

Town of Stonington Annual Report 2022

Maine Lobstermen see reasons for hope after a challenging 2022



**Maine lawmakers use spending bill to delay
lobster restrictions**



Maine lobstermen, women rally in Stonington as fight against new regulations continues



Governor Mills Slams Seafood Watch's Attack on Maine Lobster Industry

Maine lawmakers snap over lobster fishing's impact on whales



Maine's lobster industry in danger: Lobstermen sound alarm...



Dedication



This year's Stonington Town Report is dedicated to Roger Stone. We lost our long-time friend and retired former employee in December. Roger was a dedicated public servant in our Town who served as Town Manager, Stonington Water Company Superintendent and Licensed Plumbing Inspector. Roger had many talents and skillsets that benefited Stonington such as, his memory of things past, road and drainage issues, former property owners, where waterlines and valves were located. And, he was always willing to help with what he knew from his decades of service to Stonington. Roger we will miss you and thank you for all your years of service.

In Memoriam

Sarah B. Hutchinson
February 22, 2022

Anne Beatrice King
April 2, 2022

Bruce Edward Eaton
April 5, 2022

Owen C. Gross
April 25, 2022

Bernadette Marie Fairfax
May 31, 2022

John Edward Clifford
June 3, 2022

Goldie Fairfax Boyce
July 6, 2022

Margaret Hanna Graham
July 31, 2022

David C. Crutcher
August 14, 2022

Edna Bray Gray
September 2, 2022

Kevin L. Clough
September 29, 2022

Charles Lowell Eaton
October 10, 2022

James Elmer Bray
October 18, 2022

Deanna Marjorie Sturdee
October 28, 2022

David Dexter Wright
October 30, 2022

Edda Muse Taber
December 6, 2022

Sarah Marie Hardie
December 14, 2022

Roger Kimball Stone
December 26, 2022

SUSAN M. COLLINS
MAINE

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APPROPRIATIONS
HEALTH, EDUCATION,
LABOR, AND PENSIONS
SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON AGING

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate. I am grateful for the trust that Mainers have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments for our state.

Last year, I secured more than \$500 million for 285 projects from Aroostook County to York County that will promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; improve public safety, infrastructure, and community resources; and protect our environment. To address the crisis of soaring inflation and high energy prices, I led efforts to provide \$2 billion in supplemental funds to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. In the new Congress that begins in 2023, I expect to be the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and will continue to champion investments to support Maine's communities and families.

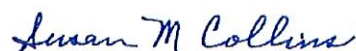
Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations that jeopardize our lobster fishery's very existence. Another ongoing threat to Maine's small businesses is the shortage of workers. That's why I led an effort to push the Administration to nearly double the number of H-2B visas that are critical to our hospitality industry. Additionally, when the Administration proposed to cut the construction of a destroyer to be built by Bath Iron Works, I restored this funding to protect Maine jobs and our national security.

When Maine Veterans' Homes announced last year that it planned to close its facilities in Caribou and Machias, I opposed that decision which would have had such a devastating effect on rural veterans and their families. I am glad that the decision was reversed, and I have secured \$3 million to help with upgrades to these facilities. My *AUTO for Vets Act* also became law, which will help disabled veterans maintain their independence by supporting the purchase of a new adaptive vehicle once a decade.

This past year, Congress demonstrated how effective it can be on behalf of the American people when both parties work together. A few of the bipartisan achievements that I was involved in include the *Respect for Marriage Act*, which will provide certainty to millions of loving couples in same-sex marriages while protecting religious liberties, and the *Electoral Count Reform Act*, which establishes clear guidelines for our system of certifying and counting electoral votes for President and Vice President.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have honored that work ethic by showing up for every vote. During my Senate service, I have cast more than 8,500 consecutive votes, never having missed one. I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2023. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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January 1, 2023

COMMITTEES
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SUBCOMMITTEE
BUDGET
ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PARKS
SUBCOMMITTEE
INTELLIGENCE
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear Friends,

I've often thought that Maine is just one big small town connected by long roads. Well, in the past year or two, those roads have gotten steeper and bumpier as we dealt with an unprecedented pandemic and the resulting economic troubles.

As we faced the historic challenges, something impressive happened. We came together and lent a hand to our neighbors wherever we could to keep things running and spirits high.

Down in Washington, Congress tried to help Maine communities get through this struggle, so that our state would come out stronger. To do that, we put in the work and set some things into motion that are already helping Maine people. That's why you hired us, after all.

The pandemic made something we'd known for a while clear: those roads and networks that connect our big town needed repair, improvements, and expansion – from bridges to broadband. So, while Maine was uniting towards a common purpose, Congress came together to pass the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* – legislation that makes generational investments in physical infrastructure, broadband connections, harbors, and the energy grid. These efforts will lay the foundation for Maine's 21st century economy and make sure even the most rural areas aren't left behind.

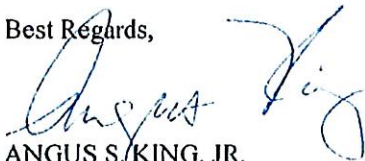
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed the *American Rescue Plan* in 2021, which enabled Governor Mills and the state of Maine to better meet the health and economic difficulties of the pandemic. At a critical moment it expanded healthcare efforts to confront COVID and invested in the state to keep the economy in far better shape than most others nationwide.

Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy. The bipartisan *CHIPS Act* will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones to microwaves to cars – and in doing so reduce prices and create good American jobs. We also passed the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* to lower healthcare costs, allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, and cut energy bills with new rebates for things like heat pumps and solar panels.

Beyond these major investments, we also passed vital legislation to improve the day-to-day lives of Maine people and Americans nationwide. On a bipartisan basis, we expanded health care for veterans exposed to toxins, strengthened protections for marriage equality, supported Ukraine as it fought off a bloody Russian invasion, secured our elections and the peaceful transfer of power, and delivered millions in federal investments to projects up and down our state.

So, as Maine worked to get through hard times, Congress took steps to support our state – and we're already starting to see brighter days ahead. I'm proud to have played a small part down here; it's a true privilege to listen to you, work with you, and build a brighter future for all the incredible people up and down the roads that connect our big small town. Mary and I wish you a happy, and safe 2023.

Best Regards,



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United States Senator

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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.

In August, I voted for the *Inflation Reduction Act* because it represented a dramatic turnaround from misguided efforts to pass sweeping, ill-designed legislation that tried to accomplish too many things through budget gimmicks, setting up problematic fiscal cliffs in numerous programs and refusing to make the difficult decisions to allow for a fiscally responsible bill.

The *Inflation Reduction Act*, which was signed into law by the president, was fiscally responsible and targeted four key priorities: reducing our national debt and putting our country back on a more sustainable path, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, and making health care more affordable, investing in an all-of-the-above energy strategy to significantly increase oil, gas, and renewable energy production to lower energy costs for Americans, and cracking down on the tax avoidance of billion-dollar multinational corporations. This bill was the first major legislation in the last decade to use the reconciliation process to create a fiscally responsible budget to reduce deficits. The Congressional Budget Office estimated it would reduce deficits by approximately \$300 billion.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I also helped pass the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, which among other things, included key wins for Bath shipbuilders, UMaine, and servicemembers and their families. For shipbuilders, the bill secured authorization for a third DDG-51 destroyer; established a new contract for up to 15 DDG-51 destroyers over the next five years, many of which will be built at Bath Iron Works; and included funding for shipyard infrastructure. The bill also authorized over \$25 million for defense research programs, including UMaine's large-scale manufacturing program. Finally, the bill authorized a 4.6% pay increase to help servicemembers and their families deal with rising costs due to inflation.

Additionally, at the end of 2022, Congress passed a spending bill to fund the government through September of 2023. The bill funds nearly \$27 million in funding for community projects across the Second Congressional District, a lifeline for our lobster industry that freezes any regulatory action for at least six years, and secures millions in additional funding for the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help Mainers heat their homes.

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:

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- **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 2023. 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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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

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

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Nicole Grohoski
Senator, District 7



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THE MAINE SENATE
131st Legislature

January 2023

Dear friends and residents of Stonington,

With the 131st Legislature underway, I am honored to be serving my first full term as your State Senator, representing most of Hancock County.

I have been appointed as the Senate Chair of the Taxation Committee and am returning to the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. For the Taxation Committee, my priorities include improving upon our existing property tax relief programs and ensuring a fair and balanced tax system that prioritizes working families and small businesses over big corporations. On the Energy Committee, I'll continue my efforts to lower electricity rates, reduce power outages, and enable an affordable transition to local, clean energy, as well as expand reliable, high-speed broadband across our state.

During the last two years, I worked with my colleagues to address our most pressing issues. We worked to decrease the property tax burden by expanding the Homestead Exemption and funding 55% of statewide costs for K-12 public education. Our students now have access to healthy meals during the school day, making it easier to learn. We passed laws to help improve access to affordable, high-quality medical care and life saving medications like insulin. Investments in infrastructure – like roads, bridges, housing and internet – have all been a priority.

I will continue to collaborate with my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we are doing the best work we can on these and other topics for the benefit of all Mainers. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance with state government or if you would like to participate in the legislative process. I also share information via Facebook and Instagram (@senator.grohoski) and send out periodic email newsletters; let me know if you would like to receive them. You can email me at Nicole.Grohoski@legislature.maine.gov or call my Senate office at (207) 287-1515.

I remain at your service and honored to be your advocate in Augusta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole C. Grohoski".

Nicole Grohoski
State Senator, District 7

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Dear Stonington Neighbors:

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta, and I am looking forward to working alongside my new colleagues to find thoughtful solutions for the many challenges facing our community and our state.

I was officially sworn into office at the State House on Dec. 7, and as I write this, we are preparing to begin the first session of the 131st Legislature that starts in January 2023. We have a lot of work to do in the coming months, from addressing the opioid epidemic and the threat of climate change to supporting Maine's fisheries and improving access to affordable housing. We are ready to get started.

This session, I have been appointed to serve on the Marine Resources Committee, where we will work hard to strengthen our fisheries and make sure that future generations can continue to earn a living from Maine's coastal waters. Protecting and supporting Maine's marine resources is a top priority of mine in the Legislature. It's not only important for our state's economy—the working waterfront is a way of life for those of us who live in coastal communities.

Please feel free to contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you or your family, or if you would like to discuss or testify on any upcoming legislation. My email is Holly.Eaton@legislature.maine.gov, and my phone number is 207-610-9281. I also send out monthly email newsletters that provide insight into our work at the State House, offer helpful information and resources and aim to connect you with your state government. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

I am so thankful that you have entrusted me with this great responsibility, and I look forward to connecting with you over the next two years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly Eaton".

Holly Eaton
State Representative

Town Officials

Board of Selectmen:

John Robbins, Chair	207-367-5842	2023
John Steed	207-367-8877	2023
Evelyn Duncan	207-367-5814	2024
Travis Fifield	207-367-2313	2024
Richard Larrabee, Sr.	207-367-8791	2025

Employees:

Town Manager: Kathleen Billings: (Tax Collector, Treasurer, Animal Control Officer, Road Commissioner)
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Town Clerk: Mary C. Roche: (Registrar) townclerk@stoningtonmaine.org, 207-367-2351 ext. 13

Deputy Clerk: Bridget Brophy: (Deputy Registrar) deputyclerk@stoningtonmaine.org, 207-367-2351 ext. 10

Deputy Clerk: Katherine O'Rourke deputy2@stoningtonmaine.org, 207-367-2351 ext. 12

Finance Director: Lucretia Bradshaw: finance@stoningtonmaine.org, 207-367-2351 ext. 14

Economic and Community Development Director: Linda Nelson: econdev@stoningtonmaine.org

Asst. Harbor Master, Asst. Pier Manager: Dana Webb: harbormaster@stoningtonmaine.org, 367-5891

Transfer Station Manager: Thomas Brophy: dumpkingtom99@gmail.com, 207-367-5996

Transfer Station Attendant: Michael Thompson: 207-367-5996

Public Works Foreman: Shaun Eaton: publicworks@stoningtonmaine.org, 207-367-2644

Road Crew: Christopher Pert, Benjamin Burrin: 207-367-2644

Water Company Operator: Matthew Betts: stoningtonwaterco@stoningtonmaine.org, 207-367-2351 ext. 15

Plumbing Inspector: Matthew Betts: stoningtonwaterco@stoningtonmaine.org, 207-367-2351 ext. 15

Code Enforcement Officer: Millard Billings: mbillings46@yahoo.com, 207-812-2383

Fire Chief: Ryan Hayward: 207-367-5076 (h), 207-610-3106 (c)

Fire Volunteers:
Delbert Gross
Danny Oliver
Steve Rittmeyer
Carl Shahan

Sanitary District Trustees:

In District: William Gross 2025
Diana Turner 2024
Robin Sayre 2024

At Large: Robin Taylor 2025
Ronald M. Eaton 2024

Sanitary District Operator: D. Gay Atkinson II, 207-367-5161

Deer Isle—Stonington Consolidated School District Directors:

Jane Osborne	Deer Isle	2025
Darian Gove	Deer Isle	2023
Chelsea Torrey	Stonington	2023
Tracie Morey	Stonington	2024
James Darrell Williams	Deer Isle	2024

Town Committees and Boards

Colwell Ramp Committee

Meets first Tuesday of the month, 5:45 PM

Dean Eaton	2023
D. Gay Atkinson II	2023
Travis Fifield, Select Board Representative	

Airport Committee

Meets Monthly, May-October

Mark Robinson	2024
Erik Walter	
Paul Behinken	2024
Jim Jackson	2023
John Steed, Select Board Representative	

Appeals Board

Meets As-Needed

Benjamin Pitts, Chair	2024
Donald Colson	2024
John Coombs	2023

Economic Development Committee

Meets first Tuesday of the month, 7:30 AM

Barrett Gray	2023
Max Katzenberg	2025
Carla Gunther	2025
Chelsea Brown	2025
Christopher Ross	2025
Sue Buxton	2025
Harry Caldwell	
Andy Chappell	
Morgan Eaton	
Dean Haskell	
Howard Hutchinson	
Kim Hutchinson	
Phil McFarland	
John McVeigh	
Linda Nelson, Chair	2023
Evelyn Duncan, Select Board Representative	

Harbor Committee

Meets second Tuesday of the month, 6:00 PM

Justin Boyce	2023
Cory Webb	2023
Richard Larrabee, Jr.	2023
George Stevens	2024
Hilton Turner, Chair	2024
Isaac Dworsky	2023
Dean Eaton	2024
Evelyn Duncan, Select Board Representative	

Island Recreation Board

Meets As-Needed

Elissa Haskell	Stonington	2023
Elaine Parke	Stonington	2023
Becca Emerson	Deer Isle	
Dana Morey	Deer Isle	
Pam Wendell	Deer Isle	
Liz Perez	Deer Isle	

Shellfish Committee

Meets second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 PM

Alvin Jones, Chair	2023
Kurt Ciomei	2023
Benjamin Hardie	2023
Lucas Oliver	2023
Raelene Pert	2023
Travis Fifield, Select Board Representative	

Planning Board

Meets third Thursday of the month, 6:30 PM

Anna Goff	2024
Ben Jackson	2024
Diana Turner	2024
Robert Winters	2024
Peter Haskell	2025
Caleb Scott	2024
Renee Sewell, Chair	2024
Evelyn Duncan, Select Board Representative	

Town Committees and Boards

Short-term Rentals / Housing Committee

Meets Monthly As Needed

Barrett Gray

Morgan Eaton

Renee Sewall

Maggie St. Amand

Mary Elsa Theobald

Julia Zell

John Steed, Select Board Representative

Main Street Committee

Meets Monthly As Needed

Andy Chappell

Carla Guenther

John McVeigh

Chris Ross

Transportation Task Force

Meets Monthly As Needed

Harry Caldwell

Phil McFarland

Kathleen Billings

Jim Fisher

Linda Nelson

Health Care Task Force

Meets Every Other Wednesday 5:00 PM

Don Bardole

Brenda Colson

Rene Colson

Robert Johnson

Jerry Kolosky

Kim Lengert

Gwyn Murray

Marcia Myers

Anne Schroth

Becky Siebert

Anne West

Evelyn Duncan, Select Board Representative

To the Citizens of Stonington,

It has been a busy year in our Town of Stonington on the municipal side of things. We have new businesses in town, new staff in the office and new residents who have chosen to make Stonington their new home. I am pleased with the really great work by various volunteers and organizations collaborating with us as well those who serve on boards and committees helping Stonington move forward in the future with land use, economic development, harbor management, health care, housing, shellfish to name a few. Their hard work and volunteering benefits us all. Many thanks to the ambulance and fire departments who address public safety and emergency needs.

It should seem like the pandemic is behind us, but the reality is we are facing the effects from it, both economically and in real life. Some businesses are thriving and some, like our biggest economic driver in this town, lobster fishing, is facing severe challenges with low prices for catch and high costs for bait and fuel. Housing is expensive and the lack of available rents make it difficult for area businesses to be able to staff adequately along with fewer young people available to take jobs that are being vacated by folks who are retiring.

For some of these issues mentioned, I am pleased to say are being addressed in those important volunteer committees. As the committees tasked with some of these initiatives present their findings for public hearing and discussions, I hope the townspeople come and participate to share opinions and ask questions to help us, as your municipal elected leaders, best serve this town. Our goal is to shape policies going forward to benefit Stonington and all of its citizens. There is some great work being done by our Transportation committee to address State roads with such issues as the Deer Isle Causeway and our Bridge, ensuring we retain and enhance or replace these to keep our roads viable with transportation needs such as commuting, freight and services. Task force such as our Air B & B/ Housing committee is putting in good work to figure out a balance of having year round housing rentals available and owner occupied desiring extra income to maintain and keep their homes. The Health Care task force comprised of Stonington and neighboring area towns was initiated with the loss of the Island Nursing Home and is tasked with addressing health care needs, advocating for legislative and other agency changes, gaps in health care and understanding and seeking solutions and reporting back to the Select Board how best to take care of our more vulnerable residents. Our Stonington Economic Development Committee (SEDC) is undertaking the Economic Resiliency Action Plan that Camoin Associates is doing for our town as a result of the threats to our \$60M fishing industry. They are tasked with how best to plan ahead to take some actions to preserve, diversify, and evaluate other opportunities in the Blue Economy with our current working waterfront.

As Chairman of the Select Board, I would like to say on behalf of myself and my fellow Select Board members how much I appreciate how hard the office staff works to serve the public, along with our Public Works, Transfer Station, Harbor/Pier Departments and our Town Utilities water and sewer. They all work hard, get along together, eager to help and support each other because Stonington is a busy little town with a lot going on with its many assets. It is also a pleasure to serve as your Selectman for Stonington, I enjoy talking to you all and I hope if any resident feels like there is any issue needing our attention that they know I am always available as well as my fellow board members to serve you.

Chairman John Robbins

To the Residents of Stonington,

I am pleased to bring to you, on behalf of the Select Board, this annual town report. As always, it is a culmination of all of our activities and financial reports of 2022 for various departments, enterprise funds, and utilities along with the status of our infrastructure budget needs and plans for the 2023 budget along with \$4M million dollars of grant funded project work coming up.

Inflation has hit us hard. I was very grateful for the support of our various Departments pulling together to stay within last year's budget so we didn't have severe budget overruns. As residents of this town, you are very lucky to have an experienced Select Board with great skillsets and who get along during these difficult financial times. The staff and I are very grateful for their guidance, support and working with us as we all collaborate together to make difficult choices and decisions during the year for our budget needs and prioritizing infrastructure needs and expenses. It makes my job as Town Manager much easier with these positive interactions and I am grateful for that support.

Working with the Select Board this year, we were able to bring you a budget with careful consideration of what would work best for our residents. The budget is up more than usual because of overall inflationary costs, staff raises, and infrastructure needs and repairs prioritized. The Select Board went into this process committed not to raise taxes and with a good strong surplus the Select Board has committed to keeping in past years for bad times, we are able to use some of that to offset the inflation increases in our budget and offset some of the anticipated increases from the County and the School budget. We can't do that every year, but with the tough financial challenges we know our residents are facing themselves with high food costs, heating oil, gasoline, and other family costs we are all facing, it seemed prudent to use this as a strategy this year to manage our budget needs and keep taxes flat.

This year was very busy with all our work dealing with economic challenges such as the resiliency economic planning work going on with nationally recognized Camoin Associates. There is a lot of good work by volunteer committees coming out soon and I hope you join in the discussions and help us shape what will bring added resiliency and balance to benefit all our Stonington residents and businesses. In addition, we are addressing housing issues, health care, transportation issues, and millions of dollars of water utility improvements coming up. And, always on our radar, sea level rise and climate change problems. Also, the Odd Fellows acquisition will be closing soon.

I do want to mostly thank all my staff in the various Departments. Stonington is fortunate to have Road Foreman Shaun Eaton, Chris Pert, Ben Burrin, Jesse and Jessica Johnston in our Public Works, TS Manager Tom Brophy and Mike Thompson at the Transfer Station, Assistant Harbor and Pier Manager Dana Webb, Raelene Pert as our Clam Warden, Linda Nelson, Economic and Community Development Director, plus my Administration office staff of Town Clerk Mary Roche, Deputy Clerks Bridget Brophy, & Kathy O'Rourke, and Lucy Bradshaw, Finance Director, plus even though they are Olver Associates employees, Water Co Supt Matt Betts and Sanitary District Supt Gay Atkinson. I say it every year and I deeply mean it when I say these are the people who make me look good with their dedication and devotion to Stonington needs every day and supporting me as the Town Manager. I can't do the job I do for you without them. If you see them, and want to thank them I am sure they will appreciate it.

Kathleen Billings, Town Manager

Town Clerk Report

Registrations	Hunting/Fishing Licenses	Shellfish Licenses
Passenger Cars 943	Season Hunt 26	<i>Commercial</i>
Commercial 85	Junior Hunt 2	Resident: Jr 0 Adult 20 Sr 5
Antiques 21	Archery 62	Non Res: Jr 0 Adult 3 Sr 0
Vanity Plates 76	Expanded Archery 5	<i>Recreational</i>
Specialty Plates 383	Crossbow 5	Resident: Adult 24 Sr 20
Transfers 30	Muzzleloader 5	Non Res: Adult 53 Sr 29
Motor Homes 6	Migratory Waterfowl 1	
Motorcycles 28	Spring/Fall Turkey 3	Vital Statistics Recorded
Mopeds -	Bear 2	Births 5
Transit Plates 11	Coyote Night Hunt 4	Deaths 18
Trailers 107	Resident Small Game 0	Marriages 8
ATV 38	Hunt/Fish Combo 17	
Snowmobile 25	Season Fish 20	Dog Licenses
PWC 1	Non Res Season Fish 1	Unaltered 3
Boats 307	1/3/7 Day Fish 6	Spayed/Neutered 52
Documented Ves- sels 67	Saltwater Registry 30	Kennel 0
	Superpack 1	Service/Rescue/Guide 0

The Town Office is open Monday through Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm.

By State law, all dogs must be licensed by January 31st each year. Fees for spayed/neutered dogs are \$6.00 and \$11.00 for unaltered dogs. Dog licenses issued after January 31st must be charged a late fee of \$25.00 in addition to the annual license fees. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required and you must provide a spay/neuter certificate to obtain the spay/neuter rate.

Notary services are available during regular business hours.

Tax Maps and Commitment Books are available online at www.stoningtonmaine.org

You may purchase hunting/fishing licenses and register your Auto, Boat, ATV, Snowmobile or Trailer online.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary C. Roche, Town Clerk

Main St., Stonington, Me.

C.M.P.



Economic Development/ Stonington Economic Development Committee

Report

The Stonington Economic Development Committee was re-launched in February 2022 with a new, reinvigorated membership that immediately got to work across a wide range of issues, most of which are identified and outlined in our 2018 Comprehensive Plan. Many thanks to the loyal volunteer members who dedicate their time and talents to a variety of areas and task forces – Short Term Rentals/Housing, Health Care, Transportation, and Main Street – to ensure Stonington remains a viable year-round community and Maine’s #1 port.

The Town faces many challenges to sustaining our year-round economy, and we are working to build our resilience and capacity for how we face both known and unexpected threats as they appear: climate and regulatory changes in our fishing industry; fragile transportation and health care services; and a pandemic-fueled real estate market that has made workforce housing, our year-round labor pool, and school-age population more limited than ever before.

We contracted with Camoin Associates, a nationally-renowned firm who previously had conducted the housing study for Island Workforce Housing, to create an action plan for steps the Town can take to make our year-round economy, and especially our lobster fishery, more resilient to change. The contract began just as we were hit by the news of accelerated deadlines for whale take regulations and the redlisting of lobster as an “unsustainable” seafood. Approximately 50 residents, fisheries stakeholders, and other business owners have participated in meetings and workshops over the last six months to create this plan, which is due to be finalized and released early this spring. It lays out strategies the Town will implement to attract and retain a healthier workforce; protect annual revenues exceeding \$55 million and diversify our ocean-based economy; and invest in the infrastructure that makes all this possible.

As we finalize this Town Report, Fidium is completing the installation of its high-speed fiber broadband network, ensuring every Stonington resident will shortly have access. If you are not yet signed up, go to [https:// www.fidiumfiber.com/fiber-internet-Stonington-me](https://www.fidiumfiber.com/fiber-internet-Stonington-me) or call 1-844-434-3486. If you need help signing up, paying for, or using these services please contact us at the Town office and we will provide assistance as part of our Digital Equity Program.

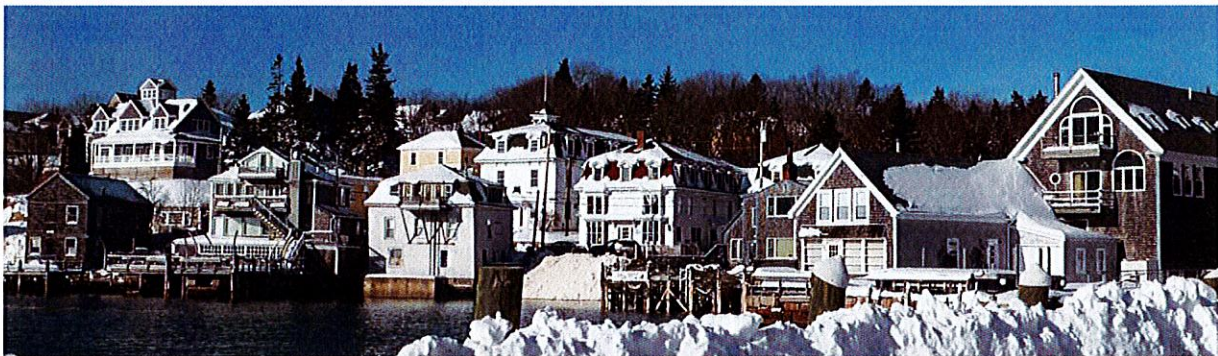
Additionally, the Town applied for and was awarded in July 2022 a Community Directed Spending federal earmark to purchase the Odd Fellows building on Stonington’s Main Street and working waterfront. Thanks

to the advocacy and assistance of U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King, this grant through the Housing and Urban Development department (HUD) will secure public access to this valuable and historic property and its shorefront for generations to come. Once the property is acquired and terms of the grant clarified, the Town will hold a public meeting on its future community uses. The Odd Fellows Hall is one of 19 buildings identified by the Maine State Historic Preservation Commission as part of a potential historic district along Stonington's Main Street. Achieving such status would make historic tax credits and grant funds available to property owners for repairs and upgrades to their properties.

We're watching as sea level rise is happening more rapidly than our engineers projected in 2019, and continue to seek funding for the priority adaptations identified in their 2021 follow-up report, including areas downtown, on the Oceanville Road, and in Burnt Cove. The Town's first Project Launch apprentice, Deer Isle-Stonington High School senior Marlaina Jones, is interested in the impacts of climate change and has been studying these reports, taking photographs, and communicating the urgency of these priorities to the public via social media. The Town also completed an application to participate in the Maine Climate Action Community Resilience Partnership and continues to participate, along with officials from eight other towns on the Blue Hill Peninsula, in group meetings of Peninsula Tomorrow to focus on climate mitigation and other long-term planning issues.

Want to play your part in sustaining Stonington? There's a lot for all of us to do. Email econdev@stoningtonmaine.org to volunteer or learn more.

Linda Nelson, Economic & Community Development Director



Stonington Water Company – 2022 Annual Report

In 2022, the Stonington Water Company had another busy year dealing with water leaks and severe drought conditions that forced us to truck in water for the second consecutive year. However, the Water Company also made several positive strides in the maintenance and operation of the water system.

- The Water Company has been working on replacing old analog water meters with new digital meters; 45 meters were replaced in 2019, 28 in 2020, 14 in 2021, and 14 in 2022. This leaves 15 old meters to be replaced this year. These new meters have an electric reader that makes it easier and faster for the operator to take readings. Over time this will also help with more accurate billing and will improve the comparison between production water, water pumped, revenue water, and water billed. We still have a high level of unknown, non-revenue water. This is likely due to leaking water piping. Our goal is to obtain a level of not more than fifteen percent of unknown non-revenue water.
- To this end, Mike Pelkey from EJ Prescott conducted two listening surveys on major parts of the distribution system. One on all the fire hydrants in Town, and one on numerous main valves throughout town. No leaks were found with either of these surveys. Water company staff have also listened on service valves throughout town, conducted walks of the shore, administered chlorine tests on multiple areas where running water was found, and investigated high meter readings. Several leaks were discovered with these efforts. A business on Bayview Street was found to have a leaking toilet which was estimated to have resulted in a loss of between 130,000 and 150,000 gallons. Two additional leaks (the Lobster Co-Op on Atlantic Avenue & One on Ocean Street) were also discovered with this undertaking. These were estimated to be leaking around 6,000 gallons a day apiece.
- In 2022, we pumped approximately 12.22 million gallons (MG) compared to about 12.17 in 2021. Over the last 2 years we have seen water usage return to pre-pandemic levels. We measured about 5.9 MG in metered water in 2022 compared to 6.83 MG in 2021. Of the amount of non-revenue water, we estimate that at least 3.0 MG was lost due to known leaks, water system flushing, pump house water usage, and winter time bleeding that protects shallow services and mains. There continues to be undiscovered leaks and we encourage all seasonal customers to utilize a caretaker to ensure that water is not leaking in the wintertime.

- The water company would like to thank the following:
 1. The Town Manager and the Board of Selectman for their continued support of the department in our efforts to serve our users to the very best of our abilities.
 2. The Public Works Department, Shaun and Chris, for all their support and help throughout the year.
 3. The local plumbers for their willingness to work collaboratively – whether it’s seasonal services or any other of the many issues that occur.
 4. We want to thank EJ Prescott, primarily, both Mike Pelkey and Seth Dickerson for continuing to help our small water system whenever they are needed.

Future Projects

- The Water Company started the process to replace the water main between the pump house and the water storage tank. Plans have been drawn up and the project is out to bid. This project will either start in the spring of 2023 or spring of 2024. The Water Company also received a loan to perform a Hydro-Geologic Evaluation and to make improvements to our well fields to increase supply. The Water Company has also received grant funds to begin the process of building a new stand pipe and to design a water line replacement for School Street.

Ongoing Challenges

Water leaks, treatment of water obtained from a granite geology, and low water supply are the most challenging issues that the Stonington Water Company must manage each year. This is especially difficult during the winter months or periods of severe drought. Unfortunately, we had to have 803,734 gallons of water trucked in from Maine Water in Bucksport during the months of July, August, and September to meet demand. We will continue to work diligently to improve our system to mitigate this issue. We urge all customers and residents to report any water usage concerns to us.

Improvements to our aging infrastructure will continue, as will our commitment to our customer’s satisfaction. The Water Company will continue to comply with the requirements of the State Drinking Water Program and focus on improvements to the infrastructure in 2023. Please feel free to contact us at the Town Office 367-2351 (X2) or Water Company Superintendent, Matthew Betts, at 266-8603 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted:

Annaleis Hafford, P.E., Water Company Manager

Matthew Betts, Water Company Superintendent.

D. Gay Atkinson II, Water Company Operator.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Millard Billings CEO

Contact 812-2383

Submitted to the Town of Stonington in January 2023 for the calendar year 2022.

Judy Jenkins was the Stonington Code Enforcement Officer from January through September when she resigned for personal reasons. I was appointed to serve in her place from October through December.

Structure: Anything built for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, domestic animals, goods or property of any kind, together with anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on or in the ground. The term includes structures temporarily or permanently located, such as decks and satellite dishes. All Structures require permits.

Fifty-nine Building Permits were issued in calendar year 2022. The types of permits will not equal the number of permits issued because many permits are for more than one structure or use.

Description:

New Residence / Cottages / Camp	6
Mobile Home	3
Garage / Shop	5
Residential Additions	4
Shed /Accessory Structure / Storage	3
Decks / Patios	11
Driveway	6
Shoreland Tree Removal	4
Change of Use	2
Apartment	2
Solar Array	3
Club House / Hall	1
Seawall, Rip Rap, Shoreline Stabilization	2
Bunkhouse for Workers	1
Boat House	1
Ramp & Floats	1
Replace Windows	2
Excavation to Seal Foundation Leak	1
Fence around Yard	2

Thank you to all Office Staff, Planning Board & Harbor Committee members that I have worked with this year. Roger Stone will be sadly missed by all who knew and worked with him.

Respectfully Submitted,

Millard Billings
Code Enforcement Officer

Planning Board Report 2022

The Stonington Planning Board meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Stonington Town Hall. We have four regular members and two alternate members. We must have a quorum of three members at each meeting in order to conduct official business. Agendas for our meetings, which are open to the public, are published in the notices section of the Island Advantages newspaper. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should contact the Stonington Town Hall, Selectman or the chair of the planning board.

All permit applications are received initially by the code enforcement officer and, when appropriate, are passed on to the Planning Board for action. Planning Board responsibilities are extensive and include, but are not limited to, commercial, industrial, governmental and roadways.

As chairman, I would like to thank Evelyn Duncan for acting again this year as our secretary, the code enforcement officer for their continued assistance, support and expertise and all of my dedicated board members.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Sewall, Chair

Board members:

Renee Sewall, Chair

Peter Haskell

Ben Jackson

Diana Turner

Anna Goff

Caleb Scott

Robert Winters

Permits issued in 2022:

Change of use X 4 approved

Building permit for residence X 1 approved

Permit for driveway X 1 approved

Licensed Plumbing Inspector Report

Permit #	Owner Name	Total Fee	LPI share	Town share	State share	DEP
1878	Katzenberg, Max	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1879	Shepard, Michael	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1880	Fifield, Travis	250.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1881	Schroer, Marilyn	80.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	-
1882	Ensworthy, Artie	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1883	Joshua Davis Lodge	250.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1884	Ekman, Steve	170.00	85.00	42.50	42.50	-
1885	Williams, John R	250.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1886	Dorchester, Jeff	250.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1887	Dorchester, Jeff	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1888	Levy, James	250.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1889	Hineline, Phillip	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1890	Bergen, Roger	100.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	-
1891	Old Quarry LLC	150.00	75.00	37.50	37.50	15.00
1892	McFarland, Philip	250.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1893	Old Quarry LLC	150.00	75.00	37.50	37.50	15.00
1894	Buxton, Susan	250.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1895	Buxton, Susan	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1896	Wallace, John	250.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1897	Williams, John R	80.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	-
1898	Thorpe, Jennifer	150.00	75.00	37.50	37.50	-
1899	Old Quarry LLC	150.00	75.00	37.50	37.50	15.00
1900	Cillo, Nicholas	250.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1901	Proctor, Jane	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-

1902	McCracken, Lindsay	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1903	Stonington Lobster Co-Op	40.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	-
1904	Buxton, Susan (replacing permit 1894)	-	-	-	-	-
1905	Taylor, Austin	150.00	75.00	37.50	37.50	-
1906	Eaton, Morgan & Chris	250.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1907	Larrabee, Ryan	250.00	125.00	62.50	62.50	15.00
1908	Larrabee, Ryan	80.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	-
		TOTAL	LPI	Town	State	DEP
TOTALS:		1,400.00	700.00	350.00	350.00	60.00



Stonington Volunteer Fire Department

To: The Residents of the Town of Stonington

From: The Stonington Volunteer Fire Dept

2022 went by like a flash. The Stonington Fire Department had a few interested calls this year... From 2 different calls regarding Dynamite, a house explosion and an extremely high number of trees down in wires from multiple days of very high winds.

The Stonington Fire Department responded to a total of 49 calls within our Town and responding to 71 calls to Deer Isle and 3 calls to Sedgwick for an overall total of 123 calls responding to. With being on call for multiple departments, because of how low numbers of members are. 109 calls are recorded as "Stand By" for those surrounding Towns.. Thata a grand total of 232 calls.. If you would like to join or might be interested get in touch with a member

Please remember that you will need a permit to do any type of open burning. Please contact Myself or Adelbert Gross for one. You can also apply for a Fire Permit by going to the Maine Foresty Service where you can fill out one there as long as conditions apply. Also we would like to emphasis to have your driveway or roadways to your property cut 15x15 so we can easily get any emergency vehicles safely to your home.

Lasty, I would like to personally thank the members of the Stonington Fire Department, the Town Manager, Town Selectmen, and the Town Clerks and especially the Residents of Stonington. Your support is truely appreciated. I truely hope that 2023 will be safe one for everyone...

Sincerely,

Ryan Hayward, Fire Chief of the Stonington Fire Department

INCIDENT REPORT 2022

Chimney Fire: 1 Car accidents(10-55): 2 Structure Fire DI: 2 Carbon Monoxide Alarm: 5 Structure Fire: 2 Trees in Power Lines: 10 Alarm(DI): 8 Vehicle Fire: 1 Grass Fire: 2 LZ Setup: 1 Lift Assist MAC: 5 Smoke Alarm: 3 Grass Fire(Sedg): 2 Brush Fire(DI): 3 Smoke Investigation(DI): 4 Trees in Wires(DI): 23 10-55(DI): 22 CPR: 7 Lift Assist(DI): 9 Fuel Spill: 1 Vehicle Fire(DI): 1 10-55(Sedg): 1 Gas Leak(DI): 1 Distress Call: 2 Wellness Check(DI): 1 Explosive Devises: 2 Water Rescue: 4 Assist Fire Marshals Office: 1

Harbor Committee Report for 2022

Stonington's economy has for over one hundred years depended on the sea, 2022 challenged our ability to survive in several ways. Parts, services, and goods often were impossible to find or took months to receive. Prices for fuel, bait, and marine products skyrocketed seemingly without rhyme or reason. Prices for lobster unfortunately did not follow the same upward trend. And, finally our commercial fishing industry was faced with a crisis which put the entire industry in jeopardy.

We are very thankful that not only Stonington citizens but our local and state government banded together with us to enable the lobster industry to at least postpone the Right Whale laws. This will give us time to prove that Right Whales are not endangered by our fisherman as well as time to research and develop workable fishing gear to meet Federal rules.

We would like to remind all individuals with moorings in Stonington waters that they must register the mooring and pay the yearly fee. This can be done at the town office. It is also the mooring owner's responsibility to have mooring tackle inspected as mooring tackle corrodes over time. Please remember the mooring and its tackle must be adequate for the vessel, contact the harbormasters office of any vessel changes. Finally, any new mooring request must come to the harbormaster for authorization.

We are pleased to report that the commercial fish pier operations have gone smoothly this Year. The committee will continue its efforts to ensure that commercial Fishermen have access to the harbor through this facility. I would like to thank Dana Webb, our assistant harbormaster and fish pier manager for the excellent job he has done, and I would also like to thank Kathleen Billings, our town manager, for her support.

Harbor Committee

Justin Boyce
Isaac Dworsky
Richard Larrabee, Jr.
George Stevens
Cory Webb
Hilton Turner, Chair
Evelyn Duncan, Select Board Representative

Harbormaster's Report

Stonington's working waterfront saw some changes this year. Those engaged in lobster fishing faced low prices, high fuel and bait costs. As a result, many didn't fish as often as they had before for economic reasons. Not sure what reflections this has on catch landings, but we should know in March.

Public Landing was busy with recreational boats this year. Notice will be out shortly for the 12 skiff permits lottery for Public Landing spaces to be fair and give anyone eligible a chance to get a spot. Call the town office for 2023 applications @ 367-2351. Anyone using the Public Landing is asked to comply with the 2 hours berthing limit and no leaving trash on the Landing or on Hagen Dock. It is NOT for household garbage or demo. Those with skiff permits are expected to bail their skiffs out as well.

Moorings in Stonington waters are expected to be checked and serviced. Our Harbor and Water's Ordinance has this requirement in it and you may be denied a mooring permit as a safety measure to other vessels with the severe storms now. We also ask each year to be mindful of your wake and speeds in our Harbor and near the shore for others to prevent injuries or damage.

We will be doing additional work mapping moorings coming up in 2023 in Stonington waters with GPS and working on numbering them. Harbor officials will be meeting with Army Core this year and begin some scoping work on upcoming dredging and working on the timetable with them for future dredging needs for the Federal Channel, Pier and Public Landing needs.

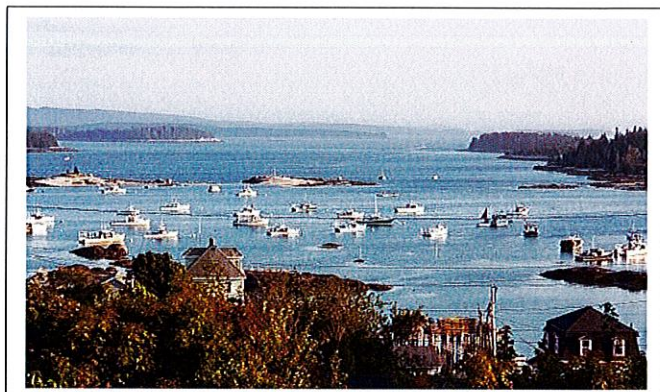
We have new vests for the Life Jacket loaner program. We applied again for another grant from Sea Tow and got restocked with different sizes. They are located at the Pier office. Please feel free to come get them and return them when done. They may save your life!

Also located at the Pier office, a new 3" semi trash pump to be used for emergency sinking's.

As always, it is a pleasure to work with the Harbor Committee and the public. Safe boating all!

Dana Webb, Assistant Harbor Master

Boats accidents:	3
Boat sinking's:	2
Fuel spills:	0
Medical calls:	0
Documented vessels:	52



Town of Stonington
Harbor Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2022

	<u>Jan - Dec 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2-4160 · HARBOR RESERVE INCOME	
Boat Excise	12,300.20
Dinghy Fees	3,500.00
Harbor Dredging Income	80,000.00
Misc Harbor Income	40.50
Mooring Fees	64,900.00
Reserve Interest & Fees	1,057.77
Total 2-4160 · HARBOR RESERVE INCOME	161,798.47
Total Income	161,798.47
Gross Profit	161,798.47
Expense	
2-5160 · HARBOR EXPENSES	
Harbor Assistant Wages	9,583.60
Harbor Boat Expense	1,344.91
Harbor Dredging Fund	15,000.00
Harbor Electricity	1,748.44
Harbor Health Insurance	1,113.10
Harbor Liability Insurance	1,771.82
Harbor Misc Expense	958.10
Harbor Misc Gas	0.00
Harbor Payroll Taxes	2,624.46
Harbor Postage	294.00
Harbor Printing	325.33
Harbor Professional Services	
Harbor Professional - Legal	0.00
Harbor Professional - Office	1,800.00
Total Harbor Professional Services	1,800.00
Harbor Pub Landing Expenses	149.50
Harbor Pub Landing Float Exp	9,049.43
Harbor Sewer	272.00
Harbor Snow Removal	960.00
Harbor Supplies	0.00
Harbor Telephone/Internet/Cell	718.27
Harbor Travel	0.00
Harbor Water	153.60
Harbor Workers Comp	1,663.21
Harbormaster Overtime Wages	159.30
Harbormaster Wages	10,180.74
Total 2-5160 · HARBOR EXPENSES	59,869.81
Total Expense	59,869.81
Net Ordinary Income	101,928.66
Net Income	101,928.66

Pier Manager Report

The Stonington Fish Pier continues to be a major attraction to visitors to our Town as a working waterfront asset. Our Harbor Committee with its oversight has continued its efforts to keep this asset in our Harbor for the number one lobster fishing port in Maine. It is a major enterprise fund in the Town meaning fees from fishermen and businesses who use it support it financially and keep it in good operating condition and repair.

Even though lobstering faced many challenges this year and we observed some who fish change the number of days they fished due to low prices, high cost of bait and fuel, fishery management lawsuits and regulation threats, as well as other alleged non-profit and other certified listing threats, the largest fishing fleet in Maine is still going. Some did retire, some did sell out, but some invested in new vessels and gear. Our town is committed to assist and work to enhance fishing opportunities in the coming years with the help and advice of our fishermen and women. It is our town's identity and cultural heritage and we take pride in keeping up our working waterfront.

During 2022, maintenance work was done on hoists, electrical, the fueling system, and floats. Fuel spill kits were updated for quick response.

The Pier is run under the Harbor and Waters Ordinance where Terms and Conditions for users are located. Copies are available at the Pier office and at the Town office. If you require a sticker to use the Pier, see the Pier Manager at his office 367-5891 or come to the town office to ask/call 367-2351.

For those visiting or using the Pier, please follow safety protocols such as, keeping speed down as various fork lifts and trucks are hard at work loading crates, bait and other items. Many trucks are traveling back and forth with fishing supplies, and items not needed are expected to be removed. Visitors walking onto the Pier need to be cautious and stay out of the way of the users of the Pier so they don't get hurt.

Dana Webb, Assistant Pier Manager

Transport permits	0
Parking permits	58
Skiff permits	64
Vessels	88
Service vehicles:	12
Gallons of diesel sold:	289,537.3

Town of Stonington
Fish Pier Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2022

	Jan - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2-4120 · FISH PIER RESERVE INCOME	
Diesel Fuel Sales	1,319,573.68
Fees & Permits	117,080.00
Fines & Violations	50.00
Fish Pier Misc Income	9,098.00
Pier Soda Machine Income	1,649.11
Reserve Interest & Fees	1,147.50
Total 2-4120 · FISH PIER RESERVE INCOME	1,448,598.29
Total Income	1,448,598.29
Gross Profit	1,448,598.29
Expense	
2-5120 · FISH PIER EXPENSES	
Fish Pier Assistant Wages	15,566.65
Fish Pier Diesel Purchases	1,252,868.54
Fish Pier Electricity	2,931.21
Fish Pier Equipment & Repairs	12,643.98
Fish Pier Health Insurance	1,576.04
Fish Pier Liability Insurance	4,359.17
Fish Pier Manager Overtime Wage	238.95
Fish Pier Manager Wages	14,403.43
Fish Pier Misc Exp	4,582.85
Fish Pier Misc Gas	5.00
Fish Pier Payroll Taxes	3,266.39
Fish Pier Postage	120.00
Fish Pier Printing/Copies	504.11
Fish Pier Professional Services	
Fish Pier Professional - Audit	2,200.00
Fish Pier Professional - Legal	0.00
Fish Pier Professional - Office	2,800.00
Total Fish Pier Professional Services	5,000.00
Fish Pier Sales Tax to State	5,753.92
Fish Pier Sewer	408.00
Fish Pier Snow Removal	1,440.00
Fish Pier Soda Machine Expense	575.81
Fish Pier Supplies	122.03
Fish Pier Telephone/Internet	2,025.90
Fish Pier Trash Removal	10,764.00
Fish Pier Travel	0.00
Fish Pier Water	358.40
Fish Pier Workers Comp	1,391.38
Total 2-5120 · FISH PIER EXPENSES	1,340,905.76
Total Expense	1,340,905.76
Net Ordinary Income	107,692.53
Net Income	107,692.53

2022 Old School Building Rental Report

This past year we had a good year with a full building as you can see from our 2022 Profit and Loss report. The tenants in the building bring a variety of professional services such as insurance, tax & accounting, legal, therapeutic offerings, and non-profits, who provide jobs and services which enhances our retail/service center of our Town. Our building is a self-sustaining enterprise fund of the Town and very few tax dollars go to support the facility. We continue with improvements each year to the building with a reserve for added building improvements and any repairs of \$180,000.

Our rental spaces offer reasonable fees, with benefits of electricity, heat, trash pickup, parking & snow removal services. You may inquire about vacancies or reserve a space on a wait list for vacancies. We continue to add funds from rents received to the building reserve to continue improving the building.

If you have questions or would like to be on our waiting list for rental space please contact the Town Manager at 367-2351.



Town of Stonington
School Building Profit & Loss
January through December 2022

	<u>Jan - Dec 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2-4320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE INCOME	
Rent Income	53,225.50
Reserve Interest & Fees	407.66
Transfers In from GF	100.00
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Total 2-4320 · SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE INCOME	53,733.16
Total Income	53,733.16
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Gross Profit	53,733.16
Expense	
2-5320 · SCHOOL BUILDING EXPENSE	
School Bldg Clean/Snow Rem.	3,497.40
School Bldg Heating Oil	13,349.10
School Bldg Insurance	3,529.32
School Bldg Maintenance	735.63
School Bldg Misc	558.94
School Bldg Supplies	818.81
School Bldg Trash Removal	624.00
School Bldg Utilities	9,309.68
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Total 2-5320 · SCHOOL BUILDING EXPENSE	32,422.88
Total Expense	32,422.88
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Net Ordinary Income	21,310.28
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Net Income	<u>21,310.28</u>

Transfer Station Report

The Transfer Station ran very well this year. There have been a few changes. First, Dave Brophy retired in December and we hope he enjoys his retirement. Mike Thompson has been hired and will make a nice replacement.

As always, most people did what they were supposed to do.

We have hauled off most of the waste from all areas and the Transfer Station looks good. To that point, the state inspection was very good.

Recycling is slow but steady.

New Transfer Station stickers will be required for all residents of Stonington who would like to use the Transfer Station. Renters may get hanging tags for vehicles. These may be purchased at the Town Office.

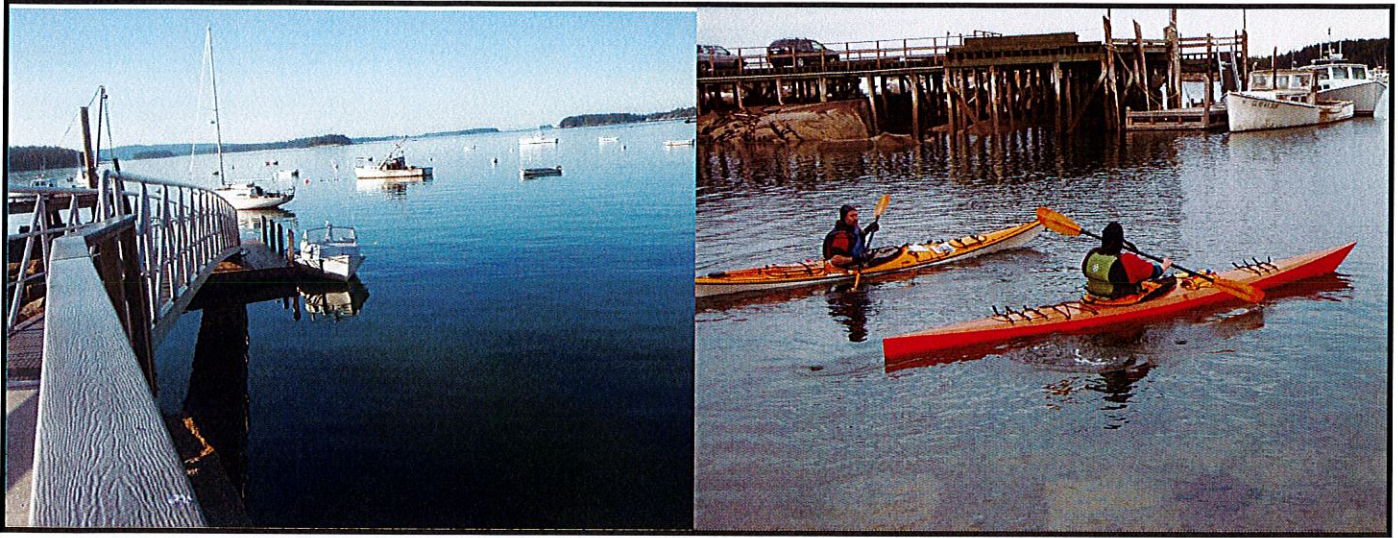
The Bottle Fund has been successful with \$144,000 raised which assisted 54 students.

Thank you.

Thomas Brophy

2021 Solid Waste Summary	
Waste Type	Tons Shipped
Solid Waste	
White Goods	106.4
Demolition	61.18 PERC
Ash	49.5 PERC

2021 Recycling Summary		
Material Type	Tons on Site	Tons Shipped
Glass	24	
OCC		18.6
Mixed Paper		16.7
Recyclables- North Coast		
Mercury Tubes	512 linear ft.	
Roof Shingles	142.1	



Colwell Ramp Committee Annual Report 2023

This year we launched the Float before Memorial Day & hauled it after Columbus Day Weekend! The weather cooperated nicely for a good long season of Public Use.

We would like to remind everyone to clean-up their own trash & remove it from the site, as there is no trash pick-up. Remember berthing & parking are only allowed for 45 minutes, long enough to load, unload & for quick errands to town.

Overnight parking & any unattended vehicles parked at the Colwell Site longer than 45 minutes will be towed, at the owner's expense, per Stonington's Parking Ordinance. The parking restriction is necessary to insure the ability for all users to maneuver on the site.

Contributions, funded through private donations & tax payer dollars, help us manage the property & build-up our account so we have Grant Matching Funds available for future improvements! New Planking is our next project, when Grant monies become available.

We would like to thank both Communities for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay Atkinson, Travis Fifield & Dean Eaton – Stonington &
Danny McDonald, William Stevens & Charlie Sisk – Isle au Haut

2022 Stonington Municipal Airport Annual Report

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic virus, our scheduled in-person monthly airport meetings in 2022 were conducted on line, via zoom.

The Stonington Municipal Airport continues to serve the vital and diverse needs of our inter-island communities, and serves as the link in our "airborne highway" to the mainland. During this past years' "Daylight VFR fly in" season, Jim Jackson (Chairman) and members of the Airport Committee have regularly mowed the grass, emptied the trash, monitored visiting aircraft parking, and assisted transient pilots. As always, the airport grounds were maintained, and groomed by the Airport Committee led by Jim Jackson.

The terminal office building is clean, organized, and offers several volumes of local aviation and tourist information for visiting pilots. We now have overhead and individual reading lights inside the building. Paul Behnken further enhanced the solar array by installing USB recharging docks.

As of 2021, we are no longer required to maintain a working land-line telephone from the terminal to the FAA, and Emergency responding services. Cell phone quality to contact 911 authorities has vastly improved, and deemed satisfactory by the FAA and the State of Maine for any required communications from the airport property.

We wish to thank Jim Jackson for purchasing vertical posts and split rail beams for the new split rail fence defining the western border of the terminal area. As usual, Erik Walter helped construct the fence.

The Town of Stonington collects airport hanger use and lease fees. As of November, 2022, there was \$6535.00 in "Town" funds in our Airport Reserve Account. We received \$610.00 from individual donations for the year.

As of November 2022, the "sign-in logbook" at the terminal building listed 56 cycles (landings and takeoffs) for the year. This was down from 60 cycles last year. We know that many pilots do not "sign in" so we estimate an "average" of one to two aircraft in and out every other day all year long. Airplane traffic has been somewhat reduced this year. The cost of general aviation fuel has been a steady \$7.00+ per gallon for the past twelve months. We feel that the cost of fuel has certainly inhibited casual vacation and cross-country flying in the Northeastern United States, but all who fly in love our small airfield. Penobscot Island Airways, (based in Rockland), has accomplished the most flights in and out of the airport in 2022. Most trips were business and commercial in nature, such as assisting Billings Marine in dispatching personnel and urgently needed repair parts to the entire Mid-Maine coastal geographic region.

UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) or Drones (and the Operators who manipulate them) continue to be an item of interest and concern. Flight safety is the guiding principle pertaining to formulating a "Drone" policy as it pertains to the island and the airport. Our main goal is to formulate a set of guidelines to maximize the safe *non-interaction* of drones (over land and water) with private and commercial aircraft approaching and departing the 7-25 runway.

Our Stonington Airport runway and taxiways are the primary and preferred island "LZ" (landing zone / helo parking area) for patient onloading for the medi-vac LifeFlight helicopters which are dispatched to air-evacuate patients to hospitals throughout the state of Maine. The Stonington Fire Department sets up the LZ area boundaries, and keeps the airport secure during medical evacuation operations.

In late October, Jim and Jean Jackson and Mark Robinson set up the runway edge defining orange traffic cones which assist the winter plow trucks in keeping the airport open and the snow clear for incoming and outgoing private and business aircraft using our facility.

The Airport Committee wishes to thank the airport manager, Kathleen Billings, the town maintenance employees, and the Stonington Fire Department for guidance and assistance throughout the year. The Airport Committee meets monthly from May through October. Our meetings are open the public, and guests are encouraged to attend.

Kathleen Billings, *Airport Manager*
John Z. Steed, *Stonington Town Selectman Representative*
Jim Jackson, *Committee Chairman*

Erik Walter
Paul Behnken

2022 Microloan Report

The Town of Stonington operates a Micro-Loan Program that can provide up to \$15,000 to qualifying businesses.

Small businesses who demonstrate the ability to be successful, but not always able to access bank financing, may qualify for a Micro-Loan for startup, expansion or working capital needs.

With the help of Stonington's Micro-Loan Program, we may be able to provide this financial assistance for your small business or start up with a friendly one-on-one atmosphere, so bring your business plan, and download our loan application at www.stoningtonmaine.org.

Loan information-

- Up to \$15,000.
- Interest rate set by Micro-Loan Committee and fixed for the life of the loan.
- Collateral will be required in the form of business and / or personal assets.
- Terms determined by Micro-Loan Committee
- Must provide jobs for Low / Moderate individuals.

Contact us at 367-2351 for more information.

Deer Isle-Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee

2022 Report

The Shellfish Conservation Committee meets at 6:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. Meetings are open to the public and people are encouraged to attend.

In 2022, we had a number of conservation events. We did coastal cleanups in both Deer Isle and Stonington; a survey of Deep Hole in Deer Isle; hand collected Green Crabs in Crockett Cove; and participated in one of Downeast Institute's research projects at Hatch Cove in Stonington and at the Sunshine Causeway in Deer Isle.

In 2023, in addition to our annual coastal cleanups, we plan to do some reseeding and we will be putting out some experimental Green Crab traps.

The Committee voted to keep the 2023 budget the same as 2022 and not to ask for an increase in license fees. In the future, we may have to raise license fees if license sales fall any lower. We are concerned that young people are not getting a commercial shellfish license and commercial harvesters are aging out of the fishery.

The Committee would like to thank the Towns for all their help and support and to thank our Clam Warden for all her hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

George T. Powell

Shellfish Committee Member



Town of Stonington, Maine Athletic
Award Trust Reconciliation December 31, 2022

Fund Name	Beginning Basis	Beginning Cash Value	Income/Interest Earned	Disbursements/Other Transfers	Ending Basis	Ending Cash Value
DONALD BARLETT, Scholarship	853.65	989.94	0.11	-	853.65	990.05
MCDONALD, STEPHEN, Scholarship	346.46	392.69	0.04	-	346.46	392.73
Grand Totals	1,200.11	1,382.63	0.15	-	1,200.11	1,382.78

Town of Stonington, Maine
Cemetery Trust Reconciliation December 31, 2022

Fund Name	Beginning Basis	Beginning Cash Value	Income/Interest Earned	Disbursements/Other Transfers	Ending Basis	Ending Cash Value
Anderson, Mabel	500.00	979.94	0.49	-	500.00	980.43
Anderson, Millard	200.00	212.71	0.11	-	200.00	212.82
Bailey, Marjorie Estate	2,000.00	2,120.40	1.07	-	2,000.00	2,121.47
Barter & Burrill	400.00	515.62	0.26	-	400.00	515.88
Barter, Mary	300.00	592.04	0.30	-	300.00	592.34
Billings, Llewelyn & Ursula	500.00	2,488.62	1.25	-	500.00	2,489.88
Billings, Mabel & William	300.00	360.60	0.18	-	300.00	360.78
Eban Candage & George Eaton	500.00	1,417.39	0.71	-	500.00	1,418.10
Castallucci-Donatelli	200.00	212.71	0.11	-	200.00	212.82
Collins, Charles & Lucy	100.00	480.18	0.24	-	100.00	480.42
Coombs, James & Celeste	150.00	545.96	0.28	-	150.00	546.24
Cousins, Percy	400.00	498.06	0.25	-	400.00	498.31
Cripps, Ernest T	300.00	604.73	0.30	-	300.00	605.04
Dunham, Laura	500.00	658.39	0.33	-	500.00	658.72
Eaton, Chester	1,000.00	4,186.58	2.11	-	1,000.00	4,188.69
Eaton, Joseph	100.00	100.70	0.05	-	100.00	100.75
Eaton, Nora	300.00	1,055.26	0.53	-	300.00	1,055.80
Fifield, Lila E	245.86	728.42	0.37	-	245.86	728.79
Frink	1,000.00	1,408.49	0.71	-	1,000.00	1,409.20
Greene, Amanda & Sullivan	200.00	323.46	0.16	-	200.00	323.63
Greene, Sullivan	200.00	255.79	0.13	-	200.00	255.92
Greenlaw, William L	500.00	1,415.70	0.71	-	500.00	1,416.41
Gross, Frank	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	-
Gross, Lawrence	300.00	671.55	0.34	-	300.00	671.89
Hamlin-Gross	200.00	127.20	0.06	-	200.00	127.27
Judkins, Edith	9,576.66	21,364.42	10.76	-	9,576.66	21,375.18
Judkins, Ruel & Harry	600.00	1,023.38	0.52	-	600.00	1,023.89
Knowlton & Coombs	200.00	687.22	0.35	-	200.00	687.57
McDonald, Stephen	100.00	100.60	0.05	-	100.00	100.65
McGuire, Frank	300.00	582.95	0.29	-	300.00	583.25
McKenzie, Smith, Goodrich	200.00	927.85	0.47	-	200.00	928.31
McMahon, Dennis	350.00	658.75	0.33	-	350.00	659.08
Merrill & Merrill	1,000.00	2,019.61	1.02	-	1,000.00	2,020.62
Milne, Alexander	500.00	745.28	0.38	-	500.00	745.66
Morey, Lena	377.00	528.27	0.27	-	377.00	528.54
Noyes, George B	200.00	893.80	0.45	-	200.00	894.25
Parson, Celia	300.00	576.25	0.29	-	300.00	576.54
Pray, Jessie M	50.00	17.64	0.01	-	50.00	17.65
Richardson, Gordon & Lida	300.00	435.62	0.22	-	300.00	435.84
Robbins, Abbie	200.00	212.71	0.11	-	200.00	212.82
Robbins, James & Sarah	300.00	368.47	0.19	-	300.00	368.66
Saunders, William & Mary	100.00	192.49	0.10	-	100.00	192.59
Sturdee, Thomas	500.00	826.36	0.42	-	500.00	826.77
ThurLOW & Hundley	2,900.00	3,983.62	2.01	-	2,900.00	3,985.62
ThurLOW, Louise	150.00	246.45	0.12	-	150.00	246.57
Turley-Herrick	200.00	239.71	0.12	-	200.00	239.83
Webster, Nattie	300.00	952.56	0.48	-	300.00	953.04
Welch, Hattie & Guy	100.00	362.43	0.18	-	100.00	362.62
Grand Totals	29,399.52	59,906.95	30.18	-	29,399.52	59,937.13



Deer Isle - Stonington Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 490
Deer Isle, ME 04627

deerisle@deerisle.com
www.deerisle.com
(207) 348-6124

Stonington Residents:

In accordance with its Mission Statement, the Chamber of Commerce plans to continue its advocacy for the Deer Isle/Stonington business community and the Island itself in 2023.

Throughout the past year, the Chamber has focused on the deerisle.com website, the Island Map and Guide, the Welcome Center and events such as the Fourth of July. Following are some highlights:

Deerisle.com is the place where more and more people start to look for services, shops, dining, arts and artisans and accommodations. Over the last year, 35,000 people visited the site, looking at 107,000 pages of business listings and events offering unparalleled visibility for businesses to people looking for information about the Island. The Chamber also sends emails to hundreds of people who expressed an interest in Stonington events and inquiries of what to do and where to go on the Island, in addition to promoting businesses happenings on our Facebook page.

This year, as in past years, the Chamber produced 5000 copies of the Map and Guide to the Island and distributes it through local businesses, the Chamber's website and the Chamber's own Welcome Center. Thousands of copies of the 2022 Map and Guide were handed out to travelers visiting the Island.

Volunteer greeters work for hundreds of hours each Summer and Fall at the Welcome Center just over the bridge promoting Stonington businesses to hundreds of visitors. The requests for information range from where to find dining, accommodations, arts and artisans, shopping and services. The volunteers at the Welcome Center have been customers of Stonington businesses for years and serve as their brand ambassadors.

The Chamber supports Fourth of July festivities, Holiday events, citizens' forums and the Stonington Economic Development Committee. The Chamber also issues a monthly news flash, which informs Members about important Island events.

The Chamber appreciates the Town of Stonington's continuing support of our endeavors. This year we are again asking for a contribution of \$3600 towards the July 4th celebration and a contribution of \$700 for our ongoing promotional efforts. These amounts are the same as last year.

Please visit our website at www.deerisle.com or our Facebook Page for more information.

Thank you, in advance, for your attention.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Haskell, President
December 1, 2023

Deer Isle Stonington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Craig Hutchinson	Kristen Rollins	Leslie Miller Landrigan	Tony Adams
Dean Haskell	Dan Landrigan		Jean Wheeler



November 14, 2022

Selectmen and Residents of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

Re: Third Party Request

Dear Selectmen and Residents:

Please find this as Downeast Transportation's funding request for FY '24.

Our request is that the town of Stonington appropriate \$800 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. This is the same amount we have requested from the town for many years.

We continue to strive to provide the best public transportation possible, in the face of significant cost increases, without increasing our burden on the communities of Hancock County.

Please note: If Downeast Transportation finds itself with a surplus at the end of our fiscal year, we will carry that surplus over to defray operating costs in the next fiscal year. Please let us know if that is not satisfactory to you.

Please call if you have any questions.

Best regards,


Paul Murphy
General Manager



**EASTERN AREA
AGENCY ON AGING**

Eastern Area Agency on Aging
240 State Street
Brewer, ME 04412
(207) 941-2865 (800) 432-7812
www.eaaa.org

Town of: Stonington

Greetings,

Last year Eastern Area Agency on Aging (EAAA):

- Provided health insurance counseling to over 6,000 community residents,
- Saved community residents \$1 million in Medicare premiums, deductibles, and copays,
- Provided 197,000 meals to homebound older adults, and
- Provided 21,000 hours of volunteer services across our region.

Because of the generosity of towns across our region, last year, we were able to **deliver 13,000 meals to homebound adults**. Through the continued support of towns and municipalities, we are able to offer essential services and resources to the most vulnerable residents in Washington, Hancock, Piscataquis, and Penobscot counties. Included, you will find a report listing services EAAA provided to benefit your residents over the past 12 months, as well as the associated costs.

With pandemic funding ending and our population's ongoing needs growing, as you prepare your town's budget, we ask you to increase your funding to Eastern Area Agency on Aging. Rising costs of food, fuel, and supplies have not only increased the cost to provide services but have increased the demand for services as older adults struggle to make ends meet.

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| ➤ Your town's allocation to EAAA last year: | \$ 2600.00 |
| ➤ Amount requested for 2023: | \$ 3000.00 |

If you have questions, please contact Dan Frye at 1-800-432-7812 or dfrye@eaaa.org. We have also enclosed a one-page sheet that provides a summary of the programs and services we provide. Please visit www.eaaa.org to learn more about Eastern Area Agency on Aging.

Sincerely,

Dan Frye
Development Manager



Home Care & Hospice
225 Gorham Rd.
South Portland, ME 04106

Office 800-757-3326
Fax 207-400-8891

December 21st, 2022

To the Residents and Selectman of Stonington:

Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of the work that we do at Northern Light Home Care & Hospice. We provide crucial community health services to help your residents remain in the comfort of their own home for as long as they possibly can. We are nurses, rehabilitation therapists, social workers, home health aides, volunteers, and spiritual counselors. We provide pivotal and compassionate care when people are released from the hospital following illness or surgery, as well as when people elect end of life hospice services.

Although Northern Light Home Care & Hospice faced many challenges the past two years, we have not wavered in delivering high quality patient care, remaining devoted to our staff, and striving to improve the health of the people and communities we serve. In the last twelve months we have:

- conducted 121,130 visits to 8,752 homecare patients
- conducted 54,339 visits to 2,058 hospice patients

In addition to our hallmark Home Health and Hospice programs, we provide indispensable public health services in the community. Our COVID-19 pop-up clinics, school located vaccination clinics, and COVID-19 testing at various facilities and businesses had an outsized & meaningful community impact. In the twelve months ending September 30, 2022, we have:

- administered approximately 61,000 COVID vaccines
- administered nearly 10,000 flu vaccines
- administered 100s of homebound vaccinations

These visitation numbers are nothing short of remarkable during these unprecedented times. As an example of the good work we do, I share with you a quote from a grateful family.

“Dianna’s and my experience with hospice during her last seven weeks was totally positive. Hospice was very sensitive to our wanting minimum visits due to COVID worries, but the advice we received during the visits that did take place and over the telephone were invaluable. I would not want to go through such an end-of-life caregiving experience without hospice!”

While we get reimbursed from Medicare, MaineCare, and other insurers, this does not cover the full cost of care provided to those with, or without, insurance in your

community. It also does not cover our efforts to assist members of your community who need a shower bench, blood pressure cuff, or nutritional assistance. Financial support provided by the Town of Stonington is used to offset the shortage in reimbursements for insured individuals, and to ensure care for those without insurance.

We hope that we have inspired you to consider maintaining your support for our work with a FY23 gift in the amount of \$7,550. Please be reminded that our clinicians live in the communities they serve, and our board of directors includes a representative residing in each county we cover. Along with this request, I have included our board list, an overview of the care provided in Stonington, and our FY23 budget. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

We are grateful for your past support and thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Colleen Hilton

Senior VP, Continuing Care

President Home Care & Hospice

HIP healthy island project

November 2022

Enhancing the broad health of the Deer Isle-Stonington community through...

- active island
- age-friendly island
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Dear Friends of HIP,

What a busy, busy year and we wouldn't have it any other way. At Healthy Island Project, we care about the broad health of islanders and aim to help people succeed in living healthy lives. So much of our recent growth, innovation, and inspiration is thanks to your support for helping to meet so many community needs. We run a mix of ongoing programs and special events, all centered on our **community**. You know us from **Salt Air Seniors**, the weekly **HIP Lunch Box** for seniors, community events such as **WinterFest** and the **Community Breakfast**, collaborative efforts with the towns on COVID vaccine clinics and an ongoing **Community Asset Mapping** process, **Island Digital Inclusion**, food initiatives such as **Edible Island** programs in the schools, and new this year, **FarmDrop** and **HIP Pantries** through which we are striving to bridge the food/nutritional security gap. Whether it's our beloved seniors, families, young people, or kids, no one on our island should go hungry.

We rely on individual donations, grant funding, and support from the towns to fund our community work. And it truly IS community work. Thousands of volunteer hours by over one hundred phenomenal volunteers paired with our small, resourceful, and dedicated staff to keep us the responsive and nimble organization we are, focused on meeting the needs of islanders. Do you know of someone in need? Please, contact HIP to see how we can help.

We are grateful to the Town of Stonington for your past support of \$3500 for 2022. With needs many, expenses high, and our anticipated budget of \$205,000 for 2023, **we are respectfully requesting \$5000 from each town**. Your support will allow islanders to live healthier lives.

Sincerely,



René Colson
Executive Director



Susan Toder
President of the Board



HOSPICE
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~ Volunteer Service Since 1980 ~

October 26, 2022

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Third Party Request, Selectmen and Residents of Stonington
Town of Stonington
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Third Party Request, Selectmen and Residents of Stonington,

Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County (HVHC) has just begun our 43rd year of serving the residents of Hancock County. We view our service to individuals and families who are experiencing some of life's most challenging times as a privilege and we are humbled in being able to do so.

During these past two and a half years of the pandemic, we adjusted, created, served in new ways, rebuilt and expanded our programs and services to accommodate the needs of the community, our volunteers and the individuals and families we serve.

Our direct services over the past year have included:

- Patient Care and Caregiver Support to 99 patients.
- Over 700 gestures of Bereavement Support directly to grieving community members.
- We provided used health-supporting medical equipment to 181 local residents in need.
- We hosted 14 educational programs online with average attendance of 20 participants each.

We work in partnership with medical hospices, while remaining **an independent non-profit volunteer hospice organization, licensed by the State of Maine. As such, we depend on the generous partnership with our community for continued support.** These years of the pandemic have continued to demonstrate HVHC's strength and commitment to serving and adapting to the needs of our community. We are grateful.

We consider the towns we serve to be partners in the provision of these services, and we **appreciate the support we have received from the Town of Stonington in the past. We look forward to your continued support during the coming year with a contribution of \$1000.**

Sincerely,

Jody Wolford-Tucker, PhD
Executive Director





Report to the taxpayers and residents of Stonington for the year 2022

As 2023 approaches, the Island Community Center (ICC) celebrates 21 years of providing programs and events that enhance wellness and create connections for all island folk – locals and visitors alike. 2022 saw the ICC continue its efforts to create new programs and innovative enhancements for established favorites benefitting island children and adults.

The much-anticipated fitness center has been completed and is now open to the public after a generous donation by the Island Health and Wellness Foundation and support from other contributors. The fitness center is another opportunity to offer facilities for the health and wellbeing of our community. With a variety of membership options and an established scholarship available, any person who wishes to join may do so. Programs such as Camp Kooky, the Stonington Six, pick-up basketball, Zumba, the Apple Fest enjoy continued success. Collaboration with “Flash in the Pan”, the Farmer’s Market and the Island Food Pantry are important examples of working with our partners toward community-building.

To mark 20 years of community service we held an anniversary party complete with wood-fired pizza, fantastic music courtesy of “3 Mile Line”, and good conversation. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community for the past 20 years and look forward to continuing doing so for many years to come.

We approach year-end in a solid financial position with a healthy reserve. However, ICC funds approximately 80 percent of operations through usage fees, individual donations, grants, and special fundraising events. Public funding from the Towns of Stonington and Deer Isle is essential to offset the full cost of our programming and facility maintenance aggravated at this time by rising utility, heating, and other costs. **As we move forward with a strategic plan to address community and facility needs, we respectfully ask for taxpayers’ support for our general operations in the amount of \$13,000.**

This commitment will enable the ICC to continue to offer high-quality programs that serve our neighbors and enrich the community at large. We recognize the need to use public monies appropriately, with much effort placed in wise choices, and we pledge to do so. We are committed to meeting the needs of this community and to reaching all segments of our island population. We are deeply grateful for your generosity in the past and for your serious consideration of this year's request. We encourage any questions regarding our finances, facility, or programs. (367-2735)

Respectfully submitted,

The Island Community Center Board of Trustees

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November 1, 2022

Dear Town of Stonington and Townspeople,

With a wide range of offerings, the Stonington Public Library has shown how important it is to the many interests of our varied and engaged patrons. As director Christopher Ross explains, "Anyone who says libraries are dying couldn't be farther from the truth. The community's enthusiasm for all we do blows me away and reminds me every day why I love the work I do—and inspires me to achieve more!"

The statistics for the year, through the third quarter, speak for themselves. Through September, they include 5,185 visitors, 6,011 items borrowed, 5,131 Wi-Fi users, 720 items added to the collection and over 1,100 volunteer hours. SPL offered 56 programs and activities, both live and asynchronous, through September with the participation of 1,152 adults, teens and children. These events included monthly book club discussions, poetry open mic, and story time and craft in addition to author talks, art exhibits, hands-on activities and more. The popular Seaside Series, which ran for nine Wednesdays in July and August, was attended by a total of nearly three hundred people.

SPL also has launched Kanopy, which is a streaming service offering over 30,000 films and educational programs. This has been accessed 150 times by our patrons. SPL also opened an ongoing Friends of Stonington Public Library book sale, which draws many visitors into the library. A volunteer book delivery program continued distributing library resources to local childcare centers and is also available to individual patrons upon request.

With all the services being offered to the community, the Library is requesting \$12,500, which is the same amount requested and approved from last year.

The Stonington Public Library board welcomed two new members this year, Donna Brewer and Ben Jackson. The other members who complete the Board for 2022 are president Richard Barnes, co-vice presidents Alicia Condon and Melissa Mial, secretary Emily Newell, treasurer Robin Taylor, and Jean Jackson, Richard Paget, Shannon Stanhope and Erin Walker.

With grateful thanks for the townspeople's support,

Stonington Public Library Board of Trustees

STONINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
1/1/22 - 9/30/22

		TOTAL
Income		
Designated Grants/Donations		
	Foundation and Trust Grants	8,000.00
Total Designated Grants/Donations		8,000.00
Direct Public Support		
	Annual Appeal	10,920.00
	Designated Donations and Memorials	1,820.52
	General Donations	12,930.68
	Newsletter Appeal	4,100.00
	Program Income	4,852.05
	Special Events Fundraisers	13,355.10
	Town Appropriation	12,500.00
Total Direct Public Support		60,478.35
Total Other Income		3.82
Total Income		68,482.17
Expense		
Total Business and Professional Fees		973.82
Facilities and Equipment		
	Equipment/Furniture	1,634.97
	Maintenance/Repairs/Improvements	2,376.41
	Cleaning Supplies	98.94
Utilities		
	Propane	893.30
	Electric	671.57
	Water/Sewer	894.00
	Telephone	197.87
Total Facilities and Equipment		6,767.06
General Operations		
	Books	8,742.41
	Subscriptions	764.95
	Postage and Mailing	817.39
	Printing	103.50
	Supplies	1,453.91
	Telecommunications/Computers	123.00
Total General Operations		12,005.16
Total Other Expenses (Programming, Cont. Ed., etc.)		2,050.83
Total Fundraising Costs		3,209.37
Payroll Expenses		
	Salaries	27,960.38
	Payroll Taxes	2,065.36
	Workers' Comp Insurance	787.00
Total Payroll Expenses		30,812.74
Total Expense		55,818.98
Net Income		12,663.19



**The American Legion
Rodney Stinson Post 102**

Richard Eaton
423 Airport Road
Stonington, ME 04681
(207) 367-5586

June 8, 2022

The Town of Stonington
Attn: Kathleen Billings, Town Mgr.
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Kathleen Billings, and Residents of Stonington, Maine,

In preparation of completing the Budget which covers **Memorial Day, 2023** ~ Please write \$500.00 into the budget to reimburse the American Legion Rodney Stinson Post 102 for reimbursement for the flags.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Eaton".

Richard Eaton
Post Commander/Finance Officer



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

September 30, 2022

Town of Stonington
Attn: Mary Roche
32 Main Street, PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Mary,

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the region:

- We made over **576 homes safer** by installing smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **34,765 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **132,000 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,900** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Stonington. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$750.00.* These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Service Delivery sheet for Hancock County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Jordan".

Lauren Jordan
Development Coordinator

32 N Prospect St
Burlington, VT 05401

2 Maitland St
Concord, NH 03301

2401 Congress St
Portland, ME 04101

www.redcross.org/nne

American Red Cross of Northern New England



November 22, 2022

Town of Stonington
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

RE: **Annual Request for Local Match Funds**

Dear Board of Selectmen:

Downeast Community Partners, now in our 5th year following the merge of WHCA and CFO, wishes to extend a thank you to Stonington's Selectmen and residents for your past support. Downeast Community Partners' mission is to improve the quality of life and reduce the impact of poverty in Downeast communities. Attached is a flyer that I hope will assist you in informing townspeople what we offer. If you would like more copies or additional information, please reach out to us. You can also reference our website www.downeastcommunitypartners.org

As in years past, DCP requests your support to continue, and expand, services to your community. **Many of the supportive services offered by DCP have a direct impact on town expenditures by reducing reliance on your general assistance program and increasing the reinvestment in goods and services by those who receive support. This represents a true partnership with your town in responding to the needs of your citizens.**

We request **\$10,930.00**—representing roughly 5% of the value of the services we provided to residents of Stonington in the last year—to help low-income and vulnerable seniors, families, and individuals in your community. During the last fiscal year, DCP provided **\$218,591.00** in services to your community. Stonington residents requested and received the following services:

Services Provided	Number of Households/Individuals	Amount Expended/\$\$ Value
Maternal and Child Health	/6	\$7,476
The Heating and Warmth Fund (THAW)	/7	\$2,056
LIHEAP (Fuel Assistance)	/21	\$18,040
ERA (COVID Emergency Rental Assistance)	/2	\$8,264
Care Fund (Family Crisis)	1/4	\$305
Friendship Cottage Adult Day Service	/2	\$6,616
Transportation (rides, not individuals)	590	\$41,870
Aging in Place	/1	\$3,600
Christmas Magic	/6	\$300
Head Start	6/6	\$129,264
Financial Coaching	1/1	\$800
Total		\$218,591

In addition to the above, DCP operates the *Helping Hands Garage Program*, which makes reliable used cars available at reasonable rates and terms. And as one of the larger non-profits in eastern Maine, DCP employs two Stonington residents.

One Stonington resident volunteered with DCP last year, further strengthening our connection to your town.

Thank you for your consideration. We would like to meet with you or your budget committee to answer any questions or address any concerns. Please let me know the appropriate meeting date so that we can be sure to have someone attend. You can reach me at 610-5944 or by email at sharon.catus@downeastcommunitypartners.org.

In partnership,

Sharon Catus, Director of Resource Development



October 22, 2022



Town of Stonington
P.O. Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681-0009

**Serving the
Blue Hill
Peninsula**

Dear Selectmen and Budget Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Blue Hill YMCA, located at the Lawrence Family Fitness Center regarding the Town Funding Request for 2023. This year's request for funds will not only offer great benefits for Stonington citizens but also provide the town with opportunity to be involved in a comprehensive peninsula wide recreational program. This year we respectfully request \$3,000.00 . This is the only request the town will receive from the YMCA.

Rob Shea
Chief Volunteer Officer
DEFY

Highlights of the plan would include:

Peter D. Farragher
Chief Executive Officer
DEFY

Participating towns would be able to provide a representative to the peninsula recreation committee being developed by the Blue Hill YMCA. This committee will help develop:
Adult, Family and senior recreational activities throughout the peninsula and at the Lawrence Family Center.

LFFC Advisory Committee

Active participant in the development and coordination of youth sports and recreational activities.

Matthew Mattson
Chairman

The YMCA would coordinate recreational activities as guided by the committee and if appropriate in collaboration with established groups in the participating community.

Rob Clapp
Eric Columber
Jim Dow

Expanded free usage of the Lawrence Family Center for all citizens to enjoy. Friday nights 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays 1 – 5 pm. This is a savings of \$10 per person per visit. It truly adds up.

Andrew Laslie
Chuck Lawrence
Belinda Lawrence
Peter Neblett
Sarah Pebworth
Robyn Sealander
Dr. Sheena Whittaker

Children from participating towns will pay the lowest rate for sports programs.

Each school would receive one 7 week water safety program for up to 25 kids. This program would be offered during the school day and transportation would be the responsibility of the school.

Presently, Stonington has 65 citizens involved at the Lawrence Family Center.

Matthew Montgomery
Branch Executive Director

Finally, all monies received from the Town of Stonington will be used to support the Blue Hill YMCA located at the Lawrence Family Center. Please let me know when and where your budget meeting will take place and I will be pleased to join the meeting to explain this great opportunity in person/zoom.

Thank you


Matt Montgomery

Matt Montgomery
Branch Executive Director –LFFC
Blue Hill YMCA

***It is our mission
to build strong
communities,
families and
individuals by
fostering respect
and promoting a
healthy spirit,
mind and body for
all.***

Down East Family YMCA
Blue Hill | Bucksport | Ellsworth
(207) 667-3086 | defymca.org



WIC Program
 248 State St. Suite 3A, Box #10
 Ellsworth, ME 04605
 Tel: 667-5304 ext. 7228 Fax: 667-6117
 Serving Washington and Hancock Counties



October 19, 2022

Selectmen and Residents
 Town of Stonington
 P.O. Box 9
 Stonington, ME 04681

"My experience with WIC in the past year, as in the years previously, has been wonderful. I have been met with kindness and understanding, great information, and help with questions I have pertaining to the needs of my son. I have been so grateful for this service as it has helped me keep my son healthy & offered me information about his health, growth and development."

– Hancock County WIC Client

Dear Selectmen and Residents,

I am writing this letter to ask you for your support for the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Program. WIC offers nutritious foods for low-income women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or recently had a baby, and to infants and children up to age 5. WIC also provides nutrition education, health screenings and support, focusing on the strengths and needs of individual families.

Last year, 25 residents from the Town of Stonington participated in WIC, receiving \$18,300 in food benefits. This year, the Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program respectfully requests financial assistance in the amount of \$1,250, representing \$50 per resident served last year from the Town of Stonington. Federal funding will match up to \$2,000 of municipal contributions, amplifying your support and enabling WIC to serve even more young families in need.

Because transportation often is a difficult issue for many families who need the benefits WIC can offer them, providing access to WIC at the local level is vital. As in the past, WIC will continue to accommodate rural families at its main offices in Ellsworth, Machias, and Calais, as well as in satellite locations in Stonington, Bucksport, Eastport, Harrington, and other small island communities. **Local community support is vital for WIC to maintain its critical rural access points.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

With sincere appreciation,


 Jacki Ewing
 WIC Program Director
 667-5304 Ext 7245 Fax 667-6117
 jewing@mainefamilyplanning.org

P.S. Please remember that support of WIC from the Town of Stonington makes a difference in the lives of women, infants, and children in your community. Thank you.

Statewide Board of Directors

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October 3rd, 2022

Selectmen and Residents of Stonington
PO Box 9
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Selectmen and Residents of Stonington,

In 2022, the voters of the town of Stonington approved a \$1,500 request from Project Launch (PL). Thank you! The local support makes all the difference to our program. ***In 2023, we once again request \$1,500 to help support program efforts, in particular our apprenticeship program.*** In addition to established activities including high school college & career readiness and post-secondary support, PL is increasingly a resource for local adults seeking a secondary career path and employment retraining. And we are very excited about our new high school apprenticeship program! The first-ever PL student apprentices will start at host sites in October 2022 and continue weekly throughout the school year. Local host sites include Billings Diesel & Marine, Yellow Birch Farm and the town of Stonington. This hands-on training, skill-building and work preparation is critical to our young people!

In 2012, PL was created to help local high school students and their families make a successful transition from high school to college. In 2018, PL expanded its focus to include workforce and college-bound students. To date, more than 165 students have enrolled in our program and over 60% of them are the first in their family to go to college.

Project Launch was started with funding from the Maine Community Foundation and Island Education Foundation and since that time has received numerous other grants and individual donations. It is still essential that we continue to raise local support to help us sustain this much-needed program.

With our sincere appreciation,

Kimberly Hutchinson (***Executive Director***)

Lynn Kneedler (*Chair*), Chelsea Brown (*Vice-Chair*), Wendy Alpaugh (*Secretary*), Susan Siebert (*Treasurer*), Vaino Kola, Asia Eaton, Evan Rollins and Patty Elliott (***Project Launch Board of Directors***)

**Town of Stonington
Non-profit Request for Financial Contribution**

OPIATE-FREE ISLAND PARTNERSHIP

Organization Name: Opiate-Free Island Partnership
Contact Name: Charlie Osborn
Telephone #: 207-348-5255

Federal Non-Profit ID#: 82-1562516
Address: PO Box 295 Deer Isle, ME 04627
E-mail: cposborn@gmail.com

Requested funding amount: \$5,000 (same as last year)

Date of request: 11/1/2022

Program(s)

What services do you provide to the Town of Stonington residents? Free harm reduction programs including NARCAN distribution and training, fentanyl test strips, and a syringe exchange. Assistance in navigating the treatment and recovery support landscape with free consultations on treatment options, connections to treatment and recovery coaching, and a friends and families support group.

Are specific segments of the Stonington population the focus of your programs? OFIP programs serve individuals in the Stonington community affected by opiate use disorder, including those dependent on or addicted to drugs and their families, friends, schools, employers, and communities.

How many of the Stonington residents have used your services in the past year?

- Trained more than 150 of our community members to carry NARCAN.
- Initiated NARCAN training for teachers and staff in the Deer Isle-Stonington schools to support the school board's recently approved NARCAN policy.
- Provided NARCAN to Memorial Ambulance Corp under Maine's new "leave behind" program that allows EMTs on 911 overdose calls to leave patients with supplemental NARCAN in appropriate situations.
- Established a public "I CARRY NARCAN" campaign with more than 50 community members declaring the importance of reversing overdoses and saving lives.
- Orchestrated a 4-day NARCAN training at the 2022 Blue Hill Fair, leading volunteers from Health Equity Alliance, Healthy Acadia, Island Health & Wellness Foundation, Maine Options Program, and Northern Light Blue Hill Hospital in training nearly 300 fair-goers to carry NARCAN and distributing more than 1,000 fentanyl test strips.
- Distributed over 2,000 clean syringes to individuals served by OFIP's needle exchange.

Funding Request

How was the amount of your request determined? OFIP has steadily reduced its town warrant requests over time in line with transition to private funding, from \$20K for 2017 and 2018, to \$10K for 2019, \$7.5K for 2020 and 2021, and \$5K for 2022 and 2023.

Do you seek funding from other towns? Town of Deer Isle.

Did you use the same method of determining the amount of your request from other towns? Yes.

How would your services to Stonington change if no funds were appropriated? A budget reduction of \$5K would limit OFIP's partnership with AMHC for the services of Ashley L. Pesek, LCSW, which supports OFIP's needle exchange program and training and distribution for NARCAN and fentanyl test strips, and its confidential assistance to members of the Deer Isle-Stonington community in navigating the landscape of harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support.

Financial Summary

Please attach a summary of the current year's financial results, including revenues (by source) and expenses, and a summary balance sheet. As of 11/1/2022 OFIP P&L Detail and Balance Sheet statements for its latest fiscal year are being prepared by our bookkeeper and will be forwarded ASAP.

What percent (%) is received from municipal funding? Estimate for OFIP FY 2022-2023: 15%



November 2022

Kathleen Billings, Town Manager
Town of Stonington
32 Main St
Stonington, ME 04681

Dear Kathleen,

Every town, city, plantation, and municipality in Maine is unique but a common thread ties us all together: **no matter where we live, Mainers recognize our great state as one large, connected community with shared attitudes of hard work, compassion, and the willingness to help a neighbor in need.** Similarly, the state's emergency critical care and medical transport system has its own community, with the shared goal of providing every Mainer the opportunity for the best possible outcome on what is often the worst day of their life. **Each partner plays an integral role, including LifeFlight, and together we form the chain of survival.**

LifeFlight of Maine is the state's only emergency air ambulance service, with three helicopters, an airplane, and specialty ground vehicles equipped as fully functioning mobile intensive care units. Our Crews bring advanced skills, medical technology, pharmacy, and blood directly to a patient's side, wherever they may be. We do this in partnership with the many 911 dispatchers, fire/rescue, EMS, public safety, law enforcement, and hospitals across the state.

Since its founding 24 years ago, LifeFlight has safely transported more than 35,000 patients regardless of location, insurance status, or the ability to pay for care. These transports include patients of all ages and across all points in Maine. **Since 1998, 80 residents of Stonington have been cared for by LifeFlight**, with 4 in the past year. In addition, LifeFlight has made 84 scene calls to your community to support local fire/rescue and EMS partners.

LifeFlight, a non-profit organization, is among the most efficient providers of critical care air medical services, with the lowest costs and charges in New England. To maintain these standards, we rely on support from various funding sources, including individuals, businesses, foundations, and communities. Each year we reach out to every municipality in the state and invite them to support our Community Giving Campaign to ensure that the LifeFlight teams can continue to answer the call for help for Mainers, 24/7/365.

Last year, 194 communities donated a total of \$124,234. **This year, we need Stonington, and every community across Maine to come together to help us reach our collective goal of \$125,000. Please consider a gift of \$528, which is based on a rate of \$0.50 per capita.**

Your support helps LifeFlight operate and maintain a safe, fast, and reliable fleet, provide critical care education to the team and partners around the state, upgrade and replace advanced medical equipment, and enhance Maine's aviation infrastructure. **In a serious emergency, every minute counts, and in meeting Maine's need for critical care, the gifts we receive from Maine communities are symbolic of the thread that ties all Mainers together.**

We have enclosed FAQs about LifeFlight, a map of Maine transport locations, and a map of Maine communities that have supported us. **Please contact Ashley MacMillan at The LifeFlight Foundation at amacmillan@lifeflightmaine.org or 207-357-5508 with any questions.** If you need additional information or a specific town application form is required with this request, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Tom Judge
Executive Director
LifeFlight of Maine

Ashley MacMillan
Director of Annual Giving
LifeFlight Foundation

P.S. If a past request was recently approved and an invoice is required, please contact us so we may submit the invoice.

ISLAND WORKFORCE HOUSING



On behalf of Island Workforce Housing, we would like to thank the voters of Stonington for considering this formal request to be funded \$6,000 at Stonington's 2023 Town Meeting. Island Workforce Housing is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating housing solutions in Deer Isle and Stonington that are permanently affordable to individuals and families working in these communities.

Our work is driven by community need. More than 100 surveyed individuals and businesses on the island confirmed year-round rental housing as an economic and community development priority for Deer Isle and Stonington. The closure of the Island Nursing Home, in large part due to a lack of housing for workers, only further highlights the importance of this issue.

Since 2018, Island Workforce Housing has created a strategic plan to guide our efforts, secured a parcel of land on the Sunset Cross Road, contracted with an architect to design these units, and, entering into the winter of 2022, all five buildings are taking shape and ready for interior work. We've been dedicated to working with on-island builders for this project ensuring that local job creation is a part of these houses from the start.

When we house workers who currently commute off-island in those units, their kids will participate in our school system, employers will have reliable employees, businesses will have more year-round customers, and the ambulance and fire departments will have more volunteers. Creating housing for local workers is one of the most effective ways to promote community and economic development.

We need your support to accomplish this endeavor. This letter is our formal request to be funded \$6,000 at Stonington's 2023 Town Meeting. This \$6,000 will support Island Workforce Housing's capital campaign, helping deliver a high-quality permanent housing asset for year-round workers to be proud of, and ensuring the health and prosperity of this community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Megan D. Wood

Chair of Island Workforce Housing

Sue Buxton

Vice Chair of Island Workforce Housing

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of December 31, 2022

1806 Holdings, LLC	5.41	*Haskell, II., Ralph E	94.92
Betts, Matthew B	988.06	Haskell, Richard T	125.67
*Brown, Richard D	371.64	Haskell, Richard T	99.58
Carter, John B	281.64	Havelick, Myria J	.33
Clough, Jason	.90	Hero, Lindsey R	5.24
Cooper, Audrey O	255.18	Himpler, Erik	150.93
Cox, David M	1832.43	Himpler, John T	1076.04
Crutcher, David C	49.27	Holland Heirs, Alvernon	406.12
Crutcher, David C	77.80	Holland, Edith	1840.75
Crutcher, David C	1.10	Hutchinson, Raymond	1025.40
*Cust, Robin	991.17	Johnson, Miranda Charlotte	640.34
Daigle, Ronald	1.59	Jones, Jr., David	631.74
Eaton, Cheryl	1369.28	Jones, Jr., David	695.53
Eaton, Dennis C	631.74	Jones, James Alvan	1174.78
Eaton, Kendall L	1487.64	Jost, Gretchen	3717.28
Edwards, Raymond W	356.32	Jost, Gretchen	379.66
Esworthy, Jr., Artie R	297.20	Jost, Gretchen	298.75
Furrow, Cecilia M (Rep)	1103.20	Klemenz, Sr., Peter J	740.66
Gorham, William (Trust)	2738.56	*Klemenz, Laurie Ann	754.66
Gove, Jeffrey	126.04	Larrabee, Jr., Alex	595.95
Gray, Everett G	370.33	Lund, Andrew & Ruth	8046.08
Gray, Glenn M	1235.46	MacDonald, Jennifer	831.92
Gray, Jeremiah	594.39	Mach, Sally (Life Estate)	57.00
Gray, Joseph	2604.74	Mattea, LLC	9328.22
Grindal, Clare	2947.84	McDonald, Kelly	588.17
Grindal, Clare	171.16	Nevels, Jr., Richard L	344.09
Grindal, Clare	171.16	Nolan, Heidi D; Allen, Danielle M	1636.91
Grindal, Clare	169.60	Oliver, Lucus	880.70
Grindal, Clare	178.94	*Ollman, John	3315.84
Grindal, Clare	157.16	Onaia's Looking Glass, LLC	3779.52
Grindal, Clare	168.05	Pitts, Benjamin Alexander	1286.81
Grindal, Clare	177.38	Reynolds, Hugh	2.11
Grindal, Darcy J	168.05	Rhodeen, Penn	3432.54
*Gross, Adelbert	1020.79	Rhodes, Travis	1279.03
Gross, Adelbert	9.34	*Riemersma, Rick	577.18
Hagerthy, Allan	235.67	Robinson, Craig J	586.61
Hagerthy, Jr., George R	412.34	*Romano, Terry J & Sayre, Robin L	43.47
Hagerthy, Tammy Lynn	1143.66	Ross, Michael	1297.70

***paid after 12/31/2022**

Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of December 31, 2022

Tantara, LLC	129.40	White, Troy D		132.26
Tantara, LLC	77.80	White, Troy D		112.03
Trundy, Daniel M	1557.56	White, Troy D		314.31
Warner, Geoffrey D	4.67	*White, Troy D		31.12
Simmonds, Barbara B	2576.74	White, Troy D		583.50
		Wiberg, Nicholas T		2145.72
Total				\$84,391.01

Unpaid Personal Property Taxes as of December 31, 2022

68 Main LLC	2019-2022	157.15	Harbor Café	2019-2022	785.08
Coldwater Seafood, LLC	2021-2022	1356.68	Inn on the Harbor	2022	62.24
Cormier Construction & Granite	2012-2022	4969.92	Mattea LLC	2022	23.34
Cormier, Frances A	2001-2011	6984.00	Old Quarry Ocean Adventures	2021	846.23
Dean's Automotive	2022	54.57	Peabody, Charles & D	2019-2022	171.23
Elavon	2020	.03	Scientific Games International	2022	.26
Ferguson's Realty LLC	2022	77.80	Smucker Foodservice, Inc	2020	.03
Greenhead Holdings LLC	2022	9.34	Tea Hill Enterprises	2020	18.84
Gross, Ronald	2021-2022	16.69			
Total					\$1883.91

2021 Liens as of December 31, 2022

Name	Amount Due
Eaton, Cheryl	1566.78
Eaton, Dennis C	760.31
Furrow, Cecelia M. (Personal Representative)	1211.15
Gove, Jeffrey	194.88
Gray, Everett G.	644.84
Holland heirs, Alvernon	508.61
Holland, Edith	2094.44
Jones, David Jr.	782.46
Jones, David Jr.	845.51
McDonald, Kelly	61.69
Nolan, Heidi D & Allen, Danielle M	1850.67
Pitts, Benjamin Alexander	1458.60

2022 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE CALCULATION FORM

Municipality: STONINGTON

BE SURE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE FILLING IN THE TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT

- 1. Total taxable valuation of real estate 1
(from Page 1, line 6)
- 2. Total taxable valuation of personal property 2
(from Page 1, line 10)
- 3. Total taxable valuation of real estate and personal property (Line 1 plus line 2) 3
(from Page 1, line 11)
- 4. (a) Total exempt value for all homestead exemptions granted 4(a)
(from Page 1, line 14f)
- (b) Homestead exemption reimbursement value 4(b)
- 5. (a) Total exempt value of all BETE qualified property 5(a)
(from Page 2, line 15c)
- (b) BETE exemption reimbursement value 5(b)
- 6. Total valuation base (Line 3 plus line 4(b) plus line 5(b)) 6

ASSESSMENTS

- 7. County tax 7
- 8. Municipal appropriation 8
- 9. TIF financing plan amount 9
(must match page 2, line 16c + 16d)
- 10. Local education appropriation (Local share/contribution) 10
(Adjusted to municipal fiscal year)
- 11. Total appropriations (Add lines 7 through 10) 11

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS

- 12. Anticipated state municipal revenue sharing 12
- 13. Other revenues: (All other revenues that have been formally 13
appropriated to reduce the commitment such as excise tax revenue, T.G. reimbursement, renewable energy reimbursement, trust fund or bank interest income, appropriated surplus revenue, etc. (Do not include any homestead or BETE reimbursement)
- 14. Total deductions (Line 12 plus line 13) 14
- 15. Net to be raised by local property tax rate (Line 11 minus line 14) 15

- 16. x 1.05 = Maximum Allowable Tax
(Amount from line 15)
- 17. ÷ = Minimum Tax Rate
(Amount from line 15) (Amount from line 6)
- 18. ÷ = Maximum Tax Rate
(Amount from line 16) (Amount from line 6)
- 19. x = Tax for Commitment
(Amount from line 3) (Selected Rate) (Enter on page 1, line 13)
- 20. x 0.05 = Maximum Overlay
(Amount from line 15)
- 21. x = Homestead Reimbursement
(Amount from line 4b.) (Selected Rate) (Enter on line 8, Assessment Warrant)
- 22. x = BETE Reimbursement
(Amount from line 5b.) (Selected Rate) (Enter on line 9, Assessment Warrant)
- 23. - = Overlay
(Line 19 plus lines 21 and 22) (Amount from line 15) (Enter on line 5, Assessment Warrant)

(If Line 23 exceeds Line 20 select a lower tax rate.)

Results from this completed form should be used to prepare the Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, Certificate of Assessment to Municipal Treasurer and Municipal Valuation Return.



Proven Expertise & Integrity

February 10, 2023

Selectboard
Town of Stonington, Maine
Stonington, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Stonington, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Stonington, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2022 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
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STATEMENT C

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Fish Pier Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,260,335	\$ 228,938	\$ 1,677,732	\$ 6,167,005
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):				
Taxes	109,689	-	-	109,689
Liens	15,445	-	-	15,445
Other	234,670	-	-	234,670
Inventory	-	10,767	-	10,767
Due from other funds	637,268	320,694	1,282,264	2,240,226
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,257,407	\$ 560,399	\$ 2,959,996	\$ 8,777,802
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 56,206	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,206
Payroll related liabilities	5,379	-	-	5,379
Other payables	1,345	-	-	1,345
Due to other governments	8,219	-	-	8,219
Due to other funds	1,602,958	-	637,268	2,240,226
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,674,107	-	637,268	2,311,375
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Prepaid taxes	5,747	-	-	5,747
Deferred revenue	129,933	-	-	129,933
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	135,680	-	-	135,680
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	-	10,767	-	10,767
Restricted	-	-	285,123	285,123
Committed	-	549,632	2,423,002	2,972,634
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned (deficit)	3,447,620	-	(385,397)	3,062,223
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	3,447,620	560,399	2,322,728	6,330,747
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 5,257,407	\$ 560,399	\$ 2,959,996	\$ 8,777,802

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STATEMENT E

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Fish Pier	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	\$ 3,355,568	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,355,568
Excise taxes	263,959	-	-	263,959
Intergovernmental	209,080	-	95,252	304,332
Charges for services	101,579	1,447,523	154,243	1,703,345
Interest/costs on liens	7,663	-	-	7,663
Investment income, net	14,989	953	4,522	20,464
Other income	247,742	9,098	102,697	359,537
TOTAL REVENUES	4,200,580	1,457,574	356,714	6,014,868
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	433,166	-	-	433,166
Public safety	206,727	-	-	206,727
Health and sanitation	311,877	-	-	311,877
Public works	379,213	-	-	379,213
Special assessments	1,838,558	-	-	1,838,558
Social services	13,876	-	-	13,876
Culture and recreation	28,818	-	-	28,818
Unclassified	106,862	1,339,555	323,626	1,770,043
Debt service	67,128	-	-	67,128
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,386,225	1,339,555	323,626	5,049,406
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	814,355	118,019	33,088	965,462
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	263,042	263,042
Transfers (out)	(261,942)	-	(15,000)	(276,942)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(261,942)	-	248,042	(13,900)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	552,413	118,019	281,130	951,562
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	2,895,207	442,380	2,041,598	5,379,185
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 3,447,620	\$ 560,399	\$ 2,322,728	\$ 6,330,747

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TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 2,895,207	\$ 2,895,207	\$ 2,895,207	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Property taxes	3,370,940	3,370,940	3,355,568	(15,372)
Excise taxes	-	-	263,959	263,959
Intergovernmental	164,383	164,383	209,080	44,697
Charges for services	-	-	101,579	101,579
Interest/costs on liens	-	-	7,663	7,663
Investment income, net	-	-	14,989	14,989
Other revenues	-	-	247,742	247,742
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>6,430,530</u>	<u>6,430,530</u>	<u>7,095,787</u>	<u>665,257</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	462,859	462,859	433,166	29,693
Public safety	255,768	255,768	206,727	49,041
Health and sanitation	372,650	372,650	311,877	60,773
Public works	438,400	438,400	379,213	59,187
Special assessments	1,838,542	1,838,542	1,838,558	(16)
Social services	15,376	15,376	13,876	1,500
Culture and recreation	33,600	33,600	28,818	4,782
Unclassified	194,524	194,524	106,862	87,662
Debt service	70,704	70,704	67,128	3,576
Transfers to other funds	227,400	227,400	261,942	(34,542)
Total Charges to Appropriation	<u>3,909,823</u>	<u>3,909,823</u>	<u>3,648,167</u>	<u>261,656</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 2,520,707</u>	<u>\$ 2,520,707</u>	<u>\$ 3,447,620</u>	<u>\$ 926,913</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 375,000</u>	<u>\$ 375,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (375,000)</u>

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TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 3,370,940	\$ 3,370,940	\$ 3,355,568	\$ (15,372)
Excise taxes:				
Auto excise	-	-	263,959	263,959
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	100,000	100,000	129,750	29,750
Homestead exemption	57,736	57,736	55,275	(2,461)
Local road assistance	-	-	19,726	19,726
BETE reimbursement	6,647	6,647	-	(6,647)
Tree growth	-	-	3,507	3,507
Other intergovernmental	-	-	822	822
Interest/Investment income, net	-	-	14,989	14,989
Interest/Costs on liens	-	-	7,663	7,663
Charges for services:				
Municipal agent fees	-	-	21,710	21,710
Snow removal contract	-	-	27,925	27,925
Building permits	-	-	8,115	8,115
Demo debris income	-	-	22,616	22,616
Recycling	-	-	9,512	9,512
Trash fees	-	-	2,620	2,620
Other fees	-	-	5,684	5,684
In lieu of taxes	-	-	3,397	3,397
Other income:				
CATV fee	-	-	2,665	2,665
Miscellaneous	-	-	245,077	245,077
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 3,535,323	\$ 3,535,323	\$ 4,200,580	\$ 665,257

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Appropriations	Budget Adjustments	Total Available	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Administration	\$ 115,425	\$ -	\$ 115,425	\$ 105,641	\$ 9,784
Wages, salaries and taxes	233,750	-	233,750	219,016	14,734
Employee healthcare	87,334	-	87,334	79,849	7,485
Town hall maintenance	23,800	-	23,800	27,446	(3,646)
Planning board	2,300	-	2,300	1,214	1,086
Appeals board	250	-	250	-	250
Total	<u>462,859</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>462,859</u>	<u>433,166</u>	<u>29,693</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Animal control	5,375	-	5,375	2,500	2,875
Hydrant rental	77,600	-	77,600	77,600	-
Code enforcement	16,925	-	16,925	10,166	6,759
Health officer	250	-	250	250	-
Fire department	61,500	-	61,500	41,876	19,624
E-911 road signs	500	-	500	411	89
Sheriff services	82,368	-	82,368	62,096	20,272
Street lights	11,250	-	11,250	11,828	(578)
Total	<u>255,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,768</u>	<u>206,727</u>	<u>49,041</u>
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Transfer station	372,650	-	372,650	311,877	60,773
Total	<u>372,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>372,650</u>	<u>311,877</u>	<u>60,773</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Appropriations	Budget Adjustments	Total Available	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
PUBLIC WORKS					
Town roads	185,000	-	185,000	181,752	3,248
Winter roads	203,000	-	203,000	160,727	42,273
Equipment	35,000	-	35,000	26,792	8,208
Town garage	12,400	-	12,400	6,942	5,458
Colwell ramp	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
Total	<u>438,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>438,400</u>	<u>379,213</u>	<u>59,187</u>
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS					
School	1,695,850	-	1,695,850	1,695,866	(16)
County tax	142,692	-	142,692	142,692	-
Total	<u>1,838,542</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,838,542</u>	<u>1,838,558</u>	<u>(16)</u>
SOCIAL SERVICES					
General assistance	1,500	-	1,500	-	1,500
Northern Lights Homecare and Hospice	7,526	-	7,526	7,526	-
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	2,600	-	2,600	2,600	-
YMCA	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-
American Red Cross	750	-	750	750	-
Total	<u>15,376</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,376</u>	<u>13,876</u>	<u>1,500</u>
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Stonington public library	12,500	-	12,500	12,500	-
Athletic field	2,700	-	2,700	2,546	154
Town parks	18,400	-	18,400	13,772	4,628
Total	<u>33,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,600</u>	<u>28,818</u>	<u>4,782</u>

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

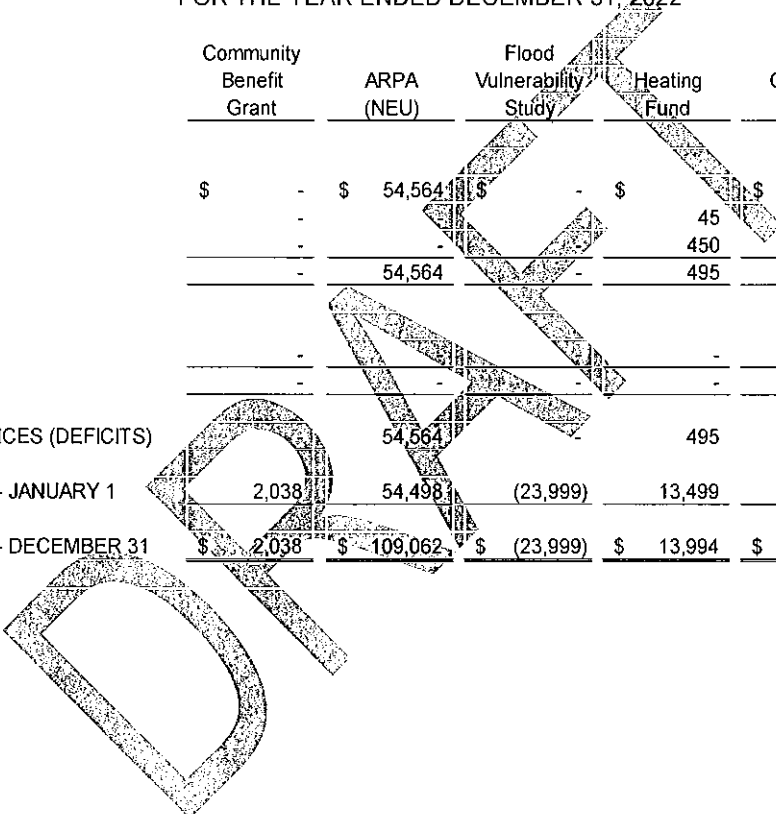
	Appropriations	Budget Adjustments	Total Available	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal	54,469		54,469	54,469	41,810
Interest	16,235	-	16,235	12,659	3,576
Total	70,704	-	70,704	67,128	45,386
UNCLASSIFIED					
Downeast transportation	800	-	800	800	-
Economic development	30,000	-	30,000	24,601	5,399
Fourth of July	3,600	-	3,600	3,600	-
Hancock County RCC	5,200	-	5,200	5,069	131
Healthy Island	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	-
Hancock County Planning	1,290	-	1,290	1,290	-
Chamber of Commerce	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
Memorial day	500	-	500	500	-
Downeast Community Partners	9,451	-	9,451	9,451	-
Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Island Community Center	13,000	-	13,000	13,000	-
WIC program	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
Project Launch	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-
Opiate Free Island Partnership	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Lifelight Foundation	522	-	522	522	-
Island Workforce Housing	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-
Tax discounts	27,000	-	27,000	23,738	3,262
Sand beach	8,500	-	8,500	-	8,500
Cemeteries	3,500	-	3,500	2,071	1,429
Overlay/abatements	70,161	-	70,161	2,220	67,941
Total	194,524	-	194,524	106,862	87,662
Transfer to other funds	227,400	-	227,400	261,942	227,400
Total	227,400	-	227,400	261,942	227,400
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 3,909,823	\$ -	\$ 3,909,823	\$ 3,648,167	\$ 565,408

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TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Community Benefit Grant	ARPA (NEU)	Flood Vulnerability Study	Heating Fund	Genesis Study	MCF Housing	MMA Safety Grant
REVENUES							
Intergovernmental income	\$ -	\$ 54,564	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Investment income	-	-	-	45	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	450	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	-	54,564	-	495	-	-	500
EXPENDITURES							
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)		54,564		495	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JANUARY 1	2,038	54,498	(23,999)	13,499	176	2,000	500
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - DECEMBER 31	\$ 2,038	\$ 109,062	\$ (23,999)	\$ 13,994	\$ 176	\$ 2,000	\$ 500



SCHEDULE E (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Stonington Water	Center for Tech and Civic Life	CARES Act	FAA CARES	2019 SHIP Grant Fish Pier	AFG Fire Dept	Climate to Thrive 2020
REVENUES							
Intergovernmental income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 188
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	-	-	-	-	-	-	188
EXPENDITURES							
Other	-	1,106	-	-	-	-	473
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	1,106	-	-	-	-	473
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)		(1,106)	-	-	-	-	(285)
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JANUARY 1	1,399	1,106	3,219	1,000	(54,577)	(64,350)	303
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,399	\$ -	\$ 3,219	\$ 1,000	\$ (54,577)	\$ (64,350)	\$ 18

SCHEDULE E (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Shore/Harbor Planning	Microloan Program	Ralston Property	Broadband Feasibility	Maine Coastal Program	Camoin Economic Study	CDS Collins 2021	Total
REVENUES								
Intergovernmental income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 95,252
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
Other income	-	596	-	-	-	-	-	1,046
TOTAL REVENUES	-	596	-	-	30,000	10,000	-	96,343
EXPENDITURES								
Other	-	20,393	-	9,771	-	17,500	150,000	199,743
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	20,393	-	9,771	-	17,500	150,000	199,743
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	-	(19,797)	-	(9,771)	30,000	(7,500)	(150,000)	(103,400)
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JANUARY 1	(60,024)	180,265	24,589	7,542	-	-	-	89,184
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - DECEMBER 31	\$ (60,024)	\$ 160,468	\$ 24,589	\$ (2,229)	\$ 30,000	\$ (7,500)	\$ (150,000)	\$ (14,216)

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TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Airport	Athletic Field	Seawall Reserve	Hagen Dock	Conservation Commission	Fire Dept. Capital	Dog Park
REVENUES							
Charges for services	\$ -	\$ 957	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income	24	777	673	-	1	718	-
Other income	610	5,802	-	-	-	500	-
TOTAL REVENUES	634	6,836	673	-	1	1,218	-
EXPENDITURES							
Other	767	8,022	-	9,199	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	767	8,022	-	9,199	-	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(133)	(1,186)	673	(9,199)	1	1,218	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	-	154	10,000	-	100	34,624	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	154	10,000	-	100	34,624	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	(133)	(1,032)	10,673	(9,199)	101	35,842	-
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JANUARY 1	1,101	46,506	99,846	(10,873)	389	251,406	5,000
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - DECEMBER 31	\$ 968	\$45,474	\$110,519	\$ (20,072)	\$ 490	\$ 287,248	\$ 5,000

SCHEDULE G (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Gym Building	Harbor	Playground Reserve	Rainy Day Reserve	Road Equipment	School Building	Shellfish
REVENUES							
Charges for services	\$ 3,821	\$ 80,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,456	\$ 14,309
Investment income	488	843	9	172	381	314	127
Other income	-	41	5,802	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	4,309	81,584	5,811	172	381	54,770	14,436
EXPENDITURES							
Other	2,728	50,550	-	-	6,000	28,694	12,224
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,728	50,550	-	-	6,000	28,694	12,224
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,581	31,034	5,811	172	(5,619)	26,076	2,212
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	20,000	80,000	15,864	-	15,000	100	100
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	20,000	80,000	15,864	-	15,000	100	100
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	21,581	111,034	21,675	172	9,381	26,176	2,312
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JANUARY 1	45,043	461,368	102,603	26,384	93,615	160,301	26,393
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - DECEMBER 31	\$ 66,624	\$ 572,402	\$ 124,278	\$ 26,556	\$ 102,996	\$ 186,477	\$ 28,705

SCHEDULE G (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Swimming Pool	Town Hall	Harbor Float	Transfer Station Reserve	Unemploy. Fund
REVENUES					
Charges for services	\$ 7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income	-	99	83	97	53
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>7</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>53</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Other	-	-	-	-	5,699
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,699</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>7</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>(5,646)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	1,000	1,000	100	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	(15,000)	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(14,000)</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	<u>7</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>(13,917)</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>(5,646)</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JANUARY 1	<u>1,889</u>	<u>30,485</u>	<u>13,593</u>	<u>170,417</u>	<u>3,324</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 1,896</u>	<u>\$ 31,584</u>	<u>\$ (324)</u>	<u>\$ 170,614</u>	<u>\$ (2,322)</u>

SCHEDULE G (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Sidewalks Project	Broadband Reserve	Fire Station Building Reserve	Sea Level Rise Reserve	Odd Fellows Reserve	Waterfront Access	Total
REVENUES							
Charges for services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 154,243
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	283	4,449
Other income	-	7,896	-	-	81,000	-	101,651
TOTAL REVENUES	-	7,896	-	-	81,000	283	260,343
EXPENDITURES							
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	123,883
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	-	-	-	123,883
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		7,896	-	-	81,000	283	136,460
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	-	10,000	-	40,000	15,000	20,000	263,042
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(15,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	10,000	-	40,000	15,000	20,000	248,042
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	-	17,896	-	40,000	96,000	20,283	384,502
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JANUARY 1	24,003	40,100	119,370	100,000	-	78,870	1,891,133
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - DECEMBER 31	\$ 24,003	\$ 57,996	\$ 119,370	\$ 140,000	\$ 96,000	\$ 99,153	\$ 2,275,635

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF STONINGTON, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR PERMANENT FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Cemetery Fund	Bartlett/ McDonald	Total
REVENUES			
Investment income	\$ 28	\$ -	\$ 28
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>28</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Other	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	28	-	28
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	<u>59,783</u>	<u>1,498</u>	<u>61,281</u>
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 59,811</u>	<u>\$ 1,498</u>	<u>\$ 61,309</u>

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2023 Proposed Budget

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
5000 · ADMINISTRATION			
5001 · Admn Advertisements	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,170.50	\$ 2,200.00
5002 · Admn Assessing	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,750.00	\$ 26,000.00
5003 · Admn Audit	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,771.25	\$ 6,500.00
5004 · Admn Bank Fees	\$ 125.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 100.00
5005 · Admn Bond Counsel TAN	\$ 1,000.00	-	\$ 1,000.00
5006 · Admn Copier	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,729.63	\$ 3,400.00
5007 · Admn Dues & Books	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,099.50	\$ 3,500.00
5008 · Admn Election Costs	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,987.94	\$ 4,000.00
5009 · Admn Equipment/Computers	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,884.46	\$ 30,000.00
5010 · Admn Liability Insurance	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,352.75	\$ 8,500.00
5011 · Admn Legal Services	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,661.70	\$ 6,500.00
5012 · Admn Misc. Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,852.35	\$ 2,000.00
5013 · Admn Postage	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,660.35	\$ 4,500.00
5014 · Admn Printing	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,044.45	\$ 1,100.00
5015 · Admn Recording Fees	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,314.40	\$ 1,600.00
5016 · Admn Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,459.03	\$ 2,500.00
5017 · Admn Telephone	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,227.08	\$ 10,140.00
5018 · Admn Training	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 684.00	\$ 1,500.00
5019 · Admn Travel	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,710.60	\$ 2,500.00
5020 · Admn Workmen's Comp	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,506.09	\$ 1,600.00
Total 5000 · ADMINISTRATION	\$ 115,425.00	\$ 105,970.08	\$ 119,140.00
Administration Budget			\$ 119,140.00
5050 · HEALTH INSURANCE			
5051 · Health Insurance Staff	\$ 87,334.00	\$ 78,348.75	\$ 87,500.00
Total 5050 · HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 87,334.00	\$ 78,348.75	\$ 87,500.00
Health Insurance Budget			\$ 87,500.00
5060 · ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES			
5061 · Admn Payroll Taxes	\$ 19,250.00	\$ 19,222.77	\$ 23,400.00
5062 · Admn Selectmen	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
5063 · Admn Town Clerks	\$ 116,500.00	\$ 116,500.00	\$ 182,208.00
5064 · Admn Town Manager	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 83,000.00
Total 5060 · ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	\$ 233,750.00	\$ 233,722.77	\$ 308,608.00
Administrative Salaries			\$ 308,608.00

2023 Proposed Budget

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
5070 · TOWN HALL EXPENSES			
5071 · Town Hall Cleaning & Snow Removal	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,120.85	\$ 4,300.00
5072 · Town Hall Electric	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,259.78	\$ 2,500.00
5073 · Town Hall Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 942.50	\$ 1,000.00
5075 · Town Hall Heat	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,247.25	\$ 5,000.00
5076 · Town Hall Insurance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,470.55	\$ 1,800.00
5077 · Town Hall Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,901.84	\$ 6,000.00
5078 · Town Hall Misc	\$ 400.00	\$ 244.04	\$ 400.00
5079 · Town Hall Supplies	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 630.62	\$ 1,600.00
5080 · Town Hall Water & Sewer	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,442.00	\$ 1,800.00
Total 5070 · TOWN HALL EXPENSES	\$ 23,800.00	\$ 22,259.43	\$ 24,400.00
Town Hall Budget			\$ 24,400.00
5100 · ANIMAL CONTROL			
5101 · Animal Control Kennel	\$ 500.00	-	\$ 500.00
5102 · Animal Control Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	-	\$ 1,000.00
5103 · Animal Control Payroll Taxes	\$ 275.00	-	\$ 300.00
5104 · Animal Control Travel	\$ 1,000.00	-	\$ 1,000.00
5105 · Animal Control Wages	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
5106 · Animal Control Workers Comp	\$ 100.00	-	\$ 100.00
Total 5100 · ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 5,375.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,900.00
Animal Control Budget			\$ 5,900.00
5110 · CODE ENFORCEMENT			
5111 · Code Enforcement Misc	\$ 750.00	\$ 614.27	\$ 750.00
5112 · Code Enforcement Payroll Taxes	\$ 925.00	\$ 642.76	\$ 925.00
5113 · Code Enforcement Travel	\$ 350.00	\$ 212.94	\$ 350.00
5114 · Code Enforcement Wages	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 8,402.20	\$ 20,000.00
5115 · Code Enforcement Workers Comp	\$ 400.00	\$ 293.81	\$ 400.00
Total 5110 · CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$ 16,925.00	\$ 10,165.98	\$ 22,425.00
Code Enforcement Budget			\$ 22,425.00
5120 · PLANNING BOARD			
5121 · Planning Board Advertising	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 868.50	\$ 1,500.00
5122 · Planning Board Misc	\$ 100.00	-	\$ 100.00
5123 · Planning Board Training	\$ 200.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 200.00
5124 · Planning Board Stipends	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
Total 5120 · PLANNING BOARD	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,213.50	\$ 2,300.00
Planning Board Budget			\$ 2,300.00

2023 Proposed Budget

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
5130 · TRANSFER STATION			
5131 · Transfer Station Ash Removal	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,975.88	\$ 10,000.00
5132 · Transfer Station Demo Debris	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,537.19	\$ 20,000.00
5133 · Transfer Station Equip Maint	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 7,544.82	\$ 9,500.00
5134 · Transfer Station Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 588.22	\$ 1,000.00
5135 · Transfer Station Misc	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,639.10	\$ 3,500.00
5137 · Transfer Station Mowing	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
5138 · Transfer Station Payroll Taxes	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,627.92	\$ 8,000.00
5139 · Transfer Station Recycling	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 9,644.45	\$ 11,000.00
5140 · Transfer Station Telephone	\$ 650.00	\$ 644.26	\$ 700.00
5141 · Transfer Station Tipping Fees	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 108,001.00	\$ 120,000.00
5142 · Transfer Station Transportation	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 66,387.13	\$ 80,000.00
5143 · Transfer Station Utilities	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,415.40	\$ 3,500.00
5144 · Transfer Station Wages	\$ 104,000.00	\$ 101,711.17	\$ 104,000.00
5145 · Transfer Station Workers Comp	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,947.42	\$ 4,500.00
Total 5130 · TRANSFER STATION	\$ 372,650.00	\$ 343,163.96	\$ 378,200.00
Transfer Station Budget			\$ 378,200.00
5500 · THIRD PARTY REQUESTS			
5501 · 4th of July	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
5502 · Chamber of Commerce	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 700.00
5505 · DownEast Transportation	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
5506 · Eastern Area Agency on Aging	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,000.00
5507 · Northern Lights Homecare & Hospice	\$ 7,526.00	\$ 7,526.00	\$ 7,550.00
5508 · Healthy Island Project	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
5509 · Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5510 · Island Community Center	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
5512 · Stonington Public Library	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
5514 · Memorial Day	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5516 · American Red Cross	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
5518 · Downeast Community Partners	\$ 9,451.00	\$ 9,451.00	\$ 10,930.00
5519 · DownEast Family YMCA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
5521 · WIC Program	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,250.00
5522 · Project Launch	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
5523 · Opiate Free Island Partnership	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5524 · LifeFlight Foundation	\$ 522.00	\$ 522.00	\$ 528.00
5526 · Island Workforce Housing	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Total 5500 - Third Party Requests	\$ 75,249.00	\$ 75,249.00	\$ 76,608.00
Third Party Request Budget			\$ 76,608.00

2023 Proposed Budget

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
5600 · FIRE DEPARTMENT			
5601 · Fire Dept Electric	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,239.95	\$ 2,200.00
5602 · Fire Dept Equipment	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,196.36	\$ 7,500.00
5603 · Fire Dept Fuel	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 743.12	\$ 1,200.00
5604 · Fire Dept Heat	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,026.55	\$ 4,500.00
5605 · Fire Dept Insurance	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,232.20	\$ 7,000.00
5606 · Fire Dept Misc. Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 707.19	\$ 1,500.00
5607 · Fire Dept Parts & Repair	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,303.71	\$ 15,000.00
5608 · Fire Dept Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,040.40	\$ 1,600.00
5609 · Fire Dept Telephone	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,598.14	\$ 2,600.00
5610 · Fire Dept Wages	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 16,000.00
5611 · Fire Dept Water and Sewer	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,192.00	\$ 1,400.00
5612 · Fire Dept Workers Comp	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,379.63	\$ 1,500.00
Total 5600 · FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 61,500.00	\$ 42,259.25	\$ 62,000.00
Fire Department Budget			\$ 62,000.00
5620 · PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT			
5621 · Public Works Diesel & Gas	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 17,315.52	\$ 20,000.00
5622 · Public Works Insurance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,250.15	\$ 5,000.00
5623 · Public Works Repairs	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 1,274.90	\$ 13,000.00
5624 · Public Work Supplies & Equip	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,996.06	\$ 3,500.00
5625 · Public Works Misc	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 984.86	\$ 1,500.00
Total 5620 · PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 26,821.49	\$ 43,000.00
Public Works Budget			\$ 43,000.00
5630 · TOWN GARAGE			
5631 · Town Garage Electricity	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,696.06	\$ 3,000.00
5632 · Town Garage Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,398.10	\$ 2,500.00
5633 · Town Garage Heat	\$ 900.00	\$ 413.38	\$ 900.00
5634 · Town Garage Maintenance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 926.15	\$ 3,000.00
5635 · Town Garage Misc	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 353.43	\$ 1,000.00
5636 · Town Garage Telephone	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,539.26	\$ 2,300.00
Total 5630 · TOWN GARAGE	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 7,326.38	\$ 12,700.00
Town Garage Budget			\$ 12,700.00

2023 Proposed Budget

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
5640 · ROAD MAINTENANCE			
5641 · Road Maint Cold Patch	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,173.75	\$ 6,000.00
5642 · Road Maint Culverts	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,873.02	\$ 2,500.00
5643 · Road Maint Gravel	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,365.00	\$ 5,000.00
5644 · Road Maint Guardrails	\$ 1,500.00	-	\$ 1,500.00
5645 · Road Maint Misc	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,990.60	\$ 2,000.00
5646 · Road Maint Mowing	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,300.00
5647 · Road Maint Payroll Taxes	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,599.95	\$ 7,000.00
5648 · Road Maint Cellular	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
5649 · Road Maint Sidewalks	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 865.35	\$ 2,000.00
5650 · Road Maint Signs	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,151.07	\$ 1,500.00
5651 · Road Maint Tarring & Ground Prep	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 91,704.91	\$ 70,000.00
5652 · Road Maint Wages	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 61,542.15	\$ 75,000.00
5653 · Road Maint Workers Comp	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,036.41	\$ 6,000.00
Total 5640 · ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$ 185,800.00	\$ 181,752.21	\$ 182,000.00
Road Maintenance Budget			\$ 182,000.00
5660 · WINTER ROADS			
5661 · Winter Roads Misc	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,853.43	\$ 3,000.00
5662 · Winter Roads Parts & Equipment	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 10,241.67	\$ 21,000.00
5663 · Winter Roads Payroll Taxes	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,995.11	\$ 8,000.00
5664 · Winter Roads Salt & Sand	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 60,474.81	\$ 90,000.00
5665 · Winter Roads Subcontract	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,239.36	\$ 6,500.00
5666 · Winter Roads Wages	\$ 106,000.00	\$ 71,303.05	\$ 106,000.00
5667 · Winter Roads Workers Comp	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,548.84	\$ 6,000.00
Total 5660 · WINTER ROADS	\$ 203,000.00	\$ 160,656.27	\$ 240,500.00
Winter Roads Budget			\$ 240,500.00
5670 · TRANSFER TO RESERVES			
5671 · Seawall	\$ -	-	\$ -
5672 · Conservation	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
5673 · Fire Dept Equip	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5674 · Gym Building	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5676 · Road Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5677 · School Building	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
5678 · Town Hall	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
5679 · Transfer Station Equipment	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
5680 · Unemployment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5681 · Harbor Float Reserve	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00
5683 · Shellfish Conservation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00
Total 5670 · TRANSFER TO RESERVES	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Transfer To Reserves Budget			\$ 1,400.00

2023 Proposed Budget

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
5690 · DEBT SERVICE			
5691 · Debt Service Loader lease/purch	\$ 12,802.00	\$ 12,801.89	\$ 12,802.00
5697 · Debt Service Moose Island	\$ 17,373.00	\$ 13,795.70	\$ -
5698 · Debt Service Peterbilt Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5699 · Debt Service Hagen Dock Rebuild	\$ 40,530.00	\$ 40,529.52	\$ 40,530.00
Debt Service International Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Debt Service	\$ 70,705.00	\$ 67,127.11	\$ 53,332.00
Debt Service Budget			\$ 53,332.00
5700 · MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
5701 · Athletic Field	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,800.00
5702 · Cemeteries	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,071.12	\$ 3,500.00
5703 · Colwell Ramp	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Total 5700 · MUNICIPAL FACILITIES	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 7,771.12	\$ 9,300.00
Municipal Facilities Budget			\$ 9,300.00
5900 · PARKS			
5901 · Parks Mini Village	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 637.47	\$ 1,500.00
5902 · Parks Public Bathrooms	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,800.53	\$ 8,800.00
5903 · Parks Stinson Park	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 561.73	\$ 1,000.00
5905 · Parks Trash	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,687.95	\$ 4,500.00
5906 · Playground	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5907 · Parks Small Cove	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 931.90	\$ 1,400.00
Total 5900 · PARKS	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 14,619.58	\$ 18,200.00
Parks Budget			\$ 18,200.00

2023 Proposed Budget

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
6001 · HANCOCK COUNTY PLANNING COM	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 850.00
6006 · GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 2,500.00
6007 · HEALTH OFFICER	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
6008 · APPEALS BOARD	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
6011 · ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 24,622.36	\$ 30,000.00
6013 · 911 ROAD SIGNS	\$ 500.00	\$ 411.45	\$ 500.00
6014 · FIRE HYDRANTS	\$ 77,600.00	\$ 77,600.00	\$ 97,000.00
6015 · SHERIFF SERVICES	\$ 82,368.00	\$ 62,096.00	\$ 84,864.00
6016 · STREETLIGHTS	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 12,880.54	\$ 13,100.00
6017 · COUNTY TAX			\$ -
6018 · EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT			\$ -
6019 · ABATEMENTS FROM OVERLAY		\$ 2,220.21	\$ -
6020 · TAX DISCOUNTS	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 23,737.82	\$ 25,000.00
6021 · HANCOCK COUNTY RCC	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,068.98	\$ 5,200.00
6030 · SAND BEACH			
6031 · Insurance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
6032 · Rent	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,360.91	\$ 6,600.00
Total Sand Beach Budget	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,860.91	\$ 8,100.00
	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
Totals	\$ 1,752,759.00	\$ 1,534,157.52	\$ 1,915,127.00

**TOWN OF STONINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 6, 2023**

Hancock, ss

State of Maine

To D. Gay Atkinson II, resident of the Town of Stonington, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stonington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Stonington Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room in said Town on **Monday the 6th day of March, 2023** at eight in the morning (**8:00 AM**) then and there to act upon Article 1, and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefor to be from the swearing in of the Moderator until twelve noon (**to 12:00 PM**).

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to reconvene at the Stonington Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room on Monday the 6th day of March, 2023 at three o'clock in the afternoon (**3:00 PM**) then and there to act upon the remaining articles:

ARTICLES

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said Town Meeting
2. To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officers: Two Selectboard Members for (2) Three-year terms
3. To see if the town, in accordance with Title 36 M.R.S.A., Section 506, will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and the Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.
4. To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest to charge on taxes unpaid after such date.

The Selectmen recommend the due date be September 1, 2023 and the rate of interest be 8.0% per annum.

5. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 1% on taxes paid in full within thirty days from commitment of the tax list to the Tax Collector, with an appropriation of **\$25,000** added to the annual tax commitment.

Note: In 2022, the discounts given to taxpayers totaled \$23,737.82. The town's auditor has requested that an estimate for the discount be included in the commitment process.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue a Tax Anticipation Note which will be repaid before the end of the tax year and to pay interest on the note as necessary from investment returns.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and convey by quit-claim deed, at the Selectmen's discretion as to terms, but at a price not less than the total of unpaid taxes, interest, and costs, any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, unless the Selectmen, at their discretion, decide that the acquired property is beneficial for the Town to keep. It is understood that the Selectmen will advertise the sale of such real estate, except when the real estate is to be sold to the original owner.

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8. To see if the Town will grant the authority to the Selectmen to appropriate from overlay to cover any tax abatements.

9. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, donations, real estate, personal property, and certain funds, including trust funds that may be given or left to the Town and to appropriate and expend such money for such public purposes as the Board deems to be in the interest of the Town.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to accept conditional gifts of money to the Town and to appropriate and expend the funds for the purposes for which the gift was made and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor and to accept conditional gifts of personal property to the Town and to use the property in the manner specified by the donor.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept State and Federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract and accept the conditions that accompany the grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds for authorized purposes.

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board or their designee to accept and to expend funds from the State, Federal, and County Governments related to the American Rescue Plan Act program and if said funds are received, to authorize the municipal officers to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as necessary and reasonable to implement such program, and to disburse such funds for the purpose(s) granted.

13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as the Trustees for the Stonington Water Company and vote the stock held by the Town to keep the Stonington Water Company operating and transact other business at any meeting of the stockholders of the Stonington Water Company.

14. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Housing Reserve account for the purpose of addressing housing needs in our Town.

The Selectmen recommend

15. If so established in the preceding article, to see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Housing Reserve account.

The Selectmen recommend \$100,000

Note: These funds are proceeds from the sale of Tax Acquired Properties and would be used for affordable/workforce housing needs and initiatives.

16. To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of two parcels of land (Map 5 Lot 70 Quarter interest & Map 5 Lot 2 Quarter interest) from Richard Haskell & Richard Haskell II.

The Selectmen recommend

17. Shall the ordinance entitled "Town of Stonington Commercial Construction Site Plan Review Ordinance", enacted March 2006, be amended as indicated on the addendum entitled "March 2023 Amendments to the Town of Stonington Commercial Construction Site Plan Review Ordinance"?

The Selectmen recommend

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18. Shall the ordinance entitled “Town of Stonington, Maine Building Permits Ordinance”, originally enacted June 1993 and most recently amended March 2017, be amended as indicated on the addendum entitled “March 2023 Amendments to the Town of Stonington, Maine Building Permits Ordinance”?

The Selectmen recommend

19. Shall the ordinance entitled “Town of Stonington Shoreland Zoning Ordinance” originally enacted March 1998 and most recently amended March 2022 be amended as indicated on the addendum entitled “March 2023 Amendments to the Town of Stonington Shoreland Zoning Ordinance?”

The Selectmen recommend

20. Shall the ordinance entitled “Town of Stonington Subdivision Ordinance” amended in March 2006 be amended as indicated on the addendum entitled “March 2023 Amendments to the Town of Stonington Subdivision Ordinance?”

The Selectmen recommend

21. Shall the ordinance entitled “Town of Stonington Residential Short-Term Rental Registration Ordinance” be enacted?

The Selectmen recommend

22. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the administration account.

The Selectmen recommend \$119,140

23. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for wages, salaries and the Town’s portion of required Payroll Taxes for Town Officers and employees.

The Selectmen recommend \$308,608

24. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for employees’ Health Insurance.

The Selectmen recommend \$87,500

25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Hall operation and maintenance.

The Selectmen recommend \$24,400

26. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) for the Town Hall Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$1,000

27. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control wages and expenses.

The Selectmen recommend \$5,900

28. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement wages and expenses.

The Selectmen recommend \$22,425

29. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board.

The Selectmen recommend \$2,300

30. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for 911 sign expenses.

The Selectmen recommend \$500

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31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$84,864** for law enforcement.

Note: This amount is to contract for patrols 3 days per week

32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hancock County Regional Communication Center (911 dispatch) charges.

The Selectmen recommend \$5,200

33. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hancock County Planning Commission dues.

The Selectmen recommend \$850

34. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Health Officer.

The Selectmen recommend \$250

35. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Appeals Board.

The Selectmen recommend \$250

36. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stonington Conservation Commission.

The Selectmen recommend \$100

37. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee.

The Selectmen recommend \$100

38. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Economic Development.

The Selectmen recommend \$30,000

39. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance.

The Selectmen recommend \$2,500

40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$62,000** for the Stonington Fire Department.

The Selectmen recommend

41. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Fire Department Equipment Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$15,000

42. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Fire Station Building Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$5,000

43. To see if the Town will vote to accept ownership of all the Stonington Volunteer Fire Department's equipment now owned by, or to be purchased by the Department during the ensuing year, and then allow the Stonington Volunteer Fire Department to use said equipment.

The Selectmen recommend

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44. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Hydrants.

The Selectmen recommend \$97,000

45. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for disposal of solid waste and the operation of the Stonington Transfer Station.

The Selectmen recommend \$378,200

46. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Transfer Station Equipment Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$100

47. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation and maintenance of Public Works Equipment.

The Selectmen recommend \$43,000

48. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Garage operation and maintenance.

The Selectmen recommend \$12,700

49. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for town Road Maintenance.

The Selectmen recommend \$182,000

50. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for snow removal.

The Selectmen recommend \$240,500

51. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Streetlights.

The Selectmen recommend \$13,100

52. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Road Equipment Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$30,000

53. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Backhoe Debt Service.

The Selectmen recommend \$12,802

54. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hagen Dock Debt Service.

The Selectmen recommend \$40,530

55. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dedicated Capital Reserve Harbor Float fund.

The Selectmen recommend \$1,000

56. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Harbor Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$50,000

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57. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Seawall Reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$10,000

58. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the establishment of a Dredging Reserve Fund?

The Selectmen recommend

59. If so established in the preceding article, to see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to fund the Dredging Reserve from the transfer of funds set aside in previous years in the Harbor Reserve Account?

Note: This figure currently is \$340,000. The Harbor Reserve is typically funded with boat excise funds and mooring fees.

The Selectmen recommend

60. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Waterfront Access Reserve account.

The Selectmen recommend \$20,000

61. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Sea Level Rise Reserve fund.

The Selectmen recommend \$60,000

62. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Odd Fellows Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend \$50,000

63. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Parks.

The Selectmen recommend \$18,200

64. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for building reserves for the purpose of undertaking major repairs or improvements.

The Selectmen recommend:

Former Elementary School Building reserve	\$100
Gym building reserve	\$ 0

65. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for operation and improvements to the Colwell Ramp property.

The Selectmen recommend \$3,000

66. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund Gym Building maintenance & improvements.

The Selectmen recommend \$5,000

67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$8,100** for the Sand Beach property lease and insurance fees.

The Selectmen recommend

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68. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the upkeep of the athletic field, with any unexpended amount going to the athletic field reserve.

The Selectmen recommend \$2,800

69. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) to fund the Playground Reserve account.

The Selectmen recommend \$10,000

70. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to close out the Swimming Pool Reserve and transfer the balance to the Playground Reserve.

Note: There is approximately \$1,900.00 in the Swimming Pool Reserve

The Selectmen recommend

71. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the upkeep and maintenance of cemeteries.

The Selectmen recommend \$3,500

72. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fourth of July Celebration / Fireworks.

Requested: \$3,600

73. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Deer Isle-Stonington Chamber of Commerce.

Requested \$700

74. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for DownEast Transportation.

Requested: \$800

75. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Eastern Area Agency on Aging.

Requested: \$3,000

76. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Northern Light Health Homecare & Hospice (formerly called Hancock County Homecare and Hospice).

Requested: \$7,550

77. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Healthy Island Project.

Requested: \$5,000

78. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County.

Requested: \$1,000

79. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Island Community Center.

Requested: \$13,000

80. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stonington Public Library.

Requested: \$12,500

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81. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day observances.
Requested: \$500
82. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the American Red Cross.
Requested: \$750
83. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Downeast Community Partners (formerly known as WHCA and Child & Family Opportunities).
Requested: \$10,930
84. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Down East Family YMCA.
Requested: \$3,000
85. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for WIC.
Requested: \$1,250
86. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Project Launch.
Requested: \$1,500
87. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Opiate-Free Island Partnership.
Requested: \$5,000
88. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for LifeFlight Foundation.
Requested: \$528
89. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Island Workforce Housing?
Requested: \$6,000
90. To see if the Town will vote to approve borrowing up to \$100,000 for the purpose of the granite facing veneer / aesthetics on the Oceanville Bridge to preserve the character of the bridge?
91. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply up to \$300,000 from Surplus (Undesignated Fund Balance) towards reducing property taxes.
92. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$1,616,228.00** established for Stonington by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.
Note: This article requires a vote by written ballot.

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