



CHINA *Maine*

THE FRIENDLIEST TOWN IN MAINE

Annual Report for
fiscal year ended
June 30, 2022



The Annual Town Business Meeting will be held
through an election, via ballot format!

Election date is
Tuesday, June 13, 2023

The Town Office will be closed on Election Day.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

First & Last Saturday 8:00 to 11:00

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Sunday, Monday, Thursday – Closed

Tuesday 7am – 5pm

Wednesday 7am – 5pm

Friday 7am – 5pm

Saturday 7am – 3pm

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Town Manager

As I reflect on the last year for the town of China, I see that together we have made great progress through another tumultuous year. The town holds mostly in-person meetings now, but we continue the option of remote participation and Livestream recordings as long as the technology doesn't fail. Under the guidance of the Select Board, the budget remained stable as we cautiously continued our post-pandemic recovery. Some issues still remain. The town continues to seek volunteers for various boards and committees. These volunteers are the key to our municipal existence. The volunteers along with elected boards and committees guide our local municipal government. Participation and having your voice heard is best at the local level.

When I speak with residents, one of the biggest complaints is the speeding throughout our community. Our new speed sign collects data, which is reviewed to see time of day, rate of speed and often gives us a picture of the speeding vehicle to review. The town also has the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office perform extra patrols to reinforce municipal speeds.

We have completed several ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) projects and still have many others in progress. Projects need to be approved by December 31, 2024 and completed by December 31, 2026. Completed projects include the electronic sign at the South China Volunteer Fire Department, the emergency generators at the town office and old town hall, purchase of speed and events sign and an AED for China Rescue. Ongoing projects include E911 signs for every residence, senior fuel program, senior events, heat pumps for municipal buildings, radio tower improvements for emergency services and public works, broadband, and cemetery infrastructure. In total, the town received \$454,359.18 in ARPA funds. Any funds not spent lapse back to the federal government and may be paid out to other municipalities.

We are very fortunate to live in a small community (population 4,408 as of the 2020 census as compared to the State of Maine at 1,362,359 in 2020). The town provides numerous services to its residents and taxpayers all while trying to safeguard taxpayer funds. As the town grows, the need for expanded services and offerings is reviewed by the various committees and Select Board. Investments in our community do not always come without long-term obligations to the offerings. We must temper our desire to improve with the burden it places on our tax base. Business growth and expansion can help offset some of the tax burden on the homeowners. Intensified with the concern for our waterbodies that bring people to the community, businesses can help bring the needed funds to maintain or improve our services and community offerings.

Without our amazing municipal employees, we wouldn't be able to provide the services at the level taxpayers expect. The staff takes every opportunity to be mindful of your tax dollars. Most of the employees are taxpayers too. If you have a chance, please let the staff know how much you appreciate what they do for our community.

As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on how we can help.

Respectfully,

Rebecca "Becky" Hapgood, Town Manager



Directory of Officials

Select Board - *Three members are elected in November of even numbered years while two are elected in the odd numbered years.*

Nomination papers are available in July. The five members can reside anywhere in China.

Blane Casey (2024)

Brent Chesley (2024)

Wayne Chadwick (2023)

Jeanne Marquis (2023)

Janet Preston (2024)

Planning Board - *Six members are elected to serve a two-year term. Depending upon the position, some require residency in the district they serve. Nomination papers are available in July.*

District 1 - Michael Brown (2023)

District 2 - Toni Wall (2024)

District 3- Walter Bennett (2023)

District 4 - Vacant (2024)

At-Large - James Wilkens (2024)

Alternate At-Large - Natale Tripodi (2023)

Budget Committee - *Seven members are elected to serve a two-year term. Depending upon the position, some require residency in the district they serve. Nomination papers are available in July.*

Chairman - Thomas Rumpf (2023)

Secretary - Trishea Story (2024)

District 1 - Kevin Maroon (2023)

District 2 - Taryn Hotham (2024)

District 3 - Michael Sullivan (2023)

District 4 - Timothy Basham (2024)

At-Large - Elizabeth Curtis (2024)

China's Regional School Unit (RSU) Directors - *Two members serve for three-year terms. Members can reside anywhere in China. Nomination papers are available in July of the applicable year.*

Dawn Castner (2025)

T. James Bachinski (2024)

Appeals Board - *Members are appointed and serve a five-year term.*

Spencer Aitel (2024)

Stephen Greene (2026)

Robert Fischer (2023)

Michael Gee (2027)

Lisa Kane (2025)

Alan Pelletier (2025)

Vacant (2023)

Board of Assessment Review - *Members are appointed to serve a three-year term.*

Harold Charles (2023)

Dale Peabody (2024)

Sheri Wilkens (2025)

Alternate - Dwaine Drummond (2024)

Alternate - Vacant (2025)



The following committees
are appointed through
June 30, 2023:

Broadband Committee

Tod Detre
Neil Farrington
Robert O'Connor
Jamie Pitney
Janet Preston (advisory
only)

Cemetery Committee

Harold Charles
Adam Ellis
Elwood Ellis
Julie Finley
H. Richard Norton
Elizabeth Curtis
Jean Dempster

**Community Forest at
China Schools Committee**

Elaine Philbrook
Nancy Lemieux
Larry Lemieux
Jessica Parlin
Susan Cottle
Peter Moulton
Elizabeth Swahn

**China for a Lifetime
Committee**

Eric Austin
Joann Austin
Irene Belanger
Jodi Blackinton
Sheldon Goodine
Christopher Hann
Karen Hatch
Sandra Isaac
Laurie Lizotte
Jeanne Marquis

**Transfer Station
Committee**

J. Christopher Baumann
James Hsiang
Karen Hatch
Paul Lucas
Shawn Reed
Bob Kurek - Palermo
Chris Diesch - Palermo

**Emergency Preparedness
Committee**

Sara Batteese
Harold Charles
Ronald Morrell
Shawn Reed
Stephen Nichols
William Rancourt

Angela Nelson
Enhanced 9-1-1 Committee

Kelly Grotton
Richard Morse
Joel Nelson
William VanWickler

**KRDA- Kennebec
Regional Development
Authority (FirstPark)**

Jeanne Marquis
Blane Casey - Alternate

Recreation Committee

Martha Wentworth - chair
Todd Dunn
Meagan Marquis
Raigan York
Dave Ross
Edward Brownell
Barbara Crosier



(Ice Skating Rink)

**Revolving Loan Fund
Committee**

Robert Batteese

Janet Lully

Thomas Rumpf

Road Committee

Frederick Anderson

Jennifer Chamberlain

Dale Peabody

Shawn Reed

Wayne Chadwick -
advisory only

**Tax Increment Financing
Committee (TIF)**

Brent Chesley - chair

Danny Joe Boivin

Lucas Adams

Thomas Michaud

Karen Morin

James Pitney

James (JJ) Wentworth

Trishea Story

Michael Wing

Thurston Park Committee

Irene Belanger

Trevy Bumps

Philip DeMaynadier

Bonny Hersey

Robert Jackson

Ronald Maxwell

Steve & Sonia Nelson

Jeanette Smith

Christian Wilkens

Sheri Wilkens

Amber French

**Comprehensive Plan
Implementation
Committee**

Amber French

Randall Downer

Barbara Crosier

**Municipal Building
Committee**

Sheldon Goodine - chair

Terry Demerchant -
secretary

Scott Pierz

Tiffany Glidden

Edwin Bailey

Angela Nelson

Dennis Simmons

Kenneth Reese



Spirit of America Recipients



Spirit of America Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity established in Augusta, ME in 1990 to honor volunteerism. Every year the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of 100+ Maine municipalities. In many, Select Boards choose their town's tribute recipient(s) and honor them at an open public meeting.

[Here were our honorable 2022 recipients:](#)



Ronald Emery has dedicated much time and effort in helping the China Boy Scout Troop 479.



Sandra Isaac has helped the China for a Lifetime Committee & the China Village Fire Department.



James Lane has given over 30 years of service to The Town of China in an assortment of capacities.



Elaine Philbrook has dedicated much time to the Community Forest at China Schools project, even after retiring from teaching at the China Primary School.



Scott Pierz has played key roles in China Region Lakes Alliance and China Lake Association for many years.

Anita Smith (not pictured due to travel during presentation):

Anita Smith has devoted much time helping the Community Forest at China Schools project.

January 1, 2023

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

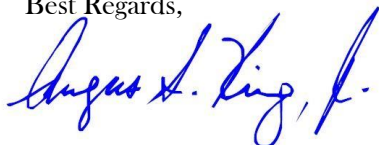
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

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

ANGUS S. KING, JR.

United States Senator



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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I look forward to building on momentum from recent legislative wins for Mainers and continuing to work on your behalf in 2023. Do not hesitate to reach out and voice an opinion on legislation, let us know about local events, or seek assistance navigating federal agencies or programs. It's an honor to represent you in Congress, and I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,

Jared F. Golden Member of Congress

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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins United
States Senator

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is my honor and privilege to serve the people of Maine's First District in Washington, DC, and I appreciate the opportunity to share this annual update with you.

This past year, our state faced unprecedented challenges, mirroring the difficulties experienced by communities across the nation. High inflation rates, a rapidly changing climate, aging infrastructure, and increasing energy costs were among the top concerns I heard while home in the district. Keeping these in mind, I was proud to work with my colleagues in the Maine Delegation to pass historic legislation to bring federal dollars back to our communities.

One of the ways we delivered for Mainers was through the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) in August. This law provides much-needed assistance to struggling families. With the help of the IRA, Americans will save an average of \$800 per year on health insurance and Medicare beneficiaries will have increased access to medication.

Additionally, the IRA offers billions of dollars to expand rebate programs for Americans who wish to make their homes more energy efficient. Homeowners can now receive up to a 30 percent tax incentive for the cost of home solar installations and a 30 percent incentive when investing in a heat pump. Over the next decade, these rebates will offer Mainers thousands of dollars in savings while decreasing fuel costs for winters to come.

In 2022, Congress also passed meaningful legislation to help create skilled jobs in the construction, manufacturing, and engineering sectors. The Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) Act will allow the U.S. to advance its leadership in the development of semiconductors used in the manufacturing of computers, cell phones, cars, and numerous other technologies we rely on. By developing this industry at home, we can bolster our national security and lessen our reliance on foreign technology.

As I look toward this Congress, I am excited to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to improve the lives of Maine people. It is critically important that we continue to take action to increase job growth, decrease inflation, take measures to promote our national security and invest in our health care and education systems.

Each year my office receives over 40,000 calls, letters, and emails from Mainers. I recognize the tremendous trust you place in having me represent you in Washington and by sharing your stories, thoughts, and concerns. Please rest assured, I will continue to fight for the interests of Mainers in Congress, and my staff and I will do everything we can to ensure your needs are met.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree

Member of Congress



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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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 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are just beginning the first year of the 131st Legislative session, where I would first like to thank the residents of China for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Representative.

I am very excited as my first committee appointment is on the *Joint Standing Committee of Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business* where I hope to be instrumental in removing excessive regulation and constructing new and innovative ideas to bring business to Maine. Through legislation such as changing occupational licensing requirements, my hope is to make Maine a friendly business environment that puts people back to work. Hopefully, we will find a path to long-term prosperity for *all* Mainers.

I encourage you to participate in your state and local governments and school board. Phone calls and letters are always welcome; and due to the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are even more accessible. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature: **Legislature.Maine.Gov**, you will find access to committee hearings via Zoom, where you can observe or testify for or against a bill from the comfort of your home. I will be sending a weekly email newsletter with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at Katrina.Smith@legislature.maine.gov, and we will gladly add you to our list.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you at the State House and may you all have a safe and healthy 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katrina J. Smith".

Katrina J. Smith
State Representative

**Office of the Sheriff
Kennebec County, Maine**



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Alfred G. Morin, Chief Deputy

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January 23, 2023

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2022. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Correctional Services, Civil Process, Court and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including K-9 Teams, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, Accident Reconstruction and Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) and a School Resource Officer for MSAD 49.

While the severity of the pandemic is decreasing, my office shall remain vigilant. We will monitor for potential virus recurrence in our correctional facility and take all recommended precautions to reduce any impact that may threaten those in our custody.

In 2022, Law Enforcement Deputies again logged thousands of calls for service. Our calls for service have increased since 2021. Our geographic patrol responsibilities within the County have increased, as the state police have opted to reduce their rural patrol coverage.

Overdoses of prescribed medications or illicit substances continue to plague our country. My staff responded to 20 overdoses in 2022, we were able to save 11 lives. This number does not include the saves by jail staff in 2022. As the disorder continues to increase, I wish to make it clear that we at the Sheriff's Office will always support our citizens with substance dependency disorders by providing avenues that can assist with their recovery.

The patrol division welcomes Sean Dixon and Eric Thiess to our team. Deputy Dixon has 12 years of full-time experience working as a law enforcement officer. Deputy Theiss came to us from our correctional division. Deputy Theiss is currently at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy attending the 18-week program to become a certified law enforcement officer.

My agency continues to receive federal funds to conduct patrol details specifically related to motor vehicle violations throughout the county. Kennebec County Deputies continue to excel statistically for the number of interdictions for drug related criminal activities.

Through the federal grants system, we were able to purchase a Can-Am UTV and trailer to assist us with our duties serving all of Kennebec County. This tool is available to any municipality or law enforcement agency within the county.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2022, the three civil deputies received over 7,441 requests for service in Kennebec County. This is an increase from 2021 by over 300 services. Some of the services include civil summons & complaints, foreclosures, evictions, small claims, child support notices from the State and enforcement of court orders and writs to name a few.

We welcome any questions regarding civil service to be made to the office. Kennebec is very lucky to have Chief Civil Deputy Harry McKenney, who just happens to be the go-to guy on civil service matters statewide. Keep up good work Chief!

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 1810 inmate intakes. This is an increase from 2022. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from Trespass to Homicide.

Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility. We have improved our medical and mental health services at Kennebec to help manage the needs of those incarcerated.

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised on outside projects. One may think that this only benefits the county, or our local municipalities, but it does not. It also benefits the inmate population as well.

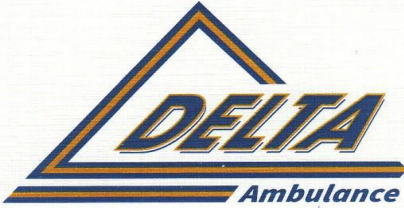
We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims, and to provide enhanced public safety. We acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem nationwide and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education, treatment and recovery for those afflicted with this horrible addiction.

The big news for my staff in 2022 was the purchase of 73 Winthrop Street in Augusta. This building will house the entire sheriff's office divisions which include administration, patrol, detectives and the civil division. Our mailing address will remain the same. More information on the move to follow within the next couple of months. Me and my staff are very excited to move into a larger and much newer building that we can call our own.

As your Sheriff, and moving forward into 2023, I remain committed to serving the hard-working taxpayers of this county, their families and our visitors, honorably, professionally, and by using good common sense and judgement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Mason, Sheriff



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DeltaAmbulance.org

24-HOUR DISPATCH

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Service Report – China 2022

Delta Ambulance, founded in 1972, is the leading provider of high quality, compassionate emergency services and medical transportation in central Maine. Our superior training, experience and state-of-the-art medical technology sets us apart from other ambulance services.

We are pleased to be able to provide emergency Paramedic care to the people of China and to continue supporting your First Response Rescue. A significant portion of our patient charges, annually, are written off as charitable giving to the uninsured and underinsured. Additionally, we continue to support community events throughout our coverage area.

According to Maine state data, in 2022 (January 1 – December 31), we responded to over 14,000 911-calls, 457 of which were in China. Additionally, we serve your community by regularly providing non-emergency care and transfer services for patients as well as standby for fire calls.

Our average response times, the time between our receipt of the call and our arrival, for delivery of paramedic care was 14.6 minutes for emergencies.

Paramedic care is the highest level of Pre-Hospital care available. Our Paramedics exceed State Standards for recertification and respond with the latest medical technology available including 12-lead EKG and pharmaceutical interventions. Our care is reviewed in our Continuing Quality Improvement (CQI) program which is recognized as a leading process in Maine.

Our support for your Rescue Services continues to include continuing medical/rescue education and on-scene replacement of medical supplies used on the call, all at no additional cost to the town.

Delta Ambulance is committed providing the highest quality emergency medical services to the communities we serve - safely and effectively. This is Delta’s number one priority and we are prepared and proud to serve you as your trusted emergency medical service provider.

As always, if we can assist you with a project or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of China. We remain committed.

Respectfully,

Timothy A Beals, Executive Director
February 22, 2023

Bill McKenna
Director of Community Relations
207.861.4251
B.McKenna@DeltaAmbulance.org

China Rescue Department

China Rescue Town Report

China Rescue had 350 calls for service. The majority of these calls were in-house medical emergencies, car accidents, four-wheeler accidents and drug related incidents.

Rescue meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the China Village Fire Station. Maine EMS requires that we keep up with our skills in order to relicense, so we train for one hour prior to the business meeting.

Working full-time jobs, volunteering for Rescue, and maintaining a somewhat normal home life can be extremely challenging and we are fortunate to have dedicated members that are able to manage this. Some of our members have been involved with Rescue for many years. Anyone interested in joining our team can contact me or any one of our members.

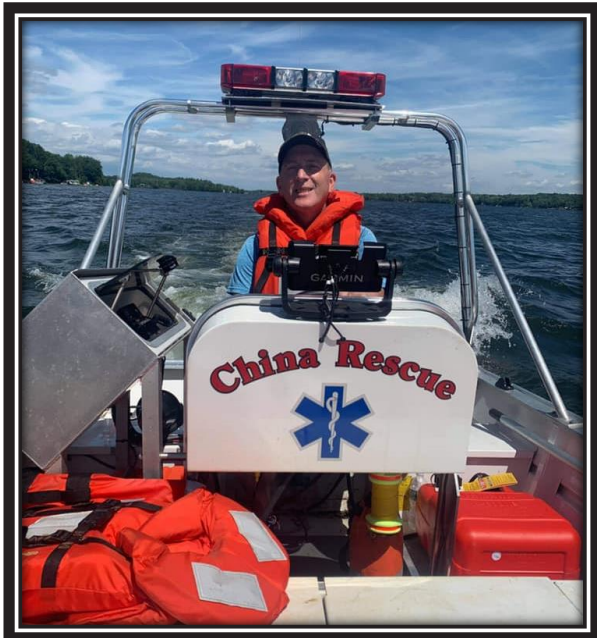
Thank you, Paramedic Web Shaw, Advanced EMT Erika Thayer, MT Tom Alfieri, EMT Jeanna Varney, EMT Misha Littlefield and EMR Norman Black for all you do.

Many thanks to China Village Fire, South China Fire, Weeks Mills Fire, State Police, Kennebec Sherriff, Life Flight, Warden Service, Delta Ambulance, China Public works, Town Office and all the surrounding mutual aid towns for your assistance throughout the year.

Thank you to the citizens of China for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny McKinnis (Rescue Chief)



Weeks Mills Volunteer Fire Department

Department members:

Bill Van Wickler

Webb Shaw

Norman Black

Greg Altham

Marlo Chavarie

Kevin Freeman

Chuck Stephenson

Ray Chavarie

Tom Michaud

Tom Stephenson

Kevin Freeman

Chris Booher

Jeanna Verney

The members of the Weeks Mills Fire Department would like to thank the citizens of the town China for their continued support of the Fire Departments and China Rescue. As volunteers all share the same goal, working together for public safety. Your continued support helps ensure we have the necessary equipment and proper training needed to make us efficient, keep us safe and allow us to make a difference.

All three Fire Departments and Rescue continue to meet in a joint meeting to discuss equipment needs, training as well as what's coming up in the future of Fire and Rescue. These meetings allow us to discuss tactics and procedures to better serve the town as well as coordinate with surrounding communities with which we provide and receive mutual aid.

Last year, Weeks Mills Station responded to 54 various calls categorized as structure fires, brush fires, chimney fires, car accidents, mutual aid and miscellaneous calls consisting of false alarms, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms, trees and wires in the roadway etc. I personally wish to thank all the members of W.M.V.F.D for their commitment to our department as well as all the members of China Fire and Rescue for their dedication to our town. I would also like to thank the families of all the firefighters and rescue members for your understanding and support.

Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detector twice a year, the best way to remember this is to change the batteries when you set your clocks ahead in the spring and back in the fall. If you have a fire, remember get out, stay out, have a meeting place, make sure everyone is accounted for and dial 911.



Weeks Mills V.F.D. meets on the first Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm. Our door is always open for, and we desperately need more members.

Respectfully submitted by Chief Bill Van Wickler.

South China Volunteer Fire Department



South China Volunteer Fire Department
P.O. Box 325
South China, ME 04358

April 5, 2023

Dear Citizens of the Town of China,

It is my pleasure to provide you with the following report on behalf of the South China Volunteer Fire Department.

From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 the South China Volunteer Fire Department responded to 97 alarms. This is 10 more than last year. They break down by type as follows: 14 structure, 15 downed wires/trees in road, 5 vehicle fires, 30 auto accidents, 2 assist to rescue, 4 unfounded/false alarms, 1 set up landing zone for Lifeflight helicopter, 3 forest/brush/grass, and 4 hazardous conditions...6 of the above were mutual aid to neighboring towns for structure fires and other incidents.

We currently have 27 active members. We continue to attract new members and as of this writing we have 1 new probationary member. I do believe that the support by the townspeople of the stipends program has had a positive influence on recruitment and retention of members. Training and equipping new members is an expensive but absolutely necessary process. The cost per new firefighter can be as much as \$6000. All such increasing costs of operations are reflected in our annual appropriations requests from the townspeople. **If you have a friend or relative who is a Firefighter 1 (FF1) or would like to be one, please have them contact me or any other member. We will pay for FF 1 training and provide a stipend for the time spent in training.**

Along with other area Fire Chiefs, the chiefs of the China Fire Departments belong to a regional mutual aid group in the Northern part of Kennebec County. I am pleased to report that as a result of a federal grant entered into by this group, we were able to upgrade most of our mobile radios and portable radios to units that are capable of both digital and analog operation. 80% of the cost of this upgrade was paid by the grant. This keeps us up with the times and will serve us well should the FCC inevitably require us to move from our current analog system to a digital one.

With assistance from the Town Manager, and the support of the townspeople, we have a new electronic sign for the fire station paid for with an ARPA grant from the federal government. We appreciate the support.

Currently, Somerset County's PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) answers our 911 calls, and the Waterville Communications Center provides dispatching services. This arrangement is about to end as the Somerset County Commissioners have voted to end their PSAP service to us effective June 30, 2023, citing a lack of staff. While it is not certain (an act of the legislature is required and has been submitted) it seems likely that the Waterville Communications Center will become a PSAP and will handle our 911 calls as well as dispatch Fire and EMS services. This will likely improve services as it will streamline the process of getting emergency services to you by taking one step out of the process, but it will almost certainly come at an increased cost to our town. As a small town, it is not practical nor cost efficient to have our own dispatch services.

This year we were subjected to a safety inspection by the State Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards. We were cited for several violations of their standards, most of which were paperwork issues in which we did not have the right forms in the right files, or the paper records were not up to date, or the standards had been met but not properly recorded in the “correct” manner. None of these “violations” resulted in a single injury to anyone, as all of the really serious and important training and practices were carried out by the department. Acting in good faith and after a great deal of time, worry, and stress, we “corrected” all of the “violations”, were able to have 90% of the levied fines abated, meaning we still paid 10% of the original fines assessed. This, in my opinion, was unfair since it only seems reasonable that if we corrected all of the “violations”, all of the fines should be abated. As I have said over the years, this state agency does not recognize in their regulations that there is a difference between volunteer fire departments and full-time departments. We just don’t have the staff or time to be able to keep up with the myriad of regulations and paperwork they require. I ask that you please let your elected leaders know that this is a serious problem that needs to be addressed. If nothing is done about it, it is likely to result in the extinction of the Volunteer fire service in Maine. The old saying “you can’t fight city hall” applies to us in this case. The only hope we have is to rally the support of the people to apply pressure on our legislators to recognize the problem and require the Maine Department of Labor to make changes.

China is a large town geographically and we are very fortunate that we have 3 separate volunteer fire departments that can cover this far-flung territory. In addition, and even more importantly, it gives us a much larger personnel and apparatus resource to draw from when needed. To use a sports analogy, we have a much deeper bench than most towns. According to the National Volunteer Fire Council, volunteer firefighters are saving localities across the nation \$140 billion each year, over the paid, full time, municipal, alternative.

Our monthly in-house training program continues to be well attended and is working well. Many thanks to our volunteer instructors. We held several hands-on training sessions and participated in joint training with China Village and Weeks Mills.

We again conducted a very successful fire prevention program at the China school(s) during Fire Prevention Week (our 34th annual). Thanks to Cindy Sienkbiel for her leadership and to all the volunteers from the town's three fire departments and China Rescue who helped make this a success. Thanks also to the staff at the school for their support of this program. We feel it helps to prevent fires and save lives.

We continue our close relationship with and the joint meetings with the China Village, Weeks Mills, and China Rescue departments. At our meetings we discuss current issues, joint operations, training, and equipment purchases. In addition, the Chiefs communicate frequently to discuss relevant issues. These activities help us to provide better and more coordinated fire protection services to the town.

We held our 42nd annual Firemans’ Auction in July and we thank the townspeople for their donations of goods and money and their bids at this fun event and fund raiser. We save up and use these funds for projects such as our recent purchase of new bay doors and upgrades to the lighting at the station, and to support unexpected expenses that are not covered in our regular operational budget. Again, this year instead of hand delivery of our auction flyers, we did a direct mail campaign. It was very successful and we will be doing it again next year. It saved our volunteers many miles and hours and it provided more thorough coverage.

I am also the Town Forest Fire Warden for China. Fire permits are required for **all open burning year-round**. In 2016, we instituted a free online burning permit issuing system. To obtain a permit simply type “www.wardensreport.com” into your browser and follow the simple instructions. It will let you get a permit after 9:00 AM (that is the time that the fire danger class is first available from the Maine Forest Service) on any day that the fire danger is less than Class 3 (HIGH). If you have a smartphone, you can use it to get a permit. Don’t worry that you can’t get a printed copy this way. As long as you can produce the permit on your phone or other device you will be fine. If you do not have a computer or a smartphone you can go to the Town Office, and the staff will use the system for you. You can still contact me as well.

Any member of the community that would like to join us should contact me or any department member concerning sponsorship. If you are unable to give your time as an active firefighter, you may still be able to help us in other ways with your particular skill set. We have recently created an "Active Administrative Member" category of membership to accommodate this type of member. This category of membership provides valuable services but does not fight fires or respond to other emergencies and thus is not subject to Firefighter training and regulations. As always you can still help a great deal by bidding at our auction or simply making a cash donation at any time.

I would like to close by expressing my thanks to and pride in all the members of the department for their dedication, the countless hours they volunteer every year to help their neighbors and keep our community safe.

Respectfully Submitted,



Richard E. Morse
Fire Chief



China Village Volunteer Fire Department

China Village Volunteer Fire Department

First, we would like to thank the citizens of China for their continued support of the town's emergency services. It is with much enthusiasm that I summarize the points of interest of our department for you in this report.

Calls for Service: The China Village Volunteer Fire Department has answered 84 calls for service in 2022 that included 10 structure fires, 2 wildland/brush fires, 5 vehicle fires, 26 vehicle accidents, 12 downed wires and/or trees, 5 fire or carbon monoxide alarms, 5 odor investigations, 7 assists to EMS, 7 mutual aid calls, 2 ATV accidents, and 3 miscellaneous service calls.

Community Support: Our members continue to support the town in many ways, other than emergency calls. We participate with South China and Weeks Mills Fire Departments at China Primary School's Fire Prevention Day Drive by Parade. We stood by for the China Community Days fireworks event in August. Again this year, we participated in celebrating Halloween with a drive through trick or treat event at the station, which was a great success to see our friends and neighbors come out and support us. We again teamed up with the China Four Seasons Club on our 4th annual fishing derby. It was an enjoyable event with much support from the community. The event ended with spectacular fireworks display over the north end of the lake! Thank you to all the area businesses for the sponsorships and prizes they continue to donate each year!

Membership: We currently have 21 active members, and we added 2 new members this past year. Along with our monthly in-house fire trainings and inspections, we successfully hosted a 16-hour State of Maine Fire Service Institute Pumps 1 training class last summer and trained 5 China Village and 1 South China member(s). If you have any interest in possibly becoming a firefighter or volunteer, I encourage you to visit us at any of our meetings that are always held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M in the Village Station at 30 Causeway Road. You can also learn more about us by visiting our China Village Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page.

Partnership: We continue quarterly joint meetings, of the 3 fire departments and rescue service in China. We continue to support having three stations as our town is a rectangle with some extended travel times to the further boundaries of the town during emergencies.

Truck Update: We are continuing to find a way to obtain funding to replace Tank 34, a 1990 4 Guys/Ford Pumper/Tanker which will be 33 years old this year. The used truck was purchased around 9 years ago from a department in New York state that had bought it brand new in 1990. It's the second most used truck in our fleet and now the oldest. We have met with the Select Board asking that they support adding a question to next year's annual meeting ballot to see if the residents of China would support us in replacing the tanker using tax monies if we are unable to obtain a federal grant to replace the truck. Our Engine 31 is starting to require ongoing maintenance along with Tank 34. Engine 31 is a 2003, making it 20 years old this year. They have been well cared for over the years, but the parts become hard to source depending on what has to be replaced. We see many new safety features and ease of use with a new truck that will help us continue to operate with limited personnel on a more efficient, safe basis.

Grants Update: We have applied for 2 regional Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grants this past winter to hopefully replace our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's) and some of our Firefighting Turnout Gear, that is more than 10 years old. We hope to hear something favorable in the coming months. Thanks to Albion and Waterville Fire Departments for sponsoring and spearheading these grants and including our department. We were able to purchase 2 new tools which were a Milwaukee battery power chainsaw and rotary saw with a generous grant from Sappi Fine Paper. This was the 2nd year we received grant monies to put towards new equipment.

Upcoming: We will still be conducting our major fundraising activity, which is our annual chicken barbecue, that is usually held the first Saturday of July. We especially want to thank everyone who turned out this past year when we sold over 50 meals. We continue to up the total number of meals each year because of the high demand and amazing support from our community! We look forward to being as successful again this coming year and hope you will keep this exceptional noon-time meal in mind as we continue to replenish our department fund that is used for special projects and unexpected expenses not covered by our Town Operating Account.

I want to close by offering my sincere thanks to all our members and families for their dedicated service to the Town; and to the members of China Rescue, South China Fire Department, Weeks Mills Fire Departments, and many other public safety agencies who work so closely with us on emergency responses and fire prevention activities. I also want to acknowledge that we greatly appreciate our neighboring departments who provide mutual aid whenever we call them to assist us.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Nelson

China Village Volunteer Fire Chief

Current list of members:

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| Matthew | Adams |
| Scott | Adams |
| Matt | Allen |
| Sarah | Batteese |
| Robert | Batteese |
| Edward | Brownell |
| Joel | Cloutier |
| Erasmus | Gonzalez |
| Sandra | Isaac |
| Michael | Littlefield |
| Benjamin | Loubier |
| Ryan | Madore |
| Kevin | Maroon |
| R. Kerry | Martin |
| Calvin | Mason |
| Danny | McKinnis |
| Ronald | Morrell |
| Joel | Nelson |
| William | Rancourt |
| Christopher | Sylvester |
| Timothy | Therault |



Animal Control

Animal Control Officer Report 2022

State Law requires all dogs over the age of 6 months be registered. You must provide a current rabies certificate when licensing your dog. If your pet has been spayed or neutered, a copy of the certificate must be provided to the clerk when registering. The fee for altered animals is \$6.00 and unaltered is \$11.00.

Proper ID can prevent your pet from going to the shelter! The Town of China has a contract with Kennebec Valley Humane Society in Augusta to take our stray animals. Numerous dogs are taken to the Humane Society because of lack of identification. If a dog is at large and is wearing their tag, the clerk at the town office can look up the tag number and the Animal Control Officer will be able to return the dog directly to its owner. If your pet is lost, please notify the town office or ACO.

Our ACO also will provide Have-a-Heart traps to our residents if needed.

To report a lost or found animal in China, please call the ACO or the Town Office at 445-2014 option 3. To report non-emergency ACO issues you can also use our 24/7 texting service TextMyGov at 207-489-8383.

ACO Contact Number

Kimberly Bolduc-Bartlett 242-5185

2022 ACO Survey

Dogs at Large - 12
Unlicensed Dogs - 42
Dog Bites - 2
Dogs to the shelter - 4
Cats to the shelter - 88
General Cat Complaints - 6
Animal Trespass - 5
Welfare Check - 6
Voluntary Surrender - 1



Dudley Bailey

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Chamberlain
Deputy Clerk



Cemetery Committee

China Cemeteries

Cemetery Project Coordinator

The Town of China would like to thank Savannah Clark, an intern through the Margaret Chase Smith program, for her hours spent as Cemetery Coordinator. Savannah worked this past summer, taking inventory, pictures, and mapping every cemetery located in China. This information can be found on the town's website under the cemetery committee tab. **Thank you Savannah** for your hard work! This information is invaluable to family members and loved ones of those who have gone before us.

Remembering Margaret B. Ayers

Margaret's headstone has been in the basement of the LC Bates Museum for decades. Broken into pieces, cleaned, fitted back together, and placed on a piece of plywood. The question is, who took the time to do this, and why the job had remained incomplete? There may be no answers to these questions but thanks to Cindy Gagnon and Joyce Wyand, her stone has been returned to its final resting place located at the China Village Cemetery.

Cindy and Joyce are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Researching where the headstone belonged, they contacted the town and delivered it to the Town Office. From there it was carefully moved to the cemetery and was placed in front of a small stone that had been set years ago. To see the full article, visit the Town Line Newspaper article in the September 14, 2022, issue.



Fixing Stones and Mending Fences

Old fences have decayed, and some have started to lean.
Years of harsh Maine winters can sometimes be so mean.
The stones sometimes get broken or may tilt off to one side,
Another long Maine winter, another long Maine ride.
We know they need some mending; we are trying our very best.
When winter turns into spring, these issues will be addressed.
People always come and go, and some will stay for good,
And some will choose to rest forever in our neighborhood.
These places are where our loved ones come to reminisce and recall,
We know that it is important to take care of them all.
So, if you see a broken fence, or a tree that may be down,
We ask that you please let us know because we all care for our town!



Respectfully submitted,

Julie Finley

Cemetery Committee Member

Clerk's Office

China's Town Clerk Angela Nelson and Deputy Clerks Kelly Grotton, Julie Finley, Jennifer Chamberlain, Tammy Bailey, and Kyoko Roderick are responsible for the care and preservation of municipal records. The clerks record the births, deaths, and marriages for the town. If one of the parties looking to get married reside in China, you may obtain a marriage license through the town office. Please call ahead to make an appointment as this process takes about 30 minutes. Other duties include the issuance of dog licenses, hunting and fishing and other recreational licenses, registration of ATVs, snowmobiles, boats, motor vehicles and trailers, genealogy requests, conducting elections, voter registration, administering and recording oaths, notary services and numerous other roles as they arise. The following pages contain the records of deaths and marriages from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Since State Law does not allow for the printing of names of children born during this time, I can only report that thirty-six babies were born.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Nelson

Town Clerk/Registrar



Dates to Remember:

- ❖ Snowmobile & ATV registrations expire June 30th
- ❖ Boat registrations, Hunting & Fishing licenses expire December 31st
- ❖ Dog Licenses are due every year, by December 31st
- ❖ Property taxes are assessed each year to the owner of record as of April 1st
- ❖ All municipal offices are closed for all State holidays.

What to bring when registering a vehicle:

New Registration (Dealer Sale) - Purchase & sales agreement, blue title application, window sticker (if brand new vehicle), current insurance, and mileage. Whoever is on the registration needs to sign.

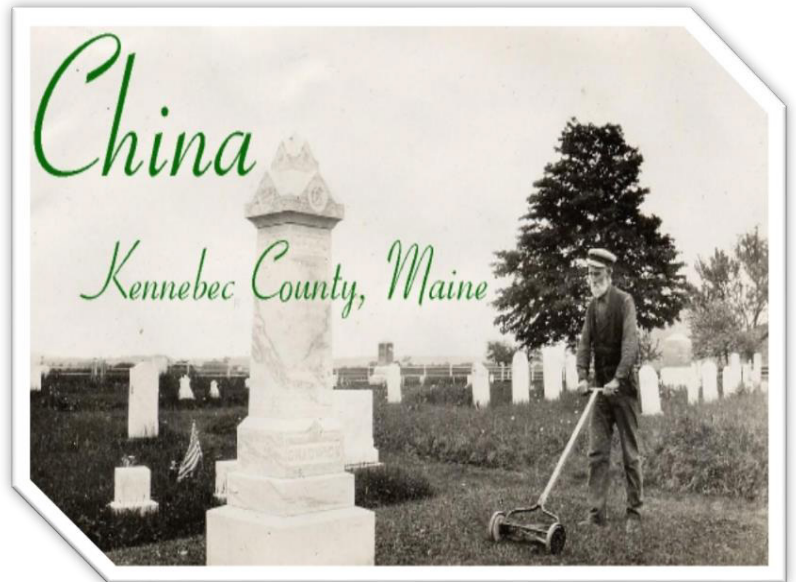
New Registration (Private Sale) - Bill of sale, title for any vehicle 1995 and newer, current insurance, and mileage. Whoever in on registration and title needs to sign.

Re-Registration - Old registration (if possible), current insurance, and mileage. Anyone may re-register a vehicle.

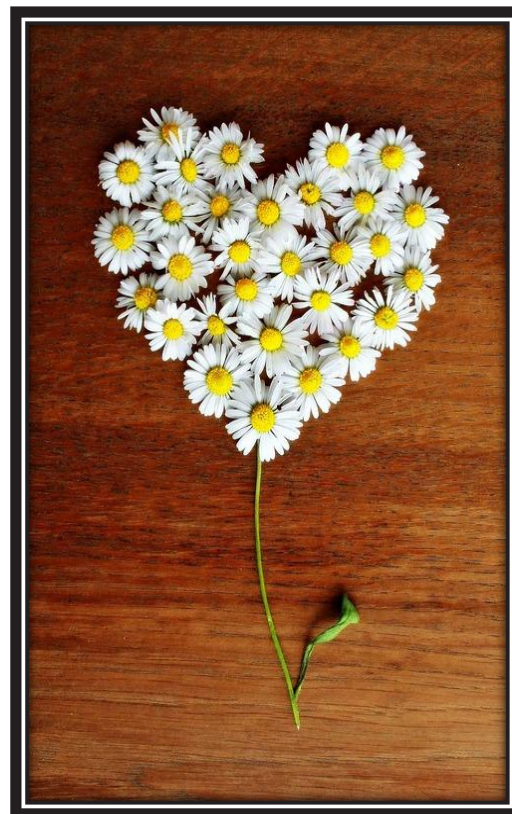
Boat/ATV/Snowmobile - Bill of sale, prior registration from seller (if possible). For boats we need ME-assigned registration #, horsepower, length of boat.

Decedent Name	Date of Death
Abreu, Joan-Manuel	08/23/2021
Bourque, Rachel A.	06/19/2022
Bragg, Norman E.	12/16/2021
Brown, Daniel M.	12/21/2021
Buchanan, Ronald E.	04/07/2022
Casey, Harold C.	07/29/2021
Casey, Marion S.	04/07/2022
Cates, Emily Z.	10/18/2021
Chalou, Wayne J.	09/14/2021
Crommett, David W.	12/09/2021
Cunningham, Montie L. Jr.	08/01/2021
Danforth, William W.	01/30/2022
Dickens, Cynthia Lou	07/03/2021
Ehrlich, Ann	11/02/2021
Fecteau, Ghislaine N.	01/28/2022
Ferrone, James W.	02/27/2022
Fortin, Gerard P.	10/07/2021
Fraser, Harry G.	11/22/2021
French, Leslie R.	06/01/2022
Gunning, Georgia A	04/25/2022
Harrison, Carole A.	12/19/2021
Hisler, Randolph A	02/17/2022
Hoague, Coleine G.	01/20/2022
Howard, Linda D.	12/05/2021
Hunt, Warren G.	10/18/2021
Lee, Jeromy R.	08/27/2021
Levo, Michael A	09/01/2021
Maheu, Beverly B.	10/02/2021
Marshall, Martha J.	10/13/2021
Mason, Jean L.	01/19/2022
Mather, Shari L.	07/09/2021
McMillan, Phyllis E	12/17/2021
Moore, Donna L.	01/20/2022
Niles, Donna M.	09/12/2021
Oxley, Christopher B.	06/13/2022
Pileggi, Anthony J	09/01/2021
Pressey, Robert J.	11/10/2021
Rabassa, Loretta A	08/10/2021
Randall, Hilda M.	02/18/2022
Roddy, Brenda D.	07/15/2021
Sheely, Raymond B.	09/21/2021
Simon, Irma W.	01/30/2021
Sproul, Lorie J.	04/18/2022
Starks, Earl F. Jr.	04/09/2022

Theriacult, Rebecca A.	08/20/2021
Thomas, Milford A	07/08/2021
Tracy, Keith N.	10/26/2021
Tyler, Rodney S	12/25/2021
Vacco, Richard P.	08/16/2021
Wheelock, Joyce E.	02/19/2022



Party A Current Name	Party B Current Name	Date of Marriage
Knowles, John W.	Birkbeck, Kirstyn L.	07/30/2021
Thurston, Richard C.	Gay, Melody L.	08/07/2021
Brown, Melissa R.	Nelson, Margaret L.	08/28/2021
Basinger, Mariah R.	Shorey, Lane J.	08/14/2021
Mosher, Anne M.	Azevedo, Mark J.	08/14/2021
Hopkins, Anna M.	Buller, Christian W.	09/25/2021
Francis, Brenda L.	Quimby, Justen L.	08/14/2021
Judkins, Jessica R.	Fugere, Charles R.	08/26/2021
Spettel, Patricia A.	Arbour, Dennis C.	10/07/2021
Riley, Taylor A.	Skidgel, Cody A.	10/02/2021
Hawkins, Rhonda L.	Brookes, Miles M.	11/06/2021
Ellis, Nancy A.	Audet, Daniel R.	10/31/2021
Thibodeau, Brianna L.	Cleaves, Jared M.	10/09/2021
Parady, Ashley A.	Jackson, Ryan D.	11/05/2021
Metten, Heidi M.	Hamel, Steven J.	10/16/2021
James, Kimberly H.	Bryan, Shawn M.	12/24/2021
Dwelley, Jessica R.	Melanson, Nicholas S.	04/26/2022
Page, Makayla M.	Hall, Klint D.	03/20/2022
Bridges, Amber G.	Olson, LeeAnna R.	04/01/2022
Lueck, Morgan R.	Tedesco, Allegra S.	04/15/2022
Quimby, Kristy L.	Wyman, Caitlin A.	05/21/2022
Bonsant, Courtney E.	Belanger, Damian L.	06/11/2022
Glidden, Tiffany L.	Plourde, Joseph W.	06/18/2022
Bailey, Joshua W.	Glidden, Abigail M.	06/18/2022
Morry, Susan L.	Ulrich, Joseph F. Jr.	06/25/2022
Boynton, Jonathan P.	Jaquith, Shenez M.	06/25/2022



Unpaid Real Estate Taxes as of 6/30/2022

Acct	Name ----	Year	Amnt. Due	
367	Adams, James Matthew	2021	\$534.70	
2993	Barto, Diane	2021	\$108.65	**
3185	Batista, Suzete	2021	\$1,675.60	**
2573	Boivin, Ferne, Heirs of	2020	\$52.01	**
2573	Boivin, Ferne, Heirs of	2021	\$693.18	
3192	Boynton, Daniel W Jr	2020	\$280.59	**
3192	Boynton, Daniel W Jr	2021	\$314.21	
2154	Bragg, Grover B, Sr - Life Estate	2020	\$1,627.93	**
2154	Bragg, Steve B	2021	\$1,748.17	
2731	Bragg, Steven	2020	\$588.80	**
2731	Bragg, Steven	2021	\$632.23	**
3139	Callahan, Thomas H	2021	\$914.95	**
769	Camelio, Nancy	2020	\$1,383.06	**
769	Camelio, Nancy	2021	\$1,484.90	
1410	Clark, Glenn A	2020	\$1,155.30	**
1410	Clark, Glenn A	2021	\$1,754.22	**
1546	Coombs, Stephen H	2020	\$94.03	**
1546	Coombs, Stephen H	2021	\$95.12	**
1568	Coombs, Stephen H	2020	\$1,935.81	**
1568	Coombs, Stephen H	2021	\$2,032.23	**
1020	Coston, Russell L, Heirs of	2020	\$559.56	**
1020	Coston, Russell L, Heirs of	2021	\$1,085.34	*
1955	Crockett, Jeffrey M	2020	\$469.13	**
1955	Crockett, Jeffrey M	2021	\$514.05	
1011	Crommett, Clayton H	2020	\$216.88	**
1011	Crommett, Clayton H	2021	\$215.12	
1012	Crommett, Clayton H	2020	\$1,347.47	**
1012	Crommett, Clayton H	2021	\$1,333.88	
2717	Cunningham, Matthew J	2021	\$577.75	
2717	Cunningham, Matthew J	2020	\$536.63	**
2857	Cunningham, Shawn D	2020	\$1,159.11	**
2857	Cunningham, Shawn D	2021	\$1,866.56	**
215	Derosier, Freeman	2020	\$885.51	**
215	Derosier, Freeman	2021	\$989.08	**
3235	DesIsles, Patti L	2021	\$380.87	
1386	Dillenbeck, John S	2020	\$2,486.26	**
1386	Dillenbeck, John S	2021	\$2,766.37	
2805	Dow, Andrew C	2021	\$148.60	**
1580	Downie, Franklin A	2021	\$1,604.77	
454	Estes, Duane C	2020	\$1,246.54	**
454	Estes, Duane C	2021	\$1,394.49	
1903	Estes, Duane S Heirs Of	2020	\$1,679.13	**
1903	Estes, Duane S Heirs Of	2021	\$1,677.14	
3411	Farrington, Carleton B	2020	\$473.11	**
3411	Farrington, Carleton B	2021	\$519.97	
3515	Finley, Paige M	2021	\$128.50	**

2882	Fletcher, John L Sr	2020	\$938.75	**
2882	Fletcher, John L Sr	2021	\$1,049.82	
588	French, Leslie H	2019	\$5,008.23	**
588	French, Leslie H	2020	\$670.36	**
588	French, Leslie H	2021	\$336.54	**
2883	French, Vicki S	2021	\$393.10	**
952	G G Industries LLC	2021	\$361.63	**
2382	Gaxiola, Jesse T	2021	\$3,602.48	**
690	GLINJAN LLC	2021	\$1,605.60	**
1368	Harris, Shad	2020	\$1,111.29	**
1368	Harris, Shad	2021	\$1,228.75	
3500	Hersey, Joyce	2020	\$405.95	**
3500	Hersey, Joyce	2021	\$410.53	
2663	Hipp, Christopher Blake	2020	\$2,681.16	**
2663	Hipp, Christopher Blake	2021	\$2,938.03	
3072	Holyoke, James A	2021	\$1,196.31	
1544	Laske, Lawrence L	2020	\$1,228.53	**
1544	Laske, Lawrence L	2021	\$1,404.92	
2806	Laverdiere, Jeffrey	2021	\$168.72	**
1545	Lee, Jeremy D	2021	\$1,610.54	**
2887	Lemar, Peter	2020	\$1,844.39	**
2887	Lemar, Peter	2021	\$2,066.41	*
3039	Marston, James	2021	\$807.13	
1247	Mason, Jean L	2021	\$248.03	**
871	Meador, Sandra Jean	2021	\$1,465.66	**
3072	Medeiros, Geoffrey R	2021	\$1,193.36	
40	Moore, Daniel L	2020	\$552.08	**
40	Moore, Daniel L	2021	\$534.77	**
1583	Norton, Daniel A & Kerri A	2020	\$56.92	**
1583	Norton, Daniel A & Kerri A	2021	\$1,049.82	
57	Oyler, Diane L	2021	\$71.75	**
1002	Page, Keith A	2020	\$355.80	**
1002	Page, Keith A	2021	\$354.30	
2767	Paul, Wayne	2021	\$912.72	**
2785	Paul, Wayne Jr	2019	\$10,307.56	**
2785	Paul, Wayne Jr	2020	\$608.06	**
2785	Paul, Wayne Jr	2021	\$594.03	**
2709	Pellerin, Daniel B	2020	\$334.94	**
2709	Pellerin, Daniel B	2021	\$329.14	**
473	Pelletier, Glenn J	2020	\$492.75	**
473	Pelletier, Glenn J	2021	\$992.04	**
3186	Pierce, Ethan C	2021	\$296.17	*
2791	Poirier, Melissa A	2021	\$262.55	
1732	Potter, David Tim - Heirs of	2020	\$235.75	**
1732	Potter, David Tim - Heirs of	2021	\$231.47	
2668	Potter, David Tim - Heirs of	2020	\$247.91	**
2668	Potter, David Tim - Heirs of	2021	\$244.79	**
3693	Power, Kurt J	2021	\$1,388.57	*
2397	Roy, Andrew J	2021	\$1,757.98	*

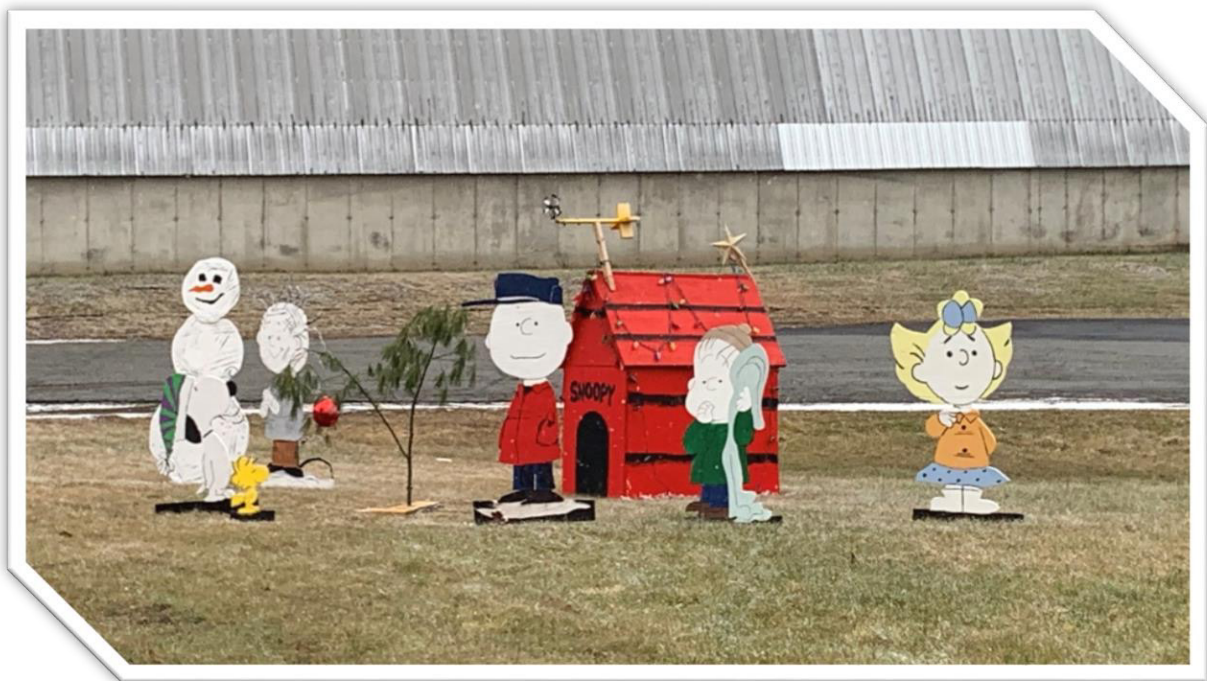
2777	Sack, Tasha	2021	\$274.38	
3608	Sawlivich, Jessica L	2020	\$340.61	**
3608	Sawlivich, Jessica L	2021	\$333.58	**
3526	Sears, David	2020	\$1,582.13	**
3526	Sears, David	2021	\$1,733.51	
3517	Seigars, Andrew	2019	\$315.51	
3517	Seigars, Andrew	2020	\$280.07	
3517	Seigars, Andrew	2021	\$204.75	
2631	Small, Michael A	2021	\$497.78	**
1727	Snow, Jennifer	2021	\$1,525.83	**
3729	St Amand, Heather Strout	2021	\$3,911.70	**
2692	Theriault, Norma J	2020	\$384.75	**
2692	Theriault, Norma J	2021	\$1,336.84	
493	Thompson, Calvin	2021	\$1,655.08	**
2718	W W Properties, Inc	2021	\$2,242.33	
1332	Wajid, Zareen	2021	\$4,067.15	**
3479	Waller, Philip	2021	\$565.91	**
592	Willey, Marion	2020	\$1,276.30	**
592	Willey, Marion	2021	\$1,421.13	**
952	Winslow Car Wash, LLC	2020	\$376.68	**
3312	York, Chris	2021	\$208.30	**
	* = partial payment made since			
	** = paid in full after 6/30/22			



Unpaid Personal Property Taxes as of 6/30/2022

Acct	Name ----	Year	Amnt. Due	
672	Beaulieu, Roland	2021	\$144.00	
536	BIO Renewable Fuels Inc	2019	\$1,520.79	
536	BIO Renewable Fuels Inc	2020	\$2,948.71	
536	BIO Renewable Fuels Inc	2021	\$845.28	
536	BIO Renewable Fuels Inc	2018	\$1,523.12	
533	Branch Mills Heating Solutions	2021	\$100.80	**
706	Cates, Stephen C - Maine Piano Tuning and Repair	2021	\$15.84	**
224	Central Machine Inc	2021	\$2,947.68	
90	China Lake Auto Sales	2018	\$395.00	**
717	China Variety and Redemption	2021	\$12.14	**
649	Coastal Floor Techs	2020	\$14.90	
649	Coastal Floor Techs	2021	\$14.40	
620	Davidson Construction	2020	\$111.75	
620	Davidson Construction	2021	\$108.00	
604	Demerchant, Bryce - excavation	2017	\$604.20	
604	Demerchant, Bryce - excavation	2018	\$600.40	
604	Demerchant, Bryce - excavation	2019	\$1,222.50	
604	Demerchant, Bryce - excavation	2020	\$1,117.50	
604	Demerchant, Bryce - excavation	2021	\$1,080.00	
412	Dick Willette	2014	\$151.00	**
435	Diesel Dan's Auto Srvc & Truck Rep	2021	\$504.00	*
499	Dollar Deals	2014	\$188.75	**
499	Dollar Deals	2015	\$390.00	**
654	Employment Specialists of Maine	2021	\$72.00	
548	Fletcher, John - Handyman	2016	\$116.25	
548	Fletcher, John - Handyman	2017	\$119.25	
548	Fletcher, John - Handyman	2018	\$118.50	
548	Fletcher, John - Handyman	2019	\$122.25	
532	Fredette, Jessica L	2021	\$21.60	**
708	French, Johnathan - Electrician	2020	\$372.50	**
708	French, Johnathan - Medical Marijuana Caregiver	2021	\$360.00	**
697	Full Fork Farm	2021	\$162.72	**
537	Hans Arp Trucking LLC	2018	\$474.00	
537	Hans Arp Trucking LLC	2019	\$489.00	
537	Hans Arp Trucking LLC	2020	\$447.00	
537	Hans Arp Trucking LLC	2021	\$432.00	
536	Howe, Linda / Bio Renewable Fuels	2017	\$190.80	
294	Innovative Workspace Solutions	2018	\$23.70	
669	JFRED Electric	2021	\$144.00	**
596	K & M Transport, LLC	2019	\$293.40	
596	K & M Transport, LLC	2020	\$268.20	
596	K & M Transport, LLC	2021	\$230.40	
185	KEG Landcare	2021	\$504.00	
507	Little Learners	2021	\$82.08	**
538	Maine Private Investigation	2021	\$7.20	**
567	Marlett, Gregory - Voc Rehab Svcs	2017	\$15.90	**
63	Ouellette Sand & Gravel, Inc	2020	\$546.56	**
63	Ouellette Sand & Gravel, Inc	2021	\$1,368.00	*

690	Polished	2021	\$14.20	
505	Precision Labs, Inc	2020	\$1.71	
505	Precision Labs, Inc	2021	\$14.40	
713	Rebel Off-Road Fabrication and Automotives	2020	\$74.50	**
348	Rocnet Data Designs	2021	\$25.92	
418	Ron Bumps Builder	2019	\$40.75	
682	Rumpf's Backyard Services	2021	\$139.68	**
707	Sears and Son Property Management	2021	\$36.00	
703	Second Chance Computer	2021	\$14.40	
282	Shear Techniques	2018	\$79.00	
282	Shear Techniques	2019	\$81.50	
282	Shear Techniques	2020	\$74.50	
282	Shear Techniques	2021	\$72.00	
279	The Cabins at Pellerin Campground	2021	\$84.96	**
588	The Voice Guy	2020	\$55.87	**
588	The Voice Guy	2021	\$108.00	**
338	Tom Jones Soil Testing & Septic Design	2021	\$20.16	
422	Top of the Line Drywall	2020	\$14.90	**
422	Top of the Line Drywall	2021	\$14.40	**
723	Two Talents Landscape & Property Maintenance	2021	\$119.52	**
662	ViaSat, Inc	2021	\$8.99	**
721	Yorks Dairy Farm	2021	\$3,056.84	*
	* = partial payment made since			
	** = paid in full after 6/30/22			



Abatements granted July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Name	Account	Tax Year	Amount	Reason
Real Estate				
Bard, John	2843	2019	\$350.45	camper had been removed
Peebles, William R III & Diannah R	2807	2020	\$284.59	map/lot identification error
Bard, John	2843	2020	\$309.92	camper had been removed
Hall, Marcia A & Hall, Jeffrey L - Heirs of	1460	2021	\$1,123.20	wrong owner assessed
Wilson, Robert & Wilson, Amy Ruel	1131	2021	\$360.00	Homestead Exemption was missed
Turgon, Pam	2844	2021	\$184.32	registration of camper had been missed
Dow, Leonard A & Donna S	2604	2021	\$393.12	building assessment duplicated
Souviney, Cody R & Katie L	2919	2021	\$404.64	lot over assessed
Adams, Lucas H	2918	2021	\$383.04	lot over assessed
Paradis, John H & Kathy J - Trustees	37	2021	\$36.00	camper had been removed
McKeagney, Patrick Howe	2105	2021	\$43.20	error in square footage of home
Knowles, Christina M & Keith W	1348	2021	\$720.00	condition over estimated
Fleming, James R & Miyoko	2047	2021	\$14.40	incorrect acreage
Eori, Sean	2853	2021	\$496.80	camper had been removed
Bard, John	2843	2021	\$396.00	camper had been removed
Peebles, William R III & Diannah R	2807	2021	\$275.04	map/lot identification error
Personal Property				
The China Dine-ah	332	2019	\$868.79	uncollectable - business closed
The China Dine-ah	332	2020	\$794.17	uncollectable - business closed
Kibbin, Michael P - Contractor	543	2021	\$540.00	assessed to incorrect owner
KJ Pressey & Sons Trucking	679	2021	\$259.20	business closed before April 1
The China Dine-ah	332	2021	\$792.00	uncollectable - business closed

Code Enforcement Officer

CEO Town Report for 2022

I wish I could tell you more about the previous year, but I only started at the end of June. With that being said, I am trying to make myself available as much and as soon as possible when someone needs an inspection done or wants some guidance on what they need for a permit, or even where to start. I'm looking at you, Mr. Honey-Do list a mile long! I'd like to put the 'for me' back in enFORceMENT. If I don't know the answer to whatever question you may have, I will do my best to find it for you. While I'm on the topic of getting answers for you, email is by far the best form of communication. Not only does it give you something to refer to in those times of short-term memory lapses, but I can include visuals and information impossible to dissect over the phone. Don't worry, we'll figure this thing out together!

First off, I'd like to thank everyone for being so receptive and supportive of me since taking this on, especially my wife and kids. I don't think any kid has ever said, "I want to be a building inspector when I grow up!" I can tell you with complete certainty that I never once uttered those words. Years ago, I had an epiphany, "Why not me?" With that mindset, I took on the daunting task of getting all my certifications while juggling the active projects and helping create new ones. Together, we can build the best town possible.

Curious as to what leads one to become a Code Official? Me too! So, let's go on a little trip in my "way back" machine. I started working in the woods at 13 with my dad, teaching me the value of hard work and packing a lunch. I wrestled in high school and worked at Farrington's Clothing part-time while learning to play loud guitar. Following graduation I worked in building, warehousing, a summer in Boston, back in the woods for over 10 years, quality control for a paving company, an ed tech at a school, some substitute teaching, and more warehousing. It has already been a journey, but I've got my umbrella open for whatever the future throws at us.

Finally, this part is for all those number-crunchers out there and those that just want the raw, quantitative digits. I have compiled for your viewing pleasure a breakdown of all the permits during 2022.

Building Permits

New homes: 26	Manufactured Homes: 7
Additions: 26	Sheds: 50
Garages: 14	Decks: 33
CEO Permits: 47	Other: 39
Total: 242	



Planning Board

Greetings China Residents,

The China Planning Board is a 5-member board elected by the registered voters. Four members represent each of the districts as outlined on the Planning Board District Map, the fifth member is the At-Large member. A sixth member is the Alternate-At Large who participates at all meetings and is brought into voting capacity when one of the above members is absent.

The Planning Board reviews and acts on applications brought forward by the Code Enforcement Officer, Select Board, or other Town Officials to determine compliance with the China Land Development Code Chapters 1 - 7 and Chapter 11.

During this reporting period the Planning Board approved the following applications:

- Medical Marijuana Facility - Route 3
- Automotive Repair Business
- Expansion of seating and parking for a seasonal restaurant
- Day Care Facility - Tyler Road
- Nutritional Teas and Meal Replacement Shakes - Route 3
- Phase II Expansion of the Solar Farm - Route 3
- Expansion of a goat farm

In addition to reviewing applications the Planning Board also amended language in the Land Development Code, Chapter 2 - Land Use Ordinance, Section 5 - Land Use Standards and Chapter 11 - Definitions to be consistent with the requirements of the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Act, 38 M.S.R., Section 438-A, and the minimum guidelines. These changes were prepared for the November 2022 vote.

The Planning Board spent many hours developing a solar energy systems ordinance, which we learned through a public hearing, will require more intensive work and input from the community to become a fully developed ordinance in the Land Use Code. This continues to be an item on our agenda.

In October 2021, the Planning Board said good-bye to Randy Downer, Chair and District 1 representative. We thank him for his dedication to the Board and to the people of China. In November 2021, the Board welcomed Michael Brown, District 1 and Walter Brennan, District 3. Their knowledge and experience will greatly benefit the Planning Board during the ensuing years.

Finally, the Planning Board invites you to attend our meetings. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. We encourage you to attend meetings when you receive a butters notice from the town regarding an application that we are reviewing. We greatly appreciate all input from our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Wall, Co - Chair, District 2
Jim Wilkens, Co - Chair, At-Large,
Walter Brennan, District 3,
Michael Brown, District 1,
Nate Tripoli, Alternate-At-Large



30 January 2023

Dear community members and friends:

The mission of Midcoast Conservancy is to protect and restore vital lands and waters on a scale that matters, in partnership with the communities we serve, throughout the Midcoast Maine region. Our service area comprises 24 towns, three watersheds and over 15,000 acres of conserved land which include 55 preserves and over 95 miles of trails.

In 2022, we protected more than 1,100 new acres of habitat; completed a scientific analysis to prioritize efforts for our 30x30 Land and Water Conservation Initiative; and developed a new tier system to manage our public lands for access, wildlife habitat, and connectivity. In addition, we launched innovative programs to promote native landscaping, protect hemlocks from disease, and remove invasive species such as knotweed; engaged thousands of school children in our nature-based educational programs; and hosted more than 150 public events covering everything from naturalist lessons to sustainable forestry.

In China this year, Midcoast Conservancy

- Conducted oversight of the Project Management for Branch Pond dam repair and fishway installation;
- Completed the 29th year of water quality sampling in Sheepscot River;
- Launched the Sheepscot River Rapid Geomorphic Assessment/Habitat enhancement site, a pilot study to assess the stream conditions for suitable habitat with a focus on Atlantic salmon, in partnership with DMR and USFWS

China is a vital partner for all the work we do. Many of our members and volunteers come from China and we invite more of you to join us. Learn more at www.midcoastconservancy.org. Feel free to call or email me or our staff anytime.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Nichols
Executive Director

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Thurston Park

Thurston Park continues to be a popular place for outdoor recreation in China. We continue to make improvements to the trails and conditions in the park for all to enjoy. Hiking in the park is very popular as well as walking and exercising dogs. In the winter, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing are enjoyed by many people. Other activities in the park include horseback riding, ATVing, and snowmobiling.

Major road improvements and ditching of Trails 1 and 2 and parts of the Yorktown Road were undertaken in the spring and early summer of 2022. This work should eliminate some of the washouts and flooding of the roads that was occurring due to heavy storms and beaver damming. The trail to the pond off the main parking area was widened for vehicular traffic and a parking area was made at the pond. This will allow visitors to drive down to the pond with their canoes or kayaks. There is just a short carry to the put-in site. We hope to add a dock and a picnic area here in the future.

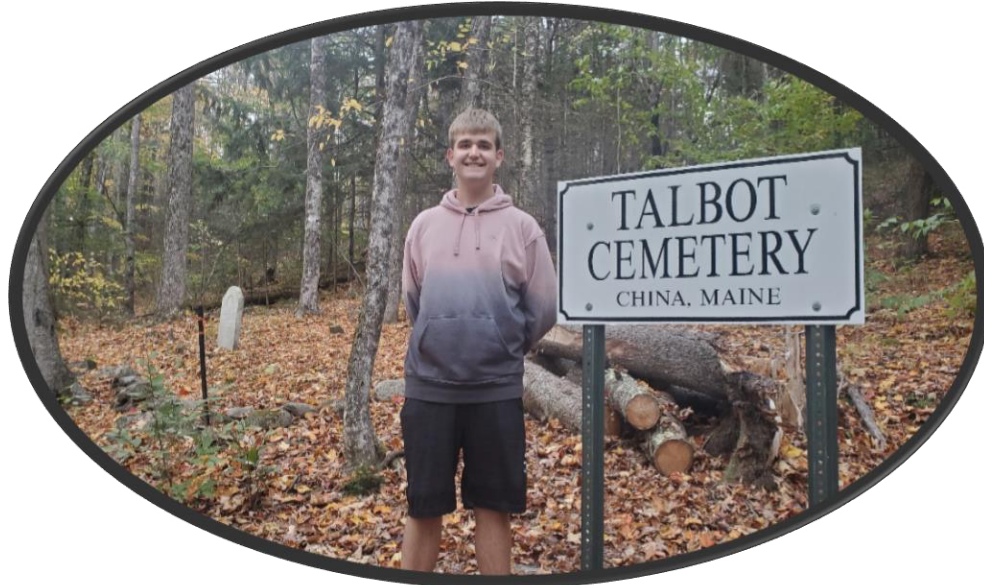


We also added a winter parking area at the bottom of the Yorktown Road hill. This was added to prevent people from blocking the Yorktown Road for our neighbors. The town does not plow the entrance to the park. The town of Albion plows the road to the top of Yorktown Road hill. One of our neighbors has been plowing the remainder of the road and has agreed to plow our new parking area as well. It's a win-win for all!!



One of the area boy scouts, Kaiden Kelley, carried out a work in the park for part of his Eagle Scout project. He and his fellow troop members worked on the Talbot Cemetery Trail. They cut up and removed a large tree that

had fallen across the trail. They re-blazed the trail to make it easier to follow and cut back brush and fallen branches from the trail. Finally, they cleaned up the cemetery stones and repositioned the stones for the border around the cemetery. They did a great job under Kaiden's guidance and direction. We were pleased to have him choose Thurston Park for this project. Kaiden also did some virtual reality videos of the Maine State Parks that allows one to visit the park from home. These can be found on the website at www.MaineParks.org. Congratulations to Kaiden on his achievement!



Work on the trails continues throughout the year. We usually plan a spring clean-up and can always use additional help from the community! This is a great community service project for students, families, scout troops, or anyone!!

Finally, we are looking for more members to serve on the Thurston Park committee. You will join a great bunch of people who enjoy the outdoors and see the many possibilities for the park in the future. We could use some more residents on the committee to help us explore more opportunities for the park's development. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the portable building at the Town Office. Come help us make the park a great destination!

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette (Jen) Smith

China Lake Association

The Annual Report of China Lake Association

To the Citizens of the Town of China

www.chinalakeassociation.org

Our Mission

Preserving China Lake for Future Generations

Through Environmental Stewardship and Community Action

China Lake Association (CLA) is pleased to submit an annual report to the Town of China (Town) for the fiscal year 2021-2022 Annual Municipal Report provided to the citizens of our community.

What is the CLA? CLA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit association. We were founded in 1987. CLA's members volunteer and dedicate their time, talents, and resources to educate and mobilize the community to achieve our mission: preservation and protection of China Lake *for future generations through environmental stewardship and community action*.

Who is in the CLA? I am completing my second year as president. I serve on CLA's board of directors with Vice President Eric Lind, Secretary David Preston, and treasurer Natasha Littlefield, who joined us in March 2023. Our current board of directors are: Robbie Bickford, Wayne Clark, Bruce Fitzgerald, Marie Michaud, Bob O'Connor, Bill Powell, and Jen Syer, all of whom are hard-working volunteers managing the business and conducting the affairs of CLA.

Did you know that CLA officers and directors convene monthly meetings to manage our programs and projects that protect China Lake? Please contact me (stephencraiggreene@gmail.com) if you want to attend board meetings, become more involved in the protection of the lake, or discuss your thoughts about CLA.

What specifically does the CLA do, and what happened this year?

CLA focuses its attention and takes leadership of the 2022 China Lake Watershed-Based Management Plan (WBMP). The plan outlines lake watershed and water quality management strategies and goals over a 10-year schedule to: (1) increase efforts to reduce the external phosphorus (P) load by addressing existing nonpoint source (NPS) pollution and limit new sources of P-loaded soil erosion from future development and climate change, (2) significantly reduce the internal phosphorus load in lake bottom sediments arising from years of watershed erosion, through inactivation of phosphorus with an alum treatment, and (3) monitor and assess improvements in China Lake's water quality over time. A full copy of the final plan is posted on our website.

The 2022 launch of the WBMP is the culmination of a prior two-year comprehensive watershed survey, performed with help from CLA volunteers in partnership with Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District (KCSWCD), Kennebec Water District (KWD), and technical advisors. The survey identified sources of pollution, stemming from gravel roads and developed properties in the watershed. The information and data from the survey was used to inform China Lake's ten-year watershed management plan. The WBMP will help the CLA qualify for federal funding grants under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, funding that will be put to work installing erosion control measures around the lake and larger watershed with our partners in 2024-2025.

CLA's volunteers and partners rely on the WBMP principal author Jen Jespersen of Ecological Instincts for guidance in administering the plan; in addition, CLA's board employs a watershed program coordinator, local

resident Lynn Geiger, to supply technical expertise and design services to assist local property owners complete small-scale erosion control projects; we also plan to use our consultants to apply for 319 grants for large-scale erosion control projects.

For fiscal year 2021-2022, CLA recorded another year of steady progress of public service, education, membership growth and fundraising:

- We celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act at our annual meeting with news of the successful alewife restoration initiative. For the first time since at least 1783, over 800,000 alewives freely entered and exited China Lake.
- We fulfilled the first waves of 2022 and 2023 action steps in the WBMP to restore and improve China Lake water quality.
- We participated with and funded in part a study by WBMP partners (DEP, Colby College, and lake science experts) in measuring the degree of excess phosphorus (P) in the lakebed sediment; a national lake expert delivered a report with engineering specifications on how to calculate the scope, amount, and depth of a future alum treatment to inactivate the P load and restore clear, clean China Lake water for future generations.
- With KCSWCD as grantee, we are filing an application for 319 funding for specific watershed rehabilitation projects in 2024-2025 to stop erosion into the lake.
- We are working with Maine Audubon to install a Loon restoration nest in the Wentworth Point cove.
- We are raising public awareness and outreach by communicating through our website, newsletters, social media and annual meetings to increase participation among watershed residents.

What is the next CLA event?

As always, we look forward to our next annual meeting scheduled on July 29, 2023, 8:00-10:30 at the China Primary School, 763 Lakeview Drive, China. Please save the date and join us; check our website for additional information on membership and the meeting's forthcoming agenda and look for our annual newsletter with further details about our annual meeting.

Thank you.

Stephen Greene, President

China Lake Association

April 2023



China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA)

Report of the China Region Lakes Alliance

The China Region Lakes Alliance (hereinafter “the Alliance”) is a non-profit organization created in 1995 and is comprised of lake associations within the Alliance’s service area. This service area includes the China Lake and Three Mile Pond Associations, and the Weber Pond Association. The Towns of China and Vassalboro are also represented, along with the interests of the Kennebec Water District and the Three-Cornered Pond Owner’s Association in Augusta.

The Alliance operates a set of “core programs” including the Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Program, LakeSmart, a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), and a Gravel Road Rehabilitation Program (GRRP).

CBI staff inspect boats entering and leaving the region’s waterbodies for invasive aquatic plants, known as “invasives” such as Hydrilla and Milfoil. These invasives can easily infest a lake or pond if introduced from another waterbody. The Alliance has succeeded in operating the CBI Program as an essential service to the boaters of Maine and visitors to our State. This is a ten (10) week summer program staffed by high school students from within the region.

A special thanks to CBI Director Sage Hapgood Belanger and the CBI Team for their exceptional work in providing protection for our lake resources. To date, no known or documented evidence of any “invasives” has been detected in our region’s waterbodies.

There are four boat launches within the region where inspections are conducted: two are on China Lake and others are on Three Mile Pond and Webber Pond. In 2022 CBI staff inspected 1,261 boats between the four boat launches. On China Lake 1,030 boats were inspected, 685 along the Causeway at the head of the lake and 345 at China Lake’s East Vassalboro boat launch. Combined, these two boat launches represent 82% of all boats accessing our region’s waterbodies. Numbers for Three Mile Pond totaled 67 inspections.

The Alliance is grateful for the funding to staff these public boat launches received from the Towns of China and Vassalboro, the Kennebec Water District, and grant monies from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

For more information about how to help protect our waters from invasive aquatic plants, please go to: <https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/reporting-aquatic-species-6/>

The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is the Alliance’s labor force that conducts environmental projects within the local watershed to protect water quality. The YCC’s work concentrates on the China LakeSmart Program. LakeSmart evaluates shorefront properties and installs vegetated buffers along the shoreline to intercept and mitigate stormwater runoff to help reduce the impact of non-point source pollutants before entering the lake. A nutrient called “phosphorus” is especially responsible for forming algae blooms. Other YCC projects include installing infiltration steps, placing erosion control mulch where needed, and stabilizing shorelines. In 2022, led by YCC Director Jack Blais, the YCC did excellent work completing nine (9) lakefront projects, and there are a number of projects planned for completion in 2023. People are encouraged to contact the Alliance for a free LakeSmart evaluation. For more information please email: chinalakesmart@gmail.com or info@crlmaine.org

To contribute to the Alliance’s LakeSmart Program, or to support any of the Alliance’s core programs mentioned in this report, please mail your tax-deductible donation to: CRLA, P.O. Box 6339, China Village, Maine 04926.

Finally, the Gravel Road Rehabilitation Program (GRRP) was initiated in 2019. This program focuses on phosphorus loading problems resulting from gravel camp roads and has concentrated on camp roads around

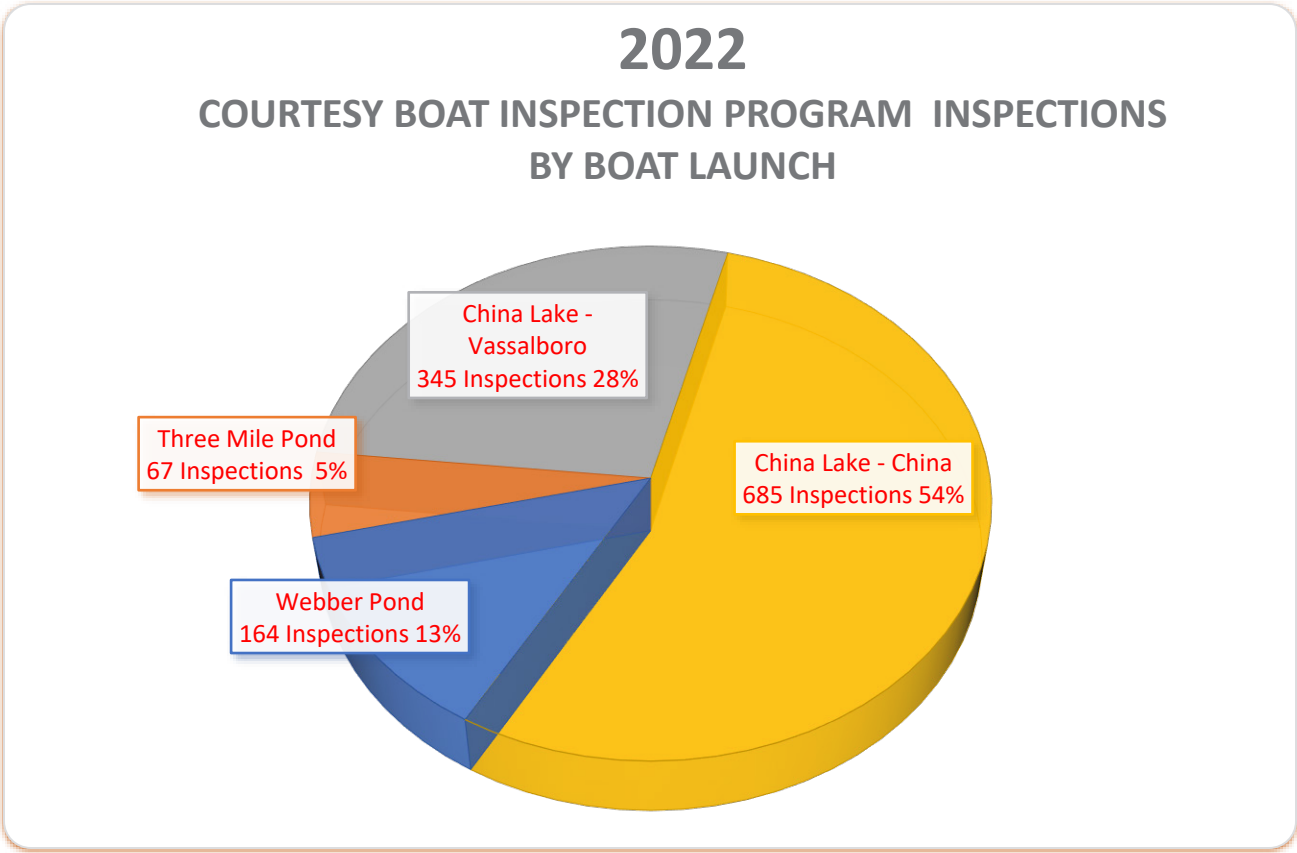
China Lake. Gravel camp roads are notorious for creating stormwater runoff issues causing non-point source pollution and phosphorus loading into a waterbody. Since its inception in 2019 the Alliance has worked in partnership with camp road owners and completed half a dozen road rehabilitation projects since that time. In 2022 engineered design plans were put out to bid to rehabilitate Fire Road #37, and that project was completed in the late summer. The GRRP funding comes from the Town of China’s Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program, and a financial cost share is always included from local road associations or individual groups of private citizens living along the gravel camp road. In 2023 more GRRP projects are lined up for other problematic camp roads around China Lake.

The Mission of the Alliance is to operate its core programs to enhance and preserve our region’s water quality. The Alliance recognizes the essential value of our environment and its natural resources. These resources provide recreational opportunities and offer us the aesthetic beauty that we appreciate here in Maine. The Alliance will continue to promote the environmental health of the region’s waterbodies by protecting our resources, and this is accomplished by being on the lookout for invasive aquatic plants with the help of the CBI staff, installing lakeside buffers through the LakeSmart Program with the help of the YCC, and rehabilitating gravel camp roads under the GRRP to maintain and improve the water quality of our lake resources.

For further information about the China Region Lakes Alliance, please visit our website at <https://www.crlamaine.org> or email info@crlamaine.org

Respectfully submitted,
 Scott Pierz, Executive Director
 China Region Lakes Alliance

Waterbody	No. Inspections
Webber Pond	164
Three Mile Pond	67
China Lake - Vassalboro	345
China Lake - China	685



South China Public Library

The South China Public Library, founded in 1830, is free, open to all, and operated by volunteers. In 2021-2022 we were open to patrons for the entire year. This was a rebuilding and recovery year for us. Although circulation and patron visits do not match pre-pandemic years, we have seen substantial increases over the previous two years. The public computer and printer are available for use and interlibrary loan service has been restored, and one additional hour was added to the library schedule. We also added a new service to patrons – free tickets to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. For children and families, we offered popular presentations by the Chewonki Foundation and Mr. Drew and His Animals Too.

We had a total of 1,017 visits to the library. This total represents a 67% increase from last year. We continue to offer 24/7 wireless service and access to the Maine Infonet Download Library for audio books and e-books. We currently have 506 patron cards. The library has more than 10,000 books, over 500 audiobooks, and more than 400 movies. Something for everyone!

We plan to move to the new library building at 33 Jones Road in 2023. It has been a slow process and we made great progress in the past year. Many thanks to the volunteers, contractors, businesses, and donors at all levels who continue to help us reach the finish line. (Pictured below: Troop 479 painters and our youngest donors!)

In 2021-2022 we were open 7 hours per week; on Wednesday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 -3p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. As always, we owe a huge THANK YOU to our volunteers who staff the library on an ongoing basis! We welcome new volunteers. If you would enjoy helping at the library for a 2-hour shift, please let us know. Visit our website at www.southchinalibrary.org

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Dempster, President
South China Public Library



Albert Church Brown Memorial Library



Albert Church Brown Memorial Library

37 Main St., China Village, ME
Open Tues. & Thurs. 2 - 6 pm, Sat. 10 am - 2 pm
chinalibrary.org @chinalibrary

Established in 1941, the Albert Church Brown Memorial Library strives to provide a place for personal enjoyment, to promote a lifelong love of reading and learning, and to encourage the use of its facility, collection, and services to meet a variety of community needs. We are committed to contributing to and advancing our small-town culture.

The Albert Church Brown Memorial Library had a vibrant and productive fiscal year of 2021/2022. The library carried out its activities with enthusiasm and hard work. We remained open 12 hours per week, in addition to times for events and special programs. We welcomed 840 patrons & guests and issued over forty new library cards. Community and patron donors, and especially support provided by the Town of China has enabled us to provide these programs free of charge as well as free library cards.

We continued our community outreach with a full schedule of programs and events. This included visits from Mr. Drew & His Animals Too who kicked off the children's Summer Reading Program (with over 200 in attendance), visits from Maine children's authors Stephen Constanza and Tamra Wight, StoryWalks and crafts in the China Schools Forest, and Trick or Treat at the Library. Folk musician Bill Berlinhoff and fiddler Ben Foss entertained, a Seed Sharing initiative featured Heron Breen of MOFGA, Local Farms Day welcomed several area farms (made possible with area sponsors), and Adult Craft Night was initiated with a workshop on Natural Dyes by Jude Hsiang.

Much work was done to revitalize our collection of over 13,000 books, which has been an on-going project over the past few years. We have cultivated a relevant, current, and diverse inventory of books for all ages and interests. Patrons will find many new and favorite fiction and non-fiction authors. We have expanded our fiction to include fantasy, science fiction, historical fiction, and large print. Our children's, youth, and young adult books have been transformed. Our expanded collection includes vibrant picture books, exciting chapter books, and graphic novels. The addition of more educational books are a great resource for our homeschooling and other bright patrons. We value our vintage and Classics books and our treasured Maine collection located in designated rooms. We have also added DVDs of varied interest, keeping in mind that some in town may have limited access to streaming services. An audio book collection was donated from another library. A complete collection of educational CDs of "The Great Courses" was also donated to us for patron use. We are grateful for a donation in the memory of Rodney Sebattus to be used in our youth library. Generous donations from our book sale, held during China Community Days, and fundraising by the library's industrious knitting group, and reselling of some withdrawn

books has helped finance the purchase of new books. The library has an entire room dedicated to Maine and China history. A file cabinet holds library history, town history documents, some genealogical files, and some China photographs. We took the time this year to organize these and have them evaluated by an expert who gave us advice on their value and how to best preserve them. After consulting the China Historical Society, it was decided to continue to house these files at the library due to better climate control.



Under the guidance of our dedicated Board of Trustees several exterior projects have been completed. The rehabilitation and painting of the library building was done by Brad Gade. The beautiful transformation of the front lawn which included the stone retaining wall and relocation of the library sign primarily by Trustee Tom Parent. The Garden Committee planted the Kim Buckley memorial garden with donations made in her honor and a grant from the Central Maine Garden Club. A new sign, to replace the 80-year-old former sign, was designed by our Librarian with the input of the Board and created by Infinite Signs of Augusta. Central to the sign is our new logo depicting an architectural feature, our front door fan pediment. This fan also is reminiscent of an open book, the key to enjoyment and learning. New heat pumps were installed as an economical and practical decision. They will help maintain climate control for the books, and comfort for the staff and others who enjoy visiting the library. We welcome all China residents to come by to browse and borrow our books, use our spaces for meetings and homeschool time, and attend our events. We look forward to seeing you!

Submitted by: Carla Gade, Librarian & the China Library Association Board of Trustees



Transfer Station

The Transfer Station is located at 191 Alder Park Road. The facility is overseen by Director of Public Services Shawn Reed and run by Site Supervisor Thomas Maraggio, Safety Coordinator and attendant Cheyenne (CJ) Houle and attendant Joshua Watson. We would like to acknowledge and say thank you to our staff who work diligently to keep the Transfer Station clean and easily accessible for residents. We are constantly receiving positive comments on how friendly and helpful they are.

We would like to remind all of our residents that RFID placards are mandatory. They do not expire and can be obtained at the Town Office. The owner of the property is entitled to ONE free placard; additional placards are available with a \$10.00 deposit. When entering the Transfer Station, you MUST have your placard visible with the colored side facing out. Additional information on placards can be obtained through a Transfer Station Attendant or a member of the Town Office staff.

Recycling markets are constantly changing. We do all that we can to find the best market value for all materials. We want to extend our gratitude to those of you who continue to support our recycling efforts in China. We are currently accepting the following materials for recycling:

- CLEAN waste oil (no antifreeze, gas, water, etc.).
- Food waste, manure, lawn clippings and leaves in our compost pile. Please keep in mind that leaves left in PAPER bags are fine, plastic bags are not acceptable. Compost is ready every spring and is free for the taking for China and Palermo residents.
- Trees and brush up to 12" in diameter at .02 per pound as of 2/1/2023.
- HDPE Plastics, also known as #2 and #5 plastics. These include but are not limited to milk jugs, juice jugs, yogurt and food storage containers, laundry detergent jugs, etc.
- Tin & aluminum cans. All of these are acceptable but must be clean and empty with labels removed.
- All types of metal are accepted.
- Corrugated cardboard.
- Mixed Paper - Magazines, soft cover books, paperboard, office paper, phone books, etc.
- Newspaper



To avoid contamination and keep our recycling center successful, it is vital that we receive CLEAN recyclables. If recyclables are not clean and empty, they may be rejected by an attendant.

Although some resources are limited, we still have our Apparel Impact and PaintCare programs. For more information see the recycling tab on our website at www.china.govoffice.com.

Please remember that recycling clean corrugated cardboard is mandatory. Staff are always available to help assist you and answer any questions you may have. Metal is free to drop off, but **please consult with an attendant before dumping in any other bays.**

We want to remind you that we have 3-4 express cans for your convenience; these are for two bags or less. For those using the hopper, we would like to remind you **not to block the hopper area.** Please try to get in and out of this area as quickly as possible to keep the traffic flowing.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the various volunteers that have provided their services in our free for the taking building as well as the Transfer Station Committee: Paul Lucas, J. Christopher Baumann, James Hsiang, Karen Hatch, Robert Kurek, and Chris Diesch for their hard work and dedication to our Transfer Station.

Respectfully submitted,

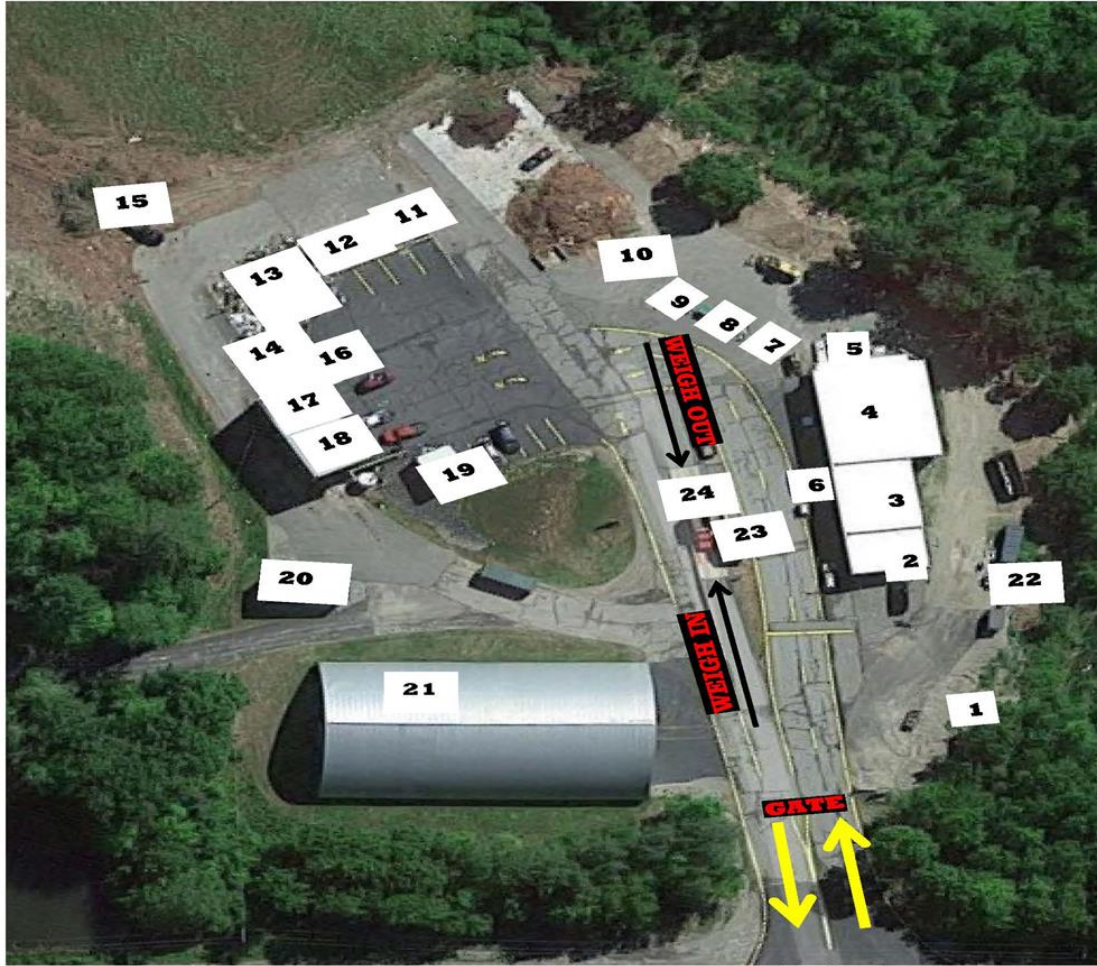
Shawn Reed

Director of Public Services



Pictured left to right: Joshua Watson, Thomas Maraggio, and Cheyenne (CJ) Houle

**China Transfer Station
191 Alder Park Rd**



To Lakeview Drive

To Route 3

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|--|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Residents Sand Box | 11. Metal can | 21. Sand/salt shed |
| 2. Universal Waste (computers, televisions, keyboards, etc.) | 12. Metal | 22. Freon units |
| 3. Plastics, tin & aluminum | 13. Demo 2 | 23. Scale house |
| 4. Cardboard compactor | 14. Compactor (Demo 1) | 24. Scales |
| 5. Paint drop-off | 15. Brush | |
| 6. Cardboard can | 16. Cardboard cans (2) | |
| 7. Porcelain, bricks, cement | 17. Hopper (household trash) | |
| 8. Express cans (4) | 18. Waste oil | |
| 9. Tires | 19. Free for the taking | |
| 10. Compost | 20. Loader building | |

Public Works

The Public Works Department is located at 211 Alder Park Road, adjacent to the Transfer Station. The Public Works Department is run by Director of Public Services Shawn Reed and staffed by Richard Stimson and Martin Britten. I would like to thank Rick and Marty for their hard work and devoted service they provide to the Town of China. Together, we take care of the roads during the summer and winter months. From November until April, we are on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to plow snow and maintain safe roads for the residents of China.

It was another challenging winter due to equipment being down due to supply shortages of parts for repair.

The Town of China's road structure consists of 46.48 miles of town owned roads and 8.85 miles of state aid roads, which we maintain in the winter months.

During the 2022 paving year, routine overlays were completed on Peking Street, Canton Street and Causeway Road. Chip Seal was used on Morrill Road, Pleasant View Ridge Road, Danforth Road, Dutton Road and McCaslin Road, for a total of 5.92 miles combined.

The tentative schedule for the 2023 paving season includes 3.5 miles of roads. The roads being paved this year are in quadrant 3 and are as follows: 1.73 miles of Pleasant View Ridge Road, Branch Mills Road, Water Street, .42 miles of Parmenter Hill Road and Pond Road. The predicted increase in hot mix asphalts this year is between \$15-20 a ton. The final bid price awarded may affect our decision regarding the amount of paving we can provide.

I would like to thank our Road Committee members, Fred Anderson, Dale Peabody, Jennifer Chamberlain and advisory member Wayne Chadwick. The Town of China's Road Committee is actively working on an overlay program to get the roads back on an eight-to-ten-year cycle. To accomplish this, we need to engage in an extensive overlaying program. This will require an average of 6 miles of roads to be paved every year.

The Public Works Department is committed to providing a high-quality service to our residents. The China Public Works strives to maintain and improve China's infrastructure in a safe, efficient, respectful, and competent manner while being sensitive of the costs and concerns of the residents of our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Reed
Director of Public Services



Pictured from left to right: Martin Britten, Shawn Reed, and Richard Stimson

RSU 18



Regional School Unit No. 18

Phone: 207.465.7384

41 Heath Street Oakland, ME 04963

Carl Gartley
Superintendent

Keith Morin
Asst. Superintendent

January 10, 2023

RSU 18 Residents,

It is an honor to serve as the Superintendent of Schools for RSU 18, and to have the chance to contribute to your town report. Throughout the year the district has been publishing our monthly “proud moments,” a document that brags about the impressive things happening in all eight of our schools. As we start a new year, I like to go back and reflect on these documents. There are trends that we should be proud of.

Parent and community involvement was everywhere. Events such as:

- Math and literacy parent events, where parents of our elementary students come into the school to read with or learn math games with their kids.
- Specific events that celebrate our freedoms by bringing in local veterans to be honored.
- Community awareness events that teach both civics and respect for community members.
- Lunch with a professional day, where community members come into school to meet with high school students to help students learn about different careers.

These were just a few of the many events I read about; but it was clear across the district that getting our community and parents back into the schools was a priority, well done.

Another trend I noticed was our district’s commitment to wellness. There are of course the typical events to highlight, such as our dental health program for our students, the screenings done by our nurses, and our dedication to the mental health of students and staff. But I also noticed many examples that set our district apart. Outdoor classrooms have been a great addition to help engage students in a healthy way. This includes our greenhouses, the new courtyard and outdoor classroom at the high school and spaces at all schools to help get the students outside learning. Our school board made a commitment this past year to help our students be healthier. Along with more mental health support this commitment also includes more physical education classes and outdoor activity spaces. Thank you to the board members for their dedication to mental and physical health of our staff and students.

I hope everyone has noticed the extensive work being completed to improve our facilities. Improved classroom spaces, additional educational resources, roof repairs, improved ventilation, new windows, updated sprinkler systems, upgraded transportation garage, improved traffic patterns, outdoor classrooms, improvements to our auditorium and athletic facilities, and the list goes on. This summer we have several projects scheduled to continue our commitment to safety and improved educational facilities. First and foremost, these improvements will make our schools safer and more comfortable for staff and students. But long-term, investing our resources in our infrastructure will help add to the strong financial security of our district.

Respectfully,

Carl Gartley, Superintendent

Erskine Academy



Dear Residents of China,

Erskine Academy hoped for a safer, healthier, and brighter 2022; we were not disappointed. This school year feels more hopeful and normal than the previous two, with the day-to-day challenges of mitigating the effects of the COVID pandemic receding. With this appreciated respite, Erskine Academy has focused on student safety, achievement, and socioemotional development. Key to these efforts has been building and leveraging relationships with students, families, and our communities—our most promising antidote for trauma and crisis and our best prognosis for recovery, renewal, and revitalization.

In the unprecedented past year, the EA community balanced significant challenges with our commitment to our mission, values, and each others' well-being. This report reflects our unstoppable dedication to teaching, learning, and school life. Our response to the pandemic and the lessons learned have strengthened our resolve to emerge a stronger and better Erskine Academy.

Despite recent challenges, an education fit for the times but steeped in traditional values can always be had here at Erskine Academy. Our current enrollment, approximating 63% of the secondary students from our collective eight sending towns, and a 150-member class of 2026, our largest class in recent history, indicate that our program is broadly desired and consumed by our constituents. Accordingly, we pledge our resources—town-paid tuition, private tuition, and gifts from our alumni and friends—to provide the conditions and educational experiences to inspire our students to their highest potential in school, at work, and within their communities.

Having no enrollment contracts with any community for the whole or a portion of its high schoolers, all students attend here on a voluntary, school-choice basis. This structure enables us to be nimble in our operation and business dealings and expedites problem-solving and decision-making. As we focus on essential teaching and learning processes, we are directly accountable to our students and families, who can leave us for any public high school in the area that may better meet their needs. There is no better system of accountability than the market-style kind that comes from giving parents the freedom to choose schools.

In Erskine Academy's 140th year, we continue to be a high school of choice that combines an independent education with the democratic ideal of a quality education for all. Our core values—***Scholarship, Leadership, Stewardship, and Relationships***—are at work to produce results and deliver the highest educational experience possible. A few facts about Erskine Academy today attest to its vitality and value:

- With 573 students in grades nine through twelve, we are the largest town academy in Maine to serve a nearly 100% local student body on a 100% school choice basis
- A 13:1 professional student-to-teacher ratio
- A 100% graduation rate; a 98% four-year graduation rate for 2022
- A dropout rate of less than one percent
- Of 108 graduates in 2022, 70% were accepted to higher or continuing education, many to highly selective colleges and universities

Although independent, we commit to our publicly funded students by admitting all students from our eight sending towns who have completed the eighth grade and can benefit from our existing programs. Regardless of differences in residence, prior learning, interests, abilities, or personal circumstances and backgrounds, all of our students matter and belong. All who attend here experience a school program that blends traditional values with contemporary programs and best practices to become the most academically and personally prepared young people in our region.

Last year, 152 students enrolled in one or more of nine **Advanced Placement** courses available on an open-enrollment basis; 251 enrolled across our twelve **Dual Enrollment** courses with nearby colleges and universities, taught here by our teachers. Participants in these programs are more likely to enroll in college directly after high school; earn better grades once there; have academic momentum to stay in college and finish; and save dollars spent on college credits. For their efforts in these early college experiences, nearly one-half of our graduates annually earn college credits while in high school; many enter college as second-semester freshmen. From 2018 to the present, Erskine Academy students received college credit for 1281 courses and realized substantial savings in college tuition.

Industry certificates, two-year degrees, apprenticeships, and military service are considered higher education and, as such, viable pursuits. Therefore, we have created and sustained a comprehensive academic program to reflect and facilitate access to these experiences, as well as four-year degree programs. We are one of few high schools in the state to continue to offer shop technology, family and consumer economics, culinary arts, and business courses for exposure and entry-level work. With 66 students pursuing a certificate in a craft or trade at the **Capital Area Technical Center** in Augusta, Erskine's robust enrollment at CATC is consistently second only to its host, Cony High School.

Staffed by three teachers and two educational technicians, Erskine's **Special Education** program educates and provides specialized support to students eligible for such services through an Individual Education Plan (IEP). Valuing all students and believing they deserve a welcoming school and professional teachers who will build on their strengths, 35% of our students receive specialized **Academic Assistance** or special education services to support their learning.

Now in its eleventh year, our **Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG)** program has increased student exposure to various forms of higher education and vocational trades programs and has taught essential work-seeking, training, and employment retention skills to those who experience barriers to their learning that are outside of their responsibility.

Having completed an eight-year round as a **MELMAC Education Foundation** school in 2020, we were recently selected for a second round. As a MELMAC school, we increased students' preparedness and aspirations for continuing their education beyond high school, reduced barriers to accessing their higher education, and significantly reduced their need to take remedial courses once in college. In this second iteration with MELMAC, we will implement programming to boost students' readiness for college learning and careers.

In 2022, we became a New York Life's "**Grief-Sensitive School**" to receive staff training to increase and enhance our ability to care for grieving students.

In response to national mass shootings and with school safety our top priority, we recently conducted a third round of schoolwide training in **ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate)**, an enhanced safety program of age and ability-appropriate options-based strategies to use in the event of a violent intrusion on the school. Staff and student training included eLearning and advisory sessions, physical exercises, and the conducting of active-shooter drills facilitated by administrators and officers from the Maine State Police and the Kennebec County Sheriff's Department. Students report feeling more confident and better equipped to respond to a significant violent assault on themselves or their school due to this training.

With 27% of our students receiving free or reduced breakfast and lunch, our student body is socioeconomically diverse. We are fortunate this year and last to be included in the Maine Department of Education's **Universal Meals Program**, providing all publicly-supported students with tray breakfasts and lunches daily and at no cost to them. However, because our most vulnerable students live and learn in poverty, we continue to operate a school-based clothing and supplies closet and the **Eagles Nest**, an in-school, open-access food pantry and backpack program from which students can obtain food for after school and on weekends.

Erskine Academy students continue to benefit from the best traditions of small-town schools: individualized attention, respect for diversity, a strong cooperative spirit, and numerous opportunities for leadership and service. The wide range of activities pursued by our students and staff is testimony to the vibrancy of the school community.

With COVID occupying less bandwidth in our program, we produced our most favored traditions and activities, such as **Homecoming**, **Winter Carnival**, and an in-person **Senior Week** of activities (including Baccalaureate, Class Night, and graduation).

Even in a prolonged pandemic, our students have done a great deal of good, contributing thousands of hours of community service and raising similar funds to aid those in need nearby and as far as Central America. Beneficiaries of our school community's goodwill include causes and programs like the Home for Little Wanderers, the United Way's Day of Caring, and local families with significant medical needs. A 13th Annual Cancer Walk, with nearly 100% of our students participating, culminated in raising an aggregated donation exceeding \$50,000 for the Alford Center for Cancer Care. And in the spring of 2023, after a three-year hiatus, some students will travel abroad to Germany, while others will journey to Costa Rica on a humanitarian trip (our eleventh) to build homes in an impoverished village. By embracing volunteerism and stewardship, we engage meaningfully with our communities and experience giving back with appreciation and humility.

Since our founding in 1883, Erskine Academy has remained true to its mission while evolving to meet new demands, challenges, and uncertainties. Because there is no limit to what we can do, pursuing excellence and implementing our mission are continuous and unyielding works in progress. Our school accrediting agency, **The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC)**, affirmed this in its response to our most recent Five-Year Interim Report: "...the Commission wishes to note the level of attention which the school gives its students. You have developed a truly extensive and effective program—one that is singularly focused on students maximizing their experience and on the post-secondary experiences available to them."

We have heartfelt gratitude for our alumni and friends who believe strongly enough in our values and results that they give their time, talents, and financial donations. Their investment enables us to provide programs and enhancements that state-set tuition alone cannot support and raises our expectations for ourselves.

We are grateful to our students, families, and sending communities for their confidence in and support for Erskine Academy. Together, we create a school and legacy that adheres to what we know is right and good for our young people and aids them in constructing a strong start for adulthood.

Thank you, China and South China residents, for sustaining high school choice for your young people and families, a provision that is envied by many and available to only about 3% of Maine students. Those families who have chosen Erskine Academy—entrusting us with their children's intellectual, social, and personal development—inspire, honor, and motivate us to make an excellent school even better. In partnership and engagement with you, we look forward to new opportunities and accomplishments in the year ahead.

We have much to celebrate about our past, be proud of at present, and look forward to in the future. In a post-pandemic world such as this, you are succeeding if you are moving onward.

Onward Erskine Academy!

Michael J. McQuarrie

Headmaster



Doris L. Young Scholarship

7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022 Scholarship recipients:

Julia Basham

Lydia Gilman

Madyx Kennedy

Jenna Lully

Rivers Malcolm

Jonathan Martinez

Mya Maxim

Eli Murphy

Myles Nored

Brian M. Ouellette, Jr.

Courtney Paine

Annaliese Patterson

Jakob Peavey

Cassidy Penney

Aiden Pettengill

Gabriella Pizzo

Hunter Praul

Jacob Praul

Hunter Gregory Thomas

Rushing

Acadia Senkbeil

Christopher Wight



TIF Committee

The TIF Committee consists of 9 members with the objective to oversee China's Tax Increment Finance Program and make recommendations to the Select Board. The Program is designed to set aside tax money to fund projects that will encourage and improve economic development in China. Those funds are sheltered from the calculations for revenue sharing received from the State.

Projects that were recommended by the committee and approved by the Select Board for the upcoming FY2023-2024 are as follows:

1. \$32,500 for Thurston Park Committee to maintain existing and build new trails within the park
2. \$32,500 for China Four Seasons Club to maintain and improve their ATV trails located in China
3. \$20,000 for China Regions Lake Alliance to fund programs designed to improve the water quality of the Lakes within the Town of China
4. \$10,000 for China Lake Association to support the execution of the China Lake Watershed-Based Management Plan to improve the water quality of China Lake
5. \$1,000 for China Lake Association to promote the Maine Lakes and Lake Stewards of Maine Joint Conference at the China Lakes Conference Center
6. \$10,000 for China Broadband Committee to continue with Mission Broadband for advisement purposes
7. \$30,000 for China Broadband Committee for future Broadband needs
8. \$5,000 for China Ice Days fireworks
9. \$10,000 for China Community Days events and fireworks
10. \$7,673 for the Town of China's KVCOG and Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce annual Dues

Thanks to all members for volunteering and their hard work:

Brent Chesley - Chair

James (JJ) Wentworth - Co - Chair

Thomas Michaud

Lucas Adams

Danny Boivin

Karen Morin

James Pitney

Trishea Story

Michael Wing

Select Board



Pictured back row left to right:

Wayne Chadwick - Chair, Brent Chesley, Blane Casey

Front row left to right:

Janet Preston, Jeanne Marquis

Vendor Detail Report

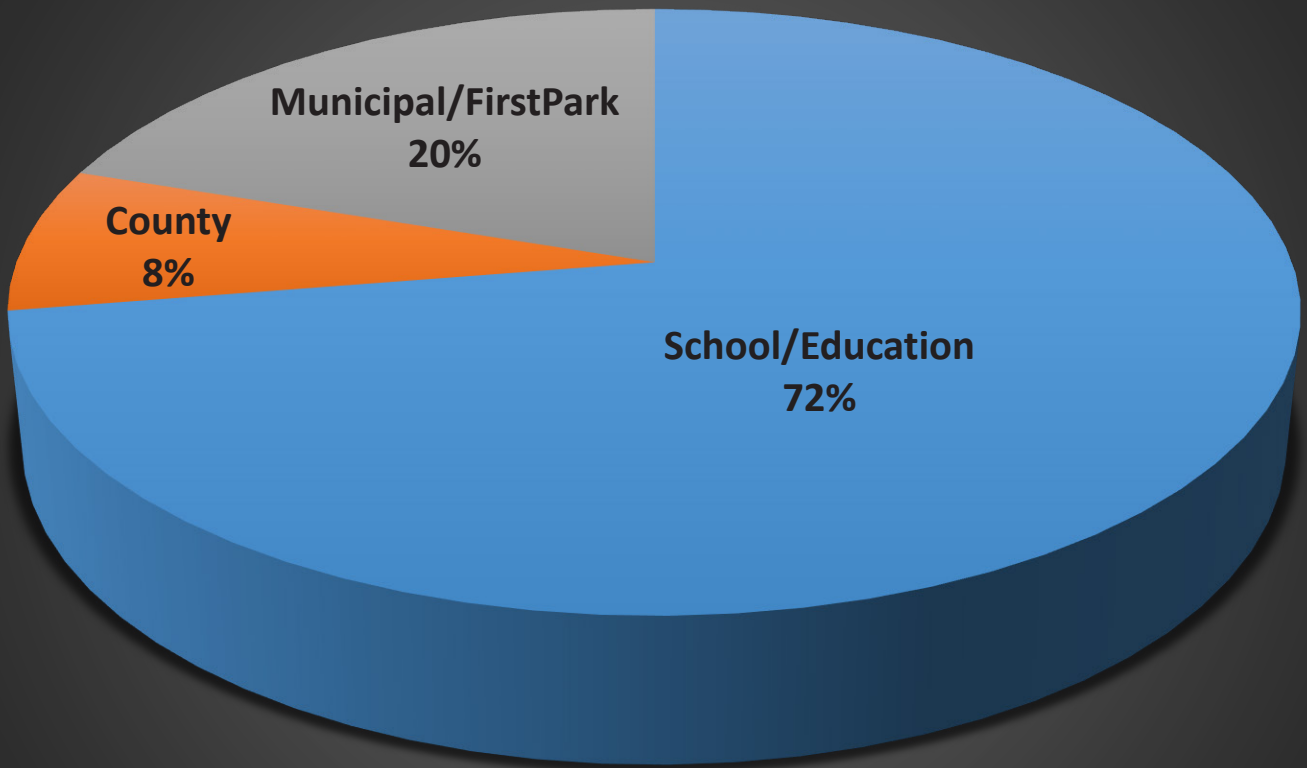
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@WORK	\$4,253.70
A Partner in Technology	\$20,263.96
A. E. Hodsdon	\$1,059.30
AAA Portable Toilet Rental	\$2,535.00
Ace Tire & Auto Service	\$1,109.50
Adams, Lucas	\$383.04
Advance Auto Parts	\$1,370.92
Advanced Workplace Strategies, INC	\$274.00
Aerial Survey & Photo, Inc	\$2,510.00
Affordable Fire Protection Co.	\$523.00
Aggressive Cuts LLC	\$2,832.72
Agresti, Hannah	\$10.00
AGWAY INC-Winslow Farm Center	\$279.99
Albert Church Brown Memorial	\$4,500.00
Allied Equipment, LLC	\$963.62
American Legion- POST #179	\$500.00
American Legion- POST #195	\$500.00
American Red Cross	\$500.00
Aramark	\$569.47
Atlantic Recycling Equipment, LLC	\$2,529.40
B & B Septic Services, Inc	\$800.00
B & P Garage, LLC	\$102.50
Backyard Buildings LLC	\$16,465.00
Bailey, Tammy	\$9.26
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust	\$666.71
Basham Tree Service Inc	\$27,760.00
Basham, Julia	\$500.00
Bob's Glass & More	\$120.00
Bolduc-Bartlett, Kim	\$2,130.47
Bolster's Rubbish Removal, LLC	\$52,460.00
Bonenfant, Paul	\$10.00
Britten, Martin	\$150.00
Bromar, Inc	\$4,810.24
Bug Busterzzz Pest Control LLC	\$6,250.83
Bureau of Corporations, Elections	\$500.00
Byron, Alec	\$123.76
C & J Trailer Repair and Towing Inc	\$2,900.00
C.B. Haskell Fuel CO.	\$134.00
CAI Technologies	\$2,400.00
Carlson, Ronald	\$157.50
Casella Recycling	\$500.00
Catholic Charities Maine	\$500.00
Central Maine Association of Assessing	\$35.00
Central Maine Power Company	\$26,277.19
Central Maine Pyrotechnics	\$3,000.00
Central Tire Shawmut	\$668.00
Chadwick, Wayne D	\$900.00
Chamberlain, Jennifer	\$306.45
Children's Center	\$500.00
China Four Seasons Club	\$8,593.38
China Lake Association	\$32,765.00
China Recreation	\$3,437.50
China Region Lakes Alliance	\$59,750.00
City of Waterville	\$17,841.02
Clark, Savannah	\$29.25
Comprehensive Land Technologies Inc	\$644.39
Cowing, Andrew	\$150.00
Creative Imaging Group	\$1,625.99
Crommett, Joshua	\$328.77
CW Repair Inc.	\$112.50
Daigle & Houghton INC	\$13,137.29
Danforth, William	\$16,750.00
Dennis K. Burke Inc	\$27,143.54
Dennison Lubricants of Maine	\$1,544.15
Desmond, Kenneth	\$319.00
Dirigo Waste Oil	\$941.35
Donaldson, Michael	\$10.00
Downeast Credit Union	\$1,496.88
E.C. Barry & Son	\$1,200.00
Election Systems & Software, INC	\$5,878.91
Emergency Medical Products, Inc	\$4,399.24
EOP, Inc.	\$84.40
Everleth, Abby	\$10.00
F.W. Webb	\$930.50
Fahey, Richard F Jr.	\$1,125.00
Family Violence Project	\$1,800.00
Farrington, Ashley	\$43.85
Fastenal	\$4,413.25
Fine Line Paving & Grading LLC	\$51,092.00
Finley, Jason	\$1,870.00
Finley, Julie	\$254.52
Finley, Steven	\$1,885.00
Fowlers Roofing & Construction	\$1,800.00
Gade, Bradford	\$1,951.79
Gagnon, Cindy	\$20.00
Generators of Maine, INC	\$245.00
GHM Agency	\$58,163.00
Gilman, Lydia	\$500.00
GoTo Communication, Inc.	\$4,065.72
GovOffice LLC	\$840.00
Gower, Kevin E.	\$150.00
Grotton, Kelly	\$189.92
Grotton, Timothy	\$150.00
Group Dynamic Inc	\$21,294.00
Hans Arp Trucking, LLC	\$3,380.00
Hanson, Jaime V.	\$1,225.50
Hapgood, Rebecca J	\$1,559.05
Harris Computer Systems	\$16,542.62
Harry J Smith Co	\$83.90
Hawkeye Connections	\$10,000.00
Hospice Volunteers of WatervilleArea	\$1,250.00
Howard P Fairfield, LLC	\$6,614.20
Hussey Communications, INC	\$1,070.00
Hussey's General Store	\$309.68
Hygrade Business Group, INC	\$147.17
Ideal Electric Inc	\$675.00
Inspire Closing Services	\$757.44
International Security Networks, Inc	\$1,458.75
IVS LLC	\$100.00

J.D. Power and Associates	\$374.00	Mission Broadband, Inc.	\$10,000.00
JIMAR Construction Products LLC	\$6,755.65	Mitchell's Property Maintenance	\$19,800.00
Jipson Brothers Repair INC	\$1,013.15	Mitnik, Paul	\$14.56
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$1,000.00	Morton Salt	\$79,119.75
Kennebec County Sheriff's Office	\$32,054.75	Motion Industries, Inc.	\$173.58
Kennebec County Treasurer	\$489,533.57	Motor Supply Augusta	\$11,737.06
Kennebec Registry of Deeds	\$4,091.80	MPBN	\$100.00
Kennebec Savings Bank	\$3,489.12	MPX	\$2,001.77
Kennebec Valley Humane Society	\$7,747.12	MRRRA Marketing Cooperative	\$5,982.50
Kennedy, Madyx and	\$500.00	MTCCA	\$470.00
Kibbin, Michael	\$160.56	MTCMA	\$232.75
Knight's Farm Supply	\$616.92	MTE Turf Equipment Solutions, Inc.	\$200.16
Kodiak Steel Company	\$1,447.26	Municipal Review Committee Inc	\$98,323.50
KOFILE Preservation, INC	\$2,500.00	Murphy, Eli	\$500.00
KRDA (FirstPark)	\$25,471.00	Nelson, Angela	\$135.27
KVCAP-Demand Response	\$1,000.00	Neo-Kraft Signs Inc	\$378.75
KVCOG	\$6,996.50	Nichols, Stephen	\$129.92
Lakeview Lumber Company	\$8,879.02	Nored, Myles	\$500.00
Lane, James	\$217.67	North Coast Services LLC	\$171.43
Lawson, Bonnie	\$23.93	Northeast Chain & Supply, Inc.	\$1,415.52
Lee Baxter Enterprises Inc	\$1,417.50	Northeast Coffee Company	\$720.00
Lennon-Danforth, Diane	\$16,200.00	O'Connor	\$3,769.74
LifeFlight Foundation	\$500.00	Ouellette Jr, Brian M.	\$500.00
Loubier, Meghan	\$150.00	Ouellette Sand & Gravel Inc.	\$9,058.00
Lucas, Stephen K	\$5,946.24	P.D.Q. Door	\$383.00
Lully, Jenna	\$500.00	Page, Ryan	\$35.68
MA Haskell & Sons LLC	\$1,250.00	Paine, Courtney	\$500.00
MA Haskell Fuel Co, LLC	\$4,183.16	Paradis, John & Kathy	\$36.00
Maine Association of Assessing Officers	\$140.00	Paris Farmers Union	\$4,347.50
Maine Commercial Tire, INC	\$1,486.46	Patterson, Annaliese	\$500.00
Maine Employers' Mutal	\$729.00	Patterson, Diana	\$10.00
Maine Government Finance	\$50.00	Peavey, Jakob	\$500.00
Maine Local Government Human	\$140.00	Penney, Cassidy	\$500.00
Maine Municipal Association	\$22,380.70	Penobscot Energy Recovery Co.	\$1,945.08
Maine Municipal Employees	\$367,110.90	Pettengill, Aiden	\$500.00
Maine Municipal Tax Collector	\$755.00	Petty Cash	\$10.00
Maine Oxy	\$838.09	Pike Industries, INC	\$531,351.09
Maine Rivers	\$50,000.00	Pizzo, Gabriella	\$500.00
Maine Scale LLC	\$650.00	Poulin, Edward	\$10.00
Maine Secretary of State	\$50.00	Praul, Hunter	\$500.00
Maine Today Media	\$118.41	Praul, Jacob	\$500.00
Maine Town & City Clerks Assoc.	\$330.00	Professional Development Academy, LLC	\$1,995.00
Maine Welfare Directors Association	\$105.00	Purdy Powers & Company	\$23,740.00
MainePERS 457 DC	\$1,270.45	Quadient Finance USA, INC.	\$5,013.87
Malcolm, Rivers	\$500.00	Quirion, INC	\$11,192.00
Maraggio, Thomas	\$22.23	Radio Communications MGMT, INC	\$1,170.00
Marden's	\$4.93	Rockingham Electrical Supply Co Inc	\$24.17
Margaret Chas Smith Policy Center	\$250.00	Rocky's Stove Shoppe LLC	\$185.00
Maritime Energy	\$11,619.13	Ross, Joshua	\$150.00
Marois, Ronald	\$137.13	RSU #18	\$5,065,794.96
Martin, Lynn G.	\$3,650.00	Rumpf, Colby T	\$38.98
Martinez, Jonathan	\$500.00	Rushing, Hunter	\$500.00
Master Medical Equipment	\$22,440.00	S.D. Childs & Sons Excavation, LLC	\$27,246.00
MAX10 LLC	\$526.00	SAM's Club Discover	\$27,799.90
Maxim, Mya	\$500.00	Satellite Security	\$563.00
McCarty, Gary	\$150.00	SBS Carbon Copy	\$414.00
MGMC Workplace Health	\$547.00	Seacoast Security, Inc	\$611.40
Microsoft	\$3,310.19	Searsport Flag	\$484.00
Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce	\$440.00		

Senkbeil, Acadia	\$500.00
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support	\$500.00
Sherwin Williams	\$371.74
Shredding On Site, Inc.	\$544.00
Sikora, Larry	\$94.08
Somerset County	\$10,170.80
South China Library	\$4,500.00
South China Vol. Fire Dept.	\$34,067.36
Southern Maine Communications Service	\$50.00
Southworth-Milton, INC	\$418.15
Souviney, Cody & Katie	\$185.76
Spectrum Business	\$4,307.23
Spectrum Generations	\$2,640.00
Spencer, Roger	\$10.00
Staples, INC	\$3,979.68
Stephen Nelson Forest Products	\$9,275.00
Stratham Tire, INC	\$3,598.24
Team EJP Gardiner, ME	\$3,732.80
The Law Office of	\$37,440.52
The Town Line, INC.	\$7,617.50
Time Clock Plus	\$837.90
Tobey's Grocery	\$1,397.37
Town Hall Streams, LLC	\$3,000.00
Traction Heavy Duty	\$4,069.43
Transco Business Technologies	\$3,991.02
Treasurer, Kennebec County	\$8,780.93
Treasurer, State of Maine	\$787.00
Treasurer, State of Maine - DEP	\$420.00
Treasurer, State of Maine - Fuel	\$1,097.49
Treasurer, State of Maine (DOGS)	\$3,215.00
Treasurer, State of Maine (Dsptch)	\$40,453.52
Treasurer, State of Maine (HE)	\$3,902.50
Treasurer, State of Maine (Vitals)	\$347.60
Treasurer, State of Maine- IF&W	\$99,839.35
Treasurer, State of Maine- MVD	\$337,535.55
Treasurer, State of Maine-DEP	\$329.00
United Ag & Turf NE	\$289.20
Van Tuinen, William E	\$28,645.05
Varney, Patricia A	\$3,136.50
Verizon Wireless	\$1,269.75
W.D. Matthews Machinery Company	\$267.08
Ware Butler	\$554.47
Waste Management Disposal Services	\$62,433.14
Waste Zero, Inc	\$8,545.30
Watson, Joshua	\$172.82
Weeks Mills Vol. Fire Dept.	\$20,150.00
Wentworth, Martha	\$40.00
White Cap, LP	\$1,390.05
White Sign	\$2,155.27
Whitt's Garment Works	\$3,060.45
Wight, Christopher	\$500.00



2021-2022 Property Tax Distribution



■ School/Education ■ County ■ Municipal/FirstPark

Financial Statements

Town of China, Maine

June 30, 2022

Independent Auditors' Report

**To the Select Board
Town of China
China, Maine**

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of China, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of China, Maine, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standard generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of China, Maine, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of China, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of China, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Town of China, Maine's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on page 4, the Schedule of Changes in the Town's Total MMEHT Plan OPEB Liability and Related Ratios on page 46, the Notes to the Schedule on page 47, the Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability on page 48, the Schedule of Town Contributions on page 49, and the Notes to the Schedules on page 50 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements.

We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of China, Maine's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pundy Power + Company". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Professional Association

Portland, Maine
November 7, 2022

As management of the Town of China, Maine, we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The Town's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Financial Highlights

- The Town's assets exceeded liabilities in the Statement of Net Position by approximately \$9.5 million as of June 30, 2022 and \$8.7 million as of June 30, 2021.
- The Town's governmental funds General Fund Balance was \$3.5 million as of June 30, 2022, compared to \$2.4 million as of June 30, 2021.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the Town's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. The Town also includes in this report supplemental information to the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements provide information about the activities of the Town as a whole and present both a long-term and short-term view of the Town's finances. Financial reporting at this level is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies.

The Statement of Net Position includes all assets (and deferred outflows) and liabilities (and deferred inflows), with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall economic health requires other non-financial factors, such as changes in the Town's property tax base and the condition of the Town's roads, as well as many others.

The Statement of Activities reports the current year change in net position. This statement includes all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

- **Governmental activities:** Most of the Town's basic services are reported here, including public works, general administration, public safety and solid waste operations. Taxes, fees, fines, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the Town's most significant funds rather than the Town as a whole. Major funds are separately reported while all others are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for nonmajor funds is provided in the form of combining statements in a later section of this report.

The Town has the following fund types:

- Governmental funds are reported in the fund financial statements and encompass essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is different with fund statements reporting short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources during the year and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to the government-wide statements to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin immediately following the basic financial statements.

Financial Analysis of the Town as a Whole - Government-wide Financial Statements

The following schedule is a summary of the statement of net position for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Change</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 5,266,547	\$ 4,169,649	\$ 1,096,898
Capital assets	<u>4,591,586</u>	<u>4,932,590</u>	<u>(341,004)</u>
Total Assets	<u>9,858,133</u>	<u>9,102,239</u>	<u>755,894</u>
Deferred outflows	<u>326,985</u>	<u>226,502</u>	<u>100,483</u>
Total Deferred Outflows	<u>326,985</u>	<u>226,502</u>	<u>100,483</u>
Long-term liabilities	278,941	483,076	(204,135)
Other liabilities	<u>14,467</u>	<u>98,974</u>	<u>(84,507)</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>293,408</u>	<u>582,050</u>	<u>(288,642)</u>
Deferred inflows	<u>385,631</u>	<u>13,784</u>	<u>371,847</u>
Total Deferred Inflows	<u>385,631</u>	<u>13,784</u>	<u>371,847</u>
Net investment in capital assets	4,591,586	4,932,590	(341,004)
Restricted	2,071,833	1,572,357	499,476
Unrestricted	<u>2,842,660</u>	<u>2,227,960</u>	<u>614,700</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ 9,506,079</u>	<u>\$ 8,732,907</u>	<u>\$ 773,172</u>

Within this budget, we encountered many increased costs due to the pandemic and shortages in goods, materials and a higher cost of services from vendors.

The following schedule is a summary of the statement of activities for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 264,315	\$ 225,418	\$ 38,897
Operating grants and contributions	510,263	51,296	458,967
General revenues			
Taxes	8,135,398	7,781,152	354,246
Intergovernmental	1,076,504	837,806	238,698
Investment	(130,783)	228,360	(359,143)
All others	<u>109,097</u>	<u>161,058</u>	<u>(51,961)</u>
Total Revenues	9,964,794	9,285,090	679,704
Expenses:			
Administration	961,313	975,445	(14,132)
Protection	256,784	279,436	(22,652)
Public works	1,448,357	861,855	586,502
Solid waste operations	591,567	611,711	(20,144)
Community services	93,624	105,196	(11,572)
Education	5,065,795	5,048,702	17,093
Recreation	-	2,911	(2,911)
County tax	489,534	472,622	16,912
Economic development	138,233	94,671	43,562
Capital outlay	<u>146,415</u>	<u>79,257</u>	<u>67,158</u>
Total Expenses	<u>9,191,622</u>	<u>8,531,806</u>	<u>659,816</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 773,172</u>	<u>\$ 753,284</u>	<u>\$ 19,888</u>

Within this budget, we encountered many increased costs due to the pandemic and shortages in goods, materials and a higher cost of services from vendors.

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds - Fund Financial Statements

Governmental funds. The focus of the Town of China, Maine's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

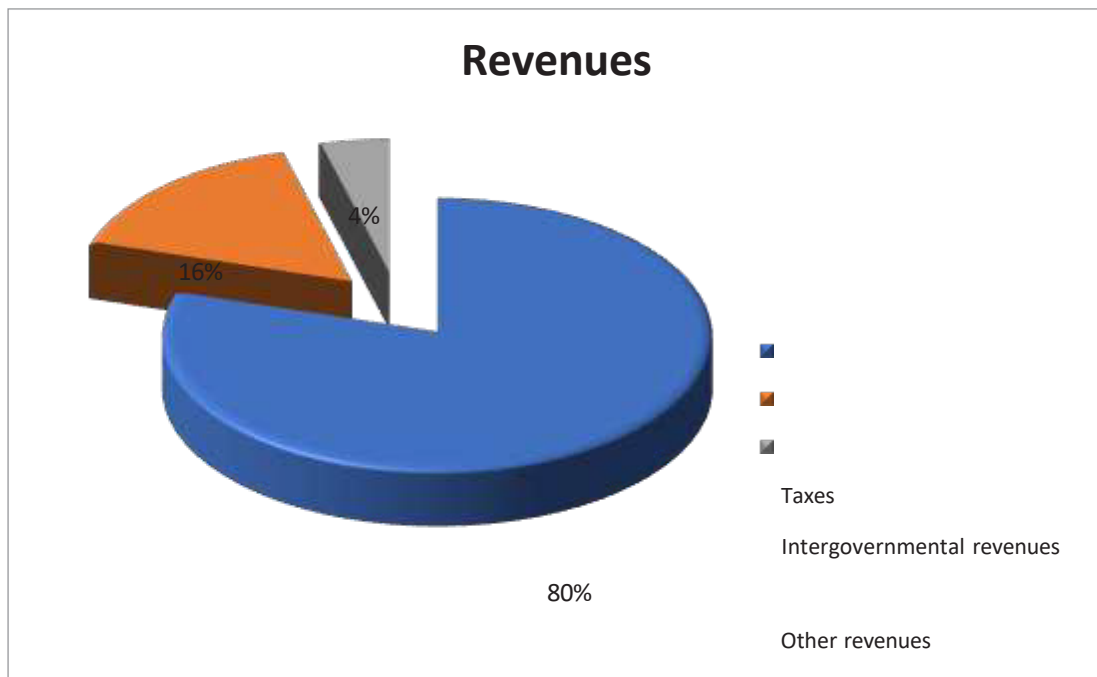
As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town of China, Maine governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances at June 30, 2022 of \$5.1 million. Approximately 28% of this total constitutes unreserved and undesignated fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion.

The Town has undertaken an approach to prepare for lean times. Our capital reserves, financial investments and the healthy undesignated fund balance show this commitment.

The general fund is the central operating fund of the Town of China, Maine. At the end of the current fiscal year the unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$1,407,105. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures.

While remaining responsive and sensitive to the demands of the Town's residents, management continually provides a tempered approach to planned expenditures.

The Town's general fund operating fund revenues were as follows:

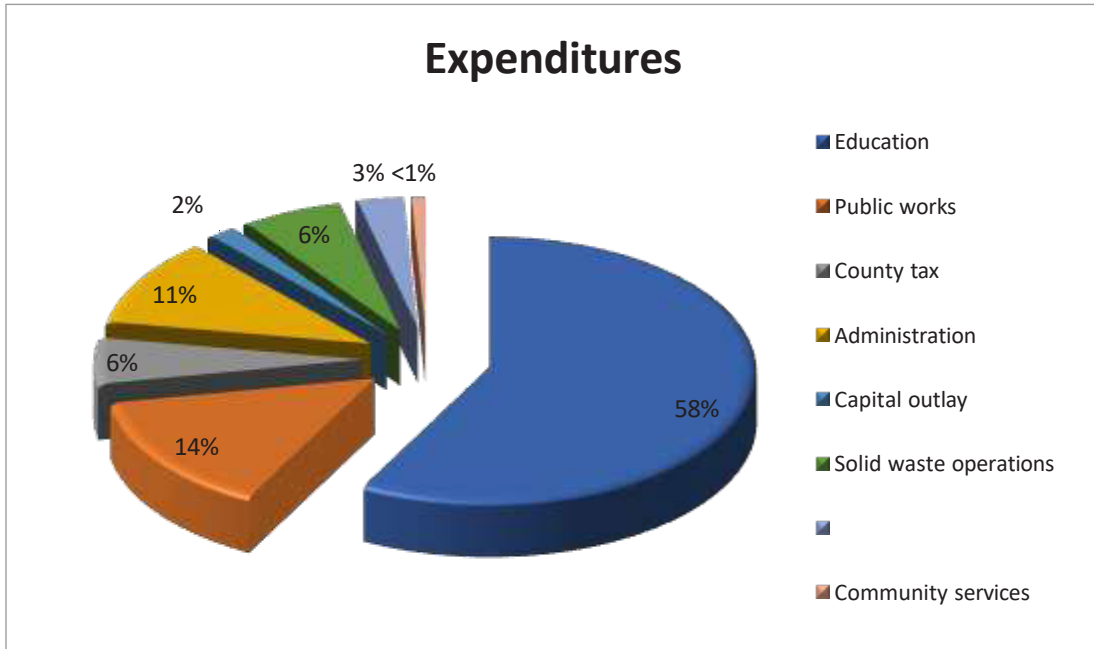


Taxes (real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise taxes) continue to represent the largest source of revenue for the Town. While State revenue sharing is now at 5%, the responsibility of providing Town services, including the maintenance of local roads, falls almost entirely on the

residents and businesses.

The Town maintains a relatively low mil rate and has strived to balance the need for additional demanded services with the resources provided through the various revenue sources in this chart.

he Town’s general fund operating fund expenditures were as follows:



Economic factors continue to increase costs throughout the municipal, RSU 18 and county budget.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Town’s general fund is a healthy as best financial management practice has been observed by the Town’s elected officials. Budgetary review is done periodically by the Town’s Budget Committee and Select Board.

Capital Assets

At the end of the current fiscal year, The town realized significant balances in a broad range of reserve fund accounts including equipment, transfer station capital, fire department, rescue, and Thurston Park.

Long Term Liabilities

The Town has long term liabilities for accrued compensated balances and net pension liability associated with employees and benefits.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The Town's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the 2021-2022 municipal budget and tax rates. The education and county budgets are, to a great extent outside of the local official's influence though have a propensity to impact the tax rate.

Municipal revenues have mostly been dependent on the property taxes and motor vehicle excise taxes. A broader base of revenues would serve the town positively if officials considered alternative sources.

The Town has continually been mindful of capital maintenance and improvement and has endeavored to support a capital improvement/replacement account in the fund balance and anticipates a substantial allocation to that account in the upcoming budget to remain current in the capital improvement/replacement cycles.

Contacting the Town's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Office at 445-2014 and ask for the Town Manager. Citizens are welcomed to visit with the appropriate staff on any financial matters.

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual - General Fund**

Town of China, Maine

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 7,765,672	\$ 7,765,672	\$ 8,159,399	\$ 393,727
Intergovernmental revenues	952,542	952,542	1,586,768	634,226
Other revenues	<u>240,471</u>	<u>240,471</u>	<u>388,089</u>	<u>147,618</u>
Total Revenues	8,958,685	8,958,685	10,134,256	1,175,571
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration	1,072,268	1,072,268	962,129	110,139
Protection	251,387	251,387	212,756	38,631
Public works	1,456,692	1,456,692	1,368,843	87,849
Solid waste operations	573,005	573,005	543,879	29,126
Community services	85,790	85,790	75,528	10,262
Education	5,065,795	5,065,795	5,065,795	-
County tax	489,534	489,534	489,534	-
Capital outlay - special projects	<u>520,150</u>	<u>520,150</u>	<u>221,837</u>	<u>298,313</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>9,514,621</u>	<u>9,514,621</u>	<u>8,940,301</u>	<u>574,320</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(555,936)	(555,936)	1,193,955	1,749,891
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating transfers in	265,000	265,000	34,250	(230,750)
Operating transfers out	-	-	(330,774)	(330,774)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	116,180	116,180	-	(116,180)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	<u>216,178</u>	<u>216,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(216,178)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>597,358</u>	<u>597,358</u>	<u>(296,524)</u>	<u>(893,882)</u>
Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 41,422	\$ 41,422	897,431	\$ 856,009
Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year			<u>1,517,050</u>	
Budgetary Fund Balance at End of Year			<u>\$ 2,414,481</u>	

Note O - Fund Balances - Continued

At June 30, 2022, the assigned general fund balance consisted of the following:

	Balance at				Balance at
	<u>7/1/2021</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>6/30/2022</u>
<i>Carryforwards:</i>					
Administration:					
Travel/training	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -
Town office cameras	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Land proceeds	-	-	60,300	-	60,300
Code enforcement	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Town office maintenance	-	4,500	-	-	4,500
Protection:					
Emergency services supplies	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Police services	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Police wages	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Police vehicle maintenance	1,100	-	-	1,100	-
KSO officer	-	1,900	-	-	1,900
Public works:					
State revenue sharing	327,089	(689,241)	666,607	-	304,455
Road assistance	316	-	-	-	316
Cemeteries purchase	12,924	-	13,550	-	26,474
Public works training	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
Facility maintenance	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Contractor labor	-	4,500	-	-	4,500
Transfer station:					
Bulk storage tank	11,461	-	-	-	11,461
Transfer station furnace	2,700	-	-	-	2,700
Transfer station cameras	1,750	-	-	1,750	-
Maintenance staff	-	13,712	-	-	13,712

Note O - Fund Balances - Continued

	Balance at <u>7/1/2021</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance at <u>6/30/2022</u>
Special projects:					
Revaluation	20,530	45,000	-	-	65,530
Project learning tree	6,489	(6,489)	-	-	-
Land purchases	1,358	-	-	1,358	-
Emergency shelter septic and well	21,474	-	-	21,474	-
Architect for Town Office addition	-	23,000	-	-	23,000
Total carryforwards	430,691	(590,618)	740,457	31,182	549,348
<u>Other Reserves:</u>					
Administration:					
Recreation reserve	21,698	-	102	-	21,800
Legal reserve	2,969	-	14	-	2,983
Planning board	8,179	-	35	1,390	6,824
Accrued compensation reserve	22,041	4,729	115	-	26,885
Unemployment claims	7,717	7,230	53	-	15,000
Town office capital reserve	20,100	15,000	130	-	35,230
Protection:					
China Village Volunteer FD	321	(321)	-	-	-
Fire Department reserve	112,687	-	524	3,297	109,914
Weeks Mills FD building	13,655	(13,655)	-	-	-
Rescue reserve	44,512	2,099	164	21,590	25,185
Dispatching	63,926	-	302	-	64,228
PSAP e911	18,367	-	87	-	18,454
South China VFD	5,655	(5,655)	-	-	-

Note O - Fund Balances - Continued

	Balance at <u>7/1/2021</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance at <u>6/30/2022</u>
Public works:					
Equipment reserve	174,725	95,000	14,330	-	284,055
Sand/salt shed	23,326	-	110	-	23,436
Road expense reserve	20,100	10,000	119	-	30,219
Sand/salt reserve	15,075	16,000	109	-	31,184
Facility maintenance reserve	25,125	-	119	-	25,244
Fuel reserve	5,025	-	24	-	5,049
Public works training reserve	-	2,000	5	-	2,005
Transfer station:					
Compactor reserve	32,942	-	155	-	33,097
Transfer station capital reserve	50,250	50,000	355	-	100,605
Community services:					
Historical building maintenance reserve	9,000	1,000	45	-	10,045
Special projects:					
Boat launch reserve	1,758	-	8	-	1,766
Growth management reserve	9,688	-	46	-	9,734
Lake access	129,300	-	610	-	129,910
Community days	15,539	-	327	-	15,866
2018 Bi-centennial	10,077	-	-	-	10,077
Forest at China schools	8,040	6,489	53	-	14,582
Thurston Park reserve	9,086	-	43	-	9,129
Aerial Photos reserve	-	4,000	9	-	4,009
Total other reserves	<u>880,883</u>	<u>193,916</u>	<u>17,993</u>	<u>26,277</u>	<u>1,066,515</u>
	<u>\$ 1,311,574</u>	<u>\$ (396,702)</u>	<u>\$ 758,450</u>	<u>\$ 57,459</u>	<u>\$ 1,615,863</u>

Financial Statements

Town of China, Maine June 30, 2022



To view the *full audit* please visit the china.govoffice.com web site, under the “**Town Department**” tab, **Administration, Town Manager,** and “**Audit**” tab (pictured below)...

A screenshot of the Town of China, Maine website. The page features a header with the town's logo and the text 'CHINA Maine THE FRIENDLIEST TOWN IN MAINE'. Below the header is a navigation menu with several tabs: 'Home', 'About', 'Town Departments', and 'Officials, Boards & Committees'. The 'Town Departments' tab is expanded, showing a list of departments including 'Administration', 'Animal Control', 'Assessing', 'Police', 'Public Works', 'Recreation', and 'Transfer Station'. The 'Administration' department is further expanded to show 'Code Enforcement', 'Tax Collector', 'Town Clerk', 'Town Manager', and 'Treasurer'. The 'Town Manager' department is highlighted, and a sub-menu is visible with the 'Audits' option selected. On the left side of the page, there is a vertical list of links including 'COVID-19 Information', 'China Connected', 'China Community Days', 'China Region Lakes Alliance', 'China Bicentennial History', 'China Tower Camera', 'China Rescue', 'Fire Departments', 'Elections', 'Emergency Preparedness', 'Helpful Links', 'Employment', 'Bids', and 'Libraries'. On the right side, there are sections for 'Quick Links' (Online Payments, Online Services, Ordinances, Policies & Orders, Tax Maps, Cards & Bills) and a 'Calendar of Events' for March 2021. The calendar shows the days of the week and the dates from 1 to 31. At the bottom of the page, there is a welcome message and a COVID-19 notice: 'COVID-19 - Effective 10/6/2020 - Town Office inside service is available - Customers are required to wear masks on all municipal properties. If you need special accommodation at the Town Office or Transfer Station, please let us know and we will be happy to assist you. All services are available at this time. Please refer to our COVID-19 Information tab for all COVID related resources.'

Town of China, Maine
Warrant of the Annual Town Business Meeting

To Julie A. Finley, a resident of the Town of China, County of Kennebec and State of Maine:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of China, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the China Town Office Complex in said Town of China, on Tuesday, the 13th of June, A.D. 2023, at 6:55 in the morning, to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote on municipal articles/questions by secret ballot. Polling hours to be 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following estimated municipal revenues in the amounts listed below to reduce the property tax assessment for fiscal year 2023/2024?

Non-Property Tax Revenue	
Excise Taxes	\$ 975,000.00
Other Town Revenue	\$ 162,001.00
Transfer Station Revenue	\$ 178,000.00
FirstPark	\$ 27,550.00
Total Estimated Revenue 2023-2024	\$ 1,342,551.00

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate up to **\$166,607** from **assigned fund balance** and up to **\$144,500** from **unassigned fund balance** to meet expenses during fiscal year 2023/2024.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,116,983** for **Municipal Services** expenses which includes \$20,000 to be appropriated from unassigned fund balance for the legal reserve account used at the discretion of the Select Board.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 1 nays / 1 abstention

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$85,078** for **Boards and Committees** expenses and to see if the Town will vote to set the compensation for the Select Board members for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to \$0.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 1 nays

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$27,800** for **Social Services** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$340,645** for **Public Safety** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstention

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$671,045** for **Transfer Station** expenses which includes \$20,000 from unassigned fund balance to add to the compactor reserve account and, if necessary, appropriate demolition debris revenues received above estimated amounts in FY 2023/2024 to offset overages in the FY 2023/2024 demolition debris tipping expense account.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,630,700** for **Public Works** expenses with an estimated **\$53,000** in revenue received from the State of Maine's Local Road Assistance Program and to include \$64,000 from unassigned fund balance to be assigned to the capital reserve account.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstention

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$105,100** for **Community Support Organizations** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstention

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from unassigned fund balance **\$190,500** for **Contingency** expenses.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 12. For Articles 2 through 11, shall the Select Board be authorized to expend a portion of the appropriated/raised amount prior to the beginning of the 2023/2024 fiscal year or carry forward remaining amounts from 2022/2023 to the 2023/2024 budget as the Select Board deems prudent, and shall the Select Board be authorized to place unexpended funds as they deem in the best interests of the Town in related reserve accounts or reserve accounts they deem should be established, the funds from which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board?

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote that if any article herein does not pass, the amounts appropriated in FY 2022/2023 for the subject article shall be deemed adopted for FY 2023/2024.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$237,500** from tax increment (**TIF**) revenues for expenditure in accordance with that **Program**.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstention

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the China Four Seasons Club, for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on condition that those trails be open in the snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes, after administration expenses of not more than \$1.00 per snowmobile.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 0 nays / 1 abstention

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to establish two (2) **Tax Payment due dates** to be Friday, September 29, 2023 and Friday, March 29, 2024, and to charge an **Interest Rate of eight percent (8%)** per annum after each tax payment due date, at the daily rate of 0.00021 for each day, or fraction thereof, the payment is overdue.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M. R. S. A Sections 506-A at 4%.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to raise and/or appropriate \$15,000 from **Overlay** to offset tax abatements and applicable interest granted throughout the year.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell and convey, by Warranty Deed or Quit Claim Deed, tax acquired properties, and to execute Waiver of Foreclosure documents as determined to be in the best interests of the Town of China, said authority to continue unless rescinded by voters, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, money from the State, Federal or other governmental units or private sources which becomes available during the year, and to authorize the Select Board to accept, and/or expend on behalf of the Town, any and all unconditional gifts of any type of property; and to further authorize the Select Board to appropriate from TIF grant match funds any required match for approval of such grants throughout the year.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to use the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims for damages occurring to the Town owned real and personal property and to have the funds allocated to the municipal department whose property was damaged.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate and execute multi-year contracts of not more than five years, including but not limited to, contracts or agreements in the following areas: auditing, equipment purchasing, leasing and maintenance and roadside mowing.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to request bids, negotiate, trade, sell and/or purchase municipal vehicles, machinery and equipment as deemed to be in the best interest of the town.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of town-owned personal property with a value of \$3,000 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. § 2953

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed **\$13,900** from Coronavirus **Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Codification of municipal ordinances.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 3 ayes / 2 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 6 ayes / 1 nays

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed **\$100,000** from Coronavirus **Local Fiscal Recovery Funds** (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for the following project: Fireproof vault for municipal records.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount up to **\$43,000** from unassigned fund balance for the **municipal records fireproof vault storage project**.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays
Budget Committee Recommends: YES with a vote of 7 ayes / 0 nays

Article 30. Shall an ordinance entitled “**Town of China Solid Waste Ordinance**” be enacted?

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Article 31. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to negotiate and enter into agreements on behalf of the Town for ambulance services and a public safety answering point (PSAP), under such terms and conditions as the Select Board may deem advisable.

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 5 ayes / 0 nays

Article 32. Shall amendments to the “**Town of China Land Development Code, Chapter 9. Appeals**” be enacted?

Select Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 4 ayes / 1 nays
Planning Board Recommends: YES with a vote of 3 ayes / 1 nays

Given under our hands this 10th day of April, 2023 as the China Select Board.



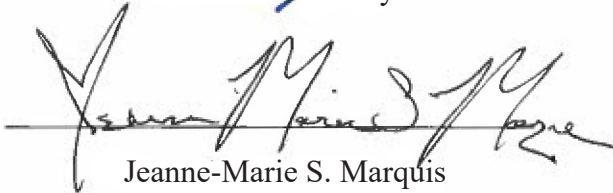
Wayne D. Chadwick, Chair



Blane C. Casey



Brent A. Chesley



Jeanne-Marie S. Marquis



Janet M. Preston

NOTES

**China Transfer Station
hours:**

Effective May 17, 2022

Sunday ~ closed

Monday ~ closed

Tuesday ~ 7am – 5pm

Wednesday ~ 7am – 5pm

Thursday ~ closed

Friday ~ 7am – 5pm

Saturday ~ 7am – 3pm

Phone (207) 445-2014 x2

**TOWN OFFICE
HOURS**

Mondays 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesdays 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Wednesdays CLOSED

Thursdays 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Fridays 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

First & Last Saturday 8:00 to 11:00

First & Last Saturday 8:00 to 11:00

Phone (207) 445-2230

Phone (207) 445-2014 x2

Saturday ~ 7am - 3pm

Friday ~ 7am - 5pm

China Post Office 445-2230

China Village Post Office 968-2623

China Middle School 445-1500

China Primary School 445-1550

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