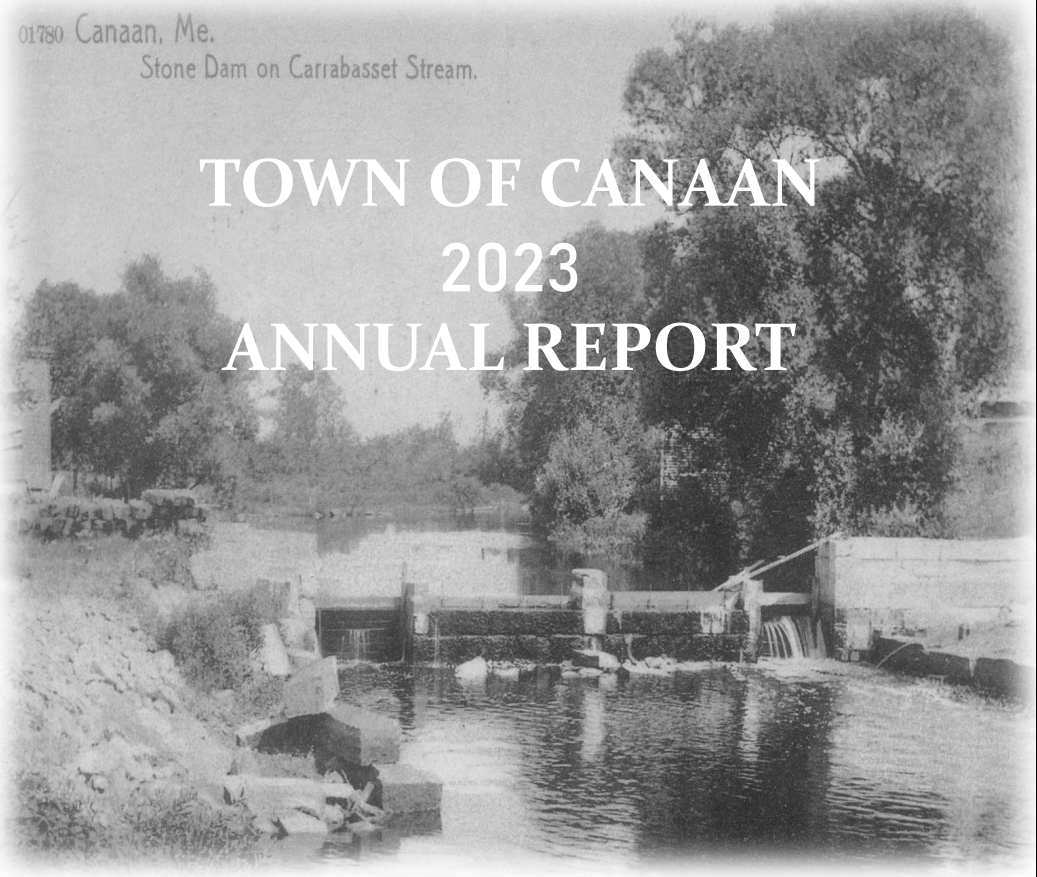


01780 Canaan, Me.  
Stone Dam on Carrabasset Stream.

# TOWN OF CANAAN 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



**ANNUAL MUNICIPAL REPORT  
TOWN OF CANAAN**

**FOR FISCAL YEAR  
FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - JANUARY 31, 2024**

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**ATTENTION**

**TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd, 2024  
9:00 A.M. GENERAL MEETING  
CANAAN FARMERS HALL  
296 Main Street, Canaan – *extra parking at 299 Main St***

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
MONDAY, MARCH 25th, 2024  
8:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.  
AT CANAAN TOWN HALL  
277 Main Street, Canaan**

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*Pursuant to State of Maine Statute 22 M.R.S.A. §1542 Section 1543*

**PUBLIC MEETING**



**NO SMOKING**

**EMERGENCY-FIRE-RESCUE  
DIAL 911**

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# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE



## Annual Town Report Dedication CLIFFORD H. ALLEN

**FOR 40 YEARS CLIFF WAS A CANAAN VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER AND FIRE CHIEF FROM 1996-2000.**

AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CARRABASSETT MASONIC LODGE #161 SINCE 1979, HE WAS A PAST MASTER AND THE SECRETARY FOR 30 PLUS YEARS.

CLIFF WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND ELKS CLUBS.

AS YOU CAN SEE, CLIFF WAS KNOWN FOR HIS BIG SMILE. HE HAD AN INFECTIOUS LAUGH THAT WOULD CAUSE EVERYONE ELSE AROUND TO LAUGH. CLIFF WAS A GIFT TO THIS TOWN THAT IS SORELY MISSED.



# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## 2023 TOWN OFFICERS

**SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS**  
(1 Year Term)

**DANIEL HARRIMAN**  
**MEGAN SMITH**  
**KATHLEEN PERELKA**  
OFFICE 474-8976

**SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS**  
(3 Year Term)

**JANET BURRILL** [janetburrill@msad54.org](mailto:janetburrill@msad54.org)  
**JEAN FRANKLIN** 474-2279

**TOWN CLERK**  
(3 Year Term)

**DENISE B. STETKIS**  
474-8682

**MODERATOR**

**PETER DENBOW**

**STATE SENATOR**

**BRAD FARRIN**  
SENATE DISTRICT 3  
STATE HOUSE STATION 3  
AUGUSTA, ME. 04333  
1-207-634-3074

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**DEAN CRAY**  
STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 69  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AUGUSTA, ME. 478-8279

**PLANNING BOARD**

(2 Year Term)

**PAULA ROBINSON**  
**DONALD DECKER**  
**JEFFREY CLARKE**  
**MAKAYLA ROBINSON**  
**KAREN CLARK**

**ROAD COMMISSIONER (1 Yr Term)**

**MICHAEL ROBINSON, JR.** 399-9809

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER &  
NUISANCE WILDLIFE OFFICER**

**DONALD DECKER** 399-8135

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

**CHARLES WORCESTER** 431-1922

**EXCISE TAX COLLECTOR**

**DENISE B. STETKIS** 474-8682

**TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER/  
SECRETARY TO THE SELECTMEN**

**DANIELLE MCCORMICK** 474-8976

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<b>LIBRARY DIRECTOR</b>	<b>DIXIE RING</b> 474-2149
<b>FIRE &amp; RESCUE CHIEF</b>	<b>CHARLES WORCESTER</b> 431-1922
<b>ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF</b>	<b>PETER CLARKE</b> 431-4299
<b>EMS ADMINSTRATOR</b>	<b>BENJAMIN SNOWMAN</b> 416-9914
<b>STATE FIRE WARDEN</b>	<b>PETER CLARKE</b> 431-4299
<b>GENERAL ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR</b>	<b>CINDY CLARKE</b> 474-8682
<b>DEPUTY WELFARE DIRECTOR</b>	<b>SELECT BOARD</b>
<b>SOLID WASTE REDUCTION BOARD</b>	<b>DAVID HART</b> 474-9381 CELL 446-4884
<b>SOLID WASTE &amp; RECYCLE MANAGER</b>	<b>DONALD CHUTE</b> 487-4637 CELL 416-8998
<b>SOLID WASTE &amp; RECYCLE ASSISTANT MANAGER</b>	<b>DAVID HART</b> 474-9381
<b>LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PARK (3 Year Term)</b>	<b>NANCY AMES</b> <b>EMILEE ROBERTSON</b> <b>HEATHER KERNER</b> <b>PENNY DERAPS</b> <b>DAVID SNELL</b>
<b>CEO &amp; PLUMBING INSPECTOR</b>	<b>RANDY GRAY</b> 858-5370
<b>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	<b>DENISE B. STETKIS</b> 474-8682
<b>SEXTON</b>	<b>DAVID HART</b> 446-4884
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>	<b>PENNY DERAPS</b> 474-6990
<b>ROAD COMMITTEE</b>	<i>INACTIVE</i>

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## Taxes Due as of January 31, 2024

Acct	Liens Receivable	Year	Amount Due
1497 L	FRAPPIER, MAURICE L	2021	182.04
1035 L	GOULD, WESTON	2021	960.53
1141 L	HEIRS OF WILLIAM J STAHL SR	2021	414.4
1545 L	JOHNSON, BRETT H JR	2021	901.45
61 L	KOVAL, JON D	2021	1655.17
789 L	ONEIL, HARRY	2021	1748.14
942 L	PERKINS, DARLENE R	2021	116.42
139 L	RAC, PETER M	2021	451.82
1511 L	RUGAN, CASEY A	2021	944.69
1504 L	THE KIND SERVICES, LLC	2021	4815.17
91 L	BAKER, KIMBERLY L	2022	54.26
142 L	BOWEN, BRUCE A	2022	842.29
246 L	CARTER, CYRUS Y	2022	737.05
248 L	CESAN, GLEN P	2022	213.81
249 L	CESAN, GLEN P	2022	1837.36
1565 L	CLARKE, JENNIFER	2022	862.19
649 L	CONNELL, DEBORAH J	2022	294.04
1548 L	CONNELL, DEBORAH J	2022	1475.32
1794 L	COOK, MIRISHA M	2022	404.59
1796 L	CRAFT, PAULINE	2022	45.82
1618 L	DANFORTH, BRUCE	2022	752.67
520 L	DANFORTH, DAN	2022	725.46
1540 L	DANFORTH, WENDY	2022	594.85
1711 L	DANFORTH, WENDY	2022	292.29
373 L	DOW, EDWARD G II	2022	1230.3
1497 L	FRAPPIER, MAURICE L	2022	193.77
484 L	GOULD, DANIELLE	2022	164.99
1035 L	GOULD, WESTON E	2022	1657.74
748 L	HANEY, WANDA	2022	924.93
856 L	HARTLEY, STACEY C	2022	1423.87
1141 L	HEIRS OF WILLIAM J STAHL SR	2022	370.77
21 L	HOYT, ROBERT	2022	30.92
1478 L	HUNT, SHANE	2022	351.21
1576 L	HUNTER, SUSAN	2022	364.73
1545 L	JOHNSON, BRETT H JR	2022	870.39
1817 L	JOHNSON, KYLE	2022	389.94
1334 L	JOHNSTON, DENISE	2022	192.89
1641 L	JOHNSTON, DENISE	2022	199.87
689 L	KANAVY, JOHN F III & JAMES M	2022	545.15
61 L	KOVAL, JON D	2022	1553.11
1706 L	LADD, SPENCER, BROOKS & ARTHUR	2022	639.32
408 L	LEMIEUX, SHARON M	2022	1424.06
1705 L	LOOK, IVAN L	2022	144.75

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544 L LUNT, KYM L	2022	630.41
448 L MALLETT, MARY	2022	730.88
1857 L MAYO, MICHAEL D	2022	533.04
1154 L MINER, PATRICK F JR	2022	833.83
1075 L MITCHELL, CHARLES M	2022	2254.64
1592 L MURCHISON, DENISE P	2022	2534.33
789 L ONEIL, HARRY	2022	1870.3
1414 L PAGE, CHAD	2022	293.39
941 L PERKINS, DARLENE R	2022	275.73
942 L PERKINS, DARLENE R	2022	566.07
139 L RAC, PETER M (HEIRS)	2022	421.33
989 L RAMSDELL, EDWARD J	2022	585.95
992 L RANDALL, WENDY J	2022	1027.34
1544 L RICHARDS, AME L	2022	992.48
1511 L RUGAN, CASEY A	2022	878.04
1065 L SAMUELS, GUY A	2022	1204.34
1234 L SIMONEAU, BRENDA LT	2022	1997.79
1235 L SIMONEAU, BRENDA LT	2022	968.91
283 L SIMPSON, LESLIE D	2022	622.16
532 L SOLL, ALLAN M	2022	618.39
1124 L SOLL, ALLAN M	2022	681.5
124 L STEWART, JENNIFER M	2022	467.36
1504 L THE KIND SERVICES, LLC	2022	4519.24
686 L VILES, HUGH A	2022	297.52
1470 L VILES, HUGH A	2022	1771.97
747 L WOOD, PRISCILLA G	2022	571.69

<b>Acct</b>	<b>Tax Receivables</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
2 R	ABBOTT, DOROTHY O	<b>2023</b>	748.60
1346 R	ALBERTSON, CHARLES W III	2023	622.39
1531 R	ALLEN, MARK	2023	2,299.00
1038 R	AMATO, MICHELLE	2023	215.84
1469 R	AMES ENTERPRISES	2023	638.39
791 R	AMES REAL ESTATE ENTERPRISE, INC	2023	535.80
1566 R	AMES REAL ESTATE ENTERPRISE, INC	2023	252.69
73 R	AMES REAL ESTATE ENTERPRISE, INC	2023	505.39
75 R	AMES REAL ESTATE ENTERPRISE, INC	2023	467.39
1367 R	ARCHER, EDWARD A	2023	315.40
1394 R	ARCHER, EDWARD A	2023	1,126.70
87 R	ATWOOD, STANLEY L (LE)	2023	1,303.15
238 R	AUSTIN, GORDON K	2023	758.10
419 R	BAILEY, CHRISTOPHER J	2023	368.56
1554 R	BAILEY, CHRISTOPHER J	2023	454.06
1768 R	BAILEY, CHRISTOPHER J	2023	22.79



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1335 R BAKER, DONALD	2023	1,089.44
91 R BAKER, KIMBERLY L	2023	342.00
92 R BAKER, LINDA-LEE T	2023	422.12
1258 R BAUER, REG	2023	146.30
1259 R BAUER, REG	2023	100.70
470 R BAYLEY, GERALD A JR	2023	1,096.30
107 R BERGERON, PAUL H (HEIRS)	2023	625.10
978 R BERRY, JOSEPH R	2023	284.89
805 R BLEVINS, CHARLES MICHAEL	2023	2,167.90
1304 R BOISVERT, PAUL R	2023	2,865.20
142 R BOWEN, BRUCE A	2023	883.50
1395 R BRALEY, ALAUNA M	2023	87.14
345 R BREINGAN, TAMMY J	2023	471.20
324 R BROOKS, CHAD A	2023	1,314.80
1573 R BUZZARD, PETER G	2023	408.50
36 R CAMPBELL, PETER G	2023	433.20
1389 R CARL, RANDALL E	2023	834.10
246 R CARTER, CYRUS Y	2023	1,390.80
1712 R CARTER, MELISSA A	2023	617.50
1759 R CARTER, MELISSA A	2023	70.30
1350 R CASS, LEROY E	2023	849.30
248 R CESAN, GLEN P	2023	165.30
249 R CESAN, GLEN P	2023	1,934.20
1793 R CLARK, JORDAN S	2023	737.20
310 R CLARK, MATTHEW	2023	790.40
1565 R CLARKE, JENNIFER	2023	982.30
649 R CONNELL, DEBORAH J	2023	252.70
1548 R CONNELL, DEBORAH J	2023	1,573.20
1794 R COOK, MIRISHA M	2023	406.60
254 R CORREIA, JOE	2023	2,348.40
1796 R CRAFT, PAULINE	2023	260.30
1405 R CURTIS, LLOYD	2023	454.10
418 R CYR, MICHAEL S	2023	433.28
319 R DAMRON, ELIZABETH	2023	631.06
1618 R DANFORTH, BRUCE	2023	752.40
520 R DANFORTH, DAN	2023	756.20
1540 R DANFORTH, WENDY	2023	623.20
1711 R DANFORTH, WENDY	2023	250.80
461 R DARGE, AUGUST J	2023	518.70
1183 R DARGE, AUGUST J	2023	1,725.20
30 R DAVIS, BRETT E	2023	2,031.10
1760 R DEMO, CHAD	2023	514.90
178 R DIONNE, ELLEN KARON	2023	288.80
740 R DODGE, JEROME E III	2023	1,231.20

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333 R DODGE, JOHN P	2023	617.63
1769 R DODGE, MARIA	2023	342.47
1277 R DOJNIA, AMANDA R	2023	1,263.50
1413 R DONOVAN, BEATRICE, HEIRS OF	2023	1,643.50
1853 R DORE, ERIC N	2023	2,057.70
1854 R DORE, ERIC N	2023	300.20
1218 R DORR, JODY C	2023	590.90
146 R DOUCETTE, RICHARD E	2023	216.60
432 R DOUCETTE, RICHARD E	2023	2,704.84
373 R DOW, EDWARD G II	2023	1,263.50
379 R DUGGAN, JOHN F	2023	530.10
1675 R DYER, DARRIN E	2023	1,748.00
1811 R ENGBERG, BETH A	2023	26.42
988 R ENGBERG, BURTON M	2023	541.50
1203 R FARRIN, BARBARA	2023	943.33
1771 R FIELD, MATTHEW C	2023	313.20
1502 R FITZGERALD, KIMBERLY J	2023	645.81
1739 R FOSTER, CHRISTINE	2023	1,514.30
1497 R FRAPPIER, MAURICE L	2023	186.20
1798 R FRATI, CALEB J	2023	186.20
478 R FREDERICK, MARK	2023	581.18
614 R FREDERICK, RACHEL A	2023	1,508.67
326 R FREEMAN, TUCKER E	2023	482.60
309 R GAFFETT, LEWIS H HEIRS	2023	58.50
758 R GAFFETT, LEWIS H HEIRS	2023	437.00
452 R GAFFETT, SANDRA M	2023	552.90
1580 R GAFFETT, SANDRA M	2023	294.50
1730 R GAGE, DONALD E II	2023	177.53
453 R GAGLIARDI, NORMA	2023	942.40
454 R GAGNE, ARTHUR	2023	1,253.18
55 R GILBERT, MICHAEL S SR	2023	944.30
756 R GILBERT, MICHAEL S SR	2023	742.90
764 R GILBERT, MICHAEL S SR	2023	296.40
865 R GILBERT, MICHAEL S SR	2023	57.00
484 R GOULD, DANIELLE	2023	112.10
1035 R GOULD, WESTON E	2023	1,738.50
508 R GRIFFETH, LESTER E JR	2023	864.50
377 R GRIFFETH, THEOHELEN (HEIRS)	2023	182.40
292 R HANEY, ALBERT A	2023	473.10
748 R HANEY, WANDA	2023	921.50
856 R HARTLEY, STACEY C	2023	1,474.40
553 R HARTLEY, VICTOR L (HEIRS)	2023	1,839.20
1453 R HAYES, JAMES DAVID	2023	1,089.39
403 R HOCKENBERRY, MARK W	2023	1,808.80

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1282 R HOLLAND, WALTER E	2023	651.70
1170 R HOOK, JOHN	2023	169.10
1743 R HOWE, JESSICA M	2023	684.00
154 R HOWE, MARIAH	2023	1,672.00
21 R HOYT, ROBERT	2023	1,284.40
625 R HUBBARD, EDWARD	2023	1,145.70
1478 R HUNT, SHANE	2023	296.40
1576 R HUNTER, SUSAN	2023	617.50
534 R HUTCHISON, PAM	2023	699.11
1494 R JENNESS, ANN (LE)	2023	465.50
1320 R JENNESS, TAMRA J	2023	876.60
1545 R JOHNSON, BRETT H JR	2023	923.40
1817 R JOHNSON, KYLE	2023	357.20
1334 R JOHNSTON, DENISE	2023	142.50
1641 R JOHNSTON, DENISE	2023	150.10
601 R JUDITH A HODGDON TRUSTEE	2023	1,710.00
600 R JUDITH A HODGDON, TRUSTEE	2023	294.50
602 R JUDITH A HODGDON, TRUSTEE	2023	754.30
689 R KANAVY, JOHN F III & JAMES M	2023	526.30
229 R KLAIBER, HAROLD	2023	1,200.80
922 R KLESITZ, BILLIE V	2023	87.40
61 R KOVAL, JON D	2023	1,624.50
1348 R KRENISKY, BELLE A	2023	644.10
709 R KUHN, BETTY	2023	228.44
837 R LACHAPELLE, IVY E	2023	106.40
838 R LACHAPELLE, IVY E	2023	28.50
1706 R LADD, SPENCER, BROOKS & ARTHUR	2023	628.90
1215 R LAGROSS, LIONE	2023	2,004.50
1770 R LEATHERS, TREVOR A	2023	228.00
1288 R LEBLANC, AMY E	2023	1,339.50
408 R LEMIEUX, SHARON M	2023	1,483.90
1705 R LOOK, IVAN L	2023	528.20
1408 R LOWNEY, CAROL A	2023	650.93
544 R LUNT, KYM L	2023	609.90
766 R LYBARGER, CARLENE L	2023	1,027.90
123 R MACARTHUR, JAMES W	2023	349.60
1783 R MADORE, DAVID J	2023	444.60
448 R MALLET, MARY	2023	771.40
1002 R MALLEY, PATRICK KEVIN	2023	1,031.57
1152 R MARSHALL, BOBBI-JO M	2023	799.90
1781 R MARTIN, TROY	2023	416.62
489 R MASTROIANNI, HOLLY	2023	2,044.40
1857 R MAYO, MICHAEL D	2023	784.70
1642 R MCNAMARA, JENNIFER	2023	144.40

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1383 R MECCA, VITO	2023	571.90
1154 R MINER, PATRICK F JR	2023	898.70
1075 R MITCHELL, CHARLES M	2023	2,413.00
199 R MOSHIER, MINDY J	2023	334.40
98 R MURCHISON, DENISE P	2023	2,215.40
761 R MURCHISON, DENISE P	2023	647.90
1592 R MURCHISON, DENISE P	2023	2,667.60
1377 R NEFF, JOHN R JR	2023	830.03
874 R NELSON, FORD O	2023	2,236.30
1571 R NELSON, JAMES R	2023	340.10
1192 R NELSON, MICHAEL A	2023	541.50
867 R NELSON, MICHAEL A & NELSON, COREY N	2023	391.40
1391 R NEWMAN FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	2023	423.02
1295 R NEWMAN, FREDERIC M	2023	712.50
134 R NILES, KIMBERLY	2023	1,744.20
215 R OBERHEIM, SHAWN	2023	554.80
895 R OLEARY, JOHN	2023	395.20
789 R ONEIL, HARRY	2023	1,960.80
434 R OUELLETTE, MARK E SR & NORMA J LIFE TENAN	2023	1,134.38
1414 R PAGE, CHAD	2023	856.90
1090 R PARKER, LOREN H & REBECCA A	2023	1,278.70
719 R PEASE, EDWARD C JR	2023	226.10
857 R PEASE, MICHAEL C	2023	1,464.90
1662 R PELLETTIER, WHITNEY R	2023	169.10
1764 R PELLETTIER, WHITNEY R	2023	323.00
1026 R PENDLETON, TIMOTHY J	2023	592.80
941 R PERKINS, DARLENE R	2023	275.50
942 R PERKINS, DARLENE R	2023	549.10
1093 R PERRY, PATRICIA A	2023	667.00
1742 R PHAIR, BRENDA L	2023	689.70
1852 R PHILBRICK, MARK W	2023	343.90
982 R POOLER, ROBERT A (HEIRS)	2023	112.10
958 R POPLAWSKI, JOHN A JR	2023	841.70
300 R PRENTISS, DAVID S	2023	2,152.70
1516 R PRENTISS, RICHARD	2023	1,810.70
101 R PRESCOTT, HEIDI	2023	592.11
554 R PRITCHETT, PATTY (LE)	2023	662.30
1162 R QUIMBY, FRANK R	2023	741.57
139 R RAC, PETER M (HEIRS)	2023	391.40
983 R RAMSDELL, BERNARD C	2023	2,014.00
989 R RAMSDELL, EDWARD J	2023	604.20
984 R RAMSDELL, HAROLD C JR	2023	870.38
992 R RANDALL, WENDY J	2023	1,094.40
1544 R RICHARDS, AME L	2023	1,008.90

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859 R RICHARDS, LAURIE	2023	539.60
1003 R RICHARDS, MERTON D JR	2023	153.90
1007 R RING, DANNY L	2023	1,288.20
1008 R RING, WILLIAM W	2023	2,148.90
105 R ROSS, JESSICA	2023	454.10
1052 R ROSS, JESSICA	2023	300.20
1092 R ROSS, JESSICA	2023	15.20
1511 R RUGAN, CASEY A	2023	879.70
1063 R SALSBUURY, DEREK L	2023	2,758.80
1065 R SAMUELS, GUY A	2023	1,244.50
459 R SCOTT, RACHAEL A	2023	391.40
195 R SHEPARD, PAMELA L	2023	1,349.00
1691 R SHEPARD, PAMELA L	2023	220.40
1234 R SIMONEAU, BRENDA LT	2023	2,109.00
1235 R SIMONEAU, BRENDA LT	2023	988.00
283 R SIMPSON, LESLIE D	2023	710.60
381 R SMITH, MICHAEL	2023	1,132.40
532 R SOLL, ALLAN M	2023	520.60
533 R SOLL, ALLAN M	2023	17.10
1124 R SOLL, ALLAN M	2023	1,803.10
1126 R SOLL, ALLAN M & CANDACE L	2023	642.20
1484 R SPIRITO, GEORGE W SR	2023	1,727.10
1804 R SPIRITO, GEORGE W SR	2023	923.40
1435 R SPROUL, KAREN M	2023	1,060.13
1141 R STAHL, WILLIAM J SR (HEIRS)	2023	336.30
1238 R STANKIEWICZ, BRENNAN N	2023	1,079.42
605 R STEARNS, JASON E	2023	2,169.80
800 R STEARNS, JASON E	2023	267.90
124 R STEWART, JENNIFER M	2023	475.00
53 R STOCKMAN, KASEY	2023	342.60
291 R STRICKLAND, WANDA, DENNIS JR., & AMBER	2023	1,400.30
1168 R SWAIN, THELMA J	2023	568.10
1179 R TENENBAUM, EVE R	2023	2,040.60
702 R THE KIERSTEAD FAMILY TRUST	2023	277.40
703 R THE KIERSTEAD FAMILY TRUST	2023	252.70
1504 R THE KIND SERVICES, LLC	2023	4,846.90
597 R THOMAS, JOSEPH R	2023	1,103.90
1842 R THOMAS, SUSAN M	2023	1,024.10
1471 R THOMPSON, MICHAEL	2023	300.20
1475 R THOMPSON, MICHAEL	2023	336.30
1476 R THOMPSON, MICHAEL	2023	336.30
1832 R TURGEON, SCOTT DONALD	2023	13.30
686 R VILES, HUGH A	2023	256.50
1470 R VILES, HUGH A	2023	1,905.70

## TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

1296 R WARREN, PHILIP E	2023	368.60
1311 R WARREN, PHILIP E	2023	779.00
1252 R WATSON, RONALD L (HEIRS)	2023	125.88
483 R WHITE, CHRISTOPHER P	2023	1,328.10
386 R WILLIAMS, JEROMY J	2023	656.27
1281 R WILLIAMSON, CODY S	2023	283.10
747 R WOOD, PRISCILLA G	2023	600.40
1472 R WORTHING, SUSAN J	2023	729.60
1780 R WYMAN, JOSIAH W SR	2023	946.20
486 R YORK, RITA K	2023	2,402.74

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## Important Notice to Taxpayers

### Town of Canaan, Maine

In accordance with Title 36, MRSA Section 706-A, before making an assessment, the assessor shall give reasonable notice in writing to all persons liable to taxation in the same municipality, to furnish to the assessor true and perfect lists of all their estates, not by law exempt from taxation which they possessed on the first day of April the same year. Any person after making such notice does not furnish such lists; he is hereby barred of this right to make application to the assessor or the county commissioners for an abatement of his taxes unless he furnishes such list with his applications and satisfies that he was unable to furnish it at the time appointed.

**The Tax Collector will be in the Town Office March 29, 2024 to receive questions and comments on tax assessments. This form may be turned in to the tax collector at that time also, or at the Town Office before April 1, 2024.**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Map \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_

**Land and/or buildings** purchased since last April:

Description:

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#### **New Construction:**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Building** (if not completed indicate percent finished) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any improvements to the land (in ground pool, well or septic system)

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List the number of dogs presently in your household:

\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Neutered Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_ Spayed female

This property list is mandatory from any persons claiming exemptions under the statutes as

Veterans, Widows of Veterans, and the Blind. If you are one of these claimants, **you must File**

#### **This List**

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**Signature of property owner**

\*\* Please use an additional sheet of paper to list or record other property or comments

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## 2023 TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER REPORT

We get asked a lot if the revaluation will make the taxes go up. The short answer to this is: we don't know yet. The town last had a revaluation in 2006, and since then, properties in Canaan have been selling for a lot more than we had them assessed for. This caused our certified ratio to drop more and more each year. You may have noticed that your exemptions decreased little by little each year on your tax bill. Once the certified ratio gets below 70%, a town revaluation must be done. The revaluation will bring our certified ratio back up to 100%, causing those exemptions to go back up to where they are supposed to be, as well. This will likely bring the mil rate down. However, we don't know what the mil rate will be until we have the county and school budgets.

If you have any questions regarding the revaluation, please direct them to our assessor, Becky. She is in the office frequently right now, so you can always call and ask when she will be in next. Or, you can email her at [pointsnorthassessing@gmail.com](mailto:pointsnorthassessing@gmail.com).

While we're on the topic of exemptions, please apply for the Homestead Exemption if you haven't before. It's a very simple application and it will reduce your taxes! If you are not sure if you have any exemptions, call the town office and we would be happy to look for you.

### **2023 Abatements**

- Kimberly Fitzgerald
- Bert & Linda Goodman
- Hunter Ogden & Rhiannon LaPlante-Ogden
- Claude Tozier III (Heirs)
- Dunbar Family Irrevocable Trust
- Wentworth Family Irrevocable Trust

### **2023 Supplementals**

- Esther Brown



# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE



## 2023 Select Board Report

Daniel Harriman, Kathleen Perelka, & Megan Smith

Keeping town roads in good shape is even more of a challenge this year due to the weather. With the increase in costs of vehicles, we are receiving more excise tax funds and would like to set aside more of those funds to specifically fix roads rather than to just reduce taxes.

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With every town in Maine struggling to retain quality employees, we are asking voters to approve Canaan offering Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) to our employees. We are also working on ways to combine our various part time positions into a couple more attractive full-time jobs.

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The revaluation is going well and should be completed by spring. Our assessor, Becky Adams, will be sending out letters with the new valuations.

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In case we have an emergency situation similar to pre-Christmas week 2023, our first port of call will be Canaan Elementary School. The school has a generator for phone recharging, water, and heat. The school can be open between 8 and 6. The school is not set up for overnight stays. Everyone should bring their own food supply. Please note: The school is not available if school is in session. If needed, Canaan Fire is also equipped with generator, water and heat and will open as a secondary refuge. There is a kitchen available and citizens should bring food. Depending on the severity of power outages, we will adapt and do what we need to do. All need to be prepared to be flexible.

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Our Select Board meeting schedule is listed on the digital sign and on the town's website. These are public meetings so please feel free to attend. If you have a particular subject to discuss, please contact the Select Board Secretary, Danielle, a week in advance to be placed on the agenda.

TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

**TOWN OF CANAAN**

277 MAIN STREET · PO BOX 68  
CANAAN, MAINE 04924

**PROCLAMATION OF THE SELECT BOARD**

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for us to recognize the contributions made by Make-A-Wish Foundation to children with critical illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Make-A-Wish Foundation has granted wishes to hundreds of thousands of children since 1981; and


WHEREAS, The Ring Farm has raised over \$100,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation with their fundraisers over the years; and

WHEREAS, The Ring Farm has a Fall Family Day annually with all proceeds being donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CANAAN SELECT BOARD, on behalf of the Town of Canaan, do hereby proclaim to make the Saturday of Indigenous People's Day (formerly Columbus Day) Weekend of each year, in perpetuity, to be recognized as:

***"MAKE-A-WISH DAY"***



  
Attested, August 16, 2023

Phone  
207-474-8976  
207-474-8682

[www.townofcanaan.com](http://www.townofcanaan.com)  
[townofcanaan@roadrunner.com](mailto:townofcanaan@roadrunner.com)

Fax  
207-612-2037

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE



GRANDCHILDREN ...  
SOMETIMES THE  
*Smallest* THINGS  
TAKE UP THE MOST ROOM  
IN YOUR *Heart*

## IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy O. Abbott

Clifford H. Allen

Vartan Bogosian

Linda D. Boyd

Carla M. Christian

Aarne M. Cummings

Bernard R. Curtis

Thomas F. Demo

Christopher L. Drew

David C. Dunlap

Robert L. Hart

Gloria F. Jones

Tyler Loisel

Barbara A. Lukassen

Stephen D. Lyons

Golden I. Salisbury

Thomas Souza

Richard A. Thorndike

Veteran Fire Fighter

BIRTHS 17

DEATHS 18

MARRIAGES 17

# TOWN CLERK

## DENISE B. STETKIS

### NEW TOWN MEETING LOCATION

**In March 2023 we decided to use the Canaan Farmers Hall for our annual town meetings.** Along with a new location we also purchased a sound system and recruited a new Moderator, Peter Denbow. We are happy to say that with the new location, sound system and Moderator we received many positive comments on how things were run. After the annual meeting, the Canaan Farmers Hall offered a luncheon that gave time for residents to enjoy a meal together and socialize afterwards just like in the "good ole days".

### DEPUTY CLERK

We were fortunate enough to have return a former deputy clerk, **Breanna Goewey**, who had left our office in 2020 for a full-time position in another town. Unfortunately, her stay was short-lived since she has since taken a job with another town that could, once again, offer full time and full benefits. A new deputy was recruited and hired, **Samantha Neal** who has previous municipal experience.

**There has been an ongoing issue with keeping part-time help in the Town Office.** We have brain-stormed on how we can make the deputy position more enticing in order to keep employees or attract more interest when we are attempting to fill the position. There will be more responsibilities added to the position to warrant more hours and hopefully offer benefits.

### ELECTIONS

**Municipal Election in March was the first time we have used our tabulator for counting ballots.** Our municipal election workers were relieved to not have to be hand-counting ballots late into the night.

**The upcoming year of 2024 we will be tasked with three State Elections. There is a Presidential Primary on March 5<sup>th</sup> ; a State Primary on June 11<sup>th</sup> and Presidential General Election on November 5<sup>th</sup>.** Soon we will have a new central voter system and possibly new tabulator machine. I am in hopes that the upgrade and training will be a smooth transition. We expect this will be a very busy time in the office so please understand if you call the office and we cannot answer immediately so please leave a message and we will return you call!

**We now have an absentee ballot drop box** that was provided by the State. **Thank you to Mike Robinson, Highway Department and Selectman, Daniel Harriman,** for working to get it set up before the election in November.

**I would like to thank Kathy Perelka** for being a dedicated Select Board member who has always been available to listen and take action when needed. **THANK YOU KATHY!**

**Thank you to the Select Board** and Bob Perelka for beautifying the Town Office landscaping around the sign and around the building.

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## 2023 Animal Control & Nuisance Wildlife Report



I am pleased that most residents are doing their best to control their animals but as a community we can do better.

**Each year I can't thank all the residents enough for your time and patience dealing with your animal issues.** Please do me and yourself a big favor, get a tag with your name and telephone number to avoid unnecessary trips to the Waterville Humane Society and make sure your Town registration tag is on the dog's collar. This will tell any ACO what town your dog lives!

**We had our first annual rabies clinic held in the Canaan Fire Station.** Decent turnout but there could have been more residents taking advantage as we were open on a Sunday.

There are, of course, times when a dog can and will get loose to check out his or her surroundings. This is considered "roaming at large", that will result in court summons. In the event this happens, the first step is verbal warning, the second step is written warning, if it continues a summons to appear in court will be issued. I ask each and every person I come in contact with to not let it come to this. A summons is far from my mind. **There is a feral cat problem in Maine not just Canaan.** Spay/neuter your felines. Most shelters are not set up for ferals. Stop feeding them, this DOES NOT HELP the situation. I cannot trap feral cats.

There were no cases of rabies. **In the event rabies is suspected near or around your animals** do not handle the animal unless you are wearing gloves. Contact me immediately and I will deal with the issue. If for some reason I am not available contact the warden service at 207-287-8000.

**If I trap pet cats or dogs they will be transported to Waterville Animal Shelter.** You will be responsible for all costs and fees of the humane society in order to retrieve your pet from them.

**2023 animal complaints:** there was a total of 27 stray or feral cats. 15 stray dogs transported to the animal shelter. 2 court summonses, 2 horse complaints, 1 cattle complaint and several barking dogs. 1 dog left in a vehicle in a parking lot (the animal cannot tell me its suffering from the heat). Lastly, 2 dog bites.

**Nuisance animals:** 2 deer (deceased), skunks, groundhogs, racoons, opossums, beavers, porcupines, fox and pigs – all trapped and released for a total of 73.

Respectfully yours,

Don Decker, ANIMAL CONTROL & WILDLIFE AGENT

207-399-8135



## Road Commissioner Report

The Canaan Highway Department has always been committed to serving the Town's people and looking out for the best interest of the town. While other Towns have struggled with retaining staff we have been lucky to have dedicated, hard working crew with many years of experience, that not only provide road maintenance but mechanic work and maintenance saving tax payers money. I cannot Thank them enough

I appreciate the Residents of Canaan that have called with concerns as an open line of communication is key to improving and caring for the overall town.

As part of the road project for 2023 we were able to completed paving a section of Nelson Hill Road. Section of the Hill Road and rebuild a 400ft section of Clarke Street.

For 2023 the Road Commissioner will work with the Selectman to prioritize work needed and to accomplish as much as the budget will allow.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Michael Robinson Jr.

Road Commissioner

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## General Assistance Report

General Assistance- "a service administered by a municipality for the immediate aid of persons who are unable to provide the basic necessities to maintain themselves or their families."

For the year 2023, 1 household qualified for the following assistance:

Other Needs	<u>\$ 29.99</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$29.99

The Department of Health and Human Services reimburses the town 70% of the expenditures which is returned to the general fund.

It has been a privilege to serve the Town of Canaan.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Clarke  
General Assistance Administrator

## TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE



# CEMETERY SEXTON REPORT 2023

Last year...2023

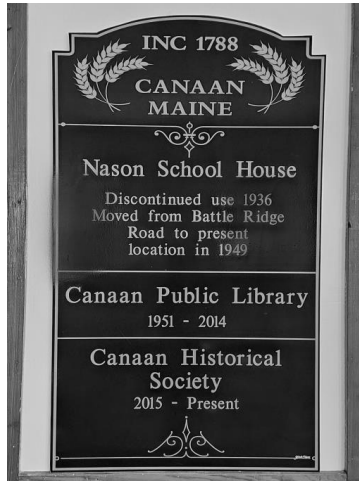
- ❖ I put a new roof on the storage building in the Fairview Cemetery on the Hartland Road;
- ❖ Repainted the Salisbury Cemetery fence;
- ❖ Repaired head stones in all the cemeteries;

Next year...2024

I will work on cemetery stones and repair the storage building in Fairview Cemetery.

Submitted by: David Hart

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE



(sign to be posted on Canaan Historical Society building)

## CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2024

Due to your support the old fluorescent lights in the “history house” were replaced with new pendant lights that use LED bulbs. We want to thank Mike Perkins with the help of his wife, Brenda, for completing this project for us.

Special thank you to the following:

- Dale Burrill for using his time and talent to build two bookshelves from donated lumber
- Lori Cahill for donating a quilt made by the Sunshine Club in the 1970s that includes the names of the members in embroidery or ink on the squares
- Fire Chief, Charlie Worster, for helping us with our fire extinguisher

We are grateful to Gretchen Keane for posting our Facebook page every Sunday. Our accomplishments of preserving and categorizing old documents and papers have given us material to share with everyone on our Facebook page, where interest is growing every day.

If there is someone or something in Canaan's history that you would like more information about please contact us and we will do our best to answer your questions. Volunteers are always welcome so if interested please contact Jeannie Dickey (399-4401) or Becky Sumner (474-8941).

Thank you for your support.

Canaan Historical Society



# 2023 Planning Board Report

## GREETINGS FRIENDS AND RESIDENTS OF CANAAN

In 2023 the Planning Board spent the year approving electrical permit requests for many residences throughout the Town of Canaan.

Additionally, in 2023 the Planning Board approved subdivision amendments for a couple subdivisions in Town also and worked on getting information together for the Town's Comprehensive Plan update.

As a reminder to everyone, the Planning Board has all the Town of Canaan ordinances, permits, Comprehensive Plan and planning board information on the **Town of Canaan website at [townofcanaan.com](http://townofcanaan.com)**.

Thank you to all staff at the Town Office, the Selectmen and CEO for working with us, answering questions, and assisting us with other duties.

**Thank you to the people of Canaan.** It has been a privilege and honor to serve you as Planning Board Secretary. Thank you too all members for making my job easier.

With regards,

**MaKayla Robinson, Canaan Planning Board Secretary**

**Please note for the Month of March, the Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024** at the Town Office at 6:00pm for the selection of Planning Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, First Park Representative, Kennebec Valley Counsel of Governments Representative and other agenda items.

Regular monthly scheduled Planning Board meetings are on second Wednesdays of the month due to the permitting/approval process of application as needed.

*ADA Message: In order to ensure your complete participation, we would appreciate being informed of any special requirements you may have due to a disability.*

## TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

Dear Taxpayer,

As we head into a new year the Library would like to share a few of the events and programs that were able to be held thanks to your support.

The Library has always strived to serve the needs and interests of the town of Canaan. Over the past year we have had the pleasure of offering a summer reading program for the children of Canaan that included Frogtown puppeteers, Kind Kids music concert, and Move and Groove with Miss Jenn. We were also able to offer author visits to the community, with visiting authors Michelle Shores, J.E. McCarthy and Amy Calder. Authors Jeanine Deas and Matt Cost have also been scheduled to visit in 2024. As we look towards the 2024 summer, we are working on booking more interactive programming for children, such as puppets and animal presentations, as well as many other events and activities.

In the past year the Library Board of Trustees has created future goals to help the Library in its efforts to support the community. This group has also helped to establish policies and guidelines for the Library. The Trustees have worked very hard in the past year to develop an active Friends group, a group which helps raise money for some of the programs we host and takes some of the burden away from taxpayers by purchasing things that are not budgeted. They also help with events and programs provided to the community.

If ever you need a place to hold a meeting, stop by the Library and schedule the program room. It is available during the Library's operating-hours, unless we have a big program going on. You can also rent the room during Library off-hours upon approval of the Trustees and the Selectmen. Please call the Library for further information if you are interested.

We are dedicated to making the Library a positive place to come and visit. We try to plan programs that the community would enjoy. If there is a program that you would like to see us hold please stop by the Library and make the suggestion. We would love to hear from you. Information and details about programs and events can be found on our Facebook page and monthly calendar.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dixie Ring  
Library Director Canaan Public Library

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE



## TOWN REPORT

### **Greetings from Canaan Farmers Hall!**

Last year was off to a great start in March when we were able to open our doors and hosted the Town Meeting for the first time in years! A FREE luncheon followed the meeting for any and all citizens. We plan on doing brunch for this year and it will follow immediately after the meeting. PLEASE do join us!

We resumed our annual fundraiser dinner in May after a three years of Covid preventing us from opening our doors. And in September we held the mystery dinner theater after three years for the same reason. We also rented out the hall for several weddings, parties, reunions and memorials at reduced rates for members.

Canaan Farmers Hall also served as the umbrella for Lake George Park season passes. Canaan Farmers Hall provided 56 family passes to Canaan families at a free or reduced rate. We will offer that again this year. We do need at least 50 families signing up to qualify for the reduced rate. Please be one of those families and take advantage of our beautiful park. Email [canaanfarmershall@gmail.com](mailto:canaanfarmershall@gmail.com) or [kathyperelka@gmail.com](mailto:kathyperelka@gmail.com) for more information and applications for Lake George Park family passes.

Our beautiful hall is funded by community membership. Please consider becoming a member for \$20 per person per year. Membership runs from July 1 until June 20th following our calendar year. We need community support to keep the building in good shape and to provide an affordable place for community events.

Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted by the Canaan Farmers Hall Board

Kathy Perelka president  
Scott Price treasurer/ secretary  
Sam Sanborn  
Danny Ring

Randy Grant vice president  
Mary Stuart  
Mike Perkins  
Tim Haiss

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE



## **Canaan Fire and Rescue Dept. 2023 Report**

In 2023 the Fire and Rescue Dept. responded to 120 Calls as follows:

Rescue	53
Structure /Chimney Fires	6
Mutual Aid to area Depts.	16
Grass/Brush Fires	4
Recreational/Auto Accidents	13
Auto/Equipment Fires	3
Storm Related	16
Misc Investigations (alarms,odor,electrical, etc)	9

All of our members at the department continue to work and train hard to provide us with the emergency care we need. This is a team the town of Canaan can be very proud of.

I would like to let the town know that the towns Fire and Rescue Dept. is still and will always be ready at a moments notice to serve the citizens of Canaan. We would like thank the town for all of your continued support that allows us to do what we do.

We have utilized some ARPA funds to replace the old problematic generator at the station as well as a new sign.

We have applied for and have been awarded yet another grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for the sum of \$35,000 with the intent of purchasing battery powered rescue tools aka "Jaws of Life". These tools will allow us to cut setup time at motor vehicle accidents from several minutes, down to no setup time at all, allowing us to save the patient(s) critical and potentially life saving time.

We have utilized some ARPA funds to replace the old problematic generator at the station as well as a new sign.

I would like to thank the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for their generosity as well as the Canaan Fire Auxiliary for their support and fund raising efforts that help with the gear, tools and training we need to keep this department, it's members and this community safe and help alleviate some of the financial burden on our taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Charlie Worcester, Fire and Rescue Chief

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

Code Enforcement Officer  
Building Inspector  
Plumbing Inspector  
(207) 858-5370  
2023 Report

In 2023 I issued seven (7) Shoreland Zoning Permits. There were two (2) Shoreland Zone violations found in 2023 that were corrected. The one (1) Subdivision violation found in 2023 that has been corrected by the owner, reviewed and approved. There were two (2) waste water disposal violations. There three (3) junkyard violations, all have been corrected. I will continue to work on junkyards in 2024. During the past year, six (6) occupancy permits were issued and forty three (43) plumbing permits with twenty (20) of these permits for new and/or replacement septic systems.

Each year I report to the taxpayers how important it is that anyone planning earth moving projects near any water or wet lands must install erosion controls such as hay bales or silt fencing. The law mandates any contractor that moves earth in any Shoreland Zoning District must be certified in erosion and sedimentation control practices by the Maine Department Of Environmental Protection, and can and will levy fines of up to \$2,500.00 per day on any projects without proper erosion controls in place.

2023 was again a very busy year, I issued fifty (55) permits, and seven (7) new housing starts. I performed over one hundred and ninety (190) inspections due to the increase of Shoreland Zoning mandatory inspections. The Town continues to grow, especially within the Town's shoreland district, and some of the nicest homes built in the State of Maine. Along with growth there must be enforcement of the Town and State adopted codes and ordinances. I continue to believe that working with people and careful enforcement of the codes and ordinances will help keep the Town of Canaan a safe and enjoyable place to live and work.

The Code Enforcement Officer is responsible for issuing Shoreland Zoning, Plumbing and Occupancy Permits and is responsible for enforcing the Maine State Plumbing Code, State Law Title 25, Subdivision Ordinances, Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, Flood Plain Management Ordinances, Solar Energy Ordinance, Sludge and Sewage Ordinance and NFPA life safety. It is important to anyone that is planning a project near any type of wetland, stream, brook or water body to contact me prior to the start of construction so that I may assist you with any necessary local or State land use permits.

As always I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Denise and the Planning Board for all their help and support in the the past year. I must give special thanks to Danielle for all the assistance she has given me to help make my job possible to accomplish throughout this past year.

I worked very hard to serve the Town of Canaan well in 2023 and look forward to working with the Town in 2024.

After 31 years of service, 2024 will be my last year that I will be working for the Town Of Canaan. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the citizens, support staff, department heads. Past and present Planning Boards and Selectmen for all their support. It has truly been a pleasure in serving the Town for the past 31 year.

Respectfully,

Randall D. Gray,  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Building and Plumbing Inspector

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## SOMERSET COUNTY

*Maine*

Somerset County serves 51,000 people spread over 4,000 square miles in various towns, plantations and unorganized territories filling the gaps between State and Local Services.

2023 brought in some significant changes to the people involved in County Government with three new Commissioners. Scott Seekins (District 3), John Alsop (District 4) and Joel Stetkis (District 5) joined Cyp Johnson (District 2) & Chairman Robert Sezak (District 1).

Leanne Dickey joined the Administrative Team as the Deputy Administrator/HR and Tim Curtis was hired in July as the new County Administrator replacing Dawn DiBlasi who had served in that capacity since 2013. Leanne served for several years in the Farmington Town Office and Tim had been the Madison Town Manager for nearly a decade.

In May the County Budget Committee finalized the fiscal year budget for 23/24, approving a 9.8% spending increase fueled by the increased costs of goods and services that impacted most municipal budgets. The overall County Budget is \$26.5M of which \$14.5M is paid from local property taxes. Nearly two thirds of County spending supports the Sheriff's Office and the Jail. The SO and Jail also make up two thirds of all County employees.

Like local police, fire and rescue departments, the County faces the same struggles in hiring and retaining employees in the public safety sector. Having open positions can result in some cost savings which will be rolled forward into the coming year's budget to help offset the impact on the taxpayer. The best case scenario however, is to be fully staffed in those important positions.

The Communication Center received 95,000 calls for service in 2023. Dispatching all those emergency calls throughout the County is a huge undertaking. Emergency Management has also seen a significant uptick in activity with Federal Emergency Declarations from storm damage in December 2022, May of 2023 and most recently the record flooding along the Kennebec in December 2023.

County services such as Probate Court, the Registry of Deeds and the District Attorney's office stay busy with a steady stream of work.

Coming in 2024 a new website will be available to guide residents to County services. Our intention is to make access as user friendly as possible. The address will be the same at [www.somersetcounty-me.org](http://www.somersetcounty-me.org)

One of the goals of the Commissioners is to help fill funding gaps in local services by offering Matching Grants with Community Benefit Funds. These funds come from an agreement with Blue Sky West in conjunction with the windmill projects in central and northern Somerset. In November 2023, a pilot grant program was launched that funds projects from municipalities and non-profits throughout the County. Overall, 12 grants were awarded to projects ranging from ADA accessibility, to recreational trail signage to new rescue equipment. Keep an eye out for another funding announcement for this program in the spring of 2024.

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## ANNUAL REPORT

### CANAAN COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD

This has been another difficult year for many of us, but we are still here. The cost of everything just keeps getting higher and higher. But we have been able to provide food for those in need. This year the gift cards we gave for Thanksgiving were 30.00 due to the higher costs of everything. It wasn't much but still helped some.

We have a new roof on the food cupboard. Thank you, Craig.

We have been giving more fresh vegetables to our clients thanks to an organization from Winslow, you may have seen them in Canaan and other towns giving out fresh vegetables. I have been going to Winslow to pick up donations on the days that I am open, or they have things that I can freeze frozen fruits, vegetables, meat and fish.

Denise Murchison has been providing individually packaged meals to go for our clients on the days that we are open and did Thanksgiving dinners for clients to pick up the day before the holiday. Thank you, Denise.

Our free clothing and small household items area is still a vital part of our service and will continue as long as we receive donations. Items can be dropped off whenever we are open or left by the door to the food cupboard.

I want to thank my two volunteers Linda and Kathleen for their dedication, without them I could not do what I do. I also want to thank Kurt and Zera who have been helping me with picking up the TEFAP foods and going with me to pick up the fresh vegetables. Thank you all so very much.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay well

Pam Hitchcock 207 474 5408

## TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

# CANAAN SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Town of Canaan sent 982.14 tons of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) to the Crossroads Landfill in Norridgewock Maine in FY 2023. This was a 3.1% increase in the number of tons from the previous year. The demolition debris disposed of however has increased to 40.64 tons that were disposed of at the Waterville Transfer Station from our biannual clean-up days which is a 4.5% decrease. The last solid waste category of tires was 8.74tons disposed at the landfill, about a 12% overall increase. The best way to reduce your cost for the disposal of solid waste tipping fees is continuing to recycle more materials and avoid paying over \$80.00 per ton in disposal fees. The Town of Canaan's recycling program saved or reused close to 190.73 tons of materials which saved \$15,284.40 in tipping fees for disposal at the landfill. I would like the town to strive in 2024 to recycle or reuse at least 300 tons of materials to save even more in tipping fees. Tipping fees are only going to continue to rise sharply over the next decade. We also recovered over \$30,000 in our fee system to commercial haulers that directly saved taxpayers money I would also like to increase fees to commercial waste hauler to help offset future increase as well.. A breakdown by category of recyclables in tons is as follows: Cardboard = 24.0 Mixed Paper = 10.2 Tin Cans = 5.5 Whitepaper = 2.4 Plastics = 4.75 Glass = 8.7 Metal = 78.98 Universal Waste = 3.7 Electronics = 2.5 Composting 50.0 Textiles/Reuse = 3.1 and Wood Chips = 50tons

I would like to thank all the citizens of Canaan for their continued dedication, support, and participation in the recycling program. I will continue to work hard to find new opportunities to save you the taxpayer money for solid waste disposal.

**\*\* Reminder that our annual Clean-up weekends are April 27th & 28th and September 14th & 15th 2024 from 7am –5pm.**

**\*\*\* Also be advised that on Clean-up Weekends it is your responsibility to unload materials into the dumpsters at the direction of the attendants.**

**\*\*\*\* NEW THIS YEAR EVERYONE MUST HAVE A TICKET FROM THE TOWN OFFICE BEFORE YOU CAN DISPOSE OF ANY ITEMS!! EVERYONE WHO HAS A TICKET MAY DISPOSE OF (2) TRUCK/TRAILER LOADS OF DEBRIS AT BOTH SPRING AND FALL CLEAN-UP WEEKENDS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Don Chute  
Solid Waste/Recycling Manager



# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE



STATE OF MAINE  
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Dear Maine Resident:

In January, I was privileged to take the Oath of Office to begin my second term as your Governor. I am deeply humbled by the trust the people of Maine have placed in me, and I look forward to continuing to work hard over the next four years to improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

Over the past four years, we have made real progress. We have expanded health care, leading to the largest decline in the uninsured rate of any state in the nation. We fully funded the State's share of public education. We delivered two-years of free community college. We fully restored municipal revenue sharing to five percent. We delivered substantial tax relief, nation-leading inflation relief, and emergency energy relief to help Maine people through difficult times.

Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we are strengthening and diversifying our economy. In 2022, our state's gross domestic product – a key measure of economic growth – grew at the 9th fastest rate in the United States. People are moving to Maine at a rate higher than any other New England state, and at one of the highest rates in the nation. We have enacted balanced budgets, and we have built up Maine's "Rainy Day" fund to a record high, preparing our state to continue meeting its commitments in the event of an economic downturn.

While I am proud of the progress we have made, there is more to do, like addressing the housing crisis, the workforce shortage, and the opioid epidemic and strengthening health care, education, and the economy. I know that by working together to tackle these issues head-on, we can improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people and make Maine the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you again for the honor to serve you as Governor.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet T. Mills'.

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.

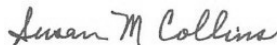
These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855th consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right – Dirigo – because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

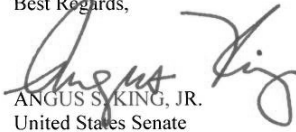
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans' suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Regards,



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Committee on Small Business

**Jared Golden**  
Congress of the United States  
2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I've been working on behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District.

Maine's heritage industries are the backbone of our state's economy. That is why one of the first bills I introduced in this Congress was the *Northeast Fisheries Heritage Protection Act*, which would prohibit commercial offshore wind energy development in Lobster Management Area 1 (LMA 1) in the Gulf of Maine. LMA 1 was identified by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as a potential commercial offshore wind site. LMA 1 is a critical and highly productive fishing ground for a variety of sea life, including lobster. Prohibiting offshore wind development in LMA 1 would help to avoid conflict with the New England commercial and recreational fishing industries. Additionally, the bill would initiate a federal study on the environmental review processes of any relevant Federal agencies for offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine.

I also continue to advocate on behalf of our veterans and those providing care to our former service members. The current pay for VA employees in the Kennebec and Penobscot counties does not reflect the critical services they are providing. As the oldest state in the nation, with the fifth highest veteran population, Mainers rely on the services offered at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities. That's why recently, Senator Collins, Senator King, Representative Pingree, and I called on the Biden Administration to increase locality pay for VA employees in Kennebec and Penobscot counties. The level of care received is impacted by job vacancies, and the high turnover rate among its healthcare workforce is often the result of pay and compensation issues, which is further exacerbated by the increased cost of living.

Lastly, I'm excited that Mainers are continuing to reap the benefits of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL). Recently, millions of dollars in grants have been awarded across the state, including \$35 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) program to conserve spawning and migratory habitats for native fish species in Maine, \$460,000 through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program for the Princeton Municipal Airport, Stephen A. Bean Municipal Airport, and Dexter Regional Airport, and nearly \$8 million through the Buses and Bus Facilities Program for Bangor's bus system. These investments are critical to ensuring Maine's infrastructure and will help to ensure Mainers and businesses across Maine are connected.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help answer questions about and navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

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- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress

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# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE



Brad Farrin  
Senator, District 3

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor to work on your behalf to make our state an even better place to live, work, and conduct business. I am grateful you have put your trust in me, and I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of Senate District 3.

The First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131<sup>st</sup> Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during its first year.

One area of success was in the Highway Fund. In the past, the Highway Fund has been supported through gasoline taxes, which have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles, and bonding. However, we now have created a sustainable source of funding to maintain our transportation infrastructure. This is done by dedicating 40% of the vehicle sales tax and the sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is predicted to raise more than \$200 million for infrastructure each biennium.

The Second Regular Session began on January 3rd of this year. I am eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. I have heard from many of you regarding the biggest concerns you are facing, including the protection of Maine's natural resources, increased costs of everyday items, access to health care and child care, education, housing, inflation, child welfare, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development, and crime, among others. I will continue to do all I can to advocate for your priorities in Augusta.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature has a great deal more work to do. However, I believe that if we work collaboratively, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at [Brad.Farrin@Legislature.Maine.Gov](mailto:Brad.Farrin@Legislature.Maine.Gov). If you have comments, questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Farrin'.

Brad Farrin  
State Senator

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE



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January 2024

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

It is an honor to serve as your state representative for District 69 in the Maine House of Representatives for the 131st Legislature. Representing the citizens of Canaan at the Statehouse on issues important to our region is a great privilege. I look forward to continuing my work and addressing the many public policy challenges that lie ahead.

The Second Regular Session of the Legislature got underway on January 3rd. Legislative committees are scheduled to debate approximately 635 bills this session. In order for me to represent you, I encourage you to provide me your thoughts and concerns on the issues that are important to you.

Using the legislative homepage: [Legislature.Maine.Gov](http://Legislature.Maine.Gov) you can monitor all legislative proposals being worked on at the State House. From here you can browse bill summaries and roll call votes, view session and public hearing schedules, listen to committee hearings or watch live streaming video of the House and Senate. You can also access committee hearings via Zoom, where you can observe or testify on a bill

During this Session, I continue to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry. This Committee is vital for our region as we engage on a variety of matters including agricultural fairs, animal welfare, the dairy industry, farmland preservation, the Dept. of Conservation, state parks, public lands, Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC), forest management, the Land for Maine's Future Program and Baxter State Park.

If you have an interest in receiving my e-newsletter updates, please send your email address to [Dean.Cray@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Dean.Cray@legislature.maine.gov) to be added to my distribution list. Also, please never hesitate to call me at 478-8279 to keep me updated on your questions and concerns. It is through your input that I can best represent the interests of our region in the Maine Legislature.

Again, thank you for providing me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean A. Cray".

Dean A. Cray  
State Representative

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## NOTES OF PROCEDURE & TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The MODERATOR presides over Town Meeting in accordance with MRSA Title 30A §2524. The Moderator further facilitates the meeting in accordance with MMA's Maine Moderators Manual

### REGISTERED VOTERS MUST CHECK IN WITH THE REGISTRAR

- **PROCEDURE:** The Moderator will read each article aloud and ask if someone will make a motion on the article; usually someone will respond “so moved” then “second”. The Moderator will then open discussion on the motion.
- **Amendments:** An amendment may be motioned and seconded to propose a change to an article; please note capped articles with specific monetary amount(s) contained in the wording are limited in that **they can only be decreased, not increased**. If an amendment does not pass, then the original motion is voted upon. **Ordinances cannot be amended from the floor. Yes or No written vote.**
- **Voting:** The Moderator will ask for a show of hands, if required – please keep your hand raised until Moderator (and his/her designees) have concluded counting. A vote for “all in favor” means – yes, you want the motion to pass, “all opposed” means – no, you want the motion to fail.  
**Challenges:** A voter who wishes to challenge the Moderator’s determination should immediately seek to be recognized and state “I doubt it”; if at least six other voters agree; the Moderator will make the determination more certain by using a designated other method of voting.
- **Written ballots:** any voter can move an article to be voted on by written ballot any time before the article is voted upon, the motion must be seconded, **no discussion is allowed** before voting on the motion to vote by written ballot.
- **If you wish to speak on an article:** wait until the Moderator has opened the floor to public comment discussion; raise your hand – when the Moderator has recognized you, then you may speak or proceed to a microphone if one is provided
  - State your name for the record & whom you represent if applicable
  - **Direct commentary or questions directly to the Moderator**
  - State your business in a brief & concise manner; relevant to the current article/motion
  - The Moderator has the right to set a time limit for comments, and overall on a motion
- **Order, Prohibitions:**
  - The Moderator will not entertain public comment about specific individuals.
  - Personal or accusatory comments are out of order; comments should be respectful and courteous.
  - **At no time will the public be allowed to argue, debate or introduce a topic that is not on the warrant.**
  - **Voters & attendees may not speak during Town Meeting unless recognized by the Moderator:** the audience shall not disturb the proceedings by whispering, talking or otherwise engaging in other distractions. **Cellular phones must be turned off; with the exception of emergency responders.**
  - If any person, after a command for order by the Moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the Moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the Moderator may have that person removed until the meeting is adjourned.

**Special Note: The following is the “Proposed Warrant”. There are occasions where legally there could be Warrant articles added, edited or deleted from what has been printed in the Town Report. Therefore: in accordance with MRSA Title 30-A§2523, please check the legal posting of the Warrant seven days prior to Town Meeting posted at: Town Office, Canaan Post Office and Canaan Superette.**

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**TO: Diane Caffyn**, Resident of the Town of Canaan, County of Somerset

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan, in said county, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the **CANAAN FARMERS HALL on Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2024 at 9:00am** in the morning then and there to act on the following articles:

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to assemble at the **Canaan Town Hall on Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, from 8:00 am** then and there to act upon **Article 2 by secret ballot** as set out below, the **polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm.**

**ART. 1 :** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

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**ART. 2 :** To elect all necessary town officers by secret ballot. To choose by ballot, the following town officials, namely, **three Select Board/Assessors** for a term of one year; **one Road Commissioner** for a term of one year.

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**ART. 3 :** Shall a corrected Ordinance entitled "**Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Cannabis Establishments and Retail Cannabis Social Clubs**" be enacted?

*Note: This is to correct the missing insertion of the word cannabis in section 3 from last years' ordinance that was passed in 2023.*

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## TOWN OF CANAAN

### Ordinance Prohibiting Retail ~~Marijuana~~ Cannabis Establishments and Retail ~~Marijuana~~ Cannabis Social Clubs

#### Section 1. Authority.

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the ~~Marijuana~~ Cannabis Legalization Act, ~~7 MRSA c. 417~~ MRSA Title 28-B; and Municipal Home Rule Authority, Me. Const., art. VIII, pt. 2: and 30-A MRSA § 3001.

#### Section 2. Definitions.



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For purposes of this ordinance, retail ~~marijuana~~-cannabis establishments, including retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis stores, retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis cultivation facilities, retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis products manufacturing facilities, and retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis testing facilities, and retail ~~marijuana~~-cannabis social clubs are defined as set forth in ~~7 MRSA § 2442~~ MRSA Title 28-B.

**Section 3.** Prohibition on Retail ~~Marijuana~~ Cannabis Establishments and Retail ~~Marijuana~~ Cannabis Social Clubs.

Retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis establishments, including retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis stores, retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis cultivation facilities, retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis products manufacturing facilities, and retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis testing facilities, and retail ~~marijuana~~ cannabis social clubs, are expressly prohibited in this municipality.

No person or organization shall develop or operate a business that engages in retail or wholesale sales of a retail ~~marijuana cannabis~~ product, as defined by ~~7 MRSA § 2442~~ MRSA Title 28-B.

Nothing in this ordinance is intended to prohibit any lawful use, possession or conduct pursuant to the Maine Medical Use of ~~Marijuana~~ Cannabis Act, 22-MRSA c. 558-C.

**Section 4.** Effective date, duration.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment by the municipal legislative body unless otherwise provided and shall remain in effect until it is amended or repealed.

**Section 5.** Penalties.

This ordinance shall be enforced by the municipal officers or their designee. Violations of this ordinance shall be subject to the enforcement and penalty provisions of 30-A MRSA § 4452.

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# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## **ART. 4 : Shall an Ordinance entitled; “Property Maintenance Ordinance” be enacted?**

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### TOWN OF CANAAN

#### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

##### **SECTION I. Legislative authority**

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3001.

##### **SECTION II. Purpose**

The purpose of this chapter is to set a minimum standard for the maintenance of the grounds of property in order to protect public health, public safety and property values.

##### **SECTION III. Applicability**

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all existing residential and nonresidential structures and all existing premises and constitute minimum requirements and standards for the maintenance of structures and the grounds of property.

##### **SECTION IV. Required Maintenance**

All grounds or parts thereof shall be maintained to prevent unsafe and unsanitary conditions to avoid any adverse effect on the value of adjoining properties. Grounds include accessory and appurtenant structures such as garages, and sheds, etc.

##### **SECTION V. Grounds maintenance standards**

The grounds of any property shall be kept in good repair and free of unsafe or unsanitary conditions. Such conditions may include but is not limited to: refuse, household trash, junk, discarded plumbing, heating supplies, rope, rags, batteries, paper trash, rubber, waste and, debris, scrap lumber, unused and inoperable appliances, worn and unused furniture, and three or more junked and/or unserviceable vehicle(s). Materials intended for the private use of the property owner may be stored on the property as long as such material is screened from the public way and from abutting properties and is not in violation with state laws. Operable routine machinery and equipment for primarily residential private use is allowed to be stored on a property. Private use does not include resale.

##### **SECTION VI. Maintenance after casualty damage**

Within a period of 90 days after casualty (see Definitions) damage to property grounds or structures, the owner shall cause or contract for the repair or restoration of damaged areas and the demolition of any areas not to be repaired and the removal of all debris connected therewith. The Code Enforcement Officer (where after known as CEO) may grant an extension under certain hardship conditions as in Section VIII.

##### **SECTION VII. Recreation vehicles.**

When a recreational vehicle, tent or similar shelter is placed on-site for more than one hundred and twenty (120) days per year, all requirements for residential structures shall be met, including the

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installation of a subsurface sewage disposal system in compliance with the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules unless served by public sewage facilities or approved licensed campground.

## **SECTION VIII. Change of Use**

A change of use of property shall be result in an inspection from the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) to determine compliance with the relevant provisions of this Ordinance.

## **SECTION IX. Liability for violations and corrective actions**

Owners, operators, and occupants of properties in violation of this chapter shall be jointly and severally liable for violations and for corrective actions required.

## **SECTION X. Enforcement; violations and penalties; extensions**

1. The CEO, or his or her designee, shall notify the violator, serving a written notice by mail or by hand delivery. Said notice shall explain the nature of the violation and require corrective action within 30 calendar days from the date of the notice to correct the violation, ten days (maximum) for a health and/or safety violation as determined by the CEO. The violator may appeal the CEO's decision to the Board of Select persons. Appeals must be made within ten working days of notification by the CEO of a violation or at the next scheduled Selectboard Meeting, whichever comes first. The number of days given for compliance shall start after the Selectboard has heard the appeal.
2. If a violation is not corrected within the time allowed, the Town shall pursue all remedies, including pursuit of a judge's order to abate the property and remove the m a t e r i a l in violation at the property owner's expense provided in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3758-A(4)(C). In addition, the Town shall pursue relief available by law and/or in equity for land use ordinances, including, without limitation, the remedies and relief provided in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4452, currently including, without limitation, a penalty of \$100 to \$2,500 per day for a specific violation, injunctive relief and reasonable attorney fees, expert witness fees and costs. The Town shall retain all penalties set forth in this chapter. The CEO may represent the Town in District Court, pursuant to Rule 80-K. However, should the services of the Town Attorney be required, in litigation in a higher court of law, for example, the CEO shall first review the case with the Selectboard.
3. The CEO may offer one special extension per person/per incident of up to 180 days to violators of this ordinance under certain hardship or extenuating circumstances. If a violation is discovered during winter months (November 1 to April 1) and if winter weather prevents the correction of a violation, an extension may be given. Cases of disability or financial hardship shall also be grounds for the consideration of an extension. Violators requesting an extension for financial hardship shall be required to prove hardship through financial documentation. These extensions for seasonal, disability, or financial hardship shall be at the discretion of the CEO and/or the Selectboard.

## **SECTION XI. Definitions**

CASUALTY— Any unforeseeable, unintended damage affecting a property.

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CAUSE or CONTRACT — Includes the initiation of an insurance claim (as opposed to resolution), the contracting of a construction/repair business, or the substantial preparation for self-repair work.

CEO- Code Enforcement Officer

GROUNDS — The part of a property not covered by permanent structures.

JUNK — For this chapter, the term "junk" refers to dilapidated or discarded material or objects as determined by the CEO.

OCCUPANT — Any person living, sleeping, or having actual possession of a dwelling unit or rooming unit.

OPERATOR — Any person who has charge, care or control of a dwelling or property, or a part thereof, whether with or without the knowledge and consent of the owner.

OWNER — Any person who, alone or jointly or severally with each other, shall have legal or equitable title to any property, with or without accompanying actual possession thereof, or shall have charge or control of any dwelling unit as owner or agent of the owner or as fiduciary, including but not limited to executor, administrator, trustee, receiver or guardian of the estate or as a mortgagee in possession, regardless of how such possession was obtained.

PROPERTY — For this chapter, the term shall be defined as any lot, plot, or parcel of land.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES: A vehicle or an attachment to a vehicle designed to be towed, and designed for temporary sleeping or living quarters for one or more persons and which may include a pick-up camper, travel trailer, tent trailer, camp trailer and motor home. In order to be considered as a vehicle and not as a structure, subject to the requirements of this ordinance, the vehicle must: 1). remain with its tires on the ground;

- 2). possess current registration sticker or plate from any State Division of Motor Vehicles;
- 3). not be longer than forty-five feet (45'), higher than thirteen feet six inches (13'6"), nor wider than one hundred and eight inches (108"), exclusive of any slide-out room, awning or canopy that must be retracted for the over-the-road transport.

STRUCTURES- Anything built or constructed and permanently affixed on a property that cannot be considered grounds or landscaping.

UNSERVICEABLE- For the purposes of this chapter, the Town will rely on a Maine Supreme Court decision (Town of Pownal v. Emerson, 639 A.2d 619) (Me 1994); (Town of Mt. Desert v. Smith, 2000ME 88, 751 A.2.d. 445) which includes the following: "unserviceable means not ready for use or presently usable" as opposed to "incapable of being serviced."

## **SECTION XII. Severability**

If any section, subsection, clause, paragraph, phrase or portion of this chapter is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portions shall be deemed to be a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

## **SECTION XIII. Conflict with other laws**

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Whenever a provision of this chapter conflicts with or is inconsistent with another provision of this chapter or any other ordinance, regulation or statute, the provision imposing the greater restriction shall control. The newest version of this chapter shall be the one that is enforced.

## SECTION XIV. Effective Date

This chapter shall be effective when approved by the voters of the Town of Canaan.

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**ART. 5 :** To see if the Town will vote to increase by **\$21,370.47** the property tax levy limit of **\$568,252.58** established for the Town of Canaan by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the proceeding articles will result in tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

**ART. 6 :** To see if the Town will adopt for collection of taxes in the year **2024**; all taxes are due and payable upon commitment; advance or partial payments may be made; to allow a **2%** discount on all taxes paid in full within **30 days**; charge interest at the rate of **8.5%** per annum after **30 days** from the date of mailing; all taxes outstanding on **January 31, 2025** will be listed in the Town Report.

**ART. 7 :** To see if the Town will vote to require the municipal officers to provide the former owner(s) of tax-acquired property, or if deceased his/her/their heirs/devisees/personal representative 30 days to repurchase the property for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees, and costs; if the former owner does not repurchase the property the Municipal Officers may sell the property through the sale process in 36 MRS § 943-C, provided that if the former owner does not timely request that process or the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C(3), the board may sell the property through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of the property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. For sales to someone other than the former owner(s) excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 MRS § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

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## **ART. 8 :**

- A. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506.
- B. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the assessors the use of overlay to pay for abatements.
- C. Shall the Town vote to authorize the treasurer to collect plumbing permit fees from the plumbing inspector and in turn pay the State for such fees.
- D. To see if the Town will approve 2/12 of the budget for the **2025** fiscal year, making expenditure of funds legal during February and March **2025**.
- E. To see if the Town will vote to continue to honor the “Inter-local Agreement” with the State of Maine’s Bureau of Parks and Lands to operate and manage Lake George Regional Park. (Skowhegan-Canaan Inter-Local, twenty-year, Agreement passed at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting).
- F. To see if the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan will vote to turn over to **Lake George Corporation the State of Maine’s payment in lieu of taxes for 2024**, should they be reinstated to the Town of Canaan in the next year (they were rescinded by the State in 2018).
- G. To see if the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan will vote to allocate the snowmobile registration money received from the State of Maine for the upkeep and maintenance of trails, and to allocate any other funds received from grants designated to snowmobiling to the Canaan Bog Bouncers.
- H. To see if the Town will vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant Application and submit said applications to the Department of Economic and Community Development.
- I. To see if the Town will vote to hire equipment at state rates.
- J. To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer to collect fees & fines associated with animal control actions and apply said fees & fines to the animal control expense account.

**ART. 9 :** To see if the Town will vote to **open all secondary roads in Canaan to ATV access and shall continue in effect until repealed or amended.**

**ART. 10 :** To see if the Town will vote **to elect the Select Board on a three-year staggered term, starting in 2025.**

**ART. 11 :** **To see if the Town will vote to confirm acceptance of a Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union grant of \$500.00**, and authorize the municipal officers to execute any documents related to this grant, and authorize the expenditure of the grant awards for the purpose of purchasing new pet oxygen masks and/or transport cages and traps for Animal Control.

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**ART. 12 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$429,269.94** for Town Expenses.

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows.*

	2023 Raised	2024 Request
(3) SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
TOWN CLERK + Clerk Fees	\$ 12,970.00	\$ 8,000.00
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00
EXCISE TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 35,370.00	\$ 35,370.00
ELECTIONS	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,300.00
TREASURER, TAX COLLECTOR, SECRETARY	\$ 41,600.00	\$ 42,640.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (CEO)	\$ 15,800.00	\$ 17,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
CEO - SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,700.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
G.A. ADMINISTRATION EDUCATION & DUES	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 6,900.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER SUPPLIES	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
ANIMAL SHELTER	\$ 4,100.91	\$ 4,304.16
NUISANCE WILDLIFE REMOVAL	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,300.00
TOWN OFFICE-GENERAL SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
TOWN OFFICE- ASSISTANT(S) WAGES	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 25,000.00
TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
TOWN OFFICE EDUCATION	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
TOWN OFFICE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
INSURANCE	\$ 30,103.00	\$ 33,710.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$ 11,078.00	\$ 12,719.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
TRIO SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT	\$ 14,346.32	\$ 16,165.78
TAX DISCOUNT	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
ASSESSING	\$ 26,800.00	\$ 26,800.00
LEGAL EXPENSE	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
2024 AUDIT	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 8,100.00
MMA DUES	\$ 3,090.00	\$ 3,158.00
KVCOG DUES	\$ 2,826.00	\$ 2,882.00
FIRST PARK	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 7,445.00
STREET LIGHTS	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
FOOD CUPBOARD	\$ 10,533.40	\$ 11,096.00
FOOD CUPBOARD SITE BUILDING FUND	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
CHILDRENS SPORTS SKOWHEGAN REC PROGRAM	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 383,347.63</b>	<b>\$ 429,269.94</b>

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**ART. 13 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for summer Camp Podooc for Canaan children in grades 1-6 implemented at **Lake George Regional Park** for **up to 85 children** either option A. – OR- B. below:

**A. Program to run TWO weeks: \$18,100.00**

**B. Program to run ONE week: \$11,830.00**

**ART. 14 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,500.00** for **PLANNING BOARD** expenses.

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

	2023 Raised	2024 Request
Chairperson	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Secretary	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Members	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
General Expense & Hearings	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00

**ART. 15 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the **Road Commissioner \$30.00** per hour, not to exceed **\$64,800.00** per fiscal year. Road crew and miscellaneous labor up to the rate of **\$23.50** per hour. Truck driver-equipment operator up to **\$25.00** per hour.

**ART. 16 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$250,000.00** for continued **Road Improvements projects to include, but not limited to, improvements to Salisbury Road and Morrill Pond Road**, and other road improvement projects the Select Board and/or Road Commissioner deem in the best interest of the town.

**ART. 17 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$30,000.00** to be placed in a reserve account toward the **replacement of culverts on the Morrill Pond Road**.

**ART. 18 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$100,000.00** to be placed in a reserve account towards the purchase of **highway department motorized equipment** to be decided on by the Road Commissioner and approved by the Selectmen.

**ART. 19 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$27,819.73** to pay the lease on the **2021 plow truck** which will pay off this lease.



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**ART. 20 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$212,200.00** for **Winter Road Maintenance**.

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

	2023 Raised	2024 Request
Labor	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Salt & Sand	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Gas/Diesel/Oil	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Hired Equipment & Towing	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Garage Maintenance	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00
Garage Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Utilities	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 198,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 212,200.00</b>

**ART. 21 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$157,700.00** for **Summer Road Maintenance**.

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

	2023 Raised	2024 Request
Labor	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 60,000.00
Hired Equipment & Towing	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Gravel/Sand/Geo-Textile	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Culverts	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Pavement Maintenance	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Dust Control	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Gas/Diesel/Oil *	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Tires	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Education	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Signs/Posts/Mulch Hay	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
911 Road Signs	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Roadside Brush Cutting,	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Mowing & Removal		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 134,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 157,700.00</b>

**ART. 22 :** To see if the Town will vote to accept a **Somerset County Community Benefit Flood Relief award of \$5,000.00** and agree to the terms and conditions imposed by the County in its letter accompanying the award, and authorize the municipal officers to adopt a policy to govern the distribution of the award to Canaan residents impacted by the December 2023 storm in accordance with the terms specified by the County, and authorize the municipal officers to appropriate the award in accordance with the policy.

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**ART. 23 :** To see if the town will vote to appropriate **\$50,000.00 from anticipated motor vehicle excise revenue to be placed in a reserve account** designated for future road improvements.

*Note: Excise Tax was enacted into Maine law in 1925, 36 MRS §1482. It is based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price to make the tax fair to everyone. It is levied yearly and the money is typically spent on local road maintenance, construction and repair.*

**ART. 24 :** To see if the Town will accept perpetual care from the following:

**Joan Sheehan \$200.00**

**ART. 25 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$28,160.00 for CEMETERIES.**

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

	2023 Raised	2024 Request
General Care of Cemeteries	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,000.00
Soldier Lots	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Restore Headstones (non-perpetual)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Maintain Cemetery Roads	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Utilities	\$ 250.00	\$ 360.00
Fence	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Roof	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 28,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,160.00</b>

**ART. 26 :** To see if the Town will vote to pay the **Sexton \$20.00 per hour and helpers \$16.00 - \$18.00.**

**ART. 27 :** To see if the town will raise or appropriate **\$59,660.64** for municipal health insurance for full-time employees (amount based on four full time employees).

**ART. 28 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$67,260.00** for the **LIBRARY.**

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

	2023 Raised	2024 Request
General	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 19,160.00
Librarian Director Salary	\$ 24,050.00	\$ 24,700.00
Personnel	\$ 22,963.00	\$ 23,400.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 62,013.00</b>	<b>\$ 67,260.00</b>

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**ART. 29 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,500.00** to be placed in a reserve account for future repairs to the **LIBRARY**.

**ART. 30 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,520.00** for **CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**.

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

	2023 Raised	2024 Request
Electricity	\$ 400.00	\$ 440.00
Heating	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Lawn Mowing	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Museum Supplies	\$ 400.00	\$ 550.00
Fire Extinguisher Inspection	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,830.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,520.00</b>

**ART. 31 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$84,700.00** for the **CANAAN FIRE DEPARTMENT**.

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

	2023 Raised	2024 Request
Fire Chief	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Department Expense - General	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 15,600.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Assistant Chief (1)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Captains (2)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
EMS Administrator	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Firefighter Nominal Fee/Stipend	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Firemen/Rescue Equipment & Training, Immunization & Fire Prevention Week	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 23,100.00
Matching Funds	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Equipment/Truck Maintenance	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Fire Chief Personal Truck Used for Dept. Business	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 80,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 84,700.00</b>

**ART. 32 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$50,000.00** to be placed in a reserve account toward the purchase of **Fire Department motorized equipment** to be decided on by the Fire Chief and approved by the Select Board.

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**ART. 33 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$152,500.00** for **SOLID WASTE REDUCTION.**

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

	2023 Raised	2024 Request
Solid Waste Reduction Board Manager	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
SWR Manager Assistant	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
SWR Secretary - Danielle McCormick	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
General Expense	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
Waste Collection Weekends	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Utilities	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Labor	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal/MSW Tipping Fee	\$ 74,100.00	\$ 80,000.00
Recycling Center Lease	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Contingency Fund	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Pittsfield Recycling Site User Fee	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Site Building Fund	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Septic Disposal	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 160,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 152,500.00</b>

**ART. 34 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$13,327.75** for **NON-PROFITS.**

*Note: For the information of the voters, if this amount is approved, the Select Board will use the funds as follows:*

	2023 Raised	2024 Request
American Red Cross	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Community Health & Counseling	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Crisis & Counseling Centers	\$ 1,854.09	\$ -
Family Violence Project	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Kennebec Behavioral Health Center	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
KVCAP Transportation Services	\$ 650.00	\$ 800.00
Maine Public Broadcasting Network	100.00	\$ 100.00
Northern Light Home Care & Hospice	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Senior Spectrum Generations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,050.00
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	\$ 768.00	\$ 768.00
Somerset Economic Development	\$ 100.00	\$ -
The Children's Center	\$ 1,211.50	\$ 1,211.50
The Lifeflight Foundation	\$ 548.00	\$ 548.25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 14,781.59</b>	<b>\$ 13,327.75</b>

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**ART. 35 :** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate \$75,605.47 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for purposes they deem advisable so long as they adhere to the specific terms and conditions that limit the use of the funds.

**ART. 36 :** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate 100% from Local Road Assistance Program (formerly URIP) to reduce the 2024 taxes.

**ART. 37 :** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from an anticipated amount of motor vehicle excise tax to fund the highway expenditures, \$400,000.00.

**ART. 38 :** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus to reduce the 2024 taxes, \$300,000.00.

*The Selectmen hereby give notice that, in addition to the regular town office hours, the Registrar of Voters will be on duty Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the day of Town Meeting, from 9:00 a.m. until meeting adjourned and Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the day of election, from 8:00 a.m. until the election of officers, required by law to be by ballot, shall have been completed to hear and decide upon the application of persons claiming a right to vote.*

*Given under our hands the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Megan Smith

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Harriman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen Perelka

*A True Copy of the Warrant,*

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Denise B. Stetkis, Clerk of Canaan*

# TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE

## SAMPLE BALLOT STATE OF MAINE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TOWN OF CANAAN, MAINE MARCH 25, 2024

Town Clerk

### Instructions to Voters

- ◆ TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the LEFT of your choice(s) like this:
- ◆ Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- ◆ To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and municipality of residence on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL. If you do not fill in the oval, your vote can not be counted
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

SELECT BOARD/ASSESSOR 1 Year VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE	ROAD COMMISSIONER 1 Year VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE
<input type="radio"/> Clarke, Jeffrey P. Canaan	<input type="radio"/> Robinson Jr., Michael W.
<input type="radio"/> Harriman, Daniel E. Canaan	<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in
<input type="radio"/> Santos, Julie A. Canaan	
<input type="radio"/> Smith, Megan Y. Canaan	
<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in	
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<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in	

**TOWN OF CANAAN**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**FISCAL YEAR END 01/31/2024**

*The financial report was not available at printing time, it will be made available, pursuant to Title 30A §2801, no later than 3 days prior to Annual Town Meeting and at the Town Office.*

**Auditors:**

**Purdy Powers & Company, 130 Middle St. Portland, ME 04101**

**TOWN OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY  
8AM - 12PM 1PM - 4PM  
WEDNESDAY, 11 AM -7 PM**

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- ❖ **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER DONALD DECKER** 207-399-8135
- ❖ **ASSESSOR BECKY ADAMS** [pointsnorthassessing@gmail.com](mailto:pointsnorthassessing@gmail.com)
- ❖ **BURN PERMITS PETER CLARKE** 431-4299
  - ❖ CHARLES WORCESTER 431-1922
- ❖ **CANAAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** 474-3901
- ❖ **CANAAN FOOD CUPBOARD** (*emergency # only*) 474-5408
  - ❖ *Generally open 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1pm -3pm*
  - ❖ *Pick up monthly schedule at the Town Office*
- ❖ **CANAAN POST OFFICE** 474-3349
- ❖ **CANAAN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS** **Tues** 12-5 **Wed** 10-6, **Fri** 10-5, **SAT** 9-12
  - ❖ DIXIE RING, LIBRARIAN DIRECTOR 474-2149 [www.canaan.lib.me.us](http://www.canaan.lib.me.us)
- ❖ **CANAAN RECYCLING SELF SERVICE** 8 AM-DUSK
- ❖ **CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLUMBING INSPECTOR RANDY GRAY** 858-5370
- ❖ **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**
- ❖ **MAINE WARDEN SERVICE** 941-4440
- ❖ **NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL DONALD DECKER** 207-399-8135
- ❖ **PLANNING BOARD PAULA ROBINSON** 474-5754 (*meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed each month*)
- ❖ **ROAD COMMISSIONER TOWN GARAGE** 474-6174
- ❖ **RECYCLE WEEKENDS APR 27th & 28th, SEPT 14th & 15<sup>th</sup> 7AM - 5PM**
- ❖ **SELECT BOARD MEETING** Check Towns Website for Monthly Schedule!
- ❖ **CEMETERY SEXTON DAVID HART** 446-4884
- ❖ **SHERIFF SOMERSET COUNTY** 474-9591
- ❖ **STATE POLICE TROOP C, SKOWHEGAN** 474-3350
- ❖ **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS S.A.D. #54, SKOWHEGAN** 474-9508