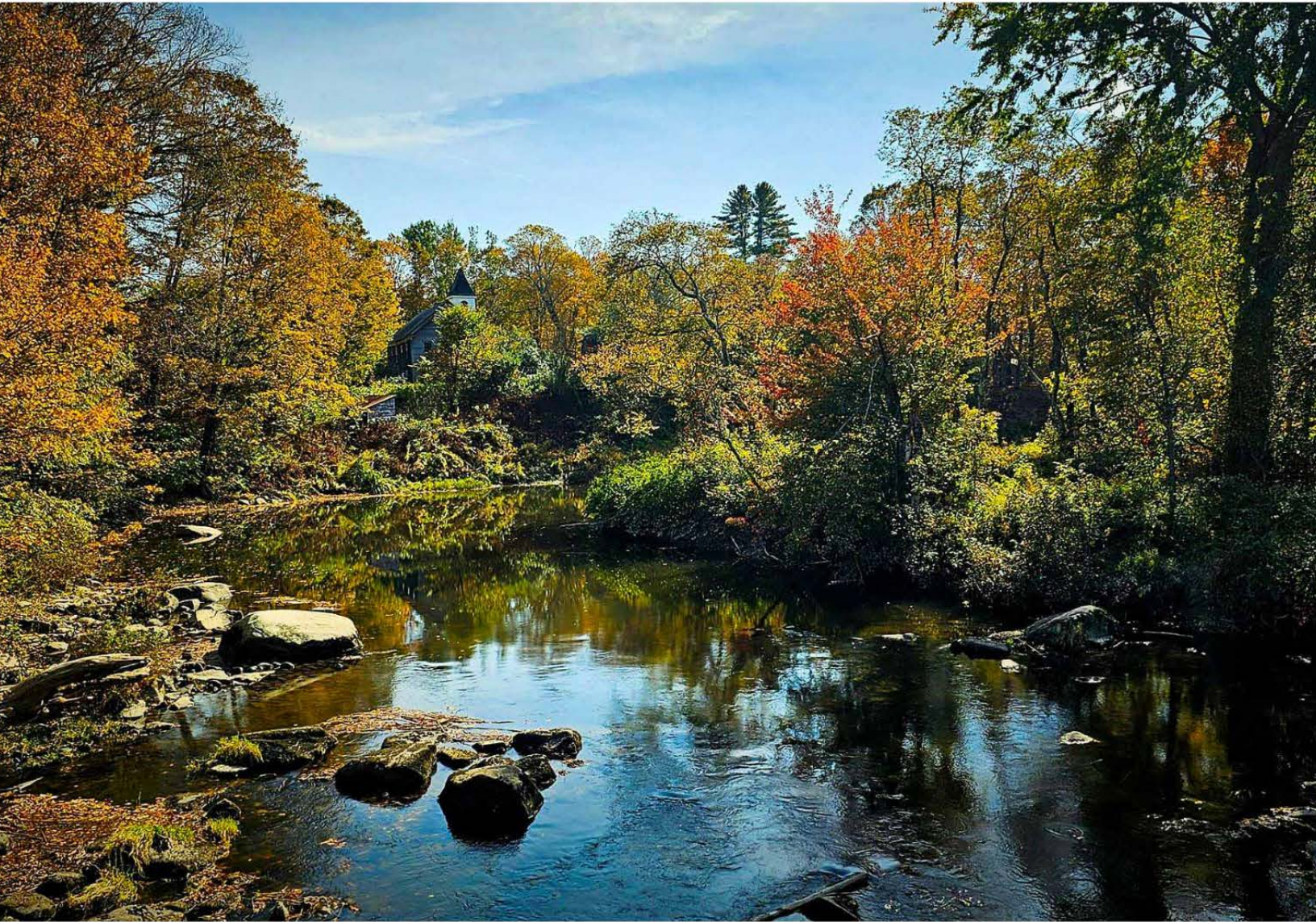


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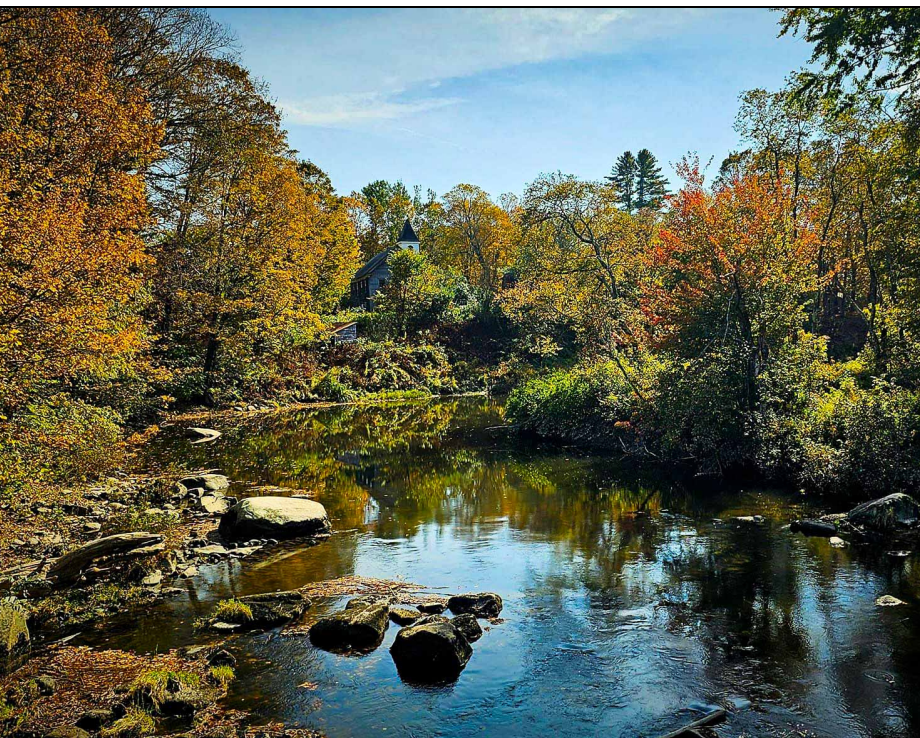
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COVER PHOTO CONTEST

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Cover Photo: **'An Autumn View'** **Fall 2023**

Taken by: Linda Bauer
Overlooking Wilson Stream from
the bridge toward the North
Chesterville Baptist Church

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DEDICATION

The North Chesterville Extension Homemakers

Every year the select board dedicates the Annual Town Report to a worthy person or group. This year that honor is awarded to the North Chesterville Homemakers Extension. They are an extraordinary group of woman whose unwavering dedication and hard work have made Chesterville a better place.

The North Chesterville Extension Homemakers (NCEH) is the longest standing ladies' group in Chesterville. They have served for more than 50 years as a traditional and vital part of our community by providing direct and indirect benefits to our residents through countless hours of volunteering. The group formed around 1950 with some of its current members having been involved for 40 years or more. The NCEH are a member of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, which is part of the national network, The Cooperative Extension System. They meet the fourth Monday of each month from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Chesterville town office and welcome the public to attend.



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The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

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-MAHATMA GANDHI

If you participate in any Chesterville event you will see them in action! They flawlessly prepare and execute benefit dinners for those in need, the annual chicken BBQ, and fundraise in support of great causes. They are Bakers and chefs extraordinaire and often provide free lunches for children. They create and host holiday events including time with the Easter Bunny, Trunk or Treat, and visits with Mr. & Mrs. Claus. For many years the group has offered support in the form of supplies, furnishings, upgrades and care of the kitchen. And who could forget the Election Day bake sales we all love and look forward to so much? Proceeds from these sales are used to fund the kitchen and other events they host.

In 2023 the NCEH purchased the new refrigerator in the town office kitchen after the old one was broken and unable to be repaired. They made donations in support of the new playground and recreation committee, along with all of their regularly held events.

The NCEH's commitment to fostering a sense of belonging and togetherness has not only strengthened the bonds within our community but also serves as an inspiration for generations to come. At every meeting, every shared endeavor, and every act of kindness, the women of the North Chesterville Extension Homemakers embody the true essence of community spirit. They have shown us that the smallest gestures can make the biggest impact and that by working together, we make Chesterville a wonderful place to live. May your dedication continue to inspire us all.



TOWN OFFICERS 2023

SELECTMAN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, ROAD COMMISSIONERS

John Archer	2022-2025	207-778-9228
Linda Bauer	2021-2024	207-320-9855
Timothy LeSieg	2022-2025	207-215-7459
Eric Hilton	2023-2026	207-286-7343
Anne Lambert	2023-2024	207-778-9683

TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, DEPUTY TREASURER, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

Melissa "Missy" Letarte 778-2433

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR, DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, DEPUTY TREASURER

Katlin Hilton 778-2433

TREASURER, GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Erin Norton 778-2433

RSU #9 SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

Dee Robinson 897-2822

FIRE CHIEF

Nickolas Wills 779-8667

E911 ADDRESSING OFFICER

John Archer 778-9228

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Dexter "Buzz" Bridges 446-0739

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Jonathan Arnold 242-3331

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Clayton Tibbetts 500-8110

TRANSFER STATION

Robert Jones Hubert LaBreck
Open Saturday and Sunday 9am-1pm

ASSESSOR, ASSESSOR’S AGENT

Bill Van Tuinen
Alan Gove 399-1663

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Robert Overton 242-6798

HEALTH OFFICER

Katlin Hilton 653-5911

PLANNING BOARD

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Linton Robinson 2023-2027
Robert Leso 2022-2025
Jack Moultrie (C) 2021-2026
Virginia Barrows 2023-2024
Katlin Hilton 2023-2028

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meets throughout the winter

David Archer 2022-2026
David Gray 2023-2025
Glenda Barker 2023-2028
Alison Haines 2023-2027
Tiffany Estabrook 2023-2024

APPEALS BOARD/BAR

Meets as needed

Kathy Gregory 2022-2026
Scott Gray 2022-2025
Robert Rogers 2023-2026
Tiffany Estabrook 2022-2024
David Gray 2021-2024

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month

Christine Stevens 2023-2025
Stephen Welch 2021-2024
Bruce Driscoll 2021-2024
Julie Parker 2022-2025
Scott Gray 2023-2026

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Meets 1st Thursday of the month

Ruth Archer 2023-2024
Rick Billian Jr 2023-2026
Katlin Hilton 2023-2026
Beth Perkins 2023-2025
Danielle Plancon 2023-2025

STATE SENATOR (District 17)

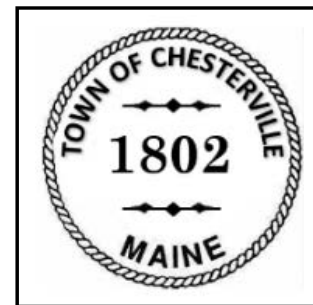
Russell J. Black

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

(District 114)

Scott Landry

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



John Archer

Linda Bauer

Eric Hilton

Anne Lambert

Timothy LeSiege

2023 was a busy year. Although the Select Board acts as overseers of town business, the Town could not function without its dedicated employees and committee members. Each employee has a unique position where they provide quality services for the residents of our little town. It has been a pleasure to work with them over the past year. A big thank you to Erin, Missy and Katlin in the office, the Fire Fighters, the Transfer Station attendants, the Highway Crew, Code Enforcement, the Animal Control Officer, the Assessors' Agents, and last but not least, every committee member who volunteered their personal time. We appreciate you!

Deteriorating road conditions remain one of the Town's largest obstacles. Paving was done on Norcross Hill Road, French Road, West Road, Smith Road, Sand Pond Road, and the George Thomas Road. Due to ever-increasing paving costs, we hope everyone will remain patient during the slow process of getting them repaired. Mother Nature and all her fury caused extensive unforeseen damages to many Chesterville roads last year. The Town has applied to FEMA for reimbursement of monies expended on the declared storm disasters for December 2022, and May and June of 2023. We expect that lost revenue to arrive in the 2024 calendar year. It will be immediately available for use on town roads. Thank you, Missy, Clayton, and Linda, for the many hours spent working on and meeting with FEMA for this process.

After lengthy discussions and much consideration, Transfer Station fees were slightly increased beginning January 1, 2024. The Board did not make that decision lightly, but felt it was necessary due to rising costs with disposing of the material. The board also updated the Emergency Operations Plan and the Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2023.

A big shout out to the Recreation Committee and everyone that was involved in making the playground a reality! It was completed and dedicated in June of 2023, and is getting lots of use by children and families in the community.

The Board faced challenges with completing projects that were appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Town received \$142,746.98 from the federal government for lost revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 and 2022. Renovations to the Treasurer's/Select Boards' office were completed in 2023, along with a small appropriation for the playground, an energy audit of the town office building, and highway ditching. \$40,000 of the funds were used to purchase an additional truck for the Public Works fleet in 2022. Plans for updating the town office and fire station bathrooms should be completed this year. Installing new heating systems in both the town garage and fire department are also scheduled for 2024. The energy audit performed at the town office revealed the building has a heat loss problem, but it still serves its purpose. The Board discussed the idea that applying for a Congressionally Directed Spending Grant for a multipurpose building might be a good idea for future consideration.

In closing, we would like to thank the residents and taxpayers of Chesterville for your continued support and patience, and for the honor to serve in this challenging position as your Select Board. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out so they can be addressed. Contact information for each of us can be found on our town website or with a simple call to the town office.

Please note the following articles were drafted at the time of printing the town report. Please check the posted warrant for final language.

**Town of Chesterville
2024 Town Meeting Warrant**

TO: Glenda Barker, a resident of the Town of Chesterville, in the County of Franklin, State of Maine,

GREETING: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Chesterville in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Dave Archer Town Office** in the said Town on **Friday, March 15th, 2024 A.D. from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below; And, also, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the **Dave Archer Town Office** in said Town on **Monday, March 18th, 2024 A.D. at 7:00 p.m.**, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 47 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1

To elect a **Moderator** to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Article 2

To elect all necessary **Municipal Officers** as are required to be elected by secret ballot.

Elections	Term
Board of Selectmen	1 year term
Board of Selectmen	3 year term
Board of Selectmen	1 year term (remainder of Tim LeSiege's term)

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to permit municipal staff and elected State officials, who are not residents of Chesterville, to speak when recognized by the Moderator.

Article 4 2023 limit - \$749,435

To see if the Town will vote to **increase the property tax levy limit of \$786,757** established for the Town of Chesterville by State Law in the event that the Municipal Budget approved under the following warrant articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.
Note: Vote must be by written ballot.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund balance (surplus), **\$2,483.47** to cover all 2023 **overdrafts**.

2023 Overdrafts	Amount
Town Insurance	\$2,229.00
Discounts	\$254.47
Total	\$2,483.47

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed **3/12 of the annual budget** in each budget category of the 2024 annual budget during the period from January 1st, 2025 until the date of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to make **property taxes due on December 14th, 2024**, and to begin charging **interest** on taxes received on or after **December 15th, 2024** at a rate of **8.5%** annually.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for a **Tax Anticipation Note**, if needed, to pay current expenses and to pay any interest and costs from overlay.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of **tax abatements** approved by the Select Board/Assessors from overlay.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to set the **interest rate** pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A to be paid by the Town **on taxes** paid and later **abated** at **4% annually** from the date of the tax payment to the date the abated amount is refunded to the taxpayer.

Explanation: If taxes are paid but later abated, the municipality must refund the abated taxes and pay interest on them. For taxes paid on or after April 1st 1996, 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A provides that the rate of interest set by the municipality to be paid on overpayments may not exceed the rate set for the delinquent taxes, nor be less than that rate reduced by 4%. For instance, if the delinquency rate is 8%, then the Town Meeting may not set a rate lower than 4%.

Article 11

To see if the Town in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. § 506 will vote to authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to accept **prepayment of taxes** not yet committed and to **pay no interest thereon**.

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real-estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable; and to execute the appropriate deeds for such property. Except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to apply available excise taxes (vehicle and boat), tax interest, miscellaneous revenue, and lien charges to lower the commitment.

Explanation: Figures for this Article and Article 14 are determined by our Assessor and Treasurer at the time of commitment and are based on actual revenues received by the Town in the current year.

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following gifts, grants and funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature, and any other sources and apply the funds to lower the commitment or benefit the town in such other ways as the Select Board deems reasonable.

Potential Revenues	
Maine Municipal Revenue Sharing	General Assistance Funds
Tree Growth Reimbursements	Veterans Exemption Funds
Homestead Exemption Funds	FEMA Reimbursements
State and Federal Grants	Any other Funds or Gifts

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to apply all revenues from the sale of tax acquired property to lower the commitment.

Article 16

2023 was \$0

To see if the Town will vote to allow a **3% discount** on real estate taxes paid in full within the thirty (30) day period following the mailing of the tax bills, and to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$46,000** to cover the cost of said discount, and to **pay any overdraft from overlay**.

The payment postmark will be accepted as the paid date.

Article 17

2023 was \$173,400

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$178,564** and appropriate **\$354** from the Undesignated Fund balance (surplus) for **Administration** and additional administrative expenses for a **total budget of \$178,918** in the current year.

Description	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
Payroll & Taxes	\$111,676	\$115,055
Health Insurance & Retirement	\$5,114	\$5,208
Audit	\$7,475	\$7,475
Utilities	\$10,400	\$10,400
Office Expenses	\$32,950	\$32,450
Training	\$700	\$500
Building Maintenance	\$3,500	\$3,500
Dues	\$4,830	\$4,830
Total Budget	\$176,645	\$178,918
Undesignated	(\$354)	(\$354)
From Taxation	\$176,291	\$178,564

Article 18

2023 was \$2,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, **\$2,000 for Legal** Expenses in the current year, and to transfer any remaining balance to the Legal Reserve Account.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee.

Explanation: Legal Reserve Balance is \$6,390.22.

Article 19

2023 was \$54,489

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation **\$68,689** for the **Chesterville Fire Department** in the current year.

Description	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
Payroll & Taxes	\$25,354	\$25,354
Utilities	\$6,810	\$6,810
Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000
Training	\$1,000	\$1,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$29,625	\$24,775
Building Maintenance	\$3,900	\$3,500
Total	\$68,689	\$63,439

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to ratify the expenditure of **\$2,500** for payroll for the Fire Department Officers.

Explanation: Stipends for two Assistant Chiefs and Captain appropriated in 2023 were inadvertently not paid in 2023.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 21

2023 was \$14,466

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$14,466** for **debt service** on the **2014 Fire Department Squad** truck in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

The 2024 debt service payment is number 10 of 10

Article 22

2023 was \$18,026

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$18,026** for **debt service** on the **2011 Fire Department Pumper Tanker** in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

The 2024 debt service payment is number 5 of 10

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$30,000** for a **Hurst Extrication Tool** (Jaws of Life) for the Fire Department.

Explanation: During training exercises, the hydraulic power unit died.

The tool is obsolete and parts are no longer available to repair it.

Description	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
Extrication Tool	\$30,000	\$15,000

Article 24

To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to apply for and expend a Congressionally Directed Spending grant for the purpose of purchasing a new fully equipped firetruck to replace Engine 1; to authorize the use of \$50,000 from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Account, and authorize the Select Board to borrow a principal amount not to exceed \$250,000 to fund the Town's share of the purchase and as local match to the grant, provided that the total cost of the new engine shall not exceed \$1,200,000.

Recommended by Select Board

Explanation: It is the intent of the Selectmen and Fire Department to utilize the current Engine 1 as trade-in value towards the new truck if possible.

Article 25

2023 was \$30,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$15,000 for the Fire Department Capital Reserve.**

Description	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
FD Capital Reserve	\$15,000	\$10,000

Explanation: Fire Department Capital Reserve balance is \$72,497.36

Article 26

2023 was \$20,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$25,000 for the Public Works Capital Reserve.**

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Explanation: Public Works Capital Reserve balance is \$8,255.83

Article 27

2023 was \$160,182

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate from taxation **\$151,136** for the **Chesterville Transfer Station** and waste removal in the current year.

Description	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
Payroll & Taxes	\$14,414	\$14,680
Retirement	\$0	\$0
Contracted	\$134,722	\$134,722
Utilities	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous & Mowing	\$1,000	\$600
Building Maintenance	\$1,000	\$500
Total	\$151,136	\$150,502

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to renew or extend Archie's Inc.'s current contract for hauling of curbside waste and oversized bulky waste/demo, which remains valid through December 31, 2024, for an additional 2 years, or enter into a multi-year contract (not to exceed five (5) years) for the disposal of wastes, with another contractor, whichever they deem is in the best interest of the Town.

Recommended by Select Board

Article 29

2023 was \$471,999

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$507,115.38**, and appropriate the 2023 Carry Forward of **\$13,701.43**, and appropriate **\$5,240.19** from the Undesignated Fund balance (surplus) for a **total budget of \$526,057** for the **Public Works Department** in the current year, and **Carry Forward any remaining balance** to the year 2025.

Description	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
Payroll & Taxes	\$182,513	\$211,934
Health Insurance & Retirement	\$29,458	\$30,278
Utilities	\$8,100	\$8,100
Expenses	\$28,650	\$28,650
Training	\$500	\$500
Equipment Maintenance	\$102,500	\$102,500
Building Maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,500
Road Maintenance	\$139,500	\$139,500
Tools	\$3,095	\$3,095
Total Budget	\$495,816	\$526,057
2023 Carry Forward	(\$13,701.43)	(\$13,701.43)
Undesignated -2023 Ins. Received	(\$5,240.19)	(\$5,240.19)
From Taxation	\$476,874.38	\$507,115.38

Article 30

2023 was \$428,806

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$327,519.31**, and appropriate the 2023 Carry Forward of **\$25,126.69** and appropriate LRAP revenues estimated at **\$48,060** for a **total budget of \$400,706** for **Capital Roads** in the current year, and **Carry Forward any remaining balance** to the year 2025.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Description	Breakdown
Total Budget	\$400,706
2023 Carry Forward	(\$25,126.69)
LRAP	(\$48,060)
From Taxation	\$327,519.31

Explanation: For more information, please see "bid tabulation sheet" in this book.

Article 31

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **75%** of all **FEMA reimbursement** monies from storms, received in the calendar year 2024, **to the Capital Roads** Account and the remaining **25% to the Public Works Department Road Maintenance** budget.

Note: This vote will be in addition to budgets already voted on in article 29 & 30

Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell and/or dispose of any **surplus equipment** under such terms as they deem necessary. Any monies received from the sale of surplus equipment from the Public Works Department and/or Fire Department will be deposited into the respective departments' Capital Reserve Accounts.

Article 33

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to make final determinations regarding the **opening and closing of roads to winter maintenance** pursuant to 23 M.R.S § 2953.

Article 34

2023 was \$20,500

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$18,000** for **Assessing** and appropriate **\$3,000** from the Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus) for **Maps** for a **total budget of \$21,000** in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Description	Breakdown
Assessing	\$18,000
Maps	\$3,000
Total Budget	\$21,000
Undesignated	(\$3,000)
From Taxation	\$18,000

Article 35

2023 was \$2,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$2,200** for **Third Party Requests** in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Description	Breakdown
30 Mile Water Shed	\$500
Clearwater Food Pantry	\$500
North Chesterville Homemakers Assoc.	\$500
Life Flight	\$500
Behavioral Health	\$100
Safe Voices	\$100
Total	\$2,200

Article 36 2023 was \$7,860

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$7,272.78**, and Carry Forward from the Animal Control Fund Balance **\$637.22** for **Animal Control** for a **total budget of \$7,910** in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Description	Breakdown
Payroll & Taxes	\$4,522
FCAS Contract	\$3,188
Traps	\$200
Total Budget	\$7,910
Carry Forward Fund Balance	(\$637.22)
From Taxation	\$7,272.78

Article 37 2023 was \$5,300

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$5,000** for **Street Lights** in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 38 2023 was \$2,088

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$650.87**, Carry Forward from the **General Assistance** Fund Balance **\$736** and appropriate **\$613.13** from General Assistance Reimbursements in 2023 for a **total budget of \$2,000** in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 39 2023 was \$3,175

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$1,796.27**, and appropriate the 2023 Playground Special Revenue Fund balance of **\$1,896.73**, and appropriate the 2023 recreation donations of **\$527**, and appropriate from the Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus) the 2023 recreation balance of **\$805**, for a **total budget of \$5,025** for **Recreation**, in the current year. Any donations received during the year will be immediately available for appropriation, and **Carry Forward any remaining balance** to the year 2025.

Description	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
Rec Field Toilet Rental	\$875	\$875
Miscellaneous	\$100	\$100
Lawn Mowing	\$550	\$550
Swim Program	\$1,000	\$600
Facility Maintenance	\$2,000	\$2,000
New Equipment	\$500	\$500
Total Budget	\$5,025	\$4,625
2023 Playground Fund Balance	(\$1,896.73)	(\$1,896.73)
2023 Recreation Donations	(\$527.00)	(\$527.00)
Undesignated -2023 Recreation Bal.	(\$805.00)	(\$805.00)
From Taxation	\$1,796.27	\$1,396.27

Article 40*2023 was \$6,270*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$4,470** and appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus) **\$500** for a **total budget of \$4,970** for **Cemetery Maintenance** in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Description	Breakdown
Miscellaneous	\$270
Stone Restoration Maintenance	\$500
Mowing	\$4,200
Total Budget	\$4,970
Undesignated	(\$500)
From Taxation	\$4,470

Article 41*2023 was \$12,499*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$15,700** for the **Ambulance Subsidy** in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 42*2023 was \$300*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$300** for the **E. A. Wright Beach Maintenance** in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 43*2023 was \$28,795*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation **\$32,426** for **Insurance** in the current year.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 44*2023 was \$982*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500 from taxation**, and to appropriate **\$982** from **Chesterville Days Special Revenue Fund** for a **total budget of \$1,482**. Any remaining **balance will be transferred to the Chesterville Days Special Revenue Fund**.

Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee

Article 45

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **100% of the refund of Snowmobile Registrations**, received annually from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, for the improvement and maintenance of trails, on condition that those trails be open to the public at no charge, and to be used at the discretion of the **Country Ramblers Snowmobile Club**.

Article 45

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to make application for and execute any documents related to a **snowmobile grant**, and to accept said grant funds if awarded, and authorize their expenditure to the **Country Ramblers Snowmobile Club**.

Article 45

To see if the Town will vote to **close the books on December 31, 2024**.

2024 Chesterville Bid Paving Tabulations - Bid opening 1/25/24

	Quantity	Units	Eurovia / Northeast	Maine-ly Paving	Pike Industries	St. Laurent
West Rd. FDR Grade	9287	Sq yd	\$ 3.00 \$ 27,861.00	\$ 2.43 \$ 22,567.41	\$ 2.08 \$ 19,316.96	\$ 2.25 \$ 20,895.75
West Rd. Pave	1022	Ton	\$ 144.00 \$ 147,168.00	\$ 97.25 \$ 99,389.50	\$ 96.15 \$ 98,265.30	\$ 120.00 \$ 122,640.00
East Rd Grade -no FDR needed	9147	Sq yd	\$ 1.00 \$ 9,147.00	\$ 1.22 \$ 11,159.34	\$ 0.85 \$ 7,774.95	\$ 2.25 \$ 20,580.75
East Rd Pave	1006	Ton	\$ 144.00 \$ 144,864.00	\$ 97.25 \$ 97,833.50	\$ 96.15 \$ 96,726.90	\$ 120.00 \$ 120,720.00
Sand Pond Rd (18 X 4300) w/tack	497	Ton	\$ 157.00 \$ 81,193.00	\$ 99.00 \$ 50,898.00	\$ 102.65 \$ 52,373.05	\$ 120.00 \$ 64,160.00
George Thomas Rd (18 X 3950) w/tack	456	Ton	\$ 157.00 \$ 74,490.00	\$ 99.00 \$ 46,696.50	\$ 102.65 \$ 48,050.40	\$ 120.00 \$ 58,860.00
Borough Rd patch	4	Ton	\$ 400.00 \$ 1,600.00	\$ 225.00 \$ 900.00	\$ 200.00 \$ 800.00	\$ 114.00 \$ 456.00
Smith Rd patch	3	Ton	\$ 400.00 \$ 1,200.00	\$ 225.00 \$ 675.00	\$ 200.00 \$ 600.00	\$ 114.00 \$ 342.00
Smith Rd 2nd Patch	5	Ton	\$ 400.00 \$ 2,000.00	\$ 225.00 \$ 1,125.00	\$ 200.00 \$ 1,000.00	\$ 114.00 \$ 570.00
Total Base Bid			\$ 489,523.00	\$ 331,244.25	\$ 324,907.56	\$ 409,224.50
Borough Rd Shim	216	Ton	\$ 161.00 \$ 34,776.00	\$ 99.00 \$ 21,384.00	\$ 102.65 \$ 22,172.40	\$ 161.00 \$ 34,776.00
Borough Rd overlay w/ tack	720	Ton	\$ 157.00 \$ 119,298.00	\$ 99.89 \$ 75,272.50	\$ 102.65 \$ 76,590.00	\$ 111.00 \$ 88,860.00
Chesterville Hill FDR Grade	16240	Sq yd	\$ 2.00 \$ 32,480.00	\$ 2.23 \$ 36,215.20	\$ 2.08 \$ 33,779.20	\$ 2.25 \$ 36,540.00
Chesterville Hill Pave	1786	Ton	\$ 144.00 \$ 257,184.00	\$ 96.25 \$ 171,902.50	\$ 96.15 \$ 171,723.90	\$ 106.00 \$ 189,316.00
Stinchfield Hill FDR Grade	17463	Sq yd	\$ 2.00 \$ 34,926.00	\$ 2.23 \$ 38,942.49	\$ 2.08 \$ 36,323.04	\$ 2.25 \$ 39,291.75
Stinchfield Hill Pave	1921	Ton	\$ 144.00 \$ 276,624.00	\$ 96.25 \$ 184,896.25	\$ 96.15 \$ 184,704.15	\$ 106.00 \$ 203,626.00
Total Bid Additive Alternative			\$ 614,843.28	\$ 528,612.94	\$ 525,292.69	\$ 592,409.75
Total Bid + Bid Additive Alternative			\$ 1,003,928.54	\$ 859,857.19	\$ 850,200.25	\$ 1,001,634.25

Mainly Paving appears to have a calculation error on Borough Rd overlay. Unit cost in package does not match unit cost used to calculate total. Package indicated Topcoat was \$71,920.00, however unit cost of \$99 *720 Ton = \$71,280 This does not change the standing as all other math works out using this error. As is -->\$71920+\$3,352.5= \$75,272.50 corrected--> \$71280+\$3,352.50=\$74,632.50 Total Add Alt Bid should be \$527,972.94, Total package = \$859,217.19

Apparent Low Bidder is Pike Industries

From the Treasurer's Desk

Greetings!

In early January we got to work calculating and estimating cost increases/decreases and how they would affect the LD1 Tax Levy Limit and our overall commitment this coming fall. We are seeing substantial increases to items we have no control over. We also saw an almost 30% increase to our county tax last year. Several line items within our budget are set figures obtained from individual vendors like Harris software, the ambulance subsidy, dues, the annual audit, Waste Management, and several others. Many of those items came in with large increases again this year; an unavoidable disappointment. When we consider our budget and town meeting warrant we need to consider all cost areas we can reduce and when we commit taxes in the fall, we will seek out every usable dollar to reduce taxation.

Our Public Works department and Capital Roads continue to be our biggest cost in Chesterville. Please consider that these two budgets combined are what we spend each year on roads. We expect to receive the lost revenue from winter storm Elliot in 2022, the May first storm, and the June storm damages in the 2024 calendar year. Luckily those funds will be immediately available for use as they were already expended to repair those damages with taxpayer funds from the regular budget. This will help support the public works and capital roads budgets in 2024.

We expended most of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated at previous meetings but there will be another article to re-appropriate funds that went unspent. Partly from unfinished projects and partly because of cost savings. We completed the Treasurer/Selectboard office upgrades, the concrete pad at the transfer station, the energy audit of the town office, public works ditching, and the purchase of a used truck for the public works fleet in 2022. We were delighted to have remaining funds that we expect to spend on the bathrooms at the fire department and town office as well as new heat systems for the fire department and public works. We are proud of how far we've been able to stretch these funds. The original balance was \$147,746.98. The remaining balance available is \$50,210.03.

As we prepare for this new year, I want to extend a BIG *thank you* to **Missy Letarte** our Clerk and Tax Collector. She works hard to satisfy the needs of residents. We're also thankful for our deputy **Katlin Hilton**. She is working as deputy to Missy, and also takes great care of the town office building as our cleaner. She is currently taking some time off to be a new mom. I'd also like to thank the Board of Selectmen -**John, Linda, Anne, Eric, and Tim** for their continued efforts on behalf of the Town, and their support of me as Treasurer. We have a very supportive team of people here in Chesterville.

My role as a Municipal Treasurer has evolved considerably since I began this work in 2008. I continue to learn new things every year. I love working for the people of Chesterville and hope to continue for many years. If you have any questions about town finances, expired liens, or want to chat about your taxes, please feel free to reach out. I'm always happy to meet up and address your concerns.

Respectfully,

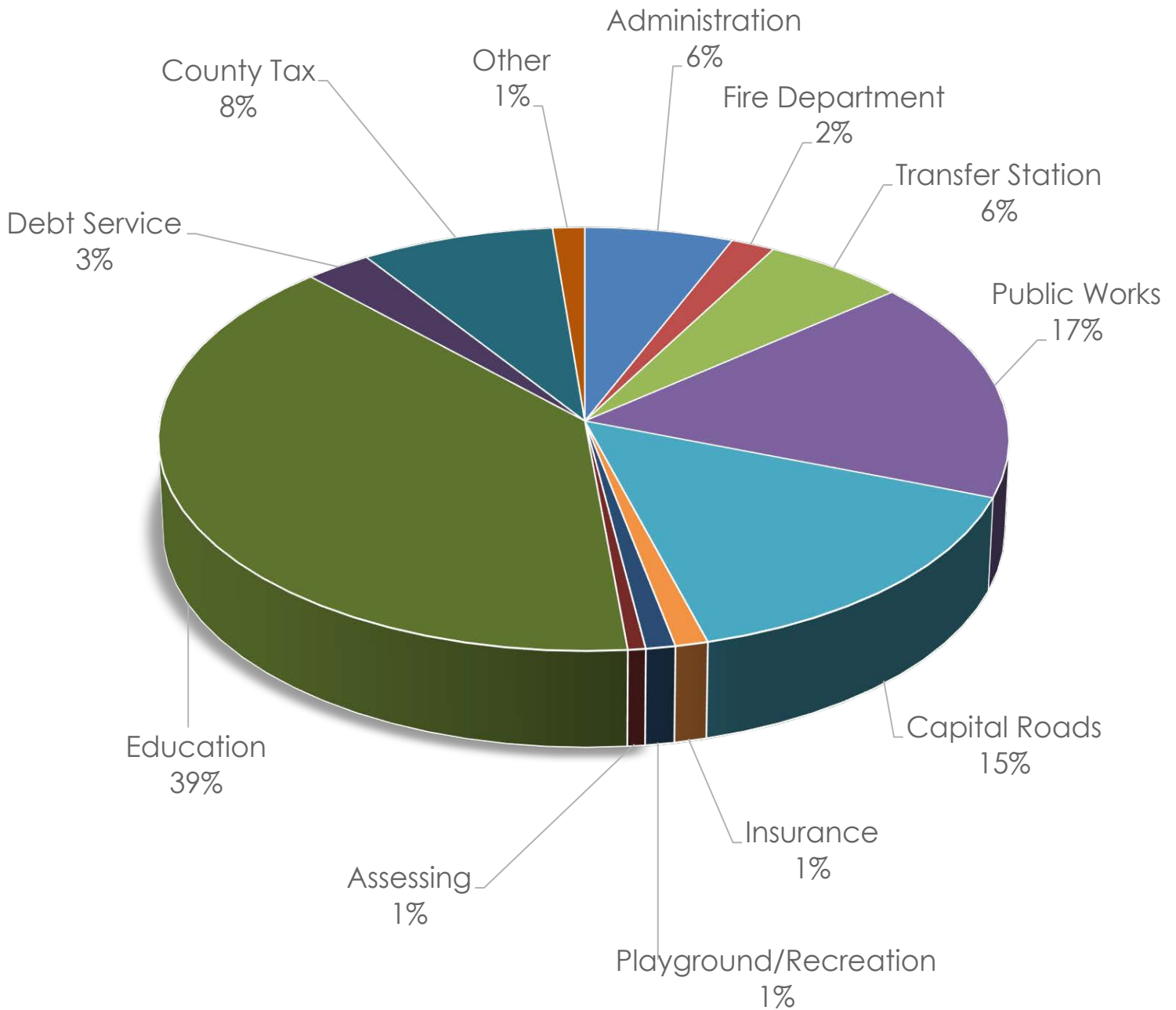
Erin Norton

Town of Chesterville 2023 Expense Detail

	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
100 - Administration				
01 - Payroll	103,555.00	102,164.51	1,011.60	2,402.09
02 - Employee Fringe	5,114.00	6,910.72	1,981.47	184.75
04 - Payroll Taxes	8,121.00	7,611.19	70.76	580.57
06 - Contracted	5,500.00	5,850.00	-	(350.00)
07 - Utilities	10,600.00	9,076.16	-	1,523.84
08 - Expense	32,810.00	30,278.81	-	2,531.19
09 - Training	700.00	415.00	-	285.00
15 - Build Maint	2,500.00	939.54	-	1,560.46
98 - Misc.	4,500.00	4,600.06	-	(100.06)
Total	173,400.00	167,845.99	3,063.83	8,617.84
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
101 - Fire Department				
01 - Payroll	23,552.00	21,244.00	-	2,308.00
04 - Payroll Taxes	1,802.00	1,625.23	-	176.77
07 - Utilities	7,285.00	5,550.98	-	1,734.02
08 - Expense	2,050.00	7,680.74	-	(5,630.74)
09 - Training	1,000.00	800.00	-	200.00
12 - Equip Maint	15,800.00	9,423.82	-	6,376.18
15 - Build Maint	3,000.00	2,609.88	-	390.12
Total	54,489.00	48,934.65	-	5,554.35
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
102 - Transfer/Recycling				
01 - Payroll	13,362.00	13,879.13	-	(517.13)
02 - Employee Fringe	370.00	-	-	370.00
04 - Payroll Taxes	1,023.00	1,061.69	-	(38.69)
06 - Contracted	143,077.00	143,397.61	-	(320.61)
07 - Utilities	150.00	272.26	-	(122.26)
08 - Expense	1,200.00	592.07	-	607.93
15 - Build Maint	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Total	160,182.00	159,202.76	-	979.24
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
103 - Public Works				
01 - Payroll	169,543.00	188,489.23	-	(18,946.23)
02 - Emp Fringe	38,536.00	13,388.00	-	25,148.00
04 - Payroll Taxes	12,970.00	14,258.88	-	(1,288.88)
07 - Utilities	8,100.00	7,924.46	-	175.54
08 - Expense	18,350.00	42,705.07	-	(24,355.07)
09 - Training	500.00	-	-	500.00
12 - Equip Maintenance	108,000.00	73,762.81	-	34,237.19
15 - Build Maintenance	1,500.00	820.25	-	679.75
16 - Roads Maintenance	112,700.00	118,584.06	2,982.93	(2,901.13)
18 - Garage	1,800.00	1,347.74	-	452.26
Total	471,999.00	461,280.50	2,982.93	13,701.43
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
105 - Education				
99 - Appropriation	1,065,922.78	1,065,922.78	-	-
Total	1,065,922.78	1,065,922.78	-	-

	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
106 - County Tax				
99 - Appropriation	214,940.90	214,940.90	-	-
Total	214,940.90	214,940.90	-	-
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
107 - Assessing				
05 - Contracted	17,500.00	17,500.00	-	-
06 - Tax Maps	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00
Total	20,500.00	17,500.00	-	3,000.00
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
108 - Overlay/Disc/Abatements				
99 - Appropriation	-	6,246.81	47.52	(6,199.29)
Total	-	6,246.81	47.52	(6,199.29)
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
109 - Third Party Requests				
99 - Appropriation	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-
Total	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
110 - Animal Control				
01 - Payroll	4,200.00	4,033.49	-	166.51
04 - Payroll Taxes	322.00	308.58	-	13.42
06 - Contracted	3,188.00	3,187.20	-	0.80
08 - Expense	150.00	166.51	-	(16.51)
Total	7,860.00	7,695.78	-	164.22
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
112 - Street Light				
07 - Utilities	5,300.00	5,239.98	-	60.02
Total	5,300.00	5,239.98	-	60.02
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
113 - General Assistance				
07 - Utilities	455.00	1,352.00	-	(897.00)
99 - Appropriation	1,633.00	-	-	1,633.00
Total	2,088.00	1,352.00	-	736.00
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
114 - Recreation				
06 - Contracted	700.00	750.00	-	(50.00)
08 - Expense	2,475.00	1,620.00	-	855.00
Total	3,175.00	2,370.00	-	805.00
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
115 - Cemetery				
08 - Expense	6,270.00	5,595.00	-	675.00
Total	6,270.00	5,595.00	-	675.00
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
117 - Ambulance				
99 - Appropriation	12,499.00	11,502.50	-	996.50
Total	12,499.00	11,502.50	-	996.50
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
118 - EA Wright Beach				
08 - Expense	300.00	300.00	-	-
Total	300.00	300.00	-	-
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
119 - Debt Service				
01 - Fire - Rescue 4	14,466.00	14,465.24	-	0.76

03 - Plow Truck	41,221.00	41,220.12	-	0.88
04 - Fire Truck Engine 2	18,026.00	18,025.64	-	0.36
Total	73,713.00	73,711.00	-	2.00
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
121 - LPI				
70 - Stipend	365.00	365.00	-	-
Total	365.00	365.00	-	-
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
125 - Legal				
01 - Attorney Fees - \$1,286.50 Exp	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-
\$713.50 Balance to Legal Reserve Total	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
130 - Capitol Road				
17 - Capital Roads	428,806.00	403,679.31	-	25,126.69
Total	428,806.00	403,679.31	-	25,126.69
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
135 - Town Insurance				
03 - Insurance	28,795.00	31,024.00	-	(2,229.00)
Total	28,795.00	31,024.00	-	(2,229.00)
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
201 - FD Capital Reserve				
11 - Transfer	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	-
Total	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	-
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
204 - PW Capital Reserve				
08 - Expense	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	-
Total	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	-
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
402 - Snowmobile Reimb. & Grant				
08 - Expense	-	7,555.70	-	(7,555.70)
Total	-	7,555.70	-	(7,555.70)
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
403 - Chesterville Days				
08 - Expense	500.00	982.00	-	(482.00)
99 - Appropriation	482.00	-	-	482.00
\$982 Bal to Chest. Days Fund Total	982.00	982.00	-	-
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
404 - ARPA				
04 - Payroll Taxes	-	186.10	186.10	-
08 - Expense	61,697.00	34,075.31	2,588.00	30,209.69
99 - Appropriation	20,000.00	-	-	20,000.00
Total	81,697.00	34,261.41	2,774.10	50,209.69
	2023 Budget	Debits	Credits	Unexpended Balance
405 - Playground				
08 - Expense \$9,692.85 donations Rec.	27,397.00	35,193.12	9,692.85	1,896.73
Total	27,397.00	35,193.12	9,692.85	1,896.73
Final Totals	2,894,680.68	2,816,701.19	18,561.23	96,540.72



Town of Chesterville 2023 Taxpayer Funded Expenses

Town of Chesterville 2023 Revenue Report

Account	Debits	Credits	Balance
10 - BMV Excise	927.84	283,912.05	282,984.21
15 - Boat Excise	0.00	1,658.10	1,658.10
20 - Tax Commitment	0.00	1,970,136.00	1,970,136.00
23 - Stabilization Reimbursement	0.00	710.00	710.00
25 - Supplemental	0.00	3,290.20	3,290.20
40 - Tax Interest	73.89	3,816.44	3,742.55
45 - Lien Interest & Cost	133.49	5,368.22	5,234.73
50 - Agent Fees	59.00	9,512.80	9,453.80
55 - Copies/Fax	0.00	5.00	5.00
60 - Hall Rental	50.00	2,500.00	2,450.00
65 - Bank Interest	0.00	13,416.84	13,416.84
70 - Revenue Sharing	0.00	247,203.19	247,203.19
75 - Homestead Reimbursement	0.00	126,272.00	126,272.00
80 - Veterans Reimbursement	0.00	890.00	890.00
85 - Tree Growth Reimbursement	0.00	25,695.57	25,695.57
87 - Renewable Energy Reimbursement	0.00	136.00	136.00
90 - MMA Worker's Comp Refund	0.00	1,648.00	1,648.00
92 - Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	281.71	281.71
93 - Over/Short	113.88	7.69	-106.19
94 - NSF Check Fee	0.00	25.00	25.00
95 - Online Burn Permits	0.00	0.00	0.00
102 - Transfer/Recycling	0.00	3,612.50	3,612.50
103 - Local Road Assistance Program	0.00	48,060.00	48,060.00
103 - Public Works Insurance Receivables	0.00	5,240.19	5,240.19
110 - Animal Control Reg Fees	0.00	248.00	248.00
110 - Animal Control Late Reg Fees	0.00	225.00	225.00
113 - General Assistance Reimbursement	0.00	613.13	613.13
116 - Snowmobile State Refund	0.00	794.40	794.40
116 - Snowmobile Grant	0.00	6,761.30	6,761.30
125 - Legal Reserve Transfer In	0.00	713.50	713.50
204 - PW Reserve - Sale of Assets	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
301 - Cemetery Trust Interest	0.00	232.56	232.56
405 - Playground	0.00	9,692.85	9,692.85
406 - Recreation	0.00	527.00	527.00
Total	1,358.10	2,776,705.24	2,775,347.14

Total Revenue Received by Chesterville, ME.

(The Total Sum of Cash Receipts Report and the Revenue Summary)

2023 TREASURER'S FUND BALANCES

2023 Town of Chesterville Bank Accounts	BALANCES	
	As of 12/31/22	As of 12/31/23
Franklin Savings Primary Checking Account	1,282,956.43	1,384,278.47
TOTAL	\$ 1,282,956.43	\$ 1,384,278.47

2023 Dedicated Reserves	BALANCES		
	As of 12/31/22	Due To/Due From	As of 12/31/23
FS Bank - Capital Improvement Reserve	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
FS Bank - Public Works Reserve	12,255.83	23,500/27,500	8,255.83
FS Bank - Fire Department Reserve	42,497.36	30,000.00	72,497.36
FS Bank - Legal Reserve	5,676.72	713.50	6,390.22
TOTAL	85,429.91	54,213.50/27,500	112,143.41

Due to / Due From Summary

\$20,000 - Transferred to PW Capital Reserve Town Meeting Appropriation 2023

\$3,500 - Transferred to PW Capital Reserve from sale of Sweeper

\$27,500 - Expended from PW Capital Reserve for Backhoe

\$30,000 - Transferred to FD Capital Reserve Town Meeting Appropriation 2023

\$713.50 - Transferred to Legal Reserve (unexpended in 2023)

2023 Trust Funds	BALANCES		
	As of 12/31/22	Interest	As of 12/31/23
TD Bank – James Walton	1,846.14	27.93	1,874.07
TD Bank – Judkins Lot	718.59	10.87	729.46
TD Bank – Morse Lot	1,107.79	16.76	1,124.55
TD Bank – Soper Cemetery	1,107.65	16.76	1,124.41
TD Bank – Honor Roll Trust	572.69	8.66	581.35
TD Bank – Abbie Luella Morse	3,750.30	56.73	3,807.03
TD Bank – Anna D Titcomb	346.77	5.25	352.02
TD Bank – Norcross	657.08	9.94	667.02
TD Bank – Charles Parker	381.13	5.77	386.90
TD Bank – Davis - Bachelder	501.34	7.59	508.93
TD Bank – Annie S. Webster	410.78	6.21	416.99
TD Bank – Emma F. Clough	424.46	6.42	430.88
TD Bank – Wilfred C. Brown	981.91	14.85	996.76
TD Bank – Elmer E. Dakin	412.88	6.24	419.12
TD Bank – Lowel Stephen Webber	400.38	6.06	406.44
TD Bank – Prescott Lornia Harvey	1,379.35	20.87	1,400.22
TD Bank – Jonathan Oberton	373.16	5.65	378.81
TOTAL	15,372.40	232.56	15,604.96

TOWN CLERK
ANNUAL REPORT

Vital Statistics

Births: 13

Marriages: 7

Deaths: 20

Motor Vehicles

We registered

1574 vehicles, collecting
\$282,984.21 In excise tax money
for the Town.

Dog License:

156 Dogs registered in 2023

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

We registered:

104 boats

78 Snow Machines

72 AVT's

96 hunting/fishing licenses

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Greetings to the Citizens of Chesterville,

It has been our privilege and pleasure to greet and assist you for the year 2023.

Our positions and duties include serving as your Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Registrar of Voters, Deputy Treasurer, Agent for Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Inland Fisheries & Wildlife and Animal Welfare, Health Officer (Katlin) and Freedom of Information Officer (Missy)

The Town Office is open Tuesday 9am-5:00pm, Thursday 12pm-7pm and Friday 9am-5:00pm. We are closed Mondays, Wednesdays, Holidays and during bad storms.

Our town has a wonderful website: www.townofchesterville.me. If you like being able to access material online, we offer a wide variety of information and services. Board, committee and employee names and contact information are listed. Agendas and minutes of Selectboard meetings are available, as well as tax maps, tax bills and ordinances. There are helpful links and connections to online services and current events. Please take some time to check it out.

We want to thank the Ballot Clerks and Wardens for their dedication & hard work during our numerous Elections in 2023. Special Thanks go to Glenda Barker, Irene Foss, Linda Grippe, Jim Grippe, Don Richard, Alison Haines and Florence Williams for the long hours and commitment. We have 1,109 Registered Voters in Chesterville. Thank you for ensuring our Elections go smoothly. We couldn't do it without you!

As a friendly reminder, the Town of Chesterville's tax year runs from January 1–December 31. If it is helpful to you, you can make regular payments as part of your monthly budget. Real Estate Property Taxes may be paid at any time throughout the year. Some folks find it easier to break up the cost into smaller monthly payments rather than paying a large sum all at once. The due date is set annually at Town Meeting and Chesterville does not pay interest on pre-paid taxes.

We would like to thank our office mate Erin Norton. Erin has been an amazing support and resource for both Katlin and I and we couldn't do it without her. We would also like to thank the Board of Selectman-John, Anne, Linda, Eric & Tim for each of their dedication to the residents and employees of the Town of Chesterville. We would also like to thank Chesterville Highway foreman Clayton Tibbetts and his entire crew for always being just a call away if we need anything here at the Town Office. Thank you for your support, kindness and friendship throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or if there is any way we can assist you.

Kind Regards,

Melissa Letarte Town Clerk

Katlin Hilton Deputy Town Clerk

Town of Chesterville

2023 VITAL RECORDS STATISTICS

Births Recorded	13
Marriages Recorded	7
Deaths Recorded	20



Marriages

Jason Denton- Gina Gattoggio	January 13 th
Chad Goodhart-Deseree Brown	January 28 th
Andrew M. White- Catherine Reeves	May 27 th
Robert Lorrain- Veronda Johndro	June 24 th
Matthew Langevin-Valerie Frank	September 9 th
Bryer D. Gallagher- Carolyn Anderson	October 26 th
Brandon Pelletier/Jaclyn Beisaw	November 21 st

Deaths

Wayne Paul Lewis	January 4 th
Roy L. Lamkin Jr.	January 26 th
Michael James Bourque	January 28 th
George Elmer Tibbetts Sr.	February 18 th
Clarence Earl Bubier	March 4 th
Roberta M. Richardson	March 25 th
Dorothy Judkins Titcomb	March 26 th
Norman L. Gordon	April 2 nd
Kaylue Abb Ladd	May 2 nd
Joan Lewis	June 3 rd
Avis Marie Johnson	June 5 th
Steven Franklin Oxford	June 14 th
Esther Carol Paul	June 24 th
Gary F. Wolcott	July 16 th
Florence M. Barnes	July 20 th
Sheri Marie Knowles	September 20 th
Zellie Joan Morse	September 30 th
Stacy Dee Latham	November 12 th
Prudence Louise Nile	December 28 th
Jeffery Lee Whittier	December 28 th

*Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Letarte, Town Clerk*

Town of Chesterville

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 2023

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

MIL RATE 16.0 PER THOUSAND OF VALUATION

Total 2023 Tax Commitment	\$1,948,941.65	
2023 Supplemental Tax	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total 2023 Tax Commitment		\$1,948,941.65
2023 Tax Payments	\$ 1,714,955.30	
2023 Tax Discounts	\$29.28	
2023 Abatements	\$3,296.49	
Total Taxes Collected		<u>\$1,723,141.95</u>
Unpaid Balance of 2023 Taxes		<u>\$ 225,799.70</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Letarte, Tax Collector

Town of Chesterville
2023 Unpaid Real Estate Taxes
As of December 31, 2023

	Name	Princiapl Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
	AKERS, CHRISTEN R	\$1,179.20	0.00	1,179.20
	AUSTIN, STEPHANIE	\$4,352.00	1,214.46	3,137.54
	BAILEY, ROBERT	\$41.60	0.00	41.60
*	BALAIS, ALBERT	\$737.60	0.00	737.60
	BARNES, FLORENCE	\$283.20	0.00	283.20
	BARNES, FLORENCE & JOHN	\$227.20	0.00	227.20
	BEAL, DOUGLAS	\$5,057.50	0.00	5,057.50
*	BEAL, ELIOT	\$4,444.80	0.00	4,444.80
	BEIQUE, HENRY	\$203.20	0.00	203.20
	BENTLY, MIKE	\$72.00	0.00	72.00
	BERNARD, BENJAMIN J, JR	\$2,724.80	0.00	2,724.80
	BERNARD, BENJAMIN J, Jr	\$1,096.00	0.00	1,096.00
	BETSCH-LARKINS, CAROL A	\$576.00	0.00	576.00
	BETSCH-LARKINS, CAROL A	\$608.00	0.00	608.00
**	BILLIAN, RICHARD	\$2,469.25	200.00	2,269.25
**	BILLIAN, RICHARD H JR	\$529.60	0.00	529.60
	BILLIAN, RICHARD H, JR	\$214.40	0.00	214.40
	BOUCHARD, CHRISTINA	\$944.00	0.00	944.00
	BOURQUE, MICHAEL & JESSICA L J	\$945.60	0.00	945.60
	BROWN, CHRIS	\$208.00	0.00	208.00
	BROWN, CURTIS JR	\$198.40	0.00	198.40
	BROWN, MARTIN	\$2,395.20	0.00	2,395.20
	BURNHAM, RICHARD	\$528.00	0.00	528.00
	BURNHAM, RICHARD	\$899.20	0.00	899.20
	BUTTERFIELD, JAMES S	\$1,136.00	0.00	1,136.00
	CALDWELL,PHILIP W., JR	\$238.40	0.00	238.40
	CARUSO, FRANCIS JR	\$457.60	0.00	457.60
	CAYER, DEBORAH (LOFTUS)	\$3,244.50	0.00	3,244.50
	CHAMBERLAIN, RYAN	\$760.00	0.00	760.00
	CHANEY-WATERS, CAROL	\$305.60	0.00	305.60
	CHANEY-WATERS, CAROL	\$32.00	0.00	32.00
	CHICK, FREEMAN T	\$177.60	0.00	177.60
	CHICK, FREEMAN T	\$238.40	0.00	238.40
	CLEMENTS, CALVIN	\$2,944.00	298.67	2,645.33
	CLEMENTS, CALVIN L	\$369.60	0.00	369.60
	CLEMENTS, CALVIN L	\$254.40	0.00	254.40
	CLEMENTS, CALVIN L	\$254.40	16.08	238.32
	CLEMENTS, CHARLES	\$48.00	0.00	48.00
	CLEMENTS, KERMIT	\$771.20	0.00	771.20
	CLICHE, RAYMOND	\$1,373.75	0.00	1,373.75
*	CONLOGUE, CHRISTOPHER	\$603.20	499.87	103.33
*	DAGGETT, BRAD	\$480.00	0.00	480.00
**	DAGGETT, WILFRED SR	\$1,148.80	1,100.00	48.80
	DEACON, CLAUDETTE, HEIRS	\$828.80	0.00	828.80
	DIANE M BROWN IRREVOCABLE	\$2,464.00	0.00	2,464.00
	DIANE M BROWN IRREVOCABLE	\$212.80	0.00	212.80

	DINGUS, JESSE R	\$267.20	0.00	267.20
	DODGE, CHERYL & JAY	\$1,672.00	1.29	1,670.71
	DODGE, JAMES A	\$625.60	1.28	624.32
	DUFF, PHILIP	\$180.80	0.00	180.80
	DUFF, PHILIP	\$4,102.40	0.00	4,102.40
	DUSTIN, CHRISTOPHER	\$2,537.60	0.00	2,537.60
	DUSTIN, CHRISTOPHER M	\$371.20	0.00	371.20
	DUVAL, RONALD, JR	\$625.60	0.00	625.60
	EDMOND, JR	\$1,756.80	0.00	1,756.80
	ELLIOTT, ROGER W	\$286.40	0.00	286.40
	FAHEY, WILLIAM	\$899.20	0.00	899.20
	FARLEY, GEORGE H, II	\$580.80	0.00	580.80
	FARNUM, FOREST B	\$323.20	0.00	323.20
	FARRINGTON, JESSICA L	\$80.00	0.00	80.00
	FEDERICO, JON	\$3,275.20	0.00	3,275.20
	FITZMORRIS, FRANCIS	\$622.40	0.00	622.40
	FLETCHER, KEVIN W	\$2,436.80	0.00	2,436.80
	FLETCHER, KEVIN W.	\$270.40	0.00	270.40
	FLETCHER, TRAVIS	\$2,360.00	0.00	2,360.00
	FOSS, IRENE LIFE ESTATE	\$388.80	0.00	388.80
	FOSS, IRENE, LIFE ESTATE	\$966.40	0.00	966.40
	FOSS, REGINA & CLINTON	\$185.60	0.00	185.60
	FOURNIER, MARC	\$19.20	0.00	19.20
	FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	\$14.40	0.00	14.40
	FREEWAY INVESTMENTS	\$2,942.40	0.00	2,942.40
	GAY, ALAN	\$1,187.20	0.00	1,187.20
	GAY, ALAN	\$1,916.80	0.00	1,916.80
	GENTILUCCI, NATALIE	\$268.80	0.00	268.80
	GERRISH, AMBRA	\$515.20	0.00	515.20
	GERRISH, JANET	\$795.20	0.00	795.20
	GERRISH, JESSIE	\$337.60	0.00	337.60
	GLOVER, BERNIE	\$252.80	0.00	252.80
	GLOWA, JOHN M, JR	\$500.80	0.00	500.80
	GOULD, CONLEY JR	\$1,645.00	0.00	1,645.00
	GRAFF, MARTHA	\$556.50	0.00	556.50
*	GREGOIRE-THERRIEN, DEBORAH	\$1,352.00	0.00	1,352.00
	HALL, JULIE & BRUCE	\$491.20	0.00	491.20
	HAMEL, RICHARD, JR	\$2,841.60	192.00	2,649.60
	HARDY, ELIZABETH RUTH	\$718.40	0.00	718.40
	HASTINGS, MICHAEL	\$2,611.20	0.00	2,611.20
	HASTINGS, SHERRIE	\$318.40	0.00	318.40
**	HEALEY, DANA	\$1,974.40	0.00	1,974.40
	HEATH, ANGELA	\$494.40	0.00	494.40
	HEATH, RACHEL	\$539.00	0.06	538.94
*	HERRICK, SCOTT A	\$651.20	0.00	651.20
	HILL, ROBERT D	\$2,083.20	0.00	2,083.20
	HILL, RUTH D	\$1,294.40	0.00	1,294.40
	HILL, WALTER	\$278.40	0.00	278.40
	HOLBROOK, VEDA	\$196.80	0.00	196.80
	HORNE, SHARON L	\$3,200.00	0.00	3,200.00
**	IVERSON, BEATRICE	\$712.00	480.00	232.00
	KELLEY, MILTON RAY JR	\$1,628.80	0.00	1,628.80

	KING, JENNIFER LOU	\$2,046.40	0.00	2,046.40
	KING, JENNIFER LOU	\$788.80	0.00	788.80
	KING, JENNIFER LOU	\$33.60	0.00	33.60
	KNIGHT, JEREMIAH L	\$876.80	0.00	876.80
	KNIGHT, JEREMIAH L	\$246.40	0.00	246.40
	LABRECK, HUBERT J	\$2,028.80	0.00	2,028.80
	LEBLANC, MELINDA J	\$3,814.40	0.00	3,814.40
	LEWIS, LINDA A	\$2,662.40	0.00	2,662.40
	LEWIS, NORMAN	\$683.20	0.00	683.20
	LOOK, CAROLYN/ERNEST/EVERETT	\$1,708.80	0.00	1,708.80
	LOWE, ERIC J	\$185.60	0.00	185.60
	LUGER, CHARLES P	\$110.40	0.00	110.40
*	MAINE-LY TREES INC.	\$272.00	0.00	272.00
	MAINE-LY TREES INC.	\$236.80	0.00	236.80
	MARTIN, RYAN	\$1,561.60	0.00	1,561.60
	MAXIM, JOLINE D	\$1,606.40	1,319.00	287.40
	MCHUGH PATRICK T	\$2,457.60	0.00	2,457.60
	MCHUGH, PATRICK Q	\$2,313.60	0.00	2,313.60
	MCHUGH, PATRICK T	\$352.00	0.00	352.00
	MCLEAN, DALE	\$737.60	0.00	737.60
*	MEDEIROS, GLENDA I	\$872.00	0.00	872.00
**	MEDEIROS, MARIO	\$1,846.40	1,541.41	304.99
	MEISNER, CHARLES E	\$1,902.40	209.40	1,693.00
	MENTHE, ROBERT J	\$699.20	0.00	699.20
	MILLAY, ROBERT	\$1,946.00	0.00	1,946.00
	MORLEY, FAY	\$828.80	0.00	828.80
	MORSE, JASON A &	\$219.20	0.00	219.20
	MORSE, RICHARD	\$120.00	0.00	120.00
	MUDIE, STEVE	\$857.60	0.00	857.60
	MULHERIN, ROGER	\$2,305.60	1,000.00	1,305.60
	MULLIN, ANDREW	\$2,188.80	2,118.80	70.00
	MURRAY, TIM	\$3,048.00	0.00	3,048.00
*	MYERS, STEWART	\$2,510.40	0.00	2,510.40
*	MYERS, STEWART	\$784.00	0.00	784.00
*	MYERS, STEWART	\$19,204.80	0.00	19,204.80
*	MYERS, STEWART	\$1,448.00	0.00	1,448.00
*	MYERS, STEWART C	\$740.80	0.00	740.80
	NORTON, CLAYTON	\$113.75	0.00	113.75
*	NORTON, ELMER	\$355.20	299.33	55.87
	NUTTALL, LORELEI,	\$798.40	0.00	798.40
**	OGDEN, LUKE	\$753.60	0.00	753.60
	PACKER, WILLIAM	\$692.80	0.00	692.80
	PACKER, WILLIAM	\$560.00	0.00	560.00
	PACKER, WILLIAM C	\$1,080.00	0.00	1,080.00
	PAGE, ALAN	\$264.25	0.00	264.25
	PAUL, LAWRENCE	\$1,828.80	0.00	1,828.80
	PEACOCK, MARGARET, HEIRS	\$433.60	0.00	433.60
	PEIFER, GRANT L	\$393.60	0.00	393.60
	PERREALT, ERNESTINE	\$616.00	0.00	616.00
	PETRIE, GAYLE	\$1,304.00	0.00	1,304.00
*	PHILLIPS, JAMES	\$1,603.20	600.00	1,003.20
	PHILLIPS, MARIE/GRAY, ADRIENNE	\$308.80	0.00	308.80

	PIERCE, ALLYN S	\$2,057.60	1,633.04	424.56
	PLUMMER, JOHN	\$398.40	0.00	398.40
	POOLER SOPHIA SCHEETZ-	\$4,339.20	4.32	4,334.88
	RAND, JOSEPH/JESSICA	\$70.40	0.00	70.40
*	RANDALL, MELLEEN	\$1,043.20	0.00	1,043.20
	RICE, JOSHUA	\$326.40	0.00	326.40
	RICHARD, JULIE A	\$1,696.00	0.00	1,696.00
	RICHARDS, AUDREY	\$107.20	0.00	107.20
	ROLLING, LEANNE & ROBERT	\$3,342.40	1,671.20	1,671.20
	ROSS, CYNTHIA	\$2,052.80	0.00	2,052.80
	SCHINZEL, PENNIE	\$520.00	0.00	520.00
	SCHROEDER, JUSTINE A	\$2,435.20	0.00	2,435.20
	SHEEHAN, BRITTANY E	\$339.20	0.00	339.20
	SKELTON, WILLIAM	\$72.00	0.00	72.00
	Smith, Bruce C	\$1,956.80	0.00	1,956.80
**	SNIPER, TODD R	\$2,017.60	1,454.91	562.69
	SOULE, GREGORY	\$1,564.80	1,120.00	444.80
	ST GERMAIN, PHILLIP/PAULA	\$1,971.20	0.00	1,971.20
*	STEIGELMAN, CHRISTOPHER R	\$2,788.80	2,491.44	297.36
	STORER, GRANVILLE JR	\$1,537.60	0.00	1,537.60
**	SWEENEY, BRIAN JT	\$208.25	0.00	208.25
	THOMAS, ROGER	\$733.25	0.00	733.25
	TIBBETTS, CLAYTON K	\$1,043.20	0.00	1,043.20
	TOOTHAKER, PILAR	\$2,164.80	0.00	2,164.80
	TUFTS, WILBUR B	\$934.50	200.00	734.50
	VARNEY, FLORA	\$244.80	0.00	244.80
	VASHAW, PEGGY (WEBBER)	\$1,445.50	0.00	1,445.50
*	VINING, SCOTT	\$696.00	0.00	696.00
	WARD, RAZELL	\$832.00	35.96	796.04
	WEBBER, SAMUEL L	\$4,974.40	0.00	4,974.40
	WEBSTER, RICKY	\$2,473.60	0.00	2,473.60
	WELCH, ANDREW	\$547.20	0.00	547.20
	WELCH, GARY	\$1,420.80	0.00	1,420.80
	WHEELER, BOBBI-JO	\$497.60	0.00	497.60
	WHEELER, PATRICK/HEATHER	\$2,726.40	0.00	2,726.40
*	WHEELER, ROBERT	\$859.20	0.00	859.20
*	WHEELER, ROBERT	\$211.20	0.00	211.20
	WHITEHOUSE, MICHAEL	\$1,376.00	0.00	1,376.00
	WHITEHOUSE, RICHARD/SUZANNE	\$206.40	0.00	206.40
	WHITEHOUSE, RICHARD/SUZANNE	\$1,424.50	400.00	1,024.50
	WHITNEY, BRENDA LIVING TRUST	\$4,758.40	0.00	4,758.40
	WILLIAMS, BERNARD	\$1,235.20	0.00	1,235.20
	WITHAM, JESSICA B.	\$1,256.00	0.00	1,256.00
	WITHAM, TIMOTHY D.	\$4,745.60	0.00	4,745.60
	WORKS, GLENN B	\$268.80	130.39	138.41
**	WRIGHT, ADAM S	\$1,609.60	500.00	1,109.60
	WRIGHT, DEVIN JAMES	\$240.00	0.00	240.00
	Total Outstanding 2023 Real Estate Taxes	\$253,550.70	\$20,732.91	\$232,817.79

* Denotes paid in full after December 31st, 2023

** Denotes partial payment after December 31st, 2023

Real Estate Tax Lien Breakdown

Tax years 2018-2022 As of December 31st, 2023

Tax Year	Name	Prinicipal Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
2018	BROWN, CURTIS JR.	254.54	18.05	236.49
	2018 Total	\$254.54	\$18.05	\$236.49

Tax Year	Name	Prinicipal Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
2019	AKERS, CHRISTEN R	1,103.42	1,062.50	40.92
2019	BENTLY, MIKE	146.24	-7.38	153.62
2019	BROWN, CURTIS JR.	256.18	-7.38	263.56
2019	HALL, JULIE & BRUCE	553.75	68.10	485.65
2019	PEACOCK, MARGARET, HEIRS	493.10	262.74	230.36
	2019 Total	\$2,552.69	\$1,378.58	\$1,174.11

Tax Year	Name	Prinicipal Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
2020	BARNES, FLORENCE & JOHN	291.38	0.00	291.38
2020	BENTLY, MIKE	149.61	-7.85	157.46
2020	BROWN, CURTIS JR	263.81	-7.85	271.66
2020	CLEMENTS, CHARLES	99.23	-7.85	107.08
2020	GERRISH, AMBRA	616.26	234.07	382.19
2020	HALL, JULIE & BRUCE	572.94	-7.85	580.79
2020	HILL, WALTER	271.68	-7.85	279.53
2020	LABRECK, HUBERT J	1,687.41	1,256.86	430.55
2020	PEACOCK, MARGARET, HEIRS	509.94	-7.85	517.79
2020	U.S.BANK TRUST, N.A.	2,258.42	-7.85	2,266.27
	2020 Total	6,720.68	1,435.98	5,284.70

Tax Year	Name	Prinicipal Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
2021	BARNES, FLORENCE & JOHN	269.76	0.00	269.76
2021	BENTLY, MIKE	137.75	0.00	146.31
2021	BETSCH-LARKINS, CAROL A	96.65	0.00	105.21
* 2021	BILLIAN, RICHARD H, JR	258.76	0.00	267.32
* 2021	BOUCHARD, CHRISTINA	894.95	0.00	903.51
2021	BROWN, CURTIS JR	244.09	0.00	252.65
* 2021	BURNHAM, RICHARD	592.44	0.00	601.00
* 2021	BURNHAM, RICHARD	737.27	0.00	745.83
2021	CALDWELL, PHILIP W., JR	280.76	0.00	289.32
2021	CLEMENTS, CHARLES	110.25	0.00	118.81
2021	EXR, LLC	2,101.32	0.00	2,109.88
2021	FLETCHER, TRAVIS	2,215.00	0.00	2,223.56
2021	FOURNIER, REBECCA ANN	69.92	0.00	78.48
* 2021	GAY, ALAN	1,719.98	1,419.63	300.35
2021	GERRISH, AMBRA	572.27	0.00	580.83
2021	HALL, JULIE & BRUCE	531.93	0.00	540.49
2021	HILL, WALTER	251.42	0.00	259.98
2021	LABRECK, HUBERT J	1,756.65	0.00	1,765.21
* 2021	MURRAY, TIM	2,777.85	0.00	2,783.55
2021	PEACOCK, MARGARET, HEIRS	473.27	0.00	481.83
* 2021	SKELTON, WILLIAM	135.92	0.00	144.48
2021	TIBBETTS, CLAYTON K	1,081.95	0.00	1,090.51
* 2021	WHEELER, PATRICK/HEATHER	2,385.50	0.00	2,394.06
	2021 Total	19,695.66	1,419.63	18,452.93

Tax Year	Name	Prinicipal Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
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2022	AKERS, CHRISTEN R	1,005.43	0.00	1,005.43
2022	BARNES, FLORENCE	127.97	0.00	127.97
2022	BARNES, FLORENCE & JOHN	284.44	0.00	284.44
2022	BENTLY, MIKE	133.73	0.00	133.73
2022	BETSCH-LARKINS, CAROL A	637.88	0.00	637.88
2022	BETSCH-LARKINS, CAROL A	671.97	0.00	671.97
2022	BILLIAN, RICHARD H, JR	271.88	0.00	271.88
2022	BOUCHARD, CHRISTINA	972.54	0.00	972.54
2022	BROWN, CURTIS JR	255.73	0.00	255.73
2022	BURNHAM, RICHARD	609.17	0.00	609.17
**	2022 BURNHAM, RICHARD	846.00	0.00	846.00
2022	CALDWELL, PHILIP W., JR	297.00	0.00	297.00
2022	CLEMENTS, KERMIT	738.35	0.00	738.35
2022	EXR, LLC	2,322.55	0.00	2,322.55
2022	FLETCHER, TRAVIS	2,235.59	0.00	2,235.59
2022	GAY, ALAN	597.05	196.84	400.21
2022	GAY, ALAN	1,875.82	0.00	1,875.82
2022	GENTILUCCI, NATALIE	327.50	0.00	327.50
2022	GERRISH, AMBRA	589.44	0.00	589.44
2022	GLOWA, JOHN M, JR	572.45	519.57	52.88
2022	GRAFF, MARTHA	623.53	0.00	623.53
2022	HALL, JULIE & BRUCE	558.94	0.00	558.94
2022	HILL, WALTER	279.06	0.00	279.06
2022	KELLEY, MILTON RAY JR	1,561.85	0.00	1,561.85
2022	LABRECK, HUBERT J	1,916.24	0.00	1,916.24
**	2022 LEWIS, NORMAN	732.97	281.07	451.90
2022	MCHUGH PATRICK T	2,377.33	0.00	2,377.33
2022	MCHUGH, PATRICK T	419.95	0.00	419.95
2022	MCLEAN, DALE	763.47	0.00	763.47
2022	MENTHE, ROBERT J	772.44	196.77	575.67
2022	MUDIE, STEVE	863.10	0.00	863.10
**	2022 MURRAY, TIM	2,946.06	0.00	2,946.06
2022	PACKER, WILLIAM	747.32	0.00	747.32
2022	PACKER, WILLIAM	593.03	0.00	593.03
2022	PAGE, ALAN	323.91	0.00	323.91
2022	PEACOCK, MARGARET, HEIRS	490.76	0.00	490.76
2022	RICHARD, JULIE A	1,407.11	199.24	1,207.87
2022	SHEEHAN, BRITTANY E	386.70	293.24	93.46
**	2022 SKELTON, WILLIAM	133.73	0.00	133.73
2022	ST GERMAIN, PHILLIP/PAULA	1,847.11	0.00	1,847.11
2022	TIBBETTS, CLAYTON K	1,136.64	0.00	1,136.64
2022	TOOTHAKER, PILAR	2,170.05	0.00	2,170.05
2022	VARNEY, FLORA	302.38	196.05	106.33
2022	WHEELER, PATRICK/HEATHER	2,602.43	0.00	2,602.43
	2022 Total	41,328.60	1,882.78	39,445.82

Tax Year	Principal Due	Payments/Costs	Balance Due
Total Liens Owed for Tax Year 2018	254.54	18.05	236.49
Total Liens Owed for Tax Year 2019	2,552.69	1,378.58	1,174.11
Total Liens Owed for Tax Year 2020	6,720.68	1,435.98	5,284.70
Total Liens Owed for Tax Year 2021	19,695.66	1,419.63	18,452.93
Total Liens Owed for Tax Year 2022	41,328.60	1,882.78	39,445.82
Total owed to Chesterville as of 12/31/23	\$70,552.17	\$6,135.02	\$64,594.05

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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

To the Selectboard and the citizens of Chesterville,

The Town of Chesterville, like many other rural towns in Maine has seen its population grow in the last few years. 2023 was no different with 8 new homes, 4 additions to homes, and 3 new garages.

I want to emphasize how important it is to check with the Town Office prior to building or completing other projects or property modifications to see if a building notification/permit is required. After-the-fact fines may be imposed if a notification/permit is needed and a project is started without one. Though structures under 200 square feet and outside of shore land zoning do not require notification, they are still required to meet all other standards, including but not limited to: setback from the road and property lines. Applicable ordinances are available on the Town's website as well as shore land zoning and regular building permit notifications.

Please feel free to reach me by email or phone for any code related questions.

chestervillecodes@gmail.com or by phone at 207-242-3331.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan "Jon" Arnold,
Code enforcement Officer



Animal Control

Hello Chesterville, I have been an Animal Control Officer for nine years, and things have certainly changed in that time. The biggest issue I face is the stray cat population and what can be done about it. Historically they were brought to the Franklin County Animal Shelter, but because of limited space available they are often at capacity and not accepting intakes. Donations for increased room is less effective. I recommend making a donation toward a spay/neuter movement. This will help to slow population growth, especially in strays. Please don't feed any cat that isn't yours. This will encourage them to hang around.

Contact Info

Animal Control Officer
207.446.0739

Franklin County
Animal Shelter
207.778.2638

Animal Poison Control
1.888.426.4435

Chesterville Town Office
207.778.2433



There is no leash law for cats. In general, when left alone and not fed, they will move on or go home. If you feel that you must feed a stray, then consider trapping to have it spayed or neutered. If you have a cat that is allowed outdoors, I strongly encourage you to have it spayed or neutered and microchipped. There are several programs available locally to do both of these for free or for as little as \$10! A chip for tracking will make your pet easy to identify. At the very least, a tag or label on its collar will save you the expense of finding your stray dog at the Animal Shelter.

If you own dogs they must be kept on your property. There are lots of options to ensure limited roaming, including panel or chain link fencing, a radio fence, runner or something similar.

Dogs can be licensed for the following year starting in mid-October. A hefty late fee of \$25 is automatically applied after January 31st, except for new dogs.

Thank you for entrusting me with this important responsibility. It's not always easy, and poses some challenges, but is rewarding. Thank you for your continued support.

Buzz Bridges,
Chesterville Animal Control Officer

RSU #9 SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

Dee Robinson

Hello Everyone,

The school board has been busy this year. Professional staff negotiations are done. Support staff negotiations are starting.

Tragedy in a near by community brought some hard decisions to call off school. Unprecedented in Maine. Counseling was available upon return to class.

The storm in December brought many transportation challenges, but students got home and back to school after the holidays. Shelters were open in New Sharon and then the high school. Between the two, about 50 families took advantage of hot showers, and meals. These shelters were available as staff and others helped with meals and such. Team work makes the dream work as my daughter says.

I was honored to be elected Chair of the Board this year and look forward to the rest of my term.

Thank you,
Dee Robinson
Chair RSU#9 School Board
Chesterville



Chesterville Fire Department



CHIEF NICKOLAS WILLS
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Chesterville Residents,

We had a very exciting year. We saw an increase in our roster and dealt with unprecedented storms with tremendous rain and wind. The automatic aid agreement with New Sharon is still proving to be a wonderful tool for both Towns as we navigate a new and blossoming partnership. The Chesterville Fire Department has had a few setbacks this past year. We have adapted and overcome as we continue in our training and learn to be flexible. We added some amazing people to our crew in 2023, and the junior program has grown as well. The excitement and drive of the juniors is inspiring for the future of our department. We had a few joint trainings with a couple of our mutual aid departments and group participation was good. In the upcoming year, I hope to do more group training together, creating a stronger partnership. I look forward to what this year has to teach us.

Respectfully,
Nickolas Wills
Chesterville Fire Chief

PLANNING BOARD

The Chesterville Planning Board met monthly during 2023. We heard three shore land zoning permits. There were no subdivision permits presented to the board.

The board of selectmen asked the planning board to review the transfer station ordinance and make any recommended changes. We spent several months doing the review and sent the proposed new ordinance back to them for their review.

We have also been reviewing the proposed Commercial Site Plan Ordinance that was presented to town meeting last year and are making changes to represent an amended version at a later date. We are working with AVCOG on these revisions.

The chairman attended an informational meeting held in Turner Maine in relation to LD 2003 which states in part,

In 2022 the Maine Legislature enacted, and Governor Mills signed an act to implement the recommendations of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development.

In 2022 the Maine Legislature enacted, and Governor Mills signed an act to implement the recommendations of the commission to increase housing opportunities in Maine by studying zoning and land use restrictions. This legislation sets forth the provisions which require municipalities to create or amend local ordinances to allow for (1) additional density for affordable housing developments in certain areas; (2) multiple dwelling units on lots designated for residential use; and (3) one accessory dwelling unit located on the same lot as a single-family dwelling unit in any area where residential uses are permitted.

The legislature also established the Housing Opportunity Program within the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development to encourage and support the development of additional housing units in the state. The legislature allocated funding to the Housing Opportunity Program to provide technical assistance and funding to municipalities. Part of the housing opportunities program's funding was allocated to provide funds to reimburse municipalities for the cost of amending and implementing land use ordinances.

To that end, the planning board will be applying for those funds to accomplish this. The application process will open shortly.

The board accepted, with regret, the resignations of Cynthia Stancioff and Darcy LeSiege from the board. Both were valuable assets to the board and will be missed. We wish them both well in their future endeavors.

The board of selectmen appointed Virginia Barrows as a full-time member and Heidi Richards as an alternate to the board.

The planning board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm at town hall.

Current members of the board are Linton Robinson, Vice Chair, Bob Leso, Virginia Barrows, Katlin Hilton, clerk, Jack Moultrie, Chairman, Heidi Richards, Alternate.

John W. Moultrie
Chairman

PARKS & RECREATION

The Recreation Committee had a big year in 2023! We were voted in by the Town as an official committee during the annual town meeting. While we were in the middle of our big playground project we ran into a few unexpected costs and needed to fundraise the additional money needed to complete the project. In May we hosted a fundraiser outside at the Town Hall. Bruce Driscoll and his band played live music, we had burgers and hotdogs donated by Harris Septic, deserts donated by the NCEH, and many items donated by local businesses for the silent auction. We also held a bottle drive at the transfer station. Ross Clair allowed the use of his snowmobile trailer. Residents kindly dropped off their bottles in droves quickly filling the trailer a few times. Our committee also sent donation requests to a few local banks. Franklin Savings Bank very generously donated \$5,500 and Skowhegan Savings Bank donated \$500 towards our goal! With all the generosity of the community we were able to raise nearly \$10,000 in donations! We have some \$1,896.73 remaining that we plan to put into our next project, the baseball field. The playground was completed in July with the help of many residents. It was an incredible process to watch unfold! Don Oliver generously donated his time and equipment to do all the ground work for the area. He took 80 or more trips to the transfer station with loom that was dug up from the site.

He never hesitated with any requests from the Recreation Committee and always got things done ahead of schedule. We are so grateful to him for his efforts and hard work! Both Cousineau inc. and Norman Corbin donated wood chips, a requirement for safety. The NCEH made breakfast and lunch for volunteers during the two day build. Volunteers worked tirelessly all weekend to get the playground completely finished. Each day we had fifteen to twenty residents helping to assemble the structure and fill the area with wood chips. Everyone worked extremely well together to get the playground done! It's a great addition to our community for everyone to enjoy!

We hosted the annual Chesterville Family Fun Day toward the end of summer. Once again, the NCEH held their chicken BBQ and sold out! We had a grand opening ceremony for the playground. Kitty Gee was asked to unveil the sign and was thrilled to find the swing set had been donated in the name of her late husband, John Gee. The volunteers and businesses that helped make the playground possible turned up to celebrate with us. It was another wonderful community day!

Picnic tables were donated by Harris Septic, and make a beautiful addition to the playground space. Many families have been observed playing and enjoying our new community area. We are so grateful to everyone who made this project a reality. Thank you!

This fall, we began work on the baseball field. The Recreation Committee teamed up with the Maine Sports Factory to get the field skinned, and new material established on the infield. Chesterville showed up again to help with the upgrades before snow flew.

Thank you Danielle & Will Plancon, David Gray and Don Oliver. More of this work will continue in spring. We plan to add new bases, and yellow top cap to the fencing, repair the bleachers, add a mobile pitcher's mound, and build an equipment shed.

We want to extend a huge thank you to the following people and businesses for all the support this year; The Selectboard, Franklin Savings Bank, Skowhegan Savings Bank, NCEH, Ross Clair, Don Oliver, Randy & Melissa Tibbetts, Harris Septic, The Corner Store, Cousineau inc., Norman Corbin, E.L Vining, John & Ruth Archer, Guy Iverson, Carroll Corbin, Elizabeth & Lexi Perkins, Patricia Hastings, Rick Billian Jr., Danielle, Will, Lydia & Emmitt Plancon, Rob Dippner, Maine Sports Factory, Alison Haines, Glenda Barker, Linda and Robert Gramlich, Bruce Driscoll, Justin Richards, Josiah & Joash Wannemacher, Wayne Bell, Brayden Bachelder, Rob Rogers, Dee Robinson, David Gray, Melissa Letarte, Katlin & Eric Hilton, Jeremy Meader, Nathan Dixon, Jesse Lawless, and many others!

We are looking forward to 2024 and all it brings! We are excited to see more families enjoy the beautiful new space out back. Thank you for supporting us. We welcome your insight and ideas as we continue to make improvements and additions to family fun in Chesterville.





Children need the freedom to play.
Play is not a luxury.
Play is a necessity.

-Kay Redfield Jamison





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January 2024

Greetings to all my friends in the Town of Chesterville,

As we enter 2024, the Sheriff's Office answered **887** calls for service in the Town of Chesterville— an increase of 98 calls over the previous year. This trend is what we have been seeing in other towns countywide, which includes an increase in mental health calls as well as drug overdose calls. Recognizing that we cannot do it all, we have reached out to various community partners to help us deal with drug issues, mental health issues, and other social needs.

Community Partnerships include, but are not limited to:

- Overdose Prevention Through Intensive Outreach, Naloxone and Safety (OPTIONS program) – This program is funded by the Office of Behavioral Health at DHHS with the goal of keeping individuals alive by providing intensive support post non-fatal overdose. The Sheriff's Office participates as Law Enforcement Agency champion.
- Franklin Community Health Network (FCHN) – The office works closely with our local healthcare system to ensure we're providing the best care for individuals with severe mental health issues or incarcerated individuals with who need medical care outside of the Jail.
- Kennebec Behavioral Health – the Sheriff's Office works to make referrals and support the Recovery Coach work being done in Franklin County
- Healthy Community Coalition (HCC) – HCC is the community health arm of the county and provides programs and services to address some of the biggest health needs. Part of this work is securing state, federal and private foundation funds. Our focus areas include Substance use, Mental Health, Social Needs and outreach and access to care. The Sheriff's Office is involved in many of the community health initiatives from prevention to treatment and is a key partner in many federal grants.

Over the last year the department identified community needs related to safety, violence, and mental health. To help bring additional resources into Franklin County we identified potential federal grants and partnered with the Healthy Community Coalition to apply. Out of the three grants submitted, the Sheriff's Office was awarded two of them.

School Violence Prevention Program

Secured nearly 500,000 dollars grant to improve the safety of our schools by providing technology, equipment, and training. We are partnering with MSAD 53, RSU 9, RSU 73, the Stratton School, and the Rangeley School to complete a school safety assessment, develop a process for improvement based on the biggest needs and highest impact.

C.O.P.S CHP (Community Hiring Program)

With the increase of calls related to substance use, mental health and violence, this program supports additional staff to support the ongoing law enforcement needs of the County. We will be working with the Commissioner's Office to plan how to best implement this program.



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January 2024

Community Collaborations:

The Sheriff's Office partners on many grants and community groups that support the health and wellbeing of our communities.

These include:

- Rural Addiction Care Expansion (RACE) Consortium –
 - To work collaboratively to reduce death associated with substance/opioid use disorder and increase access to treatment and recovery services.
 - Activities:
 - Identifies gaps and unmet needs.
 - Data sharing between Agencies
 - Works together to solve problems with access to care.
 - Explores funding opportunities.
 - Works with individuals directly sharing resources.
- Recovery Center Advisory Board –
 - This past year Franklin County opened its first recovery center. The Sheriff's department has been instrumental in the development of the center and provides leadership on the advisory board.
- Western Maine Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Consortium – Healthy Babies.
 - The overall goal of this project is to reduce the incidence and impact of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) in babies in the rural Western Maine Region by improving systems of care, family support and social determinants of health. The Sheriff's department is on the steering committee for this work.

Funding to support these projects is from the Health Resource Service Administration (HRSA), the Maine Access Foundation (MeHAF), Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and Maine CDC to mention a few.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for the support that you have provided over the years to the Sheriff's Office. We could not be as successful as we have been without you as our partner. Contact me anytime at 207-778-2680 or email me at snichols@franklincountymaine.gov if you wish to discuss an issue.

I pray 2024 will be a blessing to you all.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Scott R. Nichols



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Call Type	Call Total	Call Type	Call Total	Call Type	Call Total
911 Hang up	76	Emergency Mental Health	3	Parking Complaint	0
Abandon MV	1	Escort/Transport	5	Request for phone call	38
Alarm	7	Footbeat	0	Remove Subject	2
Animal Complaint	25	Fire Alarm	1	Road Hazard	10
Assist other officer	8	Found Property	0	Sex Offenses	2
Assault	1	Fire, vehicle	1	Shots fired/fireworks	1
Assist Citizen	25	Fire, structure	2	SORNA violation	0
Assist other agency	8	Fire Power line	4	Security Check	0
Attempt to locate	3	Follow up investigation	44	School Admin Action	0
ATV/Snowmobile	0	Harassment complaint	8	Special Detail	0
Bail/Probation check	2	Information	21	Suicidal person	2
Background check-firearms	0	Intoxicated Person	1	Suspicious Activity	27
Burglary	3	Juvenile Offenses	4	Theft/Fraud	4
Building Checks	69	K-9 Assist	2	Threatening complaint	5
Civil Issue	13	Late Report	4	Traffic Control	0
Complaint other	6	Lost & Found prop	0	Tree in road	2
Community policing	2	Fire/tree/lines down	8	Trespass complaint	5
Death Investigation	4	Medical Emergency	15	Vandalism	3
Dispatch Information	3	Missing Person	2	Vio of Protection Order	10
Disturbance	6	M/V accident injuries	4	Warrant Arrest	2
DHHS Referral	1	M/V complaint	24	Warrant Search	0
Disabled MV	5	M/V accident no injury	23	Welfare Check	31
Directed Patrol	2	M/V traffic violations	234	Warrant/Probation check	5
Drug law violation	1	Noise Complaint	6	Weapons Violation	0
Domestic Disturbance	4	Paperwork Service	20		
Elder Check	27				
Total calls for Service	887				

Best wishes from the North Chesterville Extension Homemakers (NCEH)

In 2023, our group met the fourth Monday of the month at 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Chesterville Town Hall, but are subject to change. Meetings are always open with the public cordially invited.

This year we provided three bake sales to coincide with elections in March, June, and November. Thank you to everyone who came out and voted and then supported our bake sales!

Due to the money we earned, we were able to make monetary donations to the Playground Committee, Recreation Department, and some individual people in need. We also purchased the new refrigerator, 5 tables, and 2 can openers for the town kitchen.

We are always excited to offer an Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, and Christmas party for the children. We had 197 children participate.

Our group put on benefit suppers, provided meals to some families in need, the Veterans' day social, a chicken BBQ at the Chesterville Fun Day, food for the playground workers, and the Franklin County Extension Homemakers Spring Meeting.

Our group is interested in learning new things and sharing with others. We made Christmas cards and Valentine cards for nursing homes, did the history of doughnuts, made ornaments for the Rotary Festival of Trees which was auctioned for charity, and much more.

If you are interested in learning about NCEH or becoming a member, please contact president, Sue Gill at 778-6978 or secretary, Linda Gramlich 778-3156.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gramlich
Secretary, NCEH

CHESTERVILLE CENTER UNION MEETING HOUSE

The 2023 season was an eventful year for the Meeting House with concerts by Darby Sabin, the Franklin County Fiddlers, the David Mallett Band, Too Much Rouge, and Side by Each. The Meeting House also hosted a Wildlife Talk with author and retired professor Bernd Heinrich and Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife biologist Scott Lindsay. The season finished up with Chesterville Poetry Night in October and a bell ringing on Veterans Day.

Planning for 2024 has begun and will include an open stage “Animal Tales” story event May 11. The show will be emceed by mask artist and performer Michael Cooper and public participants of all ages will be invited to share their stories about animals. A creative art session for kids we hope will be part of the magic – watch for details in the weeks ahead.

Work on the building in 2023 included installation of a sound system generously donated by Eric Johnson of New Sharon. Meanwhile fundraising continues to match a grant from the Davis Family Foundation to complete the exterior painting.

As the Meeting House enters a new year as a community resource for Chesterville, we are thankful for the many kind volunteers and neighbors that help care for the building and for all the folks that attend events.

The Chesterville Center Union Meeting House is a 501c non-profit organization. To learn more visit chestervillemeetinghouse.org, email chestervillemeetinghouse@gmail.com, or call 207 779-0660.




CHESTERVILLE CENTER UNION
MEETING HOUSE
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ASSESSORS' CERTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT

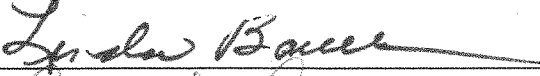
WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that the pages herein, numbered from 1 to 210 inclusive, contain a list and valuation of Estates, Real and Personal, liable to be taxed in the Municipality of Chesterville for State, County, District, and Municipal Taxes for the fiscal year 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023 as they existed on the first day of April 2023.


IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands at Chesterville this 17th day of August, 2023.

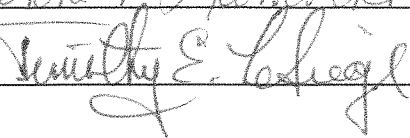
Municipal Assessor(s)











MUNICIPAL TAX ASSESSMENT WARRANT

State of Maine Municipality Chesterville
To Melissa L. Letarte, Tax Collector

County Franklin

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to collect of each person named in the list herewith committed to you the amount set down on said list as payable by that person.

Assessments:

1. County Tax	214,940.90	
2. Municipal Appropriation	1,537,205.85	
3. TIF Financing Plan Amount	0.00	
4. Local Educational Appropriation	1,065,922.78	
5. Overlay (Not to Exceed 5% of "Net To Be Raised" (see tax rate calculation #16)	18,868.42	
6. Total Assessments		2,836,937.95

Deductions:

7. State Municipal Revenue Sharing	243,623.13	
8. Homestead Reimbursement	121,114.82	
9. BETE Reimbursement	0.00	
10. Other Revenue	502,064.00	
11. Total Deductions		866,801.95
12. <u>Net Assessment for Commitment</u>		1,970,136.00



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February 21, 2024

Selectboard
Town of Chesterville
Chesterville, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Chesterville, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023. A complete copy of the audited financial statements, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town's finance office.

RHR Smith & Company

Certified Public Accountants



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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AUGUSTA, MAINE
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Dear Maine Resident:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

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

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

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

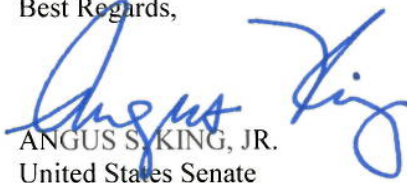
First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering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

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

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

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

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

- **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 2024. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to be a voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta. I can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

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

One area of success was in the Highway Fund. In the past, the Highway Fund has been supported through gasoline taxes, which have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles, and bonding. However, we now have created a sustainable source of funding to maintain our transportation infrastructure. This is done by dedicating 40% of the 5.5% vehicle sales tax and 40% of the sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is predicted to raise more than \$200 million for infrastructure each biennium.

The Second Regular Session will begin in January 2024. I am eager to discuss the issues important to all of you. I have heard from many of you regarding the biggest concerns you are facing, including increasing energy costs, child care, education, housing, inflation, child welfare, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development, and crime, among others. As your State Senator, I will continue to do all I can to advocate for your priorities in Augusta.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. The 131st Legislature has a great deal more work to do. However, I believe that if we come together, there is nothing we can't accomplish. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at russell.black@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Russell Black".

Russell Black
State Senator

