

DEDICATION



Gerald R “Jerry” Litalien

January 23, 1949 - December 9, 2021

The Town of Mexico would like to dedicate 2020—2021 Annual Town Report to
Gerald R “Jerry” Litalien.

Jerry was born and raised in Mexico and was a 1968 graduate of Mexico High School. He was a Vietnam Veterans serving in the Army from 1969 to 1971. He was member of the Mexico Historical Society, the American Legion & the Eagles. He was known to be very creative and resourceful and enjoyed collecting rocks and building rock walls and enjoyed the nature around him. Jerry was a social person and a friend to everyone he met.

He is fondly remembered by all the people he touched.

DEDICATION



Myrtle Milledge

December 26, 1915—February 15, 2022

The Town of Mexico would like to dedicate the 2020-2021 Annual Town Report to Myrtle Milledge. Myrtle was a perfect example of how to age gracefully. She belonged to many organizations throughout her life, including the Mexico's Mother's Club, Mexico Home Extension and the Rumford/Mexico Garden Club.

Myrtle was recently recognized as being the Oldest Patriots Fan in the world, receiving a New England Patriot Jersey with her name and number 106 to represent her age. She also received a signed letter from Robert Kraft in honor of this milestone.

She was a wonderful role model to her family and always put them first. Her memory will live on by all she knew.

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1966—1970	Stuart F. Martin
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MEXICO TOWN OFFICIALS



**Front row left to right: Selectman Reginald Arsenault Jr.,
Town Manager Raquel Welch-Day, Selectman Peter Merrill.**

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The Mexico Board of Selectmen are pleased to present to you our annual town report of activities during this past fiscal year.

First of all, we would like to thank the employees of the Town of Mexico for their continued outstanding work and dedication and the many volunteers for their time and contributions to the town.

The Board continues to focus on initiatives that drive value for our residents through cost savings and more efficient delivery of services. Replacement of our antiquated payroll/back-office system has lowered annual maintenance costs, increased efficiency, given our residence additional payment options, and provided web-based self-service tools. We've taken strides to significantly lower our debt, purchase needed Highway Equipment, and better fund our Capital Reserves all while maintaining a consistent tax rate for our citizens.

The on-going pandemic has once again forced us to adapt to the challenges of an ever-changing environment. Our annual recognition of employees and citizen awards were given out at separate selectmen meetings to accommodate gathering restrictions. Awards were presented to: **Employee of the Year – Police Chief Roy Hodsdon; Town Manager's Award – Fire Chief Mat Theriault; Citizen of the Year – Jim Naples; and Volunteer of the Year – Lisa Arsenault.**

Years of Service Milestones:

- 30 years - **Assessor, Rob Stevens**
- 20 years – **Highway Road Crew, Toby Duguay**
- 10 years – **Rec Director, Wayne Sevigny**
- 5 years - **Rec Dept, Justeen LaPointe**
- 5 years – **Rec Dept, Walter Fish**
- 5 years - **Fire Dept, Jamee Theriault**

Thank you all for your dedicated service to the town of Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

Cliff Stewart

Chairman



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Town Managers Report

To the Citizens of the Town of Mexico:

Reflecting on all of the events of this past year, it truly has been another remarkably busy year here in Mexico. As I look ahead to my third year as your Town Manager, I am so thankful to continue to serve the great community of Mexico.

The residents and employees have demonstrated outstanding support through what has been an overwhelming year for me professionally and personally. I could not do it without their tremendous assistance and encouragement. It is a pleasure to work with such a great staff and community!

I am happy to report that although costs of everything from gas to paperclips have increased, with some strategic reductions, we will be able to maintain the MIL rate without any increase in taxes.

Government- Our annual financial audit continues to indicate a stable condition for the Town. There continues to be owed property taxes, but we have reduced this amount to a normal expected amount for a town our size.

Recreation-Wayne Sevigny and the crew at the River Valley Rec Center continue to provide activities for our youth despite COVID restrictions. They are also housing our current 8th grade due to social distancing restrictions at the middle school.

Police- It was a long summer for this department as they ran two officers short but our dedicated officers pulled together and got us through this dilemma. I am pleased to say we are currently back to full staff and they can all take a sigh of relief.

Fire- Chief Theriault and the firefighters are dedicated to providing community safety and respond all hours of the night when the alarm sounds. We can sleep easier at night knowing our fire fighters are nearby.

Public Works- This crew works tirelessly to keep our Town operational by repairing our roads in the summer and keeping them clear in the winter. The whole crew should be applauded for their hard work and dedication.

I end this report by thanking the town employees and department heads for their dedication and loyalty to our Town. They make it a pleasure to work here every day and we are fortunate to have such dedicated people working each day to make Mexico and its place in the River Valley a great place to live.

Raquel Welch-Day
Town Manager



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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

A blue ink signature of Janet T. Mills, written in a cursive style.

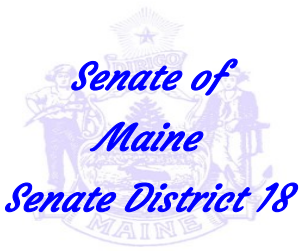
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for allowing me to serve you in the Maine Senate. I am honored that you have placed your trust in me and will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf.

The 1st session of the 130th Legislature was different than any previous session of the Maine Legislature. Online meetings replaced in-person, public meetings for all committee work, and it was a difficult time of adjustment as technology challenges complicated the establishment of new methods and processes. In June, as COVID-19 restrictions lifted, the Legislature held session in person, to vote out the bills. Returning to the State House for final votes, with Legislators having never spoken in person for months, is not a method that produces the best policy outcomes. The lack of human connection, so essential to accomplishing meaningful work for our constituents, made itself felt in the partisan nature of this session. However, as with other challenges brought on by the pandemic, some beneficial changes will become permanent, such as the use of technology to allow persons from all over our state interactive access to their government. The limitations of distance have been almost erased, though internet access limitations were strongly felt and highlighted.

Before our adjournment on July 19th, the Legislature passed a supplemental budget as well as legislation directing how the American Rescue Plan funds will be spent. I remain strongly opposed to tax increases, and am pleased that no new taxes will be placed on the Maine people as a result of those two initiatives.

The 130th Legislature has a great deal of work still to do in the 2nd Regular session, which is statutorily set to run from January 5th to April 20th during which time I look forward to discussing the issues important to all of you. Working together, we can affect positive change.

Many of you have reached out regarding increasing costs and expenses, as well as the countless ways the pandemic has affected every aspect of your life; we are still in tough times. As your State Senator I will continue to do all I can to advocate for policies that benefit you and our beautiful western Maine.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please do not hesitate to reach out with your comments or questions, or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa M. Keim".

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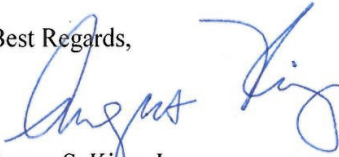
On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged this crisis and created new risks for Maine people. The challenges raised tension levels to boiling points during the fallout of the 2020 presidential election and the January 6th Capitol attack. But despite that, Congress was able to deliver for a nation gripped by an unprecedented pandemic. As we reflect back on the year, we see the important action that will make a difference for Maine people – as well as work still unfinished.

As COVID-19 continued to impact communities across our state and the country, Congress's first priority this year was to confront the pandemic's health threats and economic toll. We immediately got to work on the *American Rescue Plan*, crafting an emergency bill to meet the moment and get our nation back on stable footing. The legislation delivered essential support to businesses facing crises, households in need, and the medical professionals on the front lines of this fight. The funds helped get vaccine shots in arms, while also confronting the damage done to our economy. All told, the *American Rescue Plan* is bringing billions of dollars to Maine, helping the state continue to push through this crisis and bounce back stronger than ever.

After passing the *American Rescue Plan*, Congress turned its attention to a longstanding but unfulfilled priority: infrastructure. Through hard work and compromise, both parties came together to pass a bipartisan bill that finally addresses key infrastructure needs. For Maine people, the bill means an estimated \$1.5 billion to repair crumbling roads and out-of-date bridges, \$390 million to improve access to clean drinking water, and more. I am most excited about the significant funding for broadband – because, as we have seen during the pandemic, broadband is a necessity to succeed in the 21st century economy. The historic investments in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, combined with additional funding I pushed for in the *American Rescue Plan*, will bring an estimated \$400 million for broadband home to Maine. These funds will be nothing short of transformational, creating new opportunities across our state.

These two bills have made and will continue to make a real difference for Maine people, helping to both address the challenges of COVID-19 and lay a foundation for long-term success. I am proud of what we've accomplished this year – but I know there is still a lot of work to do and that the road ahead is challenging. Even still, I am filled with optimism because I know the true nature of our citizens, though challenged, has not changed. Despite every hardship, people in towns and communities have stepped up with strong local leadership, a willingness to help, and a Maine 'neighborhood' spirit. It is why I truly believe we can and will get through anything together. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2022.

Best Regards,



Angus S. King, Jr.
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Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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- **Lewiston Office:** 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767

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

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress



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March 2022

Dear Friends and Neighbors of Mexico,

As we start the new year, I wanted to express my appreciation that you have once again entrusted me with the responsibility of being your State Representative. I continue to proudly serve on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee.

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

I encourage you to actively participate in your state government. Phone calls and letters are always welcome. With the wider use of technology, meetings and hearings are more accessible than ever. Using the homepage of the Maine Legislature:

Legislature.Maine.Gov, you will find access to Zoom meetings and YouTube videos. I also send a weekly email with current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at Richard.Pickett@legislature.maine.gov and I will gladly add you to our list.

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

Sincerely,

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

Richard "Dick" Pickett
State Representative

District 116 Canton, Dixfield, Hartford, Mexico and Peru

OXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Christopher R. Wainwright



Sheriff

Christopher Wainwright

Chief Deputy

James Urquhart

2021 Annual Report

Dear Neighbors, Residents, and Taxpayers,

As I enter my fourth year as Sheriff, I am extremely proud of the work our office has accomplished throughout our western Maine communities, and I am motivated about the momentum our office has heading into the New Year. This would not be possible without the team of men and women who have continued to serve our mission, and protect our communities, with professionalism, integrity, and leadership. It is their work that keeps our agency moving forward.

As I have mentioned in previous years, our calls to service have continued to increase in volume as well as in their complexity. Deputies have responded to more calls regarding mental health concerns since the start of Covid-19, which speaks to the great need for state funding for services for our communities, and our sheriff's departments throughout our state, to keep individuals needing help, and others around them, safe.

We have continued to improve our visibility and response times by utilizing our substations in Dixfield, Brownfield, Rumford, and Bethel. As promised, over this past year, our office successfully completed the plans to convert the jail facilities from a 72-hour holding facility back to a full-service operation. This improvement has restored local control and has already saved taxpayers money.

We have continued our efforts to combat the opioid epidemic in Oxford County by supporting local organizations such as the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative by referring eligible individuals, inflicted by substance use disorder, to Project Save ME. The program is a police-assisted initiative designed to connect those burdened by substance use disorder with recovery coaches, advocates, and other treatment services to assist them with their recovery journey.

On behalf of the deputies, correctional officers, and support staff, I want to thank and acknowledge the continued community support we have received. Your patience and cooperation during the difficult circumstances surrounding Covid-19 has made a great difference. Our deputies and staff have gone above the call to service, and I am happy to hear and see that their work has not gone unnoticed.

As an agency, we have great opportunities ahead of us. I look forward to the work we will accomplish in the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 207-743-9554 or follow us on Facebook: Oxford County Sheriff's Office.

I wish you all a safe and healthy year ahead.

Respectfully,

Christopher Wainwright
Sheriff Christopher Wainwright



Oxford County Sheriff's Office

2021 Calls for Service by Location

Mexico

Administrative	1
Agency Assist	109
Animal Problem	4
Attempt-Locate	1
Citizen Dispute	4
Disabled Vehicl	1
Disorderly	1
Domestic	3
Drug	1
DUI	1
E911 HANG UP	1
Harassment	2
Info	1
Information	4
Injured Person	1
Intoxication	1
Juvenile Prob	3
LE Accident	5
Lockout	1
Mental Subject	1
Missing Person	1
Noise Problem	1
OPAS	3
Overdose	2
Psychiatric	1
Request Call	5
Request Officer	3
Structure Fire	1
Suspicious	4
Telo Harassment	1
Traff Complaint	6
Traffic Offense	5
Unwanted Person	4
Vehicle Off Rd	1
Warrant Arrest	2
Welfare Check	2

Total Calls for Service 188



TOWN OF MEXICO
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

DAVID W. ERRINGTON, SR.

P.O. Box 251
134 Main St.
Mexico, ME 04257-0251

CEO REPORT 2020 – 2021

For the fiscal year of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, a total of 25 permits were issues as follows: 5 decks, 5 garages, 4 additions, 2 new houses, 1 remodel, 2 demos, 3 sheds and 5 miscellaneous.

I would like to thank all the citizens, office personnel, Planning Board members, Select Board members and the Town Manager for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

David Errington
Code Officer

PLUMBING INSPECTOR ANNUAL REPORT 2020- 2021

For the fiscal year of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 a total of 5 permits were issued as follows: 1 for subsurface waster water, and 6 internal plumbing permits. Just a reminder that all new fixtures, water heaters and septic systems require a permit.

I would like to thank all the citizens, office personnel, Planning Board members, Select Board members and the Town Manager for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

David Errington
Plumbing Inspector

Mexico Sewer District

134 Main ST

Mexico, ME 04257

2021 Annual Report

There will be a rate increase for the 2022 calendar year for the Mexico Sewer District, an increase of \$15.00 per unit. The ready to serve fee for 2022 will remain at \$85.00. The ready to serve fee is the operating costs and any debt that the Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District- the ready to serve is a variable rate. The 2023 calendar year will also see a rate increase to \$300.00 per unit.

Looking forward, the Rumford-Mexico Treatment Plant will have to go to the landfill with all the sludge if LD1911 passes, which adversely effect the future rates. LD1911 is An Act to Prohibit the Contamination of Clean Soils with So-called Forever Chemicals

There is the possibility of replacement construction of the Red Bridge. This Bridge connects Mexico to Rumford by the 3 fields.

People, please do not flush anything other than your bodily excretions and toilet tissue down your lavatories, and especially do not flush disposable wipes. Disposable wipes are not flushable, even if they say they are, they are not to be flushed. Disposable wipes cost the sewer district thousands of dollars every year for the havoc they cause to the system.

Please do not dump grease down a drain. Grease will congeal and eventually cause a blockage in the line which will result in a sewer backing up into your house, something you don't want to have to deal with.

I would like to end this report with a very important message I hope you pass along: When in doubt, throw it out! Do not flush or pour it down your drain.

We wish to thank the Town of Mexico Highway Crew and the Town of Mexico Office Staff for their excellent work and all the things they do on our behalf. We appreciate it.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Bellegarde, Chairman
Barbara Laramée, Secretary
Crystal MacKinnon, Treasurer

2021 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE LIST OF THE VITAL STATISTICS,
LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR THE
TOWN OF MEXICO:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
BIRTHS	32	32	23
MARRIAGES	23	51	17
DEATHS	59	18	27
 DIFW LICENSES	 112	 98	 151
 DOG LICENSES	 145	 166	 231
KENNEL LICENSES	0	0	0
 BOATS	 110	 92	 126
ATVS	188	167	200
SNOWMOBILES	152	136	176

TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS:

March 19, 2021	SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 8, 2021	REFERENDUM/CANDIDATE ELECTION
June 8, 2021	RSU #10 Budget Referendum
July 20, 2021	SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
September 21, 2021	SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
October 19, 2021	SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 2, 2021	STATE OF MAINE REFERENDUM
November 16, 2021	SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Tami A. Vradenburgh

Tami A. Vradenburgh
TOWN CLERK



Death Annual Report

Report Parameters

Beginning Date 01-Jan-2021
Ending Date 31-Dec-2021
Office Town of Mexico

Maine
Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Vital Records

OFFICE: Town of Mexico
USER: Tami Vradenburgh

Decedent Name	Age	Resident Town	Town of Death	Date of Death
Allen, Maurice	87	Mexico	Mexico	11/26/2021
Arsenault, Kelley Jeanne	58	Mexico	Rumford	05/10/2021
Barrieau, Joseph Leonard	94	Mexico	Mexico	02/01/2021
Berube, Helen Marie	71	Mexico	Auburn	02/13/2021
Berube, Jason William	50	Mexico	Mexico	02/17/2021
Bordeau, Mary Margaret	84	Mexico	Mexico	04/09/2021
Brackett, Joyce Agnes	83	Mexico	Portland	02/13/2021
Bryant, Jeannette Virginia	85	Mexico	Mexico	08/25/2021
Burke, Jack Lewis	67	Mexico	Rumford	01/05/2021
Carey, Edward L. Sr.	76	Mexico	Rumford	10/16/2021
Chiasson, Phyllis Blanche	88	Mexico	Mexico	06/09/2021
Coffin, Cedric Clarence	79	Mexico	Auburn	02/08/2021
Dakin, Donald Gene Sr	81	Mexico	Auburn	12/25/2021
Daye, Patricia W.	94	Mexico	Rumford	10/20/2021
Dinsmore, Harry III	68	Mexico	Yarmouth	07/28/2021
Drapeau, Bernice V.	95	Mexico	Rumford	02/01/2021
Elliott, Peggy M	64	Mexico	Rumford	12/12/2021
Fink, Ronald M	55	Mexico	Auburn	09/14/2021
Fournier, Roger J.	89	Mexico	Lewiston	06/08/2021
Freeman, Hattie H.	94	Mexico	Mexico	11/06/2021
Freeman, John Elliott	92	Mexico	Mexico	09/09/2021
Goguen, Lawrence Andrew	78	Mexico	Rumford	02/05/2021
Grace, Charles	64	Mexico	Rumford	02/21/2021
Harris, Leo	74	Mexico	Mexico	07/04/2021
Kelley, John P	84	Mexico	Lewiston	03/09/2021
Kelley, William	55	Mexico	Mexico	12/02/2021
Knauer, Thomas Nelson	82	Mexico	Mexico	09/24/2021
Litalien, Gerald R.	72	Mexico	Lewiston	12/09/2021

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Decedent Name	Age	Resident Town	Town of Death	Date of Death
Marston, Matthew Allen	29	Mexico	Dixfield	10/08/2021
McIntire, William James	72	Mexico	Farmington	03/25/2021
McLain, Larry Bruce	59	Mexico	Lewiston	06/03/2021
McPherson, Donald	68	Mexico	Lewiston	07/07/2021
Mills, Dale Kenneth Jr.	56	Mexico	Auburn	04/14/2021
Murphy, William E.	75	Mexico	Auburn	12/24/2021
Newton, Marie L	70	Mexico	Auburn	11/19/2021
Packard, Mary Ann	49	Mexico	Mexico	01/01/2021
Patneau, Robert	59	Mexico	Norway	10/08/2021
Perkins, Barry Wayne	75	Mexico	Mexico	12/03/2021
Perry, Lori	41	Mexico	Auburn	12/15/2021
Petrie, William L.	82	Mexico	Lewiston	02/05/2021
Provencher, Richard Arthur	78	Mexico	Auburn	10/02/2021
Richard, Doris D.	84	Mexico	Mexico	10/07/2021
Sargent, Albert Lee	78	Mexico	Augusta	08/04/2021
Schmersal, Christine B.	93	Mexico	Mexico	04/15/2021
Shover, Lawrence	83	Mexico	Paris	06/11/2021
Sinclair, Jacqueline Fortier	55	Mexico	Lewiston	02/09/2021
Smith, Joyce	85	Mexico	Rumford	02/06/2021
Soubble, Jerry	73	Mexico	Mexico	03/21/2021
Southard, John C.	68	Mexico	Mexico	04/03/2021
Surette, Katherine Jane	90	Mexico	Mexico	05/13/2021
Thibeault, Joseph E Jr.	79	Mexico	Rumford	09/13/2021
Topping, Lynne M.	68	Mexico	Auburn	09/21/2021
Touchette, Rodney Dorola	84	Mexico	Rumford	06/29/2021
Venskus, Richard	63	Mexico	Mexico	02/23/2021
Violette, Martha	73	Mexico	Auburn	08/25/2021
Waite, Jacqueline Ann	89	Mexico	Rumford	08/31/2021
Weeks, June Daigle	87	Mexico	Farmington	10/04/2021
Williams, Jeffrey J.	56	Mexico	Lewiston	10/12/2021
Zinck, Linda Ann	62	Mexico	Mexico	01/12/2021
Total				59

Mexico Police Department

Department of Public Safety



Chief Roy C. Hodsdon

2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEXICO POLICE DEPARTMENT:

This report is from the desk of Police Chief, Roy C. Hodsdon. This report covers the period beginning July 01, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. During this time period the Mexico Police responded to 3389 offenses to include (17) Burglaries Complaints, (121) Crashes, (109) Thefts (8) Shoplifting, (11) Sex Offenses, (82) Domestic, (119) Assaults, (26) OUI complaints and other Police related calls.

The Mexico Police Department, for the period covering 2020-2021 saw a slight decrease in complaints received during this time last year. A check of this found it to be caused due to the Pandemic causing some types of complaints to rise and some to lower. Our police department has gone through a change in personnel hiring a new Lieutenant in the Fall of 2021 and a new patrol officer late fall 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic that hit us in the spring of 2020, all of our community orientated programs have been placed on hold due to the restrictions. However we still monitor how our seniors are doing, and we look forward to when we can continue with these programs.

Our Facebook Page continues to post daily posts about the weather and road conditions and seems to be the favorite posts our department makes. I continue to receive positive feedback from individuals and businesses who like our Facebook Page. We strive to keep our community as up to date as we can on current events and incidents that could potentially affect our citizens.

The Mexico Police Department and I have an open door policy and want the citizens to know they are always welcome to stop by and speak to an officer or myself. We have continued to seek no cost grants when possible to obtain much needed equipment for our officers, to include bullet proof vests, body cameras, entry tools, cruiser cameras, and speed warning signs and security upgrades to our office and cruisers. Both the men and woman of the Mexico Police Department will continue to strive to keep the Town of Mexico and its citizens safe.

Sincerely

Roy C. Hodsdon

Roy C. Hodsdon
Chief of Police

E-mail: chief@mexicomainepolice.org Office 207-364-5686 Fax 207-364-5681



**TOWN OF MEXICO
OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF**

MATHEW THERIAULT

P.O. BOX 251
134 MAIN STREET
MEXICO, ME 04257-0251

Annual Town Report
Mexico Fire Department
2020-2021

The Mexico Fire Department has been proudly serving and protecting Mexico residents & residents of the river valley since 1908. We strive to provide prompt and efficient service to those we serve. From burnt toast to fully involved multi-building fires, we're here to help you. The Mexico Fire Department responds to structure fires, forest fires, motor vehicle fires & accidents, electrical hazards, hiking carry-outs, and many other incidents.

For the fiscal year of 2020-2021 the Mexico Fire Department responded to a total of 210 calls, this is up 26 calls from 184 calls the previous year. Of these 210 calls 55 were to assist mutual aid towns. Calls responded to: 8 Structure Fires, 10 Chimney Fires, 2 Cooking Fires, 6 Motor Vehicle Fires, 5 Electrical Fires, 5 Furnace Malfunctions, 8 Smoke Investigations, 14 Outside Fires, 3 Fire Investigations, 6 Hazmat Incidents, 17 Alarm Activations, 27 Electrical Hazards, 34 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 4 Carbon Monoxide Detections, 1 ATV/ Snowmobile Accident, 23 Medcare Ambulance Assists, 9 Public Assists, & 28 Miscellaneous Calls. It's been a challenging year with the Covid pandemic, but we've pushed through and made the best of the worst times. The Mexico Fire Department would like to thank its residents, the Town Manager, the Selectmen, and the entire River Valley for all your support throughout this year. Also, a huge thank you to all of our mutual aid towns for your assistance, we couldn't do it without you.

Thank You,
Chief Mat Theriault
Mexico Fire Department



TOWN OF MEXICO
OFFICE OF THE REC DIRECTOR

WAYNE SEVIGNY

Mailing address:
P.O. Box 251, 134 Main St.
Mexico, ME 04257-0251

River Valley Recreation Center
Town Report
2021 - 2022

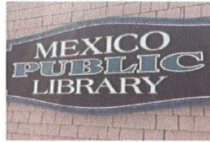
The last couple of years have been challenging for the Rec Department to run our recreation programs. But we have been able to continue to run our programs with great success from the help of our amazing volunteers who help make the Recreation department work. We have seen Covid keep the numbers down a little, but the people that have come out have been so happy to have some normalcy in their lives.

We have also renovated the Recreation building so that the Mountain Valley Middle School eighth grade could attend school in person. The building was transformed back into a school again and looks great. We have some big plans for the Rec Park, so stay tuned. The Recreation Department would also like to thank everyone who helps and supports us.

Thank you,
Wayne Sevigny

Mexico Public Library

134 Main Street
Mexico, ME 04257



library@mexicomaine.net

Director: Marilla Couch
207-364-3281

Current Weekly Hours:**Tuesday: 10AM-2PM****Wednesday: 10AM-5PM****Thursday: 10AM-4PM****Friday: 9AM-3PM****Deliveries: Thursdays between 9AM & 10AM**

The Library reopened on July 1st, 2020 from the mandatory federal closure caused by Covid-19. We had a lot of questions about what to expect as people started coming back to the library, but we found that people were understanding as far as many 'new rules' were implemented. Curbside deliveries were in place as an option, but not too many people used it. More people liked the idea of the Delivery Program for the elderly, handicapped, and others who couldn't or didn't feel safe getting out in the public too much. The only changes made to the delivery program was that on the day that I would be delivering and/or picking up books, magazines, or movies the patron was requested to leave the materials outside and I would leave the items outside that I had brought for that patron. Because the numbers went higher I had an A and a B week.

All materials that were returned to the library had to go "In Quarantine" for a minimum of 7 days. They would then get returned to the shelves. In the same way, if materials were returned in plastic bags, the bags were then thrown away as opposed to keeping them and returning them to the patron's home the following delivery time.

One computer for public use was put in the Technology Closet since we needed to have more space and if there was someone at both computers they were too close together. We also put a sign on the computer saying, "Essential Use Only". This was a way to keep people from wanting to come in and play games for hours at a time, which had happened consistently pre-covid.

The 2020 Summer Reading Program was in place, but in a very different way than previously. Each story was read on Facebook. Prior to reading any of the books, I wrote to each author/publisher/publishing company to get permission. The Summer Reading Program was Discover Maine, and every book was written by and/or about Maine. This was our dedication to the fact that Maine was celebrating their 200th birthday in 2020. (Interesting note: In 1920 at the time of Maine's Centennial the Spanish Flu Pandemic was just getting over. The Maine celebrations were amongst the first activities held in Maine that year, and 100 years later all activities for the Bicentennial were cancelled/postponed due to the Covid Pandemic.) Anyway- the program only had a small handful of participants and very few kids did the Take It-Make It projects that were available for them if someone came in to get them from the library.

Hours were changed to include Tuesday hours in September, and a couple of outdoor activities were held. The library had a few times that we had to close due to covid concerns.

In October of 2020 I was awarded the Part Time Employee of the Year Award and felt truly blest to get that award. Raquel said the award was mainly due to my commitment through to get library materials into the hands of people who might not otherwise be able to get them. This was done mostly through the Delivery Program and the online Children's Summer Program.

I also continued a "New Librarian's Academy" with a mentor from South Paris, ME. He and I got together a couple of times- once here in Mexico and once in S. Paris. I got a few ideas that were useful from a long-time librarian, and enjoyed getting the chance to participate.

One thing that I was extremely grateful for during this whole year was that the Chief of Police was able to acquire masks, disinfectants and hand sanitizer for us to use and share daily. Thank you, Roy.

I hope you all continue to enhance your love of reading, watching movies, and doing research. Remember to make a point to learn something new every day and your brain will thank you.

Marilla Couch, Library Director

MEXICO WATER DISTRICT

134 MAIN STREET

MEXICO, MAINE 04257

MEXICO WATER DISTRICT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ORGANIZATION

The Trustees of the Mexico Water District would like to present to you this report for 2021:

The Mexico Water District Board of Trustees held a total of 14 meetings in 2021. Maintenance work continued in both the Mexico Water District and the Dixfield Water Department's public water system. The Mexico Water District operators were busy with ongoing maintenance projects in both water systems including water treatment plant upgrades. We have pumped a total of 70,168,000 gallons of water in 2021.

The water meter replacement program continued in 2021 with The Water District changing out 19 meters. Changes in the lead laws are requiring the installation of the new water meters. Due to Covid 19 the district changed meters as seen necessary and will get the meter change program back up to speed in 2022. We will continue to install these new meters over the course of the next few years with a goal of completing all changes by 2023. The water operator training courses as well as administrative courses continued to be offered by The Maine Department of Health & Human Services, The Maine Rural Water Association, and the Maine Water Utilities Association. The district's employees attended training seminars in 2021 to keep up with the required amount of training contact hours necessary to renew their State of Maine Operator's License and continue in preparing to upgrade their licenses. The Mexico Water District continued addressing asset management as it is an integral part of the public water composition. Asset management comprises inventory and replacement schedules, operations and maintenance plans, financial strategies, and capital improvement plans. The district has secured funding of 2.4 million dollars to replace the Harlow Hill Booster Station, the Harlow Hill water transmission line, and the Standpipe on Backkingdom Road. This project doubles the district's storage capacity on the high side of the water system improving the Mexico Fire Department's firefighting capabilities and emergency water storage for the low side of the district's system. The project will begin in the Summer of 2022 and should be completed in the Fall of 2022 or early Spring of 2023.

The Mexico Water District strives to provide a safe, clean, quality product and is committed to providing the best possible service to our customers. We want to take this time to acknowledge our staff for their dedication and want to thank you, our customers, for your continued support. Should you have any questions, concerns and/or comments regarding the public water system, please do not hesitate to contact us (207) 364-2061.

Respectfully submitted

A. Byron Ouellette, Chairman

Sandra Wingate, Clerk

Charles E. Lever, Treasurer

MEXICO SEWER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
OPERATING REVENUES:		
Sewer Billings	\$ 294,993	\$ 290,457
Miscellaneous Income	2,973	4,145
Abatements	(490)	(405)
Supplemental and other	250	93
Total Operating Revenues	<u>297,726</u>	<u>294,290</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Treatment Plant	177,072	169,072
Repairs and maintenance	35,698	60,880
Administrative Costs	32,249	24,957
Depreciation	32,300	32,300
Total Operating Expenses	<u>277,319</u>	<u>287,209</u>
NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	20,407	7,081
NON-OPERATING INCOME		
Interest income	<u>10,634</u>	<u>12,045</u>
Net Non-operating Income	<u>10,634</u>	<u>12,045</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 31,041</u>	<u>\$ 19,126</u>

MEXICO SEWER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
AT DECEMBER 31,

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
ASSETS:		
UTILITY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Gross Plant	1,585,656	1,585,656
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(980,123)	(947,823)
Net Utility Plant and equipment	<u>605,533</u>	<u>637,833</u>
 CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash- operating	199,837	189,072
Investments (Board restricted)	1,682,022	1,632,640
Accounts Receivable	78,281	75,242
Prepaid expenses	2,885	2,885
Total current assets	<u>1,963,025</u>	<u>1,899,839</u>
 OTHER ASSET- Engineering Studies	<u>25,927</u>	<u>25,927</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,594,485</u>	<u>\$ 2,563,599</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
All liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
 NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted	1,963,026	1,899,839
Restricted for Debt service		
Net Investment -Sewer Mains	<u>631,459</u>	<u>663,760</u>
Total Equity Capital	<u>2,594,485</u>	<u>2,563,599</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,594,485</u>	<u>\$ 2,563,599</u>



RUMFORD-MEXICO SEWERAGE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

December 1, 2021

To the Honorable Chairman of the Board and Trustee Members:

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District for 2021.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Board: The Board accepted the resignation of Chairwoman Mary LaPointe on January 6, 2021 after 16 years of service. The Board thanks her for her service. The Vice Chairman, Leonard McKenna was elected to replace Mrs. LaPointe as the Chairman, and the Board moved to elect Peter Gautreau (Alternate Trustee) to fill her three-year term for the Town of Rumford. The Rumford members nominated Shawn Murphy to fill the position of the Alternate Trustee. Long term Trustee Phillip Libby of Mexico retired from the Board in July after 16 years of service and the Board thanks him for his service. The Town of Mexico appointed Fawn Palmer to a three-year term as a replacement for Phillip Libby.

Staff: The District's long term Office Manager and Plant Operator Sandra Fish retired December 31, 2020 after 37 years of service and the Board thanks her for her service. Meagan Levesque was hired March 10, 2021 to replace Sandra as the Office Manager. Samantha Hanson was hired September 13, 2021 as a temporary replacement for an employee on family leave in late fall 2021. Kevin Prevost and Robert Charity achieved Grade IIB Wastewater operator certificates during the year.

DISTRICT FINANCES:

The Board approved the operating budget for 2021 with a 21% increase over 2020 which was required to cover 100% of District operating costs expected for the fiscal year. The total raised from the three towns was \$1.011 MM with the projected operating expense to approximate \$1.088 MM. The District has been broadcasting a planned rate increase of 21% per year until 2024 to cover the costs of capital improvements and meet Federal and State Grant requirements.

The Dix Avenue pump station roof was remediated and replaced at a cost of \$45K.

The Main Plant SKADA project costs increased by 1/3 the project scope due to supply chain issues.

The Board approved the replacement of the current loader, which was awarded to Milton-CAT for \$115K. The District went out to bid for financing which was awarded to Androscoggin Bank. The existing 12-year-old loader experienced multiple mechanical issues in 2021 resulting in \$30K of unplanned costs.

The District was awarded a \$1 MM AWRP Grant from ME DEP and a \$19.55 MM Loan/Grant from USDA RD toward the rebuilding project.

OPERATIONS:

The Treatment Plant experienced one permit violation in late 2021. Considering the plague of pump plugging from rags, excessive pump and valve failures, the loss of the key electrical components due to age the plant ran well. As of November 22, 2021, the Main Plants' effluent biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) removal efficiency for 2021 is 94.1% and the effluent total suspended solids (TSS) removal efficiency is 95.2%, which translates to an average of 90 pounds of BOD discharged per day and an average 81 pounds of TSS discharged per day as of November 22, 2021.

The Composting operation experienced one issue with Salmonella early in 2021 because of wet ash received from a vendor. Meetings with the vendor resolved the wet ash issue as well as additional training of staff. Metals and PFAS data are within Maine DEP land spreading guidelines. See attachment 1.

The Town of Rumford continues to address stormwater Inflow/Infiltration issues identified in a 2009 – 2010 Wright-Pierce Engineering Study mandated by ME DEP, but has yet to supply a report of progress to the District for 2020 and 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland M. Arsenault, Superintendent

The samples will be analyzed for the following parameters by the methods with the detection limits listed:

Parameter	Method	Detection Limit	Exceedance limit
Arsenic Total	EPA 6010	1 mg/Kg	7.9 mg/Kg
Cadmium Total	EPA 6010	1 mg/Kg	22 mg/Kg
Chromium Total	EPA 6010	1 mg/Kg	10000 mg/Kg
Copper Total	EPA 6010	1 mg/Kg	1700 mg/Kg
Mercury Total	EPA 7471	0.02 mg/Kg	27 mg/Kg
Molybdenum Total	EPA 6010	5 mg/Kg	456 mg/Kg
Nickel Total	EPA 6010	1 mg/Kg	530 mg/Kg
Lead Total	EPA 6010	1 mg/Kg	200 mg/Kg
Selenium Total	EPA 6010	5 mg/Kg	456 mg/Kg
Zinc Total	EPA 6010	1 mg/Kg	10000 mg/Kg
Salmonella 503 MPN	SMEWW	1.9 MPM/4g DW	3.0 MPM/4g DW
Stability	Solvita		<5.0
Total Solids	SME2540G		

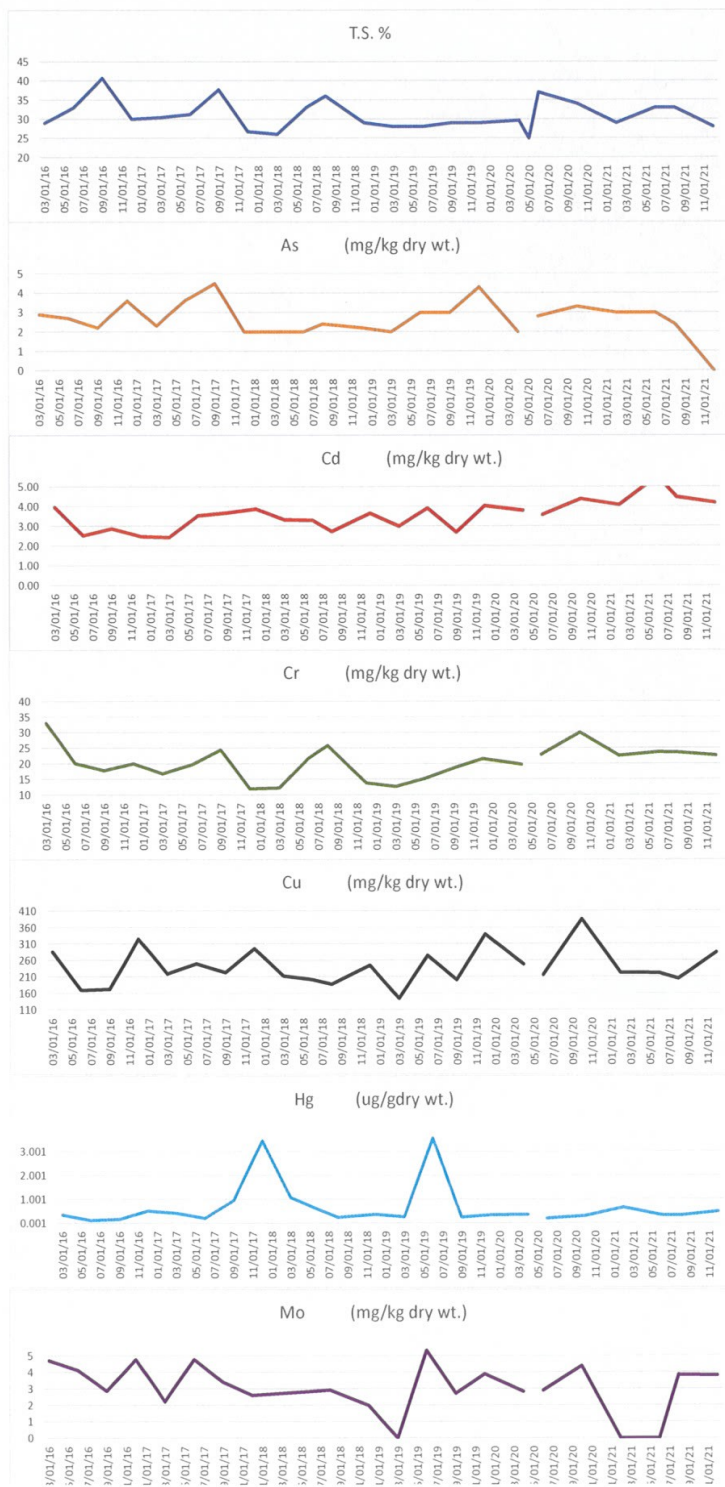
The results of the salmonella, metals, and stability analysis will be reported to the DEP as part of the annual report filed by the end of February each year.

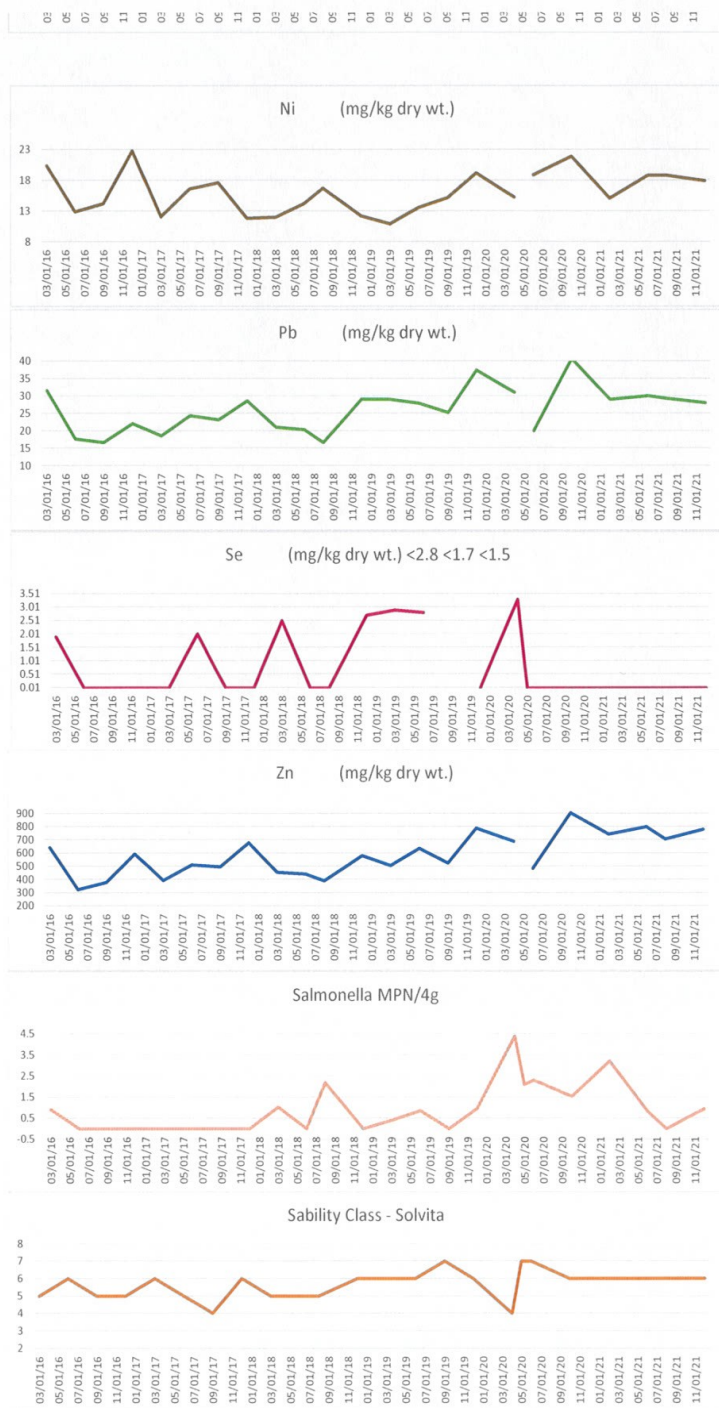
3. *Perfluorinated Alkylated Substances (PFAS) Analysis:*

Due to recent findings by US EPA, and ME DEP Memorandum dated March 22, 2019, the District will, upon approval of the District's revised Sampling and Analysis Plan, begin sampling and analysis for three PFAS substances in our compost immediately: PFOA (0.0025 mg/kg), PFOS (0.0052 mg/kg) and PFBS (1.9 mg/kg.) The initial sampling event was done in phases of two (2) to three (3) samples per week, but not to exceed seven (7) total sampling events to establish a base of data. The initial sampling round was completed in early 2019.

Ongoing PFAS sampling and analytical requirements: MEDEP issued a letter dated February 25, 2020 requiring ongoing biannual PFAS testing of the District's finished compost pile(s), but also added ongoing representative sampling and analysis for PFAS once per year for all sludge inputs to the composting process.

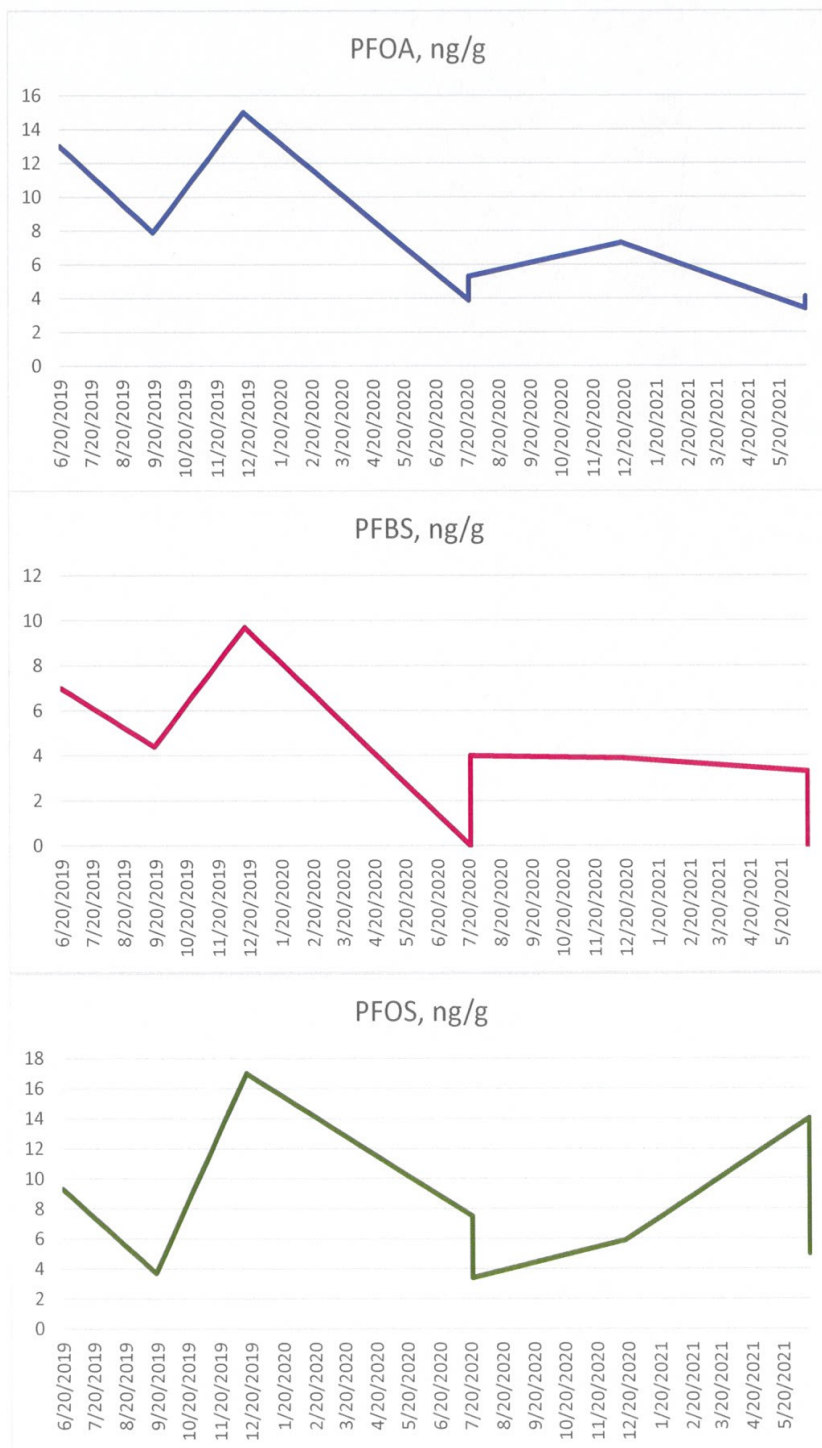
- Prior to sampling, the Sampler shall ensure their clothing worn during sampling events is of sufficient age to have been washed/dried 6 or more times after purchase, made of synthetic or natural fibers (preferable cotton), and without fabric softener. (Fabric softener is prohibited by MEDEP.) The sampler shall wear polyurethane and or PVC boots during sampling the event(s.) The sampler must wash their hands and don nitrile laboratory gloves during sampling rounds.
 - PFAS contamination during sample collection can occur from several common sources, including food packaging and certain foods and beverages. Proper hand washing and wearing nitrile gloves will help to minimize this type of accidental contamination of the samples."



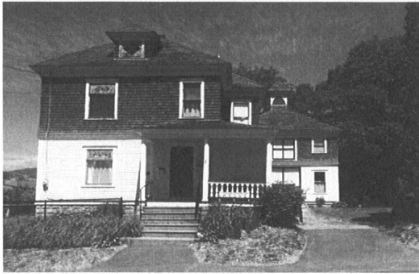


Estimation of Soil Pollutant Concentration Increase Based on Residual Pollutant Concentration (Chapter 419 Appendix A.2.C)					
Facility Name:		DEP License:		Location:	
Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District		S-007595-CH-C-R		Mexico Maine	
Type of Sample:					
Finished Compost					
SI = (R _{Pc} * LR * SL) / 2000					
Where:					
SI - Cumulative soil concentration increase in mg-pollutant/kg-soil					
R _{Pc} - Pollutant concentration in the residual in mg-pollutant/kg-residual					
LR - Residual loading rate in metric tons-residual/hectare/yr (amount of residual applied in a year)					
SL - Site Life, or the number of times the residual will be applied at the site in 100 years, in years					
2000 - is the assumed dry mass of soil in metric tons/hectare (dry weight) in a plow layer 15 cm thick (based on a bulk density of 1.33 g/cm ³)					
Chapter 418 Screening Concentration PFBS in mg/kg				1.9	
Chapter 418 Screening Concentration PFOA in mg/kg				0.0025	
Chapter 418 Screening Concentration PFOS in mg/kg				0.0052	
Analytical Results		As reported in ng/g		Converted to mg/kg	
PFBS		3.9		0.003900	
PFOA		4.2		0.004200	
PFOS		11.95		0.011950	
Conversion Factors:					
Dry tons / acre * 2.24 = Dry metric tons / hectare				RMSD Finished Compost = 0.60 wet tons/yard or 1.67 yd3/ton	
Wet tons * (% solids * 0.01) = Dry tons				Loading- wet yd3/ton	
				1.67	
Convert Wet Tons to Dry Tons:				20.04	
Wet Tons		% solids		Conversion Factor	
12		32.48		0.01	
3.8976		2.24		8.731	
Convert Dry Tons / Acre to Dry Metric Tons / Hectare:					
Dry Tons / Acre		Conversion Factor		Dry Metric Tons / Hectare	
3.8976		2.24		8.731	
PFBS Increase in Soil (mg/kg)			PFOA Increase in Soil (mg/kg)		
PFBS concentration in residual (mg/kg)			PFOA concentration in residual (mg/kg)		
0.0039			0.0042		
Loading Rate (dmt/ha)			8.73		
2000			2000		
Dry Mass of Soil (mt/ha)			2000		
Number of Times Residual Applied at LR			Number of Times Residual Applied at LR		
100			100		
0.001702			0.001833		
75			0.001375		
0.001277			0.000917		
50			0.000851		
0.000851			0.000458		
25			0.000426		
0.000426			0.000183		
10			0.000170		
0.000170			0.000018		
1			0.000017		
PFOS Increase in Soil (mg/kg)					
PFOS concentration in residual (mg/kg)			0.01195		
Loading Rate (dmt/ha)			8.73		
Dry Mass of Soil (mt/ha)			2000		
Number of Times Residual Applied at LR			PFOS increase in soil (mg/kg)		
100			0.005217		
75			0.003912		
50			0.002608		
25			0.001304		
10			0.000522		
1			0.000052		

Sampler	DATE	Limits, ng/g Sample ID	2.5		1900		5.2					
			Parameter PFOA, ng/g	Parameter PFBS, ng/g	Parameter PFOS, ng/g	Parameter PFOS, ng/g	Moisture %	Parameter PFOA, mg/kg	Parameter PFBS, mg/kg	Parameter PFOS, mg/kg	Parameter PFOS, mg/kg	Parameter PFOS, mg/kg
RV	6/20/2019	Finished C.S	13	7	9.3	9.3	69.6	0.013	0.0079	0.007	0.0093	0.0093
RV	9/19/2019	Finished C.S	7.9	4.4	3.7	3.7	71	0.0079	0.0044	0.0044	0.0037	0.0037
RV/KP	12/16/2019	Finished C.S	15	9.7	17	17	69.1	0.015	0.0097	0.0097	0.017	0.017
RA/KP	7/22/2020	Belt Press Sludge	3.9	U	7.5	7.5	86.1	0.0039	U	U	0.0075	0.0075
RA/KP	7/22/2020	Finished C.S	5.3	4	3.4	3.4	64.6	0.0053	0.004	0.004	0.0034	0.0034
RA/KP	12/18/2020	Finished C.S	7.3	3.9	5.9	5.9	70.6	0.0073	0.0039	0.0039	0.0059	0.0059
KP/RC	6/15/2021	Finished C.S	3.4	3.3	14	14	64.5	0.0034	0.0033	0.0033	0.014	0.014
KP/RC	6/15/2021	Belt Press Sludge	4.1	U	5.0	5.0	86.6	0.0041			0.005	0.005



Mexico Historical Society



In 2021, the Mexico Historical Society Museum re-opened for tours in the summer. We held socially distanced meetings and potlucks from May-October, but cancelled our November and December meetings due to rising cases of Covid-19.

In April 2022, the Mexico Historical Society will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding. We will also be fundraising to repair the Wills Homestead Museum's stained glass panels and windows. The windows, original to the house built

in 1903, have seen 118 years of Maine winters just across the river from the paper mill in Rumford, and the cost to repair them will exceed \$13,000.

Each window will need to be removed from the museum, and taken to Lisbon, Maine. There the stained glass panels will be disassembled. The studio will carefully piece each window back together with new lead, and replace any glass with cracks, eliminating the gaps in the windows that currently exist. After the glass is repaired, each frame will be repaired with all new wood, eliminating the rot from 118 years of Maine's harsh climate. Before the windows are returned to their positions, the window sashes will be repaired and repainted. The counterweights that hold the windows open will be replaced and repaired with new chains. After the job is completed, the windows will open for the first time in years, and we can save them for the next 118 years.

Built on the side of the hill just across the river from the Oxford Paper Mill, the Wills Homestead Museum was originally the home of Arthur and Sadie Wills. Wills was a successful local business-

man who owned a large store just below his house on the hill. When he died, his two daughters converted the house to a duplex, where they lived with their families, until selling the house to the historical society.

Although the date of their founding is April 22, the historical society will celebrate its silver anniversary 5 p.m. Monday, April 18, 2022, at the first potluck of the year at the Calvin Lyons Hall in Mexico, Maine. The Historical Society is completely funded by donations from the community. Donations for the stained glass window repair can be sent to the "Mexico Historical Society", 3 Oxford Street, Mexico, Maine, 04257. Joining the historical society is only \$10 per year. Members receive newsletters throughout the year, and there is a monthly potluck open to the public the third Monday of each month from April to December.

Updated information about the Mexico Historical Society can be found on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/MexicoHistoricalSociety>

TENTATIVE 2022 Schedule

**Meetings are held the third
Monday of the month at 5pm**

- **April 18: 25th Anniversary Celebration**
Calvin Lyons Hall
- **May 14:** 10am Museum Cleanup
- **May 16:** Wills Homestead Museum
(WEATHER PERMITTING)
- **May 21 & 22: Plant Sale**
(11 FIFTH STREET, MEXICO, ME)
- **June 11:** 10am Museum Cleanup
- **June 20:** Wills Homestead Museum
- **July 18 BBQ:** Wills Homestead Museum
- **August 15:** Wills Homestead Museum
- **September 19:** Wills Homestead Museum
- **October 17:** Calvin Lyons Hall
- **November 21:** Calvin Lyons Hall
- **December 3: Christmas Craft Fair**
8am-2pm Calvin Lyons Hall
- **December 12: Christmas Party**
Calvin Lyons Hall (Snow Date Dec. 19)

**ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FMI**

*Respectfully Submitted,
Caroline Mitchell, President*



River Valley Animal Advocates

PO Box 628
Canton, ME 04221



Feona from Forth St. Hope Assc. home.



Fluffy from Kimball Avenue Hope Assc. home.

Hi Mexico Citizens,

Thank you so much for remembering us and donating \$100.00 to the RVAA last year. We so much appreciate having a good relationship with the Town of Mexico citizens, officials, and employees. The RVAA has paid total costs for 4 cats from the local Hope Association homes for all to be sterilized and get shots. All are "working cats" that bring comfort, joy, and love to the residents and staff of these homes. We received a thank you card that was signed by the residents, and it is displayed proudly at our clinic. Our mission statement is "to promote and support healthy, loving, and positive connections and interactions between humans and animals for the physical, emotional, and spiritual betterment of them all".

The RVAA became a 501 (c)(3) in Feb., 2010. No one in our group is paid. Most of our funds are spent to sterilize/rabies shots/medical needs for local cats & a few dogs. Our goal has always been to stop the overpopulation of cats by cutting their numbers thru sterilization. As we are blessed to know Don McLean, DVM & Martha, and they have totally supported our goal, we have been able to set up a consistent spay/neuter program in this area. We currently have multiple monthly spay/neuter clinics in Canton. The State of Maine Fix-ME program has started sending vouchers to clinics and we have been allotted over 300 vouchers since last May. We have already used over 200 vouchers and they have been such a Godsend. 90% of the people that we help with spay/neuter of their cats are low income, elderly, or disabled cat owners. We had a waiting list of cats before the pandemic and now the list is even longer. In 2021 we more than doubled the number of cats served than in 2020.

RVAA has helped over 2000 cats in the last 12 years. 407 of them were from Mexico. 29 had other medical needs, 202 were males (neutered), and 176 females (spayed). Figuring it on 15 kittens per female per year the 176 females fixed could produce 2,640 kittens every year with a cumulative total of well over 25,000 potentially homeless kittens in the last 12 years.

Sincerely,

Submitted by Becky McDonald, President RVAA

RVAA

"Making a difference one animal at a time"

PHONE: 207-597-2323 OR 207-562-7316 E-mail: mcdonald6498@roadrunner.com

Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Board

Annual Report 2021

Revenues from recycling increased substantially in 2021, however tipping fees for disposal of solid waste also increased, making it necessary to raise appropriations to towns by 6%. We recycled 878 tons of materials compared to 1066 tons in 2020. Revenues from recycling brought in \$153,256 for our efforts. We processed a record total of 10,012 tons of municipal solid waste from our six member towns. The cost for disposal (not including transportation) was \$603,750.

Remember, the more residents recycle, the more revenue we will receive.

Separating recyclables from your trash not only creates revenue, but decreases the cost of disposal. Most of the trash created by an average person is made up of 50% recyclables, yet only 9% is currently being recycled. In past years, our area has recycled nearly 15%. Not sure why we are going backwards, but let's hope things improve in 2022.

Materials that are recyclable include aluminum and metal cans, newspaper, office paper, magazines, junk mail and any cardboard including paperboard such as cereal boxes, eggs cartons, shoe boxes, etc. Plastic recycling has been expanded to include all plastic containers, with the exception of plastic bags and Styrofoam. Glass is currently being collected, including glass containers, drinking glasses and cups, plates and baking dishes, etc.

We collected 90 units of household hazardous waste from area residents during the June 2021 collection. This amount was an increase from previous collections. Look for information in local papers about the 2022 collection scheduled for August 6 at Region 9. If you happen to miss this collection, there will be other alternatives available to dispose of these materials in neighboring towns.

Bring paint and paint products anytime to the Recycling/Transfer Station. In addition, many garages will take your used motor oil.

Universal waste such as fluorescent lamps, thermometers, mercury switches, TVs, computer monitors and towers, etc. must also be separated from the waste stream. These items should be brought to the Recycling/Transfer Station.

Bins are also available to collect textiles, including clothing, shoes, handbags, bedding, towels, etc. Bins are located at the Recycling/Transfer Station, the Dixfield Laundromat, and the Marden's Shopping Center. In 2021 more than 58.7 tons were collected locally through this program.

For more information on recycling, food waste collection and household hazardous waste, contact the Regional Solid Waste and Recycling facility at 364-3645.

Respectfully Submitted, Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Board

Patricia Duguay, Chair (Byron)	Richard Philbrick (Mexico)
Reggie Arsenault, Vice-Chair (Mexico)	Sandra Witas (Roxbury)
Stacy Carter, Administrator (Rumford)	Royal Swan (Dixfield)
William Porter (Rumford)	John Witherell (Peru)
Greg Buccina (Rumford)	

To All Citizens of Mexico

Due to the Covid pandemic, we had a slow start in working on our town ordinances.

We are now going over each ordinance and updating/revising them. We will be looking at adding a few new ordinances.

At any time, if anyone has concerns or comments regarding any present ordinances, please contact the town office and they will contact me with the concern. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Reginald W. Arsenault

Chairman of the Mexico Planning Board

UNPAID TAXES	
Balance outstanding as of May 11, 2021	
2020-2021 PROPERTY TAX LIENS	
Arsenault, James A.	1,882.77
Arsenault, Mark P.	419.40
Beauton, Jennifer (McVey)	771.46
Belanger, Robert	800.18
Belskis, Bernard T. Jr.	860.24
Belskis, Bernard T. Jr.	104.06
Bemis, Harold	3,764.62
Benson, Lowell & Tina	2,109.32
Bernard, Theodore W. & Tresa & Brittany	1,411.30
Burgess, Eva & Sharon	428.57
Burnham, Dillon & Sara Martin	596.97
Burnham, Dillon & Sara Martin	5.84
Chadsey, Joshua	1,062.29
Chadsey, Thomas	985.76
Chessie, Christopher	1,368.45
Collins, Linda A.	1,487.85
Collins, Linda A.	569.41
Daigle, David	1,448.65
Dawson, John & Marie	373.11
Ferguson, Robert	918.53
Freedman, Eric	653.48
Gannon, Charles	1,694.36
Green, Karen	938.38
Hargraves, Michael	1,347.01
Harville, Thomas W.	1,507.06
Harville, Thomas W.	2,286.88
Harville, Thomas W.	2,397.09
Hayes, Robert	523.49
Hayes, Sylvia M.	1,524.57
Hodgkins, Alphonso & Doris & Karen	3,113.45
Hodsdon, Karen	1,692.97
Horne, Ralph	4,019.65
Jamison, Kevin L & Kimberly	2,819.57
Jodrey, Tony	673.49
Jordan, Mandy & Jodi Sage	823.51
Lane, Glen	122.45
Lawill, Annie, Chartier, Annie, White, Christopher, Dale, Robert	2,544.15
Leonard, Robert A.	486.24
Magoon, David L. c/o Magoon, Kati	2,504.39
Marston, Michael II & Melissa	422.03
Marston, Timothy & Deborah	706.41

Munoz, Adeldo N Arrivillaga & Nohelia E.	2,229.77
Munoz, Adeldo N Arrivillaga & Nohelia E.	2,415.45
Net Development Corp.	2,757.28
Nicols, James A Jr, & Carlene	5,409.73
Nowell, Dwayne	658.65
Olsen, Jean C/O Laurie Santillo	3,747.99
Olsen, Susan	828.47
O'Neil, Shaun K. & Jennifer	1,115.81
Payne Properties, LLC	2,821.48
Pellerin, Caryn A.	2,469.95
Perry, Miranda C. B.	1,255.57
Porter, Alyssa & Palmer, Jay	2,182.46
Porter, Alyssa	281.29
Robichaud, Jon A.	479.98
Robichaud, Jon A.	1,889.19
Scott, William	85.70
Shaw, Mark W.	1,581.96
Sicotte, Timothy Jr	1,511.70
Sinclair, Douglas	177.55
Sinclair, Douglas	2,014.74
Smith, Dean L.	1,670.28
Soubble, Jerry	1,047.17
Surette, Thais	113.26
Surette, Thais	1,417.65
Thibodeau, Jeffrey A. & Valerie	93.33
Thompson, Norman	1,171.38
Todd, Kathryn	1,922.88
Tommy Guns Pit Stop C/O Clarence T. Tompkins	3,299.40
Virgin, Garald C.	413.34
Welch, Eric	382.76
Welch, John & Elizabeth	1,740.65
Woods, Timothy A. & Rose Marie V.	1,307.42
2020-2021 PERSONAL PROPERTY	
Bean, Kevin Mexico Laundromat	765.04
Bohren, Robert Frosty Delight	605.61
Csc Service Works, Inc.	3.76
Dumas, Paul R Jr. LLC	204.40
Gallant, Christopher Bud's Auto Body	64.24
Leaf Capital Funding LLC	54.08
Marlin Leasing	146.00
Roland's Auto Repair	103.37
Verizon	1.41
Viasat Inc	36.82
Wabasha Leasing, Inc.	32.01

KEEL J. HOOD

Certified Public Accountant

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

September 1, 2021

Board of Selectmen
Town of Mexico
Mexico, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Mexico, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Mexico, Maine as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted Management's Discussion & Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. My opinion of the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information and the Schedule of Changes in the Town's Total Health Plan OPEB Liability and Related Ratios be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtain during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance..

TOWN OF MEXICO, MAINE

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2021

ASSETS	Governmental Activities
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$ 1,658,160
Receivables	
Taxes	284,750
Liens	106,300
Accounts	302
Other governments	<u>111,738</u>
Total Current Assets	2,161,250
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets, net	<u>4,607,674</u>
Total Assets	6,768,924
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
OPEB related	<u>28,580</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>28,580</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	64,129
Lease due within one	5,715
Notes due within one year	43,845
Bonds due within one year	<u>193,333</u>
Total Current Liabilities	307,022
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Lease payable	6,088
Notes payable	219,715
Bonds payable	1,040,000
Net OPEB liability	137,444
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>1,403,247</u>
Total Liabilities	1,710,269
NET ASSETS	
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>39,445</u>
Total Deferred Inflow of Resources	<u>39,445</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,098,978
Unrestricted	<u>1,948,812</u>
Total net position	<u>5,047,790</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

TOWN OF MEXICO, MAINE
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Function/Program	Expenses	Charges for	Program Revenue		Net (Expenses) Revenues
			Operating Grants and contributions	Capital Grants and contributions	
General government	344,776	27,835			(316,941)
Public safety	821,917	922	38,473		(782,522)
Public works	569,420	1,821	86,714		(480,885)
Sanitation	242,839	8,627			(234,212)
Human services	164,792		4,582		(160,210)
Leisure services	158,075	36,815			(121,260)
Insurance	430,532				(430,532)
Education	1,508,257				(1,508,257)
County tax	112,161				(112,161)
Unclassified	142,132				(142,132)
Debt service	49,020				(49,020)
Capital reserve	61,015				(61,015)
Total governmental activities	4,604,936	76,020	129,769	0	(4,399,147)
					<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net (expenses)/ revenue					
General revenues:					
Property taxes					3,327,092
Excise taxes					440,964
Interest and costs on taxes					44,577
Intergovernmental:					
State revenue sharing					730,580
Homestead exemption					322,731
Tree growth					47,179
Veterans reimbursement					4,035
BETE					8,387
Miscellaneous					65,136
unrestricted interest					2,354
Total general revenues					<u>4,993,035</u>
Change in Net position					593,888
Net position - beginning					4,453,902
Net position - ending	\$				<u>5,047,790</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF MEXICO, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2021

ASSETS	GENERAL FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Cash	\$1,658,160	\$1,658,160
Receivables		
Taxes	284,750	284,750
Liens	106,300	106,300
Accounts	302	302
Other governments	<u>111,738</u>	<u>111,738</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,161,250</u>	<u>2,161,250</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	64,129	64,129
	<u>64,129</u>	<u>64,129</u>
Total Liabilities		
UNEARNED REVENUE		
Unearned Property taxes	<u>361,000</u>	<u>361,000</u>
Total Liabilities and Unearned Revenue	<u>425,129</u>	<u>425,129</u>
Fund Balances		
Committed:		
Capital purchases	371,824	371,824
Assigned for subsequent years		
Revenues	226,046	226,046
Expenditures	67,487	67,487
Unassigned	1,070,764	1,070,764
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,736,121</u>	<u>1,736,121</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$2,161,250</u>	<u>\$2,161,250</u>

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of
Net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and , therefore, are not reported in the funds.	4,607,674
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	361,000
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds	
Leases payable	(11,803)
Notes payable	(263,560)
Bonds payable	(1,233,333)
Net OPEB Liability including related outflows And inflows of resources	(148,309)
Net position of governmental	<u>\$5,047,790</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

TOWN OF MEXICO, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:		
Taxes	\$ 3,880,833	\$ 3,880,833
Intergovernmental	1,242,680	1,242,680
Charges for services	76,020	76,020
Interest	2,354	2,354
Miscellaneous	65,136	65,136
Total Revenues	5,267,023	5,267,023
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General government	342,106	342,106
Public safety	803,891	803,891
Public works	408,294	408,294
Sanitation	242,839	242,839
Human services	164,792	164,792
Leisure services	154,399	154,399
Insurance	431,582	431,582
Education	1,508,257	1,508,257
County tax	112,161	112,161
Unclassified	142,132	142,132
Debt service	352,805	352,805
Capital outlay	286,670	286,670
Total Expenditures	<u>4,949,928</u>	<u>4,949,928</u>
Excess of Revenues Over		
(Under) Expenditures	<u>317,095</u>	<u>317,095</u>
Net Change in fund balances	<u>317,095</u>	<u>317,095</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>1,419,026</u>	<u>1,419,026</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ <u>1,736,121</u>	\$ <u>1,736,121</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF MEXICO
SECRET BALLOT REFERENDUM/CANDIDATE ELECTION
ANNUAL WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF OXFORD

TO: ROY HODSDON, CONSTABLE IN THE TOWN OF MEXICO, COUNTY OF OXFORD.

GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF MAINE YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED TO NOTIFY AND WARN THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MEXICO 1N SAID COUNTY, QUALIFIED BY LAW TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS TO NOTIFY AND WARN SAID INHABITANTS TO MEET AT THE MEXICO MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN SAID TOWN ON TUESDAY, THE 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2022, THEN AND THERE TO ACT UPON ARTICLE 1 THROUGH 18 BY SECRET BALLOT AS SET OUT BELOW. THE POLLING HOURS WILL BE FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: TO CHOOSE A MODERATOR TO PRESIDE AT SAID MEETING.

ARTICLE 2: TO ELECT ALL MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, AS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ELECTED.

ARTICLE 3: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$383,540.21 FOR ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$383540.21
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SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: YES

ARTICLE 4: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$160,420.12 FOR RECREATION FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023.

RECREATION BUILDING	\$48,638.00
RECREATION PARK	11,851.23
RECREATION PROGRAMS	99,930.89

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: YES

ARTICLE 5: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$633,739.15 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023.

POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$633,739.15
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SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: YES

ARTICLE 6: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$409,536.57 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023.

FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$404,167.94
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	5,368.63

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED: YES

ARTICLE 7: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$208,000 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023.

STREET LIGHTS	\$ 40,000.00
FIRE PROTECTION(HYDRANTS)	168,000.00

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: YES

ARTICLE 8: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$108,022.46 FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023.

ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 9,168.45
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MED-CARE AMBULANCE	78,870.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	18,000.00
HEALTH OFFICER	1984.01
SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: YES	

ARTICLE 9: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$1,752.50 FOR SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES FOR THE FICAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023.

ANDRO HOME CARE AND HOSPICE	\$ 150.00
HOPE ASSOCIATION	150.00
COMMUNITY CONCEPTS	100.00
SENIOR PLUS	50.00
TRI-COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH	50.00
GIRLS STATE	320.00
FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS	150.00
BOYS STATE	320.00
RIVER VALLEY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES	150.00
WESTERN ME VETERAN'S ADVISORY COMM.	112.50
RIVER VALLEY ANIMAL ADVOCATES	100.00
MPBN	50.00
SAFE VOICES	50.00

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: YES

ARTICLE 10: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$272,953.17 FOR SOLID WASTE FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023.

NORSWB	\$191,581.67
WASTE COLLECTION	56,727.88
RECYCLING	17,528.84
SPRING CLEAN-UP	7114.78

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: YES

ARTICLE 11: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$653,098.84 FOR PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023.

HIGHWAY GARAGE	\$14,750.00
SUMMER ROADS	293,320.71
WINTER ROADS	345,028.13

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: YES

ARTICLE 12: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$42,192.89 FOR THE LIBRARY FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023.

SLECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: YES

ROAD BOND	67,878.39
BOND OVERAGE	2,000.00
SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	YES

ARTICLE 15: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$93,278.75 FOR UNCLASSIFIED/ MISCELLANEOUS FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$21,978.75
CEO EXPENSE	2,300.00
MEMORIAL GREEN	500.00
MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	3,000.00
IRA	34,000.00
CONTINGENT	15,000.00
TRAVEL/TRAINING	2,000.00
LEGAL EXPENSES	6,800.00
AVCOG	2,500.00
PLANNING/APPEALS BOARD	1,700.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	3,500.00

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: YES

ARTICLE 16: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$96,250.00 FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023 AND TO HOLD THE BALANCE.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: YES

ARTICLE 17: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$68,510.55 FOR RESERVE ACCOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

COMPUTER	2,500.00
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	2,500.00
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	10,000.00
TAX MAPS	5,000.00
POLICE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	5,000.00
BUILDING RENOVATION	5,000.00
PROPERTY RE-EVALUATION	5,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	32,891.28
FUEL OIL	619.27

ARTICLE 18: SHALL THE TOWN VOTE TO RE-ENACT THE "TOWN OF MEXICO REFERENDUM TOWN MEETING ORDINANCE".

"YES" VOTE CONTINUES REFERENDUM TOWN MEETING (SECRET BALLOT) FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

"NO" VOTE RETURNS THE TOWN TO THE "OPEN TOWN MEETING" FORMAT.

NOTICE TOWN OF MEXICO TAXPAYERS

Lists of property, both real and personal, not exempt from taxation, or which you possess on April 1, 2023, must be submitted to the assessor's office on or before April 1, 2023 for the taxable year of 2023-2024. The submission of this schedule will be accepted by the assessor as substantial compliance with Title 36, Section 706, M.R.S.A., but there is no guarantee that it will be accepted as a true and perfect list, should the taxpayer appeal the valuation assigned by the assessor.

The following must apply to the assessor on or prior to April 1, 2023 to qualify for a veteran's exemption.

THIS APPLIES ONLY TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR THE EXEMPTION.

1. Veterans who will reach the age of 62 on or before April 1, 2023.
2. Veterans who are receiving a pension or compensation for total disability.
3. Veteran's widows or minor children entitled to an exemption.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE DIRECTORY DIAL 911 IN AN EMERGENCY

Fire			364-3612
Police	364-5686	Disp. So. Paris	800 733-1421
Rumford Hospital			369-1000
Town Office		Fax: 364-5685	364-7971
Highway Dept.			364-2666
Library			364-3281
Recreation Dept.			364-4912
Water District			364-2061
Sewer District			364-7971
Sewerage Treatment Plant			364-7225
Transfer Station			364-3645
Archies, Inc.			364-2425
Motor Vehicle Registry		Fax: 369-0106	369-9921
Meroby Elementary			364-3714
Mtn. Valley Middle Sch.			364-7926
Mtn. Valley High Sch.			364-4547
RSU #10 Supt. Office			369-5560
Animal Control			357-9947

Mexico Recycling Schedule 2022

★ TRANSFER STATION CLOSED-Pickup delayed one day

■ RECYCLING PICKUP

January

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***TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND DEC. 26TH

NOTES