stair wall at the south side entrance uncovered larger defects requiring lengthy restoration work. The majority of this work was completed in November with the remainder to be completed in spring 2022.

All capital project expenditures were paid by the York Public Library Association.

Support: fiscal & moral

In light of the unprecedented number of public and school libraries across the country facing book challenges and/or outright bans, the YPLA Board of Trustees re-affirmed their support of the American Library Association's (ALA) "Library Bill of Rights" and "Freedom to Read statements." The ALA also issued a rare and separate "Statement on Censorship of Information Addressing Racial Injustice, Black American History, and Diversity Education" which the Board of Trustees also voted to support. York Middle School faced their own formal book challenge, drawing testimony from community members and YPLA staff and trustees. This support resulted in the School Committee voting unanimously to retain the book in the school library's collection.

In the financial realm, we started the year off right when we learned the PPP loan taken out in 2020 had been forgiven. In June, our first ever online auction was smashingly successful, netting \$30,000. The item receiving the most bids was a crate of wine, but the item bringing the *highest* bid was a rare first edition of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* which fetched \$11,000. In addition to the auction, our Annual Membership Appeal and annual Town appropriation, we received support from many generous patrons and visitors.

In partnership with Gannet Media, current owner of the *York Weekly*, and Old York, whose collection includes 100 reels of microfilmed York newspapers going back to the early 1900s, we applied for a grant to digitize the content and make it freely accessible to all. As we closed calendar year 2021, we were notified the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation had awarded YPL a \$20,000 grant for the project. We hope to announce the gift and unveil the resulting digital archive as part of YPLA's Centennial celebration next year.

The Library was also fortunate to receive support from the Virginia Hodgkins Somers Foundation; Kennebunk Savings Bank; and the New England Region of the Network of the National Library of Medicine.

We remain grateful for York's ongoing support of its library. Until next year, we'll be *Enriching lives. Inspiring minds. Creating community.*



MUNICIPAL SOCIAL SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Date: January 2022

RE: Recommendations for Town Funding for FY 2023

The Town of York Municipal Social Services Review Board (MSSRB) is pleased to present you with the recommendations for funding for social service agencies providing services to York residents and working cooperatively with Town departments. This is the twentieth year that the MSSRB has reviewed agency applications and made recommendations to the Budget Committee. This year all of our applicants have continued to face challenges presented by COVID including having to be innovative in ways to provide services virtually in addition to providing face to face services where appropriate and when safe to do so.

In the fall of 2021 twelve (12) eligible nonprofit agencies requested a total of \$76,450 including 3 agencies who had not previously applied for Town of York funding. COVID continued to provide challenges for agencies whose primary services are usually provided face to face. The Town's MSSRB continued to be impressed with how agencies were able to implement and utilize different platforms to provide services, continued to fund raise without the benefit of larger social events, as well as responding to an increase in requests for services without additional resources. We know there has continued in 2021 to be an increase in domestic violence incidents, more food insecurity, more families needing assistance with food. COVID and its variants are still here but it doesn't mean our seniors and those who have serious illness don't continue to need in home services which is one of the most challenging services to provide in a safe manner. Our 12 agencies provide a large variety of services to vulnerable residents from preschoolers to seniors all of whom need the Town's continued support. Most of the services we are recommending Town's support for are unreimbursed services meaning they are not covered by other sources of revenue like grants or insurance.

The MSSRB take our responsibility recommending the use of Town funding to support nonprofit agencies very seriously. These agencies provide an essential safety net for our most vulnerable neighbors, friends and family members. The MSSRB is recommending to the Budget Committee funding to the 12 agencies of \$64,950. This is an increase in funding from FY 22 of \$12,000 but does include funding 3 additional agencies. Our Review Board took a detailed look at the 3 new agencies and based on the data presented to us feel we have made appropriate funding recommendations.

We present these recommendations to you and hope you will support them. We look forward to discussing these recommendations with you.

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Funding Guidelines

Town of York Municipal Social Services Review Board

1. Number of York citizens served

-Direct Services

-Education & Prevention

-Includes education for police, etc.

2. Is the agency used by Town Departments?

3. Are services stable?

4. Is the agency financially sound?

5. How important is town funding to the applicant?

6. Does agency leverage town funds?

-Includes matching funds, grants, & volunteer; me

7. What is the dollar value of services to Town of York?

- If the dollar value of services for the past year is not available, is the agency willing to work with the review board to estimate the value in future years

FY23 MSSRB Recommendations			York Residents Served	Value of Services Or Uncompensated Care
Agency	FY22 Approved	FY23 Recommendation		
AIDS Response Seacoast	\$1,950	\$1,200	3	\$7,230
Caring Unlimited	\$8,250	\$8,250	12	\$12,433
Cornerstone VNA	\$0	\$500	28	\$48,443
Crossroads House	\$2,750	\$2,000	1	\$132
Kids Free To Grow	\$2,250	\$2,250	116	\$2,250
Maine Healthcare At Home	\$3,250	\$3,000	35	\$66,000
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	\$12,250	\$12,000	237	\$30,500
Strong Girls United Foundation	\$0	\$5,000	30	
Sweetser	\$4,750	\$4,000	260	\$438,700
York County Community Action Corp.	\$6,750	\$6,750	767	\$728,741
Youth Community Services Agency	\$10,750	\$10,000	See attached details.	\$426,600
York Hospital Meals Program	\$0	\$10,000	153	\$14,100
Totals	\$52,950	\$64,950		\$1,775,129

FY23 Recommendations

AIDS Response Seacoast

1 Junkins Avenue
 Portsmouth, NH 03801
 Richard Wagner, Executive Director

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(603) 433-5377

FY22 Contribution: \$1,200

Background: AIDS Response Seacoast (ARS) is a nonprofit, community-based HIV/AIDS service organization, which serves Southern Maine and the NH Seacoast Area. ARS started as a grassroots effort to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic at the local level and incorporated in 1988. The mission of ARS is:

- To honor the inherent dignity and strength of people living with HIV/AIDS
- To support and assist persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in maintaining a high quality of life through direct assistance, education and advocacy
- To prevent new HIV infections and promote safer practices through education/prevention activities for local and regional communities
- To counteract myths and stereotypes about HIV/AIDS
- To increase and diversify the network of HIV/AIDS related service providers
- To play an active role in affecting local, state, and national policies on civil rights, discrimination, HIV/AIDS prevention, education, research and direct care

Services: Last year, ARS provided services to 3 York residents. Those services were valued at \$7,230.00. Please note, ARS did not coordinate programs for the YHS HIV team and provide Prevention Education for the YHS senior class due to Covid concerns.

Comment: ARS has stable finances and governance. ARS has historically provided imperative education/prevention and direct services to York residents. ARS clients also have access to an extensive food pantry located at their offices. All services provided by ARS are free of charge.

FY23 Recommendation: \$1,200

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Caring Unlimited P.O. Box 590 Sanford, ME 04073 Susan Giambalvo, Executive Director 207-490-3227 FY23 Request: \$8250 FY 22 Contribution : \$8250 Background: Caring Unlimited is a non-profit, community based organization and is York County's Domestic Violence Program that has the mission of: "Working to Make Every Home a Safe Home." It was established in 1977 and is the only organization to which the residents of York can turn to twenty-four hours a day for vital safety planning and emergency supports when in danger from domestic abuse. York County, for the 6th year in a row, experienced the highest number of reported domestic assaults in Maine. CU's 24-Hour Hotline, 18-bed Emergency Shelter, 15-unit Transitional Housing, Outreach Services, Legal Assistance, Advocacy, Youth and School Focused Prevention and Community Response Program

are all available at no cost to York residents. Pro bono Services to York residents: For period 10/1/2020–9/30/2021. Number of residents (unduplicated individuals) served 12 Individual advocacy/counseling hours provided 154 Support group hours provided 0 (due to COVID) Cost to CU to provide services* \$12,433

*Calculated at the DHHS contracted rate (value per hour of service or bedight) Comments: Continued impact of COVID-19 on York Community has been apparent in work with victims of domestic violence, and because of ongoing uncertainty associated with the pandemic now and in the future, Caring Unlimited anticipates continued impact on individuals and families in the coming year. All programs and services continued uninterrupted and Caring Unlimited has expanded opportunities to safely connect with individuals and to ensure they receive the support they need. There has been a high demand for access to emergency shelter, where the length of stay has increased due to shortage of affordable housing. Civil legal program is servicing more people than ever before, providing assistance with protection orders, child support and custody matters. In total (including direct service programs, 24-hour helpline), Caring Unlimited served 1643 people in the last year. Community education (prevention education, training, and consultation) educated 939 students and community members. The focus to ensure core direct services programs remain strong and accessible to anyone, free of charge, 24 hours a day, Caring Unlimited is working toward a goal of expanding outreach and increasing access to programming and education in the community. Additionally, this year, Caring Unlimited served as a liaison between York PD and friends/family of Rhonda Pattelena to facilitate a safe, community organized vigil in her honor at Short Sands Beach. FY 23 Request: \$8250 FY 23 Recommendation: \$8250 KBD 12/2021 Municipal Social Services Review Board FY23. CORNERSTONE VNA 178 Farmington Road Rochester, NH 03867 Contact: Julie Reynolds jreynolds@cornerstonevna.org 603-332-1133 (ext. 101) FY23 Request: \$1,500 FY22 Recommendation: Did Not Apply Background: Cornerstone VNA was founded to provide homecare services to residents of Strafford County, NH, and Southern Maine. CVNA now serves 43 communities, including York. CVNA's mission is to promote well-being and independence through home health and hospice care. Services include skilled nursing, rehabilitative therapies, social work, as well as volunteer support services through five programs: Home Care, Hospice Care, Palliative Care, Life Care, and Private Duty and Community Care. CVNA has increased its Telehealth capabilities and moved caregiver and bereavement support groups to virtual programs. CVNA continues to face other COVID related costs and burdens. In addition, CVNA has doubled its service area over the last decade. To meet this growth, CVNA this year expanded and renovated its building. Because CVNA did not provide information in a Timely manner, and provides less services to York than other VNA's, the Board voted to recommend less than CVNA requested. Services to York Residents: In the past year CVNA provided service to 28 York residents, providing Home Care or Hospice services. The services provided to York Residents totaled \$48,443. Of the York residents cared for, the uncompensated care was \$5,400. CVNA contacts in York include the Senior Center and York Hospital. FY23 Recommendation: \$500 Municipal Social Services Review Board FY23. CrossRoads House 600 Lafayette Rd. Portsmouth, NH. 03801 Jessica Parker, Development Director 603-436-2218 J.Parker@crossroadshouse.org FY22 Request: \$2,000. FY22 Contribution: \$2750 Background: CrossRoads House provides emergency and transitional shelter services to

homeless individuals and families in the Greater Seacoast area. The capacity of CrossRoads is 76 adults and 20 children. With the challenges of Covid 19 CrossRoads House has continued to at times use motel rooms to house some emergency shelter clients because of need to comply with all social distancing requirements. This has resulted in a continued waiting list for CrossRoads services so a bed at CrossRoads may not always be available, but they try to work with individuals and families to find alternative shelter beds or if necessary, in motels. CrossRoads House provides three meals a day (total of over 23,000 meals/year) to residents and offers needs assessment and case management services. On site medical services are provided through a Families First Health Team; mental health services and substance abuse counseling are provided by Seacoast Mental Health Center. These partnerships mean that CrossRoads is able to maintain a low per night/per person bed cost of \$66.00. This allows for continuation of services with the same agencies once the homeless individual or family leaves the shelter. CrossRoads has instituted a program to reduce recidivism: Housing Stability Case Managers follow people leaving the shelter and offer coaching on budgeting, landlord/tenant issues and help accessing supports in the community. This is an essential service to help individuals to maintain their independent housing. Data shows if a resident stays in the CrossRoads program over 90 days 98% are moved into permanent housing. The recidivism rate at CrossRoads is very low if individuals and families commit to all available supports and services. Municipal support is critical to maintaining Cross Road's shelter services. Federal grants (e.g., from HUD) account for only a small percentage of the agency's annual revenues. CrossRoads is primarily dependent on donations. Services: The fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, CrossRoads had provided 27,578 bed nights of shelter to 368 people including services to 2 York residents. Contact was maintained with YCSA here in York to find ways to assure Crossroads and YCSA are able to coordinate services to any York resident when the need arises. Although there are not a large number of York residents requesting services from CrossRoads it is the finding of the MSSRB that CrossRoads should continue to receive support from the town of York to assure when the need is there CrossRoads will be a resource. Comment: CrossRoads House provides a vital service to people experiencing homelessness. Without these services, towns would be obligated to use shelter services further away or house homeless persons in motels which is not only more expensive but also makes access to support services difficult. CrossRoads has always served York residents and it is expected they will continue to do so in FY23. They are an important safety net and a resource needed here in York. FY 2023 Recommendation : \$2000 Municipal Social Services Review Board FY23. Kids Free to Grow 57 Portland Road, Unit #4 Kennebunk, ME 04043 Patrice Leary-Forrey, Director (207) 985-5975 patricel@kidsfreetogrow.org FY23 Re: \$2,250 FY22 Contribution: \$2,250 Background: Kids Free to Grow (KFTG) continues to offer child abuse prevention education throughout York County and maintains a mission to empower children and families by offering prevention education and support through positive parenting, school based and professional trainings to prevent abuse and neglect of children in our community. This past year, Kids Free to Grow took a three-prong approach to prevention through evidence-based programs for parents, children, and professional training for community professionals. Services: Last year, Kids Free to Grow served 116 individual York citizens. Kids Free to Grow reaches school-aged and preschool-aged children in York

through their evidence-based prevention education programs. Their services continue to be offered at no cost. Due to the pandemic, much of the prevention programs and professional training shifted from in-person to virtual platforms. This has allowed staff to reach more individuals who may not have been able to access in-person programs due to lack of transportation, lack of childcare, or other barriers. In the town of York, Kids Free to Grow team served parents and caregivers with a Parent Cafe, Nurturing Parent Program, and Healthy Relationship program for youth. Several community partners planted pinwheel gardens in support of a national campaign to raise awareness for prevention of child abuse and neglect. Comments: Kids Free to Grow is a 100% grant funded organization. Funds available are leveraged as an incentive for matching grants and attract monies from other towns as well as charitable donations. They seek our continued support in their efforts to end all forms of child abuse in York County. Their work with York residents not only raises awareness in order to support children in our community, but also provides crucial education to children, parents, and educators who live and work with our most vulnerable community members. KFTG has continued to provide consistent community outreach and education with the goal of preventing child abuse and neglect in our community, and the agency has successfully transitioned as much of their programming as possible to a remote/online format.

FY23 Request: \$2,250 FY23 Recommendation: \$2,250 KBD 12.2021 Municipal Social Services Review Board FY23. Maine Health Care at Home 15 Industrial Park Rd. Saco, ME 04072 Contact: Roy Garland rgarland@mcah.org (207) 391-6462 FY22 Recommendation: \$3,250 Background: In 2016, When Home Health Visiting Nurses joined with Kno-Wal-Lin Home Care & Hospice and Waldo Home Health Care & Hospice, it brought together more than 100 years of combined experience in providing home health services. Services include skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies, home health aides, counseling, palliative care, diabetes education, health tests and flu shots. In addition, Maine Health Care clinicians identify and address needs such as fuel assistance, inadequate food and nutrition and potential abuse or neglect. Financial for the period ending September 30, 2021, show a stable financial condition. Services to York Residents: From October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021, MHCAH served 35 York residents. The organization generates a patient list nothing unduplicated count by program. The total dollar value was \$66,032.00 calculated using the 367 visits/tests multiplied by the cost per visit. Uncompensated care given to York residents was \$3,804.00. The costs have been higher due to: (1) The increase in the mileage rate '21 over '20 and probably even higher in '22. (2) The need to offer new travel nurses sign on bonuses who are replacing staff that retired due to Covid requirements. Those in need of basic services such as fuel, food or shelter, are referred to York's General Assistance Manager by their social workers and nurses. MHCAH has serviced a census of over ten covid positive parents since May, caring for patients discharged from other sites and helping to limit the incidence of viral spread within hospitals and other congregate settings. Comments: Town contributions allow MHCAH to provide free and reduced fee health care for residents who lack insurance or other resources to pay for care. Municipal contributions leverage funding from other communities, community foundations and United Way organizations. In FY'21, MHCAH's overall uncompensated care cost was more than \$1,005,000.00. FY 2023 Recommendation: \$3,000 Municipal Social Services Review Board FY23. Southern Maine Agency on Aging At

the Sam L. Cohen Center Carolyn Pruiksma, Development Coordinator cpruiksma@smaaa.org 30 Barra Road, Biddeford, ME. 04005 207-396-6590 www.SMAAA.ORG FY 23 Recommendation: \$12,000 FY 22 Contribution: \$12,250 (\$11,500 + \$750) Background: Founded in 1973, Southern Maine Agency on Aging provides residents of York with resources and assistance to address the issues and concerns connected with aging. The agency's programs seek to improve the physical, social, emotional and economic wellbeing of Maine's older population, adults with disabilities and those who care for them. SMAA is governed by a board of directors and is financially stable. Services: In the last fiscal year (FY2019/2020) 525 York residents received the following support and assistance from SMAA; services are valued at \$121,926 with approximately 60% reimbursed.

- 167 residents participated in congregate dining programs through which they received 5,270 affordable and nutritious meals;
- 2 York residents who are caregivers received 409 hours of valuable respite through the Caregiver Respite program;
- 185 York residents received 8,796 home-delivered meals, safety checks and vital socialization through the Meals on Wheels
- 21 York residents participated in 185 Agewell Program classes designed to help participants reduce risk and fear of falls, and live healthier lifestyles.
- SMAA has instituted a "Tech Pal" program that helps connect homebound older adults with computer tablets, internet connection and instruction to help them engage with technology and stay socially connected
- SMAA has rapidly expanded their volunteer supported Phone Pal Program through which isolated older adults are matched with volunteer Phone Pals. Phone Pals make regular calls to help build companionship and reduce isolation in their most high-risk and vulnerable population—the homebound elderly.
- SMAA's Health Insurance counseling was entirely virtual as was virtual wellness programming

Comment: York consistently ranks in the top five towns in a state which is aging at a faster rate than the rest of the country. Municipal funds are critical for federal and state funding for SMAA, and leverage for grants. SMAA collaborates with York Hospital, The Senior Center, and York Housing Authority to provide supportive services to residents. Due to COVID19, SMAA has adapted to ensure critical services remain intact and those impacted by the pandemic have access to support. The older adult population, already at risk for social isolation, are experiencing even greater challenges and risk due to limited social resources available and worsening social isolation. The needs of older adults have become more complex and critical leading to dramatic increases in food insecurity, request for home delivered nutrition, housing and rent assistance, need for family caregiver supports, growing mental health challenges due to extreme social isolation, anxiety and stress. SMAA is serving more than twice as many home delivered meals. SMAA anticipates this need will continue to grow far in to 2022. FY 2023 Recommendation: \$12,000 Municipal Social Services Review Board FY23. SG United Foundation PO Box 670 York, Maine 03909 Contact Person: Lani Silversides Phone: 207-337-0884 Email: lani@sgunitedfoundation.org Did not apply for 2022 funding. 2023 Request: \$15,000 Background: Strong Girl (SG) United Foundation was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in August 2019 by its Founder and Executive Director Lani Silversides. Strong Girls is an after school created program by Ms. Silversides dedicated to empowering and inspiring girls through physical activity, sport, and mental skills training. In 2017 five (5) programs were run through York Parks and Recreation for girls at Village Elementary School, Coastal Ridge Elementary School, and York Middle School. An important premise of SG

United Foundation is there is no better way to teach mental skills training than through sports. Strong Girls seeks to combine social connection through being a part of a team, physical activity and exercising the mind with mental health and well-being activities. Services: There are 3 main types of programming in SG: Events with Impact, two-hour events for girls to feel and be part of a team and exercise their body and mind, Strong Girls U, a university program run by collegiate student athletes for underserved girls in their community, and FAM, a free 1:1 mentoring program where girls in elementary and middle school are paired with collegiate athletes for weekly meetups over the school year. The research-based curriculum developed for SG blends physical activity with gratitude exercises, teaches sports psychology while mentoring kindness. SG proposes to continue to run programs through parks and recreation, providing all participants with books, shirts and materials, provide scholarship to York girls to participate in FAM for free using York High School athletes to mentor younger girls. Comments: As a new organization applying for first time for Town of York funding a lengthy interview was held with the Executive Director to better grasp where the program is now and what the goals were as they raise additional funding. There is no doubt the SG United Foundation has achieved a great deal of positive impact throughout the country with the SG program. However, there is not sufficient data on how this program will be expanded and strengthened in York in the 2023 FY. The MSSRB want to support the ongoing development of SG United Foundation in York but did not feel with the data presented for the past year that the full request of \$15,000 could be recommended. The Review Board is recommending support in the amount of \$5,000. FY 23 Recommendation: \$5000 Municipal Social Services Review Board FY23. Sweetser 50 Moody Street Saco, Maine 04072 Contact: Jodie Hansen, Development Director (207) 294-4476 jhansen@sweetser.org FY23 Request: \$4,000 FY22 Recommendation: \$4,000 Background: Sweetser has been providing critical mental health services to children, adults, and families in need since 1828. The agency provides a wide range of services to York residents and collaborates closely with York Hospital and the School Department. Services: Last year, Sweetser served 260 York residents. The dollar value of services provided was \$438,000, calculated on the fee charged for each service. The agency offers comprehensive mental and behavioral health services, including school-based outpatient therapy, medication management, crisis intervention and stabilization, clinic-based outpatient and substance use treatment, and primary care integration at family practice and pediatric office locations. Additionally, Sweetser contracts with York schools to provide Individualized Education Plan (IEP) support to students, families, and school staff as well as supervision and consultation with school social workers. The agency has expanded their ability to respond to school districts experiencing traumatic events such as suicide, vehicle accidents, and loss of life. Sweetser provides these services free of charge to support local communities. The agency also partners with YCSA to help connect community members in need of available resources. This year Sweetser continues to deal with COVID related costs and extra burdens of providing care. Comments: Sweetser is a financially stable organization that provides essential services in the areas of mental and behavioral health. Ongoing partnerships with the schools as well as health care providers in our community have strengthened the benefits to our residents. The agency's support in these areas and services in substance abuse identification, prevention, and treatment

within the Town of York is critical. FY23 Recommendation: \$4,000 Municipal Social Services Review Board FY23. York County Community Action Corporation 6 Spruce Street, P.O. Box 72 Sanford, Maine 04073 207-324-5762 Brad Bohon, Community Relations Manager FY23 Request: \$6750 FY22 Contribution: \$6,000 Background: York County Community Action Corporation (YCCAC) was incorporated in 1965; the agency's mission is to alleviate the effects of poverty, attack its underlying causes, and to promote the dignity and self-sufficiency of the people of York County, Maine. YCCAC's programs include: Economic Opportunity (Community Outreach, emergency financial assistance, homeownership education, foreclosure prevention, tax preparation and legal advocacy); Head Start, and Early Head Start; Women, Infants and Children (WIC); transportation, fuel assistance for low income residents (LIHEAP); one on one financial counseling; and the federally qualified community health center Nasson Health Care (multiple sites). The agency's board is comprised of 1/3 low-income individuals, 1/3 public sector clients and 1/3 private sector clients. Municipal funds and matching funds are critically important to YCCAP. YCCAP reports that 90% of funding is federal, 5% is state grants, and 5% comes from donations and local funding support. Services: Last year YCCAC served 767 York citizens, at a cost of \$728,741. In the fiscal year (11/2020-10/2021) services provided to York residents include: Community Outreach workers who provided education and assistance such as legal advocacy, tax preparation, financial coaching, housing counseling and homeownership education. • Emergency financial assistance • Energy and weatherization support • Headstart • Nasson Healthcare services • Transportation support • WIC support to households Comment: YCCAC has a long history of providing badly needed services far in excess of the amount requested, using resources available and volunteers to meet the needs of our residents in need. Outreach workers do case by case assessments to target all the needs of their clients and collaborate with other agencies allowing YCCAC to "bundle" services. Funding this agency helps reduce the reliance on General Assistance in the town. New for 2021, YCCCA offered a rental relief program. This new program provided rental relief support for 110 York residents, valued at 239,981. FY23 Request: \$6,750 FY23 Recommendation: \$6,750 KBD 12/2021 Municipal Social Services Review Board FY23. York Community Service Association P.O. Box 180 York, Maine 03909 Contact: Michelle Surdoval msurdoval@ycsa.org 351-8324, Office; 650-8702, Cell FY 22 Request: \$10,000 FY22 Contribution: \$10,750 Background: York Community Service Association (YCSA) continues to provide all services at its Route One location. Family Service clients can easily access needed items from the food pantry and the thrip store. By continued implementation of safety protocols the Thrip Store was able to be reopened. The team of YCSA staff and more than 70 volunteers have continued to be there to service the most vulnerable of the York community. YCSA continues its partnership with the Town of York to administer the General Assistance Program. Previous funding awarded to YCSA has been used to support Family Services and the Food Pantry. Services Provided: • 144 families are registered at/ regularly use the Food Pantry • 104 backpacks of food for weekends were distributed to families • 180 boxes of food provided to senior citizens • 25 camp scholarships for children • 34 households assistance with utility bills • 51 households provided Fuel Assistance • 106 provided Gas/auto repair assistance • 37 Rent assistance • 317 provided Case Management • 97 meals provided through Table of Plenty; As the above list makes clear, YCSA fills the gaps of other local social service,

programs. The agency provides case management services and assists York residents with applying for tax abatement and/or property tax abatement. YCSA tries to address the immediate needs of any person who request their services. This requires collaboration and cooperation with a number of other social service agencies in order to refer residents to services outside the scope of YCSA. Dollar value of services provided to York residents was reported as \$426,600. Comments: YCSA works with several town departments including Town Clerk, Parks and Recreation, The Center for Active Living, School Department and York Police Department. YCSA has stable services provided by dedicated staff who are committed to the mission of YCSA. They are financially sound and receive great support from the Community. The agency leverages town funds by using volunteer staff hours valued at approximately \$327,600. YCSA also partners with local faith groups and other non-profits. FY 23 Recommendation: \$10,000 Municipal Social Services Review Board FY23. York Hospital Meals Program 15 Hospital Drive York, ME. 03909 Hilary Leonhard, York Hospital Community Relations 207-351-3430 (hleonhard@yorkhospital.com) FY22 Request: \$0 Background: The York Hospital meal delivery program started in 1999 in response to patient requests for assistance during recuperation from surgery and/or illness. Over the past 20 years, the program has grown to include not only York Hospital Patients, but many community members at large due to the high quality and low cost of our prepared meals. The program utilizes a fleet of volunteer drivers who deliver meals primarily to seniors in the towns of York, Kittery and Eliot. Approximately 44% of meal recipients are York residents. However, this is the first request for funding submitted by the Hospital to the Town. It should be noted that the services of the Hospital are stable, and the Hospital is financially sound. Services: In the last fiscal year (January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020) approximately 153 residents of York received approximately 2,570 meals. Recipients pay \$8.00/meal. However, no one is ever denied a meal if payment is a problem. The Hospital's Social Services staff helps those who can't afford to pay for meals (i.e., The Living Well Cancer Center's Funds, etc.). • Since York residents account for approximately 44% of meals delivered, the estimated cost absorbed by the hospital is approximately \$14,131. • When COVID-19 arrived in mid-March 2020, the York Hospital meal delivery program's demand was increasing as more local seniors became aware of the program through outreach and peer-Word of mouth. York Hospital delivered an average of 52% more meals to seniors compared to the same period in 2019. These percentages continue to increase in 2021 as demand remained strong for home meal delivery to seniors in York and our surrounding towns. • York Hospital has a longstanding relationship working with the Town of York. They have a strong referral system in place with YCSA for General Assistance, and they routinely collaborate with the Town of York for personal and public health matters. The Hospital collaborates with Town of York Staff on public health matters with Amber Harrison and Kathryn Lagasse. The Hospital has been a financial supporter of York Parks & Rec. • For many years the Hospital has made monthly donations of cheese and eggs to the York Food pantry and Kittery's "Footprints" Food Pantry. Recently, they spoke to Maureen, Director of the York Food Pantry about refining their donations based on increasing senior food insecurity. The Hospital also routinely donates to Table of Plenty. Comments: During the pandemic, the Town of York and York Hospital proactively and professionally launched a robust COVID-19 testing center that administered more than 40,000 tests to

residents and visitors alike. The Town of York and York Hospital partnered on the COVID Coordinated Response Team that was established to formulate an emergency action plan to address community needs. Administered by the town's local health officer, the intentionally diverse group consists of representatives from town offices and a variety of local partner organizations. When COVID-19 vaccines became available, York Hospital collaborated with town officials and the task force to set up an immunization clinic in space donated by St. Christopher's Church, supported by volunteers. The incredible value of collaboration across organizations was one of the most positive outcomes from the prolonged pandemic and York Hospital looks forward to working together with the town to protect public health and safety for many years to come. FY2023 Recommendation: \$10,000 Municipal Social Services Review Board FY23.



SOHIER PARK COMMITTEE

Our committee has the privilege to support and assist in the preservation of both Sohier Park and the Nubble Lighthouse.

We are blessed in a multitude of ways among them are: 1) the Sohier Davies Families donated the land now representing Sohier Park, a pure gift of beautiful views of coastal Maine. 2) Based on a strong application by the Nubble Light Acquisition Committee on behalf of the town we became the new guardian of historic Nubble Light in December of 1997.

These are awesome and welcome responsibilities which fall under the town Parks and Recreation Department and Sohier Park Committee. The Parks Department handles the day-to-day operational work in the park and at the Lighthouse. The Sohier Park Committee dedicates its efforts in a multitude of ways as we work with the Parks & Recreation Director to historically protect and preserve our gifts of Nubble Lighthouse and Sohier Park. This is accomplished with the indispensable support of our dedicated volunteers, called the Nubble Light Ambassadors, who serve our guests both in the park and in the gift shop. We all cherish and love the work we do! How fortunate are we to preserve and protect one of the most majestic lighthouses in the world and the park that provides such picturesque views and rich experiences!

Responsibilities of Guardianship

When the voters of York accepted the Deed, they also accepted the responsibilities and requirements as the new guardian. We have those promises to keep.

Our responsibilities, as a community are listed in the deed of guardianship:

- Historically preserve and protect by following Historic Standards for Nubble Lighthouse which is on the National Register of Historic places since 1985.
- Identify and Protect the wildlife inhabitants on the island and surrounding area.
- Provide access to the US Coast Guard who will maintain the Aids to Navigation (4th Order Fresnel Lens and Fog Horn) on this working lighthouse.
- Provide a financial plan and raise the funding to pay for and maintain the historic nature of the footprint and all buildings listed on the National Register for Nubble Lighthouse.

Financial Plan and Gift Shop

The financial plan was essential because our acquisition committee did not want the taxpayers of York to pay for the Nubble upkeep once we became the guardian. The original Gift Shop was built under the tutelage of the Sohier Park committee & Mr. Henry and Mrs. Verna Rundlett in 1990's and provided the initial funding for our beginning endeavors.

Beginning in 2014 the Gift Shop was expanded to meet the growing expenses needed to repair a historic building located on the island. The Gift Shop today is managed by the Parks Department along with our Nubble Light Volunteers. All proceeds pay for the costs of the park and

lighthouse maintenance.

In 2016 we identified a tremendous amount of historic preservation work needed on the island. We focused on the exterior areas for the scope of this work. We asked the board of selectmen to let us begin by hiring a qualified historic contractor to guide our work and meet the requirements by the State Historic Preservation Officer, (SHPO for short)

The Park Director and Sohier Park Committee interviewed several applicants and made a recommendation to the town. We are currently working with Jim Leslie and Company who qualified based on our requirements, his references and the lowest bid.

2022 Nubble Light and Sohier Park

Committee working with our Historic Preservation Contractor Jim Leslie and the Town of York Parks and Recreation Director Robin Cogger have identified the following:

Major Projects:

1. Boat House
2. Ramp leading up to the Boat House

Future Projects in discussion:

1. Fire Suppression
2. Interior of the Keepers house and Tower
3. Sohier Park Safety Plan
4. Maintenance work for Gift Shop
5. Maintaining the work in our recent projects proposed in a 1-3-5-10 year plan

Opportunities:

1. Expand “The Nubble Light Ambassador’s” Volunteer Program
2. Opportunities while visiting in Sohier Park. Things to do or explore
 - a. “Junior Lighthouse keeper” program for our young visitors and old alike identifying the areas of a working lighthouse



CLIFF WALK COMMITTEE

Report of the Cliff Walk Committee, 2022

The Parks & Recreation Department assumed management of the Cliff Walk several years ago. Robin Kerr is the responsible staff member. The role of the Cliff Walk committee at present is to deal with problems that may arise with owners of property that the walk traverses. We are fortunate that there have been no problems for the committee to deal with in the past year.

At present and for recent past years access to the walk has been closed off by Mr. Peterson's fence at the edge of his property while recent construction has blocked access to the northern end of the walk. Several years ago the committee requested the selectmen to reach a decision of the future of the now-inaccessible part of the walk. That has not yet happened.

A full account of the operation of the walk is in the report of the Parks and Recreation department.

Robert Gordon



COMMITTEE FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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2021 Town Report Input

13 April 2022

The York Committee for Veterans' Affairs was established by the Board of Selectmen in April 2019. Its mission is (in part) "to serve as a point of contact for matters relating to veterans and the military, to develop and maintain a broad perspective of the Town's approach to and participation in all such matters, to help ensure the Town honors veterans and the military, and to advise the Board of Selectmen accordingly." The Committee currently consists of seven voting members (six of whom are veterans) and two alternate members (one of whom is a veteran).

HOST CITY FOR USS CALIFORNIA

When the Town of York was chosen to be the Host City for USS *California*, a submarine temporarily based at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for a major overhaul, the Committee was given primary liaison responsibilities. The Committee worked closely with the crew to build relationships. Volunteers from *California* provided many hours of support to the town in 2019, but in 2020 and into 2021, their participation was severely hampered by the covid-19 pandemic. Still, in 2021, the York VFW once again provided free Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the duty crew. In May 2021, several members of the Committee joined town representatives at a farewell ceremony at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. During the ceremony, the ship's Commanding Officer paid tribute to the Town of York for its support.

The Committee has agreed to sponsor another sub, the USS *North Dakota*, in 2023.

STREET BANNERS

Perhaps the most visible aspect of the Committee's work is the project to honor York's fallen military heroes with street banners. Each of these banners features the portrait of a York veteran, his name, age, branch of service and war in which he made the supreme sacrifice in order to protect our Constitution and our American way of life.

Committee members have expended much effort in uncovering information on these men, with great help from the community. The effort of this mission is to ensure that the names, lives and sacrifices of these young men are not forgotten. Our plan is to display these banners in the weeks prior to Memorial Day through mid-December, when they will be removed and stored for protection from winter weather. We have been ably assisted in this effort by the Department of Public Works. Those currently honored with a banner are:

Vietnam

Robert B. Young. Private US Army, 22 April 1971, 20 years old.

Gerald A. Dorr. Warrant Officer, US Army, 28 January 1967, 22 years old.

Ronald A. Parsons. Private First-Class US Army, December 24, 1967, 23 years old.

Larry A. d'Entremont Private, US Army, 20 November 1967, 19 years old.

World War 2, European Theater

Kenneth G. Ramsdell, Private, US Army, 4 January 1944, 19 years old.

William H. Turner, 2nd Lieutenant, US Army Air Force, 24 February 1944, 21 years old.

Richmond H. Ellis, LT (jg) US Navy. February or March of 1944, 26 years old.

Eugene T. Boardman, PFC US Army July 12, 1944, 20 years old.

Roger C. Haskell, Staff Sergeant, US Army Air Force 28 July 1944, 23 years old.

George C. Moore, Private, US Army 19 September, 33 years old.

World War 2, Pacific Theater

Clifford G. Moore, Tech 5, US Army Air Forces, July 11, 1942, 24 years old.

Harold A. Clapp, Jr. Private, US Army 20 November 1942, 22 years old.

Harvey Allen Rogers. U S Army Air Forces 20 November 1942, 23 years old.

Edward R. Grant, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army 19 March 1945, 28 years old.

World War 1

Edward J. Labonte, Private, US Marine Corps 6 June 1918, 24 years old.

Wells B. Cumings, Private, US Marine Corps, 30 June 1918, 20 years old.

Edward E. Ramsdell, Private, US Army 30 September 1918, 26 years old.

George D. Clark, Private, US Army National Guard, 7 November 1918, 18 years old

In this project, we continue to be guided by the words of 19th century British Prime Minister, William Gladstone:

“Show me the manner in which a nation or community cares for its dead, and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender sympathies of its people, their respect for the law of the land and their loyalty to high ideals.”

ACTIVITIES WITH THE YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Committee coordinated with York schools throughout the year. Although covid restrictions have significantly impacted activities, the Committee has provided material for “in-school” displays. We currently coordinate the display of banners of our town’s fallen heroes, with supporting information. These banners are rotated among the schools and provide the centerpiece for other veteran displays. In November 2021, the committee and other veterans participated in a highly successful Veterans Day event

at York High School. Veterans were treated to breakfast, then spent time with small groups of students to talk with them and answer questions about their experiences.

The Committee has a bookshelf display at the York Town Library that has various artifacts and other veteran-related information. These displays are cycled through the York school system in the same manner as the individual banners.

MEMORIAL DAY

In 2020, for the first time in memory, York was not able to hold a traditional Memorial Day parade due to covid restrictions on gathering. Regrettably, conditions were still not safe in 2021. Nevertheless, the Committee worked once again with town officials, local service groups and volunteers to engineer a second “reverse parade” to honor the country’s war dead. York’s memorial events included:

- The display of street banners, honoring those veterans who paid the ultimate price. Photos and a brief bio of each hero were shown on Spectrum Cable channel 1302.
- A group of veterans, York Police, VFW, American Legion, First Parish Church Cemetery crew and other volunteers placed a memorial flag at each veteran gravesite in the cemetery and a flag at each war memorial. The VFW donated the flags.
- The York Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution created 9 wreaths and placed them at each war memorial.
- A 5-ton Army truck with commemorative markers for all military branches was parked on the drive near Town Hall, as was a cannon towed by a Jeep.
- Patriotic music was played on the First Parish Church carillon.
- CDR Jim Henry, Commanding Officer of USS *California*, gave pre-recorded remarks on TV channel 1302 throughout the day.
- Flag-carrying veterans lined up on the drive-in front of Town Hall to honor the fallen. The veterans were joined by an honor guard from the York Fire Department.
- The Piscataqua Junior Rangers Fife & Drum Corps played patriotic music throughout the event.
- Taps was played just before 11 am, followed by one minute of bell tolling from the First Parish Church.

All participants were reminded (as author Osmar White wrote): “*The living have the cause of the dead in trust.*”

We are currently coordinating a full-blown Memorial Day parade for May 30, 2022.

VETERANS DAY

As with other events, plans for Veterans Day were curtailed because of covid restrictions. Still, York was able to show support for veterans past and present by:

- The display of street banners honoring York's war dead.
- York Parks and Rec coordinated (and the Committee funded) a free breakfast at Norma's Restaurant. Seventy-six York veterans attended.
- York High School displayed some of the "York Heroes" street banners and conducted various projects with students relating to veterans. They also had a veterans display in the library for the month of November
- Old York Historical Society conducted walking tours of York's war memorials. The tour was named "Answering the Call: York's Wartime Service." OLHS prepared a script based largely on research conducted by Committee members.
- First Parish and St. George's churches rang their bell at 11am on November 11.

PARKING SIGNS

The Committee continued a program to encourage local organizations and businesses to install "Veterans Only" parking signs as a way of expressing our citizens' respect for those who have served in the military. Currently over 30 signs have been delivered.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The Committee was actively engaged in the planning and implementation of the national Wreaths Across America (WAA) program. Each December the WAA mission to "Remember, Honor and Teach" is carried out

by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. York's First Parish Cemetery is one of those locations. Committee members assisted in off-loading wreaths, transporting wreaths to the cemetery, placing wreaths on veterans' headstones, and participating in the ceremony at the cemetery to honor veterans of all services.

PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY

In 2021, the Board of Selectmen endorsed a committee proposal to designate the Town of York as an official Purple Heart Community, and later issued a proclamation stating so. In doing so, York became the first Purple Heart Community in the state of Maine.

The proclamation states:

“WHEREAS, the people of York, Maine have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the citizens of our community who have selflessly served in the Armed Forces that has been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our community have been killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces and have been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for their ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our community have been awarded the Purple Heart for their bodily sacrifice of being wounded by the hand of the enemy while engaged in combat; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration and was created as The Badge of Military Merit, made of purple cloth in the shape of a heart with the word “Merit” sewn upon it, on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington, then re established as the Purple Heart on February 22nd, 1932 by General Douglas MacArthur; and

WHEREAS, the heritage it represents is sacred to those who know the price paid to wear the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, August 7th is nationally recognized as Purple Heart Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, We the York Board of Selectmen hereby proclaim York, Maine, a Purple Heart Community, honoring the service and sacrifice of those from our community who were awarded the Purple Heart while serving in our Nation's wars; and

ALSO, BE IT PROCLAIMED, That York, Maine will recognize August 7th annually as Purple Heart Day, and urge our citizens and organizations to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition and appreciation of our Purple Heart recipients.”

FLAG RETIREMENT MARKER

The Committee has contracted with Heritage Monuments to produce a stone marker to be placed at the location of a vault in the First Parish Cemetery. The vault (which is already in place) will contain the ashes of retired American flags. The stone will be engraved with a depiction of a U.S. Flag and appropriate wording.

FUTURE PLANS

Future plans for the Committee include:

- Planning an event to celebrate the installation of the retired flag marker in the First Parish Cemetery, on or about June 14th--Flag Day
- Planning an event to honor Purple Heart recipients on August 7th, 2022
- On-going war monument repair work.
- Additional street banners to honor York's fallen heroes.
- Working with the DAR to enhance the 2022 and subsequent year Vietnam Remembrance Day ceremony.
- Working with the Old York Historical Society.
- Working with the York Region Chamber of Commerce and individual businesses on the display of “Vets Only” parking signs and veteran discount signage.
- Working with York service organizations and schools to coordinate Memorial Day and Veterans Day activities, as well as a flag retirement program.
- Building a database of York veterans.
- Networking with veterans at Sentry Hill, York Housing Authority, York Center for Active Living and other interested organizations.

TOWN OF YORK, MAINE – 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Members: Bill Blaisdell, James Carabello, Roger Clements, Lew DiTommaso, Michael Dow, Mel Spelman, Barry Waddell

Alternate members: Wade Fox, Donald Lefante

Respectfully submitted by: Barry Waddell, Chairman



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Submission for the Town of York Annual Report 2021-22

Conservation Commission (CC)

The Conservation Commission Charter was approved by the Select Board in March 2021. The Charter, developed to better define the responsibilities outlined in its previously approved Mission, is posted on the town site.

In accordance with new state legislation re remote participation in town board/commission/committee meetings, the CC approved its Remote Participation Policy, specifying the circumstances allowing members and/or the public to participate remotely (Usually Zoom). The policy is also posted on the town site.

The CC is working to address the status of town-owned Lake Carolyn, after the town manager relayed complaints from abutters about vandalism and dumping along the dam and perimeter of the lake. Paul Gagnon, of the York Land Trust, walked the property with CC members, then issued a report and list of recommendations for addressing the abutter complaints. The town manager suggested that the CC first meet with abutters to hear their complaints directly and get feedback on the recommended actions. With the assistance of the town, abutters of the lake and nearby Phillips Pond were invited to a meeting with the CC and DeCarlo Brown (town Land Use Planner). At that meeting problems identified included: dumping of trash, grass clippings, and other objects in and around the lake/pond; parking on private roads for access; night-time campfires; noise. Possible ways to address these problems included: signage (emphasizing conservation), barriers to limit parking, fencing in appropriate places. A follow-up meeting will take place to allow identification of specific problem spots around both bodies. Recommendations to the Select Board will then be developed, including designation of both areas as conservation land, registered as such with the state.

The CC has been engaged in monitoring and providing feedback to both the Comprehensive Plan and Climate Action Plan development efforts. The CC chair joined the effort as part of the Comprehensive Plan steering committee and provided the CC with progress reports and information on materials made available to the public for review. Both the Comprehensive Plan and Climate Action Plan websites enabled the CC members to provide input to the plans, along with many active members of the community. The Comp Plan online survey indicated that protection of natural resources is the community's number one priority, and the CC is eager to engage with the town to advance proposed strategies to further protection of York's natural resources.

The CC continues to work toward developing a process to monitor town conservation easements and town owned conservation lands, in accordance with state requirements, and to enter required data into the state Conservation Lands Registry, to ensure these properties have state protection. The CC will now be working with DeCarlo Brown, newly hired Land Use Planner, to develop this process.



ENERGY STEERING COMMITTEE

York Energy Steering Committee – 2021 Annual Report

March 25, 2022

Susan Covino, Co-chair

Introduction:

The year began in a spirit of hope that rapid deployment of COVID vaccinations would enable a return to normalcy in a matter of a few months. The unfortunate politicization of vaccination and emergence of the Delta and Omicron variants added to the challenges faced by all of the York Boards and Committees in 2021.

The Energy Steering Committee (ESC) met via Zoom in January, February, March, April, and May of 2021 and met in person in October and November of 2021. Broad member participation in the Climate Action Plan process led to the ESC decision to suspend monthly committee meetings for the summer months (June through September). Liz Kinzly resigned from the ESC effective May 19, 2021, after years of service.

1. Climate Action Plan

The York Climate Action Plan process consisted of three main phases: preparation and kick-off (March through May), working groups (June through August), and finally synthesis and writing (September through December). The consultant, Civic Moxie, worked closely with local volunteers throughout the process.

ESC member Rozanna Patane contributed to the Climate Action Plan (CAP) preparation phase of the process. She and Wayne Boardman led the recruitment of volunteers for the Climate Action Plan Steering Committee and the Working Groups. Gerry Runte and Wayne Boardman co-chaired the Climate Action Plan Steering Committee. A public in-person meeting at the library kicked-off the CAP process on June 9, 2021. Thereafter, Gerry Runte led, and Len Loomans served on, the Resilience, Health & Emergency Management working group. Wayne Boardman and Susan Covino led the Infrastructure Working Group. Harry Mussman led the Transportation working group, and Wayne Boardman led the Buildings working group. Erin Ferrell, the ESC's Vista Volunteer, helped lead the Communications and Outreach working group and the Equity Subcommittee. Selectboard members, Marilyn McLaughlin and Robert Palmer served on the CAP Steering Committee.

During the third phase of the CAP process, Wayne Boardman stepped down as the Steering Committee co-chair in order to chair the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, which was proceeding at a slight lag to the Climate Action Plan. Susan Covino stepped in and joined the CAP Steering Committee when other members were unable to continue serving.

The CAP describes York's 2019 Global Covenant of Mayors commitment to reduce GHG emissions 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050, and includes a Vulnerability Assessment, a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory, and eight focus areas of goals and recommended actions: Buildings, Infrastructure, Mobility, Access to Renewable Energy, Natural Resources, Waste and Recycling, Community Resiliency and Equity, and Leadership and Capacity. The CAP also provides suggestions for engaging the community, and a proposed Interim Implementation Committee to organize and monitor the implementation of the plan.

The CAP also includes a key for abbreviations used and a glossary of climate terms. The appendices include flood maps, detailed methodologies used in the climate vulnerability study and GHG inventory, working group report summaries, community survey results, and information about available funding and financing options.

2. Electric Vehicle Developments and Incentives for the Town Manager and the Selectboard

Harry Mussman and Len Loomans monitored electric vehicle (EV) technological developments and state policy and incentives, which they have shared with Town Manager, Steve Burns, and with Dean Lessard, Director of Public Works. Len attended an electric street sweeper demo in neighboring Kittery and shared the information with the ESC and the Department of Public Works.

Harry Mussman has followed state EV procurement and charging station incentives administered by Efficiency Maine and kept the ESC and local municipal offices informed.

3. Sustainability Coordinator – Independent Contractor

The ESC proposal for retaining an independent contractor to provide coordination of sustainability initiatives for the town and its residents won Selectboard and Budget Committee support but did not win voter approval in the May election. This followed a similar defeat of funding for a town sustainability coordinator in May of 2020.

The ESC has explored other options for this important work including, but not limited to, the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission, Vista Volunteers, and new staffing proposed for the planning department.

4. Global Covenant of Mayors – York Compliance

Erin Ferrell, who joined the ESC team as a Sustainability Associate in October of 2020, gathered data and coordinated with Tom Herrod of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) to ensure the timely and compliant filing of York's CDP report. Erin attempted to streamline data gathering for the report by working with York finance officials and Central Maine Power to automatically receive copies of municipal power bills.

The Global Covenant of Mayors (GCOM), the largest global alliance for city climate leadership, awarded York two badges in 2021. GCOM recognized York for submitting a greenhouse gas (GHG) baseline emissions inventory and for setting GHG emissions reductions targets. Erin reported the GCOM badges to the Selectboard at its August 9 meeting. Her report also referenced the following upcoming GCOM milestones: development of a local climate action plan (in progress), implementation of the local climate action plan, and monitoring and verification of emission reductions.

5. Extension of Erin Ferrell's service, Vista Assignment Description (VAD) for a new project

Scott Dupee, AmeriCorps Program Coordinator, advised Erin on October 14 that her request to extend her service for 3 months (November and December of 2021 and January of 2022) was approved. She based the request on her desire to see the CAP process through to its conclusion. She emphasized her leadership of the Equity Subcommittee. Her request had universal support from the ECS, the Recycling Committee, and the CAP Steering Committee. Town Manager Burns agreed to have the Town cover the \$1,625 cost to York of extending Erin's service.

AmeriCorp program rules limit the service of successive Vista Volunteers to 3 years for each project. Erin informed the Selectboard and Steve Burns of this rule during her report on August 9. The work of Lucy Brennan, Christine Seibert, and Erin Ferrell supported the town's decision to become a signatory to the Global Covenant of Mayors and the related commitments. Each has contributed to gathering GHG emissions data and related reporting. Christine researched the climate action plan experiences of other towns and cities to assist the ESC in providing town officials with a request for proposal (RFP) for a consultant/facilitator for the Climate Action Plan process. Erin will support the York CAP process through to completion in January of 2022.

Assuming that the voters approve the CAP in May of 2022, the Town will begin a new and very different phase of climate action – implementation of the CAP. This work will require a public/private partnership

that engages York's residents and businesses as well as monitors progress on GHG emission reductions and adaptation and mitigation efforts of Town government. The ESC worked with York ECOHOMES, an initiative of York Ready for 100, and with the Recycling Committee to develop a Volunteer Assignment Description (VAD) for this new project.

AmeriCorp approved the new VAD in October and recruitment of a successor for Erin began but has had no success. The new VAD adds two new objectives: support of implementation of York's Climate Action Plan and engaging youth at the high school and community college by, among other things, providing information about job opportunities in renewable energy, smart grid, and energy efficiency.

6. Witchtrot lease and RFP for development of a community solar project

The voters approved a warrant in July of 2020 permitting the Town to lease the Witchtrot landfill to a solar project developer. The project was not pursued over the balance of 2020, given the exigencies of the COVID 19 pandemic and limited town staff resources. Late in 2020, the State of Maine halted new applications for solar projects over concerns that the electricity distribution network might not be able to accommodate all proposed projects, temporarily eliminating any market for the project. Solar project applications to the State resumed in late 2021. Town Manager, Steve Burns, has suggested that perhaps it would appropriate to review the project next year in the context of the recommendations in the Climate Action Plan.

7. Climate Ready Coast – Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission

The Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) invited the ESC to participate in the Working Group of a 2-year regional project to develop a regional coastal resilience plan for the 10 southernmost coastal communities in the state. Gerry Runte volunteered to participate on behalf of the ESC. The ESC advised Town Manager Burns, as well as Selectboard members Todd Frederick, and Robert Palmer of this development.

Gerry Runte attended the kickoff, a virtual Working Group workshop, on October 27. Gerry reported that the workshop was an opportunity to meet the participants. Presenters reviewed the objectives for the project, identified available resource materials, and shared the results of a few surveys on public opinion. He also reported that the next step will be to undertake a more detailed vulnerability assessment.

UNDERWAY AND PLANNED

- Inform the public about the CAP in anticipation of the May, 2022 ballot question

- Recruit a new Vista Volunteer
- Continue flow of EV information and developments to town staff
- Provide volunteers for the CAP Interim Implementation Committee
- Help organize and pursue an application for a Community Resilience Partnership Grant
- Provide support for CAP implementation by collaborating with town staff and officials as well as local organizations like York Ready for Climate Action (YRCA)
- Recruit ESC members to fill vacant seats

Current Energy Steering Committee Membership and Terms:

- Susan Covino, Co-chair
Term Expires: June 30, 2023
- Len Loomans, Co-chair
Term Expires: June 30, 2023
- Rozanna Patane
Term Expires: June 30, 2022
- Wayne Boardman
Term Expires: June 30, 2024
- Gerry Runte
Term Expires: June 30, 2022
- Harry Mussman
Term Expires: June 30, 2024
- (2) Vacancies



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

What is the York Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee?

The York Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee was chartered by the Board of Selectman in June of 2015. The Board adopted the charter stating: "The value of a walkable and bikeable community for health, environmental benefit, added recreational opportunities, and alternative transportation cannot be underestimated. The Town of York recognizes the many economic, social, health and recreational benefits that will result in creating safe spaces to walk and bike, contributing towards networks that link our homes, downtowns, workplaces, parks and beaches". To achieve that goal, the York Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee was formed.

What did we do in 2021-2022?

- Participated on the Town comprehensive Plan Steering Committee with focus on transportation issues.
- Provided input the Climate Action Plan Steering Committee on Active Transportation.
- Consulted with the Town Planner and DPW on complete streets and capital planning
- Updated and distributed a Walking in York Brochure
- Met with York Parks and Recreation committee to discuss building and maintenance of walking and biking trails in the McIntire Woods/Davis property development
- Sponsored the post-Covid return of the Annual Bike Rodeo at Coastal Ridge Elementary School
- Conducted bike and pedestrian safety education classes for third grade students at Coastal Ridge Elementary School
- Participated in the Library Repair/Recycle workshop.
- Conducted a e-bike expo to promote use of e-bikes as an alternative to motor vehicles for short trips
- Consulted with Maine DoT to identify possible grant opportunities under the partnership initiative programs

Committee members: Jeannie Adamowicz, Leah Drennan, Michele Sedler, Brian Ross, David McCarthy



YORK HOUSING AUTHORITY

REPORT OF YORK HOUSING

Submitted by Patricia Martine, ED

The mission: To provide Safe, Clean, Affordable Housing

Number of Residents Served: 218

Services Available: Transportation, Housekeeping, Meal Program,
Hair Salon, Educational, Recreational & Service Coordination.

Funding Sources: Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Maine State Housing Authority
Partners Bank
Kennebunk Savings Bank

Payment in Lieu of Taxes paid to Town of York: Average \$60,000

York Housing is a non-profit housing provider that has been meeting its mission since inception in 1978. York Housing manages 152 units that serve all levels of income for the over 62 Senior population and 29

units of workforce housing units known as Carriage House Apartments. York Housing is proud to serve people of all ages and varying income levels.

Although our housing is what draws people in, the services are what keep people living independently in housing longer and with a greater quality of life. Our service program is constantly evolving. York Housing provides many events free of charge and others are sponsored at affordable rates. We have a sincere desire to sustain the level of services ensuring the same benefits to future generations. We realize that funding these services may not always be possible on a non-profit budget. Please contact us for more information on how you can help us sustain our community housing service programs by donating to our Wishing Well Fund.

York Housing promotes Neighborhood Network which is a referral service that has been developed in to help adults aged 50 and over navigate the transitional years. This service is aimed at keeping elders in their own homes by providing a network of solutions to assist with home and lifestyle management. An emphasis on affordable home repairs that focus on health and safety is available through York Housing. For more information please call (207) 351-1828 or visit www.neighborhoodnetwork.me

Lack of affordable housing for the local workforce is an issue that York Housing is focused on. In 2021, York Housing obtained final approval to develop Moorehouse Place which will consist of a 42-unit building. The timeline will get us to lease up during the month of August 2022. We are accepting applications to the waitlist. Workforce Affordable Housing Ordinance parameters apply. Phase II is in the planning stages. No timeline has been set. In the end, Moorehouse Place will have 85 units of Workforce Housing.

For more information, please see our website www.yorkhousing.info or call our office at 363-8444.

Patricia Martine
Executive Director

Fiona McQuaide
Assistant Director



THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is comprised of five regular members and two alternate members, all of whom are residents of the Town of York, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve three- year terms. The Board's principal responsibilities are the review of development applications to assure compliance with the Town's Land Use Ordinances and the Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations, as well as state laws; preparing new or amended Ordinances with the director of Planning; and preparing the update to the Comprehensive Plan.

In addition to conducting application reviews and other routine business, this year the Planning Board oversaw two major initiatives: the update to the Comprehensive Plan and the development of the Climate Action Plan.

In April 2021, the Planning Board appointed members to the steering committees for the Climate Action Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. Each steering committee worked with consultant team CivicMoxie to conduct meetings, public outreach events, surveys and, ultimately, write each of the Plans. Outreach continued to be challenged by the pandemic, yet community response to surveys, meetings, and events was outstanding!

Public Hearings for the Climate Action Plan were conducted by the Selectboard in March, and it will go before the voters for approval in May 2022.

Following the presentation of the draft Comprehensive Plan to the public on May 12, the Planning Board will conduct Public Hearings on June 23 and July 28, with the Plan going before the voters for approval in November 2022.

The Planning Board meets on the Second and Fourth Thursday of every month and we welcome your comments at the beginning of every meeting.

Submitted by:

Kathleen Kluger, Chair

Wayne Boardman, Vice Chair; Gerry Runte, Secretary; Pete Smith; Al Cotton; Ken Churchill; Ian Shaw



SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE

From: Chair Deborah Meyers
To: The Citizens of the Town of York
Subject: Town Annual Report Information

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE:

This committee meets the third Tuesday on alternating months beginning each year starting in January, and ending November, primarily at the York Public Library at 9:00 AM. The public is welcome to attend. The Senior Citizens Advisory Board Purpose, as mandated by the Board Charter; “It shall be the purpose of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board to advocate for services to older adults in the Community.” This committee through, its chartered responsibilities “will work to identify needs among the older adult population and provide recommendations for beneficial and enriching programs and opportunities designed to meet those needs.” The Board may work with Town departments, as well as other senior service agencies and organizations, to accomplish their goals. The Board will report annually, in writing, to the Board of Selectmen. “The Board’s function is advisory only.”

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

New Board Members:

With approval from Town of York voters, two additional board members were added this year. New members: John Moschetto and David McQuade were added to the board at the September 2021 meeting, thus bringing the board to full capacity.

Chair: Deborah Meyers

Vice-Chair: Greg Fyfe

Secretary: Elizabeth A. Maziarz

Members: Carollyn Anderson, Maxine Brown, John Moschetto, David McQuade.

BOSTON POST CANE HISTORY: The Boston Post Cane was established as a New England tradition that began in 1909. The Boston Post Cane was created by the Boston Post Newspaper as a feature for Towns to identify and honor their oldest resident, in a bid to increase readership. York was one of approximately 700 towns to receive a cane, made of ebony and topped with a 14-karat gold knob engraved with the Towns' name. Enclosed in a glass case, the cane will be on permanent display at the York Public Library and the honoree will be given a framed picture to commemorate the day they were named as the cane's recipient.

ESTABLISHED A BOSTON POST CANE COMMITTEE:

The Town of York Selectmen has directed this new responsibility as a permanent task to identify and select the new honoree.

The Senior Citizens Advisory Board will work to identify the oldest resident of the Town of York for this honor.

BOSTON POST CANE: The Boston Post Cane committee selected Mr. William Gough as the new recipient this year of the Boston Post Cane, a tradition that began in 1909. The Board created the Criteria for identifying the oldest recipient of the Boston Post Cane for the Town of York. He was honored on March 15, 2022 with a ceremony at the York Public Library for the year 2022. The tradition will carry on and be awarded each year when nominations are received for this honor.

BUDGET REQUEST: Chair D. Meyers created and requested a budget for the committee. It will be on the ballot for Town of York voters in May 2022.

COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE REFERENCE MANUAL:

Vice Chair- Greg Fyfe completed a comprehensive resource reference manual as a guide to be used by other Town Departments or agencies as needed. The manual outlines resources in: Transportation, Housing, Food, Socialization, Communication, Faith, etc. Creation of this resource will allow other town agencies to access easy reference to assist the needs of seniors. The reference manual has been uploaded to the Town Website, under drop down of Government, or Senior Services.

RECOGNITION: Carollyn Anderson was presented with a plaque of recognition for her long term service to the York Senior Center and on the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, Town of York on January 15, 2022. A ceremony was held after the presentation.

OUTREACH TO OTHER AGENCIES:

The board conducted an outreach program with other agencies to further assist senior citizens within the Town of York.

Meetings were held with: Jud Knox (Heart to Heart)

Kate Ford (York Hospital)

Jamie Robie (York Police Department)

The SOS board extended an invitation to attend all future meetings of their committee to Chair, Debbie Meyers.

Respectfully submitted:

Chair, Deborah Meyers

Members: Greg Fyfe, Elizabeth A. Maziarz, Carollyn Anderson, Maxine Brown, John Moschetto, David McQuade



BUDGET COMMITTEE

The York Budget Committee consists of seven members elected by York voters to serve three-year terms. The terms are staggered so that two or three members are elected each year. The committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from March to December to monitor the implementation of the budgets and to become familiar with the accounting methods and issues, as well as progress on the budgets.

Christine Hartwell was elected in November of 2021 to fill the seat vacated by Ted Little.

Two committee members are assigned to liaison with the Town Manager and Finance Director, two members liaison with the School Department and one member is assigned to the Library.

This year Christine Brown, Christine Hartwell and Mike Spencer served as liaisons to the school department; Heather Campbell and Christine Brown served as liaisons to the Town; Jim Smith was Library liaison.

We also continued to meet with town and school department heads at our monthly meetings from September to December in order to get a better understanding of their financial status for both FY 22 and FY23.

The budget committee representatives to the Capital Planning Committee this year were Nan Graves, chair, and Marla Johnson, vice chair.

Our representative to the Town Hall Building Committee this year was Marla Johnson, vice chair.

All of our FY23 budget deliberation meetings were held via Zoom, and townspeople were given the option to ask questions via a special email address set up specifically for that purpose. These meetings, held in January and February, were televised and we held hearings on the FY23 Town, School and Library budgets.

We were scheduled to meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening. During the meetings, presentations were made by departments at all levels from Department Heads and Principals to the Town Manager and School Superintendent.

The Committee asks many questions during “budget season” as the Committee reviews the budgets, and it is common for changes to be made voluntarily by the departments in the course of the review. When the reviews are completed the Budget Committee then votes to approve, and in some cases, increase or decrease budgetary warrant articles.

Two public hearings were held; the first was on January 27th and the second on February 17th. The townspeople were allowed to attend the hearings and make public comments via Zoom.

In February, the Budget Committee took our preference votes, and went through the wording of the warrant articles and statements of fact. Due to changes in Maine State Law, the statements of fact are no longer on the ballot, but are listed with the warrant articles in the voter guide.

All Committee meetings are available to the public by accessing Town Hall Streams from the front page of the Town’s website.

In May of 2022 the terms of Christine Hartwell and Jim Smith expire. In May 2023 the terms of Mike Spencer and Marla Johnson expire. During the past year, Jim Smith served as Secretary, Marla Johnson as Vice Chair, and Nan Graves as Chair.

Respectfully Submitted by: Nan Graves, Chair



RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee was reconstituted in June 2020 to help make recycling efficient, effective and economical as part of the Town's efforts to increase sustainability. The Committee's goal is to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators.

Our current contract with Casella Waste Systems, provides for single stream curbside pick-up. After collection, recyclables are sent to a recovery facility to be sorted, cleaned and processed into materials that can be used in manufacturing. Recyclables are bought and sold just like raw materials. Prices go up and down depending on supply and demand in the United States and the world.

Knowing what belongs in your recycling bin can be confusing. Dry cardboard, paper, plastic jugs and tubs with lids, glass and aluminum cans are ACCEPTABLE. Items need to be loose, not bagged. Remember that everything must be empty and dry so keep your recyclables under cover if there's rain in the forecast.

The Recycling Committee contributed to the town of York Solid Waste and Recycling Program Guide mailed to all residents in the Fall. We created a page you can post on your fridge to remind you what is recyclable and what is not.

Recycle Coach is a free app that's available for download for York residents. It's a user-friendly tool that will answer your questions about what goes where and remind you of your pick-up day.

The Town of York recently added food waste recycling at the Transfer Station through a contract with Mr Fox Composting. Drop off your food scraps on Wednesdays and Saturdays and significantly reduce your trash. A yearly \$25 sticker is required.

The York Select Board, in conjunction with the State, proclaimed the third week of November 2021, York Maine Recycles Week. The goal of the celebration was to promote the basic principles of **Refuse** (if you don't buy it in the first place then you don't have to deal with the waste), **Reduce** (using less materials from the start leads to less waste) **Reuse** (can you avoid buying a new product) **Repair** (fix or upgrade existing objects) **Recycle** (to create new products and buy recycled content products to Close the Loop).

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During York Recycles Week, the Recycling Committee held a drawing for a covered recycle bin, showed the movie, Plastic Wars and led a spirited discussion about how to reduce plastic pollution. The Recycling Committee had a presence at both Harvestfest and CAPfest.

The Recycling Committee is currently in the process of reviewing and updating the Recycling Ordinance and Rules and Regulations.

For more information about the Recycling Committee, email the Committee Chair, <recycling@yorkmaine.org>



COMMITTEE TO COMBAT RACISM AND BIAS

The York Committee to Combat Racism and Bias was created as an advisory board to the Select Board with respect to identifying and reviewing policies in town government, town services and municipal departments that reinforce and or contribute to systemic and structural racism. The committee guides the Board by making recommendations for policies and procedures to promote greater equity and inclusion and align with the goals of the Proclamation Against Racism, Discrimination and Bigotry so the town can become a fully integrated community where people of every race and skin color, national origin and ancestry, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and expression), ability, and religion, feel safe and accepted in order to thrive in our businesses, schools, neighborhoods and government.

As part of our effort to work toward these goals, we launched an art and visibility campaign. Artwork ranged from a welcome sticker symbolizing all people are welcome, that could be displayed on a vehicle or a storefront, to a yard sign representative of seven main points made in the Select Board's proclamation. The yard signs were displayed on town properties and made available to residents.

The Committee also conducted a search for a professional development organization to further train town employees on matters of equity and discrimination. We've established a presence on the town website offering information and resources. A Facebook page, Combatting Racism and Bias – York, Maine, was created to keep interested parties up to date. The Committee also was involved in the town's Comprehensive Plan process, ensuring the future of York is an equitable one.

Recently, we have focused on specific objectives of our committee charter. First, we are going through Town policies and documents to advise the Board of any practices or policies that need updating to ensure fair and equal treatment of all people. Most notable, we recommended, and the Board approved to change its name from Board of Selectmen to gender neutral Select Board. We are working with the town on its personnel policies such as hiring practices, recruitment and advertising.

We have reached out to other organizations with interest in promoting equity, diversity and inclusion in York and surrounding communities to in order to support historically marginalized communities.

Finally, we have communicated with Town departments offering support in matters of equity, diversity and inclusion. The Town has now contracted the Mars Hill Group to offer training to its department heads and front-line workers to ensure the Town is an inclusive one that is welcoming to all.

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York's Committee to Combat Racism and Bias is happy with the progress we've made this year and looks forward to impacting the Town in a positive way for future generations.



YORK SEWER DISTRICT

The District continues to make significant investments into the treatment facility and the collection system.

This year the District was recognized worldwide by Water Environment Federation (WEF) with the Utility of the Future Today Award. This award serves to acknowledge a utility that transforms their operations over time and engage as a leader in the full water cycle and broader social, economic and sustainability of the community. In September of 2021, the Maine Water Environment Association (MEWEA) presented the Superintendent with the 2021 Al Jellison Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing him for demonstrating an extraordinary level of service and commitment to MEWEA and to the protection of water quality in Maine over the course of his career. The Regulatory Compliance Manager for York was similarly recognized from New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) with an Operator Award for her efforts and high interest and performance in wastewater operations and her continued efforts of outreach to educate the public on the proper use of sewers.

The District continues the process of updating our Master Plan to look at sustainability planning and a sewer system expansion/needs assessment. The District received \$70,000 in grant money to develop a Fiscal Sustainability Plan (FSP) and a Climate Adaptation Plan (CAP). Both these plans are currently in review by YSD personnel. These steps will allow the District to make informed decisions regarding the replacement/updating of aging infrastructure as well as being prepared for the effects of ever-present climate change.

The District relined 500' of 8" Asbestos pipe on Ocean Avenue Extension and 200' of our 21" cross-country trunk line, with state-of-the-art ultraviolet cured pipe. This is a trenchless repair in which the new pipe is pulled through the host pipe. It is then inflated and cured with a train of ultraviolet lights pulled through the pipe. The product is strong enough to stay in place even if the host pipe were to decay. In addition to relining the above pipe, the District relined 7 manhole structures to help prevent infiltration.

The District also replaced 200' of pipe on Nubble Road to move it to the other side of the road. I 725' private sewer extension was installed on Beach Side Cove which the District accepted upon completion (Driftwood Lane). This brought the ability to serve 11 new residences. 8 manhole covers were also raised for Town paving projects.

The District has entered into a solar agreement through Maine Power Options that will provide green energy to the Treatment Facility and other large accounts.

With the hiring of the Instrumentation Technician in 2019, the District continues to make upgrades in-house. Some of those upgrades include instrumentation controls at our Nubble Light, Nubble Road and Spring Pond pump stations, ethernet radio

upgrades at all pump stations and the moving of transformers at our plant to a better location. This position continues to allow our operators to remote monitor the District's infrastructure on nights and weekends and continues to reduce the need for operators to physically respond to call outs, although this is still required in some instances.

The District still experiences some difficult process challenges during the summer. This is largely due to high levels of fat, oil and grease. The Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP) and Fats, Oils and Grease Program (FOG) has made and continues to make a difference. The primary focus continues to be on commercial industries and food service establishments (FSE's). By ramping up enforcement action where needed, has been successful in keeping establishments in compliance. Some businesses in Town have not only been willing but continue to be leaders in doing their part to protect the environment. In 2022 YSD will continue our outreach efforts to businesses and the public at large. The District installed a pure oxygen system to address the problem of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S). This system has and continues to help the odors from the source and has provided operation and process control benefits since the installation.

The District continues to be a leader in the State and throughout New England, supporting and influencing public policy impacting the water and wastewater industry. The Assistant Superintendent acted as President of MEWEA and other staff participate on Committees, including Chair of the MEWEA's Collection Systems Committee, and Chair of the MEWEA's Pretreatment Committee. These positions keep them well informed on current issues Statewide, regionally, and nationally. The involvement in these organizations exposes the employees to some of the most cutting-edge technology and those who use it.

In December, long-time Superintendent, Tim Haskell, retired and Assistant Superintendent, Philip Tucker, has stepped into that role.

The District has many projects planned for 2022, some of which are already underway:

The largest of those projects which is currently underway is the replacement of the administration building. The new building will address existing space needs, climate change and protection of the building, as well as operate all our administrative needs with green energy. Other projects slated for the year include:

- Complete upgrade at our Lobster Cove and Amato's Way pump stations.
- Replacing 363' of old pipe on High Street and adding 3 new manholes and replacing 2 existing in the fall.
- Will work with the Water District to host a "Imagine a Day Without Water" event at the Village Elementary School for K-2nd graders to continue our ongoing outreach effort.



YORK WATER DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE YORK WATER DISTRICT

Submitted by Donald D Neumann Jr., Superintendent & Staff

Trustees: Richard Leigh -President, - Russell Peterson -Treasurer,

Stephen C. Rendall Jr. – Clerk, Karen Arsenault & Richard E. Boston

To the Citizens of the Town of York and Customers of the District:

ORGANIZATION

The York Water District was created by an act of the State of Maine Legislature under the Private & Special Laws in 1929, Chapter 8, and as specified in our Charter. The district is administered by an elected board of five Trustees. One Trustee is elected each year at the Town of York's May Election for a term of five years. Regular Trustee meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. Meeting notices for regular & any special meetings are posted in York Town Hall, York Post Offices, at the district office & on our website at www.yorkwaterdistrict.org . The public is always welcome to attend.

The district is regulated by the Rules and Regulations of the Maine Public Utilities Commission & the Maine Department of Health & Human Services Drinking Water Program. The district prepares an Annual Report for the Public Utilities Commission on special forms supplied by them and an Audited Financial Report filed with the Town's Treasurer. Both reports are based on the calendar year and are available for review at the district office and the Town Hall.

FUNCTION

The district's purpose and function as stated in our Charter is to supply the Town of York, its inhabitants and others located in the district with potable water for domestic, sanitary, commercial, manufacturing, industrial, agricultural, and municipal use. Ensuring the production of safe, reliable, high quality drinking water at the most reasonable cost while providing exceptional customer service is our number one priority.

SOURCE

The district's only source of supply is Chase's Pond, with a watershed of 2.64 square miles and a safe yield of 2.05 million gallons per day or 748 million gallons over the year. The available storage capacity of the full pond is approximately 480 million gallons. Average daily use in 2020 was 1.07 million gallons and 1.124 million gallons in 2021.

SYSTEM REDUNDANCY

The district maintains emergency interconnections with the Kittery Water District to the south and the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District to the north. The interconnections strengthen our distribution systems by providing redundancy in the event of an emergency due to unplanned events such as drought, algae blooms, main breaks and or planned events. There have been several occasions where it was necessary to exchange water via one or more of the interconnections.

NON-REVENUE WATER

In 2021 the district took over 394 million gallons from Chase's Pond, an additional 5.6 million gallons of treated water through our interconnection with Kennebunk Kennebunkport & Wells Water District (KKW) to our north and just under 90,000 gallons from Kittery Water District (KWD) to our south. We transferred over 9.0 million gallons back to KKW and over 1.0 million gallons to KWD. Much of the water transferred involved our continuing water quality improvement plan with KKW. To ensure the best quality of water near the YWD/KKW interconnection, we routinely pass water back and forth between our neighboring KKW system. Doing this improves water quality in the areas on both sides of the interconnection by creating more demand, therefore bringing fresh-water quality into these areas which are otherwise dead ends. Of the volume entering our distribution system, 29.2 million gallons was used in annual system flushing and incidental flushing to maintain excellent water quality, 0.61 million gallons was used in our treatment process, 319 million gallons (MG) was consumed by customers, 22.3 million gallons is attributed to 9 water main breaks, 5 service leaks, the installation of 12 new water mains, 3 continuous bleeders to improve water quality, filling water trucks for various uses around town, water for YWD buildings, and most importantly, use by the fire departments for necessary training and in the unfortunate event of a fire.

22.2 % or 91 MG of treated water pumped into our distribution system was non-revenue water. 6.7 % or 27.5 MG was attributed to unavoidable losses due to leaks in our 90+ miles of distribution pipe. These are well below the national averages of 15-35%.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The district's fiscal year begins January 1st and ends December 31st. Each December the Board of Trustees votes to approve next year's Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets. The budget for 2022 includes \$4.4 million in operating revenue. The district will also receive roughly \$300,000 in non-utility income generated from the communications tower

on Mount Agamenticus and \$40,000 in system development charges. Of that revenue, approximately \$3.2 million will be spent on operations and maintenance costs. Approximately \$1.1 million will be spent on capital improvements in the distribution system, treatment plant and watershed. Another \$500,000 will be spent servicing the district's debt incurred from past capital improvements and land purchases. \$100,000 will be added to the district's tank maintenance (painting) reserve.

Items of note in the 2022 Budget include:

- The district's largest capital project in 2022 is a main replacement on Lobster Cove Road. This project will replace 1,150 feet of six-inch cast iron pipe installed in 1929 with eight-inch ductile iron pipe to improve water quality and fire flows. This is in advance of a York Public Works paving project. This project is estimated to cost \$400,000.
- In the fall the district will install 440 feet of six-inch ductile pipe on High Street. This will involve replacing 300 feet of existing six-inch cast iron pipe on the southern end and fill the gap by connecting to the existing six-inch ductile iron pipe on the northern end. When complete, this project will improve water quality and fire flows. This project is also in advance of a York Public Works paving project. The estimated cost of this project is \$207,000.
- At the treatment plant we will be replacing one of the two original finish water pumps (motor and pump) that have reached their design life. The old pump will be inspected when pulled to assess and represent the expected condition of the second pump. The budget for this project is \$95,000.
- The rate of inflation is currently around 6%. To provide competitive pay to its employees, the district provided an inflationary wage increase of 3% for all employees on the first of the year and a potential merit increase of 0% -4.5% (based on performance) on the anniversary of their hire date. Health insurance costs will increase by 4% in 2022.

MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

CHASE'S POND WATERSHED

MANAGEMENT ROAD UPGRADES

Now that the new road through the recently acquired Dicken's parcel is complete, the district is working to upgrade and repair the rest of the existing management road in annual phases. The first phase of the management road upgrade was completed in 2021 covering one mile of trail with culvert replacements, ditching, sloping, and new gravel. Also in 2021, annual maintenance was completed to our other management roads to repair ditches, water bars, and grading.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANT

In addition, we applied for and received a \$10,000 Source Water Protection Grant from the Maine Drinking Water Program to help fund the improvements to the Red Management Road. This funding allowed us to complete more road maintenance and erosion control to other management roads.

TRANSMISSION MAIN ACCESS ROAD

In 2021, the district began upgrades and repairs to the cross-country transmission main access road. This water main carries treated water from the Josiah Chase Water Filtration Plant to the distribution system, supplying water to the Town. The first phase of this maintenance project repaired and upgraded a water crossing to allow uninterrupted water flow and vehicle access. Also in 2021, a new security gate was installed at one entrance to the access road. This gate was funded by the 2021 Water System Asset Security Grant from the Maine Drinking Water Program.

SEEDLINGS

In May of 2021, the District continued the tradition of planting white pine seedlings in recent timber harvest sites located throughout the watershed. This year 500 seedlings were planted bringing the total number of seedlings planted since 2014 to 3,700.

WEEDING

A few years after a timber harvest, small undesirable saplings will begin to take over the site. In 2021, the district continued the annual process called “weeding” which is the removal of undesirable species of trees to promote the growth of desired species. In areas where we have planted trees, weeding leaves room for these trees to grow. In a few years, these trees may need to be thinned to allow the healthiest trees space to grow to maturity.

PATROL PROGRAM

Our watershed patrol program began in 1997 to educate recreational users and enforce the rules and laws related to the protection of this significant resource. York Water District has been keeping records of recreational use as seen by the patrol officer ever since. In 2021, the district began training three employees to complete watershed patrols. They are now patrolling the watershed area on a weekly basis under the direction of the Resource Protection Patrol Officer.

JOSIAH CHASE WATER FILTRATION PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

CONTROL SYSTEM UPGRADES

FILTRATION PLANT COMPUTER CONTROL UPDATE (PHASE 2): Transition to new computer system.

In 2020 our contractor specializing in control communications and automation, completed Phase 1 of this project: purchasing new and compatible system components, mounting them together on a backing next to the existing computer, performing initial wiring, programming, and logic testing. Phase 2, the transition of the filtration process from the old to the new computer was completed in 2021. One half of the plant process control was transitioned, tested, and validated on the new computer while the second half of the plant continued to produce water being run by the old. Small fine-tuning adjustments were then performed to the new computer programming prior to transitioning control of the remaining half of the plant in 2021.

CONTINUED PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

WHIPPOORWILL PUMP STATION CONTROLS UPDATE: Transition to new/updated control system

Whippoorwill Pump Station was put into service in 1999 to provide the needed boost in pressure while providing water and fire service to the subdivision. Since that time improved technology and controls have been introduced. This year all electronics, controls, and computer system were updated to improve the performance and efficiency of the pumping system.

SIMPSON HILL TANK CLEANING:

This past year the district performed cleaning and chlorination of the Simpson Hill water tank in response to poor water quality found in the tank. The tank was taken off-line, emptied, inspected, cleaned, filled, and chlorinated, then water quality tests were performed and passed, before putting it back into service with no problems.

POND WATER LINE VALVE REPLACEMENT:

In 2021 we had divers replace a large, deteriorating underwater valve in our Screen House at the edge of Chase's Pond. This valve is on the 16-inch pipe that withdraws water from Chase's Pond and allows the shut-down of the pond water supply pipe that leads to the filtration plant. This project was coordinated and completed in a few days during the time the plant was not producing water.

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Also, this year operators continued replacement of numerous mechanical components that had exceeded their design life.

York Water District and its staff have been diligent in our efforts regarding the changing developments of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Modifications were made to ensure our Trustees and Employees did everything possible to keep your drinking water safe here in York.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of York Water District Trustees and Staff

Donald D. Neumann Jr.

Superintendent

York Water District



KENNEBUNK, KENNEBUNKPORT AND WELLS WATER DISTRICT

2021 REPORT OF THE KENNEBUNK, KENNEBUNKPORT AND WELLS WATER DISTRICT

The Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District is a non-profit, quasi-municipal public water utility that was established in 1921 by an act of the Maine State Legislature. The Water District serves an area that encompasses the Towns of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells, Ogunquit, Arundel and small portions of Biddeford and York. The area includes a population which varies seasonally from about 30,000 to over 100,000. It is directed by a four-member Board of Trustees, one elected from each of the towns of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells and Ogunquit.

2021 was a year that began with the hopes of an end to the pandemic and ended with a surge of a new variant that returned us to heightened safety around the transmission of COVID-19. The District has been fortunate to avoid any business interruption from the pandemic largely due to the precautions we have been taking and the willingness of our employees to adhere to our guidelines. We would like to continue to thank all of our customers and communities for your patience and understanding as our service has likely changed from customary ways.

Last year was another strong year for the Water District, despite the pandemic. Although not record-breaking as with 2016 (1.1125 billion gallons), it compared reasonably well on several fronts. The 1.1187 billion gallons produced in 2021 (2nd highest all time) represented a narrow 0.05% increase in water production compared with 2020 and likely would have exceeded 2016 (year of record) had it not been for the wet July (10.26 inches of rain). Usually, the major changes in consumption follow all customer classes but similar to 2020, last year was significantly different in that regard. Residential demand was 4% lower than the previous year, while Commercial demand was 18% higher: very likely due to a recovery from the pandemic. From a financial perspective, we received \$8.36 million in total operating revenues, as compared to \$8.27 million in 2020. All of this contributed to a projected (unaudited) net income for 2021 of approximately \$459,000, as compared to a net

income of \$403,000 in 2020. Overall, the primary drivers for water production and revenues are related to weather conditions during the warmer months and long-term customer growth. In recent years, there has been increased volatility in both water demand and therefore revenues.

Precipitation (liquid equivalent) during 2021, as measured at our Branch Brook Filtration Plant, finished the year slightly below average at 53.32" (the 18-year running average is 54.39"). The first six months of the year were exceptionally dry, recording only 17.21" of liquid precipitation while more than double that at 36.11" was recorded over the last six months. The District used its entire portfolio of water supply sources which includes surface water (663.05MG - 59.27%), groundwater (424.15MG - 37.91%) and utility interconnections (31.51MG - 2.82%). From a customer growth perspective, it appears the local economy is still healthy, with 153 customers added in 2021. This compares with 133 in 2020 and 197 in 2019, resulting in a continued customer growth rate of about 1%. Our customer base now stands at 14,410 metered accounts, ranking us the third largest water utility in Maine.

The District's commitment to safety continues to be recognized by our Worker's Compensation insurance carrier (MEMIC). For 2021 we once again achieved the lowest "experience modification factor" (Mod Factor) that MEMIC has seen for a water utility. The Mod Factor, which measures the actual worker's compensation claim history of an employer, directly affects the insurance premium paid by that employer. For us, the Mod Factor of 0.59 (same as 2020 and 2019 and down from 0.60 in 2018 and 0.61 in 2017) will result in our worker's compensation insurance premium being reduced to 59% of the "standard industry average" amount.

As reported in previous annual reports, the District discovered trace amounts of perfluorinated compounds (PFAS) in its Kennebunk River Well supply and even though the levels were below EPA health advisory levels, we stopped using water from that location to get a better understanding of this newly identified contaminant. We initially performed pilot studies to evaluate treatment technologies for removing PFAS. In June of 2018 we introduced and went online with a full-scale pilot study which achieved great results removing PFAS using pressurized granular activated carbon (GAC) filtration. Finally, in May of 2020, the new permanent GAC filtration facility went online and has been performing very well, treating 393.2MG of water through December 9th with a PFAS of 10.52ppt detectable in the finished water. This is approximately 50% of the 20ppt level allowed in public drinking water by the State of Maine. It should be noted that the USEPA Lifetime Health Advisory Limit remains at 70ppt. (updated numbers should be available within a week). For more information, you can refer to numerous articles in recent issues of our customer newsletter What's on Tap that can be found on our website at www.kkw.org

After a slow progress on our meter replacement project in 2020, we learned how to safely increase AMI installs in 2021. The District completed 2,194 new meter replacements and we project to have full AMI implementation in 2022. For more information on our conversion to AMI meters, visit www.kkw.org.

The District continues an aggressive water main replacement program based on evaluations of pipe material, condition, age, break history, hydraulic capacity, water quality and potential system growth. In addition, we make every effort to coordinate with other State and local roadway projects to minimize disruption and pavement costs. We are pleased to report that for the past 28 years, the District has averaged replacing 0.87% of its distribution system per year. This is close to the desired water industry “gold standard” of 1% per year, based upon an expected 100-year usable life for water mains. Very few other water utilities have maintained such an aggressive (yet appropriate) water main replacement schedule. We have accomplished this task while keeping water rates below that of the average Maine water utility.

The following is a partial list of distribution projects funded by the District and installed by our personnel during 2021.

- Merrifield Drive, Kennebunk: Replaced ~2,148 feet of obsolete 6-inch AC pipe with 8-inch PVC pipe in conjunction with the Town’s new drainage/sidewalk construction and roadway reclamation project. This project also included an ~400-foot extension of 8-inch PVC to loop the new main to improve hydraulic capacity and aesthetic water quality by eliminating a dead end section of main.
- Laudholm Farm Road/Old Farm Lane, Wells: Installed ~3,603 feet of 16-inch pipe (PVC - 2,836 feet, HDPE - 720 feet and DI - 47 feet) as Phase I of a two phase project that allowed the District to abandon ~4,147 feet of obsolete cross-country 10-inch AC pipe (circa 1937) that ran predominately through Wells Reserve and Rachel Carson controlled wetland. This new secondary transmission/distribution main serves to enhance hydraulic capacity for the densely populated, high demand coastal areas of Wells and Ogunquit.
- Island Beach Road, Wells: Installed ~2,725 feet of 16-inch PVC pipe to replace the obsolete 6-inch CI and 6-inch AC pipe that was abandoned. This 16-inch main project was a continuation of the Laudholm Farm Road/Old Farm Lane project (see above) that serves to enhance the hydraulic capacity for the densely populated, high demand coastal areas of Wells and Ogunquit.
- Drakes Island Road, Well: Installed ~648 feet of 16-inch PVC pipe to replace the obsolete 6-inch CI pipe that was abandoned. This 16-inch main project was a continuation of the Island Beach Road project (see above) that serves to enhance hydraulic capacity for the densely populated, high demand coastal areas of Wells and Ogunquit.
- In addition to the above projects, individuals and developers funded several water main extensions totaling 2,013 feet in length, as compared to 548 feet installed in 2020.

Drinking water quality remains a top priority. We continue to improve operational strategies with our unique blending of groundwater and surface water to assure consistently high-water quality. We have also been working

closely with our neighboring water utilities to the north and south to assure reliable interconnections and high-water quality compatibility for when we need to share resources. All State and Federal water quality standards were met during 2021, and full water quality details can be found in the District's annual Water Quality Report from the Summer 2021 issue of What's on Tap. By maintaining a dedicated, well-trained staff and continually upgrading our process equipment and control systems, we assure the highest degree of reliability in the quality of drinking water for our customers.

Our customers and all other interested parties are welcome to contact us by telephone (207-985-3385) or email (info@kkw.org) or visit our website at www.kkw.org, like us on Facebook (facebook.com/kkwwaterdist) or follow us on Twitter (@kkwwaterdist). Electronic bill notifications, reminders, as well as online payment options are all available and tailored to suit our customers' needs. Current and past issues of our popular semi-annual newsletter What's on Tap are also on our website. As always, we welcome your input, as our mission is to consistently provide the highest quality of water and customer service at the lowest reasonable cost.

The Trustees of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District appreciate the continuing extraordinary effort and dedication of their employees, as well as the support and cooperation of their customers, area contractors and State and local municipal officials.

Respectfully submitted,

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Submitted by: Dean Lessard, P.E.

Despite the challenges that persisted with the COVID pandemic in 2021, the York Department of Public Works continued to provide the premium level of quality work expected by the residents of the York community. From Capital Projects like the Seawall Construction and Nubble Road sidewalk and drainage project to road maintenance, snow removal and management of the recycling facility, the Department of Public Works is an active and attentive service provider that is always ready to answer the call. We take great

pride in the work we do and work hard to keep York clean, safe and support the community quickly and efficiently.

Dean A. Lessard, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Capital Projects	Status of Projects
2021 DPW Seawall (Phase 3) South of Bath House to Sun-n-Surf Restaurant	In Progress - This project involves modification of the existing seawall at Long Sand Beach. The area of modification is within the footprint of the existing seawall located between the beach and Long Beach Avenue (U.S. Route 1A) extending south from the Cutty Sark Motel to just north of the Little River Bridge on Long Beach Avenue. The project involves modifying the geometry of the existing structure to enhance hydraulic roughness and wave energy dissipation, and so to reduce potential damage to the coastal dune system, wildlife habitat, and adjacent properties.
2021 DPW Nubble Rd	In Progress - This is a joint project between the Department of Public Works, the Water District and the Sewer District. The project involves removing & replacing all undersized/failing road culverts and installing a new closed drainage system with underdrain and catch basins on the southeast side of the road by York Public Works crew. Approximately 900' of the existing pavement surface will be reclaimed where needed by a contractor. Gravel will be added where necessary to the reclaim process to improve the structure of the road base. The new base will be graded by York Public Works crews and the road will be shimmed and base paved by the Town's paving contractor. Public works crews will clean out the existing open drainage ditches along the road. Slip form concrete curb will be placed and a new pedestrian sidewalk will be constructed adjacent to the new curb. Finally, surface pavement will be placed by the Town's paving contractor and gravel shoulders and landscaping will be completed by Public Works Crews. Other items include 900 feet of water main replacement, 200 feet of sewer main replacement, utility poles being relocated and electrical power upgrades from single phase to three phase.
2021 Town-wide LED Street Light Project	Completed - Purchase of CMP overhead street lights and conversion to LED fixtures.

Trash

Town of York Solid Waste & Recycling Report (by tons)					
Month	Waste Collected Curbside	Percentage Waste Collected Curbside	Recycling Collected Curbside	Percentage Recycling Collected Curbside	Total Tons
January	372.77	79.35%	97	20.64%	469.77

February	322.71	80.66%	77.33	19.33%	400.04
March	399.95	81.37%	91.53	18.62%	491.48
April	453.42	81.76%	101.10	18.23%	554.52
May	454.69	81.73%	101.59	18.26%	556.28
June	515.51	80.17%	109.31	17.49%	624.82
July	641.68	82.44%	136.66	17.55%	778.34
August	581.50	82.90%	119.92	17.09%	701.42
September	525.05	82.45%	111.71	17.54%	636.76
October	433.40	82.25%	93.47	17.74%	526.87
November	451.34	82.63%	94.86	17.36%	546.20
December	442.76	80.09%	110.04	19.90%	552.80
2021 Total Tons	5,594.78	81.09%	1,244.52	18.19%	6,839.3

Casella has been great to work with as they are very attentive and solve problems quickly and efficiently. There is way more communication than we ever had with Waste Management

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Recycling / Solid Waste

- » This past year we have been working on educating York Residents on the do's and don'ts of Recycling. We have partnered with Recycle Coach to help York residents better understand recycling in the town of York.
- » There were **1,970 transfer station permits** issued in 2021
- » Universal Waste collected in 2021 from this End of Year Report by North Coast Services:
 - Total Fluorescent Lamps - 1,436
 - Total Batteries - 229 lbs
 - CPU and Laptop Recycling - 4553 lbs.
 - Monitor recycling - 3364 lbs.
 - Printers - 3948 lbs.
 - Televisions - 35,202 lbs.
 - Mercury Containing Devices - 7 lbs.
 - Misc. Electronics - 3354 lbs.

- Non-PCB Ballast recycling - 360
- Non-PCB Capacitors - 1
- PCB Ballast recycling - 60
- Smoke Detectors - 98

Vehicles & Equipment

- » New purchases
 - Bobcat T76 Compact Track Loader with Bucket, Forks, Grader, Grapple
 - Trackless Sidewalk Tractor with plow and snowblower
 - Ford F350 Crew Cab Pickup with Service Body and plow
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Road & Sidewalk Paving Projects

- » Our paving contractor Libby Scott - applied a total of approximately **28,112 feet of paved roads in total**. The street paving crew worked in York 45 full days and 10 partial days.
- » **14, 313.04 tons of hot mix asphalt was placed on the following streets:**
 - Je rey Drive from Southside Road to Cul-de-sac (2,466 feet)
 - Hickory Lane from Old Mast Road to Cul-de-sac (946 feet)
 - Deacon Drive from Payne Road to Cul-de-sac (925 feet)
 - Braveboat Harbor Road from Raynes Neck Road to High Rock Road (1,907 feet)
 - Sea Trumpet from York Street to Cul-de-sac (571 feet)
 - Payne Road from Route 103 to Kittery Line (331 feet)
 - Pine Hill Road from Ledge View to Route 1 (5,082 feet). Pine Hill North Rd from Pine Hill South Rd to Ogunquit Town Line (2,058 feet)
 - Braveboat Harbor Road from High Rock Road to Route 103S (1,810 feet). Braveboat Harbor Road from West Point Road to Raynes Neck Road (746 feet). Braveboat Harbor Road from Route 103 N to West Point Road (481 feet)
 - Broadway Avenue from 182' E Airport Drive E to Willow Avenue (235 feet)
 - Ferry Lane S from Route 1 to Dead End (1,787 feet)
 - Scituate Road from Chases Pond Road S to Bog Road (2,642 feet)
 - Snowdown Ridge Road from Chases Pond Road to Cul-de-sac (1,434 feet)
 - Prebble Lane from Old East Scituate to Dead End (1,200 feet)
 - Elm Drive from Long Sands Road to Dead End (476 feet)
 - Axholme Road from Woodbridge Road to York Street (1,132 feet)

- Long Beach Avenue from Juniper Road to Oceanside Avenue (1,529 feet)
- Willow Avenue from Ocean Ave Ext. to Broadway Avenue (354 feet)

Road Striping & Pavement Marking

» Every spring we hire a contractor to do our road striping. In 2021, they painted the following:

- 329,473 linear feet of 4" double yellow centerline
- 283,102 linear feet of 4" white edge line
- 881 linear feet of 24" white
- 138 directional arrows
- 200 linear feet of crosswalk

Crack Seal

» Roads that received Crack Seal maintenance in 2021:

○ Route 1 to Clark Road	710 feet
○ Winterbrook Drive to cul de sac	305 feet
○ Organug Road to Mallard Drive	390 feet
○ Mallard Drive E to Mallard Drive W	1,495 feet
○ Winterbrook Drive E to Winterbrook Drive W	1,965 feet
○ Organug Road to end of public way	500 feet
○ Route 103 to Seawall's Bridge	5,092 feet
○ Braveboat Harbor to end	1,948 feet
○ Western Point Road to end	2,450 feet
○ Raynes Neck Road to Godfrey Cove	1,417 feet
○ Raynes Neck Road to end	3,538 feet
○ Godfrey Cove to Gardner Circle	2,090 feet
○ Braveboat Harbor to end of paved road	1,970 feet
○ Cider Hill Road to Eliot Town Line	3,802 feet
○ Beech Ridge Road to cul de sac	1,295 feet
○ Woodside Meadow to Woodside Meadow	4,606 feet
○ Snaphook to Je rey Drive	1,285 feet
○ Woodside Meadow to end	706 feet
○ Riverside Meadow to end	716 feet
○ Southside Road to end	564 feet
○ Route 1 to Snaphook	1,872 feet
○ Pine Ridge Loop to cul de sac	2,671 feet

Qalert Service Requests

- » Our Qalert software program tracks all different types of service requests from residents throughout the year.
 - Potholes, street signs, trash issues to name a few.
 - Last year, we entered **1093 total requests** into the program.
 - The majority of the requests were potholes/sinkholes, with the second-highest request being Dig safes.

2021 Service Requests	
Request Type	Total
Pothole/Sinkhole	54
Dig Safe	42
Dangerous / Dead Tree	32
Roadside Mowing	23
Pavement Damage	22
Roadside Signs Missing/Damaged	22
Bulk Item Pick Up	19
Storm Water Drainage Issue	16
Gravel Shoulder Damage/Erosion/Washed Out	15
Blocked Culvert	13
Apron Curb Damage	11
Trimming Request	11
Culvert Replacement	8
Ditch Clearing Erosion	8
Tree Debris Cleanup	7
Obstruction Right of Way	6
Debris in Road	6
Catch Basin Clearing	5
Pavement Markings	4
Gravel Road Grading	3
Frost heaves	3

Plowing & Winter Maintenance

- » Throughout 2021, the department worked 24 separate ice and snow events.

- » We had a few breakdowns on our snow-removing equipment. Thankfully- Matt Gray- Fleet Supervisor was able to piece them all back to working order.
- » During this same time we **purchased 3,669 tons of salt**.

Storm Water / Drainage / MS4

- » Last fall, we contracted Wind River Environmental to Vac clean all the Catch Basins in town.
- » 368 Catch Basins were cleaned in 2021
- » In the fall of 2020, the third-party cleaner cleaned 239 of the basins. The remainder did not require cleaning. No basins had excess sediment this year, and the basins with excess sediment last year were inspected again in PY8. The PY8 cleaning resulted in removal of approximately 84 cy of sediment removed. This material will be used beneficially as road fill if needed.

Communications (*with analytics*)

- » Recycle Coach 2021 statistics
 - **2,643 users** (1,471 of which used their desktop)
 - 236 people who are signed up for notifications and reminders
 - 69 PDF Downloads
 - 49 PDF Subscribers
- » Our Facebook page and posts **reached 17,048 people** in 2021. This is a 695.1% increase. This number includes people who saw any content from our Page including posts and social information from people who interacted with our Page. Reach may include multiple views of your posts by the same people. This metric is estimated.
- » We had 1,633 people visit our Facebook page which is 60.6% higher.
- » Our Facebook page had **236 new followers**, a 47.5% increase.

Building / Facilities

- » Recycling Facility
 - Stage one on repointing the brick building at the Witchtrot Recycling Facility completed. Project to include repainting, new siding and trim.
 - New 1000-gallon waste oil tank installed
 - Removed an old building that housed tanks and constructed a new building to keep the new tanks protected from the elements.
- » 810 US RT1 Projects
 - Two new garage door openers installed with four more on order that should be installed in late June.
 - Installation of new windows above garage
 - Sign building repainted
- » Beach Garage Projects
 - Interior of facility repainted
 - Removal of old sign room from facility
 - Installed new garage door and opener
 - New trim installed around garage doors

Employees

- » These employees celebrated the following anniversaries:
 - Allen Covel, Crew Leader - 37 years
 - Tim Deperrio, Foreman - 28 years
 - James Dube, Equipment Operator - 18 years
 - Randolph Earle, Equipment Operator - 37 years
 - Matt Gray, Fleet Supervisor - 10 years
 - Elizabeth Hayden, Administrative Assistant - 13 years
 - Mike Hodgin, Equipment Operator - 6 years
 - Je Hyotte, Crew Leader - 17 years
 - Greg Kasbohm, Grader Operator - 8 years
 - Dan Kingsbury, Equipment Operator - 19 years
 - Dean Lessard, Director - 14 years
 - Kevin Lewis, Equipment Operator - 25 years
 - Jon McIntire, Equipment Operator - 10 years
 - Dana Moulton, Landfill Supervisor - 17 years
 - Eddie Prior, Equipment Operator - 1 year
 - Jon Woodward, Equipment Operator - 21 years
 - Tony York, Equipment Operator - 3 years