

Bucksport, Maine Annual Town Report



July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

2020 ANNUAL REPORT DEDICATION

BUCKSPORT PUBLIC SAFETY



Deputy Fire Chief Michael Denning, Public Safety Director Sean Geagan, Deputy Police Chief David Winchester



James Fleming, Joseph Wardwell, Dave Denis, Jay Durost, Lt. Jamie Bowden, Head Engineer Eugene Bass, Jessie Cochran, Christopher Grindle, Capt. John Gavelek, Capt. Pamela Payson, Capt. Christopher Connor, Dep. Fire Chief Michael Denning, Allyson Corriveau-Moore, Barbara Cote, Elizabeth McCann, James Morrill, Aimee Reynolds, Public Safety Director Sean Geagan, Dep. Police Chief David Winchester, Robert Findlay, Steven Bishop, Eric Marcel, Jackson Schmidt, Matthew Schmidt, Gerald Lowe, Christopher McCrillis, Ryan Knight, Ryan Welch (Not Pictured **Fire** - Oliver Bianchi, Jared Bowden, Mark Bowden, Stephen Bowden, Shane Bowden, Trevor Bowden, Brendan Bradley, Larry Chambers, David Davis, Brian DiCenzo, Elizabeth Doyle, Kari Gray, Terrance Grindle, Derek Hawes, Erik Lauritsen, Ryan McGuire, Paul Rabs, Michael Sealy, Nicole Sealy, Kevin Stevens Jr, Angel Sukeforth, Warren Weaver **Police** – Sergeant Darrin Moody, Ernest Fitch, and Richard Sullivan **Dispatch** – Jesse Jenkins and Heather Tweedie **Animal Shelter** – Olivia Ford)

The 2020 Annual Report for the Town of Bucksport is dedicated to the men and women of the Bucksport Public Safety Department. The Fire/EMS, Police, and Dispatch personnel who work for the department have done an outstanding job of continuing to provide exceptional service during one of the most challenging years in memory.

Under the leadership of Public Safety Director Sean Geagan, Deputy Fire Chief Michael Denning, and Deputy Police Chief David Winchester, Bucksport Public Safety has met the additional challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing to respond to the thousands of calls a year for service that the department normally answers. They have done so with professionalism, compassion, and love for the community that they serve and we are indeed fortunate to have them working for the benefit of the residents of Bucksport.

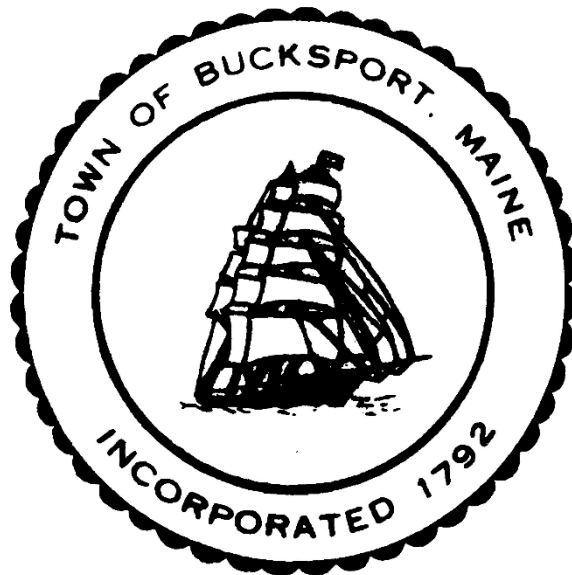
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TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

**FORTY-EIGHT YEARS OF COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF
GOVERNMENT**



“RICH IN HERITAGE, LOOKING TO THE FUTURE”

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2019 Holiday Employee Luncheon

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ELECTED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

TERMS EXPIRE

Town Council

Paul Bissonnette	January 2022
Kathy Downes	January 2023
Mark Eastman	January 2021
James Morrison	January 2022
Daniel Ormsby	January 2022
Edward Rankin Jr	January 2023
Peter Stewart	January 2021

RSU #25 School Board

Peter Clair	January 2023
Thomas Foster	January 2021
Scott Frazier	January 2022
Jennifer Therrien	January 2021

Planning Board

Edward Belcher	March 31, 2021
Steven Bishop	March 31, 2023
Jay Durost	March 31, 2025
Steve Feite	March 31, 2022
David Grant	March 31, 2021
George Hanson	March 31, 2025
Brian MacDonald	March 31, 2024

Board of Assessment Review

John Corrigan	March 31, 2022
Joseph Davanzo	March 31, 2022
Candice Spalding	March 31, 2021

Zoning Board of Appeals

Emery Deabay	March 31, 2025
W. Kim Delbridge	March 31, 2021
Richard Petersen	March 31, 2022
Richard Tennant, Jr.	March 31, 2023
Donald White	March 31, 2024

Conservation Commission

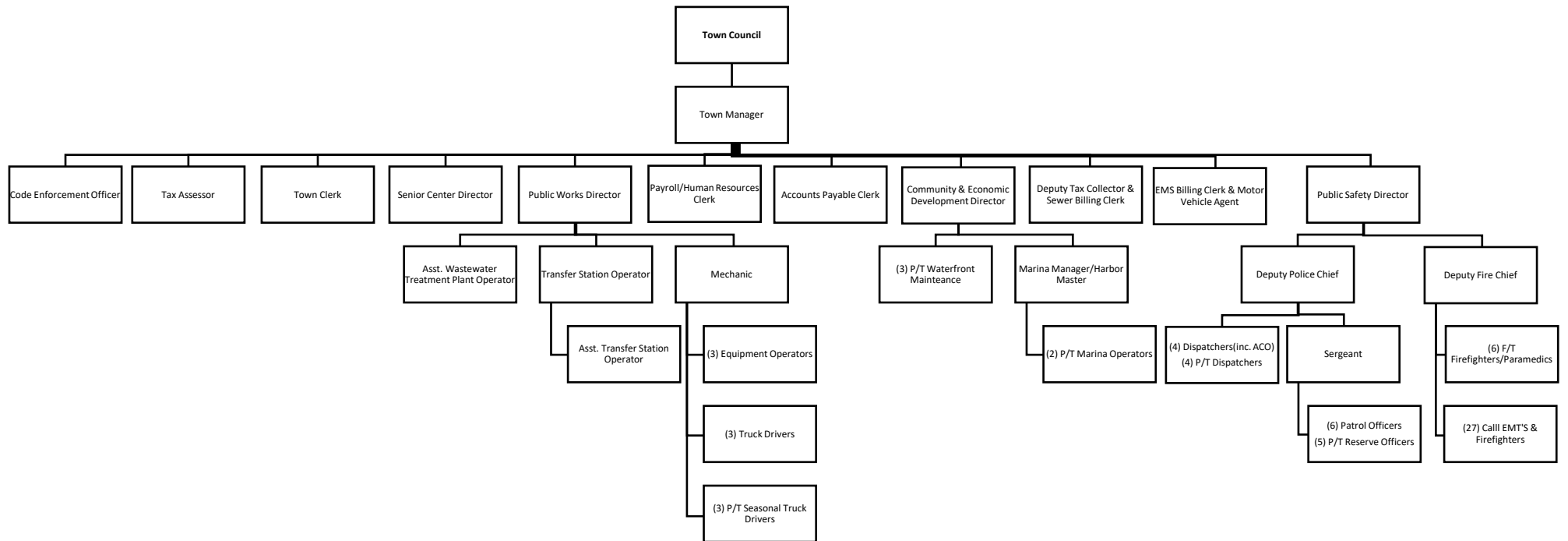
Mary "Betty" Barker	March 31, 2022
John Christopher	March 31, 2021
Kathy Downes	March 31, 2022
Karen Johnson	March 31, 2023
Linda Plourde	March 31, 2021
Candice Spalding	March 31, 2023

Parks and Recreation Committee

Sean Geagan	March 31, 2022
Frederick (Rick) McHale	March 31, 2023
Richard Rotella	March 31, 2021
Richard Sprague	March 31, 2021
George Watkins	March 31, 2021
David Winchester	March 31, 2023

Town Manager, Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Welfare Director Susan Lessard	April 4, 2022
Town Clerk Jacob Gran	Indefinite
Registrar of Voters Jacob Gran	January 1, 2021
Public Safety Director Sean Geagan	Indefinite
Deputy Police Chief David Winchester	Indefinite
Deputy Fire Chief and Town Fire Warden Michael Denning	Indefinite
Code Enforcement Officer and Plumbing Inspector Luke Chiavelli	August 31, 2020
Tax Assessor Katlyn Howlett	October 10, 2021
Economic Development Director Rich Rotella	Indefinite
Public Works Director Jay Lanpher	Indefinite
Harbor Master Michael Ormsby	March 31, 2021
Deputy Harbor Master David Grant	March 31, 2021
Health Officer Valerie Sulya	March 31, 2021

TOWN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



TOWN MANAGER

The purpose of this memo is to provide a synopsis of some of the changes, progress and challenges including not only 2019-20 – but the past five years overall.

Background – I was hired in August of 2015 on an interim basis, and in April of 2016, hired as the Bucksport Town Manager. My first few years here were devoted to ‘putting the wheels back on the bus’ – completing audits and town reports, reconstructing financial records, replacing staff, working to establish a workable, sustainable budget model, and working to create more transparency in local government through the addition of online posting of meeting & budget information, video streaming of all meetings, and use of social media - and to instill confidence in staff that I would be here every day, that I would work with them and support them in their work, and that I would represent them and their departments well with the Town Council and the community.

Since then - Over the past five years, the Town has taken many positive steps toward establishing a new future on a solid foundation, and we have done so in such a way as not to decimate town services, raise the mil rate, or sit and wait to be saved by others. We have accomplished much these past five years and I am proud of the role I have played in all of this. I have done my best to be a good representative for the Town of Bucksport in the community, in the media, and with the many organizations with which we partner and to exhibit leadership that has helped Bucksport through these efforts to emerge as a community in which people want to live, and work and locate their businesses. The following are bullet-points of some of what we have done in the past five years. The Councils have set policies that allowed these things to happen and with my exceptional staff – we have moved things forward. I believe that both the staff and residents of Bucksport know that I care about them and this community and that we work every day to find ways to improve our services and address community needs.

- Planning - There has been an extensive amount of planning conducted in the past five years including the updated Comprehensive Plan, the EPA area wide planning grant – ADAPT, the Economic Development Plan Update, Heart & Soul, the Recreation Plan, and the AARP Age & Ability Action Plan.
- Staffing –
 - Rich Rotella was hired as the Community & Economic Development Director and has done a superb job in helping to fill Main Street, the added lots to the Business Park, and the former mill site.
 - The retirement of the Recreation Director resulted in the Y contract for programming,
 - Mike Ormsby was hired as a full time- Summer-Fall, part time Winter-Spring to operate the Marina
 - Highway was restructured to remove the foreman position and make the Director position one with skill sets that allow him to step in and operate equipment when necessary.
 - Two additional fire/ems persons were hired to augment the four full time staff people, aided by a three-year safer grant that paid a large percentage of the costs of these employees for the first three years
 - The retirement of the Fire Chief, after a long review process, resulted in the implementation of a Public Safety model that had been contemplated in Town Comprehensive Plans for many years.
 - The hiring of Luke Chiavelli as the Code Enforcement Officer, who has a very customer friendly focus.
 - IT contract with RSU 25
- Budgets
 - Mil rate decrease from a high of \$17.10 established in June of 2015, to a low of \$16.30 which has been the same for the past two years.
 - Combination of the Finance/Town Manager position as one part-time position, saving the Town over \$100,000 annually between salary and health insurance benefits.

- Sewer rates have not been increased since June of 2015
- Grants
 - Fire Grant for 224,000 for smoke detectors and CO2 monitors and safety inspections
 - 3 year SAFER grant for 2 Fire/EMS positions
 - Numerous Police enforcement grants – drunk driving/texting
 - Safety Equipment grants for police, fire, and sewer treatment from the Maine Municipal grant program
 - Broadband planning grant
 - Connect ME grant to complete cable/internet on Millvale and Bucks Mills Roads
 - Town Dock planning Grant
 - Marina diesel fuel grant
 - \$200,000 EPA Area-Wide Planning Grant
 - Bucks Mills/Jacob Buck Pond Road Culvert grants
 - MDOT retaining wall replacement grant
 - Efficiency Maine grants for part of LED installations in Public Safety, Town Office and the waterfront lighting
- Projects/Events
 - 8 lot expansion of business park
 - Video streaming of Council, Committee & Planning Board Meetings
 - Conversion to zero-sort recycling program
 - Solar array at Town Garage
 - Solar array at Sewer Treatment Facility
 - Replacement of Town Office and Public Safety Building fixtures with high efficiency water usage ones
 - Installation of led lighting in Public Safety, Town Office, and Walkway lighting
 - Sidewalk reconstruction
 - Night sky lighting retrofit for walkway lighting
 - Permanent unencumbered access for the walkway
 - Permission from the DEP to alter dimensional requirements on waterfront properties from Hannaford to the end of Main Street to allow for mixed use in buildings and to utilize the walkway greenspace as required greenspace for this development
 - Ordinance amendment to include accessibility standards as review criteria in developments
 - Additional handicapped parking spaces added to the downtown
 - Handicapped entrance installed at Town Office
 - Road edging to improve safety and pavement life
 - Completion of Sewer Treatment Facility on time with \$400,000 available in contingency funds that were used to fund additional pumps and the solar array at the facility to reduce electric usage
 - Addition of Parade of Lights in December
 - Fully committed mill site redevelopment with Whole Oceans, Maine Maritime Academy, and Ironclad
 - Location of EV Charger in Bucksport
 - Loan to RSU 25 for gym floor replacement
 - Voter approval of pool repair/replacement and highway project involving 19.5 miles of roads
 - Pay It Forward program to support small businesses, residents, and the senior meals program impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Awards/Recognition
 - Maine Development Program Downtown Champion Award
 - Yankee Magazine Feature Article
 - Speaker at National AARP convention in Charlotte, NC
 - Speaker at Maine Town & City Manager's Association Meeting about Bucksport's age-friendly efforts

- Requested to do national podcast for American City & County organization on pay it forward as well as attend their national convention as a speaker to discuss Bucksport and its path forward from the mill closure
- Heart & Soul Champion
- Member State Board of Environmental Protection (3rd term)
- Member Small Community Advisory & Local Government Advisory Committees to the EPA

My performance has not been perfect, I have made mistakes and when I have done so – I have owned them and tried to do better. There are things that have not moved forward smoothly such as the pool repair issue, the parking lot to be built on the Nason property, and getting the diesel tank installed at the marina to name just a few. There are those who are not comfortable with the idea of ‘opening up’ Bucksport to new ideas and change and I clearly represent both of those items. Council votes are not all 7-0, and there are multiple opinions on many items and council meetings show all of that to the public and not everyone is comfortable with that. I was hired here initially to put the wheels back on the bus, and I think that has been successful. I also think that the bus is now on a good road and that we all need to work to keep it moving forward. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your manager.

Respectfully,
 Susan Lessard
 Town Manager

TAX ASSESSOR

While there are always many small changes in an assessing office, the largest change in the Bucksport Assessing Office this year has been the change of Assessor, Katlyn Howlett took over for Jef Fitzgerald in mid-October, 2019. The transition was rather smooth with Jef's ability and willingness to provide insight early on in the process.

REAL ESTATE VALUATION

Land:	\$182,372,076
Buildings/Improvements:	\$193,515,684

Total Real Estate Valuation:	\$375,887,760

PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATION

Machinery and Equipment:	\$55,079,600
Business Equipment	\$2,018,060
All Other	\$1,987,350

Total Personal Property Valuation:	\$59,085,010

TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION:	\$434,972,770
Town Tax Rate:	\$16.30
Total Tax for Commitment:	\$7,090,056.15

Total Homestead Exemptions Granted: 1,196

Beginning April 1, 2020 the value of the Homestead Exemption increased to \$25,000 off the taxable value. The associated decrease in taxes for a property owner with a Homestead Exemption for FY20 was \$326.00 and increased to \$406.25 for FY21. If you are not currently receiving a Homestead Exemption but have owned your home for at least a year as of April 1 and it is your primary residence, you may qualify. Contact the Assessing Office for more information.

I am continuing to monitor growth here in Bucksport, including redevelopment of the former Mill Site, the completion of the MMA Training Facility, the addition of new homes and "revamping" of older ones, as well as the work in Heritage Park. It's an exciting time in our community and I am happy to be here as part of it!

Respectfully submitted,
Katlyn Howlett
Tax Assessor

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office is responsible for maintaining and preserving all of the town's records. We continue to strive to make as many records available on our website as possible. The Clerk works under the Department of Health and Human Services in administering vital records, and further serves as an agent for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in issuing recreational licenses and permits. The Town Clerk's office also issues various town business licenses.

A large portion of the Clerk's responsibility involves working under the direction of the Secretary of State's Office in facilitating State and Municipal elections. This year, the Municipal Election was held on November 5, 2019, and the RSU 25 Budget Validation Election was held on July 14, 2020.

As a reminder, all dogs six months or older are required to be licensed by January 31st annually, and we encourage you to license your pets before February 1st to avoid the \$25 late fee. Dog licenses are available each year beginning on October 15th at the town office or online.

The following is a statistical report of transactions processed this past year through the Town Clerk's Office:

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Archery	42
Boats	322
ATV's	218
Snowmobiles	127
Fishing	178
Hunting	155
Combination	152

Town Licenses

Business Licenses	21
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Dog Licenses

Male/Female	41
Neuter/Spay	353
Kennel	16

Vital Records

Births	30
Deaths	58
Marriages	39

The financial status of the Town Clerk's office at the end of the fiscal year is reflected by the audit statements included in this annual report.

As always, I would like to thank the office staff for all they do to assist the Town Clerk's office.

Respectfully,
Jacob R. Gran
Town Clerk/Registrar of Voters



Town Office Staff at the Parade of Lights

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2020 has been an eventful year to say the least. The pandemic known as COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc not only in Bucksport, but across Maine, the United States and the World. All was not lost, as projects that began last year finished this year and the community continues to grow and prosper, which is evident by the fact that the mil rate stayed the same.

Greenhead Lobster Products held its Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at its processing facility in Buckstown Heritage Park. Maine Maritime Academy opened its Center for Professional Mariner Development and hired Alan Chace as their first director. Whole Oceans gained Planning Board approval and plan to begin site work in 2020. The third and final party to purchase property at the former Verso Paper Mill site was Iron Clad, who closed on the deal of the power plant with AIM during this fiscal year.

High speed internet was brought to the unserved residents of Bucksmills Rd & Millvale Rd from Charter Communications thanks in part to a ConnectME Broadband Grant. The project was completed during the COVID-19 pandemic with 17 of 32 eligible homes signing up for service within the first month.

On June 20, 2020, MacLeod's Restaurant celebrated its 40th year of business on Main Street. Next year Sawyer's Auto Sales will be celebrating its 50th year in business and Bob's Small Engine will be celebrating its 45th year in business.

Events continue to play a role in the growth of the Town. The 2019 edition of the Bay Festival, Arts Festival, International Maritime Film Festival, and Ghostport continued to draw visitors from near and far to downtown Bucksport. The Town also held its annual Holiday Lights Parade. As of this writing no in person events have taken place in Bucksport due to the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the major event organizer, the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, closed its doors for good during the pandemic leaving such future events as Bay Festival and Ghostport in limbo.

The town has hired a Millinocket firm, Design Lab, to create the marketing and rebranding plan for the town as part of a recommendation from the Community & Economic Development Committee. The town selected Design Lab after reviewing the 8 proposals we had received with 5 of the proposals coming from firms in the state of Maine, while the others came in from California, Oregon and Massachusetts. Design Lab has begun working on the plan and the final document should be completed by the fall of 2020.

The Community and Economic Development Committee continues to meet in the Town Council Chambers and helps provide guidance for the Town's future. I would like to thank this year's members for their time and effort: Mark Eastman (chair), Jim Morrison, Kathy Downes, Rob Carmichael, Frank Dunbar, Jim Boothby, Ron Russell, Dick Petersen and John Paul LaLonde.

Finally, I would like to thank the Town Manager, Town Council, Town Employees and the citizens of Bucksport for all of their support.

Sincerely,
Richard T. Rotella
Community & Economic Development Director

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND PLANNING OFFICE

ISSUED PERMITS

<u>BUILDING & LAND USE</u>	<u>126 TOTAL</u>		
Dwellings	14	Business Signs	10
Mobile Homes	09	Home Based Business	03
Garages	12	Solar Panel Installations	01
Shed / Outbuildings	21	Commercial Land Use	01
Deck / Porch	19	Shoreland Stabilization	01
Renovations	16	Shoreland Tree Cutting	01
Additions	04	Seasonal Docks	02
Community Building	01	Change of Use	02
Demolition	04	Recreational Lodging	04
Swimming Pool	01		

<u>PLUMBING PERMITS</u>	<u>76 TOTAL</u>
Internal Plumbing	51
Complete New Septic System	17
Complete Replacement Septic System	05
Replacement Septic Field Only	03

BOARD OF APPEALS ACTIVITY:

Administrative Appeals: 0
Variance Appeals: 1 (Granted)

PLANNING BOARD ACTIVITY

Approved Whole Oceans land use application. Approved three amendments to subdivisions.

CEO Comments

This was my first year working for the Town of Bucksport, and I could not be more excited to be here. I truly enjoy helping and working with people to accomplish their goals while staying within the boundaries of the building codes and town ordinances. I also want to express how truly blessed this town is to have such a great team of individuals working together to make this community great. I am so lucky to work with this team and to have their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Luke Chiavelli
Code Enforcement Officer
Plumbing Inspector

BUCKSPORT PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR



The Public Safety Departments have had a very busy, challenging and changing year this year. We continue to answer calls on a daily basis and provide a top notch service to the citizens that we serve. You will see the calls for service in the Deputy Chiefs reports for their departments. There was a complete restructure of the Public Safety Departments in November of this year. In completing this there was a complete restructure of every department in the building including changing of ranks and supervisors in all departments. The country was dealt a hand in March with a pandemic that we will report in next year's yearly report, we are thankful that this did not hit during our initial time of restructure.

The Police Department has restructured to a new chain of command. This includes Deputy Chief David Winchester who is in charge of operations for Police, Dispatch, and Animal Control, an evening Patrol Sergeant Sgt. Darrin Moody who is a direct patrol supervisor and in charge of night patrol, and the Patrol Division which had a position added to their structure this coming year. The Police Department will continue to operate under its core values: Honesty, Integrity and Teamwork to provide an exemplary service for the citizens that it serves in the Town of Bucksport.

The Fire Department has also restructured to a new chain of command. This includes Deputy Chief Michael Denning who is in charge of operations for Fire, Ambulance and Rescue. We also have Full Time Captains, Captain Chris Connor, Captain Pamela Payson and Captain John Gavelek who are in charge of daily crews. The department also completed promotions for full time and call department members to improve operations for the department. John Gavelek was promoted to Full Time Captain, Eugene Bass was promoted to Head Engineer, Shane Bowden was promoted to call Lieutenant, and Ryan Maguire was promoted to call Lieutenant. The Fire and Ambulance Services will continue to provide an exemplary service to its citizens and the communities it serves operating each day under its core values: Respect, Honesty, Integrity and Professionalism.

The Dispatch Center along with Animal Control have continued with the same personnel structure with the Deputy Chief in charge of both departments. Both of these departments are very essential services to the town. The dispatch center is the true lifeline to the Town of Bucksport. This is a very demanding profession and the staff does an outstanding job day in and day out. Animal Control Officer Daniel Joy continues to run the Animal Control department along with the Animal Shelter.

We have found that the new structure is working out very well. All departments are adjusting very well and working together very well as we always have. This is still a work in progress and is coming up on a year in November. We will continue down the road we are on and make adjustments as necessary always keeping the citizens best interest in mind for the service that we provide.

I would like to thank all of my staff for their continued dedication to their professions and adjusting to major change over this past year. I could not ask for a better staff to start a new structure in Public Safety and I am truly grateful to have the staff that I have. It takes special people to do the job that you all do and to adjust to a completely different structure and way of operations and you all have done it without skipping a beat, Thank You!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town Manager, Town Council and the Citizens of the town for their continued support. The world has recently changed as we know it and the job of Public Safety has changed drastically and the dangers of the job have increased. I speak on behalf of all of the town employees when I say that we feel very fortunate to work for the Town and the Community that we work for. When I look around the state there is no other town that has been through what we have been through, has survived what we have been through and still delivers that same service to its citizens that we do in the state.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sean P. Geagan
Director of Public Safety



Public Safety Director Sean Geagan and Deputy Police Chief David Winchester delivering meals for the Senior Center

BUCKSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

89 Franklin Street, PO Box 1848, Bucksport, ME 04416
207-469-7951 (non-emergency, 24/7), 207-469-3122 (fax)

FROM THE DESK OF DEPUTY CHIEF MICHAEL DENNING
mdenning@bucksportmaine.gov



The Bucksport Fire & EMS services responded to 1,112 emergency calls for service. We again continue to experience staffing shortages within both call departments. Per-Diem staff were hired to work 7am-7pm, seven days a week to bolster the fulltime staff with one person per day shift. This has helped tremendously, however these shifts are sometimes not always filled 100% of the time. During the past year, the Maine Fire Chief's Association was requested by the town for an in depth evaluation of Fire/EMS services. The conclusion of the evaluation noted that the staffing levels along with the number of calls and total number of citizens we protect that we were currently responding to was a "concern". In meeting with them, they immediately recommended hiring an additional person for each shift, and 3 per-diem per 24 hour shift. Along with increasing staffing levels, other items of concern were aging equipment, and lack of space for the Fire Department. In just five years, our call volume has increased 11.42%. Historical data shows that since 1976 our call volume has increased 171.22%, an average increase of 3.98% each year for 43 years, yet our fulltime staffing increased by only three personnel in 43 years. Proper staffing levels and replacing aging equipment is paramount in providing services that our citizens expect and demand, while keeping costs as low as possible. So how do we get there? My recommendation along with referring to the Maine Fire Chief's evaluation report is to continue to seek out grants that will ease us to catch up to where we need to be so we can safely and effectively provide these lifesaving essential services to our citizens.

During the past year promotions within the department included Fulltime Firefighter/EMT-P John Gavelek to Captain; Call Firefighter/EMT-B Eugene Bass to Head Engineer; Call Firefighter/EMT-B Shane Bowden to Lieutenant, and Call Firefighter Ryan Maguire to Lieutenant. Congratulations to each of them!

Our average response time has improved this year. This was a focus on improving the average time enroute and average time to the scene. Last year it was 7.7 minutes from the time of call to the time the unit was on-scene. This year the average improved to 5 minutes. This is a great accomplishment considering this includes not only Bucksport but Orland and Verona as well! Our crews have made it a focus which we all benefit having emergency crews arrive in a timely fashion.

We are now on board with the public safety form of leadership change that was implemented in November 2019. The operations under a public safety director are running smoothly, and within 4 months the COVID pandemic happened. Life as we knew it changed overnight in how we delivered services, along with zoom meetings and conference calls, etc. I knew very little about zoom/conference calls, but got used to it very quickly. We in the fire service tend to adapt quite well to ever changing environments. I can report it is a pleasure to work with Director Geagan, and Deputy Chief Winchester, and that we are leaps and bounds ahead of other departments in regards to inner departmental cooperation. It is truly a system of public safety serving our citizens!

During the past year, the Town Council approved the purchase of a new medium duty rescue truck which will replace a 1994 light duty rescue truck. I would like to thank the council and you our citizens for supporting the purchase. It will serve the community well for the next 25 years.

I would like to thank our fulltime staff, call department staff, and per-diem staff for their hard work and dedication to the citizens throughout this past year. I have an excellent staff, and when a chief is recognized for doing a good job, it is the members below him/her that make them look good. Along with our veterans and police, they are my heroes who put their life on the line every day saving lives and

property! We could not do our job without the support of our families, auxiliary, businesses, and all other town employees. Thank you to our Town Council members, Town Manager Sue Lessard, Department Chaplain Peter Remick, and you our citizens for your support!

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael W. Denning
 Deputy Fire Chief



Capt. Pamela Payson assisting an
 American Bald Eagle Rescue



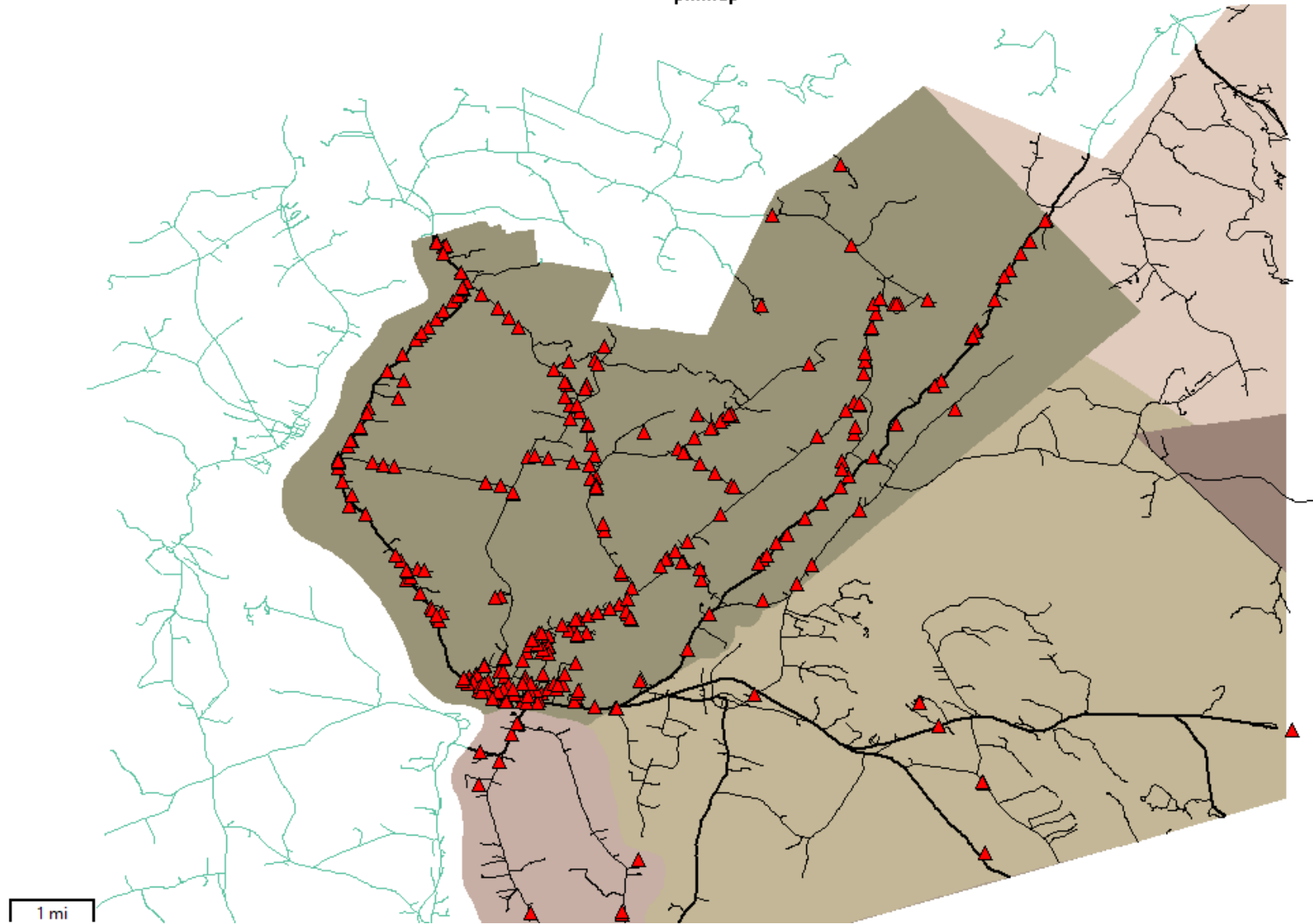
Members of the Bucksport Fire & Police helping ring in 2020



Rear: Capt. Christopher Connor, Christopher Grindle, Warren Weaver, Keven Stevens Jr, Jay Durost, Capt. John Gavelek
 Middle: Larry Chambers, Mark Bowden, Lt. Shane Bowden, Trevor Bowden, Head Engineer Eugene Bass, Jesse Cochran
 Front: Kari Gray, Lt. Jamie Bowden, Lt. Ryan McGuire, Dep. Fire Chief Michael Denning, Capt. Pamela Payson, Capt. Terrance Grindle, Capt. Stephen Bowden
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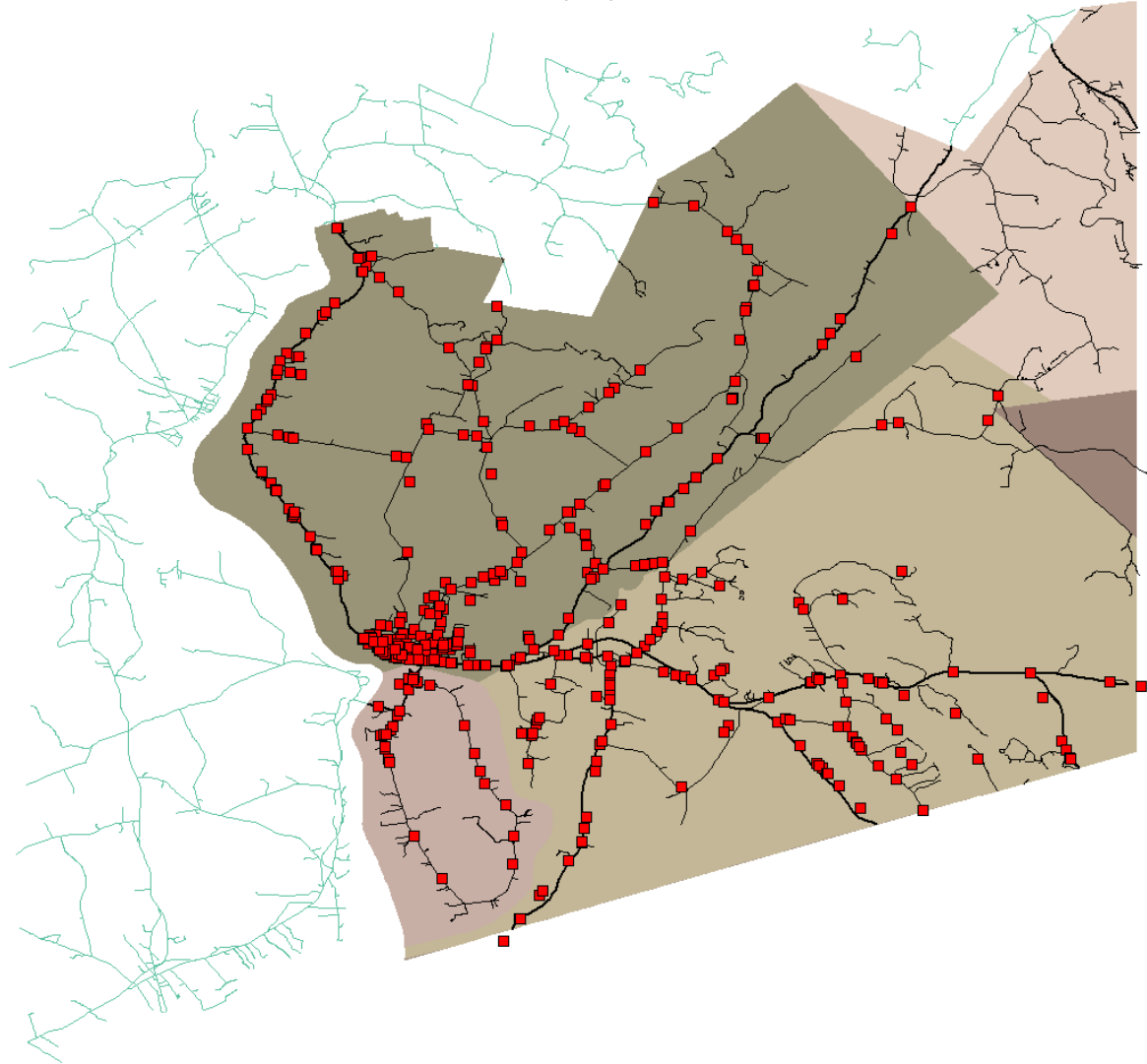
FIRE CALLS & BURN PERMITS ISSUED

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EMS CALLS

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BUCKSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

Sean P. Geagan

DEPUTY CHIEF

David E. Winchester



PATROL SERGEANT

Darrin Moody

PATROL STAFF

Officer Robert Findlay

Officer Steven Bishop

Officer Eric Marcel

Officer Matthew Schmidt

Officer Gerald Lowe

Officer Christopher Woodman

RESERVE PATROL

Ryan Welch

Ryan Knight

Ernest Fitch

Richard Sullivan

Eze VanBuckley

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Daniel Joy

This year was a year of change for the Police Department and the Public Safety Building. In November of 2019, Sean P. Geagan was promoted to Director of Public Safety and David E. Winchester to Deputy Police Chief. Then in February 2020, the Police Department hired Darrin Moody as the new Patrol Sergeant.

During this time of transition, Officer Gerald Lowe and Officer Christopher Woodman graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy on November 27th, 2019, as members of the 37th Basic Law Enforcement Training Program. They then returned to the restructured Police Department to continue their law enforcement careers.

As in years past, the Police Department will continue to follow our set core values of INTEGRITY, HONESTY, and TEAMWORK. We continue to believe that these values will lead us in the right direction to provide the best possible service to the citizens of Bucksport.

Over the course of this fiscal year, the Police Department had 4,395 calls for service. These calls for service include all aspects of law enforcement that we are required to do on a daily basis. This year also included the difficulties of dealing with COVID-19 and the health concerns for the Bucksport Community and the Police Department staff. I would like to thank the Town Manager and the Town Council for providing our staff with the proper guidance and needed safety supplies to provide continued law enforcement services to the citizens of Bucksport. Even during the most difficult times, our staff remained resilient and remained professional.

We have found that the types of calls, incidents and investigations have a more serious nature than in years past. The expectations for Law Enforcement and our responsibilities are at an all-time high and our staff continues to do a remarkable job! The Town of Bucksport is very fortunate to have the dedicated personnel that we have working for the Police Department.



Gerald Lowe and Christopher Woodman's graduation from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Pictured in the background are Deputy Police Chief David Winchester and Public Safety Director Sean Geagan

The Police Department continues to maintain a good working relationship with other Law Enforcement agencies within Hancock County. As in years past, we continue to work on several different enforcement teams including the Underage Drinking Task Force and the Violent Offender Task Force that began last year. This Task Force was designed to conduct probation, bail, and drug court compliance checks and was funded through grant funds obtained by cooperating partners. During these scheduled details, 77 people were checked and 24 arrests were made for various violations. Funding for the Task Force was granted again this year but due to COVID-19, no details were completed.

The Police Department has continued to work with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to battle the drug epidemic in our area. Over the last year, the Police Department has seen a sharp increase in illegal drug activity including heroin, methamphetamine, crack cocaine and fentanyl. Our Officers have done an outstanding job conducting drug investigations and providing assistance to the MDEA on significant drug investigations throughout Hancock County and the State of Maine.

Our connection to our community members continues to be the strength of our department. We participate in programs that provide assistance to our Senior citizens and to our youth. The members of our department involved in outside programs such as Special Olympics, coaching athletic teams, Elder Prevention, ElderWatch Program, School Resource Office Police in Education, child identification kits, Bucksport Diversion Program, Bicycle Rodeo, Coffee with a Cop, our gun lock program, and many more. We also have several of our department members that sit on several boards and committees including Recreation Department, Planning Board, Child Care Center, Gardner Commons Building and several others.

This year we have also been involved in the Bucksport Senior Center meal delivery program. This program has allowed us to deliver much needed meals to our seniors who remain at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Police Department has also started a "Facebook Friday" post that allows us to provide safety tips and stay connected to the community via social media.

I would like to thank the Town Manager, the Town Council and the citizens of Bucksport for their continued support of our Police Department and our members. The Town of Bucksport has proven to be a resilient community and we are truly proud of its citizens. Even during this difficult year we have demonstrated that if we all work together we can continue to make Bucksport a safe and wonderful place to live!

Respectfully
submitted,

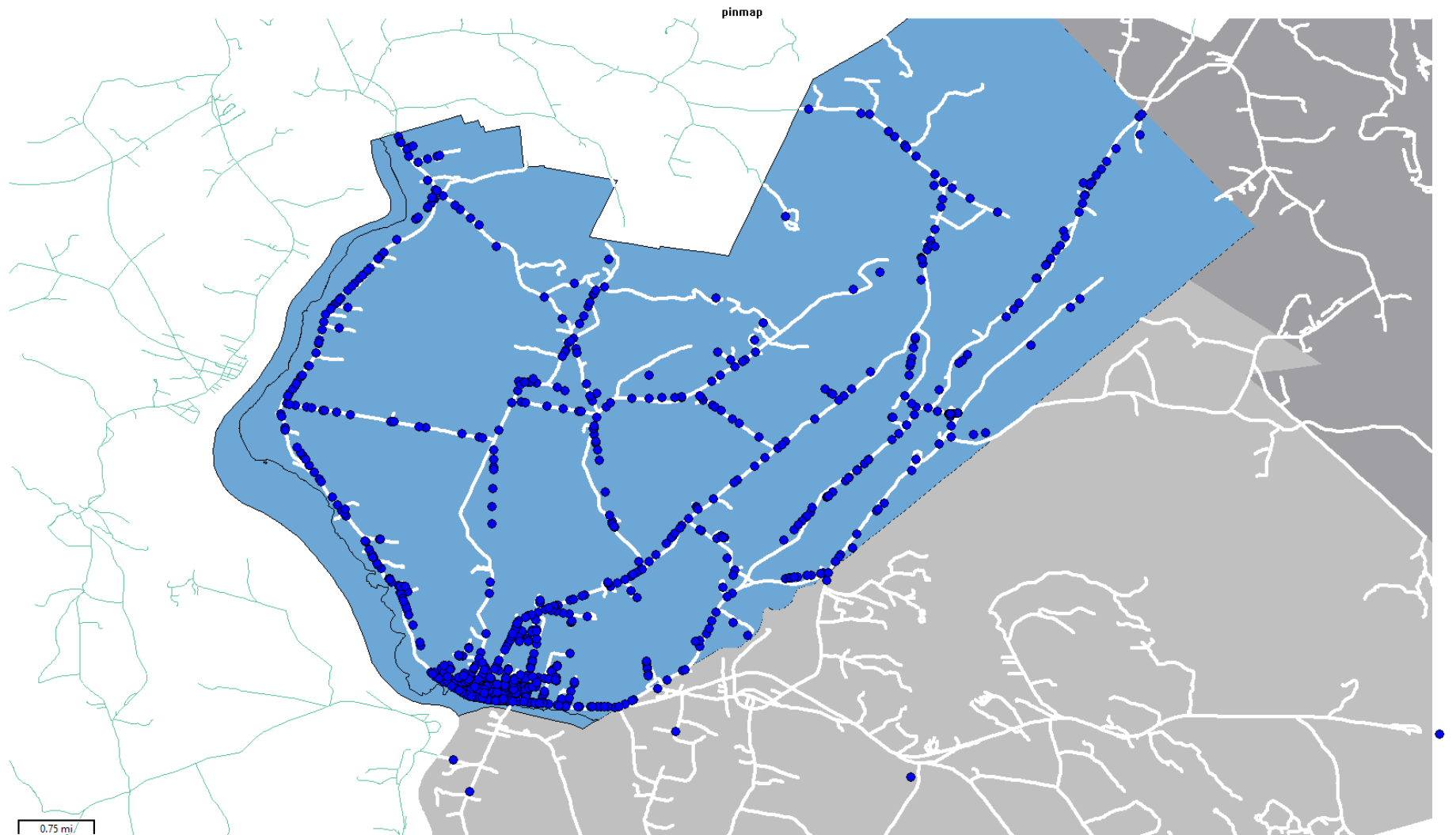
David E. Winchester
Deputy Police Chief



Ryan Welch, Gerald Lowe, Eric Marcel, Robert Findlay, Public Safety Director Sean Geagan, Dep. Police Chief David Winchester, Steven Bishop, Matthew Schmidt, Jackson Schmidt, Christopher McCrillis, Ryan Knight

Not Pictured – Sergeant Darrin Moody, Richard Sullivan, Ernest Fitch

POLICE CALLS



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

Sean P. Geagan

DEPUTY CHIEF

David E. Winchester



FULL-TIME DISPATCH

Daniel Joy
Barbara Cote
Elizabeth McCann
Aimee Reynolds

PART-TIME DISPATCH

Jamie Bowden
James Morrill
Christopher Brown
Heather Tweedie

Our Communication Center is comprised of 4 full-time employees and 4 part-time employees. During the last year, one part-time employee left to full fill requirements of their full time employment and we will be looking to hire an additional part-time dispatcher to fill this opening.

The Communication Center had another busy year. In this past year, the Dispatchers handled a total of 85,452 total radio log entries. This includes 76,036 calls for the Police Department and 9,416 for the Fire Department. These numbers are down from the previous year and can be directly attributed to the COVID-19 virus and more people remaining at home during the pandemic. We have found that although the numbers are slightly down, the seriousness of the calls received are on the rise.

I would like to express my thanks to the dedicated staff, both full-time and part-time Dispatch members. This is a very stressful profession and the dispatchers are on the frontline of these serious incidents on a daily basis. They continue to do good work and provide a valuable service to our community.

In addition to their daily Dispatch responsibilities members of the Communication Center handles required court paperwork responsibilities, billing, video and audio recording, payroll, burn permits, concealed weapons permits and daily secretarial necessities that keep the Public Safety Building operating. They are also responsible for fielding thousands of phone calls of all the town's agencies including, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Town Office, Highway Department, Waste Water, Transfer Station, and Recreation.

I would like to thank the Town Manager and the Town Council for their continued support to Communication Center and its employees.

Respectfully submitted,
David E. Winchester
Deputy Police Chief



Bucksport Police Department

Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Total Calls Received</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
911 Call	234	5.32
Non Dispatched 911 call	1	0.02
911 Hang up Call	1	0.02
Non Dispatched 911 call	3	0.07
Abandoned Vehicle	3	0.07
Agency Assistance	56	1.27
Assist Fire Department	7	0.16
Assist Law Enforcement	123	2.80
Assist Other	50	1.14
Alarm	65	1.48
Alcohol Offenses	6	0.14
Animal Problem	209	4.76
Assault	6	0.14
Attempt to Locate	4	0.09
Attempt to Locate	1	0.02
Attended Death	1	0.02
Complaints with ATV's	2	0.05
BACKGROUND	18	0.41
INVESTIGATION-APPLI		
Non-sufficient Funds Check	3	0.07
Bail Check	21	0.48
Burglary	7	0.16
Check well being	103	2.34
Child Abuse or Neglect	1	0.02
Citizen Requested Assistance	102	2.32
Neighborhood Dispute	21	0.48
Civil Problem	40	0.91
Concealed Weapons Permit	17	0.39
Deliver Message	3	0.07
Directed Patrol	4	0.09
Disabled/Stranded Motorist	29	0.66
Disorderly Conduct	20	0.46
Domestic Call	61	1.39
Drug Intelligence Information	2	0.05
Drug-Narcotics Violations	2	0.05
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	2	0.05
Escort	14	0.32
Fingerprint-Non Criminal	9	0.20
Fire	12	0.27
Haz Mat/Oil/Gas Spill	2	0.05
Trees in the Power Lines	1	0.02
Smoke smell investigation	11	0.25
Structure Fire	2	0.05
Unattended/Unpermitted Burn	2	0.05
Vehicle Fire	1	0.02
Fireworks Violation	5	0.11
Forgery	1	0.02
Found Property	64	1.46
Fraud	22	0.50
Shots Fire, Shots Heard	5	0.11
In Person/phone/text/internet	54	1.23

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Information Report	210	4.78
Intoxicated Person	4	0.09
Juvenile Runaway	1	0.02
Juvenile Problem	33	0.75
Keep the peace	6	0.14
Littering/Illegal Dumping	14	0.32
Lost Property	20	0.46
Incident Made in Error	2	0.05
Medical Emergency	112	2.55
Person with Mental Illness	4	0.09
Missing Person ALL	8	0.18
Motor Vehicle Complaint	175	3.98
Municipal Ordinance Violation	2	0.05
Noise Complaint	16	0.36
Drug/alcohol overdose	1	0.02
All Court Paperwork	29	0.66
Parking Violation/Obstructing	44	1.00
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	164	3.73
Permit Burn	2	0.05
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	19	0.43
Probation Violation	5	0.11
Records Check	6	0.14
Search Warrant	1	0.02
Property/Business Check	42	0.96
Serve Protection Orders	18	0.41
Registration of Sex Offender	26	0.59
Rape/Statutory Rape/Sex Assault	8	0.18
Complaints with Snowmobile's	1	0.02
Any Special Detail	47	1.07
Suicide	1	0.02
Suspicious Person/Veh/Incident	251	5.71
Theft	62	1.41
Threatening	11	0.25
Road Hazards (Sign/Signal/Debr	71	1.62
Traffic Light Complaints	5	0.11
Traffic Violation	1422	32.35
Traffic Stop	2	0.05
Trespassing	35	0.80
Unattended Death	2	0.05
Criminal Mischief/Damage	19	0.43
Vehicle off road	7	0.16
VIN Inspection	2	0.05
Bail Violation	9	0.20
Violation of Protection Order	5	.11
Warrant Arrest	38	.86
Total Reported: 4395		

PUBLIC SAFETY ANIMAL SHELTER



PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

Sean P. Geagan

DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF

David E. Winchester

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Daniel Joy

The Bucksport Animal Shelter continues to be a very busy and valuable part of the Town of Bucksport. The shelter provides services for the towns of Bucksport, Orland, Orrington, Prospect, Searsport, and Winterport. We continue to receive requests from other communities but don't currently have the time or space to accommodate them.

Animal Control Officer Daniel Joy continues to be the Town's Animal Control Officer and has remained in this position for over 30 years. ACO Joy, Assistant Animal Control Officer, Allyson Corriveau-Moore and a group of dedicated volunteers do a tremendous amount of work that often goes unnoticed. They put in countless hours at the shelter to provide the animals much needed care. I would like to thank them all for their hard work and the service they provide!!

This year the Animal Shelter will receive some maintenance work that includes two new heating pumps to ensure the shelter is both heated and cooled for the animals as needed. A grant was completed to help alleviate the town funds needed for this project.

I'd also like to acknowledge the community members that provide donations of food, supplies and money for our animal shelter. With the donations provided, the town has to buy very little food for the animals housed at the shelter.

Animal Control Officer Joy handled a total of 211 animal complaints this fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Winchester

Deputy Police Chief

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The 2019-2020 fiscal year saw more changes for Public Works. The Public Works crew repaired approximately 8 miles of shoulders with the Road Widener machine that was purchased last year. This new machine has proven to be a pivotal piece of equipment for the department.

The winter season started with the first storm on the 8th of November and ending with a heavy wet snow event on the 9th of April resulting in wide spread power outages. Personnel responded to no less than 33 weather events, many of which were freezing rain/ice events. The result was the purchase of 2594 tons of road salt. This compares to the prior seasons 47 events and 3300 tons of salt.

The department removed and replaced 3 driveway culverts and 3 cross pipes this season as well as repairing 2 manhole structures. All trenches were repaved by department personnel prior to this year's annual paving program. This year's maintenance paving program overlaid approximately 3.72 miles of road, requiring just short of 3,395.91 tons of hot mix asphalt at a total cost of \$237,000.

The maintenance of our rural roads resulted with the cleaning of shoulders and ditches on 1.15 miles of Turkey Path, and .8 miles on Bucksmills Road this year.

This winter between storms two floats from the Town Dock were brought inside the garage to be repaired or rebuilt prior to being put back in the river this Spring. These floats were identified while the crane lifted them from the river in the fall.

Due to COVID-19, this June myself and the whole crew were unable to attend this year's annual "HIGHWAY CONGRESS" at the Skowhegan Fair Grounds. The event is hosted by the MAINE LOCAL ROADS CENTER. We all enjoyed making connections with other public works crews and seeing lots of the newest equipment and tools of the trade.

Respectfully Submitted
Jay Lanpher
Public Works Director



Public Works new Road Widener



Portion of Millvale Road newly paved and shoulders.

BUCKSPORT WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

The new secondary treatment facility is performing very well. We have completed the second year of a two year testing requirement for Nitrite Nitrogen (NO₂-N), Nitrate Nitrogen (NO₃-N) Nitrate + Nitrite as N (NO₂-N+NO₃-N) and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN). These tests are to study base line results around the state. Chemicals used are a polymer for thickening the sludge to help with dewatering; Soda Ash is injected into the Aeration basins and Digester to control PH levels. Sodium Hypochlorite and Sodium Bisulfate are on hand as a backup for the UV system. . UV (Ultra Violet) for disinfection (May 15th thru September 30th)

Over the last fiscal year the Bucksport Wastewater Treatment Facility processed 113,955,000 gallons of wastewater. This flow is a 10% increase over the 2018-2019 fiscal year. A 20% Increase in the last 2 years due to new businesses and residential customers be added to the system. The Town of Orland contributed 4,576,951 gallons of wastewater, a decrease of 1%. The Town of Verona contributed 4,288,651 gallons of wastewater, a decrease of 1% from the last fiscal year.



Bucksport Wastewater & Bucksport Fire confined space training.

Precipitation totals are recorded daily at the Bucksport Wastewater Treatment Facility. From July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – 39.32 inches of rainfall and 45.37 inches of snowfall were recorded as compared to 51.34 inches of rainfall and 66.05 inches of snowfall for last fiscal year. Rainfall and snow melt can contribute significantly to the flow received by the treatment facility as there is still a good amount of inflow and infiltration to the sewer system. Infiltration is groundwater that enters through cracks in the sewer lines and inflow is groundwater or storm water that enters through roof drains and sump pumps. These additional flows pose some challenges to the operation of the treatment facility.

229.50 cubic yards of sludge was processed during the fiscal year. This is an increase of 17.0 cubic yards or a 7% increase overall. A Sludge Profile is conducted twice a year by Katahdin Analytical service. PFAS testing is now a yearly requirement. Our sludge is now being trucked to J & J Development Corporation to be composted once a year instead of land spreading and is more cost effective at this time.

The Swirl Concentrator (CSO) Facility on Main Street operated once in October 2019, once in December 2019, twice in April 2020 for a total of 4 times. Total flows through the Vortex totaled 1,000,000 gallons of effluent treated wastewater being discharged to the Penobscot River a decrease of 1,600,000 gallons over the last fiscal year. The Swirl Concentrator came on line in April of 2008, since then it has operated 79 times for a total of 1,154.6 hours treating 28,931,000 gallons of storm overflow and a total of 674.52 inches of rain fell in those 12 years.

In the collection system we flushed approximately 13,700 feet of sewer main lines as part of the maintenance program. We had three plugged sewer lines that where either flushed or repaired. All sewer mains have been inspected to make sure they are flowing smoothly. There were two new service line connections made to the system this year. We are still working on maps of the system, number of manholes, linear feet of piping, size,

condition of main, age, and type of pipe that is in the collection system. Over 30 Dig Safe or customer concern responses were addressed.

We are still finding a lot of wipes and rags in the system they are getting into the pumps and clogging pumps. Have had to pull pumps in stations #4, #5, and #6 numerous times to unclog rag buildup. Mostly finding baby wipes and other rags that get into the system. Please beware that this is very costly for you as a customer and very time consuming for our crews!

In closing, please help keep the environment healthy by not disposing harmful substances into the sewer. Remember that the water we have is all we will ever have and cleaning pollutants from it becomes more costly every day! Protect this resource for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

David Michaud

Superintendent Maine Water Bucksport Division



New Wastewater Facility

BUCKSPORT SOLID WASTE FACILITY

The Bucksport Transfer Station, this year served the citizens of Bucksport only after Orland opened its own transfer station. The facility provides the opportunity to dispose of household trash, demolition and wood debris, metals, motor oil, bulky appliances and furniture, electronics and mercury containing items. The facility is open Thursday through Monday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. A fee is assessed for the disposal of demolition debris, bulky items, woods, and household trash containing recyclable items. Mercury containing products are assessed a disposal fee. A copy of the fee schedule is available on the Town of Bucksport website, the Town Office or at the Transfer station office. Any citizen who meets one of the following conditions; has paid excise tax in Bucksport or is a permanent or seasonal resident of Bucksport may obtain a disposal permit at the Transfer station or Town office during normal hours. There is no fee for the permit. A special permit may be obtained through the Town Office during normal business hours when the above conditions are not met.

The Bucksport Transfer Station collected 914.2 tons of solid waste, as well as 15.5 tons of tires during the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. This year's ZERO SORT totaled 135.2 tons. Additionally, 52.6 tons of metal, and 4.8 tons of refrigerators were recycled. 235.4 tons of construction demolition materials and clean wood were disposed at a contracted landfill. 190 automotive batteries were returned for reprocessing, and 11 propane tanks. 600 gallons of household generated motor oil was turned over to the Bucksport Public Works Department for use in their waste oil heating furnaces. The Town redirected 9.78 tons of re-usable items. The E-waste collection program handled 306 televisions, 83 computer monitors, and 729 other electronic items. U-waste collected 3089 linear feet of bulbs of many sizes and variety. Total recycling of all items earned the Town \$16,818.90 in new revenues.

The citizens' commitment to a viable and active recycling program is critical in an era of limited economic growth and decreasing budgets. Recycling helps to offset increases in disposal fees. Since the start of the ZERO SORT program, recycling has continued to meet expectations. If you have questions in regards to issues with the Town of Bucksport Transfer station, please contact us at 469-7496. You can also refer to the Town's website at www.bucksportmaine.gov.

I would like to thank all the citizens of Bucksport and the Town Council for their cooperation and recycling efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Robinson
Transfer Station Operator



Transfer Station tractor. 2015 Freightliner

Town of Bucksport Marina

For fiscal year 2019/2020, I will be highlighting revenues that began July 1, 2019 and continued until June 30, 2020 and I will be comparing those to the prior fiscal year. For the fiscal year of July 2018 through June 2019 the gross revenue from sales at the Marina was \$102,557. This breaks down to the following three main categories.

Gasoline and store items are 32% of the sales. Seasonal and monthly slips are 48% of the sales. Transient Dockage is 16% of the sales. For the current fiscal year of July 2019 through June 2020 the gross revenue from sales at the Marina has fallen a small amount to \$99,166.

This has shown gross revenue decrease over the previous fiscal year of 3.3%. Gasoline and store items were a smaller percent of gross sales at 28%. Seasonal slips sales rose to 61% of gross sales which was a 10% increase and transient dockage dropped from the prior year 7% to 10% of gross sales.

We saw no cruise ship traffic at the start of the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic which cut back on those revenues.

The prior year we received a grant from the Maine Department of Transportation for the installation of a diesel fuel tank. We were hoping to have that completed for this 2020 summer. Last summer the project got delayed when we had the site inspection by the Department of Environmental Protection, and they brought up some deficiencies in our current gasoline fuel system that needed to be corrected immediately. These were completed and since then the project was again delayed because the DOT grant required permitting before the grant award. This required us to hire an engineering firm by a third-party contract to acquire the permits for the project. This has now been completed and the project went out to bid with Gaftek awarded the project as the low bidder. The project grant requires the project be completed by November 2020.

In the fall of 2019, we built two 40 foot by 6-foot finger floats for C docks and over the winter built two more of the mains in a shop donated for the project. Hopefully, we can continue building replacement floats there this winter.

The “Shore and Harbor Planning Grant 2020” from the Maine Department of Marine Resources has been progressing. We are using this grant to pay for engineering for a town dock project that will be replacing the town floats with concrete breakwater floats that will be able to stay in year-round even in the Bucksport Harbor winter ice. Along with the project we will be designing ADA compliant ramp system to connect the pier with the new concrete float system. GEI Consultants, an engineering firm located in Portland, has been working on the project all summer and has made considerable progress toward a design for our docks. This engineering is scheduled to be completed by the end of next summer.



Replacement docks built during the off season

We will be planning for the replacement of most of our floats in the coming year or two. The current float system is more than 20 years old. This is a major undertaking but one that its time has come. Currently the cost and availability for pressure treated lumber has become a major issue due to the pandemic but we will stay diligent for prices to come down and availability to improve so we can continue to make the improvements to the Marina facility.

Michael Ormsby
Marina Manager/Harbormaster

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

The 2019-2020 school year was notable for a very positive start and the expansion of programs to provide quality learning experiences for all of our students. However, on March 13, 2020 our educational world changed dramatically with the State ordered shut down of public schools, due to the Coronavirus COVID-19. With this announcement our schools transitioned to a fully remote educational program, and our food program transitioned to a remote program as well. With the assistance of our bus company and the efforts of our school cooks, ed techs, and teachers more than 54,000 breakfast meals and 54,000 lunch meals were delivered to school age children throughout the four communities of RSU 25.

The Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) program was expanded to include Bucksport Middle School. The JMG program is designed to provide students with the skills they will need to reach their full potential beyond high school. The expansion of JMG programming to the middle school allows the district to provide a JMG program at both the middle school and the high school.

Bucksport High School was able to expand the offerings available to students interested in pursuing science and engineering fields as well as applied learning for students interested in pursuing a career in the trades. The expansion of programming was bolstered by the generosity of Andy and Shelby Silvernail who provided the funds for the high school to purchase three CNC machines. The equipment has enhanced our existing learning pathways as well as opened up new avenues for our students.

Bucksport High School continues to maintain a graduation rate that exceeds the State average for all students when compared to both the four year and five year cohorts. This past year the four year graduation rate was 91.76% of the senior class, which continues to exceed the State average.

The middle school unveiled their new gymnasium floor with the completion of the gym floor renovation project in early December. Thanks to the support of our district voters we were able to expend monies from our Capital Reserve account to install a beautiful hard wood floor. This major undertaking replaced the existing synthetic floor, removed the original concrete slab, installed a moisture mitigation system, poured a new slab, and finally install the new floor. This investment in the facility will serve our students and communities for many years and provide an enhanced and safe playing surface.

As we move forward into the next year we will continue to work with our communities to provide quality educational programming. The impact of the global pandemic will challenge our normal manner of doing business, but as a unit we will adapt and respond to the challenge next year and into the future. I look forward to working closely with the Town Council, Town Manager, community members, and the RSU 25 School Board to make the school system the best we can for the students and citizens of Bucksport, and all the partnering communities in RSU 25.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Boothby

Superintendent

2019-2020 Enrollment (Oct. 1, 2019)	
Jewett School PK – K	142
Miles Lane School 1-4	288
Bucksport Middle School 5-8	316
Bucksport High School 9-12	366

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Bucksport YMCA



The goal of the YMCA is to strengthen communities through **youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.**

Youth Development

- Fourth season of summer day camp with 6 counselor positions and available slots for 50 youth grades K-6. This year we were at the ice rink area and on poor weather days we relocated to The Arey's Center.
- Facilitation of a Youth Civic Leadership program based on the SEARCH Institute 40 developmental assets, curriculum supported with planned scope and sequence and run in cooperation with RSU-25. There is no program fee to participants; we enlist the help of two stipend staff members.
- Facilitation of a free to the community, afterschool drop-in program for middle school students M/W/F which is supervised by paid staff.
- Developmentally appropriate youth sports experiences are facilitated by the YMCA and centered around character development, appropriate coaching behaviors, appropriate parent expectations/interaction and aim to create well rounded athletes at the next level of play/in life.
- Remote Learning Program for the students of RSU25. In collaboration with the RSU, we offer this program so students in grades 3-8th can complete their education requirements.

Healthy Living

- Ongoing free to the community, YMCA staffed senior aerobics class.
- Low-cost gym membership option to support health and fitness in community.
- Free to the community, staffed indoor walking opportunities at Jewett Community Center.
- Addition of free to the community, ongoing aqua aerobics class with transportation available for selected sessions.

Social Responsibility

- Lifeguard staff was revived by the pool being able to open for part of the summer. Amazing work by all involved to have the communities pool fixed and opened for the community.
- Labor for cosmetic renovations of recreational assets completed by Down East Family YMCA staff team, potential projects identified by Y staff and brought to advisory to prioritize to council.
- Sporting goods equipment swap facilitation, an opportunity for community members to bring in lightly used sporting equipment that their children have outgrown and offer it free to others.
- Facilitation of free to the community childcare at BMS with movie at BPAC and a physical education component available two separate weekends over the winter months.
- Free to the community, ongoing play group for preschool aged children socialization and physical activity in the winter

Due to the pandemic a lot of our programming has been put on hold

2020 REAL ESTATE TAXES

AS OF 06/30/2020

Account #	Name	Total
2574	35 McDonald St., LLC	\$ 1,096.42
1083	35 McDonald Street, LLC	\$ 970.71
14	AHERN, MICHAEL A	\$ 1,830.85
15	AHERN, MICHAEL A	\$ 451.43
165	Albert, Kelley J.	\$ 611.01
2861	Albert, Kelley J.	\$ 637.48
3278	Albert, Kelley J.	\$ 442.43
3119	ALLISON, MICHAEL A	\$ 964.22
1432	ATHERTON, THOMAS P	\$ 679.31
2243	ATHERTON, THOMAS P	\$ 414.75
2604	AYCOCK, BARBARA S (Heirs of)	\$ 6,143.37
3216	Aygarn, Michael	\$ 895.88
163	BARNARD, REBECCA L	\$ 2,626.59
2021	BENNETT, RUTH M	\$ 1,557.34
2244	Bergmann, Raymond	\$ 1,247.06
356	BERNIER, DANIEL A	\$ 1,041.51
266	BLANCHARD, ANDREW C	\$ 376.31
289	BOUCHARD, KELLY J	\$ 1,491.03
293	BOUDREAU, JOSEPH R	\$ 1,573.42
294	BOUDREAU, JOSEPH R	\$ 336.49
1897	BRYANT, KELLY	\$ 2,158.80
463	BURGESS, CLAYTON T, SR	\$ 1,941.88
470	BURKE, HOLLY	\$ 253.56
2111	BURPEE, MARCUS	\$ 1,406.25
2112	BURPEE, MARCUS	\$ 582.53
3070	CARY, TROY	\$ 967.81
210	CARY, TROY S	\$ 806.90
218	Chase, Harold H JR	\$ 225.55
627	CHIPMAN, LISA L	\$ 2,071.88
628	CHIPMAN, LISA L	\$ 325.49
629	CHIPMAN, LISA L	\$ 116.61
485	Clough, Tracy (Paquette)	\$ 477.15
677	Coleman, Kristine	\$ 1,394.59
700	CONSTANTINE, THOMAS E et al	\$ 78.80
112	COTE, PAMELA S (ATWOOD)	\$ 826.22
1930	COUGH, RYAN J	\$ 1,887.40
749	CRAIG, CAROLYN M, (heirs of)	\$ 534.55
755	CRAIG, RAE JEAN	\$ 1,867.17
757	CRAIG, RAE-JEAN	\$ 1,166.87
2088	Cross, Valerie	\$ 3,304.89
789	DAHL, VILMA E	\$ 155.93
733	DANICO, MALINDA L	\$ 590.69
1533	DEANS, LEWIS E	\$ 1,283.74
1450	DEWITT, KIMBERLY L	\$ 781.91
453	DOUCETTE, STEPHEN	\$ 1,470.04
885	DOUCETTE, STEPHEN A	\$ 2,770.25
1810	DOUCETTE, STEPHEN A	\$ 473.99
3273	DOWNES, CHARLES R	\$ 1,515.87

1245	DSV, SPVI, LLC	\$	1,911.47
3177	Dupere, Adam G	\$	527.67
1127	Eastbrook Timber Co., Inc.	\$	361.64
965	EASTMAN, SALLY G (heirs of)	\$	2,298.47
968	EASTMAN, SALLY G (heirs of)	\$	1,922.28
2148	Edison Mobile Home Park, LLC	\$	1,075.45
2926	FINDLAY, RYAN SCOTT	\$	1,405.71
3116	Forestvale Properties, Inc.	\$	10,377.32
1779	FRANCISCAN BROS OF ST ELIZ/HUNGARY	\$	2,587.31
1047	Franklin St. Methodist Church	\$	659.13
3317	FRATES, KELLY J	\$	2,680.46
1052	FRECKER, BARRY L	\$	1,170.45
3248	FRECKER, BARRY L	\$	491.03
2874	FRENCH, KEITH	\$	643.00
2348	GOLDING, HEIDI	\$	2,713.54
1132	GOMM, BRAD P	\$	467.19
1140	GOODE, RICHARD J	\$	1,283.31
1145	GOODE, RICHARD J (TRUSTEE)	\$	1,754.06
1205	GRAY, DORANCE D	\$	1,994.00
1195	GRAY, GAYLEN	\$	1,671.27
2386	GRAY'S CONSTRUCTION, INC	\$	2,004.56
1226	GREENLAW, EVA M (Heirs of)	\$	931.17
1229	GREY, DORTHA BROUTY L TRUST (Heirs)	\$	267.60
1274	GROSS, TONY W	\$	471.84
883	GRUNWALD, MARION R	\$	2,216.31
1294	HALLOWELL, GAIL E *TIP*	\$	1,038.41
2043	Hanscom, Wayne	\$	1,443.57
1305	HARLOW, DANA F	\$	1,564.73
1332	HASENBANK, DAVID	\$	651.37
237	Haskell, Vicki Lynn (Billings)	\$	110.53
1339	HATCH, KENDALL W JR (Heirs of)	\$	1,362.10
2492	HEROUX, GEORGE J	\$	768.59
174	Herrick, Steven	\$	555.56
3069	HOKE, GEORGE DEAN (Heirs of)	\$	457.11
1381	Holmes, Patricia L	\$	3,615.89
517	Holyoke, Jesse C	\$	161.74
753	Holyoke, Jesse C	\$	480.25
2608	Holyoke, Jesse C	\$	1,282.55
2648	Holyoke, Jesse C	\$	221.79
2649	Holyoke, Jesse C	\$	1,450.12
2650	Holyoke, Jesse C	\$	190.14
1401	HOLYOKE, JOHN M	\$	436.59
1074	Hovey, Valerie	\$	407.94
1421	HOWARD, DARRELL (DEVISEES)	\$	986.88
83	IRELAND, ALICE	\$	254.03
2760	Ivers, Zachary	\$	2,361.46
1470	JACKSON, ROBERT C DEVISEES	\$	631.44
915	JEROME, TIMOTHY	\$	581.36
1499	JEROME, TIMOTHY	\$	1,592.81
2928	JEROME, TIMOTHY	\$	521.05
1506	JOHNSON, AUDREY (Heirs of) TIP	\$	2,147.52
3393	KEENE, DENISE LESLIE	\$	530.72
3394	KEENE, DENISE LESLIE	\$	690.13

634	Khaqan, Asad U	\$	10,353.14
834	Killinger, Kori	\$	1,216.94
1590	KINSTLER, BARRON C	\$	1,120.79
2510	KISAMITAKIS, DINO	\$	1,772.75
1604	KOOS, DOUGLAS E	\$	81.60
2810	Land Investment, Inc.	\$	302.01
2026	Landry, Esther F	\$	1,954.06
1643	LEACH, GERALD L	\$	1,718.74
1165	LIPHAM, ROSE C	\$	520.91
1905	LITTLE, ANTHONY A	\$	722.64
1684	LITTLEFIELD, GLENDON E, JR (heirs of)	\$	1,752.23
1688	LOCKE, ARLINE F (Heirs of) TIP	\$	1,026.78
1689	LOCKE, RACHAEL	\$	915.91
2984	Logan; Charles, Wendy, Michael, Eric & Tina	\$	220.72
1582	LOW, KEVIN (heirs of)	\$	951.66
2957	MANNING, BRIAN	\$	982.49
42	Massey, Joyce	\$	324.67
1811	MCCLELLAN, THOMAS L	\$	2,069.79
3315	MCDUNNAH, MICHAEL G; KATHLEEN P TC	\$	546.04
3246	MCFARLAND, WAYNE ETAL	\$	341.02
1836	MCLELLAN, KEVIN L	\$	1,408.74
60	MELISSA & JOHN BUONOPANE	\$	660.90
1336	MERRITT, ERIC	\$	3,977.89
2174	MERRITT, ERIC	\$	1,313.13
1877	MILLER, DOROTHY C	\$	310.00
3005	MILLIKEN, KENNETH A	\$	895.18
3033	MITCHELL, GAIL (WOODBIDGE)	\$	434.60
645	Moore, Wade	\$	587.85
1903	MORGAN, JOHN E & LEONA TRUSTEES	\$	4,447.51
2547	Nieusma, Eric	\$	697.00
3004	Nightingale, Ellen (heirs of)	\$	702.96
3270	Parker, William O., Jr. & Charmin M.	\$	90.62
1561	Perkins, Larry N	\$	531.93
2092	Peteraf, Michael S	\$	111.60
2093	Peteraf, Michael S	\$	646.61
607	PHP 4, LLC	\$	3,144.15
3124	PHP 4, LLC	\$	1,633.83
2811	PRICE, SHARON J	\$	2,004.50
2157	PYE, DANIEL T	\$	1,573.82
2173	RANZONI, JOSEPH D TIP	\$	1,399.75
1859	Reed, Jeffrey L	\$	1,831.16
1498	RICHARDS, KENNETH	\$	1,569.26
818	SANDELLI, ALFRED J	\$	465.10
154	SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	\$	318.67
155	SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	\$	560.71
3250	SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	\$	1,138.56
1661	Sandelli, Alfred J., Jr.	\$	90.45
3021	Schmidt, Douglas F	\$	363.52
3361	Schmidt, Douglas F	\$	304.18
69	SCOTT, ROBERT E & LISA A	\$	609.76
777	SCOTT, STEPHEN L	\$	645.82
2342	Seekins, Aileen Ann*	\$	1,370.16
3114	SEEKINS, LLC	\$	2,106.87

2362	SHEEHAN, MICHAEL A	\$	3,117.89
2380	Silvernail, Benjamin	\$	2,199.36
2388	SKILLIN, DONALD Jr	\$	878.59
3280	SKILLIN, DONALD Jr	\$	1,653.95
2432	SMITH, NORMAN A	\$	3,883.81
1640	SMITH, RICHARD L	\$	2,547.31
2429	SMITH, SANDRA R	\$	756.93
3110	SPARKS, RICHARD R	\$	286.35
3402	SUTHERLAND, WESLEY J	\$	976.98
842	Swazey, Jason	\$	552.80
2584	THUT, JEANETTE MERRITT (Heirs of)	\$	1,478.96
2594	TOZIER, DANA (Heirs of)	\$	1,112.08
1501	TRA Management, LLC	\$	1,138.75
1851	TROTT, RICHARD C JR	\$	471.58
2615	TURNBULL, BETTY ANN	\$	443.10
2616	TURNBULL, BETTY ANN	\$	490.57
2633	VANHORN, DOROTHY W (heirs of)	\$	740.45
2046	WARD, JAMIE	\$	172.53
1458	WARDWELL, BRIAN R	\$	1,634.95
3012	WATHNE, GLEN	\$	327.66
1354	WESTON, DWAYNE A	\$	1,542.51
2745	WESTON, ESTHER	\$	928.56
1879	WHEATON, KEVIN E	\$	1,607.48
2614	Whitcomb, Joan	\$	389.52
2752	WHITE, G LINDA	\$	299.62
2753	WHITE, G LINDA	\$	545.60
689	WHITE, RHONDA A	\$	3,479.77
721	WHITE, SARAH TIP	\$	252.70
3347	Wigmore, Jeffrey E. & Jeffrey D.	\$	248.50
1818	Williams, Katlynn	\$	1,773.12
2056	WINCHESTER, WADE	\$	717.28
594	WINCHESTER, WADE & MELISSA PIP	\$	1,621.13
2840	WITHAM, CANDICE	\$	1,870.03
2841	WITHAM, CANDICE L	\$	667.82
2839	Witham, David A. TIP*	\$	1,686.43
1965	WOMBACHER, JOHN A	\$	221.53
2865	WOODBIDGE, ROGER	\$	1,494.20
2867	WOODBIDGE, ROGER	\$	876.54
2877	WOODWARD, BRENDA J	\$	1,038.81
224	Young, Cinda L.	\$	364.82
2895	ZACHARY, JOHN J	\$	411.50
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			\$ 240,951.30

2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES

AS OF 06/30/2020

Account #	Name	Total
14	AHERN, MICHAEL A	\$ 1,900.72
15	AHERN, MICHAEL A	\$ 551.50
165	Albert, Kelley J.	\$ 819.79
3278	Albert, Kelley J.	\$ 457.13
2021	BENNETT, RUTH M	\$ 1,616.33
356	BERNIER, DANIEL A	\$ 1,079.63
3361	Blankhorn, Linda*	\$ 310.28
2111	BURPEE, MARCUS	\$ 1,459.24
2112	BURPEE, MARCUS	\$ 602.78
3070	Cary, Troy	\$ 1,003.38
210	CARY, TROY S	\$ 836.07
218	CHASE, HAROLD H JR	\$ 170.78
627	CHIPMAN, LISA L	\$ 2,135.22
628	CHIPMAN, LISA L	\$ 188.37
485	Clough, Tracy (Paquette)	\$ 476.35
112	COTE, PAMELA S (ATWOOD)	\$ 856.17
749	CRAIG, CAROLYN M, (heirs of)	\$ 552.90
755	CRAIG, RAE JEAN	\$ 1,938.48
757	CRAIG, RAE-JEAN	\$ 1,210.35
733	Danico, Malinda L	\$ 611.26
1450	Dewitt, Kimberly L	\$ 41.19
453	Doucette, Stephen	\$ 1,523.32
1127	Eastbrook Timber Co., Inc.	\$ 372.78
965	EASTMAN, SALLY G (heirs of)	\$ 2,385.80
968	EASTMAN, SALLY G (heirs of)	\$ 1,995.03
3116	Forestvale Properties, Inc.	\$ 10,786.44
2874	FRENCH, KEITH	\$ 651.79
2348	GOLDING, HEIDI	\$ 717.26
1195	GRAY, GAYLEN	\$ 1,733.12
2386	GRAY'S CONSTRUCTION, INC	\$ 2,080.58
1226	GREENLAW, EVA M (Heirs of)	\$ 965.28
883	GRUNWALD, MARION R	\$ 1,955.09
1294	HALLOWELL, GAIL E *TIP*	\$ 990.83
2043	Hanscom, Wayne	\$ 1,379.68
1305	HARLOW, DANA F	\$ 999.38
2492	HEROUX, GEORGE J	\$ 796.23
1401	HOLYOKE, JOHN M	\$ 451.05
1421	HOWARD, DARRELL (DEVISEES)	\$ 965.14
83	Ireland, Alice	\$ 237.51
915	JEROME, TIMOTHY	\$ 580.51
1499	JEROME, TIMOTHY	\$ 1,590.71
2928	JEROME, TIMOTHY	\$ 520.28
1506	JOHNSON, AUDREY (Heirs of) TIP	\$ 2,238.27
2810	Land Investment, Inc.	\$ 305.81
1684	LITTLEFIELD, GLENDON E, JR (heirs of)	\$ 1,818.97
1688	LOCKE, ARLINE F (Heirs of) TIP	\$ 1,064.69
2984	Logan; Charles, Wendy, Michael, Eric & Tina	\$ 226.60
1582	LOW, KEVIN (heirs of)	\$ 986.58

42	Massey, Joyce	\$	325.83
1661	MASTERS GROUP 2010, LLC*	\$	91.68
1811	MCCLELLAN, THOMAS L	\$	389.19
3315	MCDUNNAH, MICHAEL G; KATHLEEN P TC	\$	564.53
1836	MCLELLAN, KEVIN L	\$	756.98
2174	MERRITT, ERIC	\$	1,126.19
1877	MILLER, DOROTHY C	\$	319.42
3005	Milliken, Kenneth A	\$	405.16
3033	MITCHELL, GAIL (WOODBIDGE)	\$	448.99
3270	Parker, William O., Jr. & Charmin M.	\$	91.33
2157	PYE, DANIEL T	\$	1,604.54
2173	RANZONI, JOSEPH D TIP	\$	1,452.48
818	Sandelli, Alfred J	\$	480.68
154	SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	\$	329.30
155	SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	\$	580.44
3250	SANDELLI, ALFRED J JR	\$	1,142.63
777	Scott, Stephen L	\$	451.97
3114	SEEKINS, LLC	\$	1,074.11
2380	SILVERNAIL, JOHN (Heirs of)	\$	1,768.53
2432	SMITH, NORMAN A	\$	1,923.60
1640	SMITH, RICHARD L	\$	2,597.44
2429	SMITH, SANDRA R	\$	759.19
2594	TOZIER, DANA	\$	1,110.57
2615	TURNBULL, BETTY ANN	\$	457.81
2616	TURNBULL, BETTY ANN	\$	507.17
1458	WARDWELL, BRIAN R	\$	1,694.53
1354	WESTON, DWAYNE A	\$	1,581.86
1879	Wheaton, Kevin E	\$	1,603.48
721	WHITE, SARAH TIP	\$	259.85
1818	Williams, Katlynn	\$	1,986.84
594	WINCHESTER, WADE & MELISSA	\$	1,336.27
2841	WITHAM, CANDICE L	\$	291.06
2839	Witham, David A. TIP*	\$	1,734.27
2865	WOODBIDGE, ROGER	\$	1,535.09
2867	WOODBIDGE, ROGER	\$	908.48
		\$	92,828.14

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**As of: 06/30/2020**

Acct	Name	2019	2020
179	Bucksport Bay Tanning		\$ 32.60
126	BUCKSPORT PARK ASSOCIATION		\$ 248.14
7	BUCKSPORT SQUARE ASSOC		\$ 297.07
51	BUCKSPORT SUBWAY		\$ 417.61
78	Gene Bass Contracting		\$ 49.23
149	Glenn's Restaurant		\$ 277.18
70	Khaqan, Asad U. (Spring Fountain Motel)		\$ 178.16
220	KISAMITAKIS, DINO (pizza)		\$ 133.40
169	KNOX VIEW APARTMENTS LLC		\$ 35.37
167	Lighthouse Arts Center RE, LLC		\$ 90.79
298	Maine Fiber Company, Inc.		\$ 204.73
77	PAPPAS, JENNIFER (Crosby's)		\$ 116.30
45	Revision Energy		\$ 174.90
150	Tozier's Bucksport Variety	\$ 186.47	\$ 179.30
TOAL PERSONAL PROPERTY BY YEAR		\$ 186.47	\$ 2,434.78
TOTAL FOR ALL YEARS		\$ 2,621.25	

**TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY
AS OF 06/30/2020**

Account #	Name	Year		Total
2902	ATWOOD, PAMELA (COTE)	2015	\$	407.53
112	ATWOOD, PAMELA S (COTE)	2015	\$	29.61
112	ATWOOD, PAMELA S (COTE)	2016	\$	441.02
2902	ATWOOD, PAMELA S (COTE)	2016	\$	542.28
210	CARY, TROY S TIP*	2018	\$	1,248.71
112	COTE, PAMELA S (ATWOOD)	2017	\$	927.85
112	COTE, PAMELA S (ATWOOD)	2018	\$	893.05
749	CRAIG, CAROLYN M, (heirs of)	2017	\$	619.32
749	CRAIG, CAROLYN M, (heirs of)	2018	\$	597.26
755	CRAIG, RAE JEAN	2018	\$	2,016.33
757	CRAIG, RAE-JEAN	2017	\$	1,154.06
757	CRAIG, RAE-JEAN	2018	\$	1,273.86
733	Danico, Malinda L.	2018	\$	681.66
453	Doucette, Stephen	2018	\$	1,605.46
3116	Forestvale Properties, Inc.	2018	\$	7,995.48
883	GRUNWALD, MARION R	2017	\$	1,952.26
883	GRUNWALD, MARION R	2018	\$	2,094.30
1294	HALLOWELL, GAIL E *TIP*	2018	\$	722.97
915	JEROME, TIMOTHY	2018	\$	617.96
1499	JEROME, TIMOTHY	2018	\$	1,668.66
2928	JEROME, TIMOTHY	2018	\$	545.14
1506	JOHNSON, AUDREY (Heirs of)	2016	\$	645.99
1506	JOHNSON, AUDREY (Heirs of)	2017	\$	2,284.07
1506	JOHNSON, AUDREY (Heirs of)	2018	\$	2,195.24
1688	LOCKE, ARLINE F (Heirs of) TIP	2018	\$	1,121.74
42	Massey, Joyce	2018	\$	291.09
3033	MITCHELL, GAIL (WOODBIDGE)	2018	\$	481.29
2157	PYE, DANIEL T	2018	\$	1,611.27
2173	RANZONI, JOSEPH D	2015	\$	294.15
2173	RANZONI, JOSEPH D	2016	\$	1,551.74
2173	RANZONI, JOSEPH D	2017	\$	1,586.81
2173	RANZONI, JOSEPH D TIP	2018	\$	1,524.79
165	RVFM 13 Series, LLC	2018	\$	918.47
3392	SHEEHAN, MICHAEL	2013	\$	894.28
3392	SHEEHAN, MICHAEL	2014	\$	889.46
3270	WARREN, CAROLE J (HEIRS)	2015	\$	133.11
3270	WARREN, CAROLE J (HEIRS)	2016	\$	251.45
3270	WARREN, CAROLE J (HEIRS)	2017	\$	215.81
	*TIP			
721	WHITE, SARAH	2016	\$	203.91
721	WHITE, SARAH TIP	2017	\$	294.74
721	WHITE, SARAH TIP	2018	\$	286.09
594	WINCHESTER, WADE & MELISSA	2017	\$	292.53
594	WINCHESTER, WADE & MELISSA	2018	\$	1,416.61
2839	Witham, David A.	2017	\$	1,167.26
2839	Witham, David A. TIP*	2018	\$	1,717.46

TOTAL TAXES ON FORCLOSED PROPERTY

\$ 50,304.13

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

January 1, 2020

Dear Friends,

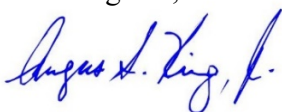
The beginning of a new year provides the opportunity to reflect on the progress of the past 12 months. If you've been watching cable TV, you might think that every waking moment of 2019 in Washington has been consumed by divisive, partisan issues – and while there's no shortage of those debates, there have also been opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. You sent me to the Senate to make the most of those opportunities, so as we enter into the New Year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on my efforts to work with members of both parties to make life better for the people of Maine.

One of my most important priorities this past year has been emphasizing preventive healthcare. Maine's distinction as the oldest state in the nation brings us wisdom, of course – but it also creates unique challenges, particularly relating to healthcare. The key to addressing these obstacles is being proactive, because the cheapest, safest medical procedure is the one that doesn't need to happen. That's why I've introduced legislation to incentivize healthier living, expand mental health screenings, and help more Americans access regular check-ups. We're making progress, but we've got a long way to go – and I'd like your help, because I know that the best ideas are the ones that come from families and communities on the front lines of these challenges. To strengthen this effort, I convened a policy forum on prevention in Bangor in October, which has already given me exciting new ideas that I'll carry with me into 2020. If you have additional thoughts on encouraging preventive healthcare, please share them with my office.

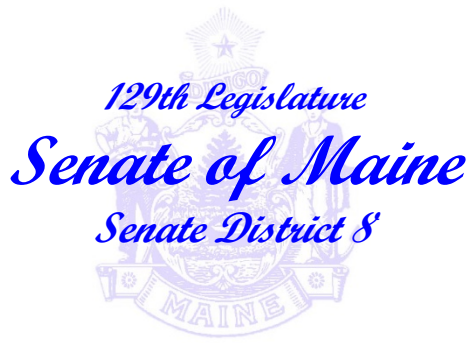
This year has also continued the growth of Maine's forest products industry – a key focus of my work to revitalize Maine's rural economy and communities. We've seen significant investment in mills across the state, creating good jobs to support rural Maine. I'm also pleased that the investments aren't just in our mills – the industry is thriving because of its commitment to innovation. We're fortunate to have the University of Maine's top-notch researchers exploring cutting-edge ways to use our forest resources, including capitalizing on the rise of 3D printing technology with the world's largest 3D printer. Combining this work with ongoing federal support, our vast forests, and Maine's dedicated workforce, I know that the future of this industry is bright, and I'll continue working to support it on all fronts.

I'm proud of all we've accomplished together this year, but even as I reflect on all that we've achieved, it is challenging to not think of the work left undone. It sometimes can be discouraging to watch these important priorities hang in limbo, but fortunately for me, encouragement is never far. After all, I get to live in Maine – which means I get to count Maine people as my neighbors and friends. I'm always struck by the kindness that our citizens show not only to me, but also to each other. This focus on collaboration and compassion is an inspiration, and it powers my efforts bring a little bit of Maine common sense to Washington. Thank you for all you do to for our state – Mary and I are deeply grateful, and we hope that 2020 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and the State of Maine.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angus S. King, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Angus S. King Jr.
United States Senator



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Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee
Ranking Member

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for allowing me the privilege of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you have put your trust in me and can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

As I write this, Maine and the rest of the world is in the midst of a pandemic as we battle COVID-19. Practicing safe social distancing and other directives we have never experienced before are essential to mitigate the spread of the virus. In keeping with these guidelines, unfortunately I cannot go about my usual visits throughout our communities and interacting face-to-face; however, I will continue to stay in touch by mail and social media as a means of fulfilling my desire to represent your interests at the State House.

Though we have accomplished a great deal in the past year, there is still much more to be done. Maintaining the prosperity that you have built over the last several years tops the list. We can do this by holding the line on government spending, doing our best to stay out of the way of local businesses so that they can thrive as a result of their own hard work, and making sure that government is the most fiscally responsible steward of your tax dollars. These continue to be a few of my priorities.

I am pleased to serve on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee for the 129th Legislature. My prior experience has prepared me well for topics that come before the committee, including criminal law and criminal procedure, the Department of Public Safety, law enforcement, victims' rights, fire safety and arson, and firearms. I thoroughly enjoy listening to all viewpoints and closely examining critical legislation as I believe we have a responsibility to safeguard the best interests of all Maine citizens.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 129th Legislature certainly has a great deal more work to do; but I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me at Kimberley.Rosen@legislature.maine.gov or by calling 287-1505 if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Kimberley C. Rosen
State Senator



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March 5, 2021

Town Council Town
of Bucksport
Bucksport, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Bucksport and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Bucksport as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2020 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

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TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS BUDGET AND
ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 7,084,918	\$ 7,084,918	\$ 7,084,918	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):	7,090,056	7,090,056	7,090,058	2
Property taxes	845,500	845,500	890,567	45,067
Excise taxes	809,135	809,135	779,026	(30,109)
Intergovernmental	881,000	881,000	935,919	54,919
Charges for services	24,000	24,000	13,268	(10,732)
Interest on taxes	80,000	80,000	157,519	77,519
Interest income	32,325	32,325	42,894	10,569
Miscellaneous revenues	79,500	79,500	-	(79,500)
Transfers from other funds	16,926,434	16,926,434	16,994,169	67,735
Amounts Available for Appropriation				
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	1,870,492	1,870,492	1,888,837	(18,345)
Protection	1,838,044	1,838,044	1,842,451	(4,407)
Public works	1,146,479	1,146,479	1,102,010	44,469
Health and sanitation	254,234	254,234	217,955	36,279
Community and social agencies	45,073	45,073	45,073	-
Education	4,791,910	4,791,910	4,787,796	4,114
Recreation	269,087	269,087	253,753	15,334
Cemeteries	4,525	4,525	2,775	1,750
County tax	198,319	198,319	198,319	-
Unclassified	108,502	108,502	80,331	28,171
Transfers to other funds	332,000	332,000	332,400	(400)
Total Charges to Appropriations	10,858,665	10,858,665	10,751,699	106,966
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 6,067,769	\$ 6,067,769	\$ 6,242,469	\$ 174,701
Utilization of restricted fund balance	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ (200,000)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	550,000	550,000	-	(550,000)
	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ (750,000)

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE BALANCE

SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 369,149	\$ 64,548	\$ 433,697
Investments	8,177,950	127,919	8,305,869
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	32,636	-	32,636
Liens	349,242	-	349,242
Other	549,886	91,359	641,245
Note receivable	460,801	-	460,801
Inventory	12,290	-	12,290
Due from other governments	34,213	-	34,213
Due from other funds	355,262	2,314,734	2,669,996
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 10,341,429</u>	<u>\$ 2,598,560</u>	<u>\$ 12,939,989</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 193,972	\$ -	\$ 193,972
Accrued payroll and related items	126,037	-	126,037
Due to other governments	1,196,479	-	1,196,479
Due to other funds	2,314,734	355,262	2,669,996
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>3,831,222</u>	<u>355,262</u>	<u>4,186,484</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	25,147	-	25,147
Deferred tax revenues	242,591	-	242,591
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>267,738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267,738</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable - inventory and principal	12,290	140,198	152,488
Restricted	-	573,530	573,530
Committed	-	1,311,795	1,311,795
Assigned	-	356,493	356,493
Unassigned	6,230,179	(138,718)	6,091,461
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>6,242,469</u>	<u>2,243,298</u>	<u>8,485,767</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 10,341,429</u>	<u>\$ 2,598,560</u>	<u>\$ 12,939,989</u>

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 7,090,058	\$ -	\$ 7,090,058
Excise	890,567	-	890,567
Intergovernmental	779,026	35,694	814,720
Charges for services	935,919	-	935,919
Miscellaneous revenues	213,681	54,295	267,976
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>9,909,251</u>	<u>89,989</u>	<u>9,999,240</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	1,888,837	35,339	1,924,176
Protection	1,842,451	23,012	1,865,463
Public works	1,102,010	-	1,102,010
Health and sanitation	217,955	-	217,955
Community and social agencies	45,073	-	45,073
Education	4,787,796	-	4,787,796
Recreation	253,753	11,886	265,639
Cemeteries	2,775	7,650	10,425
County tax	198,319	-	198,319
Unclassified	80,331	-	80,331
Capital outlay	-	620,074	620,074
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>10,419,299</u>	<u>697,961</u>	<u>11,117,260</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(510,048)</u>	<u>(607,972)</u>	<u>(1,118,020)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	332,400	332,400
Transfers (out)	(332,400)	-	(332,400)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(332,400)</u>	<u>332,400</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(842,448)	(275,572)	(1,118,020)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>7,084,918</u>	<u>2,518,870</u>	<u>9,603,788</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 6,242,469	\$ 2,243,298	\$ 8,485,767

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 64,548	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,548
Investments	-		-	127,919
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	91,359		-	-
Due from other funds	784,521	1,459,671	70,542	2,314,734
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 940,428</u>	<u>\$ 1,459,671</u>	<u>\$ 198,461</u>	<u>\$ 2,598,560</u>
LIABILITIES				
Due to other funds	\$ 257,502	\$ 68,394	\$ 29,366	\$ 355,262
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>257,502</u>	<u>68,394</u>	<u>29,366</u>	<u>355,262</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable - principal	-	-	140,198	140,198
Restricted	541,405	-	32,125	573,530
Committed	-	1,311,795	-	1,311,795
Assigned	254,120	102,373	-	356,493
Unassigned	(112,599)	(22,891)	(3,228)	(138,718)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>682,926</u>	<u>1,391,277</u>	<u>169,095</u>	<u>2,243,298</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 940,428</u>	<u>\$ 1,459,671</u>	<u>\$ 198,461</u>	<u>\$ 2,598,560</u>

SCHEDULE E

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES INFUND
BALANCE - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 35,694	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,694
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	794	31,877	(8,951)	23,720
Other	<u>7,764</u>	<u>22,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,575</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>44,252</u>	<u>54,688</u>	<u>(8,951)</u>	<u>89,989</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General government	35,339	-	-	35,339
Protection	22,361	651	-	23,012
Culture and recreation	11,886	-	-	11,886
Cemeteries	-	-	7,650	7,650
Capital outlay	<u>150,205</u>	<u>469,869</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>620,074</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>219,791</u>	<u>470,520</u>	<u>7,650</u>	<u>697,961</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUESOVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(175,539)</u>	<u>(415,832)</u>	<u>(16,601)</u>	<u>(607,972)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	400	332,000	-	332,400
Transfers (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>400</u>	<u>332,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>332,400</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(175,139)	(83,832)	(16,601)	(275,572)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>858,065</u>	<u>1,475,109</u>	<u>185,696</u>	<u>2,518,870</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 682,926</u>	<u>\$ 1,391,277</u>	<u>\$ 169,095</u>	<u>\$ 2,243,298</u>