

# Town of Rome, Maine 2021 Annual Report

*“Morning in Rome on Long Pond”*

## IMPORTANT DATES

January 1, 2022	Municipal Fiscal year begins
February 1, 2022	Dog licenses become <b>overdue</b> . If dogs are not registered By this date, a \$25 late fee will be assessed.
March 11, 2022	Municipal election of officers and referendum 12:00-8:00 pm at the Community Center.
March 12, 2022	Annual Town Meeting, 10:00 am, Belgrade Central School.
April 1, 2022	List of all personal property or real estate must be reported to the Assessor, per Maine statute. Applications for any exemption must be received in writing by the Assessor.
June 14, 2022	primary RSU 18 School Budget Referendum 12:00-8:00 pm at the Community Center.
June 30, 2022	All ATV & Snowmobile registrations expire.
October 15, 2022	2023 Dog Licenses are available with the Town Clerk.
October 31, 2022	Real Estate taxes due.
November 1, 2022	All 2022 taxes are due: Interest accrues from this date, only to be changed by a vote of the Town.
November 8, 2022	State Elections 8:00am-8:00pm at the Community Center.
December 31, 2022	All Boat & Hunting/Fishing Licenses expire. 2022 Dog and Kennel Licenses expire.

### 2022 MAINE GOVERNMENT HOLIDAYS

Dec. 31, (FRI.) – New Year’s Day	September 5 (Mon.) Labor Day
January 17 (Mon.) Martin Luther King Jr. Day	October 10 (Mon.) Indigenous Peoples Day
February 21 (Mon.) Presidents Day	November 11 (Fri.) Veterans Day
April 18 (Mon.) Patriot’s Day	November 24 (Thurs) Thanksgiving
May 30 (Mon.) Memorial Day	November 25 (Fri.) Thanksgiving Friday
June 20 (Mon.) Juneteenth	December 26 (Mon.) Christmas Day
July 4 (Mon.) Independence Day	

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
FOR  
ROME, MAINE



For the Year Ending December 31, 2021

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT  
TO TOWN MEETING ON  
SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

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*The 2021 Annual Report is dedicated in memory of*  
**FREDERICK J. GAGNON**



Fred Gagnon was a ‘County Boy’, born and raised in Caribou, Maine. As what some might view as stereotypical Aroostook County, Fred grew up working on his family’s potato farm. It was not easy work, but it was part of what shaped him into the hardworking man that he was. From Caribou, he relocated to Connecticut, where Fred built a career and raised his family, together with his dear wife Sandy.

Most of Fred’s adult life was spent in and around Manchester, Connecticut, where he was very active in his church, served as a volunteer firefighter, and was member of a number of volunteer and service organizations. When Fred and Sandy looked to retire, they made their way north to Rome. They worked to create the most welcoming home at the lake for their family, in the Wildewood Estates neighborhood on Long Pond.



*Fred looks on during Rome’s 2017 annual town meeting.*

It was at this special place on the lake where so many family traditions came alive, with their children and grandchildren.

Fred was faithful—faithful to his church, to his family, and his community. Fred and Sandy became wonderful year-round neighbors in Rome. Participating in just about any community dinner, supporting local fundraisers, and faithful attendees to the annual town meeting. They advocated for the interests of their neighborhood and preserving the rural feel of Rome.



*Fred enjoys a laugh with Road Commissioner Carroll Bubar while attending a community dinner.*

Father John Skehan of St. Michael’s Catholic Parish validated Fred’s faithfulness. Father Skehan recounted, “Fred’s three Rs seemed to be replaced by three Fs: Faith, Family, and Friends—in that order.” In his discussions with Fred and his family, the importance and value of Fred’s faith rang resilient. Fred and Sandy found a home in their church. “They began at Corpus Christi, but soon began traveling a little farther to join St. Michael’s Parish. They found their home at Saint Mary’s Church.”

Fred used his experience in construction when he joined the Rome Planning Board. He was appointed to the Planning Board in December 2013 and remained a very active member until his resignation in July 2020. He was fair, honest, and level-headed; this served him well as a board member. Planning Board Co-Chair Dick Greenan spoke recently of Fred. “We have lost not just a stalwart Rome and Long Pond resident, but a thoughtful and resolute representative of the Town, attending most every town event, not to mention his seven years on the Rome Planning Board, three of which as it’s Secretary. Sandy, thank you for sharing this wonderful man with us. Fred will be missed by all.”

***For his commitment to our community and service to the Town of Rome, we are distinctly honored to dedicate the Town of Rome’s 2021 Annual Report to Frederick J. Gagnon.***



*Fred and Sandy greet neighbors as they arrive at the Community Center.*



*Fred and Sandy visit with friend and fellow Planning Board member, Alan LaBelle, at a community dinner.*



### SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD

The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute is presented in the name of Municipalities to local individuals, organizations, and projects for commendable community service.

In 2022 the award is presented to Barbara Saxon of the Drury Road in Rome.

Barbara and her two daughters, Daryl and Rachel, moved to Rome in 1982 from Belgrade Lakes. She has remained a Rome resident ever since. Daryl now lives in Smithfield and Rachel and her family, husband and 2 children, live in Rome on Country Lane. Barbara takes pride in her grandchildren.

Barbara was voted onto the Rome Planning Board in 1993. Her first couple of years on the board she served as an alternate then became a full member and has served continuously ever since. She has considered leaving the board a couple of times but was encouraged to continue her valued service by fellow board members and remains a valued member today.

She was nominated to serve on the towns new Comprehensive Planning Committee by the Select Board and accepted. This committee is about half-way through their 2-year commitment to develop this plan which will typically provide a 10-year guide to town planning and development.

From 1990-99 Barbara volunteered for the Trek Across Maine organization.

Barbara is currently employed by Redington Fairview General Hospital as a Commercial Biller, billing insurance companies for the hospital's services. She also works at the Sunset Grill where she has been employed part time for the last 25 years.

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# MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

First (1-year term) .....	PAUL ANDERSON, 2022
Second (1-year term) .....	LARRY DIPIETRO JR., 2022
Third (1-year term) .....	KELLY ARCHER, 2022
Town Clerk (1-year term) .....	JULIE L MORRISON, 2022 BARBARA BRICKETT, DEPUTY
Treasurer (1-year term) .....	TAMMY LYONS, 2022
Property Tax Collector (1-year term) .....	TAMMY LYONS, 2022
RSU 18 School Board Director (3-year term) .....	DR. ANDREW COOK, 2024
Road Commissioner (1-year term) .....	CARROLL BUBAR, 2022
Registrar of Voters (1-year term) .....	JULIE L. MORRISON, 2022
Assistant to the Selectmen (1-year term) .....	BARBARA BRICKETT, 2022
Excise Tax Collector/BMV Agent (1-year term) .....	JULIE L. MORRISON, 2022
Code Enforcement Officer (1-year term) .....	ANDREW MARBLE, 2022
Health Officer (1-year term) .....	ANDREW MARBLE 2022
Plumbing Inspector (1-year term) .....	ANDREW MARBLE, 2022
911 Address Director (1-year term) .....	ANDREW MARBLE, 2022
Director of Emergency Management (1-year term) .....	ED PEARL JR., 2022
Fire Chief (1-year term) .....	GARY FOSS, 2022 ED PEARL JR., ASSISTANT, 2022
Rescue Chief (1-year term) .....	GARY FOSS, 2022
Forest Fire Warden .....	GARY FOSS ED PEARL JR., DEPUTY LLOYD THOMAS, DEPUTY
Animal Control Officer (1-year term) .....	ROBERT P. CROSBY, 2022
Sexton (1-year term) .....	MIKE PROCTOR, 2022
Budget Committee .....	ALICE VanDERWERKEN, (2 yr. term), 2024 RICHARD LABELLE, (2 yr. term), 2024 LINCOLN NYE (1 yr. term), 2024 HILLARY SCHULTZ (ALT) (1 yr. term) 2024 JOAN ORR (ALT) (1 yr. term), 2022 TRENT SHUTE (ALT) (y yr. term), 2022 LANGDON ADAMS (ALT) (1 yr. term) 2022

- Planning Board ..... (3-year terms) ..... RICHARD GREENAN (CO-CHAIR) (3 yr. term), 2022  
BARBARA SAXTON (CO-CHAIR), 2022  
ALAN LABELLE, 2024  
J. JACKSON SCHULTZ, 2023  
DANIEL ROBBINS, 2023  
LINCOLN NYE (ALT.) (1 yr. term), 2022  
STEVEN MCCARTHY (ALT.) (1 yr. term), 2022
- Board of Appeals & Fair Hearing Authority ..... ALICE VanDERWERKEN (3 yr. term,) 2024  
PETER KALLIN (2 yr. term), 2022  
WILLIAM KELLEHER (2 yr. term), 2023  
JOAN ORR (1 yr. term), 2022  
EDWIN CHARLES (ALT)(1 yr. term), 2022  
CHARLES RANDALL, JR. (ALT)(1 yr. term), 2022  
LANGDON ADAMS (alt) (1 yr. term), 2022
- Belgrade Lakes Dams Committee ..... DICK GREEAN (3 yr. term), 2024  
BLAINE HORROCKS (3yr. term), 2024  
GARRETT LUSZCZKI (3 yr. term), 2024
- Recreation Committee..... PAMELA CHRISTENSEN (3 yr. term), 2022  
ALAN LABELLE (3 yr. term), 2022  
CARROLL BUBAR (3 yr. term), 2024  
SANDRA SHUTE (3 yr. term), 2024  
TRENT SHUTE (3 yr. term), 2024  
SUSAN BROZ (3 yr. term), 2024
- Comprehensive Planning Committee ..... SANDRA SHUTE (2 yr. term), 2023  
JOAN ORR (2 yr. term), 2023  
MELISSA HINKLEY (2 yr. term) ,2023  
BARBARA SAXTON (2 yr. term), 2023  
RICHARD LABELLE (2 yr. term), 2023  
ADAM CLEMENT (2 yr. term), 2023  
GARY FOSS (2 yr. term), 2023  
DICK GREENAN (2 yr. term), 2023
- FirstPark/KRDA General Assembly ..... DR. ANDREW COOK
- Kennebec valley Council of Governments General Assembly ..... CARROLL BUBAR  
& DR. ANDREW COOK

### THANK YOU

To all our residents who volunteer to serve our town so well as members of our many boards and committees. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.  
Residents interested in serving on any board or committee may notify the **Board of Selectmen** or the **chair of the respective committee**.

### Select Board's Letter to the Citizens of Rome

This has been a trying year with everyone attempting to get past masking and to dare to do normal social touching such as shaking hands again. The community center took the first step toward normalizing in late spring as we returned to normal visitor traffic patterns as well as making masks optional yet still available in the center.

The Board tried having a social event at the Community Center on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in late Spring. We had very limited success. Corrine Hadden volunteered to head up this activity as fall came on. She got Day's store to provide a couple of pizzas once a month and she and her friends provided cookies, cakes, etc., She even got ice cream donated. Corrine had a much better turnout than the board had in the spring with at least 10 or 12 people coming for each event. It wasn't long before Corrine discovered that there was excess food available from the Augusta food bank. She makes a trip to Augusta a day or two before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month to pick up available supplies and gets them posted to the town web site. She is getting very good town participation in this food program. Early in the program the need for a freezer became obvious; this need was met through a donation of a new freezer by three Rome residents, Terry Hughes, Don Taylor, and John Fantoli, The Town thanks you for your donations. Please note that this is a supplemental program and isn't intended to replace the Belgrade/Rome food bank. With the onset of the Omicron variant the games were put on hold but with a little luck they will start up again before town meeting, Thank you Corrine for your dedicated service to the town of Rome.

As summer approached, we were inspecting all town property and uncovered a major problem with the salt and sand shed, two to three inches of cement is coming off the inside wall on about half of the wall surface. This came about because the inside wall wasn't sealed when the building was new. Not being sealed salt was able to migrate into the wall following the wires imbedded in the cement that were added to hold the original forms in place for the cement to harden. Seeing this as a priority we got engineering assessments and a bid to correct the problem. This bid is about the same as the bid to redo the Drury Lane Road, \$80,000. Since doing both projects would result in a significant rise in taxes the board initially chose the repair of the salt and sand shed. Consulting with the budget committee we changed our minds. There are a couple of other drawbacks to our current salt and sand shed, its location being very close to running water on one side and wetlands on another, being a round building, a design no longer used for this application, and having cramped accessibility. Our discussions resulted in changing our focus to building a new salt and sand shed in a new location 3-5 years down the road.

In the beginning of December, we had a Rabies Clinic. Our own Town Clerk, Julie Morrison, volunteered to come in for any resident that needed to license their dog during this event. Dr. Danner and Angela from the New England Animal Hospital came and administered the vaccinations. Kelly and Richard Archer helped by filling out the paperwork for each animal. It was a success and Dr. Danner has agreed to another rabies clinic this coming December 3, 2022. Look for the announcements on our website and LED sign.

Respectfully,

Paul Anderson  
Larry DiPietro Jr.  
Kelly Archer

## TOWN CLERK’S REPORT - 2021

**Births - 8    Marriages - 15    Deaths -**

*In Memoriam*

<b>January 29, 2021</b>	<b>Darlene Harper</b>	<b>59 years</b>
<b>February 7, 2021</b>	<b>William Ephriam Dudley</b>	<b>95 years</b>
<b>April 7, 2021</b>	<b>Elaine A. Wilson</b>	<b>77 years</b>
<b>June 8, 2021</b>	<b>Joseph Charles Mayo</b>	<b>19 years</b>
<b>June 10, 2021</b>	<b>Randy D. Foss</b>	<b>62 years</b>
<b>August 28, 2021</b>	<b>Barbara A. Dolliver</b>	<b>79 years</b>
<b>December 5, 2021</b>	<b>Evan Bachelder</b>	<b>28 years</b>

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED**

Male/Female .....	42
Neutered/Spayed .....	154
Kennel License.....	3
 Boats .....	 340
ATV’s .....	42
Snowmobiles.....	51
Non-Resident ATV .....	1
Non-Resident Snowmobiles.....	2

**HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES ISSUED**

Hunting/Fishing Combo.....	13
Fishing.....	16
Hunting .....	6
Junior Hunting .....	2
Non-Resident Hunting/Fishing Combo .....	0
Non-Resident Fishing .....	8
Non-Resident Hunting .....	1

2021 was another busy year for elections. The March 12, 2021, Municipal Election resulted in 276 votes cast. The June 8, 2021, Special Election, RSU 18 Budget Meeting resulted in 112 votes cast. This year was another busy year for the November 2, 2021, Referendum Election. Voter attendance for that election was 92 absentee ballots and 359 Election Day in person votes for a total of 451 voters.

<b>ELECTION</b>	<b>ABSENTEE</b>	<b>IN PERSON VOTING DAY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>03-12-2021</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>276</b>
<b>06-08-2021</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>11-02-2021</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>451</b>

I would like to thank everyone that worked during our Elections this year. It was an uncertain time to be working with such a large group of people in any area. My staff of election workers were rock stars and came through for not only me as Town Clerk but the residents of Rome as well to provide safe and accurate elections.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Town Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

**JULIE L. MORRISON**  
*Town Clerk*

## ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

While 2021 was still unusual in many ways for the people of Rome, the same could be said for Town roadwork completed this year. The regular summer construction was completed, but the current situation caused delays with that not unlike delays in essential items.

This last year's major construction work took place on the Wooster Hill Road. I was able to complete the Wooster Hill Road by putting the topcoat on. In reconstructing this road, we also completed a substantial amount of brush cutting to open the roadway up more. This is the second year of this project, which unfortunately the shoulder work is not yet completed. I also completed the shim and overlay on Crystal Springs from Route 225 to Hillside Lane (salt/sand shed). That section of road sees local truck traffic and was breaking apart. This work will help extend the life of the road.

As always, there are two important reminders, especially relevant in the winter months: First, *it is illegal to plow across public roads*. Second, to ensure safe travel and not obstruct the free flow of traffic, *you should not park your vehicle along the road shoulder* for an extended period. Maine State Law governs both safety concerns, and you are encouraged to comply.

I continue to work hard in keeping with the road plan that has been in place for six years now. Ideally, if there is any residual brush money this next year, I would allocate those funds to work ahead on cutting back Drury Lane. Drury Lane is the next road in line with the established road plan, followed by Richardson Road and Dry Pointe Drive.

Our Town accomplishes significant infrastructure improvements and maintenance because of our dedicated contractor partners. I appreciate your continued support as we all strive to maintain a quality infrastructure. I strive to lay out a plan, partnering with reputable contractors, to deliver a quality finished product at an economical price for the taxpayers. Thank you for another productive year I look forward to the opportunity of serving the people of Rome as Road Commissioner again in 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

**CARROLL BUBAR**  
Road Commissioner



*Dangerous Tree on North Pond Rd, Cut and Removed*

**ASSESSOR’S REPORT**  
**VALUATION AND COMMITMENT**

Land	\$201,752,600	
Buildings	\$95,752,000	
Exemption*		7,208,200
Personal Property	\$423,800	
Total RE & Personal Property Valuation	<u>\$297,928,400</u>	
Homestead Reimbursement	\$6,986,800	
Taxable Valuation	\$297,928,400	
County Tax	\$374,848	
Municipal Appropriation	\$965,699.50	
Local Education	\$2,290,265	
Overlay	\$79,791.30	
Total Assessments	<b><u>\$3,710,239.80</u></b>	
Revenue Sharing		\$55,000
Homestead Reimbursement		\$53,554
Other Revenue		\$339,370
Total Deductions		<b><u>\$447,923.82</u></b>
Net Commitment		<b><u>\$3,262,315.98</u></b>
2021	Mil Rate	\$10.95

\* Exemptions include homestead, veteran’s and for the blind

Assessor’s notice is given each year on April 1. All resident and non-resident and non-resident taxpayers of Rome are required to bring or mail to the Assessors, a list of all estates, real and personal, which you hold as guardian, executor and administrator, trustee, or otherwise on that date. Any taxpayer who neglects to submit his list by the time requested in barred by law of his right to appeal to the Assessors for any abatement of taxes later.

Currently, the Town of Rome contracts assessing services to RJD Appraisal (Robert J. Duplisea) of Pittsfield, Maine. All assessment records and tax maps are available for public inspection during regular Selectmen’s hours or once a month by appointment with the Assessor, if desired. These records are also available during the regular hours of the Office of the Town Clerk.

Anyone who qualifies and has not yet filed by Homestead Exemption must do so by April 1, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Anderson

Larry DiPietro Jr.

Kelly Archer

## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT

Dear Rome Residents

What better way to start off this years report then with a little horn tooting? Here goes; Based on permit issuance, the building department (me) crushed it this year! Toot Toot!  
There, tooting is now complete.

Seriously though, a total of 72 permits were issued in 2021, which absolutely demolishes every previous year on record! Not only were building permits up, but specifically 11 new houses were permitted, which (like total permits issued), is almost double many of the previous years. The 72 permits break down as follows:

- 11 Single Family Dwellings
- 14 Additions
- 27 Garage/sheds
- 5 Renovation
- 5 Filling and Earth Moving
- 5 Temporary Docks
- 4 Commercial
- 1 Junkyard

If you look back over the past 10 years of CEO reports, you'll probably notice a few common themes that have emerged. First, you'll (hopefully) notice that I try to sprinkle a touch of humor into these reports in a failed attempt to get someone to actually read them. It's no mystery that Town reports can be snooze fests, and the code enforcement / plumbing inspector reports usually rank somewhere around the level of "paint drying" with regard to their excitement level.

Something else you'll notice is a steady stream of "don't do that awards", where I use some sorry SOB as an example for exactly what not to do (at least if you want to avoid the Code Department). While being a code officer/plumbing inspector may not be the most glamorous of jobs, it does provide me with an endless supply of ridiculous stories to share! This years don't do that award has moved over to the plumbing report (since its plumbing related), so you'll need to head over there to read it.

On a related note, I have to admit that when writing these "don't do that" stories, I always secretly wonder if the folks I'm writing about will read them and realize it's about them. As of today, I'm happy to report that I have had exactly zero tires slashed or Molotov cocktails thrown through my home window. I figure this means the culprits either aren't big readers, or simply don't know where I live. Either way, I'll call it a win!

Lastly, I try to make these reports at least a "tiny" bit educational. Why the quotes around "tiny"? Because that was my clever segue into...."Tiny House" regulations!

Phew, I worked hard on that one...

Alright, without further ado, here's some tiny house trivia that I made just for you (poetry as well!! This report has it all!!)

Based on the highly accurate (and unbiased) information spread all over Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, Tiktok, Snapchapp, Tumblr and the countless other apps built to destroy humanity, Tiny houses are all the rage right now! Considering the astronomical price of building materials and construction costs, it's no wonder that tiny houses are skyrocketing in popularity, as they are often seen as an affordable alternative to building a "traditional" home. This sudden popularity has prompted a number of calls to my office, with folks inquiring what (if any) regulations tiny houses need to meet.

Perhaps because of their small stature, it appears to be a common misconception that tiny houses are somehow exempt from most regulations governing "full size" houses. This, unfortunately ( at least for tiny house enthusiasts), is not the case.

Like every other "dwelling" (a structure which contains a bedroom, bathroom and kitchen), tiny houses need to meet all the same lot size, setback, septic, plumbing, building, and life safety regulations as a traditional home would. There is however, one notable exception.

Perhaps in response to the sudden interest in tiny homes, or simply as a way to allow more affordable housing to be constructed, the State of Maine recently adopted a section specifically aimed at easing some of the regulations on tiny houses. This exception is called “Appendix Q” in the 2015 international residential code, and is now an official part of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC).

This new section not only defines exactly what a tiny house is (a dwelling with less than 400 square feet of floor area, not including lofts), but also allows a few specific exceptions to the building code in an effort to help maximize interior space.

A good example, of these exceptions is “loft access”. If a tiny house has a loft (which is a living or sleeping area elevated at least 30” above the main floor and open to the area below), the new code offers a variety of ways to access that loft which would otherwise be completely illegal in bigger homes. For example, appendix Q allows things such as ladders, “ships ladders”, “alternating tread devices”, and stairs which are much steeper and narrower than typically allowed, to be used as the primary means of ingress and egress to a loft.

When you compare these options to a “typical” (i.e., legal) set of stairs which is required in a standard home, the space savings can be huge!

Another exception allowed specifically for tiny homes is the ceiling height. Since interior space is at a premium, appendix Q offers a 6”-8” reduction on ceiling heights (depending on the room) as compared to a traditional home. This allows designers to get creative with areas like bathrooms and kitchens to maximize what little space is available.

It’s not all sunshine and rainbows for tiny houses though. While the above exceptions do make a substantial difference in floor layout and space utilization, tiny houses still need to meet the majority of regulations affecting their larger brethren. This means they need to be placed on a lot which meets the minimum space requirements, and be served by a legal septic designed to handle at least a two bedroom home. Therefore, while tiny homes do allow some marginal savings on material costs due to their small size, some of the larger expenses (like land, and septic) are identical to a traditional home. Furthermore, while the code does offer some clever workarounds to help maximize floor area, the vast majority of building and plumbing regulations still need to be met, which gets very tricky given the size of the homes to work with.

For example, the plumbing code requires a “clear space” (no walls or cabinets) around toilets of at least 15 inches on each side, and 24” from the nose. That’s a 30” x 48” (+) space just for your toilet! Likewise, showers need to be big enough to fit a minimum 30” diameter circle inside them. While these might not sound like big deals, when your whole house is less than 400 square feet, every little bit counts.

On the energy code side, a residential dwelling needs to have a minimum of R49 insulation in the ceiling, and R 23-25 in the walls. Since these levels of insulation typically require 12” ceiling joists and 6” walls to achieve, they’re not exactly conducive to standard tiny house construction methods.

Finally, with an eye to egress standards, while appendix Q does allow creative means to get in and out of a loft for the “primary” egress, you still typically need a “secondary” means of egress (usually a window) to get outside. In order to be considered an “egress window”, a window needs to have a clear opening of at least 5.7 square feet when open, which (for a double hung or single hung window) means its going to be at least 58” tall! Unless you’re a world class Tetris champion, a window that big simply ain’t gonna fit!

As you can see, while the Appendix Q exceptions are helpful additions to tackling space constraints in tiny houses, they certainly are not a cure-all. Until more changes are made to the plumbing code, energy code and building code, tiny houses will continue to be a classic case of “10 gallons of dung in a 5 gallon bucket”.

No matter what your future building plans include, please feel free to give me a call with any questions you might have. While I don’t have all the answers, I’ll certainly pretend like I do! (that was a joke...)

Sincerely

Andrew Marble  
Code Enforcement Officer



## PLUMBING INSPECTORS REPORT

Dear Rome Residents

Mirroring the increase in building permits, plumbing permits were also significantly higher in 2021 than normal. A total of 46 plumbing permits were issued in 2021, which is roughly 50% higher than a typical year. The permits break down as follows:

23 Internal Plumbing Permits  
23 Subsurface Wastewater Permits

Since I wasted nearly the entire CEO report talking about tiny houses (which no one probably cared about in the first place), I had to bump the “Don’t Do That” award over here to the plumbing report. It’s a fitting location though, as this comedy of errors is all about a septic contractor who defied both reason and logic with the sheer number of screw ups they committed.

The story starts out innocently enough during my drive to work one morning in early spring of 2021. While driving along, I noticed what appeared to be a breached whale coming out of someone’s front lawn. After doing a double take and turning around to investigate further, I quickly realized the “whale” was actually a 1500 gallon plastic septic tank which had literally floated out of the ground earlier that winter (it had reappeared again as the snow melted). While it was obvious that this tank had been installed within the past 6 months, I had absolutely no record of the tank on file, and had never inspected it when it went in the ground. In other words, this was a pretty blatant “illegal” holding tank.

After sending a notice of violation to the landowners, they contacted me within a few short days both surprised and confused by my letter. The owners informed me that they had recently bought the camp, and that the existing septic had failed upon inspection and needed to be replaced. They had hired a licensed site evaluator to design a new system, and had then hired a contractor (which their realtor had recommended) to permit and install their new design. As far as they were aware, the contractor had followed all necessary permitting requirements, and the project had been completed as needed. If only this were the case...

In actuality, the contractor (which is now apparently out of business) had taken a hefty chunk of money from the homeowners, and then proceeded to break every rule possible. Apparently feeling as though they knew better than the site evaluator (who is the only person legally allowed to design a septic system!), the contractor ignored nearly every aspect of the plan, and simply did what was easiest/cheapest/stupidest. How badly can you mess up a simple tank install you ask? Well, not only did the contractor not get a permit or an inspection for the tank, they also installed a tank that was 500 gallons too small, made out of the wrong material (plastic instead of heavy duty reinforced concrete), installed it in the wrong location (it was literally in the DOT right of way!), and with no anti-floatation protection (hence the “breached whale” look)! So, to recap, they installed a tank without a permit, with no inspections, in the DOT right of way, 500 gallons too small, made from the wrong material, and allowed it to float out of the ground! Wow.

While this on its own is ridiculous enough, the story gets even better. After being contacted by the irate homeowner, the contractor had the nerve to come into the Town Office and exclaim angrily that they knew exactly what they were doing because they were a State Licensed Plumbing Inspector (and even worked for the Town of South Thomaston)! Since plumbing inspectors (that’s what I am) are the ones responsible for making sure the plumbing rules are being followed, this is the equivalent of a cop robbing a bank, and then saying “its OK, I’m allowed to rob banks, I’m a cop”.....

As frosting on the cake, the contractor then wrote a bad check to the Town for the permit (“insufficient funds” ....go figure!) and then tried to rebury the same tank in the same location (literally repeating the same violation)!

After I put a stop work order on the site, the homeowner fired the inept contractor, and hired someone who was competent to correct the colossal screw up.

As for the contractor, after I verified that they were indeed licensed by the state as a plumbing inspector, I immediately contacted the State Licensing Office and State Plumbing Inspector to inform them of the situation and have the contractor's LPI license revoked (it was). I also called the Town of South Thomaston to inform them of their useless inspector, but found that I was apparently too late, as they had already been fired for other similar incompetent acts. Finally, I contacted the realtor who had recommended the contractor in the first place, and informed them of the nightmare which had unfolded from it.

As for the poor homeowner, they ended up more or less paying to have the job done twice. What should have been a straight-forward \$5-\$6k job, turned into a \$12,000 major headache...ouch. No word yet as to whether they plan on taking the contractor to small claims court, but if so, I'll be there with bells on as a supporting witness!

I'd love to leave you with some pearl of wisdom or moral high ground which we can glean from this horror show, but really, other than the contractor being a dud, it's hard to lay blame on anyone else. The homeowner had trusted the realtor's recommendation, and the realtor apparently had seen other jobs from this contractor which had gone well. I guess what it boils down to is, before you hire someone, ask around, get references, and be involved with the project, because some people (like this contractor) just plain suck!

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew Marble

Licensed Plumbing Inspector

P.S.

Don't forget to pump your septic tank once every 3-4 years, and clean your septic outlet filter yearly if you have one!

## **ROME VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

With 2021 behind us, Covid-19 has continued to make the year a little more challenging than past years.

But I'm very proud to say that the members of the Rome Volunteer Fire Department are dedicated men and women who strive to provide the Town of Rome with quality and professional services. I would like to personally thank all the Rome Fire Volunteers, for the countless hours they have spent making our community safer. And thank you to the families of the members, it doesn't go unnoticed!

On behalf of the Town Rome Volunteer Fire Department, we would like to thank YOU, the towns people, Town Officials, the Rome Volunteer First Responders, and all our mutual aid departments with a BIG shout out to the Town of Belgrade, they continue to provide their services to our town when they are called upon.

To our Rome community, we'd like to remind you of the value of working smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and the visibility of home address numbers.

The Rome Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for volunteers. Please contact anyone on the department, for an application.

Please follow us on Facebook, "Rome Fire & Rescue".

Also, you can obtain a fire permit for FREE at [www.wardensreport.com](http://www.wardensreport.com).

If you have questions, please contact either Gary Foss, Fire Chief or Ed Pearl, Assistant Fire Chief. As always, in the event of an emergency please call 911.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Foss, Fire Chief

Ed Pearl, Assistant Fire Chief

## **ROME VOLUNTEER RESCUE REPORT 2021**

In 2021 we were still dealing with Covid-19 restrictions. This making our response time a little longer but continuing with our priority which has been to maintain the health and safety of our members so they can in turn continue to provide the highest level of emergency services to our community.

I'm very proud to say that the members of the Rome Volunteer First Responders are dedicated men and women who strive to provide the Town of Rome with quality and professional services. I would like to personally thank all the Rome Rescue Volunteers, for the countless hours they have spent making our community safer. And thank you to the families of the members, it doesn't go unnoticed!

On behalf of the Town Rome Volunteer First Responders, we would like to thank YOU, the towns people, Town Officials, and all our mutual aid departments with a BIG shout out to the Town of Belgrade, they continue to provide their services to our town when they are called upon. We appreciate the continued support and the gracious donations to the department.

The Rome Volunteer First Responders is always looking for volunteers. Please contact anyone on the department, for an application.

As a reminder, please make sure your home-camp numbers are visible from the roadways. As it's critical for a quicker response time from the department.

Please follow us on Facebook, "Rome Fire & Rescue".

If you have questions, please contact Gary Foss, EMT, Rescue Chief. As always, in the event of an emergency please call 911.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Foss, EMT, Rescue Chief

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REPORT 2021**

I am entering my fifteenth year of serving the residents of the Town of Rome as Emergency Management Director. Here we are almost 2 years into this pandemic with no real end in sight and the way we live has changed forever. Adam, Myself and Gary made sure that our first responders have all the PPE that they need. I'd personally like to thank Adam, Gary and the selectpersons for all their help during this pandemic. I encourage everyone to be relentless in there're wearing PPE to protect themselves and others. Immunizations and boosters are still our best defense. Masks, hand sanitizer and staying home if you feel sick are equally important.

I encourage the townspeople to go to the Red Cross website ([www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)) or the State of Maine Emergency Management Agency for any information on preparing for disasters. The Fire Chief and I, together have kept the Town NIMS compliant. By keeping the town NIMS (National Incident Management System) compliant, we can apply for Federal and State grants. Please make sure that your house numbers are visible for emergency responders. If you have any questions about how to prepare or need resources, please feel free to contact me anytime. My Email is [edpearl1605@gmail.com](mailto:edpearl1605@gmail.com)

Respectfully Submitted,

ED PEARL Jr.

Adam Clement

Neighbors Driving Neighbors  
2021 Report on Services in Rome



Neighbors Driving Neighbors (NDN) was active in helping Rome residents get to where they needed to go this year. While NDN had to limit services due to the pandemic, for a while this summer full transportation services were resumed. The list of destinations below includes medical appointments and grocery deliveries, as well as some highlights, like visiting a nail salon, for those who were otherwise homebound.

Here's a snapshot of what NDN provided in Rome in 2021:

- 17 Riders from Rome on the books
- 6 Volunteers (2 of whom are board members, Peter Roderick & Shelly Fitzgerald)
- Provided a total of 44 trips, 46.3 hours, 988 miles to Rome residents
- Destinations included: Aspen Dental, Belgrade Regional Health Center (2), Camden Bank, Falls Road Vet Clinic, Hannaford in Waterville (4), Farmington (2), Augusta (2), I-Nails & Spa, Maine Eye Doctors (2), Maine General, Skin & Beauty Boutique, Walmart (Waterville).

Due to the rapid spread of the omicron variant, NDN is again limiting its services to medical appointments, booster and vaccination clinics, or pre-paid grocery and pharmacy deliveries. All of NDN drivers and riders are fully vaccinated and follow CDC protocols such as wearing face coverings in vehicles and cracking windows. We look forward to fully re-opening our services when it is safe to do so again.

If you are a Rome resident and would like to use NDN's free transportation services, please call 207-860-0677, or email [neighborsdrivingneighbors@gmail.com](mailto:neighborsdrivingneighbors@gmail.com).



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February 2022

Residents of Rome,

Much like everyone else, we are continuing to navigate our way through this pandemic. However, in 2021, we saw light at the end of that tunnel. We had a great year! We were able to resume in person programming and have families here through much of the summer and fall! It was nice to hear the laughter and see the facility come to full life again. Through the year we were able to work with over 750 Veterans and family members! We continue to get to see the benefit of the grant money provided by the town of Rome with our Veterans. It was another year of providing several services and activities to families while they stayed safe at home as well. We were able to link them up and do some fun activities through zoom! We are all craving that human interaction piece that has been lacking in recent times, so connecting virtually is even more important!

2021 also brought one of our most exciting moments yet- our Health and Wellness Center! We broke ground on our 10,000 sq ft wellness center in September and are well underway with construction! It is expected to be completed and ready to use for summer of 2022! This will house a gym, fitness room, massage rooms, state of the art commercial laundry, and an indoor pool! These are things that will allow us to be fully functional through all four seasons in Maine, more efficient at turnover to serve more families quickly, and meet the changing needs of our guests.

We have started this new year with some continued covid cautions in place, but we are looking forward to an exciting year! We have in-person and virtual programming on the calendar, as well as several events, meeting our Veterans in their hometowns, and even a few adaptive trips to the Georgia aquarium to get in the water with whale sharks and real sharks! Looking forward to continuing to progress our mission, serve our Veterans, and be a part of this community.

Patriotically,



US Army SSG (Ret.) Travis Mills and the Travis Mills Foundation Team

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**Service Report – Rome 2021**

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 Rome and to continue supporting your First Response Rescue at no cost to your community. As a regional, community-based organization, we continue to fund our operations solely by reimbursement directly from the patient and the patient's insurance. This is currently possible due to our economy of scale. 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 state data, in 2021 (January 1 – December 31), we responded to over 17,000 calls, 111 911-calls were in Rome. 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 18.8 minutes for emergencies.

2022 marks Delta's 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary. That's 50 years of leading the way. 50 Years of changing, of growing to meet community needs. 50 years of meeting that need. We were among the first to staff paramedics, the first to offer advanced life support neonatal transfers, among first to offer fixed-wing aeromedical transfers. We are no stranger to innovation for the better. Quality Patient Care is our Primary Concern and will remain so.

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 cost to the town.

During the current COVID-19 health crisis and beyond, 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 Rome. We remain committed.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Timothy A. Beals.

Timothy A Beals, Executive Director  
January 27, 2022

Handwritten signature of Bill McKenna.

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

## ANNUAL REPORT ROME RUFF RIDERS

It is only proper to open this report by expressing our gratitude to the Town of Rome, and the office of the selectmen for their support. Also, we must again express our overwhelming thanks to the property owners that so graciously allow the Rome Ruff Riders to use their land to provide local riders with a place to ride without traveling miles to enjoy this sport.

The Rome Ruff Riders Snowmobile Club is a Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation based in Rome and Chartered in 1974. It was set up to act as liaison between snowmobile owners, the landowners, the Maine Snowmobile Association, and any State agencies in assisting and promoting snowmobiling. We have developed and maintained over 26 miles of trails that connects Great Pond, the Kennebec Highlands, Long Pond, and the State ITS trail network. Our membership is open to all who are interested in snowmobiling. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of the month from September to April at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Last year we put in 189 hours grooming the trails, 600 hours of labor for maintenance, 260 heavy equipment hours, and our miscellaneous expenses were over \$4,000.00. All the labor hours were donated as well as all the heavy equipment hours. The grand total for our Trail Grant request from the State came to \$29,472.44. We received 15% back from the state. Our other sources of income are from Sled registration, membership, donations, and our Trail Map that we offer for sale through other clubs in the area also copies are available at the Town Office. One other income source this year was an ice storm that closed all our groomed trails and required over \$4,700.00 of work to reopen them and we received 70% back under the emergency grant from the State.

Again, we would like to thank the Town of Rome and the landowners for their support. As always, the State of Maine still provides landowners protection of \$400,000.00 liability insurance on improved and maintained trails.

Rome Ruff Riders S/C  
President, Lincoln Nye



Belgrade Rome Special Needs Food Pantry  
2021 Annual Report

Our pantry is located at the North Belgrade Community Center, 508 Smithfield Road, open every Tuesday from 9am-11am to all residents of Belgrade and Rome. We have food collection boxes located at both Belgrade post offices as well as the Rome and Belgrade Town Offices. During the Covid-19 pandemic our pantry has continued to serve the needs of our communities. We have been open every Tuesday, following all CDC guidelines, and have been able to provide our clients a week's worth of food and household supplies.

We serve on average 30-40 clients each month. Last winter we implemented a temporary policy, where clients could come every other week, and since it was well received, we decided to make it a permanent policy. So now our clients can come twice a month and get a week's worth of food and household items each time. We were able to make this change due to the generosity of our donors, communities, and volunteers.

In 2019, we began a community outreach program to purchase healthy snack items for Belgrade Central School. This program provides a healthy snack option for those children who come to school without a snack. In 2021, we continued this program and have increased our budget for it, enabling us to provide more snacks.

Another service we have been able to provide because of generous donations is our basket program. We have in the past given out a holiday basket in December, which includes all the fixings for a Christmas dinner. In 2021, we also gave out a spring basket with all the necessary food for an Easter dinner and a summer basket so our clients could have a summer barbecue.

In October, we said goodbye to Marylou Butterfield. She volunteered at the pantry for over 17 years and had been our chairperson for over 12 years. Under Marylou's leadership we moved into a bigger location and streamlined our purchasing and other procedures. She will be missed, but we wish her many years of enjoyment with her family.

We are always looking for ways to connect with people in need, if you or anyone you know is in need of food assistance, please contact us. You can contact us by reaching out to the Belgrade Town Office or through our Facebook page - Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry. We would like to thank all our volunteers for stepping up and serving our communities. If you have an interest in volunteering or have suggestions or questions about the pantry, please reach out through our facebook page.

Respectfully submitted by: Hazel Labbe

Board members: Hazel Labbe, Chairperson, Evelyn Fowler, Secretary, Tony Mastromarino, Treasurer, Anne Grier, Volunteer Coordinator, Eleanor Collinsworth, Lisa Day, Nicole Williams.

## **ROME ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

Rome students have been eligible for the Rome Scholarship Fund established by Bob McTaggart and the Brother Thomas Bezanson Scholarship for many years now. The recipient of 2021 scholarship was Gabriel Katz. Gabriel is the son of Heather and Jeff Katz. He is attending Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado, studying biochemistry. Congratulations to Gabe on his successful high school career and good luck at Colorado College!

As always, we remember those that thought highly of education and took action to assist our Rome students in reaching their goals. The initial scholarship was established in remembrance of Rome teachers Martha Mosher, Louisa Moulton, Beulah Richardson, and Francis Watson. Today we call to mind the remembrance of Robert (Bob) McTaggart, one of our own who passed away June 15, 2020, and established this scholarship honoring past educators and creating an investment in the future.

The Rome Scholarship and the Brother Thomas Bezanson scholarship funds are administered and invested by the Maine Community Foundation. We, as a community, are invited to share in contributing to this legacy by contributing directly to Maine Community Foundation, 245 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605. Be sure to note your contribution to the Rome Scholarship Fund or the Brother Thomas Bezanson Scholarship. Donations may also be made online at [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org), click on the Give Now button, other and notate either 'Rome Scholarship Fund' or 'Brother Thomas Bezanson Scholarship'. Thank you for investing in the future generation.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn LaBelle  
Rome Scholarship Committee

## North Pond Association

The North Pond Association (NPA) is grateful to partner with Rome residents and town officials to help protect the watershed which in turn helps protect the water quality in North and Little Ponds. As many of you are aware, the North Pond Association is an all-volunteer organization that includes 150 plus members. It is run by a board of 12 volunteers from Mercer, Rome and Smithfield. The NPA is very thankful to the town of Rome for your continued support. The monetary funding, we request each year is earmarked to help pay for the annual cost of the Courtesy Boat Inspector (CBI) Program. These paid employees are hired and trained by 7 Lakes Alliance as the first line of defense in our quest to keep aquatic invasives from entering our lake. Additionally, they help educate boaters on the importance of always checking their watercraft when entering and exiting a waterbody. If an aquatic invasive is found, North Pond's ecosystem would forever be altered because of the rapidly growing plants impact on our native aquatic plants, fish and animals. The cost of eradication is exponentially more than the cost of prevention, so thank you again for your continued support!

We were so thankful that one of our CBI's detected, and prevented, a fragment of Eurasian Water Milfoil from entering the lake this summer. The following CBI program numbers were provided to NPA from 7 Lakes Alliance. The Summer 2021: North Pond CBI's inspected 1,323 boats, increase of 37 boats over 2020 (1,286). There were 57 plants removed and fortunately only 1 of them was an invasive plant, Eurasian Water Milfoil. Paid Coverage runs from 7 AM - 7 PM, Monday - Sunday. We are thankful for the 7 hours of coverage by volunteers in 2021 and would welcome and appreciate additional volunteers to cover early morning and evening hours. There is FREE training available, it can be found at [northpondmaine.org](http://northpondmaine.org). The NPA paid \$13,000 to 7 Lakes Alliance for the CBI program with collective funds from the towns of Mercer, Rome and Smithfield. Bottle redemption monies also defray the CBI cost, with the remaining balance covered by NPA membership dues and donations.

During the summer of 2021, Curly Leaf Pondweed, an invasive aquatic plant, was found in the Serpentine in East Pond. Upon further search, there were small infestations found in Old Mill Stream in North Pond as well. Those infestations were removed, and we are working with 7 Lakes Alliance to create an Adopt-A-Shoreline program to encourage all those on the water to look for Curly Leaf Pondweed, especially those along Mill Stream. There will also be a lake wide plant paddle to determine if the Curly Leaf Pondweed has moved to other parts of the lake, we are hopeful that it has not. Even though the infestations in the Serpentine in East Pond were removed, upon further inspection this fall we have found that the Curly Leaf has returned.

North Pond experienced another serious, summer algae bloom in 2021. It arrived later in the summer, but it did arrive. In response to the increased algae blooms a grant application from Maine DEP was applied for and awarded. **The North Pond Watershed-Based Management Plan (WBMP)** project was approved by Maine DEP, and a grant has been awarded to the Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District (KCSWCD). The District has contracted with Ecological Instincts to provide project management and planning services for this two-year project which is anticipated to start in January 2022. With the completion of the WBMP, there will be a well-defined plan that will include remediation recommendations to improve the lake water quality. The project partners include: NPA, Colby College, Maine DEP, 7 Lakes Alliance, Towns of Mercer, Rome and Smithfield, and KCSWCD.

All of those residing in the Belgrade Watershed, have a part to play in trying to improve water quality so that everyone can enjoy time on the lake. LakeSmart is an excellent program, managed by Maine Lakes to help property owners in the watershed learn about what they can do. Once contacted, NPA LakeSmart coordinators will visit your property and suggest inexpensive projects such as planting a buffer, installing a gutter, etc. to help prevent erosion. When sediment is allowed to enter the water, it carries phosphorus and in turn this phosphorus feeds the algae. As a result, the water quality is affected, and a bloom can occur. You can find more information about LakeSmart on our website, [northpondmaine.org](http://northpondmaine.org) or [mainelakes.org](http://mainelakes.org). There is also an opportunity to

learn more at our, “R U Buff Enough?” workshop to be held on Saturday, July 9 from 9-11 at the Smithfield Grange.

NPA has been involved with Charlie Baeder, 319 Coordinator for 7 Lakes Alliance, to manage our 319 Grant Funded Projects in the past and for those that are scheduled in the future. We are very thankful for the support of the town of Mercer in helping to fund some of these projects. It is also important to note that some of those grants can finance projects to control erosion on camp roads and driveways. For more information contact [Charlie.baeder@7lakesalliance.org](mailto:Charlie.baeder@7lakesalliance.org).

Other activities that are scheduled to occur this summer are the 1st Annual Pike Fishing Derby, Earth Day clean-up at the Boat Landing, Adopt-A-Shoreline and Invasive Plant ID Workshops and Plant Paddles and our Annual Meeting to be held remotely on Tuesday, August 9 @ 7:00 PM.

NPA’s mission since 1985, has been to protect, preserve and educate. We are able support this mission with help from: the towns of Mercer, Rome and Smithfield, NPA members, private donations, local businesses, volunteers and collaboration with 7 Lakes Alliance, Colby College and many others.

With appreciation,

Kelly B. Marshall, NPA President

TOWN OF ROME  
7 Lakes Alliance Annual Report

Town funding supports the lake conservation work in the Belgrade Lakes region. The Town's support is critical to the success of the local erosion control program, and is used to leverage funding from other sources. 7 Lakes Alliance **Youth Conservation Corps** program serves all 13 towns that comprise the 180 square mile Belgrade Lakes watershed. An investment in lakes is an investment in keeping taxes low and in maintaining local jobs. Clean lakes support the economy and a significant portion of the tax base of our region.

7 Lakes Alliance **Youth Conservation Corps** erosion control program (to prevent algae blooms and improve water quality):

- Has, since 1996, completed 1,701 projects, the largest such program in Maine.
- Employs high school and college-aged young people.
- Funding provided by homeowners, towns, lake associations, private donors, and businesses.

These conservation projects include installation of native, woody shrubs to enhance shoreline buffers, infiltration trenches to eliminate runoff gullies, infiltration steps to eliminate eroding pathways, and riprap to remediate eroding shorelines, among other Best Management Practices.

Thank you for your past generous support of our Youth Conservation Corps program (YCC) in the Belgrade Lakes region. In the 2021 summer season, 7 Lakes Alliance Youth Conservation Corps completed more projects than we could have expected given the coronavirus pandemic. The YCC provides high school and college students summer employment working to protect the water quality of the region by decreasing soil erosion.

7 Lakes Alliance **Youth Conservation Corps** review of 2020:

- Installed 25 erosion control projects (Best Management Practices or BMPs) in the Belgrade Lakes Watershed. Note that early pandemic-related conditions made YCC work challenging in 2020. Projects were completed on all 7 lakes, were prioritized by impact on lake water quality, and included 17 BMPs on Great, Long, and North ponds.
- In 2020, the YCC employed 5 high school and college-aged youth.

7 Lakes Alliance **Youth Conservation Corps** accomplished in 2021:

- Installed 76 erosion control projects (BMPs) in the Belgrade Lakes Watershed. Projects were completed on all 7 lakes, were prioritized by impact on lake water quality, and included 53 projects on Great, Long, and North ponds.
- In 2021, the YCC employed 12 high school and college-aged youth.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Rose Day, President &  
CEO 7 Lakes Alliance

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December 31, 2021

Board of Selectmen & the Budget Committee  
The Town of Rome  
8 Mercer Road  
Rome, Maine 04963

**Re: 2022 funding for Great Pond, Long Pond and North Pond water quality and for the remediation and prevention of invasive lake water plants**

Attached: Belgrade Lakes Association Milfoil Newsletter

Dear Sirs:

Per the recent Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA) presentation to the Select Board and the Comprehensive Planning Committee:

- Shore front properties in our town pay 79.7% of our tax revenues.
- Degradation in lake water quality can reduce the assessed value of those properties by as much as 35% (or even greater) as demonstrated by the impact of algae blooms on East Pond.
- Invasive plant infestations (i.e. milfoil) can substantially reduce lake front property assessed values.
- Therefore, it is in the town's best interest, in order to maintain its tax base, to protect and preserve North Pond, Great Pond and Long Pond water quality, and better yet
- To help the water quality improve.

To that end we urge the Select Board and the Budget Committee to include the following in the 2022 town budget for approval at the annual town meeting. All these items support improved quality of life, sustaining the local economy and providing for the support of "outside recreation" for our communities and summertime guests. All of these actions are contributors to our collective recovery from the COVID virus impact. Hence we suggest that a significant portion of the requested funds could be justifiably derived from the ARPA funds allocated to our town.

Additionally we may want to reach out, as a town, to the other towns that border on our three lakes and suggest they take similar action in their 2022 budgets to help address water quality in North Pond, Great Pond and Long Pond. .

**Recommendations:**

**1. Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) hours – increase the CEO’s hours to two days in the winter, and three days in the summer + a 6% COLA increase**

- The CEO is one of the town’s most important resources to protect and improve lake water quality.
- His permitting and enforcement of the building codes, shore land zoning ordinance, tree cutting ordinance, septic system ordinance and construction compliance form our only legally enforceable basis to mitigate the impact of land development, construction and septic systems on North Pond, Great Pond and Long Pond water quality.
- The most intense time for this type of permitting and enforcement occurs in the summer months.
- Currently he feels he does not have enough time to stay on top of the many construction and remediation activities underway.
- Further, as a result of the increased movement to our lakes and increased investment in Lake Frontage properties all induced by the COVID “migration” from cities to the lakes, the intensity of the activities needing the CEO’s attention is increasing.

**2. Stop invasive Milfoil – Include \$40,000 in funding from the Town of Rome.**

- \$20,000 to be used for STOP MILFOIL mitigation work on Great Pond in 2022.
- \$20,000 to be used to help fund the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program in 2022 at the ramps on all three town lakes (North Pond, Great Pond and Long Pond, funding split between the three lakes 1/3,1/3, 1/3).
- Attached is the recent milfoil newsletter which explains the situation and progress which has been made since the program started in 2012. As the brochure indicates in 2021 30,000 gallons of milfoil plants were removed. That’s >70% more than was removed in 2018. This water quality problem has not gone away. To fully understand the potential milfoil impact on our lakes a trip to the downstream end of Belgrade Stream will reveal that milfoil has choked that small river completely.
- In 2021 the BLA contributed \$36,300 to pay for Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs) at the Great Pond, and Long Pond boat ramps. The North Pond Association did similarly for North Pond. This provided coverage from Memorial Day right through Labor Day. In that time the CBIs inspected more than 8,275 boats at the

Great Pond, Long Pond and North Pond ramps. It is notable that there were two “saves” last year by CBI’s at the Long Pond ramp and the North Pond ramp. These saves have the potential of avoiding a spend of millions of dollars, should milfoil have been introduced into either lake.

- Further additional diligence needed regarding invasive plants. A new invasive plant was found in the serpentine this summer: curly leaf pondweed
- In total \$155,000 was budgeted for the Milfoil program in 2021. The BLA, through donations, funded \$127,850 of that total. Despite efforts to halt infestations and reduce the need for this program, we anticipate spending will need to stay the same in 2022. This is because of the need to fund another aggressive management plan and to cover the required increases in the Milfoil extraction team’s wages.

3. 7 Lakes Alliance Erosion Control Manager and YCC corrective actions - **contribution to funding \$35,000**

- Manager salary and benefits, Rome contribution - \$20,000
- Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) - \$15,000
- The 7 Lakes Alliance is hiring a full time erosion control manager.
- It has been determined that one of the major contributors of phosphorus to our lakes (leading to algae blooms which have occurred on all three lakes) is erosion run off.
- The run off can originate from poorly maintained camp roads, lake frontage with poor or no erosion control, incorrectly designed drainage systems (i.e. the Maine DOT and the Dry Point Road drains) and mishandled construction.
- The erosion control manager follows these “point sources’ and leads efforts to implement corrective action through the work of the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) and LakeSmart program.
- This is an ongoing effort.
- This erosion control work has been determined to be the major action we can implement now to reduce the potential for further algae blooms

4. Follow up to Watershed Surveys – **Allocate \$40,000 as follows:**

- North Pond - \$20,000 – to help prepare and implement the North Pond Watershed-Based Management Plan (2022 – 2023) and execute the resulting remediation plan.
- Great Pond - \$10,000 – to address identified issues at the Rome Town Beach and implementation of the Watershed-Based Management Plan.
- Long Pond – \$10,000 – to help prepare the Long Pond Watershed-Based Management Plan and 319 Grant Application.



- Great Pond, North Pond and Long Pond have recently completed or are completing State required watershed surveys. These surveys identified concerns on Lake Frontage properties (failing septic systems, storm water runoff, lack of vegetation buffers, degraded shoreline storm water runoff barriers, over-cutting, violations of shoreland zoning ordinances, camp roads in disrepair etc.) that are contributing to phosphorus run off into the lakes. Each survey has follow up actions that are being implemented by the Belgrade Lakes Association, the North Pond Association and the 7 Lakes Alliance.
- The Great Pond and Long Pond watershed surveys can be found on the BLA web site with direct links to the Pdf documents.

Thank you for your attention to these proposals. They will all help to preserve the value of the 79.7% of the town's tax assessment base represented by shore land real estate.

Sincerely,

  
Carol Johnson  
President  
Belgrade Lakes Association

  
Kelly Marshall  
President  
North Pond Association



## Dams Committee 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Budget Request

To the Towns of: **Belgrade, Mt. Vernon, Oakland, Rome and Sidney**  
 Members of Inter-Local agreement for management of Belgrade Area Dams

Mother Nature was very good to us this past year. Giving us just barely enough rain to maintain the water level management plan that we are charged with. The four Belgrade Area Lakes under the auspices of the Dams Committee are now at normal winter water storage levels as we look forward to spring ice out.

Normal maintenance and repairs were successfully conducted on all three dams during this past year in addition to a successful completion of Long Pond's 106 year old Wings Mill Dam remediation early this past October.

For 2022, in addition to \$20,000 for the continuing Preventive Maintenance and Repairs on all three Dams, the Dams Committee is requesting the additional \$32,849 for driveway work at the Wings Mill site, the many scheduled repairs and work on the other two dams, and to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to help offset future large project expenditures. Please refer to the accompanying spreadsheets for the necessary detail.

<b>Total request of \$52,850, including the above \$20K:</b>		<u>Share of Cost</u>	<u>Shoreline Miles</u>
<b>Belgrade</b>	\$25,368.00	( 48 %)	37.6
<b>Rome</b>	\$12,155.00	( 23 %)	17.8
<b>Oakland</b>	\$ 7,399.00	( 14 %)	11.3
<b>Sidney</b>	\$ 4,228.00	( 8 %)	6.3
<b>Mt. Vernon</b>	\$ 3,699.00	( 7 %)	5.5

The Members of the Dams Committee would like to thank the residents and officials of the five Communities involved in this local governmental partnership for their continued assistance and support. **Enjoy the Lakes!**

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of all Members of the Belgrade Area Dams Committee,  
 Dick Greenan, Committee Chairperson

## Rome Recreation Committee Annual Report -2022

While folks scheduled COVID vaccinations and continued social distancing, the year 2021 found the Recreation Committee busy working on a few projects. Sprucing up the Rome Town Beach began with the clearing of a short nature trail. The trail is now marked and also includes a few activities for kids. First, a collection of log stumps of different lengths set vertically in the ground was placed along the path to climb on. A couple of cedar beams were also located along the path to be used as balance beams to walk across or to just sit upon to enjoy the view or just a quiet moment. As well, a Fairy House site has been roughly located for children to enjoy building natural houses out of found items for the woodland fairies. Late in the fall, some tidying up was done in the area between the parking lot and the beach front. Paul LaBonte, the Tree Man, has offered to come in with his wood chipper to chip up the brush and the woodchips will then be distributed along the trail as needed. More plans are in the works for the waterfront area to stabilize the soil.

A new activity the Recreation Committee tried this year was Trunk-or-Treat for Halloween. Community members parked at the Community Building, some in costume, some with decorated cars, and all with “treats” for the kids who came in costume. We had over 50 children stop by and everyone had a great time. We will definitely do this again next year – bigger and better!

The Committee is still working on the idea of a Town Park. We are pursuing the possibility of acquiring more land. When we determine how much land we have to work with, we will begin developing a design that will accommodate as much of the identified areas of interest that came out from the survey distributed at last year’s Annual Meeting and is still available at the Town Office. There was great interest in an accessible trail (a hard level surface to accommodate walkers, wheelchairs, small bikes, strollers, and anyone who might be less stable on their feet, looking for exercise but cannot manage the woodland trails available in the area). Also, folks were very interested in a covered picnic area for social gatherings and community events. A playscape for kids, a community garden, a dog run, a pickleball court are some of the other areas of interest. There is a Federal Grant which could reimburse the Town, if approved, for up to 50% of the costs. Any labor, materials, etc. that could be donated would count towards the Town’s 50%. Fundraising would also be pursued.

When COVID subsides, we hope to return the Community dinner and other social events. In the meantime, Corinne Hadden stepped up to organize “Game Day” two Wednesdays a month, starting in September. She made and had donated from local vendors lots of yummy snacks and even organized a food pantry once a month. This was a great event for those who felt comfortable attending masked up! With the recent surge in the Virus, this event has been postponed until further notice. Watch the Town website for updates on this.

We hope everyone has a safe and healthy 2022, and we will continue to think of ways to provide outdoor activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Shute

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT

At the 2021 Town Meeting, voters overwhelmingly funded the first of a two-year project to develop a comprehensive plan for the Town of Rome. Shortly after, the Select Board appointed a committee; the committee works each month on the project. Kennebec Valley Council of Governments' (KVCOG) Planning Director Joel Greenwood serves as the committee's facilitator as we navigate through the various sections required according to the State's expectations under the Growth Management Act. While a comprehensive plan is not a state mandate, the adoption of one ensures better development decisions, serves as a guide to Rome's leadership, committees, and boards, and is required to support certain ordinances or growth. State agencies are directed to award preference for state grant and investment programs to municipalities that adopt a comprehensive plan.

*A Comprehensive Plan is a document that pulls together information on a wide-range of community issues to assess trends and establish town policies. In a sense, a comprehensive plan is a lot like a blueprint for a community. Rather than looking narrowly at a specific issue that may be important today, a comprehensive plan looks at various aspects of community life and how they may interact with town government over a 10-to-15-year period.*

*In Maine, comprehensive plans typically establish town policies dealing with issues such as transportation, natural resources management, municipal capital investment, outdoor recreation, working waterfront access, marine resources, and land use. \**

Components reviewed are tailored to Rome's needs. Each section delves into a variety of data points on demographics, the Town's history, current status, and provides recommendations for a future position. The sections include the following:

- Demographic Profile
- Agriculture and Forestry
- Capital Investment Plan
- Future Land Use Plan
- Historical & Archeological Resources
- Housing Opportunities
- Land Use and the Built Environment
- Local Economy
- Natural Resources
- Outdoor Recreation/Culture
- Public Facilities & Services
- Transportation
- Implementation of Goals and Policies

While many of the topics listed above have already been initially studied, over the last six months, the committee is continually reminded of the potential for outdoor recreation opportunities. We recognize the value of our lakes and lands and are working to develop a vibrant plan that embraces those assets. The discussions about a potential town park/outdoor space, enhanced lakefront property, and other projects have stimulated much debate.

The committee also understands the importance of monitoring the current state of municipally-owned assets, including buildings, vehicles, roads, and vacant land. A review of facilities initiated a request to the Select Board to seek a qualified firm to conduct a building condition assessment for the Community Center/Town Office. The goal behind this request, which A.E. Hodsdon Consulting Engineers ultimately fulfilled, was to consider the costs and benefits of completing

repairs and upgrades to the facility relative to constructing a new municipal facility. Ideas to further enhance the current facilities and identify a village center to potentially consolidate EMS service among other growth areas are also under review. The committee has not yet made any recommendations on this topic.

We respectfully request your approval for the final round of funding to support completion of the Comprehensive Plan. With that in hand, in 2022, we will conclude the review of each remaining section. The committee will then hold public hearings to review the content and seek community feedback on recommendations. Developing a plan including timelines and accountability for each recommendation and associated goals and policies finishes up the plan development before approval by the committee. Once the committee and the public agree on a final plan, it will then be sent to the State of Maine for approval.

The final plan will assist in securing outside funding for various projects that align with the plan. Many state and federal grants require that a proposed project aligns with the Comprehensive Plan. A sound comprehensive plan will also provide a solid outline for monitoring activity and progress across numerous topics. Therefore, we must develop a well-rounded plan that accurately represents where Rome may go in the next 10 to 15 years. A strong Comprehensive Plan can open up the door to outside funding to support project development and execution.

Developing a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Rome is not possible without ongoing public input. This is an opportunity to come together and make decisions about our future, a chance to ensure that we hear from everyone about what is best for our town and each other. We invite you to attend our meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, 6:00 p.m., at the Town Office. Please visit the Town website to find out what the specific topic will be for the upcoming meeting. If you have ideas about the future of our community, please join us!

Respectfully submitted,

***Comprehensive Plan Committee***

Paul Anderson  
Adam Clement  
Gary Foss  
Dick Greenan  
Richard LaBelle

Andrew Marble  
Joan Orr  
Barbara Saxton  
Sandy Shute

\* *Source: Washington County Council of Governments*

## RSU 18 SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### **"Rome - Helping RSU 18 set the standard for academic excellence for public schools in Maine"**

*This note reflects exclusively my personal perspective as your Rome Town RSU 18 School Director. It in no way or manner represents the perspective of the Superintendent or the School Board. You are encouraged to access the RSU 18 web site or contact the Superintendent for information.*

**"Safety and Academic Success are our two priorities."** These words from the Superintendent say it all.

And they were achieved. There were zero school caused COVID cases in the students, faculty or staff. And the reported academic results are truly exceptional, exceptional even in a normal year. Negotiating through the Maine CDC direction, the Maine Department of Education direction, the social/political climate and labor challenges was an incredible accomplishment. In spite of all those hurdles RSU 18 was open 5 days a week educating our children and simultaneously successfully implemented broad scale remote learning. These accomplishments are beyond exceptional.

It has been a hope that we could bring RSU 18 into the academic ranks of Maine's top school districts. In 2020/2021 the Superintendent, his team, the faculty, the parents and most importantly the students may have exceeded that objective.

**RSU18 may have been, by almost any academic measure, the top district in Maine.** The scores reported are wonderful and truly exceptional compared to the overall state performance and our district's historical performance.

RSU 18's focus on safety led the way, and allowed the team to then achieve academic success. A clear indicator of this is the >100 number of students who transferred into our district. Further the experience of the COVID challenge and the need to implement remote learning, has given our faculty, staff and students improved skills. These include the ability to work remotely, increased personal flexibility, enhanced self-reliance and resilience. These skill will serve the entire team well as they progress through their lives. To use the quote from WWII, they all can say with pride throughout their life challenges, **"We (I) did it before, We (I) can do it again."**

In addition many items are noteworthy in their absence:

- No labor disruptions/no union or union relations disruptions
- No inappropriate faculty behavior disruptions
- No violent events at any school or school faculty
- No unsafe condition events or injuries at any school or facility
- No failed budgets
- No financial audit issues.

Not every district can point to so many important things **not** happening – this is excellent. In June the Board presented the Superintendent, Carl Gartley, with a recognition plaque on an eagle trophy with these words.

**"Presented in recognition of your extraordinary commitment to our students, faculty and staff's safety, and your equally exceptional commitment to academic excellence during the COVID crisis. In the face of significant obstacles and challenges, you & the RSU 18 team successfully implemented full time, 5 days a week, in-school learning coupled with exemplary on-line remote learning support when needed. This year of learning will be an enduring lifetime asset for our students."**

The School Board and all the meeting attendees (including many faculty and all the building principals) gave Carl and Assistant Superintendent/Chief Academic officer Keith Morin, a standing ovation.

**Rome a great place to live – a great place to grow up.**

Yours in achieving academic excellence for the benefit of our children,



Dr. Andrew G. Cook,  
Rome School Board Director 207-465-6388 (m) 207-397-5332 (h) [acook@rsu18.org](mailto:acook@rsu18.org)

**First Park/Kennebec Valley Regional Development Authority (KRDA)  
General Assembly Representative's 2020 report  
Get out in 2021**

- Ref: 1. Rome KRDA Withdrawal Motion vote June 8, 2021 97 Yes 12 No  
2. Rome Public hearing on the ballot question to withdraw April 6, 2021  
3. CHAPTER 79 H.P. 1612 - L.D. 2238 An Act to Create the Kennebec Regional Development Authority, Kennebec Regional Authority enabling legislation signed 04/03/98  
4. First Park 2021/2022 Cash Flow Statement

**The Current Situation:** No lots were sold by First Park in 2020. Some lots that were sold on or before 2013 changed hands. Construction was started on one of those lots for a dental practice. No First Park owned lots have been sold since 2013 despite a strong economy. It is not expected that the Park's track record will change. Our total net loss in First Park is \$336,071 (2001 to present). The Park's bond indebtedness was paid off in November 2020. The current budget year which ends on June 30, 2022 is forecasted to be "break even."

We have prepared a letter to be issued on July 1 by our Select Board. It states:

**"The Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA) Founding Legislation (ref. 3) Section 13 provides that a town may withdraw from KRDA if the following conditions have been met:**

- 1. A town is already a member,**
- 2. The town votes to withdraw, and**
- 3. It is the end of a fiscal year in which the full fiscal year income has been sufficient to pay the indebtedness and expenses of the Authority for that fiscal year.**

**These conditions have been met.**

- 1. Rome is a KRDA member.**
- 2. Rome voted properly (reference 1 and 2) to withdraw.**
- 3. There is no indebtedness, the bonds have been fully paid off.**
- 4. The 2021/2022 fiscal year cash flow statement shows income has been sufficient to cover the expenses of the authority for that fiscal year.**

**Please consider this formal notice of Rome's withdrawal from the KRDA."**

Pending any developments in the interim, on July 1 we will withdraw.

**Respectfully your representative,**



**Dr. Andrew G Cook**

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



***Ken Mason, Sheriff***  
***Alfred G. Morin, Chief Deputy***

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January 26, 2022

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 2021. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections' Services, Civil Process, Court and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including two 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.

Despite the continued challenges that COVID presents to us all my entire staff continues with its mission of serving the citizens and visitors of Kennebec County, as well as the safe keeping of incarcerated individuals within our Correctional Facility.

In 2021, Law Enforcement Deputies logged thousands of calls for service. Our calls for service increased to near normal levels we experienced before the pandemic.

One type of call has increased dramatically: overdoses of prescribed medications or illicit substances. As the problem 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.

Starting in 2021 a shift in the balance of call taking we had shared with the Maine State Police required my office to expand the Law Enforcement Division by two Deputies. These two positions were filled, which completed the staffing levels agreed to by the Budget Committee.

Our Patrol Division welcomed Deputies Dan Ross, Stephen Gould and Racean Wood as full-time staff on our team. Each of these men bring at least four years of experience as career law enforcement officers. Deputy Ross comes to us from the Gardiner Police Department, Deputy Gould worked with the Livermore Falls Police Department, and Deputy Wood served with the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. We also welcomed Reserve Deputy Nathaniel Sparling to our patrol division as a part-time Deputy.

In December of 2021 our office saw the resignations of Deputy Kulakowski and Deputy Carey. We wish them great success as they transition to new challenges and growing families.



My agency has been receiving federal funds to conduct patrol details specifically related to motor vehicle violations throughout the county. To date, the effort of Kennebec County Deputies in those federally funded programs excel statistically for the number of interdictions for drug related criminal activities.

Our Civil Process Deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local, and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2021, the three civil deputies received over 7,124 requests for service in Kennebec County. This is an increase from 2020. 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.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 1738 inmate intakes. 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.

My staff at the correctional facility should be very proud of the way they have handled the COVID issue, containing those testing positive with the virus and stopping it from spreading.

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.

I would like to thank all my administrative staff who support the patrol division, detective division, correctional division and the civil deputies. The amounts of paperwork that is handled by these individuals is staggering and their work is greatly appreciated. Job well done by all.

As your Sheriff, and moving forward into 2022, my focus will remain the same. Serve the people of this county and our visitors honorably and professionally through good common sense and good judgement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Mason, Sheriff



**Daniel J. Newman**

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January 2022

Town of Rome  
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am honored that you have entrusted me with the responsibility of being your State Representative for House District 76 in the Maine Legislature.

The first session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature convened in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, which meant we met in the Augusta Civic Center every few weeks through May 19 to preserve social distancing for safety. This enabled us to begin voting on over two thousand bills that were before us. Committee meetings and hearings were and continue to be streamed on “Zoom.” We did finally return to our chamber in the State House and finished business on July 19. We met again briefly this fall to vote on redistricting.

This was my first session serving on the Joint Standing Committee for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Here, I had the opportunity to show my support for our police, fire, and correctional workers. I also had an opportunity to submit Emergency Legislation to the Governor to allow the Town of Belgrade to form a water district as an option to correct ongoing contamination issues.

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always welcome, however, 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 Zoom meetings and YouTube videos. I also send a weekly email with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at [Daniel.Newman@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Daniel.Newman@legislature.maine.gov) and I will gladly add you to the list. I also make frequent posts on my Facebook page at *Dan Newman Maine House 76*.

Again, thank you for giving me the honor and privilege of serving you at the State House and may you all have a safe and healthy 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel J. Newman".

Daniel J. Newman  
State Representative



Brad Farrin  
Senator, District 3

130<sup>th</sup> MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

December 2021

Dear Neighbors and Friends:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me to be a voice for you, your family, and our community in Augusta.

The 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature began unlike any other. Public hearings and work sessions, traditionally held in filled committee rooms at the State House, took place virtually via Zoom. And the Legislature did not convene in person at the State House until June. Given the unusual nature of how the Legislature met to accommodate safety considerations required by the pandemic, I was adamant that the balance in state government between the Executive and Legislative branches be restored – and that the public continues to play a critical role in the Legislative process.

Prior to adjourning on July 19, we passed a supplemental budget and determined how the federal American Rescue Plan funds should be appropriated. We also passed Republican-led legislation to give nearly \$150 million in surplus revenue back to hard-working taxpayers as a one-time payment of \$285 that was distributed between November and December.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Session will begin in January, and I am eager to get back to work supporting bills that help Mainers and small businesses alike who have struggled as a result of the pandemic. I will continue to serve as Chair of the Veterans Caucus and as the ranking Republican on two legislative committees – Transportation as well as Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please feel free to contact me by phone at 287-1505 or at [brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:brad.farrin@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or need assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. If you would like to receive regular legislative updates, you may sign up to do so at [www.mesenategop.com](http://www.mesenategop.com). Finally, I encourage you to get involved and contact your local, state and federal representatives to let them know how you feel on various matters. Many things have changed during the pandemic that will have a lasting impact, and it is imperative your representatives know how you feel on these critically important issues.

Sincerely,

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

Brad Farrin  
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Committee on Armed Services  
Committee on Small Business

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

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It remains a privilege to represent you in Congress, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on for the people of the Second Congressional District.

This year, our small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, states, and towns continued to face challenges related to the coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health and our economy that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. While we are not yet out of the woods, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Still, I know there are many Mainers who will continue to need assistance getting through this pandemic. I am committed to making sure our communities' most urgent needs are met to get our economy back on track.

One thing I am particularly proud of this year is that Democrats, Republicans, and the Biden Administration worked together to pass the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, which will make a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation's infrastructure and support Maine jobs. This bill will bring \$1.3 billion to Maine for highways and \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs, as well as \$234 million to improve public transportation options. It will also allocate over \$100 million to help provide broadband access to the 42,000 Mainers currently without it and make 310,000 Mainers eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Benefit to help families pay for internet access. Crucially, it will also provide Maine with \$390 million to combat Maine's historically high rates of lead poisoning by replacing lead pipes and allowing Maine families access to clean drinking water.

Another one of my priorities in Congress is protecting Maine jobs. For one, shipbuilders at Bath Iron Works are a vital part of our economy, and the ships they build are critical to our national security. Throughout 2021, I led the Maine congressional delegation in pushing back against the Biden Administration's proposed decrease in DDG-51 shipbuilding, a proposal that would have had serious consequences for the shipbuilding workforce at BIW, one of the two shipyards that produces these destroyers, and American naval capabilities around the world. We fought successfully to include authorization for construction of three new DDG-51 destroyers in the final National Defense Authorization Act. I will continue to work hard with my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee to ensure that we protect our national security and shipbuilding jobs in Maine.

My most meaningful work in Congress continues to be providing direct assistance to Mainers. My staff and I stand ready to serve you. If you are looking for assistance with a federal agency, help for your small business, or want to keep me informed about the issues that matter to you, please reach out to one of my offices below:

- **Caribou Office:** 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- **Bangor Office:** 6 State Street, Bangor ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400
- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767

I am especially glad to share that my wife Izzy and I were pleased to welcome our daughter, Rosemary, into the world this year. Mom and baby are happy and healthy, and we're so thankful for this blessing. We look forward to showing her the beauty of Maine in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared F. Golden".

Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress

SUSAN M. COLLINS  
MAINE

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Dear Friends:

I am deeply honored to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of the areas I have been working on over the past year.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose enormous challenges for our state and our country. When the pandemic began, I co-authored the Paycheck Protection Program that helped small businesses remain afloat and keep their employees paid. In Maine, our small businesses received more than 47,000 forgivable loans totaling \$3.2 billion. I also led efforts to provide relief for loggers, lobstermen, and bus companies.

In addition, I helped secure \$700 million to assist Maine's overwhelmed hospitals and nursing homes, and a new law I led prevented Medicare payment cuts to help further ease the financial strain on our hospitals. I also urged the CDC to update its recommendations so that our students and teachers could safely return to their classrooms, and I pressed the Administration to end the closure of the U.S.-Canada border.

While addressing the pandemic has been a major focus, I've also worked hard to ensure Maine's other needs are met. A group of 10 Senators, of which I was a part, negotiated the landmark bipartisan infrastructure bill that was signed into law in November. I co-authored the section of the bill that will provide Maine with as much as \$300 million to expand high-speed internet in rural and underserved areas.

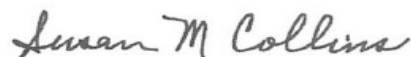
Soaring inflation is another crisis, particularly when it comes to the cost of heating oil. I have strongly supported federal programs that help Maine families stay warm. In November, Maine was awarded \$35 million to help low-income Mainers pay their energy bills. And the bipartisan infrastructure bill included \$3.5 billion to help families make energy efficiency improvements that would permanently lower their heating costs.

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I have supported investments in Maine's communities. This year's funding bills include \$265 million I championed for 106 projects across Maine. These projects would help create jobs, improve workforce training, address the opioid crisis, and increase access to childcare and health care services. In addition, I worked to reverse proposed cuts to our Navy in order to help protect America and keep the skilled workers at Bath Iron Works on the job. The bills also include \$475 million for the construction of a new dry dock at Maine's Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that will allow the Navy to continue to carry out its submarine missions. I will keep working to get these important bills enacted.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,000<sup>th</sup> consecutive vote, becoming the only Senator in history to do so without ever having missed a roll call vote. The Lugar Center at Georgetown University once again ranked me as the most bipartisan Senator for the eighth year in a row.

In the New Year, I will keep working to solve problems and make life better for the people of Maine and America. May 2022 be a happy, healthy, and successful one for you, your family, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator

Selectman's Report

We, the Selectman of Rome, hereby submit this report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2021.

**General Assistance**

Raised and Appropriated	2,500.00
Total Expended	305.27
Balance Lapsed	2,194.73

**Roads and Bridges**

Raised and Appropriated	30,000.00
Total Expended	21,576.90
Balance Lapsed	8,423.10

Cash Disbursements:

Rick Labbe Construction	6,887.50
Carroll Bubar	3,331.64
Pike Industries	5,147.76
Stephen Foster	253.00
KVCG	33.25
Wayne French	750.00
Paris Farmers Union	783.75
Ron's Grading	1,140.00
Fine Line Paving	3,250.00
Total Disbursements	<b>21,576.90</b>

**Paving**

Raised and Appropriated	202,588.00
Total Expended	201,130.00
Balance Lapsed	1,458.00

**Brush Cutting**

Raised and Appropriated	12,500.00
Total Expended	6,625.00
Balance Lapsed	5,975.00

**Building Permits**

Cash Received	5,410.86
Balance Lapsed	5,410.86

**Snow Removal**

Raised and Appropriated	94,000.00
Contingency	1,000.00
Total Expended	95,000.00
Balance	0.00

**Salt and Sand**

Raised and Appropriated	45,000.00
Total Expended	27,627.17
Balance Lapsed	17,372.83

**Road Signs**

Raised and Appropriated	500.00
Total Expended	253.50
Balance Lapsed	246.50

**Selectman's Office Expense**

Raised and Appropriated	1,400.00
Total Expended	1,508.94
Contingency	108.94
Balance	0.00

**Town Clerk's Expense**

Raised and Appropriated	1,200.00
Total Expended	709.82
Balance Lapsed	490.18

**Treasurer & Tax Collector's Expense**

Raised and Appropriated	7,500.00
Total Expended	6,285.28
Balance Lapsed	1,214.72

**Trio Software**

Raised and Appropriated	11,888.00
Total Expended	11,887.66
Balance Lapsed	0.34

**Vital Records**

Received	651.00
Balance Lapse	651.00

**Social Security and Medicare**

Raised and Appropriated	14,000.00
Total Expended	10,261.84
Balance Lapsed	3,738.16

**Town Officer's Salaries**

Raised and Appropriated	152,192.00
Total Expended	115,560.00
Balance Lapsed	36,632.00

**Streetlights**

Raised and Appropriated	2,500.00
Total Expended	2,391.39
Balance Lapsed	108.61

<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>		Raised and Appropriated	21,000.00
Raised and Appropriated	2,500.00	Total Expended	18,761.30
Total Expended	0.00	Balance Lapsed	2,238.70
Balance to EMA Reserve	2,500.00		
<b>Fire Department</b>		<b>Rome Community Center</b>	
Raised and Appropriated	51,150.00	Raised and Appropriated	20,500.00
Total Expended	47,579.52	Total Expended	24,805.17
Balance Lapsed	3,570.48	Contingency	4,305.17
		Balance	0.00
<b>Disbursements:</b>		<b>Town Cemetery Care</b>	
FD Building Maintenance	9,304.19	Raised and Appropriated	15,000.00
FD Equipment Maintenance	6,908.82	Total Expended	13,550.00
FD New Equipment	5,130.57	Balance Lapsed	1,450.00
FD Labor	13,530.00		
FD Truck Maintenance	4,258.89	<b>Solid Waste Disposal</b>	
Maine Compliance	1,300.00	<b>Sanitary Landfill</b>	
Tower Fee	1,010.00	Raised and Appropriated	58,500.00
Hose Testing	3,228.75	Total Expended	58,395.17
Forestry Grant	2,908.30	Balance Lapsed	104.83
Total Expended	<b>47,579.52</b>		
<b>FD CD Balance</b>	96,638.30	<b>Legal Expense</b>	
Raised and Appropriated	15,000.00	Total Expended	2,210.75
Interest	155.60	Contingency	2,210.75
Balance Carried	111,793.90	Balance	0.00
<b>FD Donations</b>		<b>Plumbing</b>	
Carry Forward	7,429.00	Cash Received	7,392.50
2021 Donations	1,759.54	Total Expended	7,392.50
Total Expended	0.00	Balance	0.00
Balance Carried	9,188.54	<b>Planning Board Expense</b>	
<b>911 Dispatch-Waterville</b>		Raised and Appropriated	1,200.00
Raised and Appropriated	4,200.00	Total Expended	1,726.36
Total Expended	4,198.38	Contingency	526.36
Balance Lapse	1.62	Balance	0.00
<b>Somerset Dispatch</b>		<b>Contingent Fund</b>	
Raised and Appropriated	2,373.50	2021 Carried Balance	32,019.00
Total Expended	2,373.50	Cash Received	21,946.81
Balance	0.00	Paid Overdraft	11,906.03
		Total Expended	2,816.10
<b>State Dispatch Services</b>		Balance Carried	39,243.68
Raised and Appropriated	8,921.50	<b>Cash Receipts.</b>	
Total Expended	8,682.66	Vet's Reimbursement	505.00
Balance Lapsed	238.84	Tree Growth	6,716.97
<b>Insurance</b>		Charter Com Franchise	14,724.84
		Total Received	<b>21,946.81</b>

**Disbursements**

2021 Scholarships	1,150.00
Snowpond Tech	76.00
Carroll Bubar	100.00
Maine Today	258.28
Nicholas Electrical Co	300.00
Election Systems & Software	153.94
Sec of State	33.00
Paul Labonte	300.00
Paul Anderson	294.88
Terry Hughes	150.00
<b>Total Disbursed</b>	<b>2,816.10</b>

**Global Towers Legal**

Balance Carried	74.34
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**Rome Campership Fund**

Balance Carried	614.39
Balance Carried	614.39

**State Revenue Sharing**

Cash Received	60,971.06
Used toward Commitment	55,000.00
Balance	5,971.06

**Auto Excise Tax Account**

Cash Received	261,373.08
Expended Toward Commitment	210,000.00
Balance Lapsed	51,373.08

**Agent Fees**

Cash Received	6,267.00
Expended Toward Commitment	4,250.00
Balance Lapse	2,017.00

**Dog License Account**

Balance Carried	2,298.36
Cash Received	422.00
Total Expended	111.12
Balance Carried	2,609.24

**Animal Welfare**

Cash Received	1,586.00
Total Expended	1,585.70
Balance Lapsed	0.30

**Inland Fisheries**

Cash Received	32,251.51
Total Expended	32,251.51
Balance	0.00

**Boat Excise**

Cash Received	8,869.50
Expended Toward Commitment	7,500.00
Balance Lapsed	1,369.50

**Assessing**

Raised and Appropriated	25,000.00
Total Expended	24,999.96
Balance Lapsed	.04

**First Park**

Raised and Appropriated	19,485.00
Total Expended	24,350.91
Contingency	4,865.91
Balance	0.00

**Homestead Exemption**

Cash Received	54,849.00
Balance Lapsed	54,849.00

**Notary**

Raised and Appropriated	500.00
Total Expended	500.00

**Audit**

Raised and Appropriated	5,000.00
Total Expended	4,850.00
Balance Lapsed	150.00

**Rome Rescue**

Raised and Appropriated	13,249.00
Total Expended	9,978.41
Balance Lapsed	<b>3,270.59</b>

**Disbursements:**

Labor	4,410.00
Truck Maintenance	1,437.28
New Equipment	3,066.63
Equipment Maintenance	559.50
License/Dues	460.00
Training	45.00
<b>Total Expended</b>	<b>9,978.41</b>



**Rescue Donation Carried** 3,850.00  
 2021 Donations 275.00  
 Rescue Donation Carried 4,165.00

**MMA Dues**  
 Raised and Appropriated 2,984.00  
 Total Expended 2,984.00  
 Balance 0.00

**Town Report**  
 Raised and Appropriated 1,389.00  
 Total Expended 1,628.00  
 Contingency 239.00  
 Balance 0.00

**Belgrade Dams**  
 Raised and Appropriated 9,675.00  
 Total Expended 9,675.00  
 Balance 0.00

**RSU #18**  
 Budget 2,290,265.00  
 Total Expended 2,290,264.80  
 Balance Carried .20

**Kennebec County Tax**  
 Budget 374,484.00  
 Total Expended 374,483.37  
 Balance Carried .63

**KVCG**  
 Raised and Appropriated 3,470.00  
 Total Expended 3,479.00  
 Contingency 9.00  
 Balance 0.00

**Waterville Humane Society**  
 Raised and Appropriated 1,586.00  
 Total Expended 1,585.70  
 Balance Lapsed .30

**7 Lakes Alliance**  
 Raised and Appropriated 4,000.00  
 Total Expended 4,000.00

**Rome Ruff Riders**  
 Raised and Appropriated 1,200.00  
 Total Expended 1,200.00

**No Pond Association-Milfoil**  
 Raised and Appropriated 2,000.00  
 Total Expended 2,000.00

**Spectrum Generation**  
 Raised and Appropriated 1,880.00  
 Total Expended 1,880.00

**Rome-Belgrade Food Pantry**  
 Raised and Appropriated 2,000.00  
 Total Expended 2,000.00

**Belgrade Lake Assoc-Milfoil**  
 Raised and Appropriated 12,000.00  
 Total Expended 12,000.00

**Respectfully,**

**Paul Anderson  
 Larry DiPietro Jr.  
 Kelly Archer**

## Financial Reports

As Treasurer of the Town of Rome, I hereby submit the following reports for the fiscal year  
January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

### Revenue Summary Report

Balance January 1, 2020		199,000.98
2022 Prepaid Tax Accounts	3,489.20	
2021 Tax Accounts	3,136,478.40	
2020 Tax Accounts	107,585.91	
Tax Liens	15,804.35	
Auto Excise	262,012.20	
Agent Auto	6,267.00	
Boat Excise	8,869.50	
NSF Town Fee	50.00	
Agent IF&W	687.00	
Equipment sale	5,166.56	
Dog Town	426.00	
Agent Dog	202.00	
Vital Record	651.00	
Building Permits	5,410.86	
Commercial Development App	250.00	
Legal Fee's reimbursement	2,100.00	
Burn Permits	128.00	
Interest Bank	871.45	
Interest Taxes	4,067.58	
Lien Fees Collected	2,220.51	
Copies	18.70	
Dump Stickers	336.00	
Charter Com Franchise Fee	14,724.84	
First Park	19,525.00	
MMA Work Comp Dividend	733.00	
MMA Work Comp Adjustment	687.00	
Miscellaneous Refund	866.45	
Cemetery Lot Sales	1,000.00	
Community Center Rental	800.00	
Junkyard Permit	50.00	
Recreation Donations	1,789.25	
Fire Department Donations	1,759.54	
Rescue Donations	275.00	
CEO Fines	3,750.00	
Broadband Grant	1,250.00	
Renewable Energy	57.00	
Fire Assist Grant	801.33	
Risk Reduction Grant	2,696.00	
<b>From State Government</b>		
State Revenue Sharing	60,971.06	
Homestead Reimbursement	54,849.00	
Veterans Reimbursement	505.00	

Tree Growth Reimbursements	6,716.97	
Snowmobile Reimbursements	549.46	
Local Roads Assistance Program	18,960.00	
BETE Reimbursement	4.00	
ARPA Funds	53,239.34	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,8,09651.46</b>	
Total 2021 Warrants	3,665,482.06	
Transferred from Savings	150,000.00	
Transferred from Closing Camden National Bank Checking	47,474.95	
Transferred to Capital Accounts	(45,000)	
Ending Balance TD Bank December 31, 2021		452,918.33

<b>Money Market Account</b>	
Balance January 1, 2021	1,027,932.47
2021 Interest	737.80
Transfer to Checking	150,000.00
Balance December 31, 2021	878,670.27

<b>Cemetery Trust</b>	
Balance January 1, 2021	9,107.46
2021 Interest	11.41
2021 Cemetery Lot Sales	1,000.00
Balance December 31, 2021	10,118.87

<b>Recreation Account</b>	
Balance January 1, 2021	1,035.41
2021 Interest	1.37
From Contingency at Town Meeting	1,000.00
Total Expensed	525.00
Donation Revenue	1,789.25
Balance December 31, 2021	3,301.03

<b>Transfer Stations Reserve CD</b>	
Balance January 1, 2021	148,069.69
2021 Interest	237.71
Balance December 31, 2021	148,307.40

<b>Fire Department New Truck CD</b>	
Balance January 1, 2021	96,638.30
2021 Interest	155.60
Raised at Town Meeting	15,000.00
Balance December 31, 2021	111,793.90

<b>Fire Department Enterprise Savings</b>	
Balance January 1, 2021	4,070.96
2021 Interest	6.04
Sale of Equipment	5,166.56
Balance December 31, 2021	9,243.56

<b>Rescue Department New Truck CD</b>	
Balance January 1, 2021	16,230.72
2021 Interest	29.88
Raised at Town Meeting	10,000.00
Balance December 31, 2021	26,260.60

<b>Legal Capital Reserve</b>	
Balance January 1, 2021	10,033.25
Raised at Town Meeting	10,000.00
2021 Interest	16.54
Balance December 31, 2021	20,049.79

<b>Community Center Reserve</b>	
Balance January 1, 2021	40,258.83
Raised at Town Meeting	10,000.00
2021 Interest	65.09
Balance December 31, 2021	50,323.92

<b>ARPA Funds</b>	
Beginning Balance	53,239.34
2021 Interest	0.77
Balance December 31, 2021	53,178.33

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy J Lyons  
Treasurer

## 2021 Tax Account

<b>Commitment</b>			3,262,319.03
Real Estate		3,257,678.42	
Personal Property		4,640.61	
	<b>Total to be collected</b>		3,262,319.03
<b>Supplemental</b>			
Jay McLaughlin	M29L100&101		6.57
Jason Juskewitch	M29L55		4.38
Central Maine Power Company	M99L99		3058.33
Andrew & John Flaherty	M15L16		487.27
Rockshore LLC	M5L11E	TY2019 288.58	914.12
		TY2020 310.18	
		TY2021 288.58	
Joshua & Michaela Stanley	M9Lot21	TG Removal Penalty	3345.76
	<b>Total Supplemental</b>		7816.43
<b>Abatements</b>			
Dennis & Sandra Phillips	M22L38		316.64
Ellen McLaughlin	M30L215		4.38
Pierrette Lambert Kelly	M15L16		487.27
Beverly Boden Gibbons	M29L55		4.38
Tobias Halperin	M14AL146	TY2020 6.46	13.03
		TY2021 6.57	
	<b>Total Abatements</b>		825.70
<b>Balance to be collected</b>			3,269,309.76
Less 2021 Tax Funds Received			3,140,596.23
Less Prepaid 2021 Taxes			2,403.96
<b>Unpaid 2021 Taxes</b>			126,309.57

## 2021 Unpaid Taxes

**	AGNEW, KATHY A	4.38
	AMRHEIN, ERICH H	53.66
	AMRHEIN, ERICH H	91.98
	AMRHEIN, KARL A	91.98
	ARDITO, MARK	120.45
	ARDITO, RALPH W JR	240.90
	BACHELDER, TERRY	202.58
	BARBIONI, JOSEPH E	695.33
	BENSON, LAWRENCE	4.38
**	BIRCHALL, CHARLES	4.38
	BLACKWELL, DENNIS P SR	235.43
	BORMAN, MEGAN P. 2012 FAMILY TRUST 11/27/2012	3213.83
**	BOUCHARD, AMY J	9206.76
	BOUCHARD, PETER LII	2484.55
	BROUSSEAU, JEAN EDWARD & LYNN ANN	1103.76
	BROUSSEAU, JEANETTE & J. EDWARD	227.76
	BROWN, LAWRENCE W	1250.49
**	BUBAR, LEIGH	4.38
	BUKSBAUM, SAM	1968.81

BURGESS, ROBERT J	4.38
BURKE, MAUREEN THERESA	24.09
BURNHAM, WILBUR	398.58
BURNHAM, WILBUR K	206.96
** CADDICK, FRANCES LESTINA	4.38
CAOQUETTE, ALISHA D	1854.93
CAREY, REBECCA L DOWNING	228.86
CICHON, MR.	4.38
CLARKE, WENTWORTH REVOCABLE TRUST	4283.64
CLEGG, FREDERICK J III	358.07
CLOUKEY, LAURA F	398.58
** CLUB TACONNET	7136.12
** CLUB TACONNET UNIT OWNERS ASSN	650.43
COBB, ROBERT THOMAS TRUSTEE	654.81
COLBY, AMBER M	1322.76
CONNOR, ROBERT	167.54
CONRAD, LINDA W.; LOUIS E.II;	174.11
** COTE, HEATHER M	2643.33
** COTTRELL, JACQUELINE R	5454.20
COUSINEAU, GEORGE H	23.00
CROSS, WARREN & PATRICIA 2005 TRUST	3509.48
DAY, WENDY L	458.81
DENNIS, JOANNE B	4761.06
DEROSA, CHRISTOPHER	240.90
DEROSE, MARK	151.11
DIEHL, LEANN	1156.32
DIPIETRANTONIO, SETH	1482.63
DIXON, TAMMY TRUSTEE	163.16
DONNELLY FAMILY TRUST 2005	2911.61
** DUPLESSIS, LEO A	6829.52
EGAN, JOHN F	119.35
FIELD JR., WILLIAM GLENN	4.38
FIGOLI, BRUCE M II HEIRS OF	911.04
FISHER, H JOSEPH	4.38
FISHER, JOSEPH	4.38
FITZGERALD, PHILIP J	3657.30
FOSS, STEPHEN A	408.44
FRIZZELL, STANLEY R	1634.84
GAMBLIN, NORMAN R	764.31
GAUTHIER, MARY L	4.38
GICKAS, PETER	151.11
GIGGEY, COLBY W	114.98
GILBERT, JASON ROGER	1615.13
GRIM, FREEDOM	114.98
GRUDINSKAS, BENJAMIN J	18.61
HAFENECKER, MELISSA DOWNING	261.71
HARTIOS, SPIROS M	151.11
** HARTMAN, BRUCE	4.38
HARVEY, GUY V	112.79
HARVEY, RUSSELL	151.11
HARVEY, RUSSELL Y	75.55
HENRY, DEBBORA A	323.02

HICHBORN, CONRAD A	1203.41
** HILLARD, JASON	8.76
HIXSON, DOREEN, SMITH, LISA & HUBBARD, HENRY WARREN REVOCABLE TRUST	56.94 2778.02
JOHNSON, NANCY C	1814.42
JOHNSON, RODNEY A	861.77
KOPP, MELINDA B	1812.23
KOPP, THOMAS W	1926.11
LABBE, CHRISTOPHER H	680.00
LANGSDORF, J & S, ROMAIN, J & S, LAUNIERE, SYLVAIN J	2686.04 750.08
LEE, STANLEY H	1680.83
** LOFSTROM, JASON	1556.00
MAYBERRY, DOUGLAS	285.80
MAYBERRY, DOUGLAS L	27.38
MAYBERRY, DOUGLAS L	159.87
MAYHUGH, RYAN A	739.13
** MCGOWAN, WILLA R	1744.34
MCGOWAN, WILLA R	480.71
MCGOWAN, WILLA R	287.99
MELVIN, WALTER B	455.52
MENARD, SHEILA	157.68
MENNEALY, JAIME L	1139.90
MILLER, BLAINE D	4.38
MOSHER, NICHOLAS	307.70
MURRAY, LAURA	431.43
MYERS, SHANNON	292.37
** MYERS, SHANNON	121.55
NICHOLAS, DAVID	4.38
OKEEFFE, JAMES	1557.09
OLIVER, BEVERLY	4.38
ORR, ROBERT B	256.23
PARADIS, FERNANDO	205.86
PARADIS, JANET E ROSS	445.67
** PAYNE, JOSEPH R	4.38
** PEARL, EDWARD I JR	317.55
** PECORARO, LAURA J	4.38
PELLETIER, URIA DJ	362.45
PHILBRICK, JAMES	78.84
PHILBRICK, JAMES	78.84
PHILBRICK, JAMES	1011.78
PHILBRICK, JAMES	119.35
PIETRAK FAMILY TRUST	160.97
POOLER, BRUCE	4329.63
PORTER, DAVID CRAIG REVOCABLE TRUST	332.88
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** REAL, JAMES A	1214.36
** REAL, LESLEY	8.76
REARDON, DAVID J	61.32
RICHARDSON, BARTON, HEIRS OF	21.90
RISLEY GREAT POND TRUST c/o JOHN RISLE	5431.20
ROHLOFF, DORTHY T LAPLANTE	261.71
ROSS, KATHLEEN A	486.18

ROY, LEE	4.38
SAYERS, MICHAEL J	1987.43
SILVERMAN, MARTIN	120.45
** SPENCE, WILLIAM G	1093.91
SPENCER, MICHAEL W	159.87
STALLEY, GERALDINE M	1148.66
STALLEY, GRAHAM CHARLES	151.11
STANLEY, JOSHUA R	3345.76
STEWART, MOLLY K	251.85
TOBEY, ROGER W	14.24
TURNER, MEREDITH L	2296.22
VALIHURA LIVING TRUST	2409.00
WALKER, WILLIAM A (50%INT)	3528.09
WILLETTE, HUNTER	240.90
WILLETTE, HUNTER	78.84
WILLIAMS, DEBRA	571.59
WILSON, ELAINE A	616.49
WITHAM, LESLIE L III	468.66
WITHAM, LESLIE LEROY III	118.26
WOOD, BRIAN	4.38
ZIMBA, THEODORE	84.32
*** paid after 12/31/2021	
Total Unpaid 2021 Taxes	126,309.57

## 2020 Tax Account

Unpaid Taxes, January 1, 2021		107,546.58
Paid To Tax Collector	75,270.62	
2020 Taxes Secured by Tax Lien	32,275.96	
Paid to Treasurer	7,979.59	
Balance of Unpaid 2020 Liens		24,296.37

## 2020 Unpaid Taxes

Name	Amount
BENSON, LAWRENCE	60.46
BORMAN, MEGAN P. 2012 FAMILY TRUST 11/27/2012	3,365.21
BROUSSEAU, JEAN EDWARD & LYNN ANN	1,192.49
BROUSSEAU, JEANETTE & J. EDWARD	289.89
CICHON, MR.	60.46
CLEGG, FREDERICK J III	618.65
CLOUKEY, LAURA F	466.37
** CLUB TACONNET	7,382.55
** CLUB TACONNET UNIT OWNERS ASSN	725.70
CONNOR, ROBERT	228.46
FIELD JR., WILLIAM GLENN	60.46
JOHNSON, RODNEY A	950.26
LAUNIERE, SYLVAIN J	1,088.94
MENARD, SHEILA	225.26



PARADIS, FERNANDO	269.23
** PEARL, EDWARD I JR	384.25
RICHARDSON, BARTON, HEIRS OF	85.45
RISLEY GREAT POND TRUST c/o JOHN RISLEY	5,648.43
ROSS, KATHLEEN A	550.93
WILLIAMS, DEBRA	642.92
** paid after 12/31/2021	
<b>Total 2020 Unpaid Taxes</b>	<b>24,296.37</b>

## Foreclosed 2019 Tax Liens

Owner	Map/Lot	Location	Principal Only
Cloukey, Laura F & Brendan	14-064	10 Trillium Est	364.73
Field, William Glenn Jr	30-194	BHA Duke Dr. Sec G-E	4.01
		<b>Total</b>	<b>368.74</b>

## Matured Tax Liens - All Years

Owner	Map/Lot	Location	Principal Only
Cloukey, Laura F & Brendan	14-064	10 Trillium Est	364.73
Field, William Glenn Jr	30-194	BHA Duke Dr. Sec G-E	4.01
Horgan SR	14A-015	Long Lake	24.31
Perrault, James	02-004A	Watson Pond Rd	27.02
Brown, Ralph	14A- 127,128/,129,130	23 Dahlia Est	84.81
Benson, Lawrence & Dorothy	29-030	Rutger Dr BHA Sec A	3.71
Salvas, Craig & Rhonda	29-108	235 Ladd Rd	11.31
Cichon, Mr John & Cichon, Mrs	29-061	Radcliff Dr BHA	3.71
		<b>Total</b>	<b>523.61</b>

### Total Overlay

Overlay	<b>79,791.30</b>
Tax Discounts	69,279.91
Abatement	825.70
<b>Balance Lapse</b>	<b>9,685.69</b>

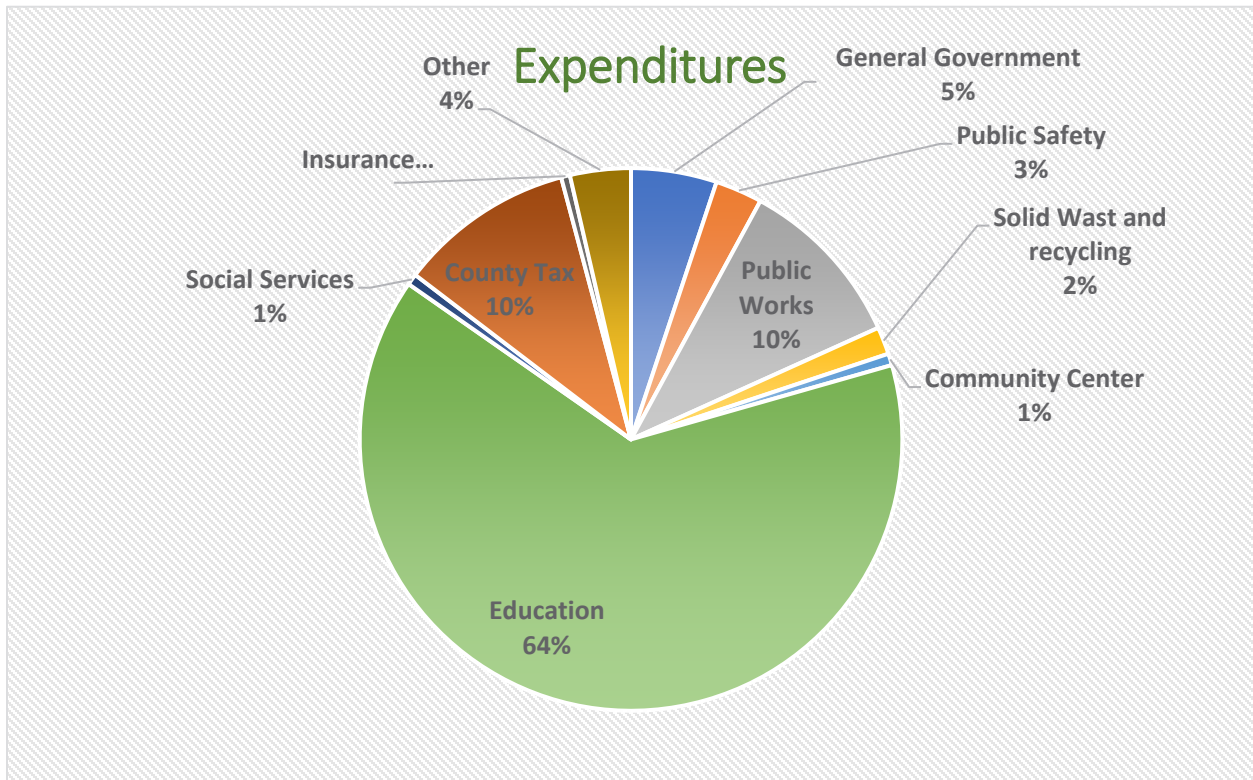
### Interest on Taxes & Liens

2021 Interest	4,067.58
Lien Fess Collected	2,220.51

Respectfully,  
Tammy Lyons  
Tax Collector

## 2021 Town of Rome Expenditures

General Government	182,489
Public Safety	100,197
Public works	369,227
Solid Waste and Recycling	58,395
Community Center	24,805
Education	2,290,265
Social Services	23,789
County Tax	374,483
Insurance	18,761
Other	129,285





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February 17, 2022

Selectboard  
Town of Rome  
Rome, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Rome, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Rome, Maine as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2021 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule A
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Special Revenues Funds	Schedule D
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Schedule E

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## STATEMENT C

## TOWN OF ROME, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2021

	General Fund	Transfer Station Fund	Fire Department Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,362,262	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,260	\$ 1,443,522
Investments	-	148,307	111,794	26,260	286,361
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):					
Taxes	123,514	-	-	-	123,514
Liens	22,563	-	-	-	22,563
Other	506	-	-	-	506
Prepaid expenses	18,458	-	-	-	18,458
Due from other funds	4,098	3	-	28,261	32,362
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,531,401</b>	<b>\$ 148,310</b>	<b>\$ 111,794</b>	<b>\$ 135,781</b>	<b>\$ 1,927,286</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 17,409	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,409
Accrued payroll	2,404	-	-	-	2,404
Due to other governments	7	-	-	-	7
Due to other funds	28,264	-	2,393	1,705	32,362
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>48,084</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,393</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>52,182</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
Deferred revenue	9,480	-	-	-	9,480
Deferred tax revenues	127,791	-	-	-	127,791
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>137,271</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>137,271</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable	18,458	-	-	-	18,458
Restricted	52,970	-	-	25,899	78,869
Committed	-	148,310	109,401	98,058	355,769
Assigned	23,190	-	-	-	23,190
Unassigned	1,251,428	-	-	10,119	1,261,547
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,346,046</b>	<b>148,310</b>	<b>109,401</b>	<b>134,076</b>	<b>1,737,833</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 1,531,401</b>	<b>\$ 148,310</b>	<b>\$ 111,794</b>	<b>\$ 135,781</b>	<b>\$ 1,927,286</b>

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## STATEMENT E

## TOWN OF ROME, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	General Fund	Transfer Station Fund	Fire Department Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Taxes:					
Property taxes	\$ 3,229,709	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,229,709
Excise taxes	270,239	-	-	-	270,239
Intergovernmental revenues	215,840	-	-	-	215,840
Charges for services	19,916	-	-	-	19,916
Miscellaneous revenues	29,403	240	155	10,118	39,916
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,765,107</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>10,118</b>	<b>3,775,620</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
General government	182,489	-	-	-	182,489
Public safety	100,197	-	-	-	100,197
Public works	369,227	-	-	-	369,227
Solid waste and recycling	58,395	-	-	-	58,395
Cemeteries	13,550	-	-	-	13,550
Community center	24,805	-	-	-	24,805
General assistance	305	-	-	-	305
Education	2,290,265	-	-	-	2,290,265
Social services	23,789	-	-	-	23,789
County tax	374,483	-	-	-	374,483
Insurance	18,761	-	-	-	18,761
Other	115,430	-	-	525	115,955
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,571,696</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>3,572,221</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)</b>					
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>193,411</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>9,593</b>	<b>203,399</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers in	-	-	15,000	34,129	49,129
Transfers (out)	(49,129)	-	-	-	(49,129)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(49,129)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>34,129</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>144,282</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>15,155</b>	<b>43,722</b>	<b>203,399</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1</b>	<b>1,201,764</b>	<b>148,070</b>	<b>94,246</b>	<b>90,354</b>	<b>1,534,434</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ 1,346,046</b>	<b>\$ 148,310</b>	<b>\$ 109,401</b>	<b>\$ 134,076</b>	<b>\$ 1,737,833</b>

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## SCHEDULE 1

## TOWN OF ROME, MAINE

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1	\$ 1,201,764	\$ 1,201,764	\$ 1,201,764	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	3,262,315	3,262,315	3,229,709	(32,606)
Excise taxes	217,500	217,500	270,239	52,739
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	55,000	55,000	60,971	5,971
Homestead exemption	53,554	53,554	54,849	1,295
Local road assistance program	-	-	18,234	18,234
Other	-	7,222	81,786	74,564
Interest income	-	-	4,809	4,809
Interest/cost on liens	-	-	2,188	2,188
Charges for services	6,870	6,870	19,916	13,046
Miscellaneous revenues	15,000	29,725	22,406	(7,319)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>4,812,003</u>	<u>4,833,950</u>	<u>4,966,871</u>	<u>132,921</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	222,512	222,859	182,489	40,370
Public safety	107,394	104,894	100,197	4,697
Public works	395,763	402,402	369,227	33,175
Solid waste and recycling	58,500	58,500	58,395	105
Cemeteries	19,000	19,000	13,550	5,450
Community center	20,500	24,805	24,805	-
General assistance	2,500	2,500	305	2,195
Education	2,290,265	2,290,265	2,290,265	-
Social services	23,789	23,789	23,789	-
County tax	374,484	374,484	374,483	1
Insurance	21,000	21,000	18,761	2,239
Other	126,532	160,046	115,430	44,616
Transfers to other funds	46,000	49,129	49,129	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>3,708,239</u>	<u>3,753,673</u>	<u>3,620,825</u>	<u>132,848</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 1,103,764</u>	<u>\$ 1,080,277</u>	<u>\$ 1,346,046</u>	<u>\$ 265,769</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 101,000</u>	<u>\$ 124,487</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (124,487)</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Salaries and wages	\$ 152,192	\$ -	\$ 152,192	\$ 115,560	\$ 36,632
Payroll taxes	14,000	-	14,000	10,262	3,738
Assessing	25,000	-	25,000	25,000	-
Administration	28,336	347	28,683	28,683	-
MMA dues	2,984	-	2,984	2,984	-
Subtotal General Government	222,512	347	222,859	182,489	40,370
Public Safety -					
Fire	73,650	-	73,650	71,174	2,476
Dispatch	15,495	-	15,495	15,255	240
Rescue	13,249	-	13,249	11,377	1,872
Emergency preparedness	2,500	(2,500)	-	-	-
Street lights	2,500	-	2,500	2,391	109
Subtotal Public Safety	107,394	(2,500)	104,894	100,197	4,697
Public Works -					
Paving	193,221	9,367	202,588	201,430	1,158
Snow removal	94,000	1,000	95,000	95,000	-
Sand/salt	45,000	-	45,000	27,627	17,373
Sand and salt shed	1,500	(629)	871	871	-
Roads and bridges	30,000	-	30,000	21,577	8,423
Local road assistance	9,367	(3,099)	6,268	6,268	-
Other	22,675	-	22,675	16,454	6,221
Subtotal Public Works	395,763	6,639	402,402	369,227	33,175
Solid Waste and Recycling	58,500	-	58,500	58,395	105
Cemeteries	19,000	-	19,000	13,550	5,450
Community Center	20,500	4,305	24,805	24,805	-
General Assistance	2,500	-	2,500	305	2,195
Education	2,290,265	-	2,290,265	2,290,265	-

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Social Services	23,789	-	23,789	23,789	-
County Tax	374,484	-	374,484	374,483	1
Insurance	21,000	-	21,000	18,761	2,239
Other -					
Dog expense account	-	2,298	2,298	111	2,187
Legal	7,500	74	7,574	648	6,926
First Park	19,485	4,866	24,351	24,351	-
Animal shelter	1,586	-	1,586	1,586	-
Comprehensive plan	8,000	-	8,000	4,398	3,602
Contingency	-	25,356	25,356	5,027	20,329
Snowmobile club	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	-
Campership donations	-	614	614	-	614
Notary	500	-	500	500	-
Audit	5,000	-	5,000	4,850	150
KVCOG	3,470	9	3,479	3,479	-
Flagpole	-	297	297	-	297
Overlay	79,791	-	79,791	69,280	10,511
Subtotal Other	126,532	33,514	160,046	115,430	44,616
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Capital projects funds:					
Community center reserve	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Fire department fund	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Rescue reserve	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Salt and sand shed reserve	-	629	629	629	-
Emergency management reserve	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
Legal reserve	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Special revenue funds:					
Recreation committee	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Subtotal Transfers to Other Funds	46,000	3,129	49,129	49,129	-
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 3,708,239	\$ 45,434	\$ 3,753,673	\$ 3,620,825	\$ 132,848

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## SCHEDULE B

## TOWN OF ROME, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,767	\$ 70,374	\$ 7,119	\$ 81,260
Investments	-	26,260	-	26,260
Due from other funds	22,132	3,129	3,000	28,261
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 25,899</b>	<b>\$ 99,763</b>	<b>\$ 10,119</b>	<b>\$ 135,781</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ 1,705	\$ -	\$ 1,705
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,705</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	25,899	-	-	25,899
Committed	-	98,058	-	98,058
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	10,119	10,119
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>	<b>25,899</b>	<b>98,058</b>	<b>10,119</b>	<b>134,076</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>	<b>\$ 25,899</b>	<b>\$ 99,763</b>	<b>\$ 10,119</b>	<b>\$ 135,781</b>

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## SCHEDULE C

## TOWN OF ROME, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Interest income	\$ 9	\$ 107	\$ 12	\$ 128
Other	8,990	-	1,000	9,990
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>8,999</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>1,012</u>	<u>10,118</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Other	525	-	-	525
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>525</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>8,474</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>1,012</u>	<u>9,593</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	1,000	33,129	-	34,129
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>33,129</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,129</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>	9,474	33,236	1,012	43,722
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS), JANUARY 1</b>	<u>16,425</u>	<u>64,822</u>	<u>9,107</u>	<u>90,354</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS), DECEMBER 31</b>	<u>\$ 25,899</u>	<u>\$ 98,058</u>	<u>\$ 10,119</u>	<u>\$ 134,076</u>

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SCHEDULE D

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Fire Department Account	Fire Department Donations	Rescue Donations	Recreation Committee	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,767	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,767
Due from other funds	5,477	9,188	4,165	3,302	22,132
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 9,244</u>	<u>\$ 9,188</u>	<u>\$ 4,165</u>	<u>\$ 3,302</u>	<u>\$ 25,899</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	9,244	9,188	4,165	3,302	25,899
Committed	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>9,244</u>	<u>9,188</u>	<u>4,165</u>	<u>3,302</u>	<u>25,899</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 9,244</u>	<u>\$ 9,188</u>	<u>\$ 4,165</u>	<u>\$ 3,302</u>	<u>\$ 25,899</u>

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SCHEDULE E

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Fire Department Account	6	Fire Department Donations	Rescue Donations	Recreation Committee	Total
REVENUES						
Interest income	\$		\$	-	\$	\$
Other		5,167	1,759	275	1,789	8,990
TOTAL REVENUES		5,173	1,759	275	1,792	8,999
EXPENDITURES						
Other		-	-	-	525	525
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		-	-	-	525	525
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		5,173	1,759	275	1,267	8,474
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in		-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Transfers (out)		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		-	-	-	1,000	1,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		5,173	1,759	275	2,267	9,474
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1		4,071	7,429	3,890	1,035	16,425
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	\$	9,244	9,188	4,165	3,302	\$ 25,899

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**TOWN WARRANT  
MARCH 11-12, 2022**

*To: Residents of the Town of Rome*

**Greetings:**

*In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rome, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to assemble at the Rome Community Center, in said Town on Friday, March 11, 2022, at 11:45 a.m. to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting, to elect town officers and officials for the ensuing year, and act upon Articles 2 through 3 Polls are to be opened from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the meeting will be recessed; the recessed meeting will be reconvened at the Belgrade Central School at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2022, then and there to act upon the remaining articles in the warrant.*

- Article 1.** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2.** To proceed with voting by Australian ballot system to elect First Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for a term of one year; Second Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for a term of one year; Third Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for a term of one year; Town Clerk for a term of one year; Tax Collector for a term of one year; Treasurer for a term of one year; and Road Commissioner for a term of one year.
- Article 3.** To vote by secret ballot on the following Referendum Question:  
Shall this municipality authorize the State to issue licenses for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises of licensed establishments on days other than Sunday?
- Article 4.** To see if the Town will allow non-residents who have information pertaining to Article 6 through Article 69 and to speak when recognized.
- Article 5.** Shall an ordinance entitled “Shoreland Zoning Ordinance” be amended as shown on the handout entitled “Handout #1, Rome Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Amendment”?
- Article 6.** Shall an ordinance entitled “Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Commercial Solar Facilities” be adopted, as shown on the handout entitled “Handout #2, Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Commercial Solar Facilities”?
- Article 7.** Shall an ordinance entitled “Subdivision Ordinance” be amended as follows?  
Section 1. J.  
Application Fee:

All applications for subdivision approval shall be accompanied by ~~the following a~~ non-refundable fee made payable to the Town of Rome. Fees shall be set, and may be amended, by the Rome Board of Selectmen. ~~The fee for filing a preliminary plan shall be \$100 plus \$50 per lot and/or unit. (The fee for filing a minor subdivision that is permitted to file a final plan shall be the same as a preliminary plan)~~

- Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to appropriate an amount not to exceed three-twelfths (3/12) of the annual budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2022 annual budget to support expenditures during the period of January 1, 2023 until the date of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for General Assistance. Spent \$ 305.27  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,500 for the maintenance and operation of the Rome Community Center. Spent \$24,805.17  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Community Center Reserve Account. *Balance as of 12/31/2021: \$50,323.92*  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends \$5,000 5-0
- Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$17,000 for the care and maintenance of Rome cemeteries. Spent \$13,550.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for the repair of Town-maintained roads and bridges. Spent \$21,576.90.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$80,000 for the reconstruction of Drury Lane and to appropriate monies received from the Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) to help fund this project.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0

- Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for roadside mowing and the cutting of brush along Town-maintained roads. Spent \$6,525.00.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$96,600 for the snow plowing and sanding of Town-maintained roads. Spent \$95,000.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for the purchase and stockpiling of salt and sand. Spent \$27,627.17  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends \$32,500 5-0
- Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for maintenance of the Town's salt and sand shed. Any unspent balance in the Town salt and sand shed maintenance budget at the end of the fiscal year shall be transferred to the Salt and Sand Shed Maintenance Reserve Account (Balance as of 12/31/2021 \$628.80) Spent \$871.20  
Board of Selectmen recommends approves 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends \$1,500 5-0
- Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the payment of street lighting, to include the lighting at the salt and sand shed on Hillside Lane. Spent \$2,391.39  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$22,177 for Property, Casualty, Workers' Compensation, and Unemployment insurance premiums. Spent \$18,761.30.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for Notary Fees. Spent \$500.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends \$0 5-0
- Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the required auditing of Town books and records. Spent \$4,850.00.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

- Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,750 for Assessing Services. Spent \$24,999.96.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$61,150 to fund the Town's solid waste disposal contract with Waste Management/Crossroads in Norridgewock. Spent \$58,395.17.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends \$0 5-0
- Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,586 to fund the Town's contract with Somerset Humane Society. Spent \$1,586.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500 for membership in Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) Spent \$3,479.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 to fund year two of a two-year process for development of a Comprehensive Plan for the Town through our contract with KVCOG. Spent \$4,398.26  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,063 for membership in Maine Municipal Association (MMA). Spent \$2,984.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,542 for TRIO software licensing, registrations, and technical support. Spent \$11,887.66  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,765 for the replacement and installation of one computer. Spent \$3,765.00  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 4-1
- Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,600 for the contract governing the regular operation and maintenance of the three Belgrade Region Dams. Spent \$4,600  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0



Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

- Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,555 for capital projects to include repairs to the Wings Mills Dam driveway. Spent \$5,075.00.  
 Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends \$0 5-0
- Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,743 for the printing of the annual town report. Spent \$1,628  
 Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the Legal Expense Account and for any unspent balance at the end of the fiscal year to be transferred to the Legal Reserve Account. *Balance as of 12/31/2021 \$20,049.79*  
 Spent \$0  
 Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward \$6,852.50 as needed for legal expenses to enforce the withdrawal from the Kennebec Regional Development Authority. Spent \$647.50  
 Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$154,225 for municipal officers' and officials' salaries. Spent \$115,560

	Proposed 2022	Spent 2021	Budget 2021
First Selectman *	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Second Selectman *	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Third Selectman *	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Property Tax Collector*	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
Treasurer*	\$9,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Town Clerk*	\$4,500	\$with MV agent	with MV agent
Motor Vehicle Agent/Excise Collector (\$21/hr)	\$33,500	\$27,894.25	\$28,288
Administrative Assistant (\$20/hr)	\$24,000	\$9,952.00 w/ sel. Asst/dep	\$41,784
Registrar of Voters	\$1,000	\$720	\$720
Road Commissioner	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
RSU 18 School Board Director	\$250	\$250	\$250
Meeting Moderator (\$200 per event)	\$600	\$354.75	\$600

Election Warden (\$15/hr)	\$800	\$0	\$800
Ballot Clerk (\$13/hr)	\$3,000	\$1,326	\$3,000
Code Enforcement Officer *	\$26,800	\$22,800	\$22,800
Licensed Plumbing Inspector **	¾ fees	\$ -	¾ fees
Health Officer	\$100	\$100	\$100
911 Addressing Officer	\$500	\$500	\$500
Planning Board (\$200 per member)	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
Board of Appeals (\$100 per member)	\$500	\$400	\$500
Fire Chief	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Assistant Fire Chief	\$600	\$600	\$600
Rescue Chief	\$600	\$600	\$600
Emergency Management Director	\$250	\$250	\$250
Sexton	\$500	\$500	\$500
Animal Control Officer (\$30 per call)	\$1,500	\$213	\$1,500
ACO- summons, court, enforce (\$14/hr)	\$300	\$0	\$300
Total Salaries	\$154,225	\$115,560	\$152,192

\* Stipend

\*\*no taxation required, appropriation only

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends with internal adjustments 5-0

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$14,000 for the Town’s contribution to Social Security and Medicare. Spent \$10,261.84.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends \$13,000 5-0

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,600 for the following expense accounts. Spent \$11,951.66

	Proposed 2022	Spent 2021	Budget 2021
Selectmen	\$1,400	\$1,508.00	\$1,400
Town Clerk	\$1,800	\$709.82	\$1,200
Excise Tax Clerk	\$800	\$462.20	\$600
Tax Collector/Treasurer	\$7,000	\$6,285.28	\$7,000
Planning Board	\$1,200	\$1,726.36	\$1,200
Code Travel Expense	\$900	\$900	\$900
Road Com. Travel Exp.	\$500	\$360	\$360
Total	\$13,600	\$11,951.66	\$12,660

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends \$12,400 5-0

**Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,495 for regional emergency dispatching services. Spent \$15,254.54

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 40.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the Town’s Emergency Management Agency. Any unspent balance in the Town Emergency Management Agency budget at the end of the fiscal year shall be transferred to the Emergency Management Reserve Account (*Balance as of 12/31/2021 \$2,500*). Spent \$0

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 41.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$52,650 for the Rome Fire Department. Spent \$47,579.50

	Proposed 2022	Spent 2021	Budget 2021
Building Maintenance	\$10,000	\$9,304.19	\$10,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$4,000	\$6,908.82	\$4,000
New Equipment	\$6,500	\$5,130.57	\$6,500
Labor (\$15/hr)	\$17,000	\$13,530	\$17,000
Training	\$600	\$0	\$600
Truck Maintenance	\$6,000	\$4,258.89	\$6,000
Tower Fee	\$1,000	\$1,010	\$1,000
State of Maine compliance	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
Medical	\$250	\$0	\$250
Hose Testing	\$3,000	\$3,228.75	\$2,000
Grant (matching funds)	\$3,000	\$2,908.30	\$2,500
Total	\$52,650	\$47,579.50	\$51,150

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for Fire Department Truck Reserve Account. *Balance as of 12/31/2021: \$111,793.90*

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 43.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$277,000 for the Fire Department to purchase of a new tanker/pumper truck. (raise \$166,000 from taxation and appropriate \$111,000 from Fire Department Truck Reserve Account)

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,500 as Rome’s proportionate share of the second Belgrade Lakes full-time firefighter/paramedic’s salary and benefits. Spent \$22,500

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,250 for the Rome Rescue Department. Spent \$9,978.41

	Proposed 2022	Spent 2021	Budget 2021
Equipment Maintenance	\$600	\$559.50	\$500
New Equipment	\$4,500	\$3,066.63	\$2,000
Labor (\$15/hr)	\$4,500	\$4,410	\$4,500
Training	\$2,900	\$45	\$2,900
Truck Maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,437.28	\$1,500
Licenses and Fees	\$350	\$460	\$350
Education	\$900	\$0	\$900
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,250</b>	<b>\$9,978.41</b>	<b>\$12,875</b>

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends \$12,350 5-0

**Article 46.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Rescue Truck Reserve Account. *Balance as of 12/31/2021: \$ 26,260.60*

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 47.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$24,000 for donation to the Belgrade Lakes Association to mitigate milfoil in Great Meadow Stream, Great Pond, and Long Pond and support the courtesy boat inspections and other water quality issues. Spent \$12,000

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 4-1

**Article 48.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for 7 Lakes Alliance’s (formerly, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance) Youth Conservation Corps program to protect and preserve North Pond, Great Pond, Long Pond and other water quality issues. Spent \$4,000

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 4-1

**Article 49.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for donation to North Pond Association for courtesy boat inspections and other water quality issues. Spent \$2,000

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 4-1

**Article 50.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,479 for donations to the following non-profit organizations that provide service to Rome residents. Spent \$3,688.50

	Proposed 2022	Spent 2021	Budget 2021
Spectrum Generations	\$3,570	\$1,880	\$1,880
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$600	\$600	\$600
Life Flight of Maine	\$505	\$505	\$505
Hospice Volunteer of Waterville Area	\$200	\$200	\$200
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	\$354	\$353.50	\$354
Maine Public (Broadcasting)	\$100	\$0	\$100
Community Health & Counseling Services	\$150	\$150	\$150
Total	\$ 5,479	\$3,688.50	\$3,789

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends non-approval 5-0

**Article 51.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for donation to Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry. Spent \$2,000  
 Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 52.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000 from unassigned fund balance (surplus) to offset the 2022 tax commitment.  
 Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee makes no recommendation 5-0

**Article 53.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appropriation of \$272,067 in anticipated revenues to offset the 2022 tax commitment.

Auto Excise	\$235,236
Boat Excise	\$7,983
Office/Agent Fees	\$5,640
TCT Revenues	\$1,995
Interest on Taxes	\$3,640
KRDA/First Park	\$17,573
Total	\$272,067

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 54.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2022 fiscal year any appropriated unexpended funds at 2021 fiscal year end, provided that the funds remain in the same account.

Global Towers	\$74.00
Dog Account	\$2,298

Campership Fund	\$614.39
Contingency	\$25,356
Recreation Comm	\$3,301.03
Transfer Station CD	\$148,307.40
Rescue Truck Reserve CD	\$26,260.60
Rescue Donations	\$4,165
F.D. Truck Reserve CD	\$111,793.90
FD Donations	\$9,188
FD Enterprise	\$9,243.56
Legal Reserve	\$20,049.79
Flagpole	\$297.34
EMA	\$2,500
Salt and Sand Shed	\$628.80
Total	\$380,781.50

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 55.** To see if the Town will vote to set the due date for 2022 property taxes as October 31, 2022 and to charge interest on the delinquent tax rate of 4% per annum on taxes unpaid as of November 1, 2022.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 56.** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 2% for the period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance (surplus).

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends 0% 5-0

**Article 57.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to discount tax bills 3% if paid in full 30 days from tax billing date; the discounts and abatements are to be paid from overlay funds.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 58.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to dispose of any property acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes, and to execute quitclaim deeds or bills of sale, as the case may be, subject to the following: Before putting the foreclosed property up for sale, the Tax Collector may offer the property to the previous owners for payment of all back taxes, fees, and interest; if they decline, the property will be advertised for sale and sold by sealed bid; the Board of Selectmen shall have the right to accept or reject any and all bids; and the sale of the property shall be advertised in four conspicuous places

(Community Center, Eastside Fire Station, Mt. Phillip Grange, Website) within the Town and a local daily newspaper (Morning Sentinel) for three consecutive days at least two weeks prior to the sale. Except that the Board of Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.A. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s) for the amount of the accrued taxes, interest and cost plus any taxes and interest that would have been due had the Town not acquired the property.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 59.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944 upon finding by the Board of Selectmen that the ownership of the property subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's interests.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 60.** To see if the Town will vote to apply all franchise fees, tree growth reimbursements, and veteran tax exemption reimbursements to the contingency fund and to appropriate the same for unexpected expenses and/or to cover overdrafts.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 61.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by bid or auction, or on such terms and conditions as deemed in the best interest of the Town, such equipment, vehicles, or furniture as are no longer necessary for Town operations, as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 62.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept or reject any conditional gifts/grants of money, or personal property, to the Town and to appropriate and expend funds for the purpose for which the gift/grant was made, in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

**Article 63.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Rome Ruff Riders for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on condition that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem advisable, for that purpose.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0

Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0

- Article 64.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,200 for donation to the Rome snowmobile club, Rome Ruff Riders. Spent \$1,200  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 4-0-1
- Article 65.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,220 to support the Rome Recreation Committee activities. Spent \$525  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends approval 5-0
- Article 66.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (a/k/a/ American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds) received by the Town from the Federal government (\$53,061.78 received in 2021 and another similar amount to be received in 2022, for a total estimated amount of \$106,123.56) for eligible uses as defined in the U.S. Treasury Interim Final Rule and as determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town, which uses may include the following projects: (i) removal of asbestos tiles from the Rome Community Center; (ii) performance of a survey of the Rome Beach lot and monumentation of its boundaries in preparation for a future walking path on the property; and (iii) provision of high-speed internet at Town Office to enable the use of a free hotspot available through Spectrum.  
Board of Selectmen recommends approval 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends non-approval 5-0
- Article 67.** To see if the Town will vote to elect from the floor four members and two alternate members to serve on the Budget Committee to review all items to be inserted into the Town Warrant requiring appropriation of monies and their recommendations noted. The terms of Lincoln Nye (3-year full member), Joan Orr (3-yr full member), Trent Shute (1-yr alternate member), and Langdon Adams (1-yr alternate member) expire.
- Article 68.** To see if the Town will vote to elect from the floor four members to serve on the Recreation Committee. The term of Pamela Christensen (3-yr full member) expires, fill a position that expires March 2024 (Susan Broz resigned), and two 1-yr alternate positions.

### Rome Board of Selectmen

Paul Anderson    Larry DiPietro Jr.    Kelly Archer



# Property Declaration for Rome, Maine

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THIS SCHEDULE MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TOWN OFFICE ON  
OR BEFORE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2022

Under Paragraph 706, Title 36, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Taxpayers are to submit lists of property to the municipal assessor.

Before making an assessment, the Assessor shall give reasonable notice in writing to all liable to taxation in the Municipality to furnish to the assessor true and perfect lists of their estates, not by law exempt from taxation of which they were possessed of the first day of April of the same year.

**If any person after such notice does not furnish such list, he is thereby barred of his right to make application to the assessor or any other appeal, therefrom for any abatement of his taxes, unless he furnishes such list with appeal and satisfied them that he was unable to furnish it at the time appointed.**

## Real Estate Property

NAME OF OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note any changes on the address label on the reverse side)

If you need a copy of your tax bill to forward to your Mortgage Company check here.

Mortgage company and address \_\_\_\_\_

If your land is subject to any enforceable restrictions please check the appropriate blocks:

Deed Restrictions  Right of Way  Shore land Zoning  Subdivision Restrictions

Please indicate any real estate tax exemption you receive on the reverse side of this form.

Land-No. of acres \_\_\_\_\_ Improvements: Drilled Well  Septic System  Dug Well

Number of Buildings: (Number the appropriate category)

House \_\_\_\_\_ Additions \_\_\_\_\_ Garages \_\_\_\_\_ Sheds \_\_\_\_\_ Cottages \_\_\_\_\_ Barns \_\_\_\_\_ Others \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Home: Make \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

What additions, alterations or improvements have been made to your land or to the exterior or interior of any building since April 1, 2005? (such as: new kitchen, bath, heating system, fireplace, finished basement or attics, porches, pools, adding living area, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have any buildings been removed or destroyed?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Property

(Do not include property used in business or on a farm)

Backhoes, Bulldozer Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Value \_\_\_\_\_

Skidders, Loaders Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Value \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Tractor Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Value \_\_\_\_\_

### TITLE 7 M.R.S.A. SEC 3451

Each owner or keeper of a dog six months or over shall, on or before January first, annually, or at such time as such dog becomes six months old, cause such dog to be licensed in the municipal clerk's office in the Town where such dog is kept.

I have read carefully each item above and I have read and understand the above law concerning my responsibility and the penalty contained therein and to the best of my knowledge and belief each item has been filled out in a full and true and correct manner.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature









## TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION

8 Mercer Road

Rome, Maine 04963

Phone (207) 397-4011

[www.romemaine.com](http://www.romemaine.com)

### Board of Selectmen

[selectmen@romemaine.com](mailto:selectmen@romemaine.com)

Meetings every other Monday at 6:00PM

397-4011 (option #4)

### Town Clerk & Motor Vehicle Registration

[townclerk@romemaine.com](mailto:townclerk@romemaine.com)

[www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/repaid-renewal](http://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/repaid-renewal)

Monday 10AM-7PM

Tues-Thursday 9AM-4PM

397-4011 (option #1)

### Treasurer & Tax Collector

[tct@romemaine.com](mailto:tct@romemaine.com)

Monday 6-8PM

Tuesday, Thursday 9-1PM

397-4011 (option #2)

### Code Enforcement Officer

[ceo@romemaine.com](mailto:ceo@romemaine.com)

Monday 3-7PM

Wednesday 9-1PM

397-4011 (option #3)

### Town Assessing Agent

To reach the assessing agent, please contact the Office of the Tax Collector.

The assessing agent is scheduled in-office the third Tuesday of each month

### Planning Board

Meeting at Town Office the 2nd Monday of each month, agenda permitting at 6PM

### Board of Appeals and

Fair Hearing Authority

Meeting at Town Office, as needed

### Waste Management/Transfer Station

(Airport Road, Norridgewock)

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday Closed

Wednesday-Friday 9:30AM-6PM

Saturday 7:30AM- 4PM

**Please Note:** Hours of operation subject to change; hours may change through winter months. In the event of closing, postings will be made on the website and with local newspaper/television media. Town Office is closed on all Federal holidays; if Monday holiday, meetings will be moved to Tuesday for that week. Please check town website or call to confirm office hours.