Town of Bradley 186th Annual Town Report 2023-2024



Town of Bradley 2022 Freightliner Tanker 734



Sally A. Strout May 30, 1942 to February 5, 2023

Dedication

The Bradley Town Council dedicates the 2023-2024 Annual Town Report to Sally Strout. Sally was a long-time resident of Bradley who dedicated her life to family and community. She will be remembered as a community builder, serving on the Planning Board for many years, and assisting with the creation of land use ordinances that shaped Bradley into what it is today. She was elected to the Town Council in 1997 and served until 2019. During those 22 years of selfless service, Sally acted as the Town Council Chair, providing outstanding leadership and steadfast responsiveness to all municipal matters.

Sally fought hard for what she believed, a resilience that was revealed during her time of illness. She never gave up and always maintained her compassion and empathy for all those that were so fortunate to be in her life.



Town of Bradley General Information

Office Hours

Tuesday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

Wednesday-Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm

Code Enforcement Tuesday 7:30 am – 1:30 pm

Plumbing Inspector By Appointment

Contact Information

165B Main Street PO Box 517 Bradley ME 04411 207-827-7725 207-827-7072-fax

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Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
Penobscot County Sheriff Dept.	207-947-4585
Maine State Police-Bangor	207-973-3700
Bradley Post Office	207-827-6532
Viola Rand School	207-827-2508
Maine Department of Transportation	207-941-4500
RSU 34 Superintendents Office	207-827-7171
Old Town Water District	207-827-2145

2023-2024 Town of Bradley Holiday Schedule

Independence Day July 4, 2023

Veterans Day November 10, 2023

Thanksgiving November 23, 2023 & November 24, 2023

Municipal Directory

Bradley Town Council

Mark Ketch, Chairperson	Term Expires 2023
Ann Delaware	Term Expires 2023
Charles Clemons	Term Expires 2025
Duane Lugdon	Term Expires 2024
Laurence Wade	Term Expires 2024

Planning Board

Allan Smallwood

Jeff Labree

Marshall Conary

Sherri Dill

Members Needed

Board of Appeals

Tom Nadeau Martin Somers

Bradley Regional School Unit #34 DirectorsHoward JackTerm Expires 2023Regional DorrTerm Expires 6/2023

Municipal Staff

Melissa L. Doane Town Manager, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Registrar of Voters, General Assistance Administrator, Road Commissioner E-mail: mldoane@townofbradley.net

Cindy Day Administrative Assistant, Deputy Town Clerk E-mail:cday@townofbradley.net

April Cookson Excise Tax Collector, Motor Vehicle Agent, Inland Fisheries Agent, Deputy Town Clerk, E-mail:acookson@townofbradley.net

> Dean Bennett Code Enforcement Officer dbennett@townofbradley.net

> Phil Stevens Licensed Plumbing Inspector 774-276-0854

> > Penobscot County Animal Control Officer

> > > Mark Gibson Assessor's Agent

All meeting dates and times are posted at the Bradley Municipal Building located at 165B Main Street. There are also postings on the Town of Bradley website **townofbradley.net**. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend. If attendance is not possible written comments are accepted and highly considered. The community is continually in search of committee ideas and members. Please contact the Town Office at 207-827-7725 for further information.

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2023

COMMITTEES ARMED SERVICES CHAIRMAN, STRATEGIC FORCES SUBCOMMITTEF BUDGET ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PARKS SUBCOMMITTEE INTELLIGENCE RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

ANGUS S./KING, JR United States Senator

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COMMUTTEES APPROPRIATIONS HEALTH, EDUCATION LABOR, AND PENSIONS SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLICIENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGENCE

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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Susan M. Collins United States Senator

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Committee on Armed Services Committee on Small Business

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

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Caribou Office: 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou, ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009
- Lewiston Office: 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767
- Bangor Office: 6 State Street, Suite 101, Bangor, ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

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

Respectfully,

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Jared F. Golden Member of Congress

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STATE OF MAINE Office of the Governor I STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

Dear Friends:

For four 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. Since the COVID-19 vaccine became available, 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, we 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,

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Janet T. Mills Governor

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James Dill 72 Sunset Drive Old Town, ME 04468 Phone: 207-827-3498 James.Dill@legislature.maine.gov

Dear Bradley Neighbors:

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve you in the Maine House of Representatives. I am proud to be your advocate in Augusta, and I am enjoying working alongside my colleagues to find thoughtful solutions for the many challenges facing our community and our state.

I was officially sworn into office at the State House on Dec. 7, 2022. As I write this, we are almost through the fourth month of the legislative session here in Augusta, and the 131st Legislature is working through the roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that have been submitted. While the bills that we consider will address hundreds of different topics, I remain focused on solving our state's most urgent challenges, including addressing the opioid epidemic and supporting Maine's heritage industries.

This session, I have been appointed to serve on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. Our committee is charged with protecting Maine's outdoor heritage and ensuring good stewardship of our fish and game resources. I also serve on the Marine Resources Committee, where we work hard to strengthen our fisheries and make sure that future generations can continue to earn a living from Maine's coastal waters.

Please feel free to contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you or your family, or if you would like to discuss or testify on any upcoming legislation. My phone number is 207-827-3498 and my email is <u>James.Dill@legislature.maine.gov</u>. I also send out monthly email newsletters that provide insight into our work at the State House, offer helpful information and resources and aim to connect you with your state government. Please let me know if you would like to receive them.

I am so thankful that you have entrusted me with this great responsibility.

Respectfully,

Janus F. Dill

Jim Dill State Representative



131st MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Peter Lyford Senator, District 10

January 1, 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you, your family, and the communities of District 10 in the Maine Senate. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to work for the betterment of our region.

This will be my first term in the Maine State Senate, having previously served the towns of Brewer, Clifton, Eddington, Holden and Veazie in the Maine House of Representatives. While I am now serving in the Senate and representing a few new towns, I know that many of the issues of importance to individuals in our area of the state remain the same; I look forward to addressing those key issues. In addition to tackling those issues, I have been appointed to serve as the Republican lead on two of the Legislature's Committees: Judiciary, and Environment and Natural Resources.

With a struggling economy and the cost of groceries, gas, home heating oil and electricity rising, it's critical that Maine families, seniors, and small businesses see relief from the high costs breaking their budgets. Addressing the policies that have led to many of these increased costs is a priority of mine this session. In addition to addressing these costs, there is one item the Legislature is required to pass according to the Constitution of Maine: a balanced, biennial budget. By June 30, 2023, the Governor must submit and the Legislature must enact a balanced budget. This will require careful review of current state spending and prioritizing our needs versus wants, just like you and I do with our own budgets. As your State Senator, I will be working to find ways to lower taxes and rein in state spending so that you can keep more of your hard-earned money and we can set Maine on a more prosperous course.

Again, thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of representing your interests in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you are having difficulty navigating state bureaucracy. I can be reached by email at peter.lyford@legislature.maine.gov or you can contact my office by phone at (207) 287-1505.

Sincerely,

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Peter Lyford State Senator

Town Manager Report

Yep, I am still here! I feel like I say it every year, but I truly cannot believe this is my 18th annual report to the residents. I typically stare at my computer screen for what seems like 18 years and try to summarize and highlight the year in review. So much actually happens, but is considered a normal activity in the day-to-day operations of a municipality.

This year did bring the loss of one of my greatest role models, Sally Strout. For the good, the bad and the ugly Sally was one of the 5 that was integral in bringing me "back" to the Town of Bradley. Way back in 2005 when my son was just 8 years old (now 25), I worried if I could be the mom I wanted to be while being the Town Manager the Town of Bradley deserved. Sally assured me that I could and promised to help in any way she could, and she did. Even if she did not always agree with my recommendations, she always had my back. Her fight during her illness is a true testament to her strong will, something I always admired. I have missed her for the last few years and have many regrets that I got busy and lost touch. She will always be in my heart.

One of the fun things about this position is the interaction with the public. Last year Councilor Delaware and I participated in a ceremony at Viola Rand School honoring Heidi Gifford. I absolutely love interactions with the students. There has been discussion of a change of use for that building within RSU 34, as they own the building. Regardless of the outcome that building holds many great memories for many Bradley residents.

Another public interaction I had the privilege to enjoy was the presentation of the Boston Post Cane. Thankfully that is a presentation that I do not do often. On December 6, 2022 the Boston Post Cane was presented to Beatrice Wentworth who turned 92 years young in October. In 1909, the Boston Post Newspaper, which closed in 1956, created the tradition of the Boston Post Cane. As a promotional event, the paper distributed 700 gold-tipped canes to towns in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. The cane was to be awarded to honor each town's oldest resident. Originally, the Boston Post Cane was to be awarded to the oldest male resident. In 1930, that expanded when the cane was awarded to the first oldest female resident of a town. There were over 700 canes originally distributed, over the years many have become lost and misplaced. Currently, it is estimated to be 435 canes known to be in existence. When the Town constructed the new municipal building in 2000 the Boston Post Cane was found in the attic of the village fire station when moving. Since that time the cane has been presented to Arlene Jackson in 2000, Beatrice Rowell in 2003, Bernice Brooks in 2005, Margaret Brooks in 2008, and Arthur Knapp in 2017.

Last year I wrote about the Blackman Stream Restoration project, I am happy to report that the Department of Marine Resources was able to fund the project. The work started in August and was semi-completed in September. A small amount of correction work is needed but all the partners, Maine Forest and Logging Museum, Chemo Pond Lake Association, the Towns of Bradley, Eddington, and Clifton, and of course the Department of Marine Resources foresee this being a success. The alewives will be running soon and I encourage you to visit the museum and check out the new weir and the alewives (do not forget to leave a donation; that place is a gem).

In March of this year, the new fire tanker was delivered. It is an impressive vehicle, to say the least. The manufacturer showcased the truck at the Boston Fire Convention. It was reported to us that the truck was the hit of the show as most attendees are city firefighters and are not familiar with tankers and the need for onboard water supply. This truck replaces the 1988 tanker which was purchased by the town new. After 2 failed FEMA grant applications, the voters approved the lease purchase. The purchase will be paid off within 5 years and will provide great service to Bradley and our mutual aid partners for many years to come.

I had the pleasure of serving on my first Blue Ribbon Commission this year. The commission was tasked with studying EMS service in the State of Maine. My desire to serve came out of the discussion that the Town of Bradley has had with the City of Old Town regarding ambulance service and the cost. In 2022-2023 the increase was 120% and this budget year the increase is 52%. The Blue-Ribbon Commission's findings were quite simple; departments need additional subsidies from the State. While discussions with Old Town continued regarding cost sharing, I am disappointed to report that nothing changed. We will continue to

monitor the situation and participate in regional discussions. EMS service is not a required municipal service but it is one we all can agree is needed. We can also all agree that the City of Old Town does offer top-notch service that will likely be unmatched.

I also serve on the Municipal Review Committee Executive Board. This group represents 115 Maine cities and towns, including Bradley, and manages solid waste issues (your trash). I joined the board in 2022, however, since 2013, the MRC has been working to develop an advanced recycling facility in Hampden. This facility operation started in 2019 and the technology was proven. Unfortunately, in 2020 the facility closed and the MRC continually negotiated with bondholders for the reopening. Finally in August of 2022, through much trial and tribulation, MRC purchased the facility. A new financial partner was just announced and I am so hopeful for success. Solid waste, your trash, is a big deal. You know it is picked up every Thursday but do you know where it goes? As a municipal leader it is important that I work to ensure the waste is disposed of in an environmentally safe and economical manner.

I also continue to serve on Maine Municipal Association's Executive Committee. This experience has provided me with amazing opportunities. This year I also undertook to serve on the Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee. The work involved with that committee has afforded an in-depth insight into the legislative process in Maine, in short, it is daunting.

You may have noticed survey work being completed in the village district. The Town was awarded grant funds through the Maine Department of Transportation to improve our sidewalks. While the sidewalks will not be reconstructed, they will widen to make use easier and safer. In 2019 the voters approved using \$30,000 from the undesignated surplus for the required match. It was determined in 2021 that the match would be upwards of \$108,600. The Town Council authorized using the additional \$77,745 from funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act.

The Town Council has remained tasked with a way to "phase out" school choice. By law, the Town is responsible for the difference in the cost of tuition from the RSU amount and the school of choice amount. At the onset of the formation of RSU 34 that cost was reasonable. It is anticipated that the cost this year will be upwards of \$65,000 for 22 students. This is an educational expense that receives no state reimbursement. In addition, the voters have absolutely no control over this cost. The Town Council would never want to change a child's education, however, would like the opportunity to have voter approval to phase out the option. House Representative James Dill presented a bill (LD809) to our legislature this year. I submitted written and inperson testimony in support. The outcome is unknown and it is my belief that the bill needs work; it has however started the conversation. If school choice is valued at the State level, perhaps a reimbursement mechanism can be put in place.

As I stated prior, so much happens it is hard to summarize. The staff is dedicated to ensuring each customer has amazing service and can complete transactions with ease. Cindy, April, myself, and Dean are readily available to answer all your questions. The office is open Tuesday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm and Wednesday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, however, we continue to offer appointments if those hours do not work. We continually monitor and update FACEBOOK and the municipal website, townofbradley.net, and offer an email list service for all those that are interested and wish to receive regular updates.

The Bradley Town Council and I would like very much to have more citizen engagement. The Town Council meetings are live streamed to the FACEBOOK page and that has generated some comments, which believe me is very welcomed. Here I go on repeat, this is your town, your community, and your home, help me make it all that it can be.

Respectfully Submitted

Melisin Dave

Melissa L. Doane Town Manager



Town of Bradley Historical Committee

PO Box 517 Bradley Me 04411

The Bradley Historical Committee met in the Council Room of the Municipal Building in May of 2022 for coffee, tea, sweets and conversation. About 24 residents attended. All enjoyed the afternoon looking through some of the articles in the new cabinet, the books, and pictures we have collected.

As you are cleaning out the closet or the attic this spring and come across any items that you feel would be significant to the history of Bradley call me or drop them off at the Town Office. If they are pictures, we would be glad to copy tour computer and then to our Town site and return them to you.

In the fall of 1953 Viola Rand School opened its doors to classes. Therefore, some kind of celebration will be happening to commemorate this 70th anniversary. It is all in the planning stages. Watch the event board for more information. We have some members of the Class of 1954 still residing in Bradley.

I am putting together a little booklet I call "Growing up Bradley". Although I did not grow up in Bradley, over the years I have heard many stories and through a gathering of these stories just might be possible. So, if you indeed grew up here and have childhood story to share-call me at 827-2733 and I will pick it up. I already have 20 stories and more are needed. Thanks!

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Delaware, Coordinator



FOUR SEASONS SENIORS OF BRADLEY

We continue to have our Wednesday morning exercise at 10 am in the Council room at the Municipal Building. Our numbers have increased and we are always open to new folks. Come when you can, we enjoy the exercise plus just coming together is so important.

The Senior luncheons continue. We now have sit-down luncheons at St. Ann's Church hall-usually once a month on Wednesdays 11:30 am. We average 50 in attendance and are able to accommodate more. We also delivered 10-15 shuts-in throughout Town. Watch the event board and the posters at the Post Office for dates, that we will be serving.

There is so much available to seniors, just call EAAA, Eastern Area Agency on Aging, Bangor 941-2865. If food is a problem for you, the Food Pantry at Holy Family, Old Town has a free luncheon and food pantry pick-up on the 4th Monday of each month, enter by way of the Brunswick Street parking lot. There is a Food Pantry called Caring Community Cupboard on Maine Street, Old Town, directly across from the Old Town Museum. They are open on Tuesdays from 10-12 and 4-6.

Let us know if we can be a help a direct you to other services.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Delaware Coordinator



TOWN CLERK REPORT

2022-2023 Vital Statistics

April 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023

Births – 17 Deaths -23 Marriages-20

2022-2023 Dog Registrations

0- Kennels 32- Non-spayed/neutered 199- Spayed/neutered

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS REPORT

VOTER ELIGIBILITY IN MAINE

Maine Constitution and Title 21-A, Maine Law on Elections

Be a citizen of the United States

Have established and maintain a residence in the municipality where the person intends to register to vote

Be at least 17 years of age (must be 18 years old to vote)

ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2023-2024

Polls open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

June 13, 2023-Town of Bradley Annual Referendum and RSU Budget Validation

□ November 7, 2023-General Election

ENROLLMENT DATA

327-Democrats 232-Unenrolled 398-Republicans 63-Green 1-Libertarian 2-No Lables

VOTER PARTICIPATION

154-June 14, 2022 761- November 2, 2022

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa L. Doane Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters Treasurer Report March 31, 2023

March 31, 2023									
ACCOUNT		BALANCE July 1, 2022		BALANCE					
CASH~CAMPDEN NATIONAL	\$		\$	2,127,512.34					
TOWN SAVINGS	\$	284,939.20	\$	296,130.14					
MUNICIPAL CAPITAL	\$	120,796.01	\$	125,540.24					
BOND ANTICIPATION	\$	31,838.28	\$	33,088.72					
UN APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	\$	3,176.92	\$	3,301.70					
FIRE DEPT CAPITAL	\$	70,886.01	\$	73,670.05					
HIGHWAY	\$	4,304.04	\$	4,473.05					
SCBA	\$	10,337.58	\$	10,743.56					
W. BUTTERFIELD CEMETERY TRUST	\$	5,453.06	\$	5,667.23					
L. COLSON CEMETERY TRUST	\$ \$	589.09	\$	612.24					
WEBSTER CEMETERY TRUST	\$ \$	354.03	\$	367.90					
SWETT CEMETERY TRUST	э \$		\$ \$	1,228.09 26,701.46					
JACKSON CEMETERY TRUST	ф ф	1,801.72	э \$	1,872.49					
R SPRUCE CEMETERY TRUST	ŝ	1,049.82	\$	1,091.06					
FA POWERS	ŝ	27,409.79	\$	28,486.32					
BADERSHALL CEMETERY	\$ \$ \$	1,510.32	\$	1,569.64					
BUTTERFIELD-BROOK	\$	673.49	\$	699.94					
SPINNEY-REED CEMETERY TRUST	\$	849.08	\$	882.44					
			ТА	X COMMITMENT		BALANCE			
PRE COLLECTED 2023 RE	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(5,462.38)			
PRE COLLECTED 2023 PP					\$	(130.58)			
UNCOLLECTED 2022 RE	\$	(8,356.45)	\$	1,915,545.80	\$	70,783.60			
UNCOLLECTED 2022 PP	\$	-	\$	4,842.20	\$	762.60			
UNCOLLECTED 2021 RE LIENS	\$	28,148.42	\$	-	\$	14,394.03			
UNCOLLECTED 2021 PP	\$	733.40	\$	-	\$	285.76			
UNCOLLECTED 2020 RE LIENS	\$	10,507.62	\$	-	\$	-			
	RE	VENUE							
BUDGETED REVENUE					\$	710,300.00			
DEDICATED RECEIPT						The Lord States States			
TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUE					\$	710,300.00			
REVENUE DETAIL COLLECTED			\$	2,626,602.83					
TAX COMMITMENT INCLUDED IN "REVENUE DE ADJUSTMENTS TO REVENUE	TAIL	COLLECTED"	\$	(1,920,388.00)		Station .			
ACTUAL REVENUE RECEIVED TO DATE			4	(53,322.44)	\$	652,892.39			
RSU SCHOOL SURPLUS TXR					\$	(20,000.00)			
HOMESTEAD (NON BUDGETED REVENUE)					\$	(67,595.00)			
ACTUAL BUDGETED REVENUE COLLECTED					\$	565,297.39			
UNCOLLECTED (OVERCOLLECTED) REVENUE					\$	145,002.61			
	EV	PENSE							
		BUDGET	A	PPROPRIATED	U	NEXPENDED			
DEDICATED RECEIPT NON BUDGETARY POST VOTER APPROVED CARRYFORWARDS	\$ \$	22,676.39 262,875.00							
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE						1.5.1			
BUDGETED EXPENSE	\$	2,714,457.00				and the second second			
	191			4 042 750 72	e	1,057,248.66			
	\$	3 000 008 30	\$						
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$	3,000,008.39	\$	1,942,759.73					
	\$ \$ \$	3,000,008.39 (1,328,653.00) (20,000.00)		(996,039.97)		(332,613.03)			

Respectfully Submitted,

Melsin Dave

Melissa L. Doane Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

OUTSTANDING 2022 REAL ESTATE TAX AS OF APRIL 30, 2023

	OUTSTANDING 2022 REAL LISTATE	ORGINIAL	(PAYMENTS)	AMOUNT
ACCT #	NAME	TAX	INTEREST	DUE
294 BATES,			4.90	
		322.40		327.30
249 BLACK E		2,597.80	8.11	2,637.23
	EY, BOGART THOMAS	534.75		542.86
724 BRUTON		671.15		13.08
	DWARD V JR	1,247.75		627.62
	OUIS & BUCK, GWEN	528.55		535.33
352 BUCK, S		86.80		88.12
375 BUCK, S		1,145.45		
	ELL, RICHARD H	2,297.10		2,331.96
	V, CANDICE LEE	144.15	(4.61)	139.54
462 CHABE,		587.45	8.91	596.36
676 COLLINS	S, GEORGE S III & COLLINS, MICHELLE	655.65	9.96	665.61
388 COULTE	R, LILLIAN T & COULTER, TERRY	1,443.05	21.90	1,464.95
310 COUSIN	S, LEON A II & COUSINS, LILIA B	934.65	(592.36)	342.29
120 CREEK E	BEND LLP	235.60	3.58	239.18
149 DAVIS,	KRISTOFER	533.20	(264.70)	268.50
894 DORR, k	KELLY PARKS	235.60	3.58	239.18
135 DUPLES	SIS, LUKE	2,926.40	(1,452.79)	1,473.61
	IMAD H & DAGHER, RANA F	2,383.90	(1,183.46)	1,200.44
	IMAD H & DAGHER, RANA F	979.60	(486.31)	493.29
121 GALLOW		227.85	3.46	231.31
	, RODNEY F & GERALD, BETH A	846.30	12.84	859.14
256 GEROUX		854.05		867.01
	T, LARRY W JR (DEC)	846.30	(420.14)	426.16
369 HARRIS		660.30	. ,	670.32
	WEET LAKE HOME LLC	4,597.30	(2,282.28)	
	22 Purchased by Huahulu, Avoniteila & Huahulu, Cynthia		(2,202.20)	2,010.02
414 JACKSO		1,040.05	(516.33)	523.72
	N, LAWRENCE	590.55	(256.07)	334.48
	ON, HELENANN R	482.05	(438.60)	43.45
254 KGM'S	ON, HELEMANN K	485.15	(438.00) 7.37	43.45
				492.52
	IE, ROBERT S JR	1,367.10	20.75	
	ON, ROBERT L JR	857.15	13.01	870.16
	IS, KERRI MAE	895.90	(444.76)	451.14
	122 Purchased by Ballard, Kerri Mae	2 400 05	00.44	0 407 00
782 MITCHE	•	2,400.95	36.44	2,437.39
754 MITCHE		26.35	-	26.35
492 MURRAY		1,286.50	19.52	1,306.02
	, SUSAN M	4,364.80	(2,169.96)	2,194.84
	JNTRY STORE LLC	1,894.10	28.75	1,922.85
752 OLSEN,		582.80	7.91	590.71
	Purchased by McLaughlin, Arnold	2		
	WARREN D JR	286.75	4.35	291.10
	S, JONATHAN	644.80	9.79	654.59
	SON, MARY E	660.30	(389.70)	270.60
	Purchased by Robertson, Kenneth E			
65 ROMEO,	DAVID	671.15	(333.19)	337.96
279 SCALES		1,374.85	20.87	1,395.72
5/11/202	22 Purchased by Mitchell Benevolent Fund LLC			
587 SMITH,	BETTY M	1,074.15	16.31	1,090.46
767 SMITH,	KEVIN EUGENE	364.25	5.53	369.78
368 SPRUCE	, JOHN & SPRUCE, STEVEN	1,759.25	(998.46)	760.79
689 STEELE,		353.40	5.37	358.77
	, MICHAEL C	2,221.15	33.71	2,254.86
905 THOMPS		344.10	5.23	349.33
586 VIOLET		1,173.35	(582.50)	590.85
		-		

OUTSTANDING 2022 REAL ESTATE TAX AS OF APRIL 30, 2023								
				ORGINIAL	(PAYMENTS)	AMOUNT		
ACCT #	NA	ME		TAX	INTEREST	DUE		
249 BLACK B	EARS LLC			2,547.52	282.40	2,829.92		
764 BLACK, F	ROGER C			250.80	90.24	341.04		
388 COULTER	R, LILLIAN T & COU	LTER, TERRY		1,377.12	184.48	1,561.60		
256 GEROUX	, JASON F			837.52	162.44	999.96		
782 MITCHEL	L, JILL P			2,354.48	274.11	2,628.59		
492 MURRAY	, SHARON K			1,261.60	(137.50)	1,124.10		
905 THOMPS	ON, DALE			337.44	(153.18)	184.26		

OUTSTANDING 2022 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX OF APRIL 30, 2023								
		ORGINIAL	(PAYMENTS)	AMOUNT				
ACCT #	NAME	TAX	INTEREST	DUE				
31 CRAWFORD, BR	UCE	359.60	5.46	365.06				

Respectfully Submitted

Melsin Dave

Melissa L. Doane



TOWN OF BRADLEY, MAINE Office of Code Enforcement, 165 B Main Street Bradley, Maine 04411



Code Enforcement Officer's Report

dbennett@townofbradley.net

Phone: 207-827-7725

Office Hours: Tues 7:30-12:00pm

It is a pleasure to submit my seventh annual report as Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Bradley.

We all share the responsibility of keeping Bradley a friendly and welcoming community. Respecting each other and each other's property rights is the key to a compatible existence. Keep in mind your property rights end where your neighbor's property rights begin. Zoning and Land Use Regulations are designed to keep those lines from becoming vague and arbitrary.

The Code Enforcement Office provides a number of services throughout the year:

- Assisting Bradley residents through the complexities of Ordinance interpretation and permitting processes;
- Responding to inquiries from Realtors, Attorneys, Title Companies, and Developers;
- Administers Federal Programs such as E-911 and Federal Emergency Management Floodplain Program, and Shoreland Zoning Regulations.

Please feel free to contact the Code Enforcement Office with any questions or concerns or to discuss plans you may have for construction **prior** to purchasing materials or locating of structures.

My priority is to insure a fluid and positive experience in obtaining the necessary permits in <u>advance</u> of your development plans, thereby insuring your compliance with the Bradley Land Use Ordinance and Regulations.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dean L. Bennett Code Enforcement Officer

Bradley Fire Department



Dear Bradley Residents:

I would like to thank the Town Manager, Melissa Doane, the Town Council, and you, the residents of the Town of Bradley, for supporting the volunteer firefighters. My deepest appreciation goes out to the members of the Bradley Fire Department for their dedication to protecting our town, and the support they have shown me during this past year. Each member sacrifices time with their family to attend meetings and trainings to ensure our town has excellent fire protection. I would also like to thank their families for supporting the firefighters and allowing them to volunteer their time for our community.

The fire department has been very busy in 2022/2023 responding to structure fires, wildland fires, and vehicle accidents. We also have been very busy with mutual aid calls with Old Town, Milford, Eddington, and Greenbush. Mutual aid is very important to our town and these surrounding towns in creating close communities and providing much-needed support in times of emergencies.

We are excited to announce a few new additions to the fire department. First, we have received our new tanker truck and can retire the previous truck which is 30+ years old. The new tanker has many upgraded features including a larger tank size and a more powerful pumping system, which is extremely helpful as our town grows beyond the hydrant district. This means that more water will be on the scene to help in the most time-sensitive situations. Second, thanks to an agreement with Old Town Fire Department, we are housing a used piece of equipment that allows us to fill our own (SCBA) air tanks, which we have had to outsource in the past.

If anyone is interested in joining the fire department, please feel free to contact me at 827-9273 and leave me a message or email me at bfiredept@roadrunner.com.

Sincerely,

Eric Gifford Bradley Fire Chief Chief Eric Gifford 171 Main St. PO Box 517 Bradley, Me 04411

Phone: (207) 827-9273



Penobscot County Sheriff's Office

85 Hammond St. Bangor, ME 04401 207-947-4585

Troy J. Morton Sheriff John A. Knappe Chief Deputy

April 11, 2023

Bradley Town Report 2022

It is the mission of the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office for the citizens of Penobscot County to thrive and live in a county free of crime, and those incarcerated receive programming dedicated to reducing recidivism. Through Integrity, Respect, Professionalism and Leadership, the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office will engage public support through education and awareness. With an empowered staff and public commitment, we will reduce the criminal victimization of our communities, while operating a safe and humane correctional facility.

In 2022, our agency responded to 478 calls for service in the Town of Bradley. With recent modifications to the county and state resource sharing agreement, the Sheriff's Office became the sole responder to calls for service within the town. The change to this agreement only enhances, the importance of our supplemental law enforcement contracts and partnerships with the towns we serve.

The nature of the calls for service in Bradley remain very consistent. Countywide, we are seeing sufficient increases in incidents related to the drug epidemic. Drug trafficking and overdoes are prevalent throughout the state.

*Agency Assist	10	*Burglary	1
*Family Fight	8	*Erratic Vehicle	16
*Information	36	*Misdial/Hangup 911	16
*Traffic Crashes	10	*Property Checks	53
*Special Patrols	77	*Suspicious	7
* Criminal Traffic Offense	8	*Welfare Checks	15
*Warrant Arrest	1	*Thefts	10

On behalf of Chief Deputy John Knappe and myself, I would like to thank the citizens of Bradley for their continued support of our agency. We look forward to providing the highest level of service possible.

Respectfully, Sheriff Troy Morton



MAINE FOREST & LOGGING MUSEUM, INC.

P.O. Box 104, Bradley, ME 04411 (207) 974-6278 / info@maineforestandloggingmuseum.org www.maineforestandloggingmuseum.org

2023 Events Schedule

Alewife Day May 20, 10am to 3pm \$10 adults, \$5 kids, Members Free!

Children's Days May 25 & 26 and June 1 & 2, 9am to 1pm \$8 each

Summer at Leonard's Mills

June 17, 10am to 3pm \$10 adults, \$5 kids, Members Free!

Heavy Metal

July 29, 10am to 3pm \$10 adults, \$5 kids, Members Free!

Living History Days

October 7 & 8, 10am to 3pm each day \$15 adults, \$5 kids, Members Free!

More events are in the works, so check our website and social media for updates! Better still, sign up for our newsletters to receive updates to your inbox. You can do that on our website:

www.maineforestandloggingmuseum.org

RSU #34 2022 - 2023 Annual Report

Dear Bradley Community,

RSU #34 is proud to contribute to the Bradley annual report, and to share the wonderful efforts of our students and staff in Bradley, Alton, and Old Town.

This past year in RSU #34 we:

*Opened the first satellite site of United Technologies Center at Old Town High School, expanding UTC's work to include an introductory program for 9th and 10th graders. We are excited that Mr. Jeremy Aldrich brought his expertise from G.E. to pursue a career in education and is doing fantastic work in his first year in this role. Mr. Aldrich is also the local Scoutmaster, and has great rapport with youth.

*Our "Educator Accelerator" program has become known throughout the region and state as a successful and innovative approach to staffing shortages in the field of education. We have developed fantastic partnerships with UMaine, Husson University, UMaine - Augusta, and Eastern Maine Community College, and have brought many pre-service educators in to work with our students under the supervision of a mentor teacher. In turn, those budding teachers help us to differentiate instruction for our students, provide extra assistance for students, and help fill in as substitutes when needed. We've created a cycle that has often led to full-time employment for successful participants on graduation, helping us to fill staffing needs with hard-working, well-prepared candidates.

Junior Varsity programs knocking on the door of state championships.

*Our high school robotics team enjoyed success in regional competition, and was invited to the state competition! Our middle school and upper-elementary school robotics teams began preparation and competition this year; it's been great to be back on track after a hiatus during the pandemic! *We've been excited to add World Languages and Cultures to our curriculum at the elementary and middle school grade spans, a long-term goal requested by our communities. Senora Overturn (LMS) and Senora Tagg (elementary schools) have guickly become integral members of our staff!

*Two more RSU #34 staff received statewide honors; congratulations to Mrs. Kim Ketch and Mrs. Tracey O'Connell for being recognized with statewide awards in school counseling! In recent years other RSU #34 staff have been recognized as Maine's Gifted/Talented Educator of the Year, Maine's Curriculum Leader of the Year, and with a Superintendent's Leadership award.

*OTHS Social Studies teacher Mr. Michael May is a nominee for Penobscot County Teacher of the Year!

*Old Town High School continues to expand early-college options for students. OTHS students can earn college credit while in high school through AP courses, concurrent enrollment courses, direct college courses, and through coursework at United Technologies Center. Last school year OTHS students earned a combined 420 college credits. This year, at least one student will graduate with both a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree!

*OTHS JROTC once again earned the highest possible rating, Honor Unit with Distinction. It's not easy - but they make it look easy!

*The Class of 2022 at Old Town High School earned a whopping \$2,100,000 in scholarships. *The OTHS 1-Act Play represented OTHS well at this year's regional competition. This year our 5th grade students performed Seussical as their musical for the spring. They performed at two assemblies, a matinee for the community, and a night performance for families. *Our elementary chorus performed for students in grades k-3 to inspire future singers during earth day and world of work celebrations.

*Our fourth and fifth grade band members are gearing up for their spring concert on May 25th which will include 70 chorus members and 90 instrumentalists.

*Five of our elementary band students were chosen to participate in the district V Elementary Honors Band festival in Guilford, Maine.

*Leonard Middle School athletics are having a great year; due to high levels of student interest we are adding more competitive teams for winter sports.

*We've worked to turn the corner from the stress and worry of the pandemic years to a "Choose Happy" theme, with district-wide spirit days.

While there is much good news to celebrate, our staff is not resting on their laurels. Efforts underway include:

*Facilities audits of each of our schools to ensure we are doing what's needed to provide great learning environments for our students over the next several decades.

*Planning to give students opportunities for international trips.

*Making staffing adjustments to follow enrollment bubbles and dips, meeting student needs. In recent years this shift has been decreasing enrollment at the elementary level (birth rates have declined in our three communities), with steady enrollment and some bubbles at the middle and high school levels.

*Security upgrades at our schools.

*Efforts to increase communications with our school community through our websites, print communication, and social media presence.

*Internal reorganization of behind-the-scenes roles to ensure we are performing critical functions efficiently, but with sufficient cross-training to ensure reliability

*Proactive budgeting approaches with an eye on potential community-wide financial challenges; as we write the Old Town Mill is on a temporary shut-down.

*A long-range facilities planning/advisory group was initiated last fall with invited members representing each municipality, the RSU #34 administrative team and RSU #34 school board. This group has discussed RSU #34 facilities, the above mentioned enrollment trends, regional housing projects, and looked to identify district programming efficiencies.

*The RSU #34 School Board has begun work on a complete policy review using support from Maine School Management Association (MSMA).

*We have begun work on a marketing and rebranding project geared towards attracting employees and new families to our district, and are currently in the early phases of development of a 5-year strategic plan.

We have much to be proud of in RSU #34. Thank you to each of our communities for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew D. Cyr, Superintendent Dr. Jon Doty, Assistant Superintendent



55 Highland Ave., Bradley, Maine 04411 Phone: 207-827-2508

May 2023

To the Citizens of Bradley,

The Viola Rand School again this year has served students in grades pre-kindergarten through third grade. New to Viola Rand School, Darlene Ploch, teaches the full day pre-K class with assistance from ed tech Jesse LaBreck. The full day pre-k program has 15 very fun students! Wendy Zubrick is also new to the Viola Rand School and is our kindergarten teacher this year. Kelly Berube is teaching first grade. Heather Friedman is our second-grade teacher. Brianne Harper has taught third grade for three years at Viola Rand School. We have some terrific academic supports for students to help strengthen skills. James Wohlgemuth continues to offer specially designed instruction in the resource room. Jennifer Dalessandro offers students Title 1 literacy interventions and Ethellina Hill was hired this year to provide Title 1 math supports to students. Our specials teachers are Pam Dunphy for art, Cid Dyjak for physical education, Jennifer Pickard for library, Jessup Henderson for music, and Trysha Lunn, our school counselor. Kaitlin (Michaud) Nash provides speech services and Kristi Swartz is our occupational therapist. This year, a foreign language teacher was approved to be hired at the elementary level. Kristen Tagg came from Connecticut to start Spanish instruction for our students! Owen Arey continues as custodian and secretary extraordinaire, Heidi Gifford, is the social planner, community greeter and heart of the school. We were very fortunate this year to have a school nurse, Hannah Cloutier, who spent half of her time at the Viola Rand School. A grant funded position for the district, the home-school liaison, is held by Jennifer Goodwin and we are fortunate to have her desk in our building! University of Maine student Audrey Buzzell has worked in the school all year, first in an Educator Accelerator position and then as a student teacher. She has done a great job and has been a welcome part of our staff this year. We wish her well on her teaching career! The morale in the school has been fabulous this year. This team of educators work exceptionally well together, supporting, helping, laughing, and eating together. Lots of lunches! Mutual respect, consideration, and enjoyment of one another lends an atmosphere that can be felt in the building.

Long time RSU34 Superintendent David Walker retired as of June 30, 2022. Matt Cyr was ready to step into that position on July 1. Jon Doty was named the Assistant Superintendent at the July School Board Meeting. During Facility Study Committee monthly meetings through the fall, Mr. Cyr and Dr. Doty shared information about enrollments and birthrates signifying that Old Town Elementary School is large enough to handle the present number of elementary age children in the district. An initial proposal to repurpose the Viola Rand School as office space to bring together RSU34 central office staff and to also have pre-kindergarten classes housed in the building brought about discussion at ensuing meetings. Some current Viola Rand School parents were not prepared for such a dramatic change, and a compromise was suggested to have only second and third grades attend Old Town Elementary starting with the 2023-24 school year. Kindergarten and first grades would remain at Viola Rand School For another year. Mrs. Dalessandro, Mrs. Friedman, and Mrs. Harper will all be working at Old Town Elementary School next year. We will miss them very much!!

Viola Rand School is a friendly, community school with the resources of a larger district. We feel very fortunate to have amazing support from the community and our families. We welcome wonderful children to school each day. They work hard to model our core character traits of Caring, Respect, Responsibility, and the pursuit of Knowledge.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Leonard



Town of Bradley School Enrollment 2021-2022

Viola Rand Elementary Alton Elementary Old Town Elementary Leonard Middle School Old Town High School John Bapst Bangor High School Orono Middle School Orono High School **Brewer High School** Stillwater Academy Brewer (Super's Agreement) Greenbush (Super's Agreement) Eddington/Holden (Super's Agreement) Howland (Super's Agreement) Otis/Beech Hill (Super's Agreement) Milford (Super's Agreement) **Total Bradley Students**

Pre K	К	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
11	13	9	14	14										61
														0
2	1	3	8	1	15	13						_		43
				1			14	14	15					43
										18	21	16	9	64
										1	4		2	7
											1	1		2
								1	3					4
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														0
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	1		5					1						2
					2									2
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									1					1
			2		1									3
13	15	12	22	15	18	13	14	16	18	20	27	24	15	245

STATE OF MAINE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 34 RSU BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM SAMPLE BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF BRADLEY JUNE 13, 2023

Chair of the School Board

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

Vote "yes" or "no" by making a cross (X) or check mark (\checkmark) in the square of your choice at the left of each article.



A "YES" vote will require Regional School Unit No. 34 to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.

A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters of Regional School Unit No. 34.

ANNUAL TOWN REFERENDUM

The **Town of Bradley Annual Referendum** will be held on Tuesday June 13, 2023 at the Bradley Fire Department located at 171 Main Street. Absentee Ballots will be available May 12, 2023. Voters will be asked to vote on the general municipal budget, and acceptance of grant/other funds.

Registered Bradley voters can vote from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Bradley citizens that have not registered to vote can register at the Fire Station on the day of the Referendum.

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	BALLOT FOR THE	IPLE TOWN OF BRADLEY DUM JUNE 13, 2023	
	S: PLACE A CROSS (X) OR A IISTAKE REQUEST A NEW BA	CHECK (√) IN THE SQUARE NEXT TO YOUR	
	GET APPROPRIATES ARTICLE		
			n of
	unicipal government (excluding s	schools) for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 202	
	TOWN COUNCIL RECO	OMMENDS A YES VOTE	
ARTICLE 2: GENERAL BUD	GET REVENUE ARTICLE-MUN	<u>IICIPAL</u>	
	0	e operation of the Town's municipal government ing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 as follow	
Estimated Re	venue's	\$ 735,700	
	Reserve Accounts	\$ 349,495 \$ 734,134	
	TOWN COUNCIL RECO	OMMENDS A YES VOTE	с
ARTICLE 3: SPECIAL REVE	NUE ARTICLE		
YES Shall the Town	a authorize the Town Council on	behalf of the Town, to apply for, accept and exp	and
grants or othe	r funds from State, Federal and nprovement, in addition to the ar	other sources to support the municipal function, mounts, raised and appropriated in the	enu
		NOT AFFECT TAXES DMMENDS A YES VOTE	
	SAM	PLE	
	MUNICIPAL OFF TOWN C TOWN OF	ICIALS BALLOT COUNCIL BRADLEY 13, 2023	
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	VOTE FOR NOT MORE TH	IAN TWO (2)	
	HATCH, JAMES		
[]	KETCH, MARK		
	MUNICIPAL OFF REGIONAL SCHOOL TOWN OF	IPLE FICIALS BALLOT UNIT #34 DIRECTOR BRADLEY I3, 2023	
INCLUDE THAT CANDIDATE'S FU	LL LEGAL NAME AND THE MUNI	UR CHOICE IF YOU WRITE IN A CANDIDATE YOU (ICIPALITY IN WHICH THAT CANDIDATE RESIDES A IKE A MISTAKE REQUEST A NEW BALLOT. DO N	S WELL
	VOTE FOR NOT MORE TH	IAN ONE (1)	
	DORR, REGINALD		
	Bonnande		
L	WALLER, DUSTIN		

MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM AND BUDGET MESSAGE

The municipal budget was submitted to the Town Council in February of 2023. The Town Council has diligently worked on the budget until the public hearing on April 25, 2023. The annual referendum is on June 13, 2023, and absentee ballots will be available on May 12, 2023. Before you are the referendum articles, brief explanations of the articles, and budget calculations.

Municipal Referendum

Referendum Article 1: General Budget Appropriates Article-Municipal

Shall the Town appropriate the total sum of \$1,819,329 in the General Budget for the operation of the Town's municipal government (excluding schools) for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

Explanation: The Bradley Town Council is asking for approval to expend municipal expenditures of \$1,819,329.

Referendum Article 2: General Budget Revenue Article-Municipal

Shall the Town fund the General Budget for the operations of the Town's municipal government (excluding schools) for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 as follows?

Estimated Revenues:	\$ 735,700
Transfer from Reserve	\$ <u>349,495</u>
Raised from Property Taxes:	\$ 734,134

Explanation: The Bradley Town Council is asking for approval to receive non-property tax revenues of \$735,700, use carryover funds (transfer from reserve accounts) of \$349,495 from the 2022-2023 municipal budget, and raise the remaining amount of \$734,134 from property tax.

Referendum Article 3: Special Revenue Article

Shall the Town authorize the Town Council on behalf of the Town, to apply for, accept and expend grants or other funds from State, Federal and other sources to support the municipal function, operation, or improvement, in addition to the amounts raised and appropriated in the General Budget?

Explanation: The Bradley Town Council is asking for approval to apply for grants, receive additional funds and expend the funds received.

Budget Calculations

Town of Bradley Charter Budget Cap Requirement-summarized as a self-imposed tax cap regulation to limit raising the net budget (expenses-revenues) by the amount of the Cost-of-Living Average (C.O.L.A).

2022-2023 Net Budget	\$675,504.00
C.O.L. A.	<u>8.7%</u>
Allowable 2023-2024 Net Budget	\$734,134.24
Actual 2023-2024 Net Budget	<u>\$734,272.85</u>
Under Budget Cap	\$ (138.61)



MUNICIPAL BUDGET EXPENSE COMPARISON AND BREAKDOWN

Account		2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024
Manager	\$	60,500.00	\$	78,500.00	\$	80,285.00	\$	85,000.00	\$	92,600.00
Manager Retirement Fund	\$	1,130.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,910.00	\$	4,250.00	φ \$	
Secretary Clerical	\$	65,004.00	\$	70,000.00	\$	67,085.00	\$	79,600.00	φ \$	4,650.00
Contracts	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,400.00	\$	3,650.00	\$	1,000.00	Ф \$	88,000.00
Municipal Software Contract	\$	6,360.00	\$	7,385.00	\$					500.00
Printing	\$	2,300.00	\$		۰ \$	7,800.00	\$ \$	8,300.00	\$	8,800.00
5	э \$			2,500.00		2,000.00	*	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
Postage		3,500.00	\$	3,700.00	\$	3,700.00	\$	3,700.00	\$	3,500.00
Telephone	\$	500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
General Supplies	\$	3,700.00	\$	3,700.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
Machine Equipment Repair	\$	2,300.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	6,100.00	\$	6,100.00	\$	3,000.00
Advertising	\$	1,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,000.00
Misc. Bank /Investment Fees	ः \$ ©	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,800.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
Dues	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,100.00	\$	3,100.00	\$	3,200.00	\$	3,700.00
Publications	\$	300.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Post Office Bond	\$	34,700.00	\$	36,800.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Capital Improvements	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
Car Allowance	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	1,000.00
Education Supplies	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Training	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	500.00	\$	300.00	\$	2,000.00
Institutes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Legal	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	10,000.00
Audit	\$	5,800.00	\$	5,800.00	\$	5,920.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00
Engineer	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	-
PVCOG			\$	-	\$	-	\$	_	\$	-
Health	\$	43,700.00	\$	47,100.00	\$	41,000.00	\$	45,835.00	\$	50,025.00
Dental	\$	565.00	\$	550.00	\$	550.00	\$	1,630.00	\$	1,675.00
Employee ERA	\$	-	\$	3,850.00	\$	3,850.00	\$	3,850.00	\$	3,850.00
Council Stipend	\$	8,655.00	\$	8,800.00	\$	8,900.00	\$	9,440.00	\$	10,270.00
Elections	\$	1,700.00	\$	1,800.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	4,100.00	\$	2,400.00
Election Software	\$	1,100.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	4,100.00	\$	2,400.00
Assessing Contract	\$	9,000.00	\$	9,600.00	\$	9,600.00	\$	9,600.00	\$	10,200.00
Assessing Re-Evaluation	\$	3,000.00	\$	9,000.00	\$	9,000.00	\$	9,000.00		10,200.00
Assessing Software	Ψ \$	6,125.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,300.00	φ \$	5,700.00	\$ \$	-
Mapping	Ψ \$	0,125.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	5,500.00	Ф \$	5,700.00		6,000.00
	φ \$	-	\$	1,000.00			*	-	\$	1,200.00
Registry Transfers		-		-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Planning Municipal Institut	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	1,600.00	\$	1,600.00	\$	1,300.00
Municipal Janitor	\$	2,700.00	\$	5,100.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	4,600.00
Muni Building Repairs/Maint	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	5,500.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	5,000.00
Muni Building Water	\$	255.00	\$	260.00	\$	275.00	\$	285.00	\$	300.00
Muni Building Electricity	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,700.00	\$	1,700.00	\$	2,600.00	\$	2,600.00
Muni Building Heat	\$	1,400.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	-	\$	-
Muni Build Furnace/AC Maint	\$	700.00	\$	700.00	\$	700.00	\$	700.00	\$	700.00
Muni Building Supplies	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_	\$		\$	-
Muni Building Mowing	\$	1,564.00	\$	1,600.00	\$	1,600.00	\$	2,365.00	\$	3,065.00
Muni Building Snow Removal	\$	4,800.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,200.00	\$	5,600.00	\$	6,350.00
Mowing Fire Station	\$	1,564.00	\$	1,600.00	\$	1,600.00	\$	2,365.00	\$	3,065.00
Municipal Security	\$	375.00	\$	400.00	\$	2,900.00	\$	600.00	\$	600.00
FICA	\$	11,000.00	\$	12,500.00	\$	12,500.00	\$	13,700.00	\$	14,880.00
Medicare	\$	2,600.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,200.00	\$	3,480.00
County Tax	\$	164,893.00	\$	171,237.00	\$	186,490.00	\$	197,681.00	\$	211,852.00
Insurance OP&Prem	\$	6,200.00	\$	6,300.00	\$	5,525.00	\$	4,400.00	\$	6,525.00
Insurance Public Officials	\$	3,800.00	\$	2,950.00	\$	3,110.00	\$	4,720.00	\$	2,455.00
Insurance Vehicle	\$	2,620.00	\$	3,200.00	\$	3,355.00	\$	4,300.00	\$	5,300.00
Volunteer Insurance	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
Volunteer Firefighter Insurance	\$	750.00	\$	750.00	\$	750.00	\$	750.00	\$	750.00
Bond Insurance	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_	\$	_	\$	
Unemployment Ins	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	30.00
Workers Comp	\$	2,865.00	\$	2,700.00	\$	3,100.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,500.00
Police/Sheriff Contract	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00
Hydrant Rental	\$	65,640.00	\$	66,720.00	\$	68,170.00	\$	70,424.00	φ \$	72,906.00
Ambulance	\$	27,268.00	\$	28,300.00	\$	40,000.00	Ψ \$	88,125.00	φ \$	134,176.00
ACO Contracts	\$	4,200.00	\$	4,200.00	\$	4,600.00	ф \$	3,600.00	э \$	3,500.00
Street Lights	\$ \$	4,200.00	φ \$	4,200.00	ֆ \$	4,000.00 6,000.00	Ф \$		Ъ \$	
Circle Lights	Ψ	10,000.00	Ψ	10,000.00	Ψ	0,000.00	ψ	18,000.00	φ	15,000.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET EXPENSE COMPARISON AND BREAKDOWN

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Account		2019-2020		2020-2021	æ	2021-2022	¢	2022-2023		2023-2024
Solid Waste/Landfill Contract	\$	30,500.00	\$	41,000.00	\$	50,400.00	\$	47,700.00	\$	45,000.00
Spring/Fall Clean Up Curbside Rubbish	\$ \$	3,200.00	\$	4,200.00	\$	4,500.00	\$	5,125.00	\$	1,100.00
Camp Assoc Donation	ф \$	77,400.00	\$ \$	77,400.00	\$	77,640.00	\$	77,640.00	\$	77,640.00
Main Street TAP Clean Up	ъ \$	-	ֆ \$		\$ \$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Chemo Pond Dumpster	φ \$	3,100.00	э \$	3,900.00	Ф \$	3,900.00	\$ ¢	-	\$	-
Refuse District MRC Dues	\$	625.00	φ \$	780.00	φ \$	945.00	\$ \$	4,600.00 850.00	\$ \$	4,100.00
Recycling	\$	025.00	φ \$	700.00	φ Φ	945.00	Ф \$	650.00	ъ \$	850.00
Septic Disposal	\$		Ψ \$		φ Φ		φ \$	-	Ф \$	-
Sidewalk Repair	\$		\$	_	Ψ \$		φ \$	-	.Գ Տ	-
Road Construction/Repair	\$	80,000.00	\$	155,000.00	\$	170,000.00	\$	150,000.00	\$	- 100,000.00
Bond Anticipation	\$	-	\$	-	\$		Ψ	100,000.00	Ψ	100,000.00
Salt and Sand	\$	10,650.00	\$	11,400.00	\$	7,900.00	\$	3,600.00	\$	22,000.00
Snow Removal	\$	40,000.00	\$	42,000.00	\$	45,000.00	\$	47,700.00	\$	51,360.00
Salt Shed Electricity	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	550.00	\$	550.00
Plumbing Inspector Stipend	\$	1,000.00	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	-
CEO Training	\$		\$	-	\$	100.00	\$	-	\$	
CEO Publications	\$	-	\$	_	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_
CEO Wages	\$	22,000.00	\$	22,000.00	\$	21,300.00	\$	22,700.00	\$	23,540.00
G.A. Electricity	\$	300.00	\$		\$	-	\$		\$	
G.A. Heat	\$	750.00	\$	-	\$	150.00	\$	-	\$	200.00
G.A. Gas	\$	75.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
G.A. Rent	\$	1,250.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	800.00
G.A. Medical	\$	50.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_
G.A. Food/Meal	\$	300.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Cub Scouts	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Girl Scouts	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Association Donations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
River Coalition	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Bradley Recreation	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Non Profit Donations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Town Park Mowing Snowmobile Donations	\$ \$	1,015.00	\$ \$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,529.00	\$	1,985.00
Blackman Stream Commission	Ф \$	-	ф \$	450.00	\$	450.00	\$	450.00	\$	450.00
Ballfield Mowing	\$	450.00	φ \$	3,500.00	\$ \$	1,000.00	\$ \$	1,000.00	\$ \$	500.00
Flags	Ψ \$	430.00	φ \$	3,500.00	φ \$	-	ф \$	- 500.00	э \$	500.00
Miscellaneous Ground Maint	\$	_	\$	500.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,500.00
Park Fixtures/Repairs	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,500.00
Evergreen Repair/Maintenance	\$	1,100.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,600.00	\$	1,600.00
Evergreen Water	\$	275.00	\$	150.00	\$	155.00	\$	160.00	\$	165.00
Evergreen Mowing	\$	2,760.00	\$	2,820.00	\$	2,820.00	\$	4,170.00	\$	5,410.00
Old Town Hockey Donations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Parade/Fun Day	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Knapp Mowing	\$	1,380.00	\$	1,410.00	\$	1,410.00	\$	2,085.00	\$	2,705.00
Knapp Restore Fund	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	-
Carter Mowing	\$	920.00	\$	940.00	\$	940.00	\$	1,390.00	\$	1,805.00
Cemetery Super	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
Cemetery Restoration	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,000.00
Misc. Donations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Municipal Capital Reserve	\$	6,900.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	21,000.00	\$	21,000.00	\$	21,000.00
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	\$	6,900.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	21,000.00	\$	21,000.00	\$	21,000.00
Fire Dept. Telephone Stipends	\$ \$	1,573.00	\$	1,575.00	\$ \$	1,525.00	\$	1,525.00	\$	1,525.00
Fire Station Heating	ф \$	10,100.00 3,810.00	\$ \$	10,500.00 5,080.00	Դ \$	10,550.00	\$ ¢	11,170.00	\$	12,220.00
Fire Medical Services	\$	1,812.00	\$		φ \$	6,000.00	\$ ¢	6,000.00	\$ ¢	6,000.00
Fire Dept. Dues	φ \$	2,032.00	φ \$	1,815.00 2,035.00	φ \$	2,015.00 2,035.00	\$ \$	2,015.00 2,035.00	\$ \$	2,315.00
Fire Dept. Water	Ψ \$	658.00	φ \$	760.00	φ \$	780.00	Ф \$	2,035.00	э \$	2,035.00 920.00
Fire Dept. Contracts	\$	8,121.00	\$	9,315.00	\$	10,050.00	\$	10,555.00	φ \$	920.00 11,510.00
Fire Dept. Hydrants Cleaning	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	300.00
Fire Dept. Training	\$	300.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
Fire Dept. Electricity	\$	2,400.00	\$	2,450.00	\$	2,450.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,480.00
Fire Dept. SCBA Refills	\$	2,675.00	\$	2,875.00	\$	3,625.00	\$	3,710.00	\$	3,085.00
Fire Dept. Unclassified	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Fire Dept. General Supplies	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,600.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET EXPENSE COMPARISON AND BREAKDOWN

Account		2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023	:	2023-2024
Fire Dept. Fuel	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,200.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
Fire Dept. Oil/lube	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_	\$	_
Fire Dept. Clothing	\$	5,716.00	\$	5,720.00	\$	7,575.00	\$	7,575.00	\$	7,575.00
Fire Dept. Chemicals	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$	250.00
Fire Dept. Training	\$	375.00	\$	375.00	\$	375.00	\$	650.00	\$	650.00
Fire Dept. Unclassified	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	\$	200.00
Fire Dept. Equipment Purchase	\$	3,430.00	\$	4,930.00	\$	4,715.00	\$	4,715.00	\$	4,715.00
Fire Dept. Communications	\$	1,370.00	\$	3,155.00	\$	3,405.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	4,000.00
Generator Maintenance	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	800.00	\$	800.00	\$	800.00
Fire Dept. Rep/Maint731	\$	1,300.00	\$	1,300.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
Fire Dept. Rep/Maint734	\$	1,300.00	\$	1,300.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Fire Dept. Rep/Maint736	\$	550.00	\$	800.00	\$	800.00	\$	5,935.00	\$	1,800.00
Fire Dept. Rep/Maint 737	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,300.00	\$	1,300.00	\$	1,300.00	\$	1,300.00
Fire Dept. Misc. Repairs	\$	500.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00
Fire Truck Principal	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
Fire Truck Bond	\$	-	\$	-	\$	30,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	63,890.00
Fire Station Project	\$	46,850.00	\$	46,850.00	\$	46,850.00	\$	46,850.00	\$	46,850.00
School Tuition	\$	2,500.00	\$	15,000.00	\$	38,000.00	\$	65,000.00	\$	60,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Accounts	\$	158,015.00	\$	108,865.00	\$	122,775.00	\$	262,875.00	\$	349,495.00
Total	\$1	,163,720.00	\$1	,277,852.00	\$1	,383,960.00	\$1	,648,679.00	\$1	,819,329.00

MUNICIPAL BUDGET REVENUE COMPARISON AND BREAKDOWN

/	Account	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	
Interest & Co	ost	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,800.00	6,800.00	5,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,700.00	
Clerk Fees		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,300.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,700.00	1,800.00	2,200.00	
Building Peri	nits	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,300.00	
Dog License	S	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Photocopier	Charges	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Returned Ch	eck Fees	\$ -	\$ 50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
M.V. Excise		\$ 262,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	310,000.00	340,000.00	340,000.00	
Boat Excise		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Registration		\$ 5,800.00	\$ 6,000.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	6,000.00	7,000.00	9,000.00	
State Reven	ue Share	\$ 63,200.00	\$ 68,000.00	77,824.00	100,000.00	175,000.00	240,000.00	262,100.00	
Snow Regist	ration Reimb	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00	600.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	
Tree Growth		\$ 24,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	25,000.00	24,500.00	24,000.00	27,000.00	27,500.00	
Pay Lieu Sta	te	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 12,465.00	13,500.00	15,000.00	10,600.00	10,800.00	10,500.00	
Veterans		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Interest on C	hecking	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 4,600.00	3,300.00	7,000.00	9,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Interest on Ir	vestment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	5,000.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Recycling		\$ -	\$ -	-	-		\$ -	-	
Court Fines	Reimburse	\$ 1 C	\$ -	300.00	**	300.00	-	-	
Clean up Fe	es	\$ -	\$ 200.00	3,500.00	2,500.00	3,500.00	2,500.00	1,000.00	
Bradley Broa	dcast	\$ -	\$ 100.00	100.00	-	100.00	-	-	
PERC/FIBE	RIGHT Revenue Sha	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	-	
Cemetery		\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-	
Miscellaneou	S	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
State Cample	ot Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	1,500.00	2,500.00	
Post Office L	ease	\$ 41,500.00	\$ 41,500.00	41,500.00	41,500.00	49,800.00	49,800.00	49,800.00	
Road Subsid	y URIP	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	7,400.00	7,400.00	7,500.00	8,000.00	8,200.00	
G.A. Reimbu	rsement	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Transfer from	n Reserve Accounts	\$ 190,305.00	\$ 213,575.00	158,015.00	108,865.00	122,775.00	260,075.00	349,495.00	
Voter Approv	ed Fund Balance Tx	\$ -	\$ -	-	70,000.00	-	-		
PERC Put O	ption 2017-2018 Onl	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	-				-	
		\$ 641,605.00	\$ 685,190.00	\$ 664,339.00	703,965.00	744,875.00	970,375.00	1,085,195.00	

INFORMATION REGARDING THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

To the Readers of the Bradley Annual Town Report:

The accompanying is selected financial information as of and for the year ending June 30, 2022, it is not a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. It is in my opinion that the accompanying selected financial information is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements in which it has been derived. The general purpose financial statements and their report in full is available at the Bradley Municipal Building and the Town of Bradley website, TownofBradley.net

Melissa L. Doane Town Manager

Maine Municipal Audit Services, PA

Mindy J. Cyr, CPA

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Town Council Town of Bradley Bradley, Maine

OPINIONS

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

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

BASIS FOR OPINIONS

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

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

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

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of changes in net OPEB liability and related ratios, and budgetary comparison schedule, on pages 5-8, 28, and 29 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

Maine Municipal Audit Services, PA

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Town of Bradley Management Discussion and Analysis Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

The following discussion is a brief overview and analysis of the financial situation of the Town of Bradley as documented in the annual financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2022. This information as well as the notes to the financial statements can be helpful when reading the Town's financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- Total assets of the Town of Bradley exceeded its liabilities by \$3,444,296. The government-wide statement of activities showed an increase in net assets of \$303,154.
- The ending undesignated municipal fund balance is \$1,669,098.20. The ending designated municipal fund balance is \$262,875.00

Fiscal Year Highlights

- The State of Maine recorded a total valuation for the Town of Bradley for the 2021-2022 tax commitment as \$122,650,000; the Town of Bradley recorded a total valuation as \$129,474,640.
- The Regional School Unit Assessment/Appropriation for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 was \$1,305,537.31.
 The balance of the Town of Bradley Education Surplus with Regional School Unit #34 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 was \$134,913.04. This increase is due to additional state funding received for education reimbursement. The additional revenue was received after the RSU budget was complete.
- Budgetary items with large anticipated increases include: school choice tuition, ambulance/EMS service and solid waste disposal.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Bradley's basic financial statements. The Town of Bradley's basic financial statements consist of three components: 1) *government-wide financial statements*, 2) *fund financial statements* and 3) *notes to the financial statements*. The basic financial statements present two different views of the Town of Bradley using government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the readers understanding of the financial condition of the Town of Bradley.

Basic Financial Statements

The first two statements in the basic financial statements are the *Government-wide Financial Statements*. They provide both short and long-term information about the Town of Bradley's financial status.

The next statements are *Fund Financial Statements*. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the Town of Bradley's government. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the Town of Bradley finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The *statement of net assets* presents information on all the Town of Bradley's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the Town of Bradley's financial position is improving or deteriorating. The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Town of Bradley's net assets changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal years.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Bradley, like other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All the funds of the Town of Bradley can be divided into two categories: *governmental funds* and *fiduciary funds*.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as government activities in the government-wide financial statements. Most of the Town of Bradley's basic services are accounted for in governmental funds. These funds focus on how assets can readily be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year end that will be available for spending in the future years.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town of Bradley's own programs.

Notes to the Financial Statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the source of generally accepted accounting principles used by state and local governments in the United States.

Town of Bradley, Maine Statement of Net Position June 30, 2022

		Total ernmental ctivities	
ASSETS:			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,569,540		
Investments	592,843		
Due from other governments	31,508		
Taxes receivable	28,882		
Tax liens receivable	10,508		
Total current assets	10,508	\$ 2,233	,280
Non-current assets:			
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1,773,853		
Non-depreciable capital assets	5,212		
Total non-current assets		- 1,779,	,065
Deferred outflows of resources:			
OPEB related outflows	7,639		
Total deferred outflows of resources		7,	,639
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 4,019,	,984
HADULTIC.			
LIABILITIES: Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 51.751		
Accounts payable Accrued interest expense	2000		
Other current liabilities	1,821		
Current portion of notes payable	12,478 29,029		
Total current liabilities		\$ 95,	,079
Non-current liabilities:			
Notes payable	443,375		
OPEB liabilities	17,108		
Total non-current liabilities		460,	483
TOTAL LIABILITIES		555,	,562
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Taxes collected in advance	8,356		
OPEB related inflows	11,770	•	
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		20,	,126
NET POSITION:			
Net investment in capital assets	1,306,662		
Restricted for:	4 60-		
Endowments	1,095		
Permanent funds - nonexpendable principal Unrestricted	7,860 2,128,679		
TOTAL NET POSITION		- 3,444,	296
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		\$ 4,019,	984

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Town of Bradley, Maine Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

Program Revenues

			Operating	Primary Government	rnment
		Charges for	Grants and	Governmental	
	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Activities	Total
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 341,032	\$ 13,705	۔ ج	\$ (327,327) \$	(327,327)
Public safety	199,787		,	(199,787)	(199,787)
· Public works	146,046		8,248	(137,798)	(137,798)
Health, sanitation, and welfare	125,279	E	38	(125,241)	(125,241)
Education	1,366,479		ı	(1,366,479)	(1,366,479)
County tax	186,490	1		(186,490)	(186,490)
Interest expense	18,488		1.8	(18,488)	(18,488)
Other	22,430		155,741	133,311	133,311
Depreciation	141,911		•	(141,911)	(141,911)
Total governmental activities	2,547,940	13,705	164,027	(2,370,209)	(2,370,209)
Total primary government	2,547,940	13,705	164,027	(2,370,209)	(2,370,209)

General revenues:		
Property taxes, levied for general purposes		1,864,052
Excise taxes		344,471
Interest and lien fees		6,787
Licenses and permits		4,765
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:		
Homestead exemption		95,964
State revenue sharing		242,198
Tree growth		27,917
Other		1,047
Unrestricted investment earnings (loss)		(27,551)
Post office lease		49,800
Miscellaneous revenues		63,914
Total general revenues and transfers		2,673,363
Changes in net position		303,154
NET POSITION - BEGINNING		3,141,142
NET POSITION - ENDING	ŝ	3,444,296

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

Town of Bradley, Maine Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2022

		General	Governmental	ŭ	Governmental
		Fund	Funds		Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	Ş	1,569,540	s.	Ş	1,569,540
Investments		526,278	66,564		592,843
Due from other governments		31,508			31,508
Taxes receivable, net		28,882			28,882
Tax liens receivable		10,508			10,508
TOTAL ASSETS	Ş	2,166,715 \$	\$ 66,564 \$	ŝ	2,233,280
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES Libbilities:					
Accounts payable	ŝ	51,751	s	ŝ	S1,751
Other accrued expenses	2	12,478	•		12,478
Total liabilities		64,229	3		64.229

Taxes collected in advance	8,356		8,356
Uncollected property taxes	31,511		31,511
Total deferred inflows of resources	39,867		39,867
Fund balances:			
Non-spendable:			
Endowments	1,095	22	1,095
Permanent funds <i>- nonexpendable principal</i>	•	7,860	7,860
Assigned - see footnotes	390,605	•	390,605
Unassigned	1,670,919	58,704	1.729,623
Total fund balances	2,062,619	66,564	2,129,183
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,166,715 \$	66,564	

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3,444,296	\$ NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
(17,108)	OPED liabilities
(11,770)	Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB related inflows
7,639	Deferred outflows of resources - OPEB related expenditures
31,511	Deferred property taxes not reported on Stmt. 1
(1,821)	Accrued interest expense as reported on Stmt. 1
(472,404)	Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, as reported on Stmt. 1
1,779,065	Depreciable and non-depreciable capital assets as reported in Stmt. 1

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Town of Bradley, Maine Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Property taxes	\$ 1,879,061	Ś 🖘	\$ 1,879,061
Excise taxes	344,471		344,471
Intergovernmental revenue	531,153	-	531,153
Charges for services	13,705		13,705
Licenses and permits	4,765	-	4,765
Investment income	2,493	1,421	3,914
Interest and lien fees	6,787	-	6,787
Post office lease	49,800	-	49,800
Other revenue	63,914	-	63,914
Total revenues	2,896,148	1,421	2,897,569
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	338,175		338,175
Public safety	199,198		199,198
Public works	177,446	-	177,446
Health, sanitation, and welfare	125,279		125,279
Education	1,366,479	(4)	1,366,479
County tax	186,490	100	186,490
Debt service	47,282	÷	47,282
Unclassified	62,813	236	63,050
Total expenditures	2,503,162	236	2,503,398
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	392,986	1,185	394,171
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(26,640)	(4,825)	(31,465)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(26,640)	(4,825)	(31,465)
Net change in fund balances	366,346	(3,640)	362,705
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	1,696,273	70,205	1,766,478
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 2,062,619	\$ 66,564	\$ 2,129,183

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement 4 (Continued)

Town of Bradley, Maine Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Changes in net position of governmental activities (see Stmt. 2)	\$ 303,154
OPEB expenses under GASB #75 are not reported in the governmental fund statements	 (3,088)
Disposal of fixed assets, not recognized for purposes of the fund statements	(2,539)
Change in accrued interest expense as reported on the Statement of Net Position (Stmt. 1)	491
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. More specifically, this represents the net amount of principal reduction in debt service made during the fiscal year.	28,534
Revenues in the Statement of Activities (Stmt 2) that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. More specifically, this amount represents the change in deferred property taxes and other deferred revenue.	(15,009)
Capital outlays expensed on the Governmental Funds Report (Stmt. 4), yet not considered an expense for the purposes of Statement of Activities (Stmt. 2)	73,970
Depreciation expense recorded on Statement of Activities, yet not required to be recorded as expenditures on Governmental Funds Report	(141,911)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Stmt. 2) are different due to the following items:	
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement 4)	\$ 362,705

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.