

# Town of Rome, Maine 2022 Annual Report



*“Town Office - Morning Visitor”*

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

January 1, 2023	Municipal Fiscal year begins
February 1, 2023	Dog Licenses become <b>overdue.</b> \$25 late fee
March 10, 2023	Municipal Election of Officers 12:00-8:00pm at the Community Center.
March 11, 2023	Annual Town Meeting, 10:00am, Community Center
April 1, 2023	All tax information and exemptions forms must be in writing to Assessor.
June , 2023	RSU 18 School Budget Referendum 12:00-8:00 pm at the Community
June 30, 2023	All ATV & Snowmobile registrations expire.
October 15, 2023	2024 Dog Licenses are available at Town Office.
October 31, 2023	Real Estate/Personal property taxes due.
November 1, 2023	All 2023 taxes are due: Interest accrues from this date.
November 14, 2023	State Elections 8:00am-8:00pm at the Community Center.
December 31, 2023	All Boat & Hunting/Fishing Licenses expire. 2023 Dog and Kennel License expires.

## **2023 ROME TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

January 2 (Mon.) – New Year’s Day	September 4, (Mon.) – Labor Day
January 16 (Mon.) – Martin Luther King Jr	October 9 (Mon.) – Indigenous Peoples Day
February 20 (Mon.) – Presidents Day	November 10 (Fri.) – Veterans Day
April 17 (Mon.) – Patriots Day	November 22 (Weds.) – Closing at 12:30
May 29 (Mon.) – Memorial Day	November 23 (Thurs.) - Thanksgiving Day
June 19 (Mon.) – Juneteenth	November 24 (Fri.) - Thanksgiving Friday
July 4 (Tues.) - Independence Day	December 25 (Mon.) – Christmas Day

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
FOR  
ROME, MAINE



For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT  
TO TOWN MEETING ON  
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023**

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The 2022 Rome town report is dedicated to the memory of Dennis (Denny) Phillips, a long-term resident, military helicopter pilot/engineer, and dedicated environmentalist. Denny was born April 23, 1946, and passed away October 22, 2022. He is survived by his wife Sandy as well as his daughter Kimberly and his stepdaughter Holly and their families. Denny moved to Rome in the mid 70's and resided in one of Rome's historical residences, White Fawn Inn, until his passing.

Upon his graduation from the engineering program at Virginia Tech, he joined the army and was commissioned a W-1 warrant officer as he completed helicopter pilot training school. This was the mid 70's when the army had a high need for this profession. The 1975 military pullout from Vietnam found Denny temporarily stationed in Germany with his transition to Vietnam eminent. The Vietnam withdrawal greatly reduced the army's need for helicopter pilots which resulted in Denny transitioning to the 112<sup>th</sup> Medivac unit at the Bangor Maine National Guard as a helicopter pilot. When the medivac unit upgraded to a new model aircraft, Denny chose to transition to the 240<sup>th</sup> Engineering Group at Camp Keys as an environmental engineer. He also joined the Maine DEP as an environmental engineer and retired from there after 20 years' service. He Retired from the National Guard in 2006 as a W-4 warrant officer.



Denny loved Rome and chose to serve the town, with his environmental expertise, as a member of the town's Planning Board. He served in this capacity for 25 years, 1991 through 2015, with several years as the board's chairman. He was the primary force, for the town, in getting the proposed Rome cell tower turned down by the Rome planning board, the Rome citizens, and the courts. This was a fight against big guns and one of the few fights where the little guy, Rome, won.

Denny loved being outdoors and busy with such activities as mountain biking in the summer and snowshoeing in the winter. He was most proud of his apple orchard which he started in the 90's and loved to talk about.

One day, early in his retirement, Denny received a call from John Schooley. John asked Denny if he would like to save French's mountain. The YES that followed resulted in forming Watson Pond Land Trust. This became BRCA (Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance) and today is known as 7 Lakes Alliance. Denny was president of BRCA for several years. One of the really challenging and significant projects Denny took on at BRCA, with the assistance of Jane Eberle, was raising \$1 million through donations so BRCA would qualify for \$1 million in matching funds from Land for Maine's Future. He and his wife Sandy also were committed to placing their own property, approximately 200 acres, in a conservation easement with 7 Lakes Alliance. These funds and land contributed significantly to the Kennebec Highlands, land for Mainers and tourists to enjoy forever.



## SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD

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

The Board of Selectmen are pleased to recognize Andy Cook as the 2022 Spirit of America Award recipient. He was selected for his volunteerism, dedication, and energy invested in Rome and our communities. Andy has served Rome on the RSU 18 School Board and Kennebec Regional Development Authority (KRDA, First Park) Board. He is also active with the Town Recreation Committee, the Belgrade Lakes Alliance (BLA), and the RSU 18 Safety Committee.

Dr. Cook's RSU 18 focus is safety and academic excellence. During his tenure, the district implemented the 80 State Fire Marshall identified fire safety improvements. He fought for the needed \$13.5M bond issue. As a result, much needed upgrades to safety, classrooms, school buildings, and athletic fields were implemented. Further, during his service, of the 33 similar Maine school districts, RSU18 moved academically from 21st in Math and Reading to 7<sup>th</sup>. And our schools stayed open during the COVID crisis. Dr. Cook was also a leader in achieving prudent management of the district's \$1M scholarship fund.

Andy was instrumental in the hiring the new KRDA executive director. As a result, in 2022 (the first time in 9 years) lots were sold. First Park is a potential substantial, uncapped, indefinite duration, town financial obligation. Dr. Cook brought focus to this, and helped implement our 2022 withdrawal in compliance with the founding legislation.

Shore frontage represents 80% of Rome's tax base. Andy worked with the Select Board, Comprehensive Planning Committee and Budget Committee in understanding the tax revenue implications of lake water quality. The town recognized this and increased contributions to the BLA and 7 Lakes Alliance. Andy leads the BLA water quality, fund raising raffle. Under Andy, the raffle achieved record revenue years.

He works "hands on" for the town. With the Recreation Committee he replaced the missing basketball backboard, helped open up our town beach, built two picnic tables for the beach, organized Recreation Committee tag sales, implemented our "community dinners," and helped Sandy Shute, Richard Beck, and the whole team in constructing our new pavilion. Via the Belgrade and Rome Fire Rescue Committee, he helped us to fund full time, professional EMT coverage during the workday.

Dr. Cook told us he was humbled to receive this award. "It's all about our town and the wonderful people who live here. The support from the Select Board, Planning Board, Recreation Committee, Comprehensive Planning Committee, the office team, our CEO and in fact everyone has been exceptional. People in Rome help in whatever way they can. It's a team effort – by us all. I am honored to be able to give back to the community. Rome is a great place to live, and a great place to grow up. "

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**MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

First (1-year term).....PAUL ANDERSON, 2023  
 Second (1-year term).....LARRY DIPIETRO JR., 2023  
 Third (1-year term).....KELLY ARCHER, 2023

Town Clerk (1-year term).....BARBARA BRICKETT. 2023  
 JULIE MORRISON, DEPUTY

Treasurer (1-year term).....TAMMY LYONS, 2023

Property Tax Collector (1-year term).....TAMMY LYONS, 2023  
 JULIE MORRISON, DEPUTY

RSU 18 School Board Director (3-year term)..... DR. ANDEW COOK, 2024

Road Commissioner (1-year term)..... CARROLL BUBAR, 2023

Registrar of Voters (1-year term).....BARBARA BRICKETT. 2023

Administrative Assistant ( 1-year term)..... CAROLYN HURLEY, 2023

Excise Tax Collector/BMV Agent (1-year term).....JULIE MORRISON, 2023

Code Enforcement Officer (1-year term) .....ANDREW MARBLE, 2023

Health Officer (1-year term)..... ANDREW MARBLE, 2023

Plumbing Inspector (1-year term).....ANDREW MARBLE, 2023

911 Address Director (1-year term)..... ANDREW MARBLE, 2023

Director of Emergency Management (1-year term)..... ED PEARL JR., 2023

Fire Chief (1-year term).....GARY FOSS, 2023  
 ED PEARL JR., ASSISSTANT 2023

Rescue Chief (1-year term)..... GARY FOSS, 2023

Forest Fire Warden..... GARY FOSS  
 ED PEARL JR., DEPUTY  
 LLOYD THOMAS, DEPUTY

Animal Control Officer (1-year term)..... DEXTER (BUZZ) BRIDGES, 2023

Sexton (1-year term).....	MIKE PROCTOR, 2023
Budget Committee.....	ALICE VANDERWERKEN, (2-year term), 2024 RICHARD LABELLE (2-year term), 2024 LINCOLN NYE (3-year term), 2025 JOAN ORR (3-year term), 2025 TRENT SHUTE (ALT) (1 year term), 2023 DEBBORAH HENRY (ALT) (1-yr term), 2023
Planning Board (3-year terms).....	RICHARD GREENAN (CO-CHAIR) , 2025 BARBARA SAXTON (CO-CHAIR), 2025 ALAN LABELLE, 2024 STEVEN MCCARTHY, 2023 LINCOLN NYE, 2023 SHAWN LANDRY (ALT), 2023 CHRISTOPHER RALEIGH (ALT), 2023
Board of Appeals & Fir Hearing Authority.....	ALICE VANDERWERKEN, (3-year term), 2024 PETER KALLIN (2-year term), 2024 WILLIAM KELLEHER (2-year term), 2023 JOAN ORR (1-year term), 2023 EDWIN CHARLES (3-year term) 2025 CHARLES RANDALL (ALT) (1-year term), 2023 LANGDON ADAMS (ALT) 1-year term),2023
Belgrade Lakes Dams Committee.....	RICHARD GREENAN (3-year term), 2024 BLAINE HORROCKS (3-year term), 2023 GARRETT LUSZCZKI (3-year term), 2024
Recreation Committee .....	SANDRA SHUTE (3-year term), 2024 CARROLL BUBAR (3-year term), 2024 LARRY DIPIETRO (3-year term), 2025 SUSAN BROZ (3-year term), 2024 BARBARA MCCOSH (ALT) (1-year term), 2023 CHELSEA SUCY (ALT) (1-year term), 2023
Comprehensive Planning Committee .....	SANDRA SHUTE (2-year term), 2023 JOAN ORR (2-year term), 2023 MELISSA HINKLEY (2-year term), 2023 BARBARA SAXTON (2-year term), 2023 ADAM CLEMENT (2-year term), 2023 GARY FOSS (2-year term), 2023 RICHARD GREENAN (2-year term), 2023 RICHARD LABELLE (Resigned)

## **SELECT BOARD’S LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF ROME**

If you have visited the town office since midsummer, you are aware that there are new floors throughout the building. Yes, the 70 plus year old tiles containing asbestos have finally been replaced. The board chose a poured floor with white and light blue chips in it. The light colors brighten up the place significantly and everyone is happy to have the asbestos behind us. We had some unexpected issues during the process which resulted in a 3-week shutdown of the building instead of the planned 10 days. Your selectboard apologizes for the delay and want to insure everyone the board did everything possible to expedite the installation process. THANK YOU to Icon Environmental Consultant of Maine, in Augusta, for the asbestos inspection, removal, and disposal. THANK YOU to Pro Moving Service, in Waterville, for the moving and storage. THANK YOU to our great employees who worked very hard packing up our community building for the contractors to do their work!

One Monday morning in the fall, staff was reporting to work and noticed a heavy odor or fuel oil in the offices. An inspection of the basement revealed a ruptured oil line in the furnace fuel supply line. The line shut off was turned off and a quick assessment done. Each of the oil tanks was over half full but some oil had reached the cellar sump, so some fuel oil had been pumped outside through the normal action of the sump pump. The Maine oil spill number was called, and we had a state representative on site within an hour. With information available on site and from our fuel oil supplier it was determined that the actual outside spill was less than 20 gallons. The basement was cleaned up, the oil line repaired, and we were back in business. The town was very lucky in this event as if things had happened a little differently this could have easily been a 300-gallon spill.

We had a couple of other problems with the community center this past year: 1. We had to replace the well pump 2. The sump pump failed and was replaced. 3. The septic backed up and while the specialist called got it working he discovered the leach field needs replaced and the baffles in the septic tank need replaced. 4. We were able to locate new bulbs for the outside lights at the Community Center. You should notice how bright the outside of the building is as a result.

This is the second year we have worked to get a skating rink in place for the enjoyment of town’s people. Between the very mild weather this year and a leak in the liner it appears more hours have been spent trying to get it ready than have been spent skating. Oh Well, there is always next year. We have located a tape online for poly which we hope will resolve the majority of our problems for next year.

The town has been active in grant applications this year:

1. Emergency Power- Our backup generator is no longer working. While Generators of Maine can get it to start it will not function correctly. We are currently working with the Kennebec County Emergency Management office for a generator grant. The Kennebec County EMA has provided us a loaner generator until they are able to get us a unit of our own through an upcoming grant. The loaner unit works fine but must be started manually and filled with gas every couple of hours.
2. Supplemental Food Program – Rome has been conducting a Food Cupboard on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, 1pm-3pm, since September of 2021. With great volunteers, several households are getting that little extra to help them through. The chest freezer, so generously donated by three kind residents, has been an important tool in this program. Last year, the Town was awarded a grant from the Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine in the amount of

\$14,707. Its primary use to date has been the purchase of a new commercial refrigerator. The old one was still working but was ancient and it was an electricity hog. This program has been an excellent opportunity to work with our local Food Pantry and other nearby services. We have a few plans for blood pressure clinic, Red Cross blood drive, and more. Please watch out for more information coming to your mailbox, Town website at [romemaine.com](http://romemaine.com), Town Facebook page, and our LED sign. A big THANK YOU to Corrine Hadden, she is our ringleader and most energetic friend that started this program , at no cost to the Town of Rome. Another THANK YOU to are faithful volunteers Lucy Williams, Sue Rouse, and Linda Durante who make the time to help every month. THANK YOU to Evelyn Fowler for all her time and effort in the grant process and for her contributions towards the winter hats, mittens, coats, etc. at the Community Building. One last THANK YOU to all of the Office staff Carrol Bubar (our delivery man), Julie Morrison, Barbara Brickett, Tammy Lyons, Carolyn Hurley, and Andy Marble who have all helped , in one way or another, in making this program succeed!

Respectively submitted,

Paul, Larry, and Kelly

**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT - 2022**

Births- 9

Deaths – 20

Marriages - 12

*In Memoriam*

January 12, 2022	Frederick J. Gagnon	78 years
January 19, 2022	Evelyn Umbaugh Chase	98 years
January 25, 2022	Carlton D. Pratt	87 years
April 11, 2022	Daniel Eric Robbins	71 years
April 23, 2022	Kian Paul Thomas	<1 year
April 28, 2022	Sandra F. Hartman	76years
July 28, 2022	Eric J. Arbour	38 years
July 29, 2022	Dora Leah Borawa	92 years
August 17, 2022	Alice Leona Mosher	94 years
August 17, 2022	Deborah Pelletier	75 years
August 30, 2022	Austin Z. Hardy	23 years
September 16, 2022	Gary Alan Ricci	69 years
October 22, 2022	Dennis William Phillips	76 years
October 26, 2022	Melissa Ann Miller	48 years
December 23, 2022	Paul Richard Lynch Jr.	79 years

ELECTION	ABSENTEE	IN PERSON VOTING DAY	TOTAL
03-11-2022	55	117	172
06-14-2022	16	108	124
11-08-2022	180	445	625

Thank you all for a great first year. I would like to thank everyone that worked during our Elections this year. My staff of Election workers came through for not only me as Town Clerk, but the residents of Rome as well to provide a safe and accurate elections.

Thank you all for patience as I was learning the ropes this year! Still so much to learn, but I’m very excited for this opportunity and I’m very hopeful for another great year working with you all and for allowing me to be your Town Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**BARBARA BRICKETT**  
*Town Clerk*

**INLAND FISHERIES AGENT – JULIE MORRISON**

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED**

Male/Female.....	21
Neutered/Spayed.....	105
Kennel License.....	7
Boats.....	358
ATV’s.....	8
Snowmobiles.....	55
Non-Resident ATV.....	0
Non-Resident Snowmobiles.....	1

**HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES ISSUED**

Hunting/Fishing Combo.....	8
Fishing.....	22
Hunting.....	3
Junior Hunting.....	8
Non-Resident Hunting/Fishing Combo.....	0
Non-Resident Fishing.....	9
Non-Resident Hunting.....	1

Respectfully Submitted,  
**JULIE L. MORRISON**  
*IFW & DOG AGENT*

## ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

2022 was still a difficult year to get supplies and labor but the regular summer construction was completed.

Last year's major construction work took place on Drury Rd. I was able to complete culvert, tree removal work and pave. The Wooster Hill Road project, putting topcoat on and substantial brush cutting to open the roadway was completed.

I share the taxpayers' concerns regarding Watson Pond Road while Castle Island Rd is closed. There has been a lot more traffic due to the detour. I have been talking with The Maine DOT regarding the detour and the increased road traffic, therefore I and the Maine DOT will be keeping a close eye on the road condition.

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 the road plan that has been in place for seven years now. I am in hopes of paving part of Ladd Road, upgrading Oak Ridge and paving entrance of Wentworth Drive.

Our Town accomplished significant infrastructure improvement 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 quality finished project 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 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

**CARROLL BUBAR**

Road Commissioner/207-649-4488

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

## VALUATION AND COMMITMENT

Land	\$195,779,300	
Buildings	\$104,568,290	
Exemptions*		\$6,852,490
Personal Property	\$344,500	
Total RE & Personal Property Valuation	<u>\$293,839,600</u>	
Homestead Reimbursement	\$6,624,550	
Taxable Valuation	\$300,464,150	
County Tax #	\$400,766	
Municipal Appropriation	\$986,507	
Local Education Appropriation	\$2,428,636	
Overlay	\$88,278.79	
<b>Total Assessments</b>	<b><u>\$3,904,187</u></b>	
Revenue Sharing		\$49,000
Homestead Reimbursement		\$55,129.51
Other Revenue		\$372,067
<b>Total Deductions</b>		<b><u>\$476,196</u></b>
<b>Net Commitment</b>		<b><u>\$3,427,991</u></b>
<b>2022 Mill Rate</b>		<b><u>\$11.40</u></b>

\*Exemptions include Homestead, Veteran's, and for the blind

Assessor's notice is given each year on April 1. All 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 is 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, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Anderson  
Larry DiPietro Jr.  
Kelly Archer

## 2022 Code Officer Report

Dear Rome Residents,

After the absurd building season, we saw in 2021 (which set record numbers of building and plumbing permits issued), 2022 was more of a return to normalcy. Whether it was because of rising interest rates, a decline in the economy, or simply everyone getting their building projects out of their systems in 2021, building permits were down roughly 25% from last year. That being said, permit issuance in 2022 was still the third highest year on record, which I think highlights just how wild 2021 was! In total, 53 building permits were issued in 2022, which break down as follows:

- 11 New Single-Family Dwellings (same as last year!)
- 15 Additions/Renovations
- 19 Garages/sheds
- 6 Temporary Docks
- 1 Earth moving in shoreland zone

While I will probably get slack from my other Towns for saying this, of all the Towns I work for, Rome is my favorite! Like a parent who has multiple children, picking a “favorite” is highly frowned upon...but oh well!

My fondness for this Town can be attributed to three unique virtues that Rome has: natural resources, diversity, and community.

First, thanks to the numerous lakes, mountains, streams and forests throughout the area, Rome possesses an abundance of natural resources and scenic beauty. Furthermore, thanks to the forethought and tireless efforts of a few notable individuals (some of whom are mentioned later), many of these resources have been permanently protected, enabling future generations to enjoy them as much as we do.

Next, thanks in large part to the scenic beauty mentioned above, Rome is a veritable mixing pot of individuals coming from all walks of life. On any given day in Rome, I’m equally as likely to work with a building contractor as I am a retired military general, flooring expert, M.I.T professor, arborist, fortune 500 CEO, excavation contractor, or ex-nuclear physicist. This vast diversity across numerous socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels gives Rome a unique advantage when it comes to working collaboratively to run this small town.

Finally, this diversity leads us to the third ingredient that makes Rome so special; community. Whether it’s volunteering to be on a Town Board, attending a benefit dinner, donating time for the food bank, or simply participating in Town meetings, the people that make up this small town consistently take part in community-oriented activities at a higher than average rate. By participating in community activities, individuals can help steer and shape this small community, building pride and respect for it along the way.

Nowhere is this sense of community more evident than with the seven individuals who make up the Rome Planning Board! Every month, these “gluttons for punishment” meet to review building applications, issue permits, and discuss ordinance amendments. Their work, while far from glamorous,



is invaluable to ensuring that the values and resources that make Rome such a great place are protected for years to come.

Unfortunately, 2022 saw the loss of three of these amazing Planning Board members, all of which I had the pleasure of working with over the years.

Fred Gagnon, a longtime resident of Rome, passed away in January of 2022. Originally from “The County,” Fred was a “Mainer” through and through! Quick with a smile, but a man of few words, Fred would opt to wait until he had gathered all information before stating his opinion. When Fred spoke though, others listened, such was the respect that he commanded.

Dan “Tree” Robbins, another invaluable Planning Board member, passed away in April of 2022. Dan was a retired engineer for DOT, and an endless resource for technical advice regarding civil engineering (especially road construction). Along with Tree’s encyclopedic-like knowledge, he also possessed a quick-witted sense of humor that I personally found hilarious! More than once I remember trying to keep a straight face after listening to Tree deadpan a wry comment in the middle of a “serious” meeting!

Finally, in late 2022, long time Planning Board member, conservationist, local legend, mentor, and friend, Denny Phillips, passed away. I cannot overstate how important Denny was in shaping this community.

My story with Denny starts on a cold February day in 2011. At the time, I was working for a timber framing company, and was perched high above the ground on an ice-covered roof on top of Vianna Mountain. As the wind howled across the landscape, I sat shivering on the roof in the sub-freezing temperatures quietly wondering what series of poor life decisions had led me to this moment. Just about then, my phone rang. On the other end was a polite gentleman inquiring if I had any interest in applying for the code officer position in the Town of Rome.

Unbeknownst to me, apparently the current Rome CEO was being fired, and as the chair of the Planning Board, Denny was leading the search for a “qualified” CEO to fill the void. As such, Denny had called the Town of Mount Vernon and talked to my father (who was the CEO at that time) inquiring whether he was interested in working for Rome as well. When my father declined the job, Denny asked if he knew of anyone else who might be willing to apply, and for reasons unknown, my father recommended me. Keep in mind that at the time, I was a full-time organic farmer and part time carpenter with a somewhat useless degree in biology! I had never been a CEO, had no certifications, and other than swinging a hammer, had more or less no formal qualifications!

Knowing what I know now though, the fact that I was a borderline “hippy” was probably music to Denny’s ears! After speaking with me on the phone, Denny passed my name onto the Selectboard, who somehow ended up hiring me!

After starting the position, Denny immediately took me under his wing and spent hours showing me around the area. As a longtime resident and 20+ year member of the Rome Planning Board (many of those as its chair), Denny had extensive knowledge of the Town and the people who lived here. Furthermore, during his long tenure on the Planning Board, Denny had the forethought and determination to adopt/update the Town’s regulations as a proactive way to ensure that the natural resources and beauty of the area would be protected for years to come. As a result of his efforts, many

of the ordinances which the Town still uses to this day (wireless telecommunication ordinance, Commercial Development Review Ordinance, Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance) owe at least part of their existence to Denny's foresight and mindfulness while on the Planning Board.

While Denny's long tenure on the Planning Board is certainly note-worthy on its own, it was only one of the many roles Denny played throughout his rich and exciting life. I have fond memories of stopping by Denny's house on my way home from work to share a beer and be regaled with endless stories of his times at DEP (overseeing underground oil tank cleanups), flying helicopters out of Chimney pond on Katahdin (when he was in the air national guard), or being one of the founding members of the Watson Pond Association. To anyone unfamiliar, the original Watson Pond association ultimately became the BRCA/7 Lakes Alliance and is one of the driving reasons we have the Kennebec Highlands in the first place (as well as many of the other public lands in Rome). Remember this the next time you head out for a hike up Round Top Mountain or Saunders Hill. As you can see, if variety is the spice of life, Denny was definitely spicy!

Perhaps the most memorable stories he told were the numerous (and crazy) accidents that he experienced throughout his vibrant life. From high speed mountain bike accidents while towing a bike trailer, to being knocked out while felling a tree, Denny would recount the horrific (now hilarious) stories with a very nonchalant, "what's the big deal?" demeanor. Be it a leg laceration caused from a tractor pedal (requiring a flap of skin to get sewed back on), to a fingertip that got pinched off by a wood splitter (don't worry, they stuck that back on too!), it's a miracle that Denny still had most of his body parts left! Apparently, the only thing more impressive than his list of accidents, was his body's ability to heal from them!

Denny was truly one of a kind (although his wife Sandy gives him a run for his money)! Despite his incredibly influential life, Denny never felt the need to brag about his accomplishments, or even take credit for them. Per Denny's request, you'll find no obituary for him, and no announcements or proclamation highlighting the numerous achievements he had. Such was his way; doing something not for fame or fortune, but because it was the right thing to do. True philanthropy does not seek recognition, but is content with anonymity.

Thank you Denny, for all that you did for me, the Town of Rome, and the State of Maine; we owe you a debt of gratitude.

Alright, lets lighten up this somber report with another story of ridiculousness in this years "don't do that award".

This year's award can go squarely into the "DUH!" category, but has a moral behind it that I think we all need to remember from time to time.

It all started one December when I received a building application for an undeveloped lot on Great Pond. As with all building applications, to verify accuracy I need to physically visit a lot before I can issue any permits. This particular lot was unique because it was not only undeveloped (a rarity around the lakes), but also because I had literally just visited the lot earlier that summer when someone else had submitted a different application (that application was denied, and the lot had since sold). Imagine my surprise during the second visit when I found that this previously "virgin" lot had a fresh cleared area right next to the lake and a large pile of brush piled up 20' from the water.

As many of you know, there are strict cutting regulations regarding vegetation removal within the shoreland zone, and especially so within 100' of the water. Specifically, there is a regulation which states that within 100' of the water, no vegetation under 3' in height (including the natural forest duff layer), can be "cut, covered or destroyed". Furthermore, you need at least 5 "saplings" within every 25'x50' area (a sapling is vegetation taller than 3', but less than 2" diameter at breast height).

When I questioned the new lot owner about the cutting, they pleaded ignorance, and claimed that not only had they not cut anything, but that the brush piles were simply branches that they'd piled up. They claimed that the cleared area (which again, was "virgin" literally 6 months earlier) was naturally free of vegetation, even though there was heavy vegetation beyond both sides of the new clearing...

Unfortunately for them, I had pictures of the lot from my earlier trip that year, as well as pictures from the water taken in 2011 when Colby College photographed all shorelines in the Belgrade Lakes. Low and behold, both sets of images showed there had indeed been lots of vegetation in the now cleared area. Go figure!

Lying to the CEO about cutting some vegetation is not exactly unique, and certainly not worthy of a "don't do that award" on its own. What the landowner did next though, is!

To fix the situation, I asked the landowner to cease all cutting and replant the area with native saplings. When I went back out to the site the following May, I found 15-20 little hemlocks sticking out of the ground throughout the cleared area. Something about the hemlocks just didn't look right though...they were very "2 dimensional" and had no disturbed soil around their base where they would have been planted. Pulling up on one gently, I was surprised when it popped out of the ground with almost no effort, and even more surprised to find that they were not actually trees, but simply hemlock branches that had been cut and stabbed into the ground!.....No joke, 15-20 hemlock branches cut off and stuck into the ground to make it look like they had planted saplings.

When I questioned the lot owner about this, they denied any knowledge of the branches being "planted" and claimed that their "sister must have done it".

Apparently, you're never too old to blame your siblings...

This ridiculous display of idiocy warranted a legitimate "Consent Agreement" with the Town, complete with a \$500 a fine, a replanting requirement, and a lot of head shaking on my part.

If the lot owner had simply admitted to the cutting mistake, replanted the area, and moved on, this story wouldn't be worth the ink it took to print it. Unfortunately, the owner lied, then tried to cover that lie up by cheating, and then lied again (all the while digging a deeper and deeper hole for themselves).

The moral of the story is: We all make mistakes. Own them, fix them, and move on. Life will be easier because of it!

Take care and have a great year!

Andy Marble  
Rome Code Officer

## 2022 Plumbing Inspectors Report

Dear Rome Residents,

While building permits were down slightly from 2021, plumbing permits were actually up (by one), with a total of 47 permits issued. The 2022 plumbing permits break down as follows:

23 Internal Plumbing Permits

24 Subsurface Wastewater Permits

As the more astute have probably already figured out based on the permits listed above, “plumbing” is a broad term which includes “internal plumbing” and “subsurface wastewater plumbing” (septic systems). The distinction between the two types is fairly straight forward, being that “internal plumbing” includes all plumbing within the building itself (as well as within a two-foot perimeter around the building), while “subsurface” plumbing is everything more than 2’ away from the building.

While simple enough, this distinction is important because each type of plumbing has its own set of regulations which govern it. Internal plumbing is regulated under the “Uniform Plumbing Code” (a nationwide code last updated in 2021), while subsurface plumbing is regulated under the “Maine Subsurface Wastewater Regulations” (a Maine-specific code which was last updated in 2015). While the two codes have some overlap between them (such as piping materials allowed, pipe pitch, etc.), the vast majority of the “Subsurface Wastewater Regulations” focuses its attention on the rules around designing septic systems.

For anyone who has ever built a new home, or those who have been unfortunate enough to deal with a malfunctioning septic system, you probably know firsthand that before you can install a new septic field, you first need to hire an “expert” to design you one.

But who are these mysterious “experts” who possess ancient knowledge in the “dark art” of subsurface wastewater design? You guessed it, Site Evaluators.

As the only professional allowed in the State of Maine to design “non-engineered” septic systems (which is any system designed to handle less than 2000 gallons per day, or 99.9% of the systems out there), Site Evaluators are a very specific breed. Licensed by the State, Site Evaluators must first pass two lengthy tests to prove that they have extensive knowledge in soil analysis, design practices, and wastewater regulations.

In a nutshell, a Site Evaluator is the resulting love child from a hot and steamy night between a soil scientist and a civil engineer. As you can probably guess, hot and steamy nights between these two professions are extraordinarily rare, and thus, so are Site Evaluators....

Luckily for me, one such steamy night must have occurred in the fall of 2022, as I passed my State examinations, and joined this exclusive group of scientific turd-herders (Site Evaluation License #436)!

I’d love to tell you that after 12 years of being a plumbing inspector, passing the State exam was a piece of cake for me. Unfortunately, this was not the case! As it turns out, while septic regulations might be

second nature by now, accurately interpreting “soil classifications,” “parent materials,” and “redoximorphic features” is a bit trickier. Fortunately, we have some extraordinary Site Evaluators in the area who graciously allowed me to tag along behind them, asking (what I’m sure were) countless annoying, redundant, and irrelevant questions. Thanks to their patience and mentoring, I was able to squeak past the State exams without the need to resort to bribing or blackmailing State Officials (a first for State Government)!

While I still plan on being a Plumbing Inspector for numerous Towns in the area, now that I’m a licensed Site Evaluator, I hope to start branching out and begin designing septic systems rather than just inspecting them. In fact, since every good business needs a slogan for advertising, I’ve been working on new catch phrases for my septic design business, and think I might have a winner:

“Marble’s Septic Design: I give a crap, so you can take one.”

It’s a work in progress.....

As always, don’t forget to pump your septic tank once every three or four years, and clean your outlet filter (if you have one) yearly.

Alternatively, you can be lazy and never pump your septic tank. Just make sure you call me to design you a new septic field after yours fails...That’s what I call job security!!!

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew Marble  
Licensed Plumbing Inspector #1135  
Licensed Site Evaluator #436



Rome Volunteer Fire Department

On behalf of the Town Rome Volunteer Fire Department, we would like to thank YOU, the townspeople, the Rome Volunteer First Responders, and all our mutual aid departments. You continue to provide services to our town when you are called upon.

The department was inspected by the Bureau of Labor Standards (BLS) this year. This is an inspection of our records, safety protocols, equipment, and stations. We have met the requirements to continue with the Safety and Health Award for Public Employers, “Shape Program”. The acceptance into the SHAPE program is an achievement that distinguishes our organization for safety and health.

I would like to recognize Adam Clement, Captain of the Rome Volunteer Fire Department, for the work he did to provide the department with two grants, one for Gas Meters and another for Cordless Extraction Tools.

I’m very proud of the dedication, professionalism, and the quality care the Rome Volunteer Fire Department strives to provide to the Town of Rome. I would like to personally thank all the Rome Fire Volunteers, for the countless hours they have spent making our community safer. Also, thanks to the families of our members, it doesn’t go unnoticed!

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. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to anyone in the department, for an application. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month.

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



On behalf of the Town Rome Volunteer First Responders, we would like to thank YOU, the townspeople, and all our mutual aid departments. You continue to provide services to our town when you are called upon.

As a reminder, please make sure your home-camp numbers are visible from the roadways. This is critical for a quicker response from the department, in the event of an emergency.

The Rome Volunteer First Responders are always looking for volunteers. If this is something you are interested in please reach out to anyone in the department, for an application.

We appreciate the gracious donations made to the department and your continued support.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Foss, EMT, Rescue Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Foss, EMT, Rescue Chief

Emergency Preparedness Report 2022

I am entering my sixteenth year of serving the residents of the Town of Rome as Emergency Management Director. The town of Rome is prepared to face natural disasters with the resources we have at our disposal. Here we are almost 3 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. 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





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**Service Report – Rome 2022**

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

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

According to Maine state data, in 2022 (January 1 – December 31), we responded to over 14,000 911-calls, 129 of which 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 19.9 minutes for emergencies.

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

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

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

As always, if we can assist you with a project or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of Rome. We remain committed.

Respectfully,

Timothy A Beals, Executive Director  
February 22, 2023

Bill McKenna  
Director of Community Relations  
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## ANNUAL REPORT ROME RUFF RIDERS

The Rome Ruff Riders Snowmobile Club would like to thank the Town of Rome residents and the Board of Selectmen for the donation of \$ 1,200.00 to support the club. If the Town of Rome agrees, we would also like to request a donation for the year 2022/2023. The increased cost of everything affects our maintenance costs but we have not asked for an increase this year.

Our total expenses for the last year submitted to the State of Maine Snowmobile Program totaled \$26,995.43 for which we were refunded slightly (20%). This year we sought an additional grant and rebuilt more bridges and additional culverts. This Grant only covers the material and contractor costs, and the Club is still responsible for a percentage of the total costs. Our primary goals for the year are with the condition and safety of our trails. In addition, we still support the Belgrade Rome Food Pantry and the Children's Pine Tree Camp with an annual gift.

In closing I would like to again Thank the Rome residents and the Board of Selectmen for all their past support and we are looking forward to the future.

Rome Ruff Rider S/C  
President, Lincoln Nye

Belgrade Rome Special Needs Food Pantry  
2022 Annual Report

Our pantry is located at the North Belgrade Community Center, 508 Smithfield Road. It is 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.

We have continued to serve an average of 45-55 clients each month. This year was the first full year that clients were able to come to the pantry every other week. This change increased our weekly numbers and our overall monthly numbers went up slightly. We now are able to provide our clients a week's worth of food and household items twice a month

We have also continued our community outreach program with Belgrade Central School, where we provide a healthy snack option to children who come to school without a snack.

One of our services that we have been able to continue to provide and expand is our basket program. We were able to give out a summer basket with all the fixings for a special summer BBQ. This December, we gave out 46 holiday baskets that provided a great Christmas dinner and a few extras!

We continue to offer all of these programs because of our generous donations that we often receive from our community members.

We continue to look 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.

Our pantry continues to run smoothly because of our volunteers. We would like to thank everyone that volunteers to serve our communities. If you have an interest in volunteering, please reach out through our Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted by: Hazel Labbe

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



February 15, 2023

Dear Residents of Rome:

The Travis Mills Foundation had an incredibly successful year in 2022 – we connected with more veterans than ever before, opened our new Health & Wellness Center and started a new program called “Recalibrate.”

The term “recalibrated veteran” was coined by U.S. Army SSG Travis Mills when he lost all four of his limbs in an IED explosion while on his third tour in Afghanistan. He didn’t like to be referred to as a wounded warrior – his wounds had healed. Instead, he re-examined his new normal and changed it in accordance with his new purpose – he recalibrated.

The Recalibrate Program at the Travis Mills Foundation Veterans Retreat builds on the success a participant achieves at the Retreat. For example, if a recalibrated veteran found that they could keep up better on a family bike ride with an electric bike, the Foundation would provide that for them after an application process.

This last year prepared the Foundation for its most ambitious feat yet – to offer year-round programming for recalibrated veterans and their families. Our new HWC, which includes large and small fitness rooms, a massage rooms and indoor pool, has a dual purpose: to allow us to serve more people starting in 2023, and to teach veterans and families how to use the Center’s equipment while they are on site. Once they learn how to adapt mainstream fitness equipment to their injury, they can go home and join a local gym, staying healthy beyond their visits to the Retreat.

The Foundation is incredibly grateful for the support it has received from the Town of Rome and its residents.

Patriotically,



Heather Hemphill  
Executive Director  
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### **2022 NPA Annual Report- 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 receive each year is earmarked to help pay for the annual cost of the Courtesy Boat Inspector (CBI) Program.

In 2022 the town of Rome generously voted to support the CBI program for \$4,000. This is the same amount that the NPA is requesting for 2023.

#### **CBI Program & Statistics:**

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 body of water. If an aquatic invasive gets into our lake, North Pond's ecosystem would be forever 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!

The CBI program sponsored by the 7 Lakes Alliance is paid for by the NPA to provide coverage 7 days a week at a fully-funded cost of \$14,700 in 2022. In the past, each town has donated funds to help reduce the cost and NPA makes up the difference with our bottle redemption monies and donor support. The NPA funded just over \$3,700 for Courtesy Boat Inspector coverage through dues, member donations, and bottle redemption. The Courtesy Boat Inspections at our boat landing run from Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. During the 2022 season, there were 837 boats inspected with 57 plant fragments found. Thankfully, none of those fragments that were caught and removed were invasive!

#### **Curly Leaf Pondweed Update:**

There was a plant paddle in 2022 that surveyed the entire shore of North and Little Ponds and thankfully no additional infestations of Curly Leaf Pondweed were found. This spring 17 volunteers signed up for the Adopt-a-Shoreline program, which will mean that those areas that are assigned will be surveyed by canoe, kayak, paddleboard, etc. at least once a season to look for invasives. We have a few areas that are in need of volunteers, so if you are interested, please contact Sharon Mann, 7 Lakes Invasive Aquatics Manager, as [Sharon.mann@7lakesalliance.org](mailto:Sharon.mann@7lakesalliance.org).

The previously identified infestations between the junction in East Pond's Serpentine and the foot bridge in North Pond's Old Mill Stream, that passes through Sunset Camps, had divers from 7 Lakes Alliance working almost 5 days a week over the summer. Over the summer, the amount of curly-leaf pondweed removed during each dive decreased, meaning the regrowth slowed. As of October, the survey teams had found no invasive curly-leaf pondweed outside of the known infestation area.

NPA, East Pond Association (EPA), DEP and 7 Lakes Alliance all worked together to get the word out to local property owners by installing education signage in the streams, at local businesses, and developing informational pamphlets. Together we also put a call out for donations to help support the increased cost of the CLP removal over the summer. We are so grateful for the many donations that came in to both of our associations to support this crucial work.

#### **Water Quality:**

This year, North Pond experienced a sustained algal bloom which kicked up in earnest by mid-July 2022. The bloom continued into the fall months, with our last *Secchi Depth Transparency* reading at only 6.1 feet (1.9 meters) on December 2nd. Typically, the algae on North Pond clears up by the end of September, but this year it persisted well beyond that. While deep lakes often have algae at this time of

year due to lake turnover, this is not the reason that North Pond remains green, as it is too shallow. One of the main drivers of algal productivity is the amount of phosphorus available in the water column.

Water samples were collected between April – October 2022 by 7 Lakes Alliance to assess in-lake conditions over the course of the season. This included weekly water clarity, dissolved oxygen, temperature, chlorophyll-a and turbidity measurements and bi-weekly plankton samples. Late summer and fall lab results are still pending. This data will be an integral part in the creation of the Water Based Management Plan (WBMP).

**LakeSmart Program:**

Phosphorus is one of the major contributors to algae blooms on the lake. Phosphorus is everywhere. It's on our lawns and in our fertilizers, it's on our roads and gets directly into the lake due to runoff from our properties and roads. Taking steps to help prevent erosion on your property is an integral part of trying to keep phosphorus out of the lake.

We have 3 evaluators on the lake who can come and look for opportunities to improve your property and reduce phosphorus runoff into the lake. We look for drip lines around your buildings and structures. We look at how the water can flow from your property by looking at the topography of your property. We look at your shorefront and ways to improve the buffer to get the water into the ground before it reaches the lake. Contact Ed Galsheen at [edglashe@yahoo.com](mailto:edglashe@yahoo.com) if you are interested in a LakeSmart evaluation.

The LakeSmart program will be a focus for NPA as only 7% of the shore front residences are considered to be LakeSmart out of an estimated 350 residential properties on the lake. 90% of those homes are within 100 feet of the lake. More LakeSmart properties will result in less phosphorus entering the lake and will allow us to acquire more funding assistance for whatever remediation is recommended to help improve water quality.

**319 Grant Projects:** These grants are administered in Maine by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the program funds projects in watersheds that have a US EPA-approved management or protection plan.

Since 2018, 7 Lakes Alliance has received three Clean Water Act 319 grants totaling \$304,114 in funding for North Pond erosion control projects. With the required landowner match of \$384,964, this funding has generated a total of \$689,078 for erosion control projects.

If you are interested in having your driveway or road inspected to see if it qualifies for a 319 grant to help prevent erosion, please email Charlie Baeder at [Charlie.baeder@7lakesalliance.org](mailto:Charlie.baeder@7lakesalliance.org) or call (207) 495-6039.

**Watershed Based Management Plan (WBMP):**

2022 was a busy first year for the two-year Planning Project to develop a North Pond Watershed Based Management Plan (WBMP). The first year focused on collecting scientific data that will be used for the watershed model and water quality analysis, and ultimately the recommendations for restoring the water quality in North Pond over the next 10 years.

2023 is the final year of the project and will involve putting all of the pieces of information together that were collected in 2022 to develop scientifically-sound recommendations for the North Pond WBMP. A public meeting to present the results of this work is expected in August 2023.

Major project accomplishments include: Bathymetric Mapping, Lake Sediments, Water Quality Analysis, Septic Database, Septic Survey, Land Cover Update & Watershed Modeling, Watershed NPS Assessment, Watershed Ag & Forestry Survey, Municipal Ordinance Review, and Outreach.

We are most grateful for all of the support we have received from the residents of Rome. Your continued support through using LakeSmart practices on your property, placing bottles in the bottle boat at Tri-pond Variety, making donations for CLP removal, participating in the Adopt-a-Shoreline program and other activities do make a difference. All residents of Rome can play an important role in the restoration efforts of North Pond. For more information, please see our website at [northpondmaine.org](http://northpondmaine.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Marshall  
NPA President

7 Lakes Alliance thanks Rome voters for approving Town funding that supports conservation work in the Belgrade Lakes region. Rome's support is critical to successfully addressing erosion control and the prevention and remediation of invasive plants such as milfoil. 7 Lakes maximizes Rome's support by leveraging funding from other sources, including the state. Investing in lakes is smart – a clean lake supports Rome's tax base (reducing tax levies for taxpayers who do not own lakefront property), local jobs and the region's economy.

Highlights of 7 Lakes Alliance's work in 2022 include:

- 18 Adopt-a-Shoreline and Invasive Plant ID workshops in three locations.
- 50 new Adopt-a-Shoreline volunteers and 16 miles of shoreline adopted.
- 3 invasive plant paddles in search of new infestations. None were found.
- 5 trainings for courtesy boat inspectors. (All of the above increased over 2021.)
- 6,228 courtesy boat inspections with 0 invasive plant fragments introduced.
- Successful herbicide treatment of 19 acres of milfoil in Great Meadow Stream and Great Pond. 7 Lakes supported Maine Department of Environmental Protection in that effort.
- Successful containment of curly-leaf pondweed in 13 acres of the Serpentine and Old Mill Stream.
- 15 Youth Conservation Corps members built almost 100 best practices for controlling erosion on 50 properties across the watershed.
- \$308,650 secured in Clean Water Act grants, resulting in infrastructure improvements that will total approximately \$600,000, including 7 miles of gravel roads and driveways. Another \$224,434 in grants have been secured for 2023.
- More than 1,000 water samples collected, tested and analyzed from all seven lakes.

Without the support of our municipal partners, some of this work could not happen. For example, courtesy boat inspection expenses in 2021 were \$90,513. Of that, lake associations contributed \$63,264 and the State of Maine \$21,800. Towns and private donors provided the \$5,449 balance.

Town funds also support the work of the Youth Conservation Corps, which serves shoreline properties across the Belgrade Lakes watershed's 180 square miles. Along with remedying erosion concerns, the YCC provided summer jobs for 15 high school and college students. The Town's financial support of the YCC helps leverage diverse funding partnerships that protect the ecological, recreational, economic and cultural values of our community's most precious natural resource – the lakes.



Laura Rose Day, President & CEO  
7 Lakes Alliance





## Dams Committee 2022 Annual Report and 2023 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 good to us this past year, giving us just enough rain to maintain the water level management plan we are charged with implementing. 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 this past year in addition to successful completion of Salmon Lake’s Dam gate replacement steel plating, new seals, a valve to accurately measure the mandated 1cfs and an automated data logger to record daily water levels.

For 2023, in addition to \$20,000 for the continuing preventive maintenance and repairs on all three dams, the Dams Committee is requesting an additional \$124,087 for concrete remediation, security fencing and painting at the Village Dam, driveway work at the Wings Mill site, and continuance of the \$15,000 capital reserve account to help offset future large project expenditures. The detail of the 2023 budget request is below:

<b>Total request of \$148,787, including the above \$20K:</b>		<u>Share of cost</u>	<u>Shoreline miles</u>
<b>Belgrade</b>	\$71,418	48%	37.6
<b>Rome</b>	\$34,221	23%	17.8
<b>Oakland</b>	\$20,830	14%	11.3
<b>Sidney</b>	\$11,903	8%	6.3
<b>Mt. Vernon</b>	\$10,415	7%	5.5

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 Chairman

## Rome Recreation Committee Annual Report 2023

The year 2022, was a busy year for the Recreation Committee with expansion and improvement projects both at the Town Beach and Community Center. Most exciting and gratifying are the number of volunteers from the community participating in all our projects and events!

At the Town Beach, Paul LaBonte, The Tree Man, chipped up the brush that was cleared in the fall of 2021. These chips were spread at low and uneven spots along the nature walk. Twelve yards of Erosion Control Mix was spread at the waterfront by Sandy, Trent Shute, Andy Cook, Chelsea Sucky and her 2 sons, and Matt Whitney. Matt's daughters worked on assembling some very creative fairy houses out of found natural materials in the Fairy Village.

Back at the Community Center, yellow lines for pickle ball were painted on the basketball court. An equipment bin has been placed outside the Community Building with a combination lock. You can get the combination from Julie during office hours, or, text me at 207-632-5323. In the bin are two junior size basketballs and a pickle ball net, paddles and balls (with instructions on how to assemble the net – it takes about 5 minutes). We plan to add a couple of soccer balls as well.

In lieu of an indoor community dinner, we held an outdoor barbecue in June. Hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, salad and watermelon were provided. Kids got their faces painted and some folks got a tutorial on the pickle ball court! The afternoon was attended by folks of all ages, some year-round residents and some summer residents. It was deemed a success by all.

In October, a Trunk-or-Treat was held at the Community Building. Folks came in costume with car trunks decorated and offered treats to the Trick-or-Treaters. About 60 children attended, double the number from last year. Mark your calendars for next year – we'd love more "treaters" for the kids!

The Town contracted to have the Town Beach property surveyed as it is a very irregular shape and we would like to add more nature trails at that site. As a result of the survey, it was found that there is a dock installed and boats being stored on the Town property in what looks like overflow from the Hoyt Island property.

No landscape design was procured for the Town property at the Community Building as we still do not know when or if we might acquire additional land there.

A pavilion was funded by a grant facilitated by our Superintendent of Schools, discounts from Hammond Lumber and Rick Labbe, and donations from the Community. The exciting part of the project was the effort of an all-volunteer crew led by Dick Beck, logging over 125 hours to build the structure. THANK YOU, Dick, and all the volunteers! The town plans are to have electricity and internet made available.

The Annual Mitten Tree was organized with the office staff during the Holiday season where residents purchased items for some of our neighbors in need.

Looking Ahead...Christine Cook is interested in working on a community garden. How about: Soccer goals for the field? more summer barbecues? music events/dancing at the pavilion? a walking track? pickle ball clinic? yoga class? infant/toddler playgroup? If you have ideas or suggestions or would like to take the lead on or participate in any of these, please contact me at: [sandyshute@gmail.com](mailto:sandyshute@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Shute, Rome Recreation Committee Chair

## RSU 18 SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR'S 2022 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.*

There are many exemplary positives about the work our Superintendent Carl Gartley and his team, including Keith Morin, have done. These include the focus on safety for the students, faculty and staff, the focus on academic excellence, strong work force relations and continued attention to the physical condition of the district's buildings. “Safety and academic success are our two priorities.” These words from the Superintendent say it all. They were achieved.

**Safety:** In light of the school & community shootings the Superintendent collected data from stake holder groups to judge perceptions of our emergency preparedness. As a result, improvements were implemented by the Superintendent and his team.

- Held more drills in schools
- Involved EMS in drills
- Instituted better communication in every classroom outlining what to do in an emergency
- Sent teams of people to training sessions to learn best practices in emergency preparedness
- Implemented communication with parents about school safety prior to school starting
- Increased administrative and law enforcement visibility with parents
- Created a safety officer position to improve school safety & improve communication between the schools and maintenance department
- Replaced unsecured doors throughout the district to increase security in our schools.

Over and above this the following safety actions by the Superintendent and his team deserve note:

- Continued updating of the air handling systems
- Completed multiple drainage projects to reduce the number of slippery surfaces in the winter
- Updated older playground structures and fencing for student safety
- Upgraded parking lots with new paving and signage to reduce traffic risks
- Completed the bus garage project upgrade which greatly improved safety for the staff
- Completed lead water testing (deficiencies were addressed immediately & communicated to parents)
- Created a safety committee including members of the community, faculty, staff, law enforcement and board to maintain a safety as a district cultural, enduring focus. Rome is represented on this committee.

**Academics:** The following quote from our Chief Academic Officer and Assistant Superintendent Keith Morin says it all,

“I compared 33 districts of similar size to ours from across the State. In the 2015-2016 academic year RSU18 ranked 21st in both Mathematics and Reading. Using the same 33 districts, in 2020-2021, RSU18 ranked 7th in both Mathematics in Reading.” Superb!

In addition to these successes, there are items 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 facility, no failed budgets, no financial audit issues. Few can point to so many important things not happening. This is excellent.

I have had strong support from our Selectmen and townspeople. Especially notable are Paul Anderson and Trent Shute for their substantial effort and participation in the District's “additional local funds” cost sharing effort. Thank you all!

**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's School Board representative 207-465-6388 (m) 207-397-5332 (h)



December 30, 2022

Dear KRDA Member Communities:

We are ending 2022 on a high note at FirstPark with such successes this year as the sale of six lots to businesses from Ohio and Minnesota, as well as:

- The opening of Dr. Anna O’Keefe’s new dental office at 93 FirstPark Drive in a new, state-of-the-art building;
- The sale of 15 Evergreen Drive by Dr. Diane Gable to Maine Technology Group for a net gain of 10 jobs at that building;
- MaineGeneral will relocate Oakland Family Medicine to the lower level of 25 FirstPark Drive in the Spring of 2023;
- T-Mobile is adding 100 jobs to its 133 FirstPark Drive facility by March 2023; and
- An LED sign was added at FirstPark Drive and Kennedy Memorial Drive for FirstPark business owners to promote job openings, land/buildings for sale or lease, services and special events.

I am optimistic that there is more progress to come that the member communities will share in during 2023. I want to thank the General Assembly and the Executive Board for their patience and support this year as we worked through negotiations and planning for the sale of lots 2-3 and 19-22. It is my goal to further develop Technology and Ezhaya Drives in 2023. We have 12 lots remaining for sale totaling 155 acres. Of the 155 remaining acres, 49 of those acres are lots 11 and 12, which are largely wetlands and a vernal pool that limit their development.

The member communities have received the 2022 Audit in print and electronic versions. I am particularly proud that the audit cites KRDA’s increase in net assets, increase in real estate tax values, expenses being less than budgeted and an overall positive total net position. The KRDA staff, Executive Board and General Assembly uphold a strong fiduciary responsibility to the member communities and their citizens.

We lost a friend and colleague in 2022 with the passing of our past immediate President Steve Monsulick. Steve had represented Readfield on our KRDA General Assembly since the late 1990’s. On behalf of KRDA, we sent a contribution in Steve’s memory at his family’s request to an after-school fund for children in Readfield. I wrote in my letter accompanying our check, “Steve was an integral part of our organization for over 20 years and we miss him. He worked on KRDA/FirstPark business right up until nearly the end when he just could not any longer. The community of Readfield has lost a good person in Steve’s passing. We share in your loss.”

Thank you to every member of the KRDA General Assembly who give of their time to serve and participate in meetings. I want to especially thank President Michelle Flewelling,

**KRDA MEMBER COMMUNITIES**

**December 30, 2022**

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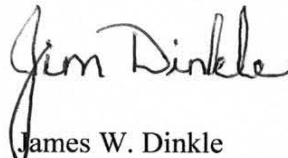
Secretary/Scribe Peter Mills and Treasurer James Jurdak for their work that goes on beyond the GA and Executive Board meetings.

If you missed our final newsletter of 2022, here is the link <https://conta.cc/3Ys6D0j>. If you did not see the front-page coverage last week about Meyer Tool buying FirstPark lots 2 and 3, here is a link to that article <https://www.sunjournal.com/2022/12/21/cincinnati-based-manufacturer-acquires-benton-company-plans-new-facility-at-firstpark-in-oakland/>. There have been over 1,300 views on my personal LinkedIn page about Meyer choosing FirstPark! About 1,250 people work in FirstPark. Lights are on in FirstPark businesses 24/7. We are an economic engine helping power central Maine's economy.

In 2023 we will observe KRDA/FirstPark's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our Silver Anniversary will highlight the people and businesses of FirstPark throughout the year. I look forward to sharing more details with you about upcoming anniversary events.

Happy New Year and, as always, feel welcome to contact me at either (207) 859-9716 office, (207) 877-4198 mobile or [exdirector@firstpark.com](mailto:exdirector@firstpark.com). Thank you for your support of FirstPark.

Sincerely,



James W. Dinkle  
Executive Director

*"First to Serve ~ 1799"*

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



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

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January 23, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Mason, Sheriff

Selectman’s Report

We, the Selectman of Rome, hereby submit this report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2022.

**General Assistance**

Raised and Appropriated	1,500.00
Total Expended	5,026.84
Balance Overdraft	(3,526.84)

**Roads and Bridges**

Raised and Appropriated	30,000.00
Total Expended	29,721.03
Balance Lapsed	278.97

Cash Disbursements:

Rick Labbe Construction	21,248.00
Carroll Bubar	4,348.00
Pike Industries	1,322.88
KVCG	66.50
Gagne & Son	1,600.00
Pavement Plus	1,047.20
White Signs	88.45
Total Disbursements	<b>29,721.03</b>

**Paving**

Raised and Appropriated	80,000.00
Total Expended	88,236.52
Balance Overdraft	(8,236.52)

**Brush Cutting**

Raised and Appropriated	8,000.00
Total Expended	7,135.00
Balance Lapsed	865.00

**Building Permits**

Cash Received	5,585.25
Balance Lapsed	5,585.25

**Snow Removal**

Raised and Appropriated	96,600.00
Total Expended	105,969.28
Balance Overdraft	(9,369.28)

**Salt and Sand**

Raised and Appropriated	32,500.00
Total Expended	44,952.97
Balance Overdraft	(12,452.97)

**Selectman’s Office Expense**

Raised and Appropriated	1,400.00
Total Expended	1,409.39
Balance Overdraft	(9.39)

**Town Clerk’s Expense**

Raised and Appropriated	1,800.00
Total Expended	1,538.17
Balance Lapsed	261.83

**Treasurer & Tax Collector’s Expense**

Raised and Appropriated	7,000.00
Total Expended	6,503.15
Balance Lapsed	496.85

**Trio Software**

Raised and Appropriated	12,542.00
Total Expended	12,541.48
Balance Lapsed	0.52

**Vital Records**

Received	776.40
Balance Lapse	776.40

**Social Security and Medicare**

Raised and Appropriated	13,000.00
Total Expended	13,519.96
Balance Overdraft	(519.96)

**Town Officer’s Salaries**

Raised and Appropriated	154,225.00
Total Expended	150,732.55
Balance Lapsed	3,492.45

**Streetlights**

Raised and Appropriated	2,500.00
Total Expended	2,196.16
Balance Lapsed	303.84

**Emergency Preparedness**

Raised and Appropriated	1,000.00
Total Expended	0.00
Balance to EMA Reserve	1,000.00

**Planning Board Expense**

Raised and Appropriated	1,200.00
Total Expended	701.34
Balance Lapsed	498.66



**Fire Department**

Raised and Appropriated	52,650.00
Total Expended	50,183.88
Balance Lapsed	2,466.12

**Disbursements:**

FD Building Maintenance	9,945.94
FD Equipment Maintenance	3,604.34
FD New Equipment	7,249.71
FD Labor	16,867.50
FD Truck Maintenance	1,189.73
Maine Compliance	1,300.00
Tower Fee	960.00
Hose Testing	3,266.71
Forestry Grant	5,492.54
Training	307.41
Total Expended	<b>50,183.88</b>

**FD CD Balance**

Raised and Appropriated	111,793.90
Interest	5,000.00
Art #43 New Tank Truck	498.23
Balance Carried	166,000.00
	283,292.13

**FD Donations**

Carry Forward	9188.54
2022 Donations	1,050.00
Total Expended	1,066.00
Balance Carried	9,172.54

**911 Dispatch-Waterville**

Raised and Appropriated	4,348.13
Total Expended	4,348.13
Balance Lapse	0.00

**Somerset Dispatch**

Raised and Appropriated	2,364.95
Total Expended	2,504.80
Balance Overdraft	(139.85)

**State Dispatch Services**

Raised and Appropriated	8,781.92
Total Expended	8,781.92
Balance Lapsed	0.00

**Insurance**

Raised and Appropriated	22,177.00
Total Expended	21,188.36
Balance Lapsed	988.64

**Rome Community Center**

Raised and Appropriated	20,500.00
Total Expended	30,805.46
Balance Overdraft	(10,305.46)

**Town Cemetery Care**

Raised and Appropriated	17,000.00
Total Expended	14,120.00
Balance Carried	2,880.00

**Solid Waste Disposal****Sanitary Landfill**

Raised and Appropriated	61,150.00
Total Expended	60,646.98
Balance Lapsed	503.02

**Legal Expense**

Raised and Appropriated	2,000.00
Total Expended	10,525.10
Withdrawn from Legal Reserve	8,525.10
Balance	0.00

**Plumbing**

Cash Received	7,132.50
Total Expended	7,132.50
Balance	0.00

**Contingent Fund**

2021 Carried Balance	25,356.00
Cash Received	21,864.28
Total Expended	5,603.50
Balance Carried	41,616.78

**Cash Receipts.**

Vet's Reimbursement	443.00
Tree Growth	7,460.15
Charter Com Franchise	13,961.13
Total Received	<b>21,864.28</b>

**Disbursements**

2022 Scholarships	1,150.00
Snowpond Tech	174.00
Camden National Bank	229.00
Nicki Cunningham	250.00
Secretary of State	99.00
Richard LaBelle	123.36
Arbormore Tree Service	500.00
Maine Today	128.14
American Forestry	2,950.00
Total Disbursed	5,603.50

<b>Global Towers Legal</b>	
Balance Carried	74.34
<b>Rome Campership Fund</b>	
Balance Carried	614.39
<b>State Revenue Sharing</b>	
Cash Received	87,040.67
Used toward Commitment	49,000.00
Balance Lapsed	38,040.67
<b>Auto Excise Tax Account</b>	
Cash Received	251,135.71
Expended Toward Commitment	235,236.00
Balance Lapsed	15,899.71
<b>Agent Fees</b>	
Cash Received	5,775.99
Expended Toward Commitment	5,640.00
Balance Lapse	135.99
<b>Dog License Account</b>	
Balance Carried	2,609.24
Cash Received	417.00
Total Expended	71.29
Balance Carried	2,954.95
<b>Animal Welfare</b>	
Cash Received	1,586.00
Total Expended	1,585.70
Balance Lapsed	0.30
<b>Inland Fisheries</b>	
Cash Received	36,869.06
Total Expended	36,869.06
Balance	0.00
<b>Boat Excise</b>	
Cash Received	9,026.10
Expended Toward Commitment	7,983.00
Balance Lapsed	1,043.10
<b>Assessing</b>	
Raised and Appropriated	25,750.00
Total Expended	25,750.00
Balance	0.00

<b>Homestead Exemption</b>	
Cash Received	53,879.00
Used toward Commitment	55,000.00
Balance Overdraft	(1,121.00)
<b>Audit</b>	
Raised and Appropriated	5,000.00
Total Expended	5,000.00
Balance Lapsed	0.00
<b>Rome Rescue</b>	
Raised and Appropriated	15,250.00
Total Expended	8,429.90
Balance Lapsed	<b>6,820.10</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Labor	4,725.00
Truck Maintenance	1,392.30
New Equipment	2,030.30
Equipment Maintenance	32.30
License/Dues	250.00
<b>Total Expended</b>	<b>8,429.90</b>
<b>Rescue Donation Carried</b>	
2021 Donations	0.00
Rescue Donation Carried	4,165.00
<b>MMA Dues</b>	
Raised and Appropriated	3,063.00
Total Expended	3,108.00
Balance Overdraft	(45.00)
<b>Town Report</b>	
Raised and Appropriated	1,600.00
Total Expended	1,512.00
Balance Lapsed	88.00
<b>Belgrade Dams</b>	
Raised and Appropriated	12,155.00
Total Expended	12,155.00
Balance	0.00
<b>RSU #18</b>	
Budget	2,428,636.00
Total Expended	2,428,636.00
Balance	0.00

**Kennebec County Tax**

Budget	400,766.00
Total Expended	400,766.00
Balance	0.00

**KVCG**

Raised and Appropriated	3,500.00
Total Expended	3,479.00
Balance	21.00

**Waterville Humane Society**

Raised and Appropriated	1,586.00
Total Expended	1,585.70
Balance Lapsed	.30

**7 Lakes Alliance**

Raised and Appropriated	8,000.00	-
Total Expended	8,000.00	

**Rome Ruff Riders**

Raised and Appropriated	1,200.00
Total Expended	1,200.00

**No Pond Association-Milfoil**

Raised and Appropriated	4,000.00
Total Expended	4,000.00

**Spectrum Generation**

Raised and Appropriated	3,570.00
Total Expended	3,570.00

**Rome-Belgrade Food Pantry**

Raised and Appropriated	2,000.00
Total Expended	2,000.00

**Belgrade Lake Assoc-Milfoil**

Raised and Appropriated	24,000.00
Total Expended	24,000.00

**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, 2022 - December 31, 2022

### Revenue Summary Report

Balance January 1, 2022		452,918.33
2023 Prepaid Tax Accounts	4,603.37	
2022 Tax Accounts	3,286,768.79	
2021 Tax Accounts	118,158.07	
Tax Liens	51,822.89	
Auto Excise	251,135.71	
Agent Auto	5,875.99	
Boat Excise	9,026.10	
NSF Town Fee	25.00	
Agent IF&W	657.00	
Appeals	100.00	
Dog Town	417.47	
Agent Dog	149.00	
Vital Record	776.40	
Building Permits	5,585.25	
Commercial Development App	250.00	
Legal Fee's reimbursement	8,851.75	
PB Reimbursement -Smithfield	22.50	
Interest Bank	9,635.46	
Interest Taxes	2,306.53	
Lien Fees Collected	2,154.52	
Copies	28.30	
Dump Stickers	202.00	
Charter Com Franchise Fee	13,961.13	
First Park	20,428.00	
MMA Work Comp Dividend	884.00	
MMA Work Comp Adjustment	184.00	
Miscellaneous Refund	94.59	
Cemetery Lot Sales	500.00	
Community Center Rental	600.00	
Burn Permits	50.00	
Recreation Donations	500.00	
Fire Department Donations	1050.00	
CEO Fines	10,500.00	
Good Shepherd Food Bank Grant	14,707.00	
Renewable Energy	57.00	
Fire Assist Grant & Stephen & Tabitha King Grant	42,746.27	
Gain on Land Sale	61,636.98	
<b>From State Government</b>		
State Revenue Sharing	87,040.67	
Homestead Reimbursement	53,879.00	
Veterans Reimbursement	443.00	
Tree Growth Reimbursements	7,460.15	

Snowmobile Reimbursements	655.38	
Local Roads Assistance Program	18,856.00	
BETE Reimbursement	101.00	
ARPA Funds	53,301.56	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	4,137,687.83	
Total 2022 Warrants	4,107,635.57	
Transferred to Savings	(50,000.00)	
Transferred from Capital Account -CC & Legal Expenses	40,593.00	
Transferred to Capital Accounts	(21,000)	
Ending Balance TD Bank December 31, 2022		452,563.59

<b>Money Market Account Savings</b>	
Balance January 1, 2022	878,670.27
2022 Interest	9,231.84
Transfer From Checking	50,000.00
Balance December 31, 2022	937,902.11

<b>Cemetery Trust</b>	
Balance January 1, 2022	10,118.87
2022 Interest	30.55
2022 Cemetery Lot Sales	500.00
Balance December 31, 2022	10,649.42

<b>Recreation Account</b>	
Balance January 1, 2022	3,301.03
2022 Interest	3.69
Raised at Town Meeting	4,200.00
2022 Expenditures	1,166.67
Donation Revenue	500.00
Balance December 31, 2022	6,834.36

<b>Transfer Stations Reserve CD</b>	
Balance January 1, 2022	148,307.40
2022 Interest	636.52
Balance December 31, 2022	148,943.92

<b>Fire Department New Truck CD</b>	
Balance January 1, 2022	111,793.90
2022 Interest	498.23
Raised at Town Meeting	5,000.00
Art #43 Purchase of a new tanker/pumper Truck	166,000.00
Balance December 31, 2022	283,292.13

<b>Fire Department Enterprise Savings</b>	
Balance January 1, 2022	9,243.56
2022 Interest	16.17
2022 Expenditures	2,197.92
Balance December 31, 2022	7,046.64

<b>Rescue Department New Truck CD</b>	
Balance January 1, 2022	26,260.60
2022 Interest	114.12
Raised at Town Meeting	10,000.00
Balance December 31, 2022	36,374.72

<b>Legal Capital Reserve</b>	
Balance January 1, 2022	20,049.79
Expensed to cover overdraft of Legal	8,525.10
2022 Interest	86.05
Balance December 31, 2022	11,610.74

<b>Community Center Reserve</b>	
Balance January 1, 2022	50,323.92
Raised at Town Meeting	5,000.00
2022 Interest	216.54
2022 Expenditures	32,067.90
Balance December 31, 2022	23,472.56

<b>ARPA Funds</b>	
Balance January 1, 2022	53,178.33
2022 Revenue	53,301.56
2022 Expenditures	35,544.00
2022 Interest	361.23
Balance December 31, 2022	71,297.12

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy J Lyons  
Treasurer

## 2022 Tax Account

<b>Commitment</b>		3,427,889.82
Real Estate	3,423,962.44	
Personal Property	3,927.38	
		3,427,889.82
<b>Supplemental</b>		
Sean Bouldin Layne	159.87	
Nicole Perkins	4.56	
Central Maine Power Co	1,911.78	
Thomas & Jane Bondaruk	1,155.74	
<b>Total Supplemental</b>	<b>3,231.95</b>	
<b>Abatements</b>		
Allison 2021 FL Trust	129.96	
Allison 2021 FL Trust	1,378.26	
Allison 2021 FL Trust	225.72	
John & Donna Twardy	4.56	
Gerard & Dassey Hagen	23.94	
<b>Total Abatements</b>	<b>1,762.44</b>	
<b>Balance to be collected</b>		<b>3,429,359.33</b>
Less 2022 Tax Funds Received		3,286,769.09
Less Prepaid 2022 Taxes		3,489.20
<b>Unpaid 2022 Taxes</b>		<b>139,101.04</b>

## 2022 Unpaid Taxes

AMRHEIN, ERICH H	55.86
AMRHEIN, ERICH H	95.76
AMRHEIN, KARL A	95.76
AMRHEIN, KARL A	95.76
ARDITO, RALPH W JR	250.80
BALGOOYEN, WARREN P	970.14
BELANGER, BENJAMIN D	1,508.79
BESSEY, RICHARD S	250.80
BLACKWELL, DENNIS P SR	245.10
BONDARUK, THOMAS J	1,155.74
BORMAN, MEGAN P. 2012 FAMILY TRUST 11/27/2012	3,345.90
BOUCHARD, PETER LII	2,586.66
BRICKETT, EDWARD A	2,851.71
*** BROWER, DAVID M	2,370.06
BROWN, LAWRENCE W	1,310.43
BURGESS, ROBERT J	4.56
BURKE, MAUREEN THERESA	25.08
BURNHAM, WILBUR	424.08
BURNHAM, WILBUR K	215.46
CAREY, REBECCA L DOWNING	238.26
CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY	1,911.78
CLEGG, FREDERICK J III	381.33

CONNOR, ROBERT	174.42
COTE, HEATHER M	2751.04
COTTRELL, JACQUELINE R	3013.67
*** COUSINEAU, GEORGE H	23.94
CROSS, WARREN & PATRICIA 2005 TRUST	3653.70
*** DAMON, DAVID A	849.30
DENNIS, JOANNE B	4956.72
DEROSE, MARK	157.32
DEVOE, WARREN H., TRUSTEE	1,567.50
DIGIOVANNI, PETER R. REVOCABLE TRUST	5303.28
DIPIETRO, BEULAH	233.70
*** DIPIETRO, LARRY	2045.73
*** DIPIETRO, LARRY	457.14
*** DIPIETRO, LARRY	5.70
DIXON, TAMMY TRUSTEE	178.41
DOBSON, LAURIE	1325.82
DUDLEY, BENJAMIN E JR	421.80
DUPLESSIS, LEO A	7148.14
FIGOLI, AUSTIN	948.48
FOSS, STEPHEN A	417.24
*** FUGATE, JOHN ROBERT	2635.68
GILBERT, JASON ROGER	1690.05
GOMEZ, DUANE E	945.06
GORDON, RUSSELL E	1319.55
HAFENECKER, MELISSA DOWNING	272.46
HARTIOS, SPIROS M	157.32
HARVEY, GUY V	117.42
HARVEY, RUSSELL	157.32
HARVEY, RUSSELL Y	78.66
HEMISPHERES CORPORATION	650.94
HENRY, DEBBORA A	336.30
HICHBORN, CONRAD A	1252.86
*** JACKS, TYLER E	9057.30
JOHNSON, SUE-ANNE	17.10
JOHNSON, SUE-ANNE	10.90
KOSLOSKI, JOHN A	4.30
LABBE, CHRISTOPHER H	707.94
LAKESHORE FARM LLC.	4884.90
LAKESHORE FARM, LLC	489.06
LALIBERTE, PETER B	148.20
LALIBERTE, PETER B	148.20
LALIBERTE, PETER B	148.20
LALIBERTE, PETER B	3,114.48
LALIBERTE, PETER B	3376.68
LAUNIERE, SYLVAIN J	789.45
LEE, STANLEY H	1749.90
LITTLEFIELD-HICKEY, MELANIE M	45.60
LONGLEY, FLYNN A	4.56
LOUDON, RUSSELL	250.80
LOUDON, RUSSELL	117.42



LOWELL, KATHLEEN M	2710.92
MARTIN, ANDREW A	3420.00
MAYBERRY, DOUGLAS	297.54
MAYBERRY, DOUGLAS L	28.50
MAYBERRY, DOUGLAS L	174.99
MAYHUGH, RYAN A	769.50
MCGOWAN, WILLA R	500.46
MCGOWAN, WILLA R	299.82
MCLAUGHLIN, JAY	2.51
MCLURE, DOUGLAS JR	154.41
MENARD, SHEILA	164.16
MOSHER, NICHOLAS	320.34
MULVILLE, PHILIP H (HEIRS OF)	2413.38
MURPHY, JOHN P REVOCABLE TRUST (1/2 INT)	146.65
MURRAY, LAURA	449.16
MYERS, SHANNON	225.03
NADEAU, GREGORY S	78.66
NIGHTINGALE, EMILY ROSE	774.06
NIGHTINGALE, ROBERT E	737.58
OKEEFFE, JAMES	1621.08
PARADIS, FERNANDO	222.87
*** PAYNE, JOSEPH R	3.34
PEARL, EDWARD I JR	339.15
PELLETIER, URIA DJ	377.34
POOLER, BRUCE	4507.56
PULLMAN, CONSTANCE	250.80
RAZVODOVSKY, VITALY	226.86
RAZVODOVSKY, VITALY	157.32
RICHARDSON, BARTON, HEIRS OF	22.80
RISLEY GREAT POND TRUST c/o JOHN RISLEY	5654.40
ROHLOFF, DORTHY T LAPLANTE	272.46
ROSS, KATHLEEN A	514.71
ROWLANDS, CHARLOTTE K	4457.40
SANDMAN, ERIC	3863.46
SPENCE, WILLIAM G	1138.86
SPURDLE, DAVID W	148.10
STALLEY, GERALDINE M	676.28
STALLEY, GRAHAM CHARLES	157.32
STANLEY, JOSHUA R	511.86
STYMIEST, TERRANCE	13.68
STYMIEST, TERRANCE	4.56
STYMIEST, TERRANCE	4.56
STYMIEST, TERRANCE	4.56
TACONNET CABINS, LLC	3539.70
TASSONE JR., FRANK V	4.56
TOBEY, ROGER W	14.82
TSAKOS, GEORGE N	4.56
*** WHITEHURST, SHEENA	134.52
WHITNEY, MATTHEW W	2317.62
WILKINSON, ROGER (LIFE ESTATE)	465.12

WILLETTE, HUNTER	250.80
WILLETTE, HUNTER	82.08
WILLIAMS FAMILY TRUST	721.62
WITHAM, LESLIE L III	487.92
WITHAM, LESLIE L III	82.08
WITHAM, LESLIE L III	82.08
WITHAM, LESLIE L III	1053.36
WITHAM, LESLIE L III	124.26
WITHAM, LESLIE LEROY III	123.12
WOOD, BRIAN	4.56
ZIMBA, THEODORE	87.78
<b>*** paid after 12/31/2022</b>	
<b>Total Unpaid 2022 Taxes</b>	<b>\$139,101.04</b>

## 2021 Tax Accounts

Unpaid Taxes, January 1, 2022		126,309.57
Paid To Tax Collector	92,420.57	
2021 Taxes Secured by Tax Lien	33,889.00	
Paid To Treasurer	25,737.50	
<b>Balance of Unpaid 2021 Taxes</b>		<b>8,151.50</b>

## 2021 Unpaid Taxes

Name	Principal Due
AMRHEIN, KARL A	91.98
BORMAN, MEGAN P. 2012 FAMILY TRUST 11/27/2012	373.03
CLEGG, FREDERICK J III	358.07
CONNOR, ROBERT	167.54
*** COUSINEAU, GEORGE H	22.85
CROSS, WARREN & PATRICIA 2005 TRUST	13.27
DIXON, TAMMY TRUSTEE	163.16
HARTIOS, SPIROS M	118.66
LAUNIERE, SYLVAIN J	750.08
LEE, STANLEY H	1,680.83
PARADIS, FERNANDO	205.86
PELLETIER, URIA DJ	362.45
ROSS, KATHLEEN A	486.18
STANLEY, JOSHUA R	3,345.76
TOBEY, ROGER W	11.78
*** paid after 12/31/2022	
<b>Total Unpaid 2021 Taxes</b>	<b>8,151.50</b>

## No Foreclosed 2020 Tax Liens

All paid in full

## No Matured Tax Liens - Due to 2022 Land Sale

<b>Total Overlay</b>	
Overlay	<b>88,278.80</b>
Tax Discounts	71,012.54
2022 Tax Abatements	4,374.07
<b>Balance Lapsed</b>	<b>12,892.19</b>
<b>Interest on Taxes &amp; Liens</b>	
2022 Interest Collected	5,946.53
Lien Fees Collected	4,472.79

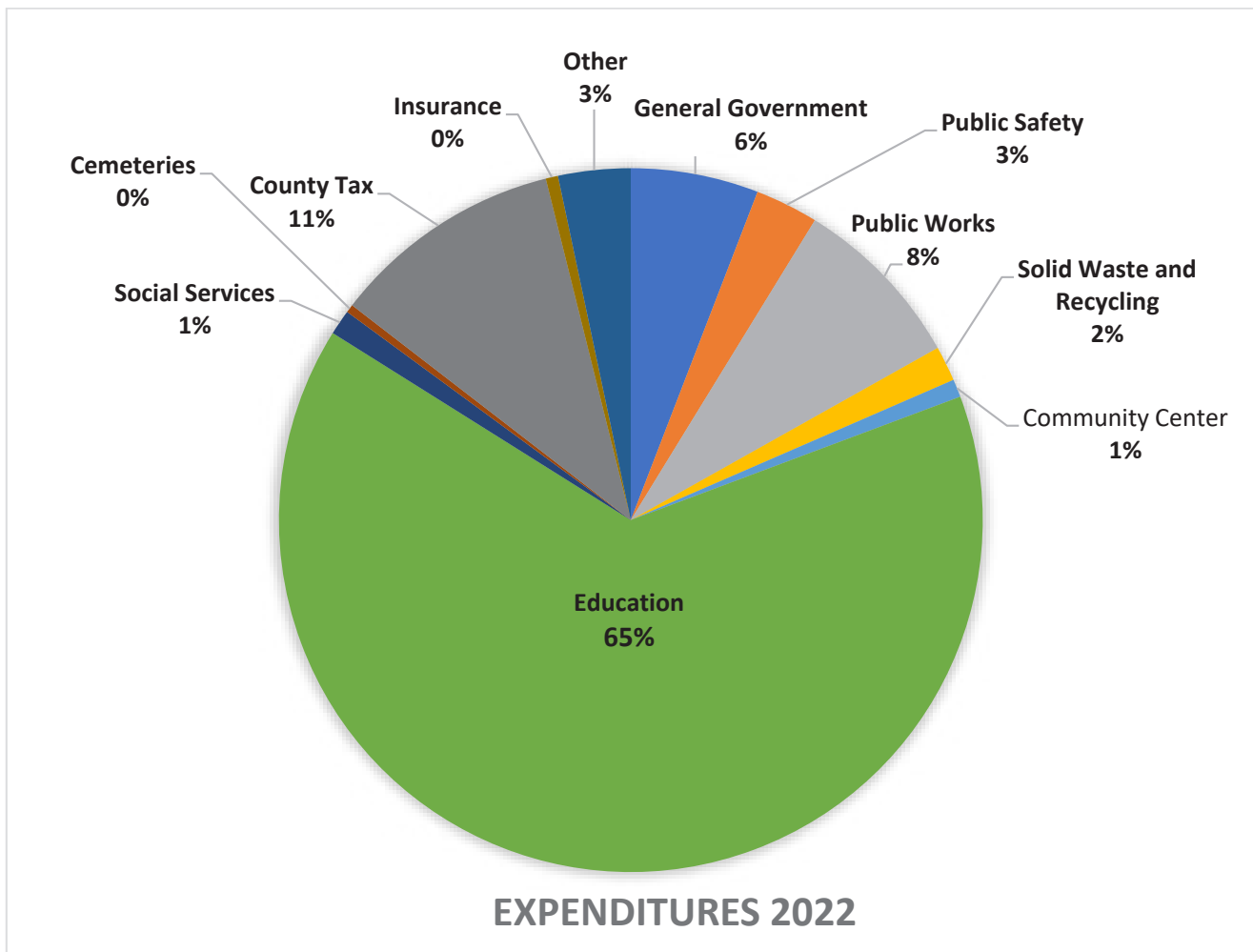
Respectfully,

*Tammy Lyons*

Tax Collector

## 2022 Town of Rome Expenditures

General Government	220,543
Public Safety	108,945
Public Works	304,298
Solid Waste and Recycling	60,647
Community Center	30,805
Education	2,428,636
Social Services	43,479
County Tax	400,766
Cemeteries	14,120
Insurance	21,188
Other	119,802
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,758,256</b>





February 16, 2023

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, 2022. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2022 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

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, 2022

	General Fund	Transfer Station Fund	Fire Department Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,496,516	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 122,983	\$ 1,619,499
Investments	-	148,944	283,292	-	432,236
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):					
Taxes	140,910	-	-	-	140,910
Liens	4,806	-	-	-	4,806
Other	409	-	-	-	409
Due from other governments	8	-	-	-	8
Prepaid items	18,458	-	-	-	18,458
Due from other funds	210,692	3	-	301,575	512,270
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,871,799</b>	<b>\$ 148,947</b>	<b>\$ 283,292</b>	<b>\$ 424,558</b>	<b>\$ 2,728,596</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 58,692	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,692
Accrued payroll	2,404	-	-	-	2,404
Due to other governments	140	-	-	-	140
Due to other funds	301,578	-	168,393	42,299	512,270
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>362,814</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>168,393</b>	<b>42,299</b>	<b>573,506</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
Prepaid taxes	4,603	-	-	-	4,603
Deferred revenue	9,480	-	-	-	9,480
Deferred tax revenues	127,791	-	-	-	127,791
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>141,874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>141,874</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable	18,458	-	-	-	18,458
Restricted	53,730	-	-	152,372	206,102
Committed	-	148,947	114,899	229,887	493,733
Assigned	45,064	-	-	-	45,064
Unassigned	1,249,859	-	-	-	1,249,859
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,367,111</b>	<b>148,947</b>	<b>114,899</b>	<b>382,259</b>	<b>2,013,216</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 1,871,799</b>	<b>\$ 148,947</b>	<b>\$ 283,292</b>	<b>\$ 424,558</b>	<b>\$ 2,728,596</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, 2022

	General Fund	Transfer Station Fund	Fire Department Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Taxes:					
Property taxes	\$ 3,431,122	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,431,122
Excise taxes	260,049	-	-	-	260,049
Intergovernmental revenues	168,436	-	-	-	168,436
Charges for services	24,722	-	-	-	24,722
Miscellaneous revenues	130,236	637	498	110,888	242,259
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>4,014,565</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>110,888</b>	<b>4,126,588</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
General government	220,543	-	-	-	220,543
Public safety	108,945	-	-	-	108,945
Public works	304,298	-	-	-	304,298
Solid waste and recycling	60,647	-	-	-	60,647
Community center	30,805	-	-	-	30,805
General assistance	5,027	-	-	-	5,027
Education	2,428,636	-	-	-	2,428,636
Social services	43,479	-	-	-	43,479
County tax	400,766	-	-	-	400,766
Insurance	21,188	-	-	-	21,188
Other	119,802	-	-	92,949	212,751
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,758,256</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,949</b>	<b>3,851,205</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>256,309</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>17,939</b>	<b>275,383</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers in	9,154	-	5,000	186,220	200,374
Transfers (out)	(191,220)	-	-	(9,154)	(200,374)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(182,066)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>177,066</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>74,243</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>5,498</b>	<b>195,005</b>	<b>275,383</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, RESTATED</b>	<b>1,292,868</b>	<b>148,310</b>	<b>109,401</b>	<b>187,254</b>	<b>1,737,833</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ 1,367,111</b>	<b>\$ 148,947</b>	<b>\$ 114,899</b>	<b>\$ 382,259</b>	<b>\$ 2,013,216</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, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, January 1, Restated	\$ 1,292,868	\$ 1,292,868	\$ 1,292,868	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	3,427,890	3,427,890	3,431,122	3,232
Excise taxes	243,219	243,219	260,049	16,830
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	49,000	49,000	87,041	38,041
Homestead exemption	55,130	55,130	53,879	(1,251)
Local road assistance program	-	18,856	18,856	-
Other	101	8,659	8,660	1
Charges for services	5,640	5,640	24,722	19,082
Interest income	-	-	9,273	9,273
Interest/cost on liens	3,640	3,640	10,096	6,456
Proceeds on sale of assets	-	-	61,296	61,296
Miscellaneous revenues	19,568	33,529	49,571	16,042
Transfers from other funds	-	9,154	9,154	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>5,097,056</u>	<u>5,147,585</u>	<u>5,316,587</u>	<u>169,002</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General government	222,680	222,680	220,543	2,137
Public safety	118,395	118,395	108,945	9,450
Public works	264,255	283,740	304,298	(20,558)
Solid waste and recycling	61,150	61,150	60,647	503
Cemeteries	17,000	17,000	14,120	2,880
Community center	20,500	20,500	30,805	(10,305)
General assistance	1,500	1,500	5,027	(3,527)
Education	2,428,636	2,428,636	2,428,636	-
Social services	43,479	43,479	43,479	-
County tax	400,766	400,766	400,766	-
Insurance	22,177	22,177	21,188	989
Other	112,930	156,557	119,802	36,755
Transfers to other funds	191,220	191,220	191,220	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>3,904,688</u>	<u>3,967,800</u>	<u>3,949,476</u>	<u>18,324</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 1,192,368</u>	<u>\$ 1,179,785</u>	<u>\$ 1,367,111</u>	<u>\$ 187,326</u>
Utilization of unassigned fund balance	\$ 101,200	\$ 108,053	\$ -	\$ (108,053)
Utilization of assigned fund balance	-	5,730	-	(5,730)
	<u>\$ 101,200</u>	<u>\$ 113,783</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (113,783)</u>

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SCHEDULE A

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE

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

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Salaries and wages	\$ 154,725	\$ -	\$ 154,725	\$ 150,733	\$ 3,992
Payroll taxes	13,000	-	13,000	13,520	(520)
Assessing	25,750	-	25,750	25,750	-
Administration	13,600	-	13,600	14,891	(1,291)
TRIO software	12,542	-	12,542	12,541	1
MMA dues	3,063	-	3,063	3,108	(45)
Subtotal General Government	222,680	-	222,680	220,543	2,137
Public Safety -					
Fire	52,650	-	52,650	50,184	2,466
Dispatch	15,495	-	15,495	15,635	(140)
Rescue	47,750	-	47,750	40,930	6,820
Street lights	2,500	-	2,500	2,196	304
Subtotal Public Safety	118,395	-	118,395	108,945	9,450
Public Works -					
Paving	80,000	8,236	88,236	88,236	-
Snow removal	96,600	-	96,600	105,969	(9,369)
Sand/salt	32,500	-	32,500	44,953	(12,453)
Sand and salt shed	5,000	629	5,629	6,269	(640)
Roads and bridges	30,000	-	30,000	29,721	279
Local road assistance	-	10,620	10,620	9,860	760
Belgrade Region dams	4,600	-	4,600	4,600	-
Wings Mills dams	7,555	-	7,555	7,555	-
Brush	8,000	-	8,000	7,135	865
Subtotal Public Works	264,255	19,485	283,740	304,298	(20,558)
Solid Waste and Recycling	61,150	-	61,150	60,647	503
Cemeteries	17,000	-	17,000	14,120	2,880
Community Center	20,500	-	20,500	30,805	(10,305)
General Assistance	1,500	-	1,500	5,027	(3,527)
Education	2,428,636	-	2,428,636	2,428,636	-

SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE

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

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance Positive (Negative)
Social Services	43,479	-	43,479	43,479	-
County Tax	400,766	-	400,766	400,766	-
Insurance	22,177	-	22,177	21,188	989
Other -					
Dog expense account	-	71	71	71	-
Computer/laptop replacement	1,765	-	1,765	-	1,765
Legal	2,000	8,525	10,525	10,525	-
Animal shelter	1,586	-	1,586	1,586	-
Comprehensive plan	8,000	-	8,000	11,563	(3,563)
Withdrawal from KRDA	-	6,853	6,853	3,210	3,643
Snowmobile club	1,200	655	1,855	1,855	-
Annual Town Report	1,600	-	1,600	1,512	88
Audit	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
KVCOG	3,500	-	3,500	3,479	21
Flagpole	-	56	56	56	-
Contingency	-	27,467	27,467	5,603	21,864
Overlay	88,279	-	88,279	75,342	12,937
Subtotal Other	112,930	43,627	156,557	119,802	36,755
Transfers to Other Funds -					
Capital projects funds:					
Community center reserve	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
Rescue reserve	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Fire Dept truck reserve	171,000	-	171,000	171,000	-
Emergency management reserve	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Special revenue funds:					
Recreation committee	4,220	-	4,220	4,220	-
Transfers to Other Funds	191,220	-	191,220	191,220	-
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 3,904,688	\$ 63,112	\$ 3,967,800	\$ 3,949,476	\$ 18,324

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## SCHEDULE B

## TOWN OF ROME, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,783	\$ 112,051	\$ 7,149	\$ 122,983
Due from other funds	137,940	160,135	3,500	301,575
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 141,723</b>	<b>\$ 272,186</b>	<b>\$ 10,649</b>	<b>\$ 424,558</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ 42,299	\$ -	\$ 42,299
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,299</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,299</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	141,723	-	10,649	152,372
Committed	-	229,887	-	229,887
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>	<b>141,723</b>	<b>229,887</b>	<b>10,649</b>	<b>382,259</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>	<b>\$ 141,723</b>	<b>\$ 272,186</b>	<b>\$ 10,649</b>	<b>\$ 424,558</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, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 53,302	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,302
Interest income	21	416	30	467
Other	56,619	-	500	57,119
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>109,942</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>110,888</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Other	51,516	41,433	-	92,949
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>51,516</u>	<u>41,433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,949</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>58,426</u>	<u>(41,017)</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>17,939</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	4,220	182,000	-	186,220
Transfers (out)	-	(9,154)	-	(9,154)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>4,220</u>	<u>172,846</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,066</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	62,646	131,829	530	195,005
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS), JANUARY 1, RESTATED	<u>79,077</u>	<u>98,058</u>	<u>10,119</u>	<u>187,254</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS), DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 141,723</u>	<u>\$ 229,887</u>	<u>\$ 10,649</u>	<u>\$ 382,259</u>

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SCHEDULE D

TOWN OF ROME, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Fire Department Account	Fire Department Donations	Stephen and Tabitha King Grant	ARPA	Good Shepherd Food Bank Grant	Rescue Donations	Recreation Committee	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,783	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,783
Due from other funds	3,271	9,179	40,000	71,298	3,167	4,165	6,860	137,940
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 7,054</b>	<b>\$ 9,179</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 71,298</b>	<b>\$ 3,167</b>	<b>\$ 4,165</b>	<b>\$ 6,860</b>	<b>\$ 141,723</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>								
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>								
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	7,054	9,179	40,000	71,298	3,167	4,165	6,860	141,723
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 7,054</b>	<b>\$ 9,179</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 71,298</b>	<b>\$ 3,167</b>	<b>\$ 4,165</b>	<b>\$ 6,860</b>	<b>\$ 141,723</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 7,054</b>	<b>\$ 9,179</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 71,298</b>	<b>\$ 3,167</b>	<b>\$ 4,165</b>	<b>\$ 6,860</b>	<b>\$ 141,723</b>

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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, 2022

	Fire Department Account	Fire Department Donations	Stephen and Tabitha King Grant	ARPA	Good Shepherd Food Bank Grant	Rescue Donations	Recreation Committee	Total
REVENUES								
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,302	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,302
Interest income	8	8	-	-	-	-	5	21
Other	-	1,050	40,000	362	14,707	-	500	56,619
TOTAL REVENUES	8	1,058	40,000	53,664	14,707	-	505	109,942
EXPENDITURES								
Other	2,198	1,067	-	35,544	11,540	-	1,167	51,516
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,198	1,067	-	35,544	11,540	-	1,167	51,516
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(2,190)	(9)	40,000	18,120	3,167	-	(662)	58,426
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,220	4,220
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,220	4,220
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(2,190)	(9)	40,000	18,120	3,167	-	3,558	62,646
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, RESTATED	9,244	9,188	-	53,178	-	4,165	3,302	79,077
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	\$ 7,054	\$ 9,179	\$ 40,000	\$ 71,298	\$ 3,167	\$ 4,165	\$ 6,860	\$ 141,723

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## TOWN WARRANT MARCH 10-11, 2023

*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 10, 2023, at 11:45 a.m. to act upon Articles 1 and 2. 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 Rome Community Center at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2023, 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 see if the Town will allow non-residents, who have information pertaining to any following articles, to speak when recognized.
- Article 4.** 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 2023 annual budget to support expenditures during the period of January 1, 2024 until the date of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0
- Article 5.** Shall an ordinance entitled “Commercial Development Review Ordinance” be amended as shown on the handout entitled “Handout #1, Commercial Development Review”?
- Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for General Assistance. Spent \$ 5,026.84  
Board of Selectmen recommends \$2,000 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends \$5,000 5-0
- Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for the maintenance and operation of the Rome Community Center. Spent \$30,805

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends \$25,000 5-0

- Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to repair Community Center existing septic system.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee non approval 5-0
- Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Community Center Reserve Account. Spent \$32,068 *Balance as of 12/31/2022: \$23,473*  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$17,000 for the care and maintenance of Rome cemeteries. Spent \$14,120.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 4-1
- Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$36,000 for the repair of Town-maintained roads and bridges. Spent \$29,721.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 3-2
- Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$105,000 for the reconstruction of Ladd Road, end of Wentworth Place, 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 3-1-1
- Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for roadside mowing and the cutting of brush along Town-maintained roads. Spent \$7,135.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$110,000 for the snow plowing and sanding of Town-maintained roads. Spent \$105,969  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000 for the purchase and stockpiling of salt and sand. Spent \$44,953  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 4-1



- Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000 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. Spent \$6,269. *Balance as of 12/31/22 \$0*  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee non approval 5-0
- Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the payment of street lighting, to include the lighting at the salt and sand shed on Hillside Lane. Spent \$2,196  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$22,000 for Property, Casualty, Workers’ Compensation, and Unemployment insurance premiums. Spent \$21,188.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,500 for the required auditing of Town books and records. Spent \$5,000.00.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$27,000 for Assessing Services. Spent \$25,750.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to start a reserve account for the Town Reevaluation planned for 2025 and raise and appropriate \$27,600 for that account.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee non approval 4-1
- Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$63,000 to fund the Town’s solid waste disposal contract with Waste Management/Crossroads in Norridgewock. Spent \$60,647.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 4-0-1
- Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,952 to fund the Town’s contract with Somerset Humane Society. Spent \$1,586.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0

- Article 24.** 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 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to print out 200 copies of the proposed new Rome’s Comprehensive Plan. Spent \$0  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the newly developed Rome Comprehensive Plan.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0
- Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,241 for membership in Maine Municipal Association (MMA). Spent \$3,108.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,356.68 for TRIO software licensing, registrations, and technical support. Spent \$12,542  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 29.** 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 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,621 for the Belgrade Village Dam concrete remediation, additional scheduled projects in addition to funding a Capital Reserve Fund to help offset future large project expenditures. Spent \$7,555.  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 3-2
- Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for the printing of the annual town report. Spent \$1,512  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 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 12/31/2022 \$11,611*  
Spent \$10,525

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

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward \$3,642 as needed for legal expenses and/or to fund a lobbyist to continue the Town’s withdrawal from the Kennebec Regional Development Authority any unspent balance to be transferred to the Legal Reserve Account. Spent \$3,210

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

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$179,720 for municipal officers’ and officials’ salaries. Spent \$149,646

	Proposed 2023	Spent 2022	Budget 2022	Budget Comm. Proposed 2023
First Selectman *	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Second Selectman *	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Third Selectman *	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Property Tax Collector*	\$24,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
Treasurer*	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$14,000
Town Clerk*	\$12,400	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$5,000
Motor Vehicle Agent/Excise Collector (\$24.50/hr)	\$38,220	\$33,347	\$33,500	\$38,220
Administrative Assistant (up to \$21/hr)	\$23,100	\$22,349	\$22,000	\$23,100
Registrar of Voters*	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Road Commissioner	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$5,000
RSU 18 School Board Director	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$1,000
Meeting Moderator (\$200 per event)	\$600	\$200	\$600	\$600
Election Warden (\$15/hr)	\$800	\$0	\$800	\$800
Ballot Clerk (\$13/hr)	\$1,500	\$612	\$3,000	\$1,500
Code Enforcement Officer *	\$33,000	\$29,625	\$29,625	\$33,000
Licensed Plumbing Inspector **	¾ fees	\$ -	¾ fees	
Health Officer	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
911 Addressing Officer	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Planning Board (\$200 per member)	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
Board of Appeals (\$100 per member)	\$500	\$400	\$500	\$500
Fire Chief	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Assistant Fire Chief	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Rescue Chief	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Emergency Management Director	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Sexton	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Animal Control Officer (\$200/month)	\$2,400	\$213	\$1,500	\$2,400

ACO- summons, court, enforce (\$14/hr)	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300
Total Salaries	\$179,720	\$149,646	\$152,192	\$170,070

\* *Stipend*

\*\**no taxation required, appropriation only*

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 5-0 \$170,070 (see column)

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$15,400 for the Town’s contribution to Social Security and Medicare. Spent \$13,520.

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 5-0

**Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,300 for the following expense accounts. Spent \$11,749.56

	Proposed 2023	Spent 2022	Budget 2022
Selectmen	\$1,400	\$1,409.39	\$1,400
Town Clerk	\$1,800	\$1,538.17	\$1,800
Excise Tax Clerk	\$800	\$698	\$800
Tax Collector/Treasurer	\$7,000	\$6,503	\$7,000
Planning Board	\$1,200	\$701	\$1,200
Code Travel Expense	\$1,100	\$900	\$900
Total	\$13,300	\$11,749.56	\$12,660

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 5-0

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$17,200 for regional emergency dispatching services. Spent \$15,634.85

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 5-0

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$500 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 12/31/2022 \$3,500*). Spent \$0

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 5-0

**Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$53,150 for the Rome Fire Department. Spent \$47,691

	Proposed 2023	Spent 2022	Budget 2022
Building Maintenance	\$10,000	\$9,945	\$10,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$4,000	\$3,604	\$4,000

New Equipment	\$6,500	\$7,250	\$6,500
Labor (\$15/hr)	\$17,000	\$16,868	\$17,000
Training	\$600	\$307	\$600
Truck Maintenance	\$6,000	\$1,190	\$6,000
Tower Fee	\$1,000	\$960	\$1,000
State of Maine compliance	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
Medical	\$250	\$0	\$250
Hose Testing	\$3,000	\$3,267	\$3,000
Grant (matching funds)	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Total	\$53,150	\$47,691	\$52,650

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 5-0

**Article 40.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for Fire Department Truck Reserve Account. *\*Balance as of 12/31/2022: \$283,292.13*

*\* see details with Fire Department Report*

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 5-0

**Article 41.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 for the Fire Department to arrange delivery of the new tanker/pumper truck.

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee non approval 5-0

**Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,465 for a contract with Delta Ambulance to continue service to the Town of Rome.

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 5-0

**Article 43.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,240 as Rome's proportionate share of the second Belgrade Lakes full-time firefighter/paramedic's salary and benefits. Spent \$32,500

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 5-0

**Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,850 for the Rome Rescue Department. Spent \$8,429

	Proposed 2023	Spent 2022	Budget 2022
Equipment Maintenance	\$600	\$32	\$600
New Equipment	\$4,500	\$2,030	\$4,500
Labor (\$15/hr)	\$4,500	\$4,725	\$4,500
Training	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,900
Truck Maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,392	\$1,500

Licenses and Fees	\$350	\$250	\$350
Education	\$900	\$0	\$900
Total	\$12,850	\$8,429	\$15,250

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 5-0

**Article 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Rescue Truck Reserve Account. *Balance as of 12/31/2022: \$ 36,374.72*

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee non approval 4-1

**Article 46.** 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 \$24,000

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 4-1

**Article 47.** 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 \$8,000

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 4-1

**Article 48.** 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 \$4,000

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 5-0

**Article 49.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,835 for donations to the following non-profit organizations that provide service to Rome residents.

Spent \$5,479

	Proposed 2023	Spent 2022	Budget 2022
Spectrum Generations	\$3,570	\$3,570	\$3,570
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$900	\$600	\$600
Life Flight of Maine	\$574	\$505	\$505
Hospice Volunteer of Waterville Area	\$200	\$200	\$200
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	\$402	\$354	\$353.50
Community Health & Counseling Services	\$150	\$354	\$150
Crisis & Counseling Centers	\$1,039	\$0	\$0
Maine Public (Broadcasting)*	\$0	\$100	\$100

Total	\$ 6,835	\$5,479	\$5,478.50
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\*did not submit request

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee non approval 5-0

**Article 50.** 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 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends 5-0

**Article 51.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$150,000 from unassigned fund balance (surplus) to offset the 2023 tax commitment.  
 Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
 Budget Committee recommends \$55,000 5-0

**Article 52.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appropriation of \$276,150 in anticipated revenues to offset the 2022 tax commitment.

Auto Excise	\$245,000
Boat Excise	\$8,500
Office/Agent Fees	\$5,650
TCT Revenues	\$3,000
Interest on Taxes	\$4,000
Bank Interest	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$276,150</b>

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 5-0

**Article 53.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2023 fiscal year any appropriated unexpended funds in 2022 fiscal year end, provided that the funds remain in the same account.

Global Towers	\$74.00
Dog Account	\$2,226.00
Campership Fund	\$614.39
Contingency	\$36,465.00
Recreation Committee	\$6,860.00
Transfer Station CD	\$148,947.00
Rescue Truck Reserve CD	\$36,374.72
Rescue Donations	\$4,165.00
F.D. Truck Reserve CD	\$283,292.00
FD Donations	\$9,179.00
FD Enterprise	\$7,054.00

Legal Reserve	\$11,524.69
Escrow TP	\$2,000.00
ARPA	\$71,297.00
Good Shepherds Food Grant	\$8,937.00
Local Road Assist Program	\$10,621.00
Stephen & Tabitha King Grant	\$40,000.00
Flagpole	\$297.34
EMA	\$3,500.00
Salt and Sand Shed	\$0
Cemetery Maintenance	\$2,880.00
Total	\$686,308.14

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

Budget Committee recommends 5-0

**Article 54.** To see if the Town will vote to set the due date for 2023 property taxes as October 31, 2023 and to charge interest on the delinquent tax rate of 8% per annum on taxes unpaid as of November 1, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0

**Article 55.** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 4% 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 3-0

**Article 56.** 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 3-0

**Article 57.** 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 3-0

**Article 58.** 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 3-0



- Article 59.** 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 3-0
- Article 60.** 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 3-0
- Article 61.** 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 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 62.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,200 for donation to the Rome snowmobile club, Rome Ruff Riders. Spent \$1,200  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 4-0-1
- Article 63.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 to support the Rome Recreation Committee activities. Spent \$1,167 Special Revenue Account  
Balance = \$6,860.00  
Board of Selectmen recommends 3-0  
Budget Committee recommends 5-0
- Article 64.** To see if the Town will vote to elect three members from the floor to form the Rome Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee: This year to elect one member for a 1yr term, one member for a 2yr term, and one member for a 3yr term. Following years, we will elect one member for a 3 yr. term each year. There will be three more members elected, one each, from the Budget Committee, Recreation Committee, and the Planning Board each year.
- Article 65.** To see if the Town will vote to elect from the floor 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 Trent Shute (1-yr alternate member) and Debbora Henry (1-yr alternate member) expire.

**Article 66.** To see if the Town will vote to elect from the floor one alternate member to serve on the Recreation Committee. The term of Barbara McCosh (1-yr alternate member) expires.

Rome Board of Selectmen

Paul Anderson    Larry DiPietro Jr.    Kelly Archer

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# 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 2023

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, ME 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

397-2137

\*Admin. Asst-Mon.-Thurs 10AM-4PM

### Town Clerk

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

Mon. Noon-7PM

Wednesday 1PM-4PM

397-4011 (option #1)

### Motor Vehicle Registration

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

Mon. 10AM-7:00PM

Tues.-Thurs 9AM-4PM

397-4011 (option #1)

### Treasurer & Tax Collector

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

Monday 6PM-8PM

Tuesday, Thursday 9AM-1PM

397-5072

### Code Enforcement Officer

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

Monday 10AM-6PM

Wednesday 8AM-4PM

397-3293

### Town Assessing Agent

To reach the assessing agent, please contact the Office of the Tax Collector. The assessing agent is scheduled in-office the second Tuesday of each month

### Planning Board

Meeting at Town Office the 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*Monday of each Month at 6PM

\*agenda permitting

### Board of Appeals and

Fair Hearing Authority

Meeting at Town office, as needed

### Waste Management/Transfer Station

(472 Airport Road, Norridgewock)

Sunday, Monday, CLOSED TUESDAY

Wednesday-Friday 9:30AM-6PM

Saturday 7:30AM-4PM

207-634-2714

**\*Town Office is closed on all Federal Holidays; if Monday is a holiday, meeting will be moved to Tuesday for that week. Please check town website or call to confirm office hours.**

**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 Facebook/television media.